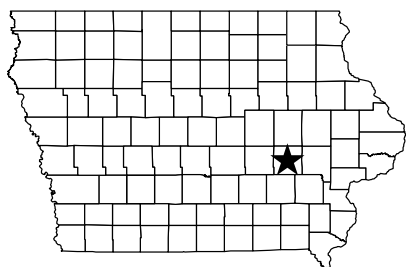


# Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



## Iowa County

### Population Profile

Iowa County is a non-metropolitan county in southeast Iowa. The total population in the county increased 7.1 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 2.1 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

	Iowa County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	15,429	14,630	15,671	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	27.2	28.9	26.4	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	4,195	4,221	4,132	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	847	720	717	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	820	744	734	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	792	746	642	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	593	682	596	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	496	585	548	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	329	355	405	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	318	389	490	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	4,221	1,812	42.9	2,409	57.1	4,132	1,811	43.8	2,321	56.2
55 to 59	720	354	8.4	366	8.7	717	369	8.9	348	8.4
60 to 64	744	357	8.5	387	9.2	734	341	8.3	393	9.5
65 to 69	746	355	8.4	391	9.3	642	307	7.4	335	8.1
70 to 74	682	304	7.2	378	9.0	596	270	6.5	326	7.9
75 to 79	585	226	5.4	359	8.5	548	232	5.6	316	7.6
80 to 84	355	122	2.9	233	5.5	405	161	3.9	244	5.9
85 or older	389	94	2.2	295	7.0	490	131	3.2	359	8.7

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

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## Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Iowa 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 814 older persons living in nonfamily households in Iowa County, 94.8 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

	Iowa County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,681	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,607	59.9	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	814	30.4	31.5
Males living alone	161	---	---
Females living alone	611	---	---
Living in group quarters	260	9.7	8.4

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

## Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Iowa County age 65 or older in 2000, 66.2 percent had at least a high school diploma and 7.8 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Iowa County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,678	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	905	33.8	29.4
High school graduate	1,108	41.4	42.0
Less than 4 years college	455	17.0	17.1
4 or more years college	210	7.8	11.5

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

Two statistics are important when considering employment among older Iowans; labor force participation and employment. Although the number of older Iowans 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
Iowa County									
Total persons 65 years or older	2,678	1,102	1,576	583	296	287	563	286	277
Persons 65 to 69	650	302	348	323	143	180	303	133	170
Persons 70 to 74	585	272	313	121	68	53	121	68	53
Persons 75 or older	1,443	528	915	139	85	54	139	85	54

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 Iowa County was \$29,694 in 1999, compared to the \$21,722 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

	Iowa County	State
Median household income (\$)	41,222	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	29,694	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	21,722	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	23,586	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	17,125	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	17,261	15,101

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

In 2000, 5.4 percent of the persons 65 or older in Iowa 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			
	Iowa County	State	Iowa County	State	Iowa County	State	Iowa 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	132	5.4	7.7	35	3.4	5.1	97	7.0	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	42	3.5	5.6	13	2.3	4.4	29	4.4	6.6
Persons 75 or older	90	7.4	10.0	22	4.5	6.2	68	9.3	12.3

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

## Housing Profile

Among the 6,163 occupied housing units in Iowa County, 27.8 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		
	Iowa County	State	Iowa County	State	%	Iowa County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,711	100.0	1,402	81.9	80.0	309	18.1	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	719	100.0	641	89.2	85.2	78	10.8	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	738	100.0	587	79.5	78.4	151	20.5	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	254	100.0	174	68.5	66.0	80	31.5	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		
	Iowa County		Iowa County		State	Iowa County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,711	100.0	1,402	100.0	100.0	309	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	165	9.6	123	8.8	6.6	42	13.6	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,000	58.4	869	62.0	59.9	131	42.4	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	467	27.3	271	19.3	21.9	196	63.4	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	778	45.5	734	52.4	43.7	44	14.2	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	719	100.0	641	100.0	100.0	78	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	91	12.7	71	11.1	7.9	20	25.6	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	435	60.5	395	61.6	56.6	40	51.3	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	217	30.2	166	25.9	25.7	51	65.4	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	304	42.3	293	45.7	39.0	11	14.1	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	992	100.0	761	100.0	100.0	231	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	74	7.5	52	6.8	5.3	22	9.5	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	565	57.0	474	62.3	63.4	91	39.4	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	250	25.2	105	13.8	17.9	145	62.8	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	474	47.8	441	58.0	48.6	33	14.3	7.9

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

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