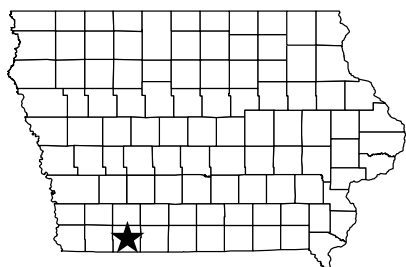


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Taylor County

Population Profile

Taylor County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 2.2 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 8.5 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

	Taylor County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	8,353	7,114	6,958	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	33.8	34.7	32.5	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	2,822	2,470	2,259	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	502	351	379	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	544	403	324	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	505	435	331	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	433	402	344	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	344	346	343	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	272	280	269	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	222	253	269	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	2,470	1,037	42.0	1,433	58.0	2,259	986	43.6	1,273	56.4
55 to 59	351	157	6.4	194	7.9	379	191	8.5	188	8.3
60 to 64	403	198	8.0	205	8.3	324	159	7.0	165	7.3
65 to 69	435	187	7.6	248	10.0	331	148	6.6	183	8.1
70 to 74	402	181	7.3	221	8.9	344	168	7.4	176	7.8
75 to 79	346	143	5.8	203	8.2	343	134	5.9	209	9.3
80 to 84	280	89	3.6	191	7.7	269	112	5.0	157	6.9
85 or older	253	82	3.3	171	6.9	269	74	3.3	195	8.6

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Taylor 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 488 older persons living in nonfamily households in Taylor County, 93.2 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

	Taylor County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,556	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	924	59.4	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	488	31.4	31.5
Males living alone	95	---	---
Females living alone	360	---	---
Living in group quarters	144	9.3	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Taylor County age 65 or older in 2000, 73.7 percent had at least a high school diploma and 6.6 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Taylor County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,539	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	404	26.3	29.4
High school graduate	773	50.2	42.0
Less than 4 years college	261	17.0	17.1
4 or more years college	101	6.6	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
Taylor County									
Total persons 65 years or older	1,539	625	914	247	138	109	245	136	109
Persons 65 to 69	296	107	189	94	36	58	94	36	58
Persons 70 to 74	377	206	171	86	57	29	84	55	29
Persons 75 or older	866	312	554	67	45	22	67	45	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 Taylor County was \$23,583 in 1999, compared to the \$17,308 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

	Taylor County	State
Median household income (\$)	31,297	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	23,583	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	17,308	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	16,037	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	12,885	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	12,139	15,101

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

In 2000, 15.2 percent of the persons 65 or older in Taylor 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			
	Taylor County	State	Taylor County	State		Taylor 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	218	15.2	7.7	82	13.4	5.1	136	16.6	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	104	15.7	5.6	48	15.6	4.4	56	15.8	6.6
Persons 75 or older	114	14.8	10.0	34	11.1	6.2	80	17.3	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 2,824 occupied housing units in Taylor County, 34.7 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		
	Taylor County	State	Taylor County	State		Taylor County	State	
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	979	100.0	820	83.8	80.0	159	16.2	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	409	100.0	363	88.8	85.2	46	11.2	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	397	100.0	325	81.9	78.4	72	18.1	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	173	100.0	132	76.3	66.0	41	23.7	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		
	Taylor County		Taylor County		State	Taylor 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	979	100.0	820	100.0	100.0	159	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	56	5.7	45	5.5	6.6	11	6.9	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	605	61.8	523	63.8	59.9	82	51.6	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	317	32.4	212	25.9	21.9	105	66.0	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	302	30.8	281	34.3	43.7	21	13.2	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	409	100.0	363	100.0	100.0	46	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	34	8.3	30	8.3	7.9	4	8.7	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	261	63.8	233	64.2	56.6	28	60.9	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	148	36.2	111	30.6	25.7	37	80.4	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	105	25.7	105	28.9	39.0	0	0.0	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	570	100.0	457	100.0	100.0	113	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	22	3.9	15	3.3	5.3	7	6.2	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	344	60.4	290	63.5	63.4	54	47.8	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	169	29.6	101	22.1	17.9	68	60.2	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	197	34.6	176	38.5	48.6	21	18.6	7.9

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

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