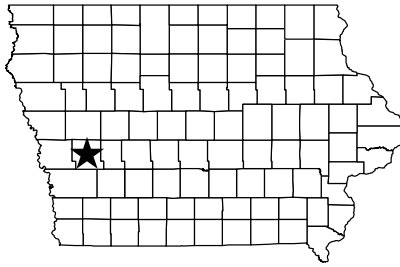


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Shelby County

Population Profile

Shelby County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 0.4 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 3.7 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

	Shelby County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	15,043	13,230	13,173	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	26.8	30.8	29.7	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	4,036	4,070	3,918	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	817	655	610	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	798	722	620	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	686	708	631	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	577	673	619	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	460	544	593	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	341	374	435	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	357	394	410	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	4,070	1,769	43.5	2,301	56.5	3,918	1,743	44.5	2,175	55.5
55 to 59	655	310	7.6	345	8.5	610	287	7.3	323	8.2
60 to 64	722	361	8.9	361	8.9	620	305	7.8	315	8.0
65 to 69	708	332	8.2	376	9.2	631	283	7.2	348	8.9
70 to 74	673	290	7.1	383	9.4	619	297	7.6	322	8.2
75 to 79	544	225	5.5	319	7.8	593	272	6.9	321	8.2
80 to 84	374	136	3.3	238	5.8	435	172	4.4	263	6.7
85 or older	394	115	2.8	279	6.9	410	127	3.2	283	7.2

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Shelby 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 744 older persons living in nonfamily households in Shelby County, 94.2 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

	Shelby County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,688	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,695	63.1	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	744	27.7	31.5
Males living alone	155	---	---
Females living alone	546	---	---
Living in group quarters	249	9.3	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Shelby County age 65 or older in 2000, 67.7 percent had at least a high school diploma and 5.9 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Shelby County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,694	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	869	32.3	29.4
High school graduate	1,316	48.8	42.0
Less than 4 years college	350	13.0	17.1
4 or more years college	159	5.9	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
Shelby County									
Total persons 65 years or older	2,694	1,158	1,536	466	299	167	466	299	167
Persons 65 to 69	681	305	376	251	147	104	251	147	104
Persons 70 to 74	569	278	291	125	88	37	125	88	37
Persons 75 or older	1,444	575	869	90	64	26	90	64	26

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 Shelby County was \$33,304 in 1999, compared to the \$22,701 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

	Shelby County	State
Median household income (\$)	37,442	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	33,304	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	22,701	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	20,967	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	17,788	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	13,269	15,101

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

In 2000, 7.6 percent of the persons 65 or older in Shelby 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			
	Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State	Shelby 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	185	7.6	7.7	45	4.2	5.1	140	10.3	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	72	5.8	5.6	22	3.8	4.4	50	7.6	6.6
Persons 75 or older	113	9.5	10.0	23	4.6	6.2	90	13.0	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 5,173 occupied housing units in Shelby County, 30.8 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		
	Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State	%	Shelby County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,592	100.0	1,350	84.8	80.0	242	15.2	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	724	100.0	659	91.0	85.2	65	9.0	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	649	100.0	529	81.5	78.4	120	18.5	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	219	100.0	162	74.0	66.0	57	26.0	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		
	Shelby County		Shelby County		State	Shelby 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	1,592	100.0	1,350	100.0	100.0	242	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	74	4.6	72	5.3	6.6	2	0.8	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	897	56.3	832	61.6	59.9	65	26.9	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	441	27.7	297	22.0	21.9	144	59.5	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	615	38.6	593	43.9	43.7	22	9.1	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	724	100.0	659	100.0	100.0	65	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	32	4.4	32	4.9	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	417	57.6	397	60.2	56.6	20	30.8	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	180	24.9	151	22.9	25.7	29	44.6	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	325	44.9	321	48.7	39.0	4	6.2	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	868	100.0	691	100.0	100.0	177	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	42	4.8	40	5.8	5.3	2	1.1	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	480	55.3	435	63.0	63.4	45	25.4	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	261	30.1	146	21.1	17.9	115	65.0	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	290	33.4	272	39.4	48.6	18	10.2	7.9

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

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