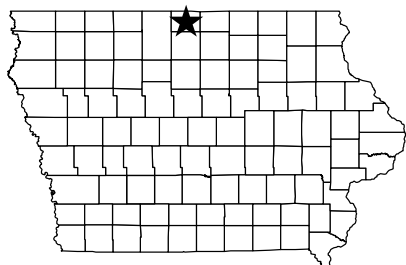


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Winnebago County

Population Profile

Winnebago County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 3.3 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 5.5 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

	Winnebago County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	13,010	12,122	11,723	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	28.2	28.4	27.7	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	3,669	3,437	3,249	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	665	519	548	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	707	600	483	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	668	555	475	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	610	537	516	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	437	475	428	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	329	420	389	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	253	331	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, Winnebago County

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	3,437	1,446	42.1	1,991	57.9	3,249	1,380	42.5	1,869	57.5
55 to 59	519	243	7.1	276	8.0	548	270	8.3	278	8.6
60 to 64	600	287	8.4	313	9.1	483	224	6.9	259	8.0
65 to 69	555	253	7.4	302	8.8	475	211	6.5	264	8.1
70 to 74	537	238	6.9	299	8.7	516	234	7.2	282	8.7
75 to 79	475	180	5.2	295	8.6	428	167	5.1	261	8.0
80 to 84	420	151	4.4	269	7.8	389	164	5.0	225	6.9
85 or older	331	94	2.7	237	6.9	410	110	3.4	300	9.2

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Winnebago 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 717 older persons living in nonfamily households in Winnebago 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

	Winnebago County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,218	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,309	59.0	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	717	32.3	31.5
Males living alone	141	---	---
Females living alone	555	---	---
Living in group quarters	192	8.7	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Winnebago County age 65 or older in 2000, 74 percent had at least a high school diploma and 9.5 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Winnebago County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,218	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	577	26.0	29.4
High school graduate	927	41.8	42.0
Less than 4 years college	503	22.7	17.1
4 or more years college	211	9.5	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
Winnebago County									
Total persons 65 years or older	2,218	888	1,330	339	191	148	327	181	146
Persons 65 to 69	489	228	261	162	90	72	154	84	70
Persons 70 to 74	493	214	279	110	66	44	106	62	44
Persons 75 or older	1,236	446	790	67	35	32	67	35	32

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 Winnebago County was \$29,673 in 1999, compared to the \$22,203 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

	Winnebago County	State
Median household income (\$)	38,381	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	29,673	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	22,203	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	22,309	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	20,781	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	17,301	15,101

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

In 2000, 8.2 percent of the persons 65 or older in Winnebago 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			
	Winnebago County	State	Winnebago County	State	Winnebago County	State	Winnebago 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	164	8.2	7.7	25	3.0	5.1	139	12.0	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	47	4.9	5.6	6	1.4	4.4	41	7.7	6.6
Persons 75 or older	117	11.2	10.0	19	4.6	6.2	98	15.6	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 4,749 occupied housing units in Winnebago County, 31.2 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		
	Winnebago County	State	Winnebago County	State	State	Winnebago County	State	State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,483	100.0	1,239	83.5	80.0	244	16.5	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	630	100.0	549	87.1	85.2	81	12.9	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	628	100.0	527	83.9	78.4	101	16.1	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	225	100.0	163	72.4	66.0	62	27.6	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		
	Winnebago County		Winnebago County		State	Winnebago County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,483	100.0	1,239	100.0	100.0	244	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	149	10.0	120	9.7	6.6	29	11.9	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	776	52.3	693	55.9	59.9	83	34.0	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	457	30.8	301	24.3	21.9	156	63.9	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	531	35.8	515	41.6	43.7	16	6.6	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	630	100.0	549	100.0	100.0	81	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	51	8.1	51	9.3	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	324	51.4	281	51.2	56.6	43	53.1	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	221	35.1	171	31.1	25.7	50	61.7	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	212	33.7	199	36.2	39.0	13	16.0	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	853	100.0	690	100.0	100.0	163	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	98	11.5	69	10.0	5.3	29	17.8	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	452	53.0	412	59.7	63.4	40	24.5	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	236	27.7	130	18.8	17.9	106	65.0	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	319	37.4	316	45.8	48.6	3	1.8	7.9

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

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