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Native Americans in Iowa: 2024

November 2024

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.

20,2015

The number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Iowa according to the 2023 Annual Population Estimates. This is an 82.4% increase in population between 2010 and 2023.

1,142

Population in the Sac and Fox/Meskwiaki American Indian Area according to the 2020 Census.

12,536

The projected American Indian and Alaska Native non Hispanic population of Iowa in 2060. According to Woods & Poole Economics Inc., Native Americans will constitute 0.4 percent of the states total population on that date.

2024 Woods & Poole Economics Inc.

34.5
The median age of Iowa's American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2023. The median age for the state was 39.1.

Families and Children

2,546

The number of American Indian and Alaska native families in 2022 who reside in Iowa.

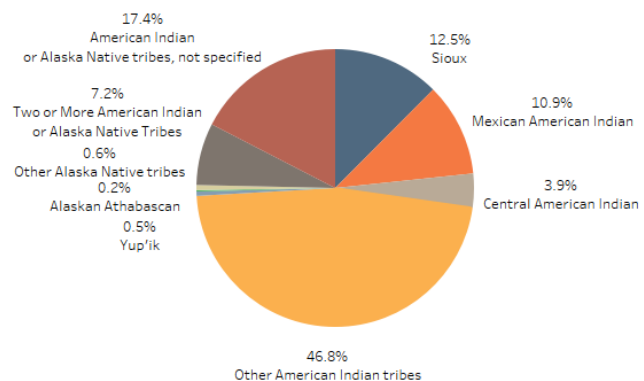
75.0%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native married-couple families with related children under 18 years of age in 2022. This compares to 38.9% for the state of Iowa.

9.6%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native population under age 5 in 2023. This compares to 5.8 percent for the state of Iowa.
2023 Annual Population Estimates

American Indian and Alaska Natives in Iowa by Selected Tribe
2018-2022 American Community Survey



Education

1,694

The number of Native Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2023-2024 school year.

-33.2%

Percent decrease in Native American enrollment between the 2009-2010 school year and 2023-2024.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

66.9%

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2023. For the state of Iowa it was 93.3%.

11.9%

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2023. For the state of Iowa it was 31.5%.

304

Number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2023. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

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234

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2023.

Disability
17.0%

The percent of Native Americans in Iowa with a disability in 2023. The percentage of all Iowans with a disability is 13.2%.

Migration

36.1%

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2023 who were born in Iowa. This compares to 69.5% of the total population in Iowa who were born in the state.

79.1%

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2022 who lived in the same house the previous year. For the entire state of Iowa, that percentage was 87.2%.

Employment

2.8%

The unemployment rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2023. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 2.8%.

661

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in sales and services occupations.

826

Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in management, business, science and arts occupations.

25.0%

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in service occupations.

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey

23.4%

The percent of Iowa American and Alaska natives in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

Housing

52.9%

The percentage in Iowa of households with a householder who is American Indian and Alaska Native in Iowa who own their home in 2023. This compares with 71.8% for the state of Iowa.

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Counties and cities

3,443
The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Woodbury County in 2023, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any Iowa county.

34.5%
In 2023, a third of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population live in Woodbury, Polk, and Tama counties.

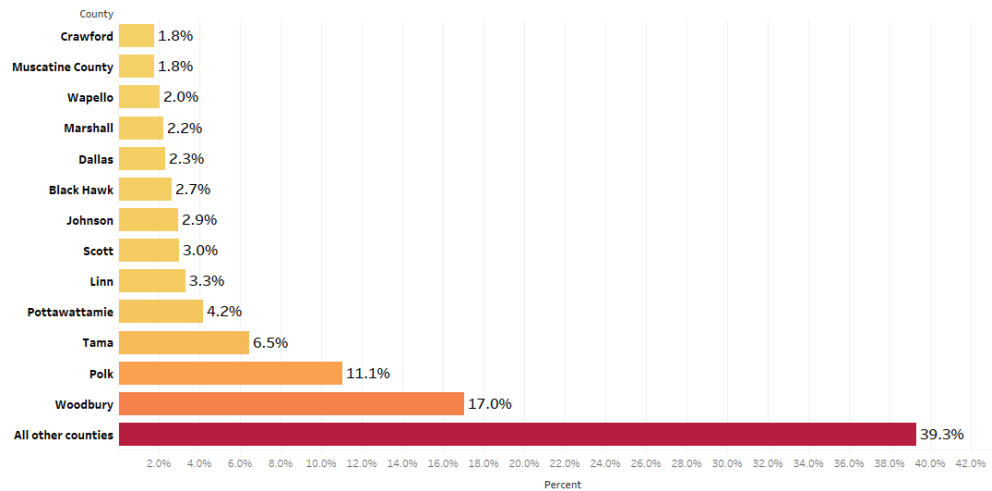
1,729
The population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Sioux City making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any city in Iowa.

50.2%
The growth in Iowa's Native American population from 2000-2023 occurred in ten counties: Black Hawk, Crawford, Dallas, Johnson, Marshall, Polk, Pottawattamie, Tama, Wapello, and Woodbury.

7.7%
The percent of total population in Tama County who are American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2023. The next county with a high percentage of American Indian and Alaska Natives is Woodbury with 3.2%.
2023 Annual Population Estimates

32.9%
The percentage of Iowa's total American Indian and Alaska Natives population living in five cities: Sioux City, Des Moines, Marshalltown, Davenport, and Council Bluffs.
2018-2022 American Community Survey

Percent of Iowa's Total American Indian and Alaska Native population: 2023



Income, poverty, and health insurance

\$50,847
The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives households in 2023. The median household income for the state was \$71,433.

\$71,206
The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native families in 2023. The median family income for the state was \$92,352.

17.4%
The percent of the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population with no health insurance coverage in 2022. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 5.0%

\$34,448
The per capita income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2023. The per capita income for the state was \$39,518.

22.6%
The poverty rate for the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2023. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 11.3%