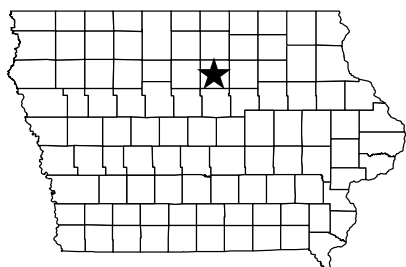


# Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



## Franklin County

### Population Profile

Franklin County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 5.8 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 6.4 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

	Franklin County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	13,036	11,364	10,704	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	28.4	30.7	30.5	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	3,706	3,487	3,263	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	772	556	567	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	688	653	500	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	677	623	505	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	595	530	541	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	424	470	473	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	292	339	362	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	258	316	315	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

#### 2. Population 55 years or older by sex, Franklin County

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	3,487	1,475	42.3	2,012	57.7	3,263	1,411	43.2	1,852	56.8
55 to 59	556	256	7.3	300	8.6	567	290	8.9	277	8.5
60 to 64	653	320	9.2	333	9.5	500	246	7.5	254	7.8
65 to 69	623	269	7.7	354	10.2	505	222	6.8	283	8.7
70 to 74	530	221	6.3	309	8.9	541	249	7.6	292	8.9
75 to 79	470	209	6.0	261	7.5	473	188	5.8	285	8.7
80 to 84	339	119	3.4	220	6.3	362	129	4.0	233	7.1
85 or older	316	81	2.3	235	6.7	315	87	2.7	228	7.0

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

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## Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Franklin 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 693 older persons living in nonfamily households in Franklin County, 96.8 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

	Franklin County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,196	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,313	59.8	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	693	31.6	31.5
Males living alone	133	---	---
Females living alone	538	---	---
Living in group quarters	190	8.7	8.4

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

## Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Franklin County age 65 or older in 2000, 73.5 percent had at least a high school diploma and 7 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Franklin County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,198	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	582	26.5	29.4
High school graduate	1,060	48.2	42.0
Less than 4 years college	403	18.3	17.1
4 or more years college	153	7.0	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
Franklin County									
Total persons 65 years or older	2,198	873	1,325	394	275	119	387	268	119
Persons 65 to 69	503	230	273	173	102	71	173	102	71
Persons 70 to 74	547	245	302	123	92	31	116	85	31
Persons 75 or older	1,148	398	750	98	81	17	98	81	17

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 Franklin County was \$29,702 in 1999, compared to the \$19,441 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

	Franklin County	State
Median household income (\$)	36,042	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	29,702	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	19,441	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	20,490	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	16,898	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	14,929	15,101

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

In 2000, 7.1 percent of the persons 65 or older in Franklin 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			
	Franklin County	State	Franklin County	State		Franklin 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	142	7.1	7.7	41	5.0	5.1	101	8.6	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	33	3.2	5.6	10	2.1	4.4	23	4.2	6.6
Persons 75 or older	109	11.1	10.0	31	8.6	6.2	78	12.6	12.3

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

## Housing Profile

Among the 4,356 occupied housing units in Franklin County, 30.9 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		
	Franklin County		Franklin County	State		Franklin County	State	
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,346	100.0	1,118	83.1	80.0	228	16.9	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	652	100.0	562	86.2	85.2	90	13.8	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	531	100.0	439	82.7	78.4	92	17.3	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	163	100.0	117	71.8	66.0	46	28.2	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		
	Franklin County		Franklin County		State	Franklin County		State
	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Total householders 65 years or older	1,346	100.0	1,118	100.0	100.0	228	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	46	3.4	46	4.1	6.6	0	0.0	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	827	61.4	738	66.0	59.9	89	39.0	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	383	28.5	226	20.2	21.9	157	68.9	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	504	37.4	493	44.1	43.7	11	4.8	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	652	100.0	562	100.0	100.0	90	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	19	2.9	19	3.4	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	397	60.9	363	64.6	56.6	34	37.8	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	169	25.9	115	20.5	25.7	54	60.0	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	215	33.0	212	37.7	39.0	3	3.3	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	694	100.0	556	100.0	100.0	138	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	27	3.9	27	4.9	5.3	0	0.0	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	430	62.0	375	67.4	63.4	55	39.9	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	214	30.8	111	20.0	17.9	103	74.6	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	289	41.6	281	50.5	48.6	8	5.8	7.9

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

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