



## Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance

**\$40,740**

Median household income in 2017 with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2017 was \$58,570.

**6.6%**

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2017, compared to 10.7% for all Iowans.

**1,898**

The number of Iowans 65 years and over without health insurance coverage in 2017. That is 0.4% of that population without health insurance coverage. The percentage of the total population in Iowa without health insurance coverage was 4.7%.

**492,194**

The number of 2017 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$685,879,000 total benefits.

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

## Voting

**78.5%**

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older who were citizens and registered to vote in the 2018 general election, the highest rate of any age group.

**30.1%**

Percent of the votes cast by citizens age 65 and older in the 2018 election.

Data provided by the Iowa Secretary of State

## Education

**89.7%**

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2017 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 92.1%.

**22.6%**

Percentage of the population age 65 and older in 2017 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 28.9%.



## Migration

**94.7%**

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who did not move between 2016 and 2017. This can be compared to 85.4% for the state as a whole.

**4,479**

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2016 and 2017. This represented only 5.0% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.

**73.0%**

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2017 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 70.2%.

**Serving Our  
Nation  
19.3%**

Percentage of people in 2017 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.

## Disability

**151,128**

The number of Iowans in 2017 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

**37.0%**

The percent of Iowa veterans in 2017 age 65 and over with a disability.

**150,871**

The number of people 65 & over in 2017 with a disability that have private as well as public insurance.

Type of Disability: 2017 Population 65 and over	
Hearing difficulty	69,157
Vision difficulty	21,576
Cognitive difficulty	28,547
Ambulatory difficulty	87,183
Self-care difficulty	29,905
Independent living difficulty	53,767

## Employment

**19.5%**

Labor force participation rate for Iowans age 65 and older in 2017. There were 102,067 Iowans age 65 and over in the labor force.

**1.5%**

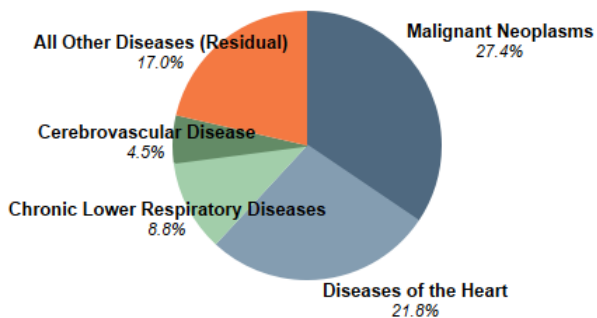
The unemployment rate in 2017 for Iowans age 65 and over.



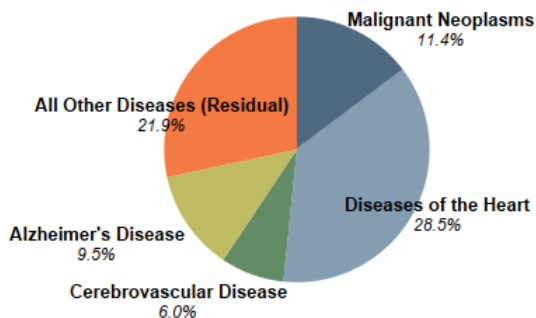
## Vital Stats

### Leading causes of death by age group: 2017

Age 65 to 84 years of age



85 years of age and over



Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2017

Disease of the heart: 23.4%

Malignant Neoplasms: 21.1%

Chronic lower respiratory: 6.3%

Alzheimer's Disease: 5.2%

Unintentional injuries: 5.0%

Other: 39.0%

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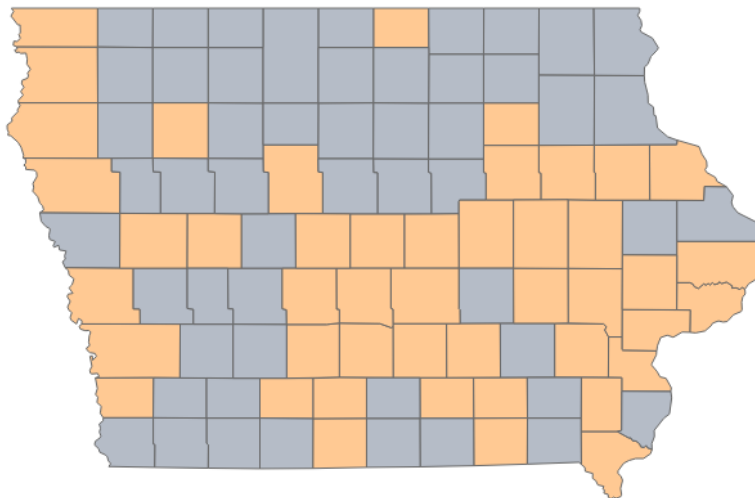
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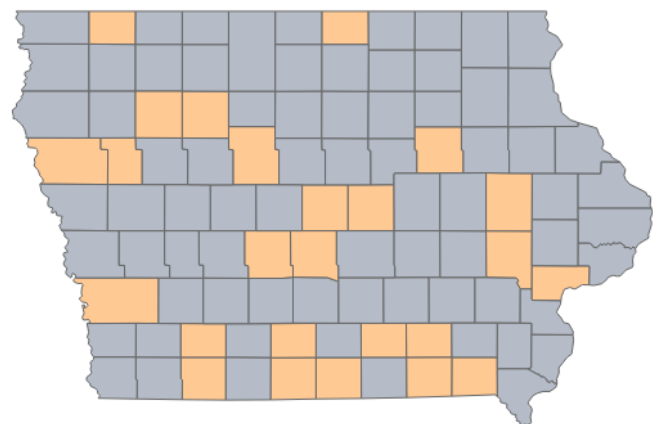


2017



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

2050



# Counties and Cities

Data Source (unless otherwise noted):  
 U.S. Census Bureau,  
 American Community  
 Survey, 2017  
 Woods & Poole  
 Economics, Inc. 2018  
 Photos by:  
 the U.S. Census Bureau

**61,337**

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2017.

**15**

The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2010 and 2016.

**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.

**25.4%**

The percent of total population in Dickinson county who are age 65 and over in 2017. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Audubon (24.4%), Monona (24.4%), Ringgold (23.8%), and Cherokee (23.5%).

**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.

**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%).

**43.8%**

Over a third of Iowans age 65 and over in 2017 lived in these 10 counties: Polk, Linn, Scott, Black Hawk, Dubuque, Johnson, Pottawattamie, Woodbury, Story, and Dallas.

**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.