**Educational Attainment for Iowa's Metropolitan Areas (1990 definition): 1990**

| Area | Total | Less than 9th grade | | 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | | High school graduate | | Some college, no degree | | Associate degree | | Bachelor's degree | | Graduate or Professional degree | | High School Graduate or higher | Bachelor's degree or higher |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Cedar Rapids, IA MSA | 107,886 | 5,907 | 5.5% | 10,405 | 9.6% | 37,537 | 34.8% | 20,853 | 19.3% | 9,951 | 9.2% | 17,091 | 15.8% | 6,142 | 5.7% | 84.9% | 21.5% |
| Davenport--Moline--Rock Island IA--IL MSA | 224,252 | 16,878 | 7.5% | 30,086 | 13.4% | 78,360 | 34.9% | 44,353 | 19.8% | 15,542 | 6.9% | 27,277 | 12.2% | 11,756 | 5.2% | 79.1% | 17.4% |
| Scott county (IA part) | 94,114 | 6,002 | 6.4% | 11,458 | 12.2% | 30,497 | 32.4% | 18,441 | 19.6% | 7,133 | 7.6% | 14,588 | 15.5% | 5,995 | 6.4% | 81.4% | 21.9% |
| Des Moines, IA MSA | 250,716 | 10,970 | 4.4% | 25,569 | 10.2% | 86,153 | 34.4% | 51,339 | 20.5% | 20,015 | 8.0% | 39,709 | 15.8% | 16,961 | 6.8% | 85.4% | 22.6% |
| Dubuque, IA MSA | 53,689 | 5,922 | 11.0% | 6,028 | 11.2% | 22,405 | 41.7% | 7,291 | 13.6% | 3,039 | 5.7% | 6,261 | 11.7% | 2,743 | 5.1% | 77.7% | 16.8% |
| Iowa City, IA MSA | 53,053 | 2,309 | 4.4% | 2,681 | 5.1% | 11,314 | 21.3% | 9,254 | 17.4% | 4,159 | 7.8% | 12,745 | 24.0% | 10,591 | 20.0% | 90.6% | 44.0% |
| Omaha, NE--IA MSA | 384,434 | 20,474 | 5.3% | 39,365 | 10.2% | 122,279 | 31.8% | 89,854 | 23.4% | 24,937 | 6.5% | 59,818 | 15.6% | 27,707 | 7.2% | 84.4% | 22.8% |
| Pottawattamie county (IA part) | 52,964 | 4,649 | 8.8% | 7,460 | 14.1% | 21,779 | 41.1% | 9,611 | 18.1% | 3,633 | 6.9% | 4,085 | 7.7% | 1,747 | 3.3% | 77.1% | 11.0% |
| Sioux City, IA--NE MSA | 71,461 | 6,472 | 9.1% | 9,345 | 13.1% | 27,395 | 38.3% | 12,089 | 16.9% | 4,752 | 6.6% | 8,022 | 11.2% | 3,386 | 4.7% | 77.9% | 16.0% |
| Woodbury county (IA part) | 61,309 | 5,308 | 8.7% | 7,962 | 13.0% | 23,182 | 37.8% | 10,458 | 17.1% | 4,179 | 6.8% | 7,249 | 11.8% | 2,971 | 4.8% | 78.4% | 16.7% |
| Waterloo--Cedar Falls, IA MSA | 89,791 | 7,606 | 8.5% | 10,294 | 11.5% | 35,884 | 40.0% | 14,069 | 15.7% | 6,703 | 7.5% | 10,326 | 11.5% | 4,909 | 5.5% | 80.1% | 17.0% |