

Profile of Child Well-Being in Winneshiek County



Population Profile

The population 17 years of age or younger in Winneshiek County in 2000 was 4,900, a decrease of 4.5 percent since 1990. According to projections, the youth population will decline to 3,984 by 2020.

In Winneshiek County, youth accounted for 23.0 percent of the total population in 2000 compared to 25.1 percent statewide. Minority youth in the county numbered 149 in 2000 and are projected to increase to 276 by 2020.

1. Population 17 Years or Younger

	Winneshiek County			
	1990	2000	2010*	2020*
Total population	20,847	21,310	21,559	21,964
Percent 17 or younger	24.6	23.0	18.1	18.1
Population 17 or younger	5,131	4,900	3,900	3,984
0 to 4 years	1,413	1,088	1,012	1,076
5 to 9 years	1,487	1,310	1,003	1,107
10 to 14 years	1,448	1,511	1,071	1,114
15 to 17 years	783	991	814	687
Minority^ Population 17 or younger	n/a	149	162	276
0 to 4 years	n/a	51	60	80
5 to 9 years	n/a	39	50	80
10 to 14 years	n/a	40	40	76
15 to 17 years	n/a	19	12	40
Female Population 17 or younger	2,532	2,386	1,945	1,978
0 to 4 years	705	550	493	528
5 to 9 years	727	624	501	546
10 to 14 years	721	724	558	554
15 to 17 years	379	488	393	350
Male Population 17 or younger	2,599	2,514	1,955	2,006
0 to 4 years	708	538	519	548
5 to 9 years	760	686	502	561
10 to 14 years	727	787	513	560
15 to 17 years	404	503	421	337

^ Minority includes all persons except white non-Hispanics.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1, *Projections by Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., 2004

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Health Profile

As the number of total births in Winneshiek County dropped from 1999 to 2003, the number of births to teens decreased by 5. In 1999, births to teens accounted for 6.5 percent of total births in the county compared to 3.9 percent in 2003.

Teen parenting is used as a predictor of future economic hardship for both parents and children. Teen parents are often less able to provide positive, safe and caring environments, or family stability.

In Winneshiek County, 4.4 percent of total births in 2003 were low birthweight compared to 6.6 percent statewide.

Low birthweight (less than 5.5 pounds or 2,500 grams) can be an indicator of mothers not receiving adequate prenatal care and is often a good predictor of future health and developmental complications.

Early and ongoing prenatal care increases the chances of delivering healthy, full-term, and normal weight babies. Rates are per 1,000 live births.

For the period from 1998 to 2001, the rate of mothers in Winneshiek County receiving prenatal care during the first trimester of their pregnancy was 861.9 compared to 869.8 statewide.

2. Births to Teens, Low Birthweight Births, Pre-natal Care, and Immunizations

Year	Births to Teens			Low Birthweight Births			1st Trimester Prenatal Care			Full Immunizations*		
	Winneshiek County	State	% of total births	Winneshiek County	State	% of total births	Winneshiek County	State	rate (per 1,000 live births)	Winneshiek County	State	% fully immunized
1999	12	6.5	10.6	8	4.3	6.2	---	---	---	87.0	84.0	84.0
2000	15	7.9	10.0	12	6.3	6.1	---	---	---	90.0	86.0	86.0
2001	11	5.4	9.6	11	5.4	6.4	861.9	869.8	869.8	87.0	88.0	88.0
2002	11	5.6	9.0	14	7.1	6.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.0	85.0	85.0
2003	7	3.9	8.7	8	4.4	6.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	81.0	89.0	89.0

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

* NOTE: Immunization data reflect only one site per county so should be interpreted with caution.

In Winneshiek County in 2003, 81 percent of children 24 months of age were reported to be fully immunized compared to 87 percent in 1999. Percentages for the state were 89 in 2003 and 84 in 1999.

Fully immunized = 4 DTP/DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 Hep. B by 24 months of age.

Infant mortality is considered one of the best overall measures of health care accessibility and quality in that it measures the health of the most vulnerable in a given population. The infant mortality rate is the number of infants who die before their first birthday per 1,000 live births.

In Winneshiek County, the infant mortality rate from 2001 to 2003 was 1.7, lower than the county rate of 1995-1998 and lower than the statewide rate of 5.5 in 2001-2003 period.

NOTE: Due to the relatively low number of births, infant deaths, and child deaths per year in many of Iowa's counties, users are encouraged to use 3-5 year averages for comparative purposes. These are presented in Tables 3 and 4.





3. Infant Mortality

Year	Winneshiek County		State	
	n	rate	n	rate
1995-1997	2	3.1	7.1	7.1
1998-2000	4	6.8	6.2	6.2
2001-2003	1	1.7	5.5	5.5

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

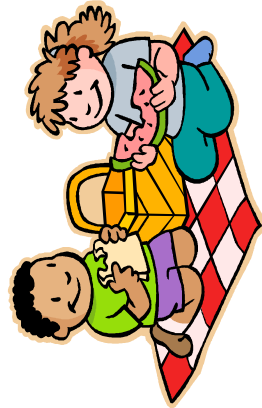
From 2000 to 2002, the child death rate in Winneshiek County was 0.2 compared to the state's rate of 0.2

Child deaths include deaths to all children ages 1 to 14. Child death rates are the number of deaths in this population per 1,000 total population age 1 to 14.

4. Child Death Rates

Year	Winneshiek County		State	
	n	rate	n	rate
2000-2002	2	0.2	0.2	0.2

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health



Education Profile

In Winneshiek County, 56 children were enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten during the 2003-04 school year. This was a 16 child decrease from 2000-01.

Pre-Kindergarten students often demonstrate stronger early reading and math skills than non PK students.

5. Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment

	Winneshiek County		State	
2000-2001	72	5,797	5,714	5,714
2001-2002	71	5,714	5,949	5,949
2002-2003	55	5,949	6,907	6,907
2003-2004	56	6,907		

Source: Iowa Department of Education

The Allamakee, Clayton, Howard & Winneshiek County Empowerment Area reported at least 32.2 percent of its kindergartners consistently displaying school-ready behaviors in the five areas. Statewide at least 35.9 percent of kindergarten students were reported as school ready.

"School readiness" is the result of kindergarten teachers being asked to assess their students in 5 areas: communication skills, cognitive skills, self-management skills, motor skills, and social-emotional development. Teachers report the degree to which behaviors within these five areas are observable ranging from "rarely" to "consistently".

6. School Readiness*, 2002-2003

	Empowerment Area		State	
Motor Skills ¹	49.0	48.8	48.8	48.8
Communication Skills ²	32.2	35.9	35.9	35.9
Cognitive Skills ³	41.3	44.5	44.5	44.5
Social/Emotional Dev. ⁴	46.6	50.1	50.1	50.1
Self-Management Skills ⁵	45.1	43.0	43.0	43.0

* Percent reported "consistently observed"

Source: Iowa Department of Education

- ¹ Include coordination and balance, using scissors, etc.
- ² Include the ability to ask and answer questions, communicate needs, etc.
- ³ Include using a variety of words to describe a shape or color, ability to sort objects into categories, etc.
- ⁴ Includes ability to build relationships with adults and peers, express emotions and feelings, etc.
- ⁵ Includes ability to follow classroom rules and routines, take responsibility for personal belongings, etc.

Economic Profile

During the 2003-04 school year, 20.3 percent of K-12 students in Winneshiek County were eligible for free or reduced-price school compared to 18.3 percent in 2000-01. Statewide a total of 144,000 students (30.0%) were eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Because eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals is an annual measure, it is a good indicator of the economic well-being of children in a community. Families with incomes 135% or less of the federal poverty threshold are eligible for free meals, those with incomes 136% to 180% of poverty are eligible for reduced-price meals.

7. Eligibility for Free or Reduced-Price School Meals

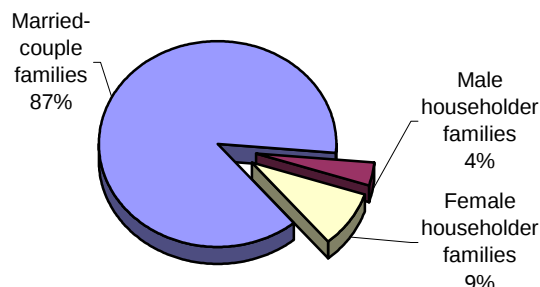
	Number Eligible for Free Meals		Number Eligible for Reduced-Price Meals		Percentage Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals	
	Winneshiek County	State	Winneshiek County	State	Winneshiek County	State
2000-01	297	93,823	214	37,754	18.3	26.7
2001-02	287	93,062	179	36,492	17.3	26.7
2002-03	318	100,544	179	36,870	19.5	28.5
2003-04	352	107,324	167	36,907	20.3	30.0

Source: Iowa Department of Education

Family Living Profile

While the majority of the 4,760 children under 18 years of age in Winneshiek County in 2000 resided in a two-parent family, 12.4 percent lived in a family headed by a single parent.

Children by Family Type, 2000



Source: Census 2000, SF1, US Bureau of the Census

In Winneshiek County, 84.9 percent of children under 6 living in a family or subfamily had all parents in the labor force compared to 71.4 percent statewide. All parents includes both parents in a married-couple family and the parent in a male- or female-headed family.

Safety Profile

The number of confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect in Winneshiek County in 2003 was 47, an increase of 2 since 1999.

9. Confirmed Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect

	Winneshiek County	State
1999	45	9,588
2000	30	10,821
2001	40	12,793
2002	42	12,292
2003	47	14,936

Source: Iowa Department of Human Services

In 2003, Winneshiek County reported 324 Group A and 1,012 Group B arrests per 100,000 juveniles compared to rates of 2,003 and 1,180, respectively, for the state.

Source and further details available @ http://www.dps.state.ia.us/documents_repository/DPS/2003/iacrim_e/iacrim.htm

Juvenile arrests are reported in 2 groups, Group A offenses include such crimes as murder, rape, burglary and drug violations while Group B offenses include curfew, drunkenness and runaways.

8. Employment Status of Parents with Young Children, 2000

	Winneshiek County		State
	n	%	%
Total Own Children in Families			
Under 6 years:	1,307		
Living with 2 parents	1,154		
Both parents in labor force	973	84.3	69.2
Living with father only	57		
Father in labor force	57	100.0	88.8
Living with mother only	96		
Mother in labor force	79	82.3	71.4

Source: Census 2000, SF3, US Bureau of the Census