



# Iowa Demographics

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding demographic information about Iowa, its counties and cities.

## For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *Iowa's Counties: Selected Population Trends, Vital Statistics, and Socioeconomic Data* (2001)

## Key Resources at a Glance:

- The State Data Center of Iowa website [www.iowadatacenter.org](http://www.iowadatacenter.org) Population, housing, business and government statistics about Iowa, including data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Iowa state agencies, and other state and federal sources.
- The U.S. Census Bureau American FactFinder <http://factfinder.census.gov> . Population, housing, economic, and geographic data
- "Population Trends in Iowa's Counties: 1850-2000" by Willis Goudy and Sandra Charvat Burke. *Iowa's Counties: Selected Population Trends, Vital Statistics, and Socioeconomic Data* (2001)

## Reference Background

- *America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities, A statistical profile* (2004/05)
- *The Community Sourcebook of ZIP Code Demographics* (2004)
- *The Community Sourcebook of County Demographics*, (2004)
- *CQ's State Fact Finder* (2004)
- *State Rankings* (2004)
- *Statistical Abstract of the United States* (2004-2005)
- *2004 State Profile Iowa Woods & Poole Economics* (2004)

## Resources

### Books

- *Broken Heartland: The Rise of America's Rural Ghetto*, by Osha Gray Davidson (1996)
- *The Changing American Countryside: Rural People and Places*, edited by Emery N. Castle (1995)
- *Outside In, African American History in Iowa: 1838-2000*, edited by Bill Silag, Susan Koch-Bridgford & Hal Chase (2001)
- *Postville, A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America*, by Stephen G. Bloom (2000)

### Articles

- "Como Estas, Des Moines?" by Tammerlin Drummond. *Time* (March 19, 2001)

## Search Aids

### Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Iowa census
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Demographics

### Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Census – Iowa
- Demographics
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Population

### Call Number

- 307 (Dewey Decimal)
- 317 (Dewey Decimal)
- HA154-4737 (Library of Congress)

- “Figuring out where those 1.7 kids will go to school,” by Sharon Baltes. *Des Moines Business Record* (June 24, 2004)
- “Is Small-town Iowa Worth It?” by Denise Cardinal. *Des Moines Business Record* (July 15, 1996)
- “Midwest is ‘New Frontier’ for Latinos” *CQ Researcher* (October 17, 2003)
- “Population Trends in Iowa’s Counties: 1850-2000” by Willis Goudy and Sandra Charvat Burke. *Iowa’s Counties: Selected Population Trends, Vital Statistics, and Socioeconomic Data* (2001)
- “Population Trends in Iowa and Other States: 1900-2000” by Willis Goudy. *Iowa’s Counties: Selected Population Trends, Vital Statistics, and Socioeconomic Data* (2001)

### **WebPages and Web Portals**

- Child and Family Policy Center  
<http://www.cfpciowa.org/initiatives/iowa/kids-count>
- Iowa Department of Elder Affairs  
<http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/resources/agingstats.htm>
- Iowa State University Office of SETA  
[www.seta.iastate.edu](http://www.seta.iastate.edu)
- Legislative Fiscal Bureau: “Iowa Fact Book”  
<http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/factbook/factbook.htm>

### **Organizations and Special Collections**

- State Data Center of Iowa (Des Moines, Iowa); 800-248-4483  
[www.iowadatacenter.org](http://www.iowadatacenter.org)

### **Multimedia Resources**

- Iowa By the Numbers (Iowa State University Office of SETA and State Library of Iowa, 2004) [CD-ROM]

\*\* You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: [www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html](http://www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html) \*\*

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