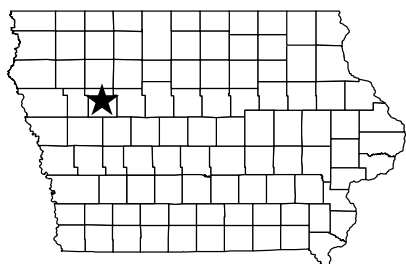


# Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



## Sac County

### Population Profile

Sac County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 6.5 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 7.9 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

	Sac County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	14,118	12,324	11,529	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	30.6	32.8	32.3	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	4,319	4,040	3,721	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	847	613	540	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	808	722	567	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	746	730	562	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	669	624	609	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	552	553	565	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	377	385	432	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	320	413	446	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	4,040	1,725	42.7	2,315	57.3	3,721	1,595	42.9	2,126	57.1
55 to 59	613	295	7.3	318	7.9	540	280	7.5	260	7.0
60 to 64	722	343	8.5	379	9.4	567	269	7.2	298	8.0
65 to 69	730	328	8.1	402	10.0	562	266	7.1	296	8.0
70 to 74	624	268	6.6	356	8.8	609	274	7.4	335	9.0
75 to 79	553	222	5.5	331	8.2	565	224	6.0	341	9.2
80 to 84	385	144	3.6	241	6.0	432	168	4.5	264	7.1
85 or older	413	125	3.1	288	7.1	446	114	3.1	332	8.9

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

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## Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Sac 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 797 older persons living in nonfamily households in Sac County, 97.5 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

	Sac County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,614	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,571	60.1	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	797	30.5	31.5
Males living alone	162	---	---
Females living alone	615	---	---
Living in group quarters	246	9.4	8.4

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

## Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Sac County age 65 or older in 2000, 69.3 percent had at least a high school diploma and 8.9 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Sac County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,616	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	804	30.7	29.4
High school graduate	1,206	46.1	42.0
Less than 4 years college	372	14.2	17.1
4 or more years college	234	8.9	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
Sac County									
Total persons 65 years or older	2,616	1,050	1,566	372	241	131	351	230	121
Persons 65 to 69	562	272	290	154	96	58	151	95	56
Persons 70 to 74	613	264	349	123	79	44	119	77	42
Persons 75 or older	1,441	514	927	95	66	29	81	58	23

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 Sac County was \$28,093 in 1999, compared to the \$20,100 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

	Sac County	State
Median household income (\$)	32,874	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	28,093	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	20,100	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	17,076	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	20,795	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	13,208	15,101

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

In 2000, 8.2 percent of the persons 65 or older in Sac 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			
	Sac County	State	Sac County	State	Sac County	State	Sac 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	194	8.2	7.7	43	4.4	5.1	151	11.0	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	63	5.5	5.6	20	3.9	4.4	43	6.9	6.6
Persons 75 or older	131	10.7	10.0	23	4.9	6.2	108	14.5	12.3

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

## Housing Profile

Among the 4,746 occupied housing units in Sac County, 34 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		
	Sac County	State	Sac County	State	%	Sac County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,613	100.0	1,316	81.6	80.0	297	18.4	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	712	100.0	619	86.9	85.2	93	13.1	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	675	100.0	537	79.6	78.4	138	20.4	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	226	100.0	160	70.8	66.0	66	29.2	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		
	Sac County		Sac County		State	Sac County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,613	100.0	1,316	100.0	100.0	297	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	88	5.5	33	2.5	6.6	55	18.5	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,007	62.4	893	67.9	59.9	114	38.4	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	434	26.9	256	19.5	21.9	178	59.9	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	561	34.8	527	40.0	43.7	34	11.4	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	712	100.0	619	100.0	100.0	93	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	26	3.7	17	2.7	7.9	9	9.7	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	490	68.8	442	71.4	56.6	48	51.6	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	200	28.1	134	21.6	25.7	66	71.0	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	279	39.2	269	43.5	39.0	10	10.8	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	901	100.0	697	100.0	100.0	204	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	62	6.9	16	2.3	5.3	46	22.5	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	517	57.4	451	64.7	63.4	66	32.4	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	234	26.0	122	17.5	17.9	112	54.9	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	282	31.3	258	37.0	48.6	24	11.8	7.9

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

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