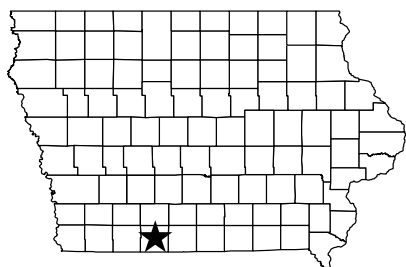


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Ringgold County

Population Profile

Ringgold County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 0.9 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 2.8 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

	Ringgold County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	6,112	5,420	5,469	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	33.3	36.4	35.1	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	2,037	1,973	1,917	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	375	336	307	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	365	324	298	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	364	343	323	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	329	312	295	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	250	272	258	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	180	199	211	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	174	187	225	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	1,973	846	42.9	1,127	57.1	1,917	838	43.7	1,079	56.3
55 to 59	336	165	8.4	171	8.7	307	148	7.7	159	8.3
60 to 64	324	168	8.5	156	7.9	298	138	7.2	160	8.3
65 to 69	343	154	7.8	189	9.6	323	157	8.2	166	8.7
70 to 74	312	121	6.1	191	9.7	295	145	7.6	150	7.8
75 to 79	272	112	5.7	160	8.1	258	101	5.3	157	8.2
80 to 84	199	71	3.6	128	6.5	211	74	3.9	137	7.1
85 or older	187	55	2.8	132	6.7	225	75	3.9	150	7.8

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Ringgold 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 417 older persons living in nonfamily households in Ringgold 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

	Ringgold County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,312	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	758	57.8	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	417	31.8	31.5
Males living alone	85	---	---
Females living alone	314	---	---
Living in group quarters	137	10.4	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Ringgold County age 65 or older in 2000, 70.7 percent had at least a high school diploma and 6.4 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Ringgold County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,319	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	386	29.3	29.4
High school graduate	637	48.3	42.0
Less than 4 years college	211	16.0	17.1
4 or more years college	85	6.4	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
Ringgold County									
Total persons 65 years or older	1,319	560	759	177	95	82	177	95	82
Persons 65 to 69	282	135	147	63	36	27	63	36	27
Persons 70 to 74	344	171	173	62	29	33	62	29	33
Persons 75 or older	693	254	439	52	30	22	52	30	22

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 Ringgold County was \$28,438 in 1999, compared to the \$14,000 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

	Ringgold County	State
Median household income (\$)	29,110	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	28,438	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	14,000	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	14,478	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	10,417	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	12,011	15,101

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

In 2000, 16.4 percent of the persons 65 or older in Ringgold 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		
	Ringgold County	State	Ringgold County	State	Ringgold County	State	Ringgold 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	193	16.4	77	14.7	5.1	116	17.8	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	60	9.6	30	9.8	4.4	30	9.4	6.6
Persons 75 or older	133	24.2	47	21.6	6.2	86	25.9	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 2,245 occupied housing units in Ringgold County, 38.6 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		
	Ringgold County	State	Ringgold County	State	State	Ringgold County	State	State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	866	100.0	680	78.5	80.0	186	21.5	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	434	100.0	368	84.8	85.2	66	15.2	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	323	100.0	234	72.4	78.4	89	27.6	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	109	100.0	78	71.6	66.0	31	28.4	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		
	Ringgold County		Ringgold County		State	Ringgold County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	866	100.0	680	100.0	100.0	186	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	80	9.2	69	10.1	6.6	11	5.9	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	506	58.4	446	65.6	59.9	60	32.3	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	287	33.1	193	28.4	21.9	94	50.5	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	280	32.3	255	37.5	43.7	25	13.4	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	434	100.0	368	100.0	100.0	66	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	50	11.5	48	13.0	7.9	2	3.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	231	53.2	211	57.3	56.6	20	30.3	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	169	38.9	135	36.7	25.7	34	51.5	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	115	26.5	113	30.7	39.0	2	3.0	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	432	100.0	312	100.0	100.0	120	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	30	6.9	21	6.7	5.3	9	7.5	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	275	63.7	235	75.3	63.4	40	33.3	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	118	27.3	58	18.6	17.9	60	50.0	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	165	38.2	142	45.5	48.6	23	19.2	7.9

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

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