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# Native Americans in Iowa: 2023

November 2023

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.

## 18,984

The number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Iowa according to the 2022 Annual Population Estimates. This is an 71.3% increase in population between 2000 and 2022.

## 1,142

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

## 11,049

The projected American Indian and Alaska Native non Hispanic population of Iowa in 2060. According to Woods & Poole Economics Inc., Native Americans will constitute 0.3 percent of the states total population on that date.  
2023 Woods & Poole Economics Inc.

## 31.6

The median age of Iowa's American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2022. The median age for the state was 38.9.

## Families and Children

### 2,546

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

### 75.0%

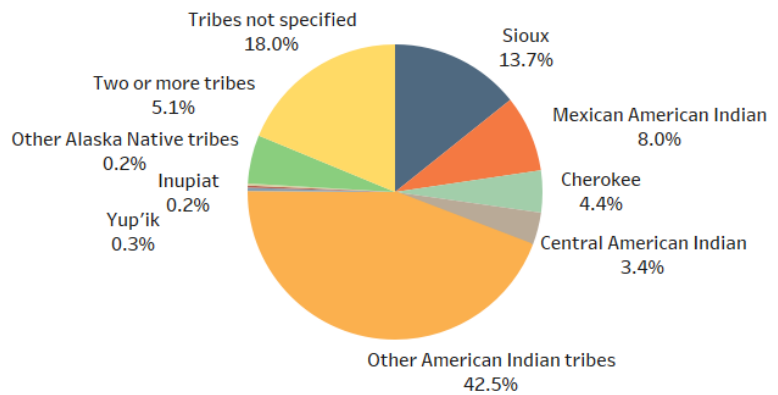
Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native married-couple families with related children under 18 years of age in 2022. This compares to 38.9% for the state of Iowa.

### 10.5%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native population under age 5 in 2022. This compares to 5.8 percent for the state of Iowa.  
2022 Annual Population Estimates

### American Indian and Alaska Natives in Iowa by Selected Tribe

2017-2021 American Community Survey



## Education

**1,695**

The number of Native Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

**-34.0%**

Percent decrease in Native American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2022-2023.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**76.3%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2022. For the state of Iowa it was 93.5%.

**12.3%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2022. In Iowa it was 32.3%.

**155**

Number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2022. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

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**1,044**

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2022.

**Disability**  
**22.0%**

The percent of Native Americans in Iowa with a disability in 2022. The percentage of all Iowans with a disability is 12.8%.

**Migration**

**49.0%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2022 who were born in Iowa. This compares to 70.1% 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

**8.5%**

The unemployment rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2021. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 3.6%.

**929**

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

**22.0%**

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

**683**

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

**24.9%**

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

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey

**Housing**

**40.1%**

The percentage in Iowa of households with a householder who is American Indian and Alaska Native in Iowa who own their home in 2022. This compares with 72.0% for the state of Iowa.

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2022 American Community Survey  
2020 Decennial Census  
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## Counties and cities

**3,411**

The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Woodbury County in 2022, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any Iowa county.

**35.4%**

In 2022, a third of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population live in Woodbury, Polk, and Tama counties.

**1,865**

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.

**51.3%**

The growth in Iowa's Native American population from 2000-2022 occurred in ten counties: Black Hawk, Crawford, Dallas, Johnson, Marshall, Polk, Pottawattamie, Tama, Wapello, and Woodbury.

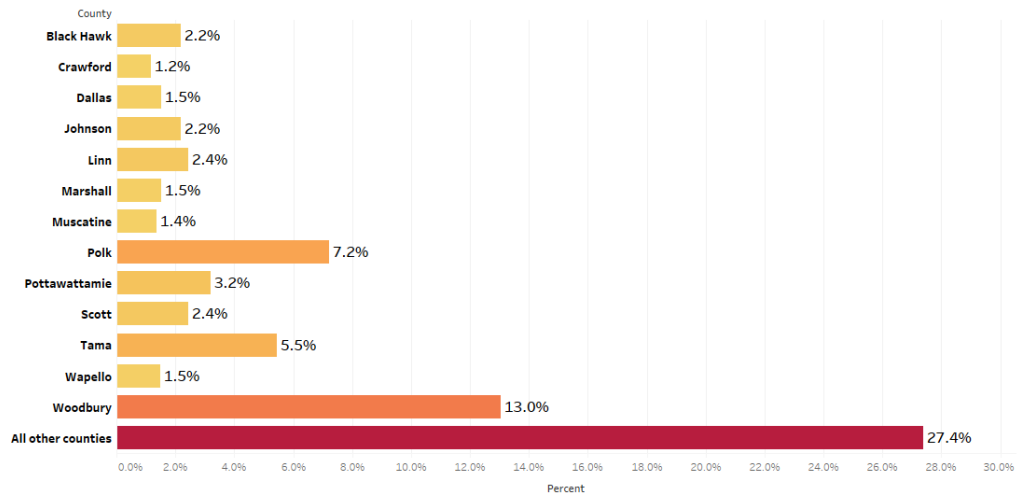
**8.4%**

The percent of total population in Tama County who are American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2021. The next county with a high percentage of American Indian and Alaska Natives is Woodbury with 3.2%.  
*2021 Annual Population Estimates*

**18.1%**

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.  
*2017-2021 American Community Survey*

Percent of Iowa's Total American Indian and Alaska Native population: 2022



## Income, poverty, and health insurance

**\$38,997**

The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives households in 2022. The median household income for the state was \$69,588.

**\$37,981**

The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native families in 2022. The median family income for the state was \$90,851.

**10.8%**

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 4.5%

**\$19,255**

The per capita income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2022. The per capita income for the state was \$38,917.

**36.0%**

The poverty rate for the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2022. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 11.0%