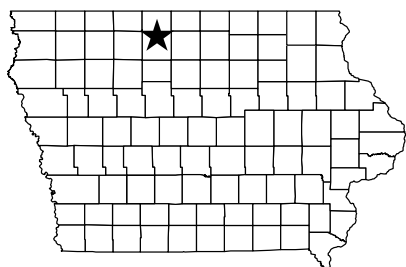


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Kossuth County

Population Profile

Kossuth County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 7.7 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 4.7 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

	Kossuth County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	21,891	18,591	17,163	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	25.7	29.4	30.4	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	5,619	5,468	5,213	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,197	973	851	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	1,126	969	908	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	987	966	867	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	830	853	788	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	697	711	738	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	467	497	528	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	315	499	533	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	5,468	2,359	43.1	3,109	56.9	5,213	2,299	44.1	2,914	55.9
55 to 59	973	483	8.8	490	9.0	851	411	7.9	440	8.4
60 to 64	969	456	8.3	513	9.4	908	423	8.1	485	9.3
65 to 69	966	438	8.0	528	9.7	867	429	8.2	438	8.4
70 to 74	853	380	6.9	473	8.7	788	342	6.6	446	8.6
75 to 79	711	293	5.4	418	7.6	738	317	6.1	421	8.1
80 to 84	497	171	3.1	326	6.0	528	212	4.1	316	6.1
85 or older	499	138	2.5	361	6.6	533	165	3.2	368	7.1

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Kossuth 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 1,113 older persons living in nonfamily households in Kossuth 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

	Kossuth County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,454	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	2,096	60.7	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,113	32.2	31.5
Males living alone	252	---	---
Females living alone	826	---	---
Living in group quarters	245	7.1	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Kossuth County age 65 or older in 2000, 67 percent had at least a high school diploma and 5.8 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Kossuth County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,447	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	1,139	33.0	29.4
High school graduate	1,519	44.1	42.0
Less than 4 years college	589	17.1	17.1
4 or more years college	200	5.8	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
Kossuth County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,447	1,448	1,999	508	314	194	480	294	186
Persons 65 to 69	866	420	446	289	182	107	278	171	107
Persons 70 to 74	786	344	442	111	61	50	101	57	44
Persons 75 or older	1,795	684	1,111	108	71	37	101	66	35

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 Kossuth County was \$29,836 in 1999, compared to the \$20,815 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

	<u>Kossuth County</u>	<u>State</u>
Median household income (\$)	34,562	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	29,836	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	20,815	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	19,935	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	22,981	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	16,211	15,101

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

In 2000, 8.6 percent of the persons 65 or older in Kossuth 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			
	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth 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	274	8.6	7.7	99	7.1	5.1	175	9.7	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	119	7.2	5.6	56	7.4	4.4	63	7.1	6.6
Persons 75 or older	155	10.0	10.0	43	6.7	6.2	112	12.3	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 6,974 occupied housing units in Kossuth County, 32.4 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		
	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State	%	Kossuth County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,262	100.0	1,879	83.1	80.0	383	16.9	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	1,002	100.0	875	87.3	85.2	127	12.7	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	956	100.0	759	79.4	78.4	197	20.6	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	304	100.0	245	80.6	66.0	59	19.4	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		
	Kossuth County		Kossuth County		State	Kossuth County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,262	100.0	1,879	100.0	100.0	383	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	72	3.2	46	2.4	6.6	26	6.8	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,392	61.5	1,227	65.3	59.9	165	43.1	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	517	22.9	323	17.2	21.9	194	50.7	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	848	37.5	795	42.3	43.7	53	13.8	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	1,002	100.0	875	100.0	100.0	127	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	47	4.7	39	4.5	7.9	8	6.3	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	605	60.4	534	61.0	56.6	71	55.9	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	281	28.0	220	25.1	25.7	61	48.0	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	355	35.4	325	37.1	39.0	30	23.6	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,260	100.0	1,004	100.0	100.0	256	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	25	2.0	7	0.7	5.3	18	7.0	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	787	62.5	693	69.0	63.4	94	36.7	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	236	18.7	103	10.3	17.9	133	52.0	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	493	39.1	470	46.8	48.6	23	9.0	7.9

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

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