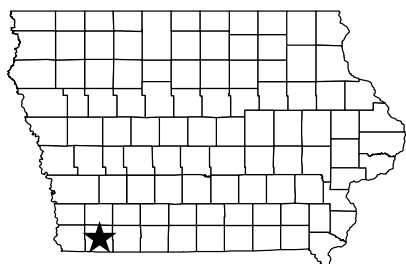


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Page County

Population Profile

Page County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 0.6 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 6.0 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

	Page County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	19,063	16,870	16,976	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	30.6	31.2	29.1	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	5,837	5,259	4,943	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,143	839	847	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	1,052	886	732	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	1,032	961	786	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	837	808	774	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	762	736	745	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	543	515	533	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	468	514	526	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	5,259	2,166	41.2	3,093	58.8	4,943	2,130	43.1	2,813	56.9
55 to 59	839	386	7.3	453	8.6	847	417	8.4	430	8.7
60 to 64	886	397	7.5	489	9.3	732	365	7.4	367	7.4
65 to 69	961	446	8.5	515	9.8	786	345	7.0	441	8.9
70 to 74	808	338	6.4	470	8.9	774	337	6.8	437	8.8
75 to 79	736	284	5.4	452	8.6	745	319	6.5	426	8.6
80 to 84	515	181	3.4	334	6.4	533	198	4.0	335	6.8
85 or older	514	134	2.5	380	7.2	526	149	3.0	377	7.6

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Page 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 1,072 older persons living in nonfamily households in Page County, 96.6 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

	Page County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,364	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,997	59.4	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,072	31.9	31.5
Males living alone	227	---	---
Females living alone	809	---	---
Living in group quarters	295	8.8	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Page County age 65 or older in 2000, 77 percent had at least a high school diploma and 10.8 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Page County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,347	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	771	23.0	29.4
High school graduate	1,543	46.1	42.0
Less than 4 years college	671	20.0	17.1
4 or more years college	362	10.8	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
Page County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,347	1,338	2,009	603	327	276	576	316	260
Persons 65 to 69	774	331	443	299	150	149	283	148	135
Persons 70 to 74	807	377	430	180	114	66	178	114	64
Persons 75 or older	1,766	630	1,136	124	63	61	115	54	61

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 Page County was \$26,838 in 1999, compared to the \$20,417 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

	Page County	State
Median household income (\$)	35,466	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	26,838	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	20,417	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	19,502	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	21,750	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	12,771	15,101

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

In 2000, 7.6 percent of the persons 65 or older in Page 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		
	Page County	State	Page County	State	Page County	State	Page County	State
	n	% of age group	n	% of age group	n	% of age group	n	% of age group
Total persons 65 years or older in poverty	234	7.6	52	4.2	182	10.0	9.6	
Persons 65 to 74	91	5.8	24	3.5	67	7.7	6.6	
Persons 75 or older	143	9.5	28	5.1	115	12.0	12.3	

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

Housing Profile

Among the 6,708 occupied housing units in Page County, 31.4 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		
	Page County	State	Page County	State	Page County	State	State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	%	
Total householders 65 years or older	2,107	100.0	1,632	77.5	80.0	475	22.5	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	965	100.0	785	81.3	85.2	180	18.7	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	873	100.0	696	79.7	78.4	177	20.3	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	269	100.0	151	56.1	66.0	118	43.9	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		
	Page County		Page County		State	Page 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	2,107	100.0	1,632	100.0	100.0	475	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	123	5.8	58	3.6	6.6	65	13.7	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,349	64.0	1,149	70.4	59.9	200	42.1	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	812	38.5	464	28.4	21.9	348	73.3	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	707	33.6	669	41.0	43.7	38	8.0	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	965	100.0	785	100.0	100.0	180	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	43	4.5	24	3.1	7.9	19	10.6	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	640	66.3	522	66.5	56.6	118	65.6	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	367	38.0	228	29.0	25.7	139	77.2	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	275	28.5	255	32.5	39.0	20	11.1	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,142	100.0	847	100.0	100.0	295	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	80	7.0	34	4.0	5.3	46	15.6	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	709	62.1	627	74.0	63.4	82	27.8	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	445	39.0	236	27.9	17.9	209	70.8	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	432	37.8	414	48.9	48.6	18	6.1	7.9

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

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