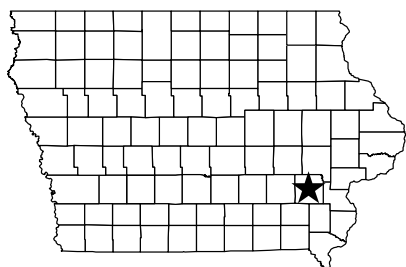


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Washington County

Population Profile

Washington County is a non-metropolitan county in southeast Iowa. The total population in the county increased 5.4 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older increased 1.7 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

	Washington County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	20,141	19,612	20,670	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	26.3	27.7	26.8	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	5,290	5,435	5,530	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,040	880	983	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	975	914	853	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	879	940	822	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	806	859	787	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	672	702	791	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	500	565	642	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	418	575	652	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	5,435	2,241	41.2	3,194	58.8	5,530	2,337	42.3	3,193	57.7
55 to 59	880	423	7.8	457	8.4	983	476	8.6	507	9.2
60 to 64	914	426	7.8	488	9.0	853	417	7.5	436	7.9
65 to 69	940	391	7.2	549	10.1	822	379	6.9	443	8.0
70 to 74	859	371	6.8	488	9.0	787	332	6.0	455	8.2
75 to 79	702	289	5.3	413	7.6	791	305	5.5	486	8.8
80 to 84	565	187	3.4	378	7.0	642	241	4.4	401	7.3
85 or older	575	154	2.8	421	7.7	652	187	3.4	465	8.4

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Washington 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 1,048 older persons living in nonfamily households in Washington County, 95.9 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

	Washington County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,694	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	2,220	60.1	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,048	28.4	31.5
Males living alone	204	---	---
Females living alone	801	---	---
Living in group quarters	426	11.5	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Washington County age 65 or older in 2000, 64.8 percent had at least a high school diploma and 11.7 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Washington County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,689	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	1,297	35.2	29.4
High school graduate	1,392	37.7	42.0
Less than 4 years college	569	15.4	17.1
4 or more years college	431	11.7	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
Washington County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,689	1,438	2,251	694	422	272	675	419	256
Persons 65 to 69	829	410	419	327	222	105	323	222	101
Persons 70 to 74	784	298	486	157	80	77	157	80	77
Persons 75 or older	2,076	730	1,346	210	120	90	195	117	78

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 Washington County was \$31,176 in 1999, compared to the \$22,173 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

	Washington	
	County	State
Median household income (\$)	39,103	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	31,176	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	22,173	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	21,850	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	23,036	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	16,621	15,101

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

In 2000, 7.3 percent of the persons 65 or older in Washington 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			
	Washington County		Washington County		State	Washington 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	240	7.3	7.7	75	5.6	5.1	165	8.5	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	42	2.7	5.6	18	2.6	4.4	24	2.7	6.6
Persons 75 or older	198	11.7	10.0	57	9.0	6.2	141	13.4	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 8,056 occupied housing units in Washington County, 28.1 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		
	Washington County		Washington County		State	Washington County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,265	100.0	1,774	78.3	80.0	491	21.7	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	937	100.0	821	87.6	85.2	116	12.4	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	991	100.0	774	78.1	78.4	217	21.9	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	337	100.0	179	53.1	66.0	158	46.9	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		
	Washington County		Washington County		State	Washington County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,265	100.0	1,774	100.0	100.0	491	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	291	12.8	213	12.0	6.6	78	15.9	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,163	51.3	986	55.6	59.9	177	36.0	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	835	36.9	482	27.2	21.9	353	71.9	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	660	29.1	645	36.4	43.7	15	3.1	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	937	100.0	821	100.0	100.0	116	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	151	16.1	131	16.0	7.9	20	17.2	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	486	51.9	439	53.5	56.6	47	40.5	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	344	36.7	278	33.9	25.7	66	56.9	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	276	29.5	264	32.2	39.0	12	10.3	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,328	100.0	953	100.0	100.0	375	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	140	10.5	82	8.6	5.3	58	15.5	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	677	51.0	547	57.4	63.4	130	34.7	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	491	37.0	204	21.4	17.9	287	76.5	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	384	28.9	381	40.0	48.6	3	0.8	7.9

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

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