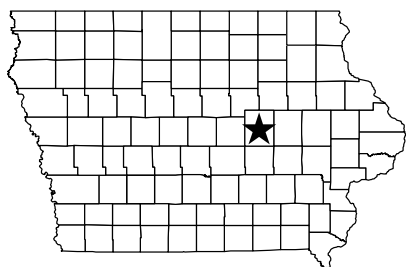


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Tama County

Population Profile

Tama County is a non-metropolitan county in central Iowa. The total population in the county increased 3.9 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older did not change. 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

	Tama County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	19,533	17,419	18,103	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	27.6	29.7	28.6	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	5,393	5,180	5,179	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,014	861	923	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	1,053	935	866	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	1,035	872	803	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	771	831	795	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	647	725	677	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	477	457	549	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	396	499	566	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	5,180	2,234	43.1	2,946	56.9	5,179	2,277	44.0	2,902	56.0
55 to 59	861	385	7.4	476	9.2	923	457	8.8	466	9.0
60 to 64	935	473	9.1	462	8.9	866	432	8.3	434	8.4
65 to 69	872	398	7.7	474	9.2	803	366	7.1	437	8.4
70 to 74	831	372	7.2	459	8.9	795	381	7.4	414	8.0
75 to 79	725	304	5.9	421	8.1	677	283	5.5	394	7.6
80 to 84	457	157	3.0	300	5.8	549	203	3.9	346	6.7
85 or older	499	145	2.8	354	6.8	566	155	3.0	411	7.9

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Tama 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 993 older persons living in nonfamily households in Tama County, 97.1 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

	Tama County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,390	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	2,071	61.1	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	993	29.3	31.5
Males living alone	216	---	---
Females living alone	748	---	---
Living in group quarters	326	9.6	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Tama County age 65 or older in 2000, 71.2 percent had at least a high school diploma and 6.2 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Tama County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,388	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	977	28.8	29.4
High school graduate	1,497	44.2	42.0
Less than 4 years college	703	20.7	17.1
4 or more years college	211	6.2	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
Tama County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,388	1,396	1,992	520	308	212	515	305	210
Persons 65 to 69	799	373	426	256	156	100	251	153	98
Persons 70 to 74	806	394	412	175	102	73	175	102	73
Persons 75 or older	1,783	629	1,154	89	50	39	89	50	39

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 Tama County was \$27,278 in 1999, compared to the \$21,005 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

	Tama County	State
Median household income (\$)	37,419	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	27,278	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	21,005	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	22,133	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	23,162	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	14,896	15,101

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

In 2000, 9.4 percent of the persons 65 or older in Tama 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		
	Tama County	State	Tama County	State		Tama 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	287	9.4	98	7.5	5.1	189	10.9	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	124	7.9	72	9.5	4.4	52	6.4	6.6
Persons 75 or older	163	11.0	26	4.7	6.2	137	14.9	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 7,018 occupied housing units in Tama County, 29.5 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		
	Tama County	State	Tama County	State		Tama County	State	
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,070	100.0	1,719	83.0	80.0	351	17.0	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	921	100.0	815	88.5	85.2	106	11.5	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	863	100.0	710	82.3	78.4	153	17.7	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	286	100.0	194	67.8	66.0	92	32.2	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		
	Tama County		Tama County		State	Tama County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,070	100.0	1,719	100.0	100.0	351	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	129	6.2	94	5.5	6.6	35	10.0	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,251	60.4	1,090	63.4	59.9	161	45.9	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	603	29.1	376	21.9	21.9	227	64.7	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	826	39.9	783	45.5	43.7	43	12.3	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	921	100.0	815	100.0	100.0	106	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	71	7.7	59	7.2	7.9	12	11.3	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	578	62.8	523	64.2	56.6	55	51.9	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	287	31.2	219	26.9	25.7	68	64.2	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	349	37.9	337	41.3	39.0	12	11.3	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,149	100.0	904	100.0	100.0	245	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	58	5.0	35	3.9	5.3	23	9.4	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	673	58.6	567	62.7	63.4	106	43.3	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	316	27.5	157	17.4	17.9	159	64.9	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	477	41.5	446	49.3	48.6	31	12.7	7.9

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

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