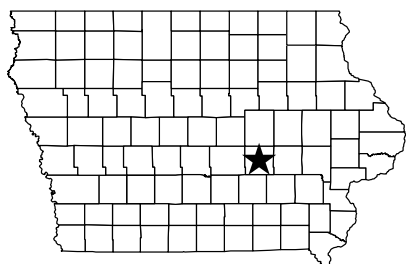


# Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



## Poweshiek County

### Population Profile

Poweshiek County is a non-metropolitan county in central Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 1.1 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older increased 3.5 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

	Poweshiek County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	19,306	19,033	18,815	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	24.9	25.9	27.1	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	4,816	4,925	5,099	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	992	853	932	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	956	884	850	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	854	880	748	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	665	777	772	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	589	622	677	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	376	462	550	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	384	447	570	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	4,925	2,102	42.7	2,823	57.3	5,099	2,158	42.3	2,941	57.7
55 to 59	853	416	8.4	437	8.9	932	428	8.4	504	9.9
60 to 64	884	415	8.4	469	9.5	850	413	8.1	437	8.6
65 to 69	880	411	8.3	469	9.5	748	348	6.8	400	7.8
70 to 74	777	338	6.9	439	8.9	772	329	6.5	443	8.7
75 to 79	622	253	5.1	369	7.5	677	280	5.5	397	7.8
80 to 84	462	153	3.1	309	6.3	550	196	3.8	354	6.9
85 or older	447	116	2.4	331	6.7	570	164	3.2	406	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 Poweshiek 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 1,070 older persons living in nonfamily households in Poweshiek County, 95.8 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

	Poweshiek County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,317	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,920	57.9	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,070	32.3	31.5
Males living alone	216	---	---
Females living alone	809	---	---
Living in group quarters	327	9.9	8.4

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

## Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Poweshiek County age 65 or older in 2000, 73.9 percent had at least a high school diploma and 11.7 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Poweshiek County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,307	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	862	26.1	29.4
High school graduate	1,474	44.6	42.0
Less than 4 years college	584	17.7	17.1
4 or more years college	387	11.7	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
Poweshiek County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,307	1,319	1,988	530	340	190	524	334	190
Persons 65 to 69	757	322	435	272	177	95	272	177	95
Persons 70 to 74	767	359	408	172	107	65	166	101	65
Persons 75 or older	1,783	638	1,145	86	56	30	86	56	30

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 Poweshiek County was \$30,682 in 1999, compared to the \$25,181 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

	Poweshiek County	State
Median household income (\$)	37,836	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	30,682	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	25,181	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	21,986	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	16,023	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	15,599	15,101

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

In 2000, 5.9 percent of the persons 65 or older in Poweshiek 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			
	Poweshiek County	State	Poweshiek County	State	Poweshiek County	State	Poweshiek 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	177	5.9	7.7	23	1.8	5.1	154	8.8	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	24	1.6	5.6	0	0.0	4.4	24	2.9	6.6
Persons 75 or older	153	10.1	10.0	23	3.9	6.2	130	14.0	12.3

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

## Housing Profile

Among the 7,398 occupied housing units in Poweshiek County, 26.7 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		
	Poweshiek County		Poweshiek County	State	%	Poweshiek County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,974	100.0	1,514	76.7	80.0	460	23.3	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	971	100.0	782	80.5	85.2	189	19.5	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	704	100.0	525	74.6	78.4	179	25.4	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	299	100.0	207	69.2	66.0	92	30.8	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		
	Poweshiek County		Poweshiek County		State	Poweshiek County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,974	100.0	1,514	100.0	100.0	460	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	289	14.6	231	15.3	6.6	58	12.6	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	964	48.8	828	54.7	59.9	136	29.6	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	730	37.0	397	26.2	21.9	333	72.4	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	608	30.8	568	37.5	43.7	40	8.7	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	971	100.0	782	100.0	100.0	189	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	121	12.5	110	14.1	7.9	11	5.8	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	465	47.9	406	51.9	56.6	59	31.2	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	356	36.7	207	26.5	25.7	149	78.8	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	266	27.4	253	32.4	39.0	13	6.9	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,003	100.0	732	100.0	100.0	271	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	168	16.7	121	16.5	5.3	47	17.3	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	499	49.8	422	57.7	63.4	77	28.4	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	374	37.3	190	26.0	17.9	184	67.9	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	342	34.1	315	43.0	48.6	27	10.0	7.9

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

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