

Home Ownership in Iowa: 1850 - 2000

Year	Occupied Housing Units				
	Total	Owned		Rented	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2000	1,149,276	831,419	72.3%	317,857	27.7%
1990	1,064,325	745,377	70.0%	318,948	30.0%
1980	1,053,033	756,517	71.8%	296,516	28.2%
1970	896,311	642,676	71.7%	253,635	28.3%
1960	841,357	581,352	69.1%	260,005	30.9%
1950	780,167	494,826	63.4%	285,341	36.6%
1940 ¹	701,824	361,477	51.5%	340,347	48.5%
1930 ¹	635,704	340,778	54.7%	282,607	44.5%
1920	559,188	332,567	59.4%	239,880	42.9%
1910	498,943	292,951	58.7%	208,344	41.8%
1900	468,682	282,760	60.3%	183,053	39.1%
1890	379,318				
1880	301,507				
1870	219,620				
1860	131,663				
1850	32,962				

¹ The number of "private families" or "homes" in 1930 is roughly comparable with the number of "occupied dwelling units" in 1940. It may be noted that the number of occupied units is not identical to the number of private families because the living quarters of families that were enumerated at some place other than their usual place of residence were not classified as occupied; and a small number of lodging places were counted as occupied units even though they were not occupied by private families. These differences are numerically minor and will have little effect on the comparison.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Decennial Censuses

2000 Census: SF1, Table H4

1990 Census: STF1, Table H003

1980 Census: 1980 Census of Housing, General Housing Characteristics - Iowa, HC80-1-A17, Table 5

1970 Census: 1970 Census of Housing, Housing Characteristics for States, Cities and Counties, Vol 1., Iowa, Table 2

1960 Census: United States Census of Housing 1960, HC(1) No. 17, Iowa, Table 2

1950 Census: 1950 United States Census of Housing, H-A15, Iowa General Characteristics, Table 2

1930 and 1940 Censuses: Sixteenth Census of the United States: 1940, Housing General Characteristics - Iowa, Table 1

1900-1920 Censuses: Fourteenth Census of the United States, Vol II, Table 2

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