

WOMEN IN IOWA: 2017

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In 1981, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's History Week. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, March 8. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress and the Iowa General Assembly have passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the U.S. president and Iowa's Governor have issued a proclamation.

1,571,873

The number of females in Iowa in 2015. That exceeds the number of men (1,552,026). Males outnumber females in most of the five-year-age groups through the 45-49 age group. Starting with the 50-54 age group, women outnumber men. At ages 85 and over there are twice as many women as men.

1,706,643

The projected female population of Iowa in 2050 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. Women will constitute 49.7 percent of the state's total population.

Families and Children

21.2%

The percent of families with children under 18 in 2015 living in single-parent households with their mother compared to 9.6 percent living with their father. This compares to 69.2 percent living with both parents.

710,169

Number of married women in 2015 (including those who are separated or have an absent spouse).

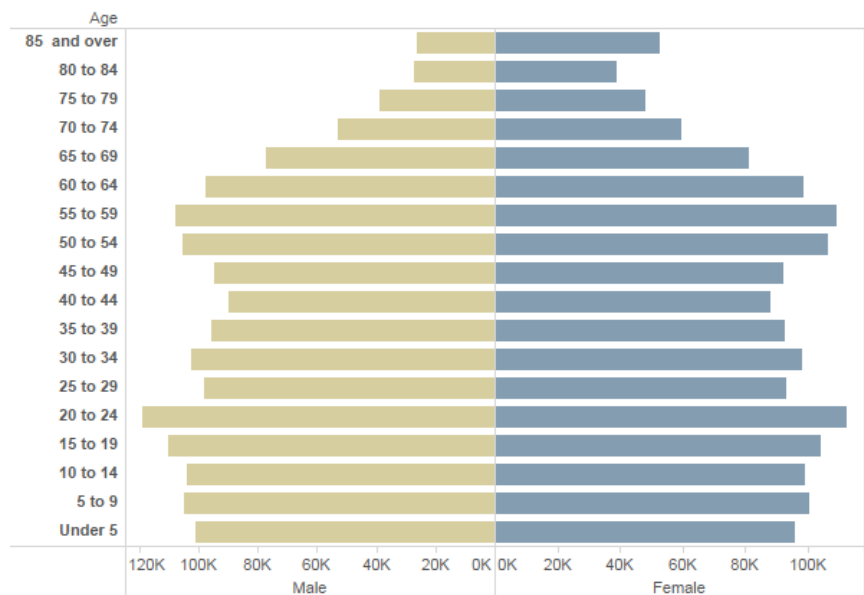
51.8%

Percent of unmarried Iowans 15 years and older who are women in 2015. There are 608,750 unmarried (widowed, divorced or never married) women.

39.4

The estimated median age for the female population in Iowa in 2015. The estimated median age for the state of Iowa was 38.1. The male estimated median age was 36.8

Iowa population by sex and age: 2015



Education

Coming to America

49.3%

The percent of the foreign-born population in 2015 that were female

Serving Our Nation

13,250

The number of Iowa women in 2015 who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces. This is 6.7% of the total veteran population.



264,909

The number of girls enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2015-2016 school year, including preschool. This represents 48.5% of the total enrollment in Iowa.

92.8

The graduation rate for girls in 2015. The graduation rate for boys was 88.8.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

220,935

Enrollment of women in Iowa's universities and colleges in 2015. Women make up 58.5 percent of the total enrollment in 2015.

Source: Iowa Student College Aid Commission

92.5%

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over who had at least a high school education in 2015. This compares to 61.8 percent of women who had completed 4 years of high school or higher in 1970.

27.7%

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2015. This compares to 7.5 percent of women who had completed 4 years of college or higher in 1970.

Sports and Recreation

5,611

The number of unduplicated women sport participants in Iowa's 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities in 2014.

Source: Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education
<http://ope.ed.gov/athletics/>

91,137

Number of women in Iowa 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2015. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.) The number of men in Iowa with an advanced degree in 2015 was 88,419.

Income and Poverty

\$37,050

The median income for women in Iowa who worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months in 2015. The median income for men in the state was \$49,081.

\$25,206

The median family income for female householders, no husband with own children under 18 in 2015. The median income for married-couple families was \$87,109. The median income for male householder, no wife present was \$40,122.

13.4%

The poverty rate in 2015 for women in Iowa. The corresponding rate for men is 10.9 percent.

36.87%

The percentage of female households, no husband present with related children under age 18, below the poverty level in 2015. The corresponding rate for married-couple families with related children under 18 years was 4.7 percent. The poverty rate for male householder, no wife present was 19.7%.

Note: Income is the sum of the amounts reported separately for wage or salary income; net self-employment income; interest, dividends, or net rental or royalty income or income from estates and trusts; social security or railroad retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); public assistance or welfare payments; retirement, survivor, or disability pensions; and all other income.

Businesses and Jobs

82,345

The number of female-owned businesses in 2012.

29.0%

The percent increase in women-owned firms between 2002 and 2012.

Source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners

3.7%

The unemployment rate for women age 20 to 64 in Iowa in 2015. The unemployment rate for men was 3.5%.

Earnings

\$36,264

The median earnings in 2015 inflation-adjusted dollars for full-time, year-round women workers in Iowa. Men in Iowa had median earnings of \$47,298.

Industry

293,875

The number of Iowa women in the Education, Health, and Social services industry in 2015. More women, 38.6% of Iowa's total female labor force, work in this one industry group than in any other.

12.1%

The percent of women who work in the Retail Trade industry in 2015, the second highest industry for the female labor force. Approximately **9.1** percent work in the finance and insurance industry; **9.2** percent work in manufacturing; **8.9** percent in the arts, entertainment and recreation industry; and **7.2** percent work in the professional, scientific, and management services.

Voting and Representation

72.5%

The percentage of registered women in Iowa who reported voting in the 2016 general election. The number of registered males who voted in the same election was 69.7%.

Iowa Secretary of State's office

28.6%

In 2015 women comprise 28.6% of statewide elected executive office holders, 22.0% of the state legislature, and 16.7% of Iowa's congressional delegation after electing its first woman to the U.S. Congress in 2014.

Occupation in Iowa by gender: 2015

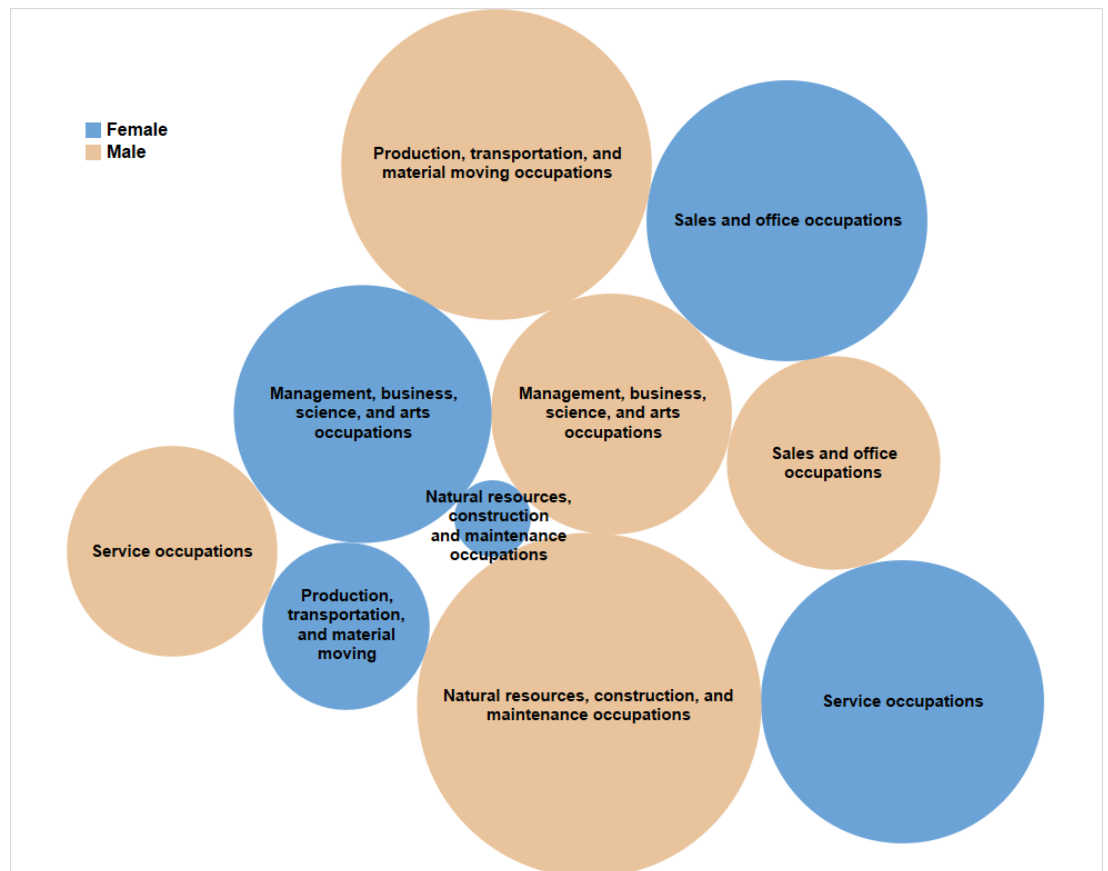
Occupations

152,059

The number of Iowa women in office and administrative support occupations in 2015. Women represent a wide variety of occupations in Iowa. For instance, there are about **70,956** women in healthcare practitioner and technical occupations, **56,571** in management occupations and **71,593** in education, training and library occupations.

38.7%

The percent of all women in Iowa in the Management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2015.



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Vital Events

12.6

Live births per 1,000 population in 2015.

356.3

The rate of Iowa births to unmarried women in 2015. (per 1,000 births).

41.6

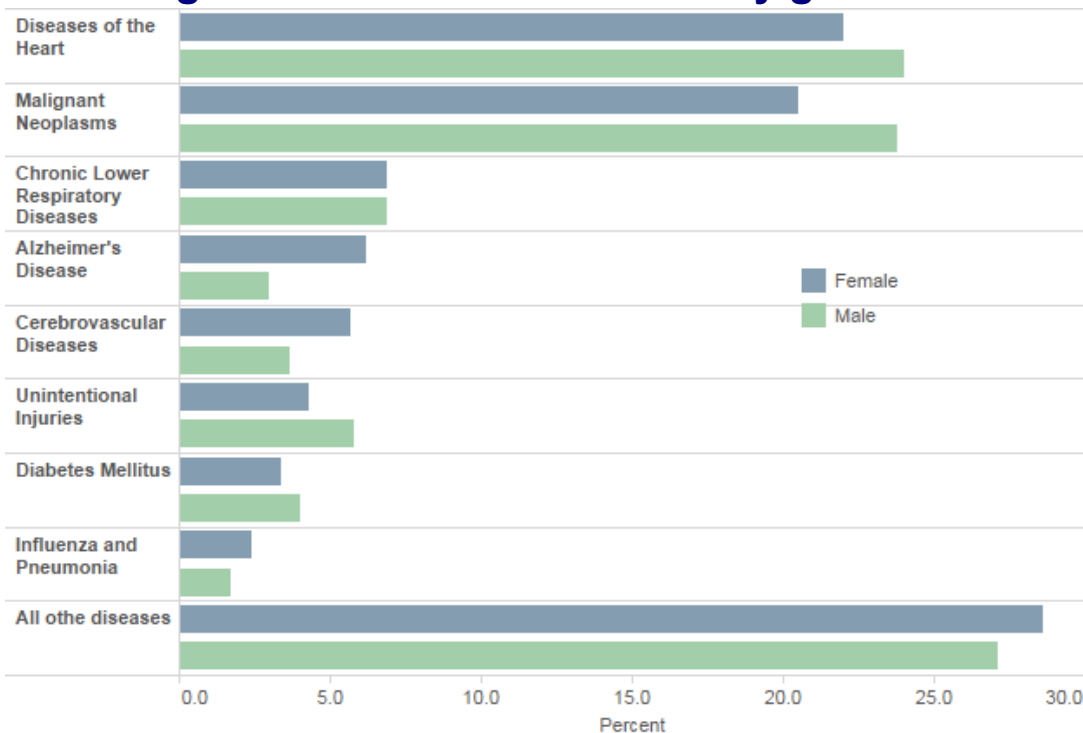
The birth rate for women age 15-19 in Iowa per 1,000 women in 2015.

9.3

The 2015 death rate for women in Iowa per 1,000 population. For men in Iowa the death rate was 9.0 over the same time period.



Leading causes of deaths in Iowa by gender: 2015



Data provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health publication, "Vital Statistics of Iowa 2015"

Data Sources (unless otherwise noted) :
U.S. Census Bureau,
2015 American Community Survey
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