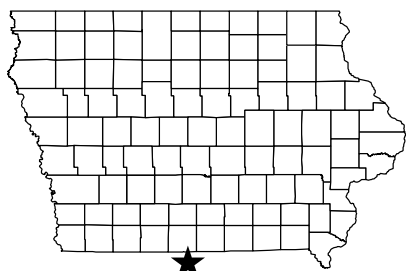


# Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



## Hamilton County

### Population Profile

Hamilton County is a non-metropolitan county in central Iowa. The total population in the county increased 2.3 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 3.6 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

	Hamilton County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	17,862	16,071	16,438	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	26.6	29.0	27.3	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	4,750	4,661	4,491	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,033	791	790	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	973	901	739	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	826	837	694	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	706	777	732	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	534	561	627	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	366	413	476	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	312	381	433	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	4,661	2,018	43.3	2,643	56.7	4,491	1,975	44.0	2,516	56.0
55 to 59	791	352	7.6	439	9.4	790	382	8.5	408	9.1
60 to 64	901	459	9.8	442	9.5	739	349	7.8	390	8.7
65 to 69	837	380	8.2	457	9.8	694	301	6.7	393	8.8
70 to 74	777	357	7.7	420	9.0	732	358	8.0	374	8.3
75 to 79	561	242	5.2	319	6.8	627	260	5.8	367	8.2
80 to 84	413	129	2.8	284	6.1	476	195	4.3	281	6.3
85 or older	381	99	2.1	282	6.1	433	130	2.9	303	6.7

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

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## Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Hamilton 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 937 older persons living in nonfamily households in Hamilton County, 96.9 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

	Hamilton County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,962	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,835	62.0	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	937	31.6	31.5
Males living alone	207	---	---
Females living alone	701	---	---
Living in group quarters	190	6.4	8.4

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

## Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Hamilton County age 65 or older in 2000, 78.6 percent had at least a high school diploma and 9.3 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Hamilton County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,958	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	632	21.4	29.4
High school graduate	1,565	52.9	42.0
Less than 4 years college	485	16.4	17.1
4 or more years college	276	9.3	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
Hamilton County									
Total persons 65 years or older	2,958	1,240	1,718	416	257	159	383	232	151
Persons 65 to 69	699	307	392	176	98	78	162	84	78
Persons 70 to 74	723	354	369	180	116	64	163	105	58
Persons 75 or older	1,536	579	957	60	43	17	58	43	15

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 Hamilton County was \$26,782 in 1999, compared to the \$21,136 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

	Hamilton County	State
Median household income (\$)	38,658	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	26,782	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	21,136	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	21,439	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	16,708	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	15,170	15,101

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

In 2000, 5.5 percent of the persons 65 or older in Hamilton 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			
	Hamilton County	State	Hamilton County	State	Hamilton County	State	Hamilton County	State	
	<u>n</u>	<u>% of age group</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>% of age group</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>% of age group</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>% of age group</u>	
Total persons 65 years or older in poverty	151	5.5	7.7	43	3.6	5.1	108	6.9	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	76	5.4	5.6	19	2.9	4.4	57	7.7	6.6
Persons 75 or older	75	5.5	10.0	24	4.5	6.2	51	6.2	12.3

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

## Housing Profile

Among the 6,692 occupied housing units in Hamilton 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		
	Hamilton County		Hamilton County	State	State	Hamilton County	State	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	2,020	100.0	1,607	79.6	80.0	413	20.4	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	875	100.0	687	78.5	85.2	188	21.5	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	823	100.0	691	84.0	78.4	132	16.0	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	322	100.0	229	71.1	66.0	93	28.9	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		
	Hamilton County		Hamilton County		State	Hamilton 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	2,020	100.0	1,607	100.0	100.0	413	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	79	3.9	33	2.1	6.6	46	11.1	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,217	60.2	1,120	69.7	59.9	97	23.5	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	549	27.2	280	17.4	21.9	269	65.1	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	751	37.2	718	44.7	43.7	33	8.0	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	875	100.0	687	100.0	100.0	188	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	55	6.3	28	4.1	7.9	27	14.4	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	494	56.5	445	64.8	56.6	49	26.1	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	297	33.9	155	22.6	25.7	142	75.5	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	265	30.3	260	37.8	39.0	5	2.7	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,145	100.0	920	100.0	100.0	225	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	24	2.1	5	0.5	5.3	19	8.4	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	723	63.1	675	73.4	63.4	48	21.3	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	252	22.0	125	13.6	17.9	127	56.4	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	486	42.4	458	49.8	48.6	28	12.4	7.9

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

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