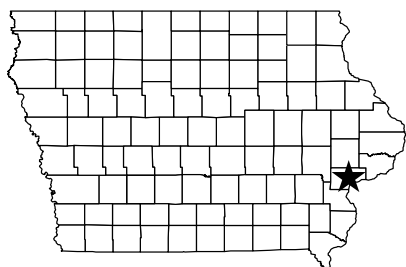


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Muscatine County

Population Profile

Muscatine County is a non-metropolitan county in southeast Iowa. The total population in the county increased 4.5 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older increased 5.5 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

	Muscatine County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	40,436	39,907	41,722	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	20.8	21.6	21.8	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	8,429	8,636	9,114	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,850	1,624	2,059	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	1,694	1,675	1,656	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	1,469	1,540	1,354	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	1,213	1,342	1,348	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	907	1,032	1,110	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	674	717	808	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	622	706	779	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	8,636	3,717	43.0	4,919	57.0	9,114	3,976	43.6	5,138	56.4
55 to 59	1,624	796	9.2	828	9.6	2,059	1,009	11.1	1,050	11.5
60 to 64	1,675	803	9.3	872	10.1	1,656	781	8.6	875	9.6
65 to 69	1,540	689	8.0	851	9.9	1,354	647	7.1	707	7.8
70 to 74	1,342	586	6.8	756	8.8	1,348	609	6.7	739	8.1
75 to 79	1,032	403	4.7	629	7.3	1,110	440	4.8	670	7.4
80 to 84	717	238	2.8	479	5.5	808	279	3.1	529	5.8
85 or older	706	202	2.3	504	5.8	779	211	2.3	568	6.2

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Muscatine 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 1,666 older persons living in nonfamily households in Muscatine County, 93.9 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

	Muscatine County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	5,399	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	3,299	61.1	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,666	30.9	31.5
Males living alone	343	---	---
Females living alone	1,221	---	---
Living in group quarters	434	8.0	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Muscatine County age 65 or older in 2000, 65 percent had at least a high school diploma and 10.3 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Muscatine County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	5,370	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	1,880	35.0	29.4
High school graduate	2,186	40.7	42.0
Less than 4 years college	751	14.0	17.1
4 or more years college	553	10.3	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
Muscatine County									
Total persons 65 years or older	5,370	2,184	3,186	741	454	287	725	443	282
Persons 65 to 69	1,395	673	722	388	216	172	383	216	167
Persons 70 to 74	1,293	612	681	215	163	52	204	152	52
Persons 75 or older	2,682	899	1,783	138	75	63	138	75	63

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 Muscatine County was \$31,083 in 1999, compared to the \$19,817 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

	Muscatine County	State
Median household income (\$)	41,803	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	31,083	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	19,817	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	22,978	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	17,721	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	14,708	15,101

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

In 2000, 7.7 percent of the persons 65 or older in Muscatine 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			
	Muscatine County	State	Muscatine County	State	Muscatine County	State	Muscatine 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	381	7.7	7.7	104	4.9	5.1	277	9.9	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	134	5.1	5.6	42	3.3	4.4	92	6.8	6.6
Persons 75 or older	247	10.8	10.0	62	7.3	6.2	185	12.8	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 15,847 occupied housing units in Muscatine County, 21.4 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		
	Muscatine County	State	Muscatine County	State	Muscatine County	State	State	
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	3,398	100.0	2,685	79.0	80.0	713	21.0	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	1,666	100.0	1,405	84.3	85.2	261	15.7	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	1,350	100.0	1,036	76.7	78.4	314	23.3	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	382	100.0	244	63.9	66.0	138	36.1	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		
	Muscatine County		Muscatine County		State	Muscatine County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	3,398	100.0	2,685	100.0	100.0	713	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	203	6.0	168	6.3	6.6	35	4.9	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,800	53.0	1,545	57.5	59.9	255	35.8	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	1,042	30.7	578	21.5	21.9	464	65.1	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	1,149	33.8	1,107	41.2	43.7	42	5.9	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	1,666	100.0	1,405	100.0	100.0	261	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	91	5.5	91	6.5	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	877	52.6	761	54.2	56.6	116	44.4	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	538	32.3	339	24.1	25.7	199	76.2	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	505	30.3	496	35.3	39.0	9	3.4	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,732	100.0	1,280	100.0	100.0	452	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	112	6.5	77	6.0	5.3	35	7.7	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	923	53.3	784	61.3	63.4	139	30.8	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	504	29.1	239	18.7	17.9	265	58.6	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	644	37.2	611	47.7	48.6	33	7.3	7.9

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

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