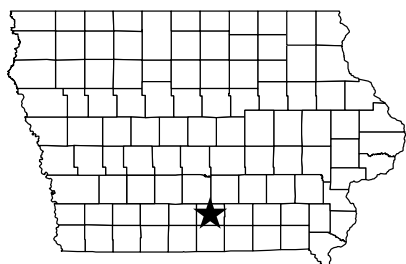


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Lucas County

Population Profile

Lucas County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 3.9 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 1.0 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

	Lucas County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	10,313	9,070	9,422	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	29.7	31.6	30.1	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	3,065	2,870	2,840	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	575	477	517	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	592	515	502	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	562	495	445	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	489	447	411	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	383	400	360	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	243	273	277	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	221	263	328	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	2,870	1,215	42.3	1,655	57.7	2,840	1,244	43.8	1,596	56.2
55 to 59	477	219	7.6	258	9.0	517	259	9.1	258	9.1
60 to 64	515	245	8.5	270	9.4	502	247	8.7	255	9.0
65 to 69	495	247	8.6	248	8.6	445	198	7.0	247	8.7
70 to 74	447	187	6.5	260	9.1	411	195	6.9	216	7.6
75 to 79	400	154	5.4	246	8.6	360	146	5.1	214	7.5
80 to 84	273	95	3.3	178	6.2	277	98	3.5	179	6.3
85 or older	263	68	2.4	195	6.8	328	101	3.6	227	8.0

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Lucas 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 581 older persons living in nonfamily households in Lucas County, 95.7 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

	Lucas County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,821	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,092	60.0	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	581	31.9	31.5
Males living alone	120	---	---
Females living alone	436	---	---
Living in group quarters	148	8.1	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Lucas County age 65 or older in 2000, 66.2 percent had at least a high school diploma and 8.2 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Lucas County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,814	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	614	33.8	29.4
High school graduate	748	41.2	42.0
Less than 4 years college	303	16.7	17.1
4 or more years college	149	8.2	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
Lucas County									
Total persons 65 years or older	1,814	731	1,083	249	169	80	223	154	69
Persons 65 to 69	434	186	248	124	77	47	116	69	47
Persons 70 to 74	425	207	218	84	68	16	76	66	10
Persons 75 or older	955	338	617	41	24	17	31	19	12

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 Lucas County was \$27,009 in 1999, compared to the \$14,912 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

	Lucas County	State
Median household income (\$)	30,876	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	27,009	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	14,912	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	15,321	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	12,969	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	12,023	15,101

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

In 2000, 9.6 percent of the persons 65 or older in Lucas 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			
	Lucas County	State	Lucas County	State		Lucas 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	160	9.6	7.7	29	4.1	5.1	131	13.5	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	28	3.3	5.6	6	1.5	4.4	22	4.8	6.6
Persons 75 or older	132	16.0	10.0	23	7.4	6.2	109	21.2	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 3,811 occupied housing units in Lucas County, 32 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		
	Lucas County		Lucas County	State	%	Lucas County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,219	100.0	1,010	82.9	80.0	209	17.1	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	574	100.0	516	89.9	85.2	58	10.1	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	451	100.0	364	80.7	78.4	87	19.3	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	194	100.0	130	67.0	66.0	64	33.0	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		
	Lucas County		Lucas County		State	Lucas 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	1,219	100.0	1,010	100.0	100.0	209	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	86	7.1	80	7.9	6.6	6	2.9	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	698	57.3	616	61.0	59.9	82	39.2	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	406	33.3	271	26.8	21.9	135	64.6	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	370	30.4	354	35.0	43.7	16	7.7	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	574	100.0	516	100.0	100.0	58	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	51	8.9	51	9.9	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	304	53.0	284	55.0	56.6	20	34.5	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	205	35.7	161	31.2	25.7	44	75.9	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	155	27.0	151	29.3	39.0	4	6.9	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	645	100.0	494	100.0	100.0	151	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	35	5.4	29	5.9	5.3	6	4.0	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	394	61.1	332	67.2	63.4	62	41.1	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	201	31.2	110	22.3	17.9	91	60.3	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	215	33.3	203	41.1	48.6	12	7.9	7.9

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

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