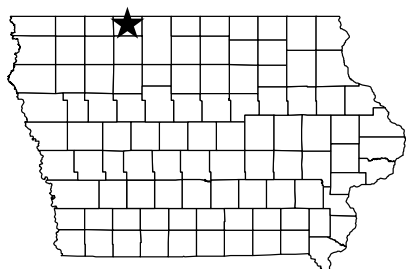


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Emmet County

Population Profile

Emmet County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 4.7 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 6.1 percent. Statewide, total population increased 5.4 percent and the population over the age of 54 increased 2.6 percent during that period. Females consistently outnumbered males in the older age groups.

1. Population 55 years or older

	Emmet County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	13,336	11,569	11,027	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	24.9	29.0	28.6	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	3,321	3,360	3,156	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	691	526	504	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	663	651	517	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	580	618	451	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	477	508	495	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	381	439	468	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	272	324	351	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	257	294	370	44,940	55,255	65,118

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1.

2. Population 55 years or older by sex, Emmet County

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	3,360	1,388	41.3	1,972	58.7	3,156	1,327	42.0	1,829	58.0
55 to 59	526	242	7.2	284	8.5	504	243	7.7	261	8.3
60 to 64	651	297	8.8	354	10.5	517	263	8.3	254	8.0
65 to 69	618	279	8.3	339	10.1	451	205	6.5	246	7.8
70 to 74	508	214	6.4	294	8.8	495	209	6.6	286	9.1
75 to 79	439	164	4.9	275	8.2	468	178	5.6	290	9.2
80 to 84	324	108	3.2	216	6.4	351	120	3.8	231	7.3
85 or older	294	84	2.5	210	6.3	370	109	3.5	261	8.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1.

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Emmet County lived in family households in 2000, which means they lived with at least one other person related by blood, marriage, or adoption. Among the 697 older persons living in nonfamily households in Emmet County, 97.7 percent were persons living alone, the majority of which were female. Relatively few older residents lived in group quarter settings (e.g., nursing homes).

3. Living arrangements of persons 65 years or older, 2000

	Emmet County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,135	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,232	57.7	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	697	32.6	31.5
Males living alone	126	---	---
Females living alone	555	---	---
Living in group quarters	206	9.6	8.4

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1.

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Emmet County age 65 or older in 2000, 68.1 percent had at least a high school diploma and 8.1 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

4. Educational attainment of persons 65 years or older, 2000

	Emmet County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,121	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	677	31.9	29.4
High school graduate	936	44.1	42.0
Less than 4 years college	337	15.9	17.1
4 or more years college	171	8.1	11.5

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

Two statistics are important when considering employment among older lowans; labor force participation and employment. Although the number of older lowans participating in the labor force declined steadily with age in 2000, the proportion of labor force participants employed remained quite high.

5. Labor force participation and employment for persons 65 years or older, 2000

	Population 65 Years or Older			In the Civilian Labor Force			Number Employed		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Emmet County									
Total persons 65 years or older	2,121	826	1,295	292	142	150	280	130	150
Persons 65 to 69	466	213	253	130	71	59	120	61	59
Persons 70 to 74	475	202	273	75	28	47	75	28	47
Persons 75 or older	1,180	411	769	87	43	44	85	41	44

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

Income and Poverty Profile

Median household income among householders 65 to 74 years of age in Emmet County was \$26,051 in 1999, compared to the \$20,383 median of householders 75 years or age or older. Statewide these medians were \$29,804 and \$21,230, respectively. In most cases median income in nonfamily households were lower.

6. Median household income (\$) by age of householder, 1999

	Emmet County	State
Median household income (\$)	33,305	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	26,051	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	20,383	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	21,068	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	12,042	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	15,446	15,101

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

In 2000, 9.1 percent of the persons 65 or older in Emmet County lived below the poverty line compared to 7.7 percent statewide. Poverty rates tended to be higher among older females than among older males both in the county and across the state. NOTE: poverty rates are not determined for nursing home residents.

7. Poverty status for persons 65 years or older, 1999

	Total		Male			Female			
	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State		Emmet County	State		
	n	% of age group	n	% of age group	% of age group	n	% of age group	% of age group	
Total persons 65 years or older in poverty	173	9.1	7.7	28	3.7	5.1	145	12.7	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	56	6.0	5.6	9	2.2	4.4	47	8.9	6.6
Persons 75 or older	117	12.1	10.0	19	5.4	6.2	98	15.9	12.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

Housing Profile

Among the 4,450 occupied housing units in Emmet County, 30.2 percent were headed by a person 55 years of age or older. Statewide that percentage was 24.5. The vast majority of these householders owned their homes rather than rented—both in the county and across the state.

8. Tenure of occupied housing units with householders 65 years or older, 2000

	Total Occupied Units		Owner-Occupied			Renter-Occupied		
	Emmet County		Emmet County	State		Emmet County	State	
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,344	100.0	1,135	84.4	80.0	209	15.6	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	537	100.0	487	90.7	85.2	50	9.3	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	636	100.0	522	82.1	78.4	114	17.9	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	171	100.0	126	73.7	66.0	45	26.3	34.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

Housing Profile (continued)

Older populations tend to be less likely to change residence than younger persons; therefore they are likely to have lived in their current housing unit for longer periods of time and those housing units tend to be older units. This is especially true for older homeowners. It should be noted that "assisted living" quarters are included in the renter-occupied numbers.

9. Age of housing units with householders 65 years or older, 2000

	Total		Owner-Occupied			Renter-Occupied		
	Emmet County		Emmet County		State	Emmet County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,344	100.0	1,135	100.0	100.0	209	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	55	4.1	49	4.3	6.6	6	2.9	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	864	64.3	759	66.9	59.9	105	50.2	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	293	21.8	171	15.1	21.9	122	58.4	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	572	42.6	544	47.9	43.7	28	13.4	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	537	100.0	487	100.0	100.0	50	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	22	4.1	22	4.5	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	357	66.5	324	66.5	56.6	33	66.0	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	150	27.9	112	23.0	25.7	38	76.0	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	225	41.9	220	45.2	39.0	5	10.0	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	807	100.0	648	100.0	100.0	159	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	33	4.1	27	4.2	5.3	6	3.8	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	507	62.8	435	67.1	63.4	72	45.3	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	143	17.7	59	9.1	17.9	84	52.8	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	347	43.0	324	50.0	48.6	23	14.5	7.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

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