The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994.

**Families and Children**

17,060
The estimated number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Iowa in 2019. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates a 89.8% increase in population between 2000 and 2019.

11,876
The projected Native American non Hispanic population of Iowa in 2050. According to Woods & Pool Economics Inc., Native Americans will constitute 0.4 percent of the states total population on that date.

1,058
Population in the Sac and Fox/Meskwaki American Indian Area according to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey.

2,805
The number of American Indian and Alaska native families in 2019 who reside in Iowa.

46.0%
Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native married-couple families with related children under 18 years of age. This compares to 39.3% for the state of Iowa.

10.4%
Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native population under age 5 in 2019. This compares to 6.2 percent for the state of Iowa.

40.5
The median age of Iowa’s American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2019. The median age for the state was 38.5.
### Education

**1,957**  
The number of Native Americans enrolled in the state’s elementary and high schools during the 2019-2020 school year.

**-23.8%**  
*Source: Iowa Department of Education*

**82.0%**  
The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2019. For the state of Iowa it was 92.6%.

**281**  
Number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2019. (e.g., master’s, professional, doctorate.)

**8.3%**  
The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, with a bachelor’s degree or higher in 2019. In Iowa it was 29.3%.

### Migration

**53.8%**  
The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2019 who were born in Iowa. This compares to 69.7% of the total population in Iowa who were born in the state.

**83.0%**  
The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2019 who lived in the same house last year. For the entire state of Iowa, that percentage was 86.1%.

### Housing

**52.4%**  
The percentage in Iowa of households with a householder who is American Indian and Alaska Native in Iowa who own their home in 2019. This compares with 70.5% for the state of Iowa.

**72.4%**  
The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2019 who live in an urban area. This compares with 64.3% for the state of Iowa.
Occupation
Source: 2012-2016 American Community Survey

- **28.9%**
  - The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in service occupations in 2019.

- **22.1%**
  - The percent in 2019 of Iowa American and Alaska natives in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

- **1,232**
  - Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in management, business, science and arts occupations in 2019.

- **886**
  - The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in sales and services occupations in 2019.

Businesses and Jobs

- **1,057**
  - The number of American Indian-- and Alaska Native-owned firms in 2012.

- **65.2%**
  - The percent increase in American Indian-- and Alaska Native-owned firms between 2002 and 2012.
  - Source: Survey of Business Owners

- **8.8%**
  - The unemployment rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2019. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 4.9%.

Disability

- **24.0%**
  - The percent of Native Americans in Iowa with a disability in 2019. The percentage of all Iowans with a disability is 11.8%.

Income, poverty, and health insurance

- **$26,255**
  - The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives households in 2019. The median household income for the state was $61,689.

- **$27,589**
  - The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native families in 2019. The median family income for the state was $78,152.

- **$16,589**
  - The per capita income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2019. The per capita income for the state was $33,107.

- **18.1%**
  - The percent of the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population with no health insurance coverage in 2019. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 5.0%.

- **31.7%**
  - The poverty rate for the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2019. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 11.2%.

- **2.81**
  - The average household size for American Indian and Alaska Native households in Iowa. The average household size for the state of Iowa is 2.4.
In 2019, over one third of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population live in Woodbury, Polk, Tama, and Pottawattamie counties. The percent of total population in Tama County who are American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2019 is 8.6%. The next county with high percentages of American Indian and Alaska Natives is Woodbury with 2.9%. Over one-half of the growth in Iowa’s Native American population from 2000-2019 occurred in ten counties: Black Hawk, Dallas, Johnson, Linn, Plymouth, Polk, Pottawattamie, Tama, Wapello, and Woodbury. The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Sioux City making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any city in Iowa. The percentage of Iowa’s total American Indian and Alaska Natives population living in cities: Sioux City, Des Moines, Davenport, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Tama, and Iowa City. The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Woodbury County in 2019, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any Iowa county.