



## Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance

**\$40,144**

Median household income in 2015 with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2015 was \$54,736.

**7.0%**

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2015, compared to 12.2% for all Iowans.

**982**

The number of Iowans 65 years and over without health insurance coverage in 2015. That is 0.2% of the population without health insurance coverage. The percentage of the total population in Iowa without health insurance coverage was 5.0%.

**470,885**

The number of 2015 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$626,085,000 total benefits.

Data provided by the Social Security Administration publication "OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County"  
<http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/>

## Voting

**72.1%**

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older who were citizens and registered to vote in the 2014 election, the highest rate of any age group.

**30.5%**

Percent of the votes cast by citizens age 65 and older in the 2014 election.

Data provided by the Iowa Secretary of State

## Education

**88.9%**

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2015 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 92.5%.

**16.1%**

Percentage of the population age 65 and older in 2015 who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher education. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher was 27.7%.



## Migration

**92.9%**

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who did not move between 2014 and 2015. This can be compared to 84.3% for the state as a whole.

**74.7%**

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2015 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 71.1%.

**5,202**

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2014 and 2015. This represented only 6.1% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.

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**21.6%**

Percentage of people in 2015 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.

## Disability

**156,308**

The number of Iowans in 2015 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

**39.3%**

The percent of Iowa veterans in 2015 age 65 and over with a disability.

**156,088**

The number of people 65 & over in 2015 with a disability that have private as well as public insurance.



Type of Disability: 2015 Population 65 and over	
Hearing difficulty	75,482
Vision difficulty	23,940
Cognitive difficulty	32,582
Ambulatory difficulty	91,405
Self-care difficulty	30,160
Independent living difficulty	52,344

## Employment

**18.6%**

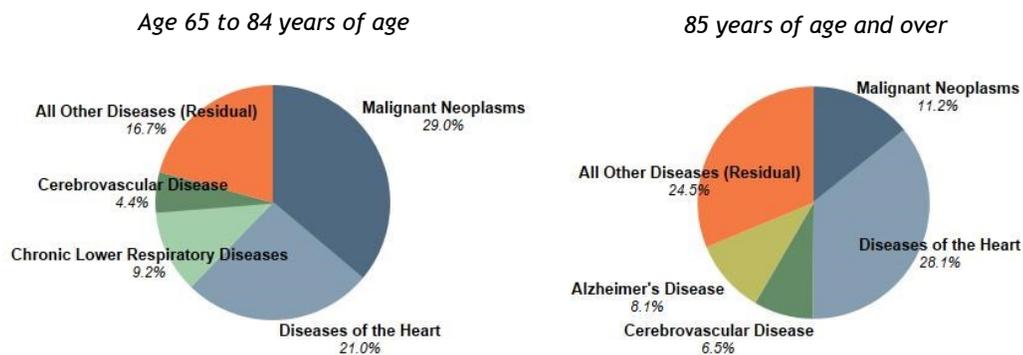
Labor force participation rate for Iowans age 65 and older in 2015. There were 93,063 Iowans age 65 and over in the labor force.

**2.3%**

The unemployment rate in 2015 for Iowans age 65 and over.

## Vital Stats

### Leading causes of death by age group: 2015



Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2015	
Disease of the heart:	23.0%
Malignant Neoplasms:	22.1%
Chronic lower respiratory:	6.9%
Unintentional injuries:	5.1%
Cerebrovascular Disease:	4.7%
Other:	38.2%

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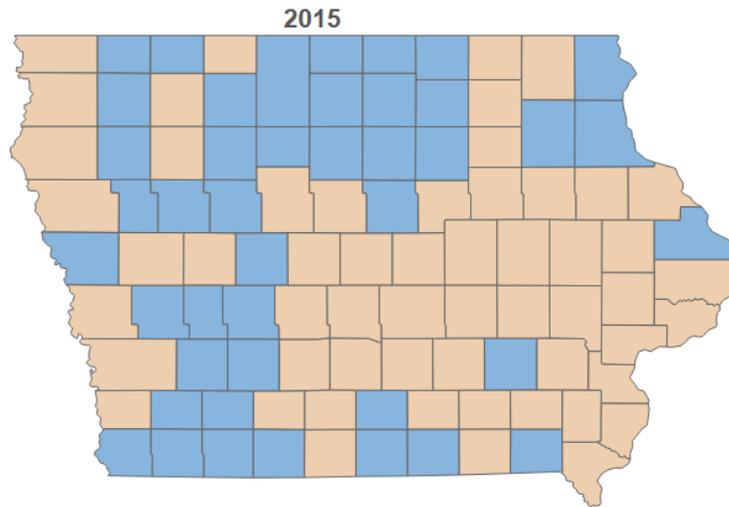
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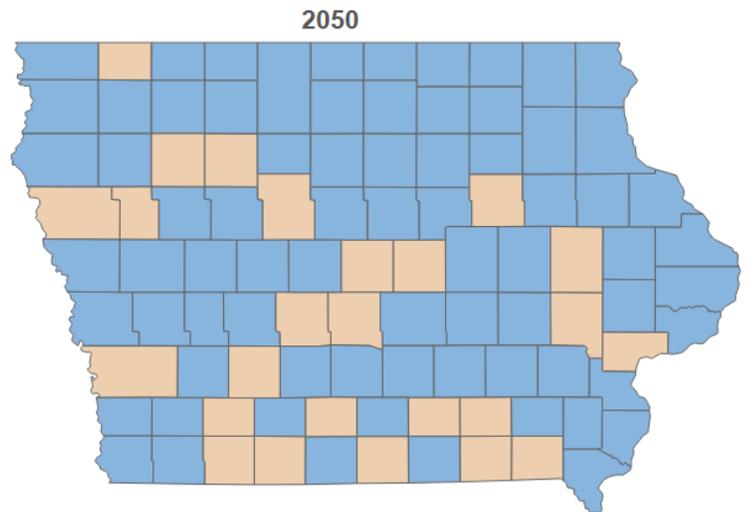
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Population age 65 and over  
■ Less than 20%  
■ 20% or more



# Counties and Cities

Data Source (unless otherwise noted) :  
 U.S. Census Bureau,  
 American Community  
 Survey, 2015  
 Woods & Poole  
 Economics, Inc. 2016  
 Photos by:  
 the U.S. Census Bureau

**55,946**

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2015.

**24.9%**

The percent of total population in Monona county who are age 65 and over in 2015. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Ringgold (24.6%), Dickinson (24.6%), Audubon (24.5%), and Cherokee (23.4%).

**40.7%**

Over a quarter of Iowans age 65 and over in 2015 lived in Polk, Linn, Scott, Black Hawk, Dubuque, Johnson, Pottawattamie, Woodbury, and Story counties.

**15**

The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2010 and 2015.

**74**

The number of Iowa counties in 2050 in which at least 20% of the residents will be age 65 and over according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. In 2000 that number was 30.

**22,318**

The number of people age 65 and over in Des Moines, making it largest population of this age group in any Iowa city in 2010.

**44.6%**

The percent of total population in Wahpeton who were age 65 and over in 2010. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage in this age group were Beaconsfield (40.0%), Ledyard (36.9%), Clio (36.3%) and Diagonal (36.1%).

**17.8%**

The percent of the total population age 65 and over in 2010 who lived in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Sioux City, Waterloo, and Dubuque.