

Iowa Metropolitan Areas and Geographic Components: 1950-2003

Metropolitan Statistical Area	2003	1999	1993	1990	1983	1981	1980	1973	1970	1963	1960	1950
Ames, IA MSA												
Story county, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cedar Rapids, IA MSA												
Benton county, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Jones county, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Linn county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA												
Henry county, IL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	---	---
Mercer county, IL	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rock Island county, IL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Scott county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Des Moines, IA MSA												
Dallas county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Guthrie county, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Madison county, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Polk county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Warren county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	---	---	---	---
Dubuque, IA MSA												
Dubuque county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	---
Iowa City, IA MSA												
Johnson county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	---	---	---	---	---	---
Washington, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Omaha, NE-IA MSA												
Harrison county, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mills county, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pottawattamie county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cass county, NE	X	X	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Douglas county, NE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sarpy county, NE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Saunders county, NE	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Washington county, NE	X	X	X	X	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sioux City, IA-NE-SD MSA												
Woodbury county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dakota county, NE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	---	---
Dixon county, NE	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Union county, SD	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA MSA												
Black Hawk county, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	---
Bremer, county, IA	X	---	---	X	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grundy county, IA	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

X Included in the Metropolitan Area
 --- Not included in the Metropolitan Area

Note: The United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas according to published standards that are applied to Census Bureau data. The general concept of a metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area is that of a core area containing a substantial population nucleus, together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with that core.

Standard definitions of metropolitan areas were first issued in 1949 by the then Bureau of the Budget (predecessor of OMB), under the designation "standard metropolitan area" (SMA). The term was changed to standard metropolitan statistical area (SMSA) in 1959, and to "metropolitan statistical area" (MSA) in 1983. The term "metropolitan area" (MA) was adopted in 1990 and referred collectively to metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSAs), and primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSAs). The term "core based statistical area" (CBSA) became effective in 2000 and refers collectively to metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas.

OMB has been responsible for the official metropolitan areas since they were first defined, except for the period 1977 to 1981, when they were the responsibility of the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, Department of Commerce. The standards for defining metropolitan areas were modified in 1958, 1971, 1975, 1980, 1990, and 2000.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/pastmetro.html>

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