

Better Tomorrows Early Childhood Iowa Community Needs Assessment Data

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Numbers shown in **green** text indicate that the local data is better than the state average or is a notable improvement from the previous year. **Red** text indicates local data that is worse than the state average or worse than the previous year.

About the Kids Count indicators

FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

Child poverty

Children 0-17 who lived below poverty during the year

— U.S. Census Bureau —

Children growing up in poverty (defined here as \$23,850 for a family of four) are much more likely than peers to experience stress and deprivation that hinders development and readiness for school and life.

FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

Unemployment

Individuals 16 and over in the labor force but unemployed

— Iowa Workforce Development —

High levels of unemployment in a community make it difficult for families to move up the economic ladder. It also contributes to family stress when a parent struggles to find work.

SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

Preschool participation

Children ages 3-4 enrolled in preschool

— U.S. Census Bureau —

Children who participate in a high-quality preschool program are more likely to be socially and cognitively ready for kindergarten. The benefits are strongest for low-income children and children facing other risk factors.

SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

4th grade reading

Students proficient on the Iowa Assessments and Iowa Alternate Assessment

— Iowa Department of Education —

Reading proficiently by mid-elementary school is an important predictor of future academic success, including high school graduation, and of economic stability in adulthood.

SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

8th grade math

Students proficient on the Iowa Assessments and Iowa Alternate Assessment

— Iowa Department of Education —

Proficiency in math by the end of middle school prepares students for higher-order math classes they will need to succeed in high school as well as the basic skills needed for adult life.

SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

High school graduation

Public school students entering 9th grade who graduate with their class 4 years later

— Iowa Department of Education —

A high school diploma is the baseline credential needed for higher education, most kinds of job training and many jobs. Adults without one are much more likely to struggle economically.

STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

Teen births

Females ages 15-19 giving birth

— Iowa Department of Public Health —

Children born to teen mothers are more likely to be born prematurely or low birth-weight and to die as infants. Teen mothers are less likely to finish high school or go on to college and more likely to rely on public supports.

STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

Teen unmarried births

Live births that are to unmarried teens

— Iowa Department of Public Health —

Unmarried teen mothers are less likely to ever marry and often face the primary responsibility of parenthood, often without the full physical, emotional and financial resources needed for child rearing.

STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

Single-parent families

Families with children that are headed by a single parent

— U.S. Census Bureau —

Children in single-parent families typically do not have the same economic or human resources available in two-parent families. They are more likely to drop out of school and experience divorce in adulthood.

STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

Child abuse & neglect

Confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect among children 0-17

— Iowa Dept. of Human Services —

Experiencing abuse or neglect is one of the adverse childhood experiences that hinders healthy development — physical, mental and cognitive — and can affect well-being far into adulthood.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

Prenatal care

Live births where prenatal care began in first trimester

— Iowa Department of Public Health —

Early and regular prenatal care — when a health care provider can treat and prevent health problems early — increases the chances of a healthy pregnancy and birth.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

Low birthweight

Live births weighing less than 5.5 pounds

— Iowa Department of Public Health —

Infants born at low birth weight are at higher risk for physical and developmental delays that hinder growth, school readiness and adult health.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

Infant mortality

Deaths of infants before age 1 per 1,000 children

— Iowa Department of Public Health —

In addition to being a child outcome, data on infant mortality is used as a proxy for population health. The many factors that shape population health also shape infant mortality rates.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

Child deaths

Deaths of children ages 1-14 per 100,000 children

— Iowa Department of Public Health —

Child death rates can point to underlying problems and inequities within a community, such as the safety of neighborhoods, access to health care or exposure to environmental toxins.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

Uninsured children

Children 0-18 who are uninsured during the year

— U.S. Census Bureau —

Health coverage is the key that opens the door to the health-care system. Uninsured children are more likely to get timely medical care, including well-child visits, that contributes to overall health.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

WIC Program

Children 0-4 participating in the Women, Infants, & Children program

— Iowa Department of Public Health —

WIC offers supplemental foods, referrals and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and postpartum women and children through age 4.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

Students eligible for free or low-cost meals while at school

— Iowa Department of Education —

This federally funded program provides meals to students. Available to families with incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level, it is a commonly used proxy for poverty.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

Food Assistance

Monthly average of individuals receiving Food Assistance

— Iowa Dept. of Human Services —

The Food Assistance Program (known nationally as SNAP) provides financial assistance that low-income Iowans, including many children and working adults, can use to buy groceries.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

Family Investment Program

Monthly average of individuals participating in FIP

— Iowa Dept. of Human Services —

Iowa's version of the federal TANF program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families for up to 60 months. It serves a small and shrinking share of the population.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

EITC

Individual tax filers who receive the Earned Income Tax Credit

— Internal Revenue Service —

The EITC is recognized across the political spectrum as a successful antipov-erty program that ensures that people who work are able to provide for their families.

1. Graphics & Infographics



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Child Data Snapshot Benton County

Demographic summary (2017)

Total population	25,646	
Under 18	6,166	24.0%
Under 6	1,829	7.1%

Child population (under 18) by race/ethnicity

African American	115	1.9%
Asian	19	0.3%
Native American	11	0.2%
White, non-Hispanic	5,732	93.0%
Other	20	0.3%
Multiple	150	2.4%
Hispanic (any race)	150	2.4%



	Benton County			Iowa		
	2018# Number	2018 Rate/ Percentage	Chg from 2000 [§]	2018# Number	2018 Rate/ Percentage	Chg from 2000 [§]
# § Unless another year indicated below						
FAMILY & COMMUNITY ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Children living under the poverty level	527	9.0%	+18.4%	96,860	13.5%	+25.3%
Unemployed individuals age 16 and over	361	2.7%	+9.9%	42,570	2.5%	-2.6%
SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS						
3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (#2014-18 average)	316	52.8%	-8.7%	37,312	46.9%	+0.1%
Fourth graders proficient in reading (§2003)	180	81.4%	+10.2%	24,650	74.7%	-2.3%
Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (§2003)	216	79.4%	+4.1%	24,749	75.7%	+5.6%
High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)	239	91.6%	+1.2%	32,325	91.5%	+3.1%
STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES						
Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)	75	12.5	+70.1%	11,568	15.8	+54.7%
Single-parent families (#2014-18 average)	744	24.0%	-0.7%	115,352	31.2%	+7.9%
Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)	13	1.6%	-51.2%	1,607	1.5%	-55.1%
Live births that are to unmarried teens	12	4.2%	-35.1%	1,490	4.0%	-52.8%
HEALTHY CHILDREN						
Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (§2007)	252	88.7%	+15.0%	29,583	79.0%	+10.9%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000)	*	*	*	191	5.1	-19.6%
Child deaths (per 100,000)	*	*	*	96	17	-21.5%
Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)	16	5.6%	-30.1%	2,607	6.9%	+12.7%
Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (#2014-18 average)	130	2.0%	N/A	23,736	3.1%	N/A
USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS						
Children 0-4 receiving WIC (§2003)	204	13.1%	-11.3%	51,321	25.9%	-8.3%
Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches	1,049	30.9%	+55.0%	195,532	40.5%	+53.2%
Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (#2017)	1,330	11.1%	+32.1%	204,490	14.0%	+33.7%
Individuals receiving Food Assistance	1,873	7.3%	+197.2%	344,349	10.9%	+156.7%
Individuals participating in Family Investment Program	60	0.2%	-77.8%	19,565	0.6%	-65.0%

* Incidences of five or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality

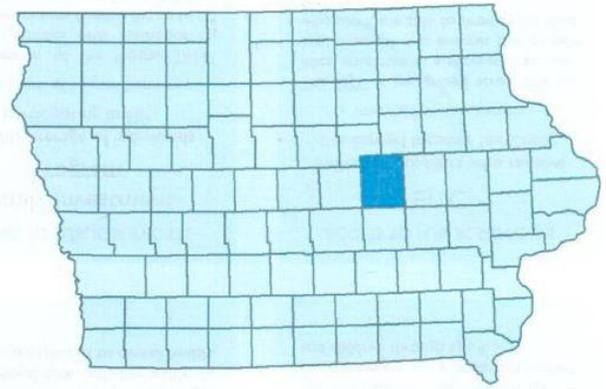


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Child Data Snapshot Tama County

Demographic summary (2017)

Total population	17,236	
Under 18	4,172	24.2%
Under 6	1,231	7.1%
Child population (under 18) by race/ethnicity		
African American	51	1.2%
Asian	8	0.2%
Native American	456	10.9%
White, non-Hispanic	2,893	69.3%
Other	90	2.2%
Multiple	199	4.8%
Hispanic (any race)	706	16.9%



	Tama County			Iowa		
	2018# Number	2018 Rate/ Percentage	Chg from 2000 [§]	2018# Number	2018 Rate/ Percentage	Chg from 2000 [§]
FAMILY & COMMUNITY ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
# § Unless another year indicated below						
Children living under the poverty level	609	15.2%	+22.6%	96,860	13.5%	+25.3%
Unemployed individuals age 16 and over	281	3.0%	-19.3%	42,570	2.5%	-2.6%
SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS						
3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (#2014-18 average)	183	52.6%	+9.7%	37,312	46.9%	+0.1%
Fourth graders proficient in reading (§2003)	97	60.6%	-18.7%	24,650	74.7%	-2.3%
Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (§2003)	123	67.2%	-9.7%	24,749	75.7%	+5.6%
High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)	180	96.8%	+10.6%	32,325	91.5%	+3.1%
STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES						
Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)	92	22.6	+86.4%	11,568	15.8	+54.7%
Single-parent families (#2014-18 average)	640	33.2%	-7.9%	115,352	31.2%	+7.9%
Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)	10	1.9%	-57.7%	1,607	1.5%	-55.1%
Live births that are to unmarried teens	10	5.1%	-47.2%	1,490	4.0%	-52.8%
HEALTHY CHILDREN						
Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (§2007)	155	79.5%	+11.8%	29,583	79.0%	+10.9%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000)	*	*	*	191	5.1	-19.6%
Child deaths (per 100,000)	*	*	*	96	17	-21.5%
Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)	16	8.1%	+6.8%	2,607	6.9%	+12.7%
Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (#2014-18 average)	219	5.1%	N/A	23,736	3.1%	N/A
USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS						
Children 0-4 receiving WIC (§2003)	280	25.5%	-20.3%	51,321	25.9%	-8.3%
Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches	1,229	51.1%	+80.6%	195,532	40.5%	+53.2%
Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (#2017)	1,250	15.0%	+45.2%	204,490	14.0%	+33.7%
Individuals receiving Food Assistance	1,684	10.0%	+226.7%	344,349	10.9%	+156.7%
Individuals participating in Family Investment Program	68	0.4%	-65.5%	19,565	0.6%	-65.0%

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To download data or view data snapshots for other Iowa counties, visit www.cfpciowa.org and click on "Kids Count Data."

Social Characteristics: Benton County, Iowa

2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-year period estimates (unless noted)

County
Benton County

Educational Attainment

(Population 25 years of age and over)

	Estimate	Percent
Population 25 years and over	17,751	100.0%
Less than 9th grade	309	1.7%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	741	4.2%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	6,555	36.9%
Some college, no degree	3,711	20.9%
Associate's degree	2,510	14.1%
Bachelor's degree	2,794	15.7%
Graduate degree or higher	1,131	6.4%



Average Household Size



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Average Family Size

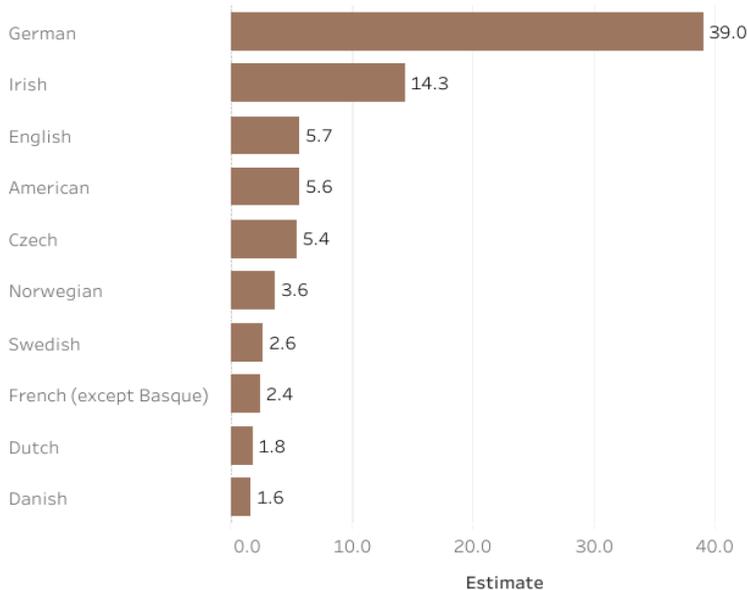


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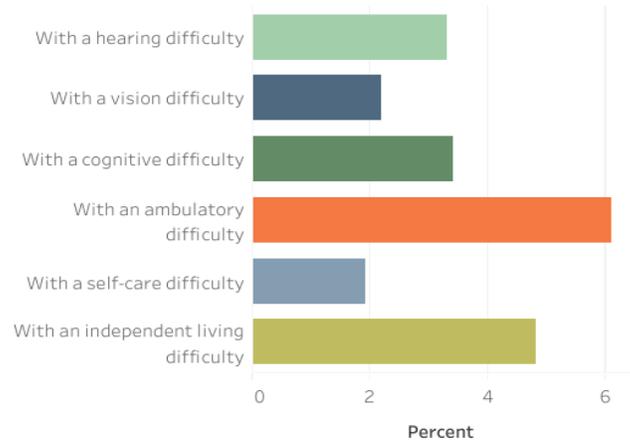
Last Period of Service for Veterans

	Estimate	Percent
Civilian population 18 years and over	19,584	
Total veteran population	1,689	
Gulf War (9/2001 or later)	193	11.4%
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001)	251	14.9%
Vietnam era	621	36.8%
Korean War	191	11.3%
World War II	48	2.8%

Ancestry



Disability status by type of disability



Social Characteristics: Tama County, Iowa

2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-year period estimates (unless noted)

County
Tama County

Educational Attainment

(Population 25 years of age and over)

	Estimate	Percent
Population 25 years and over	11,620	100.0%
Less than 9th grade	443	3.8%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	571	4.9%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	4,652	40.0%
Some college, no degree	2,609	22.5%
Associate's degree	1,511	13.0%
Bachelor's degree	1,362	11.7%
Graduate degree or higher	472	4.1%



Average Household Size



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Average Family Size

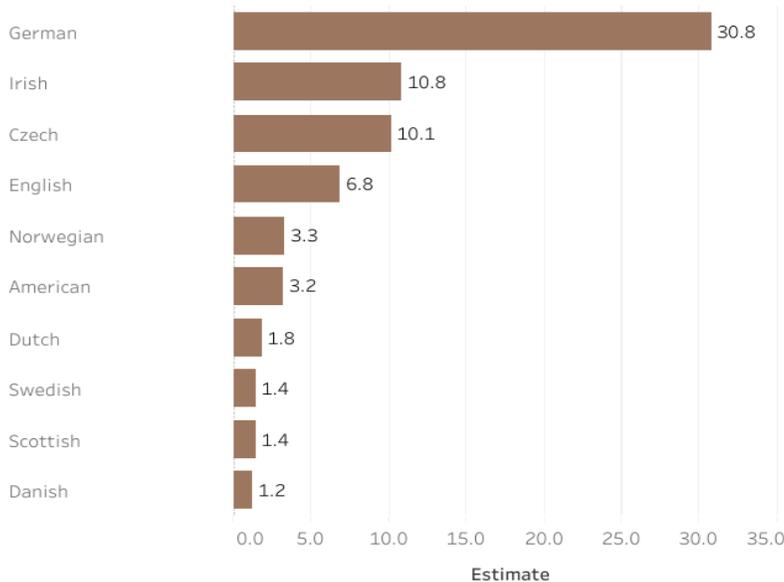


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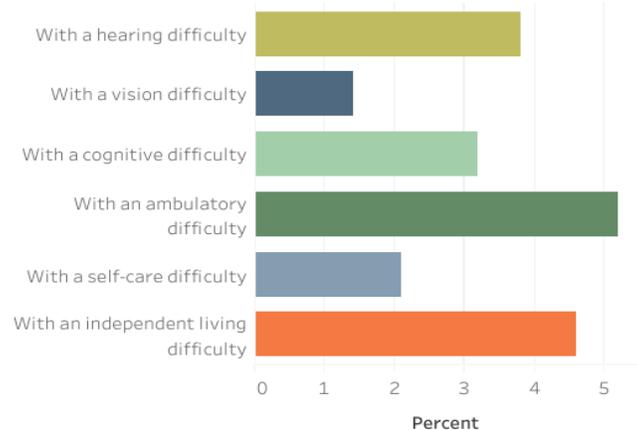
Last Period of Service for Veterans

	Estimate	Percent
Civilian population 18 years and over	12,936	
Total veteran population	1,090	
Gulf War (9/2001 or later)	81	7.4%
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001)	125	11.5%
Vietnam era	453	41.6%
Korean War	131	12.0%
World War II	40	3.7%

Ancestry



Disability status by type of disability



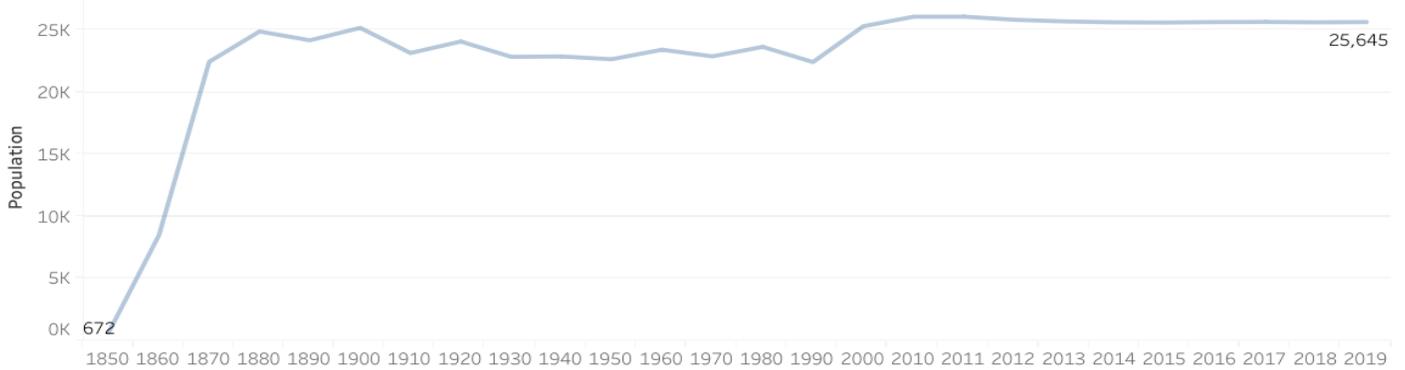
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Demographic Characteristics: Benton County, Iowa

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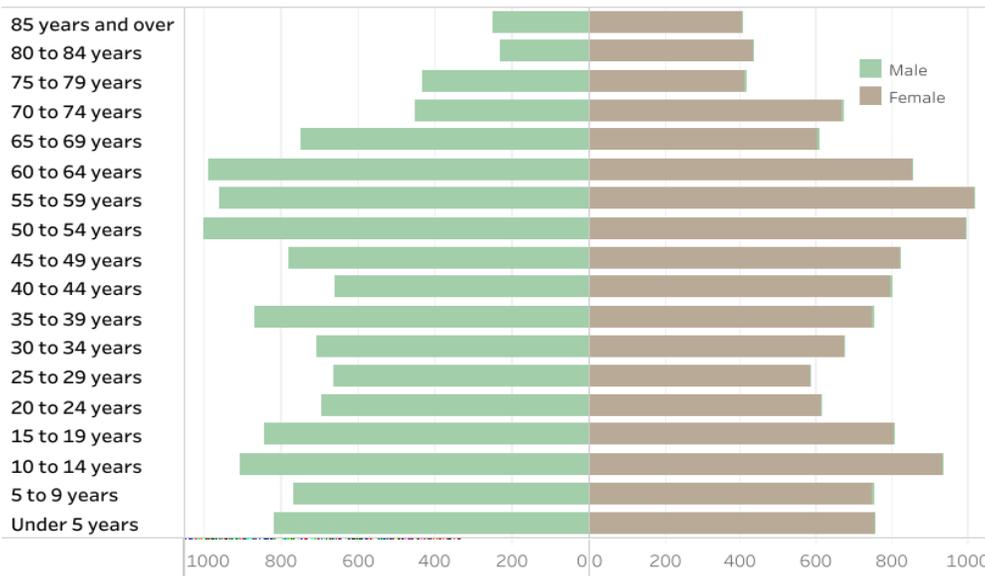
County
Benton County

Benton County total population



1850-2010 Decennial Censuses & 2018 Annual Population Estimates

Population by age and gender



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Median age by race and Hispanic or Latino origin

Total population

Total population

43.5

41.6

42.6

Race and Hispanic Origin

	Estimate	Percent
Total population	25,636	
White alone	24,852	96.9%
Black or African American alone	143	0.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	41	0.2%
Asian alone	85	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alo..	0	0.0%
Some other race alone	179	0.7%
Two or more races	336	1.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	386	1.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	24,618	96.0%

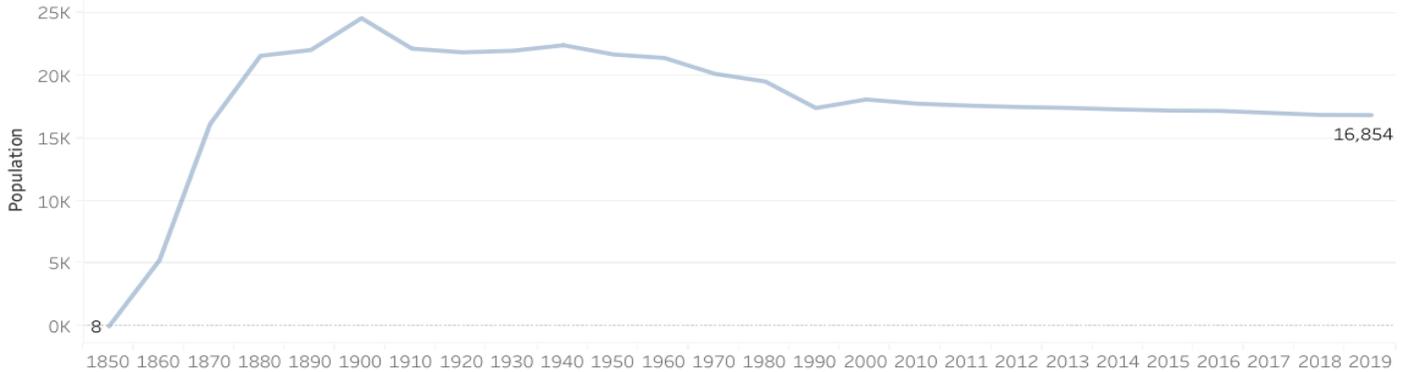
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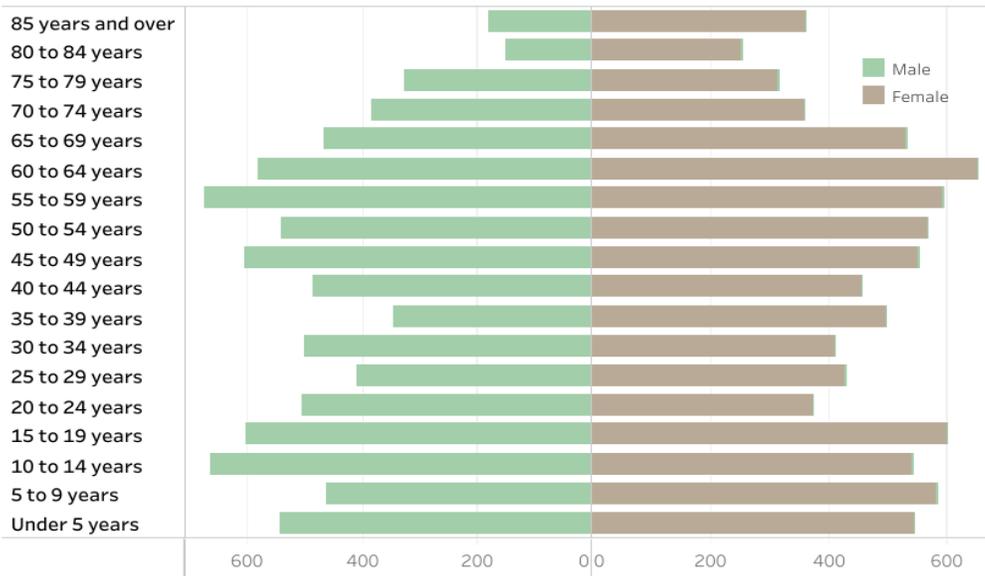
County
Tama County

Tama County total population



1850-2010 Decennial Censuses & 2018 Annual Population Estimates

Population by age and gender



Median age by race and Hispanic or Latino origin

Total population

Total population

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Race and Hispanic Origin

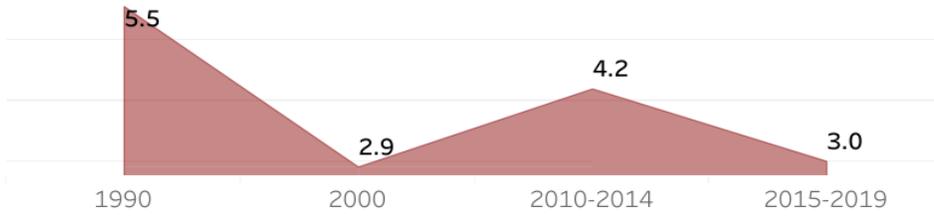
	Estimate	Percent
Total population	17,032	
White alone	14,952	87.8%
Black or African American alone	157	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,438	8.4%
Asian alone	78	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alo..	4	0.0%
Some other race alone	225	1.3%
Two or more races	178	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,666	9.8%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	13,753	80.7%

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Economic Characteristics: Benton County, Iowa

Source: 2000 Census & 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-year period estimates (unless noted)

Unemployment rate



Additional Sources: 1990 Decennial Census & 2009-2013 American Community Survey

County
Benton County



Means of transportation to work

	2000	2015-2019
Car, truck, or van - Drove alone	76.9%	84.3%
Car, truck, or van - Carpooled	13.7%	7.4%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	0.3%	0.3%
Walked	0.2%	3.3%
Other means	2.4%	0.4%
Worked at home	6.3%	4.3%

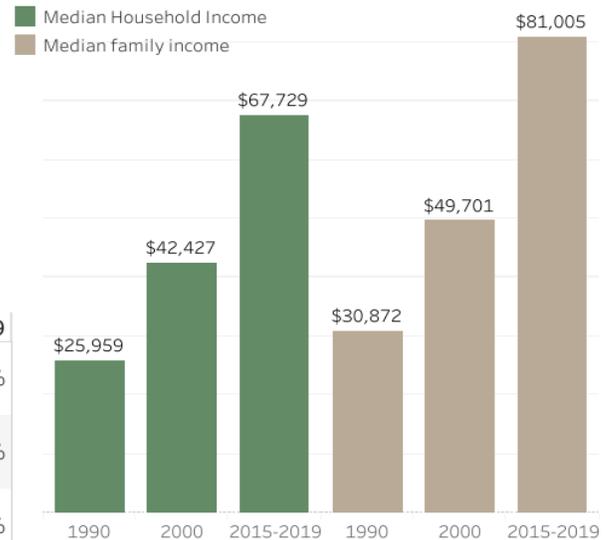
Mean travel time to work



Poverty rates



Median Income



Occupation

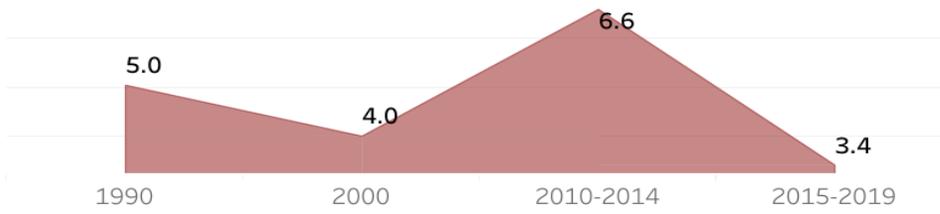
	2000	2015-2019
Management, business, science, and arts	27.7%	31.2%
Sales and office	24.9%	21.3%
Service	14.3%	13.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	12.3%	14.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving	20.8%	19.9%

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Unemployment rate



Additional Sources: 1990 Decennial Census & 2009-2013 American Community Survey

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Tama County



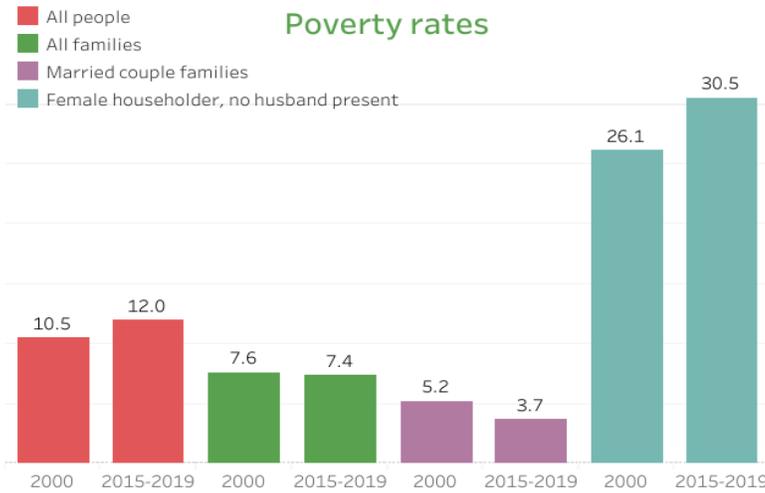
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Other means	3.9%	0.7%
Worked at home	6.8%	5.1%

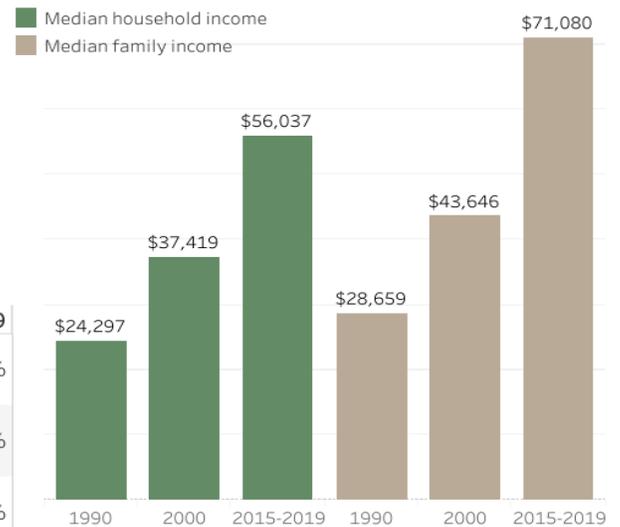
Mean travel time to work



Poverty rates



Median Income



Occupation

	2000	2015-2019
Management, business, science, and arts	26.0%	26.3%
Sales and office	23.3%	19.9%
Service	18.2%	17.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	12.0%	12.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving	20.5%	24.6%

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2. Child Maltreatment and Risk Factors

Confirmed abuse is minor, isolated, and not likely to re-occur, and the perpetrator is not placed on the <https://dhs.iowa.gov/reports/child-abuse-statistic> child abuse registry.

Unique Child Neglect and Abuse data counts each child who is a victim of child abuse once, no matter how many times they may have been reported or victimized.

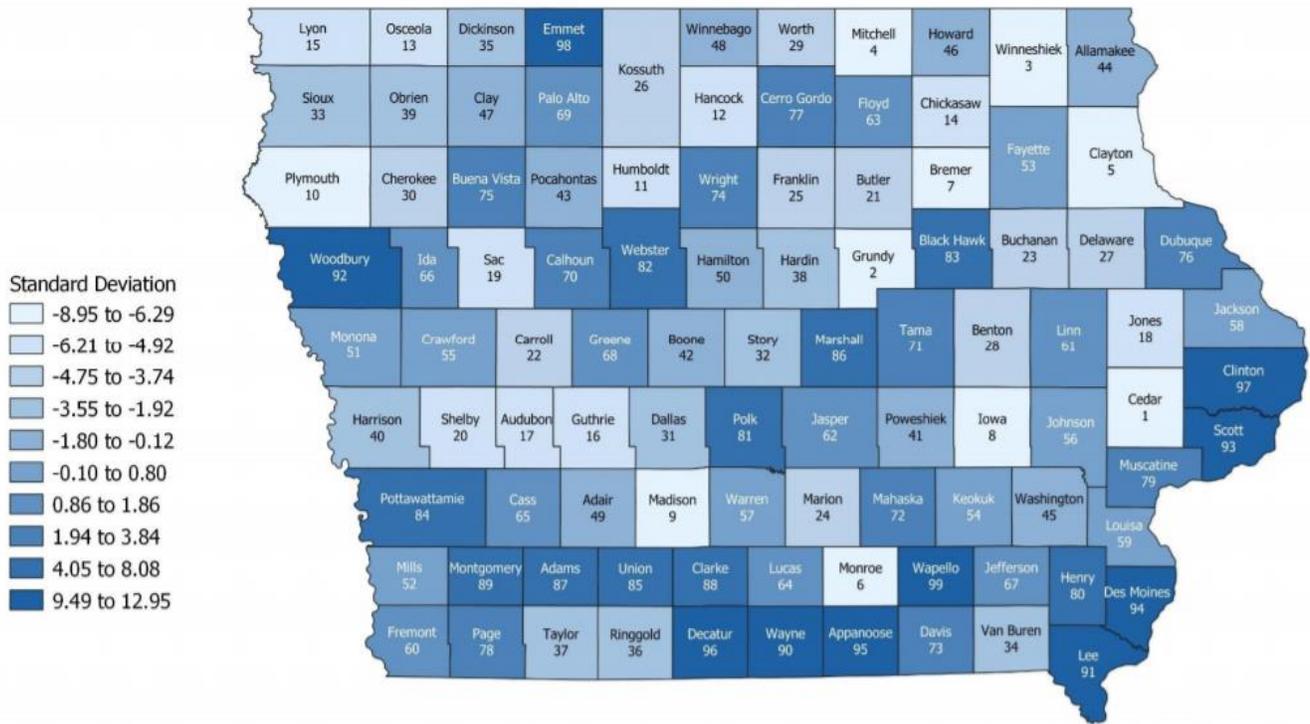
Duplicated Child Neglect and Abuse data counts each child who is a victim of child abuse each time they are victimized. The count “duplicates” for every child who is assessed as a possible victim of neglect or abuse more than once within a year, and if abuse/neglect occurs in multiple category types.

Number of Unique Children with Confirmed or Founded Abuse or Neglect Reports	Benton	Tama
2011	58	63
2012	61	63
2013	48	50
2014	39	35
2015	56	43
2016	24	37
2017	74	82
2018	75	72
2019	84	110
2020	72	117

Child Abuse And Neglect (Per 1,000 Children, Age 0-17)										
Rate of children who are confirmed to have been abused or neglected during the year										
Location	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Benton	13.8	10.2	11.4	10.2	7.4	7.8	9.9	11.3	12.5	13.9
Tama	30.8	19.8	18.9	14.3	12.1	20.9	16.8	15.6	22.6	26.9
State	17.3	16.1	16.1	17.0	10.2	11.4	12.2	12.9	15.8	15.7

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Why This Indicator Matters: Since the lowest rates 2014, the child abuse and neglect rate has increased 69% in Benton County, 87% in Tama County and 55% statewide.



Counties with higher standard deviations (the darkest colors) have higher percentages of abuse, neglect, and all risk factors.

To develop this map, the standard deviations for all risk indicators correlated with maltreatment were summed and then the counties were ranked by the sum. The factors included are child abuse and neglect, child poverty, teen births, low-birthweight births, children living with parents with 4+ ACEs, children living with domestic violence, children living in households where rent is more than 35 percent of income, child population between the ages of zero and five, and children living with mental illness in the family.

[Prevent Child Abuse Iowa 2019 Child Maltreatment & Risk Factors Update](#)

Type of Abuse for Child Victims of Confirmed or Founded Abuse								
Category	Benton				Tama			
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017
Denial of Critical Care	44	64	46	51	89	101	120	76
Physical Abuse	13	13	14	10	12	12	15	5
Presence of Illegal Drugs in Child's System	17	11	23	12	12	12	4	9
Sexual Abuse	11	17	6	14	4	7	6	8
Dangerous Substance	50	37	43	24	97	78	51	9
Age Range of Child Victims:	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017
0-Five Years	37	40	33	35	55	46	55	49
Six – 10 Years	17	17	21	10	28	32	22	25
11+ Years	18	27	21	29	34	32	15	8
Percent Age 0-5	51%	48%	44%	47%	47%	42%	60%	60%

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3. Early Childhood Environments

Child Care Rates Average Per Week	Infant 0-12 Months	Toddler 13-23 Months	2 Years Old	3 Years Old	4 & 5 Years Old	Before & After School	Full-Time School Age
Registered Child Development Homes	Benton: \$145.71	Benton: \$142.86	Benton: \$141.43	Benton: \$140.00	Benton: \$133.57	Benton: \$65.00	Benton: \$118.33
	Tama: \$141.65	Tama: \$141.65	Tama: \$141.65	Tama: \$141.65	Tama: \$134.15	Tama: \$58.12	Tama: \$130.00
	State: \$142.72	State: \$141.55	State: \$139.19	State: \$134.66	State: \$132.92	State: \$64.09	State: \$123.03
DHS Licensed Centers & Preschools	Benton: \$172.50	Benton: \$170.00	Benton: \$157.50	Benton: \$140.00	Benton: \$142.00	Benton: \$59.50	Benton: \$130.50
	Tama: \$165.00	Tama: \$165.00	Tama: \$155.00	Tama: \$147.50	Tama: \$137.50	Tama: \$78.33	Tama: \$130.00
	State: \$208.81	State: \$207.59	State: \$188.22	State: \$177.25	State: \$171.91	State: \$79.08	State: \$150.78

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2020 Child Care & Preschool Providers and Slots				
Category	Benton		Tama	
	Number of Programs	Number of Spaces	Number of Programs	Number of Spaces
Registered Child Development Homes	16	188	14	144
Child Care Homes (unregistered but accepts regulation through Child Care Assistance program)	0	0	0	0
Department of Education Operated Preschools	4	212	0	0
DHS Licensed Child Care Centers/Preschools	9	567	8	439
TOTAL CAPACITY	29	967	22	583
Number of Child Care Programs willing to discuss accepting DHS Child Care Assistance payments	17		19	

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2020 Changes: From 2019 – 2020, Benton County had a 2% increase in the percent of child care programs that accept DHS Child Care Assistance payments and Tama County had a 3% increase.

In 2020, Benton County had a net loss of 44 child care slots, for Tama County, it was 36 slots.

Early Childhood Environments Quality Initiative Participation

Name of Quality Initiative	Type of Early Childhood Environment	Benton			Tama			State		
		2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
ChildNet Certified	Registered Child Development Homes	6%	20%	18%	14%	13%	21%	16%	19%	18%
Quality Rating System Level 1 – 2	Registered Child Development Homes	13%	13%	6%	29%	20%	7%	18%	14%	7%
	DHS Licensed Centers/ Preschools	33%	22%	22%	38%	25%	29%	10%	10%	5%
	DE Operated Preschool	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	.25%	.25%	.5%
Quality Rating System Level 3 – 5	Registered Child Development Homes	6%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	9%	9%	9%
	DHS Licensed Centers & Preschools	33%	22%	22%	13%	25%	14%	35%	34%	29%
	DE Operated Preschool	50%	20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	19%	22%

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Regulated Child Care Capacity as of 9/21/21

Value	Benton County				Tama County			
	Count	Licensed Capacity	Desired Capacity	Total Vacancies	Count	Licensed Capacity	Desired Capacity	Total Vacancies
Child Care Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Home approved for Child Care Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Development Home A	2	16	16	4	7	56	38	8
Child Development Home B	8	96	62	4	4	48	42	13
Child Development Home C	3	48	40	0	1	16	5	0
Child Development Home C1	2	16	16	0	3	24	20	1
Department of Education Preschool	4	212	250	17	0	0	0	0
Licensed Center/Preschool	10	639	550	17	7	462	422	13
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



5 Year Child Care Data

Benton County

Supply & Demand Comparisons	2015	2020	% Change
Total number of child care programs listed with CCR&R	37	29	-22%
Total number of child care spaces listed with CCR&R	805	967	20%
Total number of children age 0-5	1,784	1,840	3%
Families with all parents working and children under age 6	74%	79%	5%

Tama County

Supply & Demand Comparisons	2015	2020	% Change
Total number of child care programs listed with CCR&R	30	22	-27%
Total number of child care spaces listed with CCR&R	545	583	7%
Total number of children age 0-5	1,234	1,270	3%
Families with all parents working and children under age 6	68%	68%	0%
Total children x percentage of families with all parents in the workforce	839	864	3%
Total number of programs reporting they accept DHS child care assistance	27	19	-30%

Cost of Child Care

Weekly cost for an infant in a Child Development Home	\$136.35	\$141.65	4%
Percentage of income if child was in a Child Development Home	12%	11%	-1%
Weekly cost for an infant in a Licensed Center	\$146.25	\$165.00	13%
Percent of income if child was in a Licensed Center	13%	13%	0%

State of Iowa

Supply & Demand Comparisons	2015	2020	% Change
Total Number of Child Care Programs	7,560	5,101	-33%
Total Number of Child Care Spaces	170,777	173,253	1%
Total Number of Children age 0-5	236,256	238,569	1%
Families with all parents working and children under age 6	75%	75%	0%
Total children x percentage of families with all parents in the workforce	177,192	178,927	1%
Total number of programs reporting they accept DHS child care assistance	5,704	3,510	-38%

Cost of Child Care

Weekly cost for an infant in a Child Development Home	\$132.58	\$142.72	8%
Percentage of income if child was in a Child Development Home	11%	10%	-1%
Weekly cost for an infant in a Licensed Center	\$184.93	\$209.70	13%
Percentage of income if child was in a Licensed Center	16%	15%	-1%

Child Care Deserts

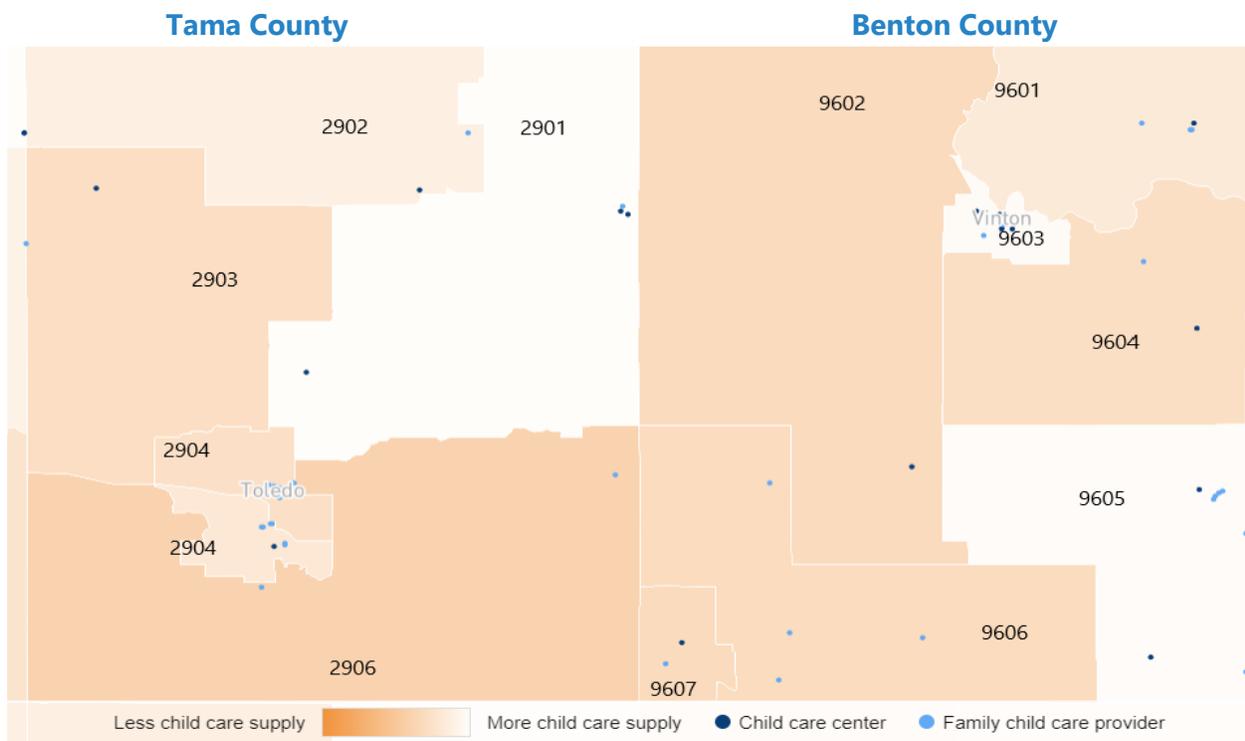
To better understand the U.S. supply of licensed child care and national trends in families' proximity to child care, the Center for American Progress (CAP) analyzed the geographic locations of licensed child care facilities, including centers and family child care homes. To describe this geographic proximity, in 2016, CAP introduced a working definition of child care deserts—areas with an insufficient supply of licensed child care. In 2018, the analysis includes data from all 50 states and Washington, D.C., and finds that more than half of Americans—51 percent—live in neighborhoods classified as child care deserts.

From Center for American Progress, we learned the following about , [Child Care Deserts](#):

- ❖ While the principles of supply and demand would usually suggest that child care providers would gravitate to underserved areas, the fact that providing child care costs more than most families can afford results in an imbalance between supply and demand. This market failure is especially problematic, because it affects children in their formative years when their experiences are shaping the cognitive, language, and socio-emotional skills that influence future learning.
- ❖ Hispanic/Latino families disproportionately reside in child care deserts, with nearly 60 percent of their population living in areas with an undersupply of licensed child care.
- ❖ The near-universal shortage of licensed child care for infants and toddlers has negative consequences for working parents. When parents are unable to access care for their young children, many are forced to make career sacrifices. ***A recent survey found that 77 percent of parents of young children stated that they or someone in their family experienced negative impacts to their career because of child care considerations.***
- ❖ Even if parents stay in the workforce, they often must weave together a patchwork of care arrangements that lacks the quality assurances of licensed care. In addition, child care teachers who work with infants and toddlers face a so-called wage penalty, earning an average of \$2 less per hour than teachers serving older children, even when controlling for education level.
- ❖ In 2016, about 5 percent of the United States' early childhood population—received services related to their disability. In addition, about 2.5 percent of parents of young children have a disability that affects their ability to work.⁷⁴ For families who have either a child or parent with a disability, access to quality child care involves much more than just proximity to a center with available slots; it means finding a program willing to enroll and work closely with families to provide appropriate care. Although several federal laws support the right of children and parents with disabilities to access early childhood educational programs and child care, families often struggle to find and keep services.
- ❖ Although all parents struggling to find affordable, quality child care face barriers to service, these barriers are exacerbated for families that include people with disabilities. They include:
 - Care that is too expensive, especially since families of children with special needs face more economic difficulties
 - Program policies requiring children to be toilet trained and use the bathroom independently
 - Program policies prohibiting providers from administering medications
 - Staffing shortages and high adult-child ratios that make it difficult to provide individualized attention
 - Suspension or expulsion of children with challenging behaviors

- Facilities that do not accommodate the physical needs of some children or parents with disabilities, such as no automatic doors, which can affect individuals with certain mobility-related disabilities
 - Lack of support from providers, often due to lack of training
- ❖ 8% or 2.76 million, of low-income children under the age of 6 have a parent who works at least some hours between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. These families face difficulty finding child care that aligns with their work schedules, as most child care providers operate during the regular workday: **Just 8% of center-based and about a third of home-based providers offer care during the evenings, overnight, or on weekends.**
 - ❖ The additional expenses providers face when offering care during nontraditional hours present a barrier to increasing supply of this type of child care. Many shift workers have irregular work schedules, making demand for care during nontraditional hours inconsistent.

In 2020, 4 of the 7 census tracts in Benton County and 3 of 6 census tracts in Tama County are designated as [Child Care Deserts](#). This means in those tracts, there are at least three children for every child care slot. The dots on the map below indicate the location of regulated child care providers.



The following provides a more in-depth look at each census tract in the Child Care Desert map:

	Benton 9601	Benton 9602	Benton 9603	Benton 9604	Benton 9605	Benton 9606	Benton 9607
Licensed child care providers	4	1	8	2	8	4	2
Family child care homes	3	0	4	1	6	4	1
Child care capacity	52	41	252	62	306	48	35
Population under age 5	125	195	278	244	321	223	167
Median family income	\$88,203	\$68,583	\$77,083	\$87,632	\$87,434	\$77,981	\$42,250
Percent of children with all parents in the workforce	88%	75%	55%	67%	85%	65%	79%
Maternal labor force participation	91%	77%	62%	77%	86%	75%	84%
Children per licensed childcare slot	2.4	4.76	1.01	3.94	1.05	4.65	4.77

	Tama 2901	Tama 2902	Tama 2903	Tama 2904	Tama 2905	Tama 2906
Licensed child care providers	4	2	1	5	7	2
Family child care homes	1	1	0	5	6	2
Child care capacity	188	87	56	41	87	24
Population under age 5	126	155	231	155	224	167
Median family income	\$74,630	\$60,673	\$75,329	\$54,375	\$50,987	\$68,036
Percent of children with all parents in the workforce	60%	74%	53%	57%	74%	68%
Maternal labor force participation	66%	76%	70%	57%	59%	67%
Children per licensed childcare slot	.67	1.78	4.13	3.78	2.57	6.96

A city-by-city breakdown of child population age 0-11 and regulated child care capacity is shown in the following table using the same color coding as the Child Care Desert map above. The breakdown includes licensed child care centers, child care homes, Head Start and preschool programs licensed through the Department of Education—both full and part-time programs.

Benton County	Child Care Capacity – Child Population Age 0-11 = Potential Shortage (or overage) of Child Care Slots	Rate of Children Age 0-11 to Child Care Capacity (percent of children potentially able to be served in community)
Atkins	-53	84%
Belle Plaine	-356	9%
Blairstown	-130	11%
Garrison	-86	0%
Keystone	-32	64%
Luzerne	-22	55%
Mt. Auburn	-21	0%
Newhall	-124	13%
Norway	+49	
Shellsburg	-49	60%
Urbana	-202	
Van Horne	-125	25%
Vinton	-280	50%
Walford	-278	5%
Watkins	-118	0%

Tama County	Child Care Capacity – Child Population Age 0-11 = Potential Shortage (or overage) of Child Care Slots	Rate of Children Age 0-11 to Child Care Capacity (percent of children potentially able to be served in community)
Chelsea	-68	0%
Clutier	-21	0%
Dysart	-93	57%
Elberon	-20	0%
Garwin	-46	0%
Gladbrook	-63	50%
Lincoln	-10	0%
Montour	-34	0%
Tama	-443	19%
Toledo	-199	47%
Traer	-114	43%
Vining	-8	0%

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2020 Child Care Demographics			
	Benton	Tama	State
County Population:	25,683	16,883	
Children Ages 0-5:	1,840	1,270	
Children Ages 6-9:	1,274	837	
Children Ages 10-12:	1,006	673	
Percent of families with children under age 6, with all parents working outside the home	79%	68%	75%
Median household income	\$79,774	\$68,489	\$74,794
Percent of income before taxes needed to pay for infant childcare **	9% for Registered Home Care 11% for Licensed Center Care	11% for Registered Home Care 13% for Licensed Center Care	10% for Registered Homes 15% for Licensed Centers
Percent of child care programs that accept DHS Child Care Assistance funded children	59% Of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 are centers or preschools, 8 are registered child care homes, 0 are a child care home. 	86% Of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 are centers or preschools, 13 are registered child care homes, 1 are child care homes 	69%

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****Median Income and Affordable Child Care**

According to the study from Child Care Aware of America "US and the High Price of Child Care 2019", 7% of income before taxes is affordable infant child care. In our area, families are paying 9% - 13% of their income before taxes. Additional strain may be felt locally as the Median Household Income in Benton County from 2019 – 2020 decreased slightly, while Tama County increased by 1.6%. The statewide Median Household Income saw a much larger increase of 10.5%.

A Local Increase of Parents in the Workforce:

From 2019 – 2020, Benton County had a 5% increase in the percentage of families with children under age 6, with all parents working outside the home and Tama County had a 2% increase.

Child Care Programs CACFP Food Program Participation: As of 9/21/21, local participation in the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks served to eligible children was significant lower in Benton County than in Tama County.

Benton County: 2 Child Development Homes and 3 licensed centers/reschools

Tama County: 8 Child Development Homes and 4 licensed centers/preschools

Evening & Weekend Child Care Availability: There are no regulated child care programs reporting that they offer evening or weekend care. In Tama County, three providers offer evening care.

4. Education

Preschool Enrollment					
Percentage of children age 3-4 enrolled in preschool					
Location	2011 - 2015	2012 - 2016	2013 - 2017	2014 - 2018	2015 - 2019
State	48.3%	48.1%	47.5%	46.9%	46.6%
Benton	41.8%	54.3%	49.9%	52.8%	53.8%
Tama	48.6%	50.5%	51.9%	52.6%	53.7%

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Why This Indicator Matters: Preschool for children age three and four has remained relatively stagnant state-wide since 2009 at around 47%. At the county-level, there have been increases in slightly more than one-half of Iowa counties, including Benton and Tama counties.

2020-2021 Certified Enrollment						
School District	Resident Students in District	Open Enrollment Out	Certified Enrollment	Open Enrollment In	Statewide Voluntary Preschool	Total Served Enrollment
Benton						
Belle Plaine	432.3	35.8	468.1	34.0	11	466.3
Benton Community	1,376.1	121.2	1,500.9	104.3	50.5	1,481.0
Center Point-Urbana	1,233.9	44.7	1,280.9	218.2	43.0	1,454.4
Vinton-Shellsburg	1,405.5	138.1	1,547.4	44.9	37.0	1,455.2
Tama						
GMG	223.2	25.0	250.4	239.0	9.5	462.4
North Tama	402.1	31.0	435.1	45.6	17.0	450.7
South Tama	1,413.1	98.1	1,512.6	45.0	40.5	1,458.5
Union	924.2	67.4	992.8	46.0	27.5	972.4
State	449,696.7					

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2020-2021 Demographic Subgroup Data by District									
	Individual Education Plans (IEP)	English Language Learners	Hispanic Students	Native American Students	Asian Students	Black Students	Hawaiian / Pacific Islander Students	White Students	Multi-Race Students
Benton									
Belle Plaine	28	0	8	0	3	5	1	452	19
Benton Community	77	19	63	5	3	10	0	1478	41
Center Point-Urbana	60	0	41	5	2	12	0	1428	53
Vinton-Shellsburg	77	3	36	4	5	15	0	1398	44
Tama									
GMG	19	5	21	3	7	12	0	437	3
North Tama	24	0	11	0	0	6	2	445	18
South Tama	119	219	391	105	8	8	0	473	74
Union	72	0	33	0	3	9	0	954	28

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2020 Graduation Rate by District and Subgroup			
School District	Overall Graduation Rate	Rate for Students with IEP	Rate for Students with Free/Reduced Lunch Rates
Benton			
Belle Plaine	90.2%	Subgroup is <10, too small to report	81%
Benton Community	91.8%	69.2%	89.7%
Center Point-Urbana	97.7%	Subgroup is <10, too small to report	92.3%
Vinton-Shellsburg	86.5%	68.4%	76.6%
Tama			
GMG	100%	Subgroup is <10, too small to report	100%
North Tama	97.3%	Subgroup is <10, too small to report	90%
South Tama	90.9%	90%	88.3%
Union	97%	91.7%	96.7%

State Average	91.8%	76.4%	85.5%
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High School Graduation					
Percentage of public school students entering ninth grade who graduate with their class four years later					
Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State	90.8%	91.4%	91.1%	91.5%	91.6%
Benton	89.0%	91.3%	88.3%	91.6%	93.4%
Tama	91.8%	95.0%	94.2%	96.8%	92.6%

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Why This Indicator Matters: High school graduation has shown a modest gain state-wide since 2000, increasing 3%. At the county level, more than two-thirds of the counties recorded increases during this time.

2019-2020 High School Graduate Intentions								
	Private 4-Year	Public 4-Year	Community College	Private 2-Year	Other Training	Employment	Military	Unknown
Benton								
Belle Plaine	8%	36%	26%	0%	5%	15%	3%	8%
Benton Community	20%	15%	38%	0%	2%	11%	1%	13%
Center Point-Urbana	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Vinton-Shellsburg	10%	12%	43%	2%	3%	11%	8%	10%
Tama								
GMG	3%	15%	55%	0%	0%	21%	6%	0%
North Tama	3%	11%	56%	0%	0%	17%	8%	6%
South Tama	10%	19%	37%	0%	0%	27%	2%	5%
Union	7%	21%	42%	0%	5%	7%	8%	8%
State	9%	24%	29%	0%	3%	11%	0%	2%

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Fall 2020 Kindergarten FAST Literacy Assessment			
District	Number Met Benchmark	Number Tested	Percent Met Benchmark
Belle Plaine	37	53	70%
Benton Community	78	116	67%
Center Point-Urbana	74	100	74%
Vinton-Shellsburg	78	122	64%
GMG	28	38	74%
North Tama	23	42	55%
South Tama	53	100	53%
Union	77	95	81%

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Student Reading Test Scores - 4th Grade					
Percentage of students who are proficient in reading on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Iowa Alternate Assessment					
Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State	76.6%	75.6%	75.3%	74.7%	70.5%
Benton	82.1%	84.8%	87.3%	81.4%	81.7%
Tama	76.5%	74.9%	80.7%	60.6%	66.3%

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2017-2018 Reading Assessment Data				
Community School District	% of Proficient Students Grade 3	% of Proficient Students Grade 6	% of Proficient Students Grade 8	% of Proficient Students Grade 11
Benton				
Belle Plaine	94%	76%	71%	80%
Benton Community	77%	75%	78%	92%
Center Point-Urbana	89%	81%	85%	92%
Vinton-Shellsburg	92%	85%	78%	84%
Tama				
GMG	78%	80%	73%	71%
North Tama	81%	74%	62%	94%
South Tama	60%	68%	57%	80%
Union	85%	74%	74%	89%
State Average	76%	74%	76%	79%

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Percent of school population eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (Free at or below 130% Federal Poverty Level and Reduced between 130-185% Federal Poverty Level)										
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Benton										
Belle Plaine	38%	38%	38%	38%	35%	32%	33%	35%	43%	37%
Benton Community	21%	20%	24%	24%	23%	23%	22%	25%	25%	27%
Center Point-Urbana	16%	12%	15%	15%	15%	17%	13%	15%	15%	16%
Vinton-Shellsburg	36%	36%	37%	37%	37%	37%	39%	39%	40%	42%
Tama										
GMG	21%	22%	23%	20%	23%	20%	22%	25%	53%	48%
North Tama	35%	30%	33%	37%	36%	40%	40%	43%	37%	44%
South Tama	22%	29%	27%	26%	23%	22%	19%	39%	60%	63%
Union	22%	29%	27%	29%	29%	28%	27%	29%	28%	27%
State	39%	40%	41%	41%	42%	41%	41%	43%	42%	42%

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Educational Attainment 2015-2019 Estimates	Benton County, Iowa				Tama County, Iowa			
	Total	Total %	% Male	% Female	Total	Total %	% Male	% Female
Label	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
AGE BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT								
Population 18 to 24 years	1,833	(X)	(X)	(X)	1,316	(X)	(X)	(X)
Less than high school graduate	315	17.2%	18.2%	16.0%	188	14.3%	11.7%	17.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	671	36.6%	35.8%	37.5%	608	46.2%	53.7%	37.4%
Some college or associate's degree	771	42.1%	39.6%	44.8%	429	32.6%	29.6%	36.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	76	4.1%	6.4%	1.6%	91	6.9%	4.9%	9.2%
Population >25 years	17,751	(X)	(X)	(X)	11,620	(X)	(X)	(X)
Less than 9th grade	309	1.7%	2.1%	1.3%	443	3.8%	4.3%	3.3%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	741	4.2%	4.5%	3.9%	571	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	6,555	36.9%	42.3%	31.7%	4,652	40.0%	44.5%	35.8%
Some college, no degree	3,711	20.9%	18.1%	23.7%	2,609	22.5%	20.9%	24.0%
Associate's degree	2,510	14.1%	12.2%	16.0%	1,511	13.0%	10.6%	15.3%
Bachelor's degree	2,794	15.7%	15.5%	16.0%	1,362	11.7%	10.8%	12.6%
Graduate or professional degree	1,131	6.4%	5.2%	7.5%	472	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%
High school graduate or higher	16,701	94.1%	93.4%	94.8%	10,606	91.3%	90.8%	91.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,925	22.1%	20.7%	23.5%	1,834	15.8%	14.8%	16.7%
Population 25 to 34 years	2,630	(X)	(X)	(X)	1,747	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	2,537	96.5%	95.1%	98.0%	1,614	92.4%	88.0%	97.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	699	26.6%	20.5%	33.2%	296	16.9%	15.2%	18.8%
Population 35 to 44 years	3,076	(X)	(X)	(X)	1,785	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	2,874	93.4%	92.2%	94.6%	1,639	91.8%	91.4%	92.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	995	32.3%	27.7%	36.9%	348	19.5%	18.1%	20.7%
Population 45 to 64 years	7,414	(X)	(X)	(X)	4,764	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	7,193	97.0%	96.4%	97.6%	4,351	91.3%	92.0%	90.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,595	21.5%	21.7%	21.4%	704	14.8%	12.6%	17.0%
Population >65 years	4,631	(X)	(X)	(X)	3,324	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	4,097	88.5%	87.7%	89.1%	3,002	90.3%	90.2%	90.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	636	13.7%	14.1%	13.4%	486	14.6%	16.4%	13.1%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT								
White alone	17,421	(X)	(X)	(X)	10,607	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	16,397	94.1%	93.4%	94.8%	9,765	92.1%	92.0%	92.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,800	21.8%	20.5%	23.1%	1,740	16.4%	15.7%	17.1%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	17,259	(X)	(X)	(X)	10,040	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	16,266	94.2%	93.4%	95.1%	9,470	94.3%	94.5%	94.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,750	21.7%	20.1%	23.3%	1,731	17.2%	16.7%	17.8%
Black alone	80	(X)	(X)	(X)	86	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	77	96.3%	100.0%	87.0%	78	90.7%	84.0%	100.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	17	21.3%	29.8%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	33	(X)	(X)	(X)	722	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	29	87.9%	50.0%	100.0%	637	88.2%	85.5%	90.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25	75.8%	0.0%	100.0%	84	11.6%	8.5%	14.1%
Asian alone	61	(X)	(X)	(X)	69	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	60	98.4%	100.0%	96.4%	63	91.3%	100.0%	81.3%

Bachelor's degree or higher	52	85.2%	93.9%	75.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	(X)	(X)	(X)	4	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	0	-	-	-	4	100.0%	-	100.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	0	-	-	-	4	100.0%	-	100.0%
Some other race alone	69	(X)	(X)	(X)	83	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	54	78.3%	50.0%	91.5%	10	12.0%	7.0%	23.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18	26.1%	0.0%	38.3%	2	2.4%	0.0%	7.7%
Two or more races	87	(X)	(X)	(X)	49	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	84	96.6%	100.0%	94.1%	49	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	13	14.9%	0.0%	25.5%	4	8.2%	0.0%	14.8%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	208	(X)	(X)	(X)	693	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate or higher	162	77.9%	85.6%	72.0%	344	49.6%	45.9%	53.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	56	26.9%	55.6%	5.1%	13	1.9%	0.0%	4.0%
POVERTY RATE FOR THE POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LEVEL								
Less than high school graduate	(X)	16.9%	15.4%	18.9%	(X)	19.5%	15.5%	23.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	(X)	12.3%	8.9%	16.9%	(X)	9.7%	6.7%	13.3%
Some college or associate's degree	(X)	7.2%	2.6%	10.7%	(X)	8.0%	7.7%	8.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	2.0%	0.6%	3.2%	(X)	3.5%	1.3%	5.3%
MEDIAN EARNINGS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2019 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)								
Population 25 years and over with earnings	42,457	(X)	(X)	(X)	35,908	(X)	(X)	(X)
Less than high school graduate	21,992	(X)	(X)	(X)	28,643	(X)	(X)	(X)
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	38,408	(X)	(X)	(X)	33,782	(X)	(X)	(X)
Some college or associate's degree	38,031	(X)	(X)	(X)	32,762	(X)	(X)	(X)
Bachelor's degree	52,135	(X)	(X)	(X)	46,386	(X)	(X)	(X)
Graduate or professional degree	70,028	(X)	(X)	(X)	58,068	(X)	(X)	(X)

[US Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov)

5. Economic & Employment Data

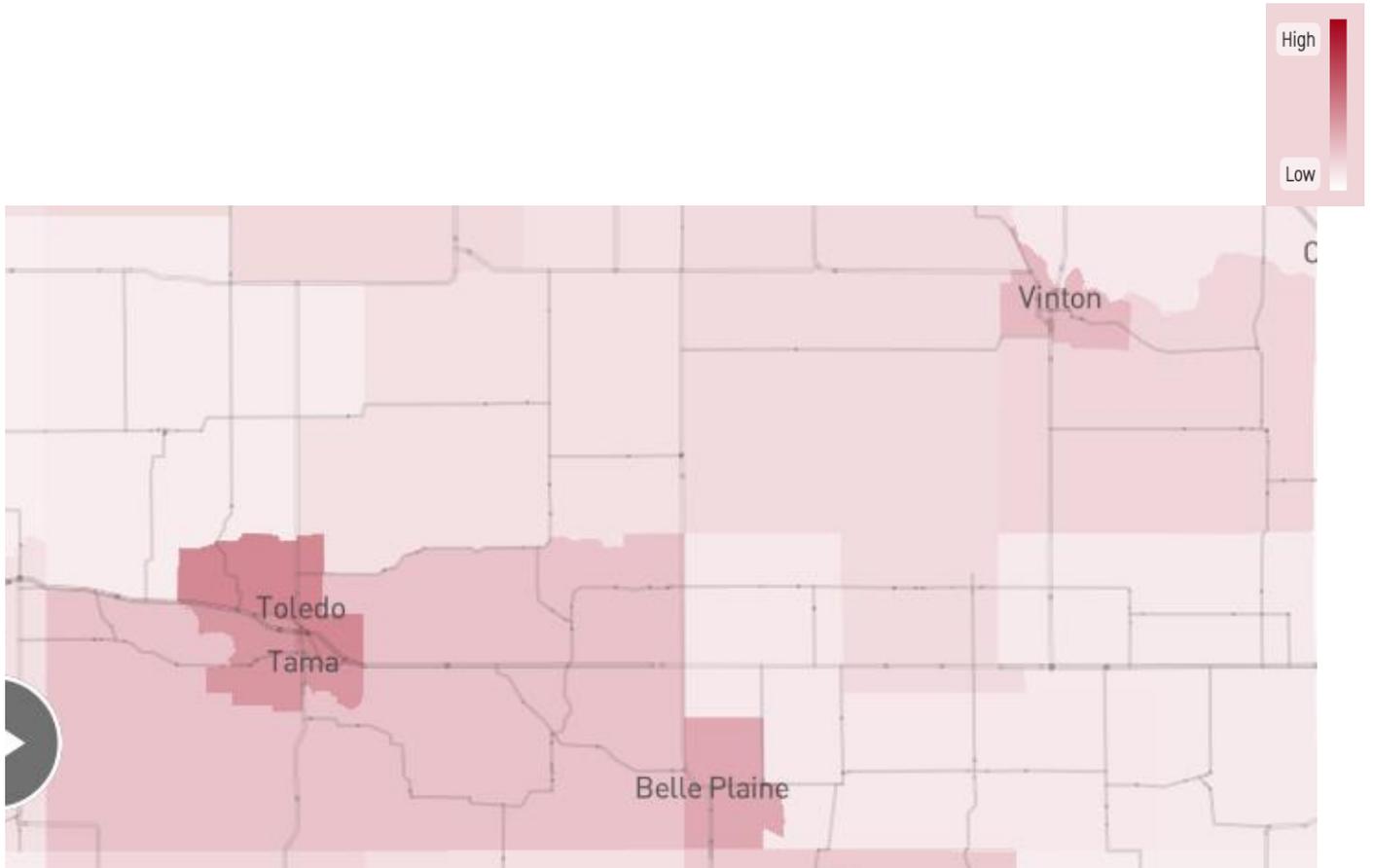
While this information from the [Annie E. Casey Kids Count Data Center](#) is not available at the county level, it provides some insight on the potential number of working families in our area that may be struggling financially.

Low Income Working Families in Iowa

Families that met three criteria: 1) the family income was less than 200% of poverty level;
 2) at least one parent worked 50 or more weeks during the previous year;
 3) there was at least one "own child" under age 18 in the family.

State	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	82,000	77,000	78,000	80,000	80,000	79,000	80,000	73,000	74,000	75,000	76,000
Iowa	22%	21%	22%	22%	22%	22%	22%	20%	21%	21%	21%

The following 2020 map from [Center for American Progress](#) shows the percent of families in poverty across Benton and Tama counties.



Household Economic Characteristics	Benton County		Tama County		State	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
EMPLOYMENT STATUS						
Population 16 years and over	20,327		13,458		2,492,793	
In labor force	13,678	67.3%	8,757	65.1%		67.3%
Employed		65.3%		62.9%		64.7%
Unemployed		3%		3.4%		3.7%

Not in labor force		32.7%		34.9%		32.7%
Females 16 years and over	10,161		6,801		1,263,902	
In labor force		61.7%		59.9%		62.9%
Employed		59.5%		58.2%		60.7%
Own children of the householder under 6 years	1,769		1,192		229,885	
All parents in family in labor force		76.7%		69.6%		75.1%
Own children of the householder 6 to 17 years	3,896		2,455		467,085	
All parents in family in labor force		81.6%		79.5%		80.5%
COMMUTING TO WORK						
Workers 16 years and over	13,139		8,309		1,587,322	
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone		84.3%		80.3%		81.1%
Car, truck, or van – carpooled		7.4%		9.8%		8.3%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	.3%			.4%		1.1%
Walked		3.3%		3.4%		3.3%
Other means		.5%		.9%		1.4%
Worked at home		4.3%		5.1%		4.9%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.5		22.3			19.3
OCCUPATION						
Management, business, science, and arts occupations		31.2%		26.3%		36.2%
Service occupations		13.1%		17.1%		16.3%
Sales and office occupations		21.3%		19.9%		20.7%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations		14.4%		12%		9.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations		19.9%		24.6%		17.3%
INDUSTRY						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining		4.6%		7.4%		3.7%
Construction		9.1%		6.5%		6.4%
Manufacturing		17.6%		20.3%		14.9%
Wholesale trade		3.6%		2.7%		2.8%
Retail trade		10.3%		12.5%		11.6%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities		5.9%		5.9%		4.9%
Information		1.7%		.6%		1.6%
Finance & insurance, & real estate & rental and leasing		7.8%		3.9%		7.7%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management services		6.5%		3.9%		7.3%
Educational services, & health care & social assistance		21.9%		19.7%		24.4%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation & food		4.3%		8.7%		7.4%
Other services, except public administration		4.5%		3.2%		4.2%
Public administration		2.2%		4.8%		3.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

County Business Patterns

	Number of Business Establishments	Number of Employees	Total Annual Payroll	Average Annual Payroll Per Employee
Benton	548	4,456	\$166,216,000.00	\$37,301.61
Tama	312	4,357	\$148,520,000.00	\$34,087.675

Source: [County Business Patterns US Census](#)

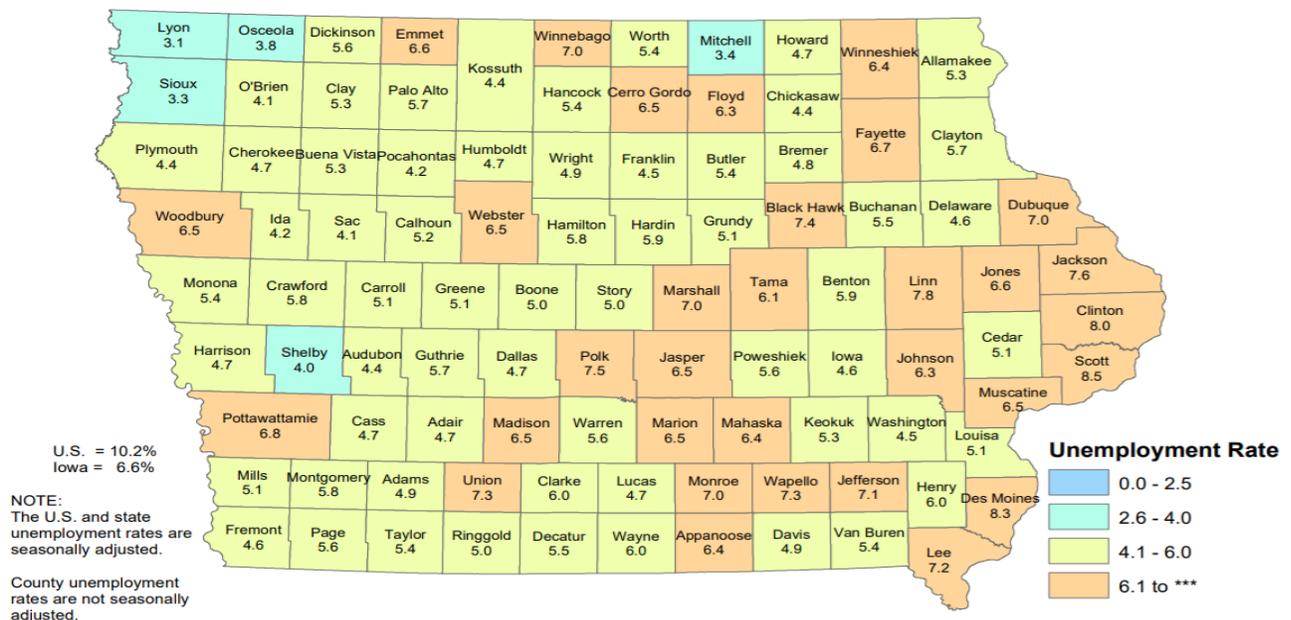
Unemployment					
Percentage of individuals age 16 and over who are in the labor force but unemployed during the year					
Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Iowa	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%	2.5%	2.7%
Benton	3.8%	3.6%	3.3%	2.7%	3.0%
Tama	4.3%	4.2%	3.5%	3.0%	3.1%

[Annie E Casey Kids Count Data Center/Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: The unemployment rate rose steadily from 2000 to 2010, increasing 135% during that time period. However, since then, it has been cut to a rate which is lower than the rate in 2000.

Iowa Unemployment Rates by County

July 2020



6. Health & Wellness Data

As shown in this map, the [US Department of Health & Human Resources](#), has designated one Medically Underserved (MUA) in Union County, in the Belle Plaine area. Tama County also has one designated MUA

that covers almost the entire county. This designation is defined as having too few health professionals to meet the needs of the population.



Both of our counties far exceed the state’s average ratio of primary care providers (PCP) and dentists though both made slight progress in reducing the ratio from 2019-2021. Per the [2021 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#) from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the primary care physician and dentist ratios per county are:

2021 County Health Rankings	Benton	Tama	State
Ratio of Population to Primary Care Physicians	5,130 : 1	4,230 : 1	1,360 : 1
Ratio of Population to Dentists	4,270 : 1	3,370 : 1	1,450 : 1

According to the [Center for Disease Control](#), in 2019: 8.5% of Iowa’s adult population did not see a doctor in the past 12 months due to cost. Of those:

- 17.9% had less than a high school diploma
- 8.9% of the population had a high school diploma
- 8.8% had some post-secondary education
- 4.8% were college graduates

Prenatal Care

Percentage of live births where the mother began prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy

Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State	79.4%	78.7%	79.1%	79.0%	83.8%
Benton	87.8%	83.5%	86.8%	88.7%	87.3%
Tama	72.7%	72.3%	80.3%	79.5%	76.2%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / Iowa Dept. of Public Health](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: Prenatal care has increased 11 percent since 2007 and has risen in over 80 percent of Iowa counties. Recently, however, the rate peaked in 2011 and has fallen seven percent since then.

2019 EPSDT – Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment

Annual Participation	Benton	Tama	State
% of Total Children	60%	60%	59%
1 Year	91%	96%	94%
1-2 Years	80%	75%	82%
3-5 Years	74%	80%	78%
6-9 Years	55%	43%	49%
10-14 Years	57%	59%	52%
15-18 Years	48%	52%	45%
19-20 Years	19%	15%	19%

[Iowa Department of Public Health](#)

2018-2019 Immunizations

Percent of children with immunization certificate

	Benton	Tama	State
2 years old	82.9%	76.3%	73.7%
Children in Child Care	97.1%	100%	96.8%
Adolescents age 13-15	73.3%	78.2%	66.6%
School Immunization Audits K-12	99.7%	100%	98.9%

[IA. Dept. of Public Health](#)

Low Birth-Weight Percentage of live births weighing at less than 5.5 pounds at the time of birth					
Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Iowa	6.8%	6.7%	6.6%	6.9%	6.9%
Benton	8.7%	4.1%	5.8%	5.6%	5.6%
Tama	6.3%	5.2%	6.2%	8.1%	7.8%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / Iowa Dept. of Public Health](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: Low birthweight has increased 13 percent state-wide, since 2000. While remaining relatively stagnant the past few years at around 6.7 percent, the rate jumped to 6.9 percent this past year.

Teen Births Percentage of females age 15-19 giving birth					
Location	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State	2.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%
Benton	1.0%	1.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.6%
Tama	2.5%	2.4%	2.1%	2.2%	1.9%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / Iowa Dept. of Public Health](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: The rate of teen births state-wide, for females age 15-19 has decreased more than half since 2000 to 1.5 percent, with a drop of over 38 percent in the last six years alone.

Teen Unmarried Births Percentage of live births that are to unmarried teens						
Location	Data Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State	Percent	4.8%	3.8%	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%
Benton	Percent	2.6%	2.7%	3.2%	3.1%	4.2%
Tama	Percent	6.0%	5.0%	6.3%	5.0%	5.1%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / Iowa Dept. of Public Health](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: The rate of teen unmarried births state-wide, has dropped more than 50 percent since 2000 to 4.0 percent, with a decrease of 32 percent coming in the last six years.

Uninsured Children

Percentage of children who are not covered by health insurance during the year

Location	2008 - 2012	2011 - 2015	2012 - 2016	2013 - 2017	2014 - 2018	2015 - 2019
Benton	3.3%	3.2%	2.3%	2.7%	2.0%	1.3%
Tama	6.5%	6.9%	5.9%	5.4%	5.1%	4.8%
State	4.4%	3.9%	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%	3.0%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / US Census Bureau](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: Iowa has one of the lowest percentages of uninsured children in the country at just over three percent. At the county-level, only one-fifth of Iowa counties have uninsured rates of more than five percent.

2021 County Health Rankings and Outcomes	State	Benton	Tama
Overall Health Outcomes Ranking 1=Best		31	94
Length of Life Ranking 1=Best		40	97
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premature Death (before age 75, per 100,000 population) 	6,200	6,100	9,500
Quality of Life Ranking 1=Best		24	72
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor or Fair Health (<i>Percent of adults that report fair or poor health</i>) 	13%	13%	15%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor Physical Health Days (<i>Avg. # of reported physically unhealthy days per mo.</i>) 	3.1	3.2	3.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor Mental Health Days (<i>Avg. # of reported mentally unhealthy days per mo.</i>) 	3.5	3.6	3.8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Birthweight (<i>Percentage of births with low birth weight -less than 5.5 lbs.</i>) 	7%	6%	7%
Health Factors Ranking 1=Best		57	84
Health Behaviors Ranking 1=Best		59	73
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Smoking 	17%	20%	20%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Obesity 	34%	37%	33%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Environment Index (<i>Factors contributing to healthy food environment. 1=worst, 10=best</i>) 	8.5	9	8.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Inactivity (<i>% of adults that reporting no leisure-time physical activity</i>) 	23%	24%	27%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to Exercise Opportunities (<i>Proximity to parks and recreational facilities</i>) 	83%	50%	77%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive Drinking (<i>% of adults that report excessive drinking</i>) 	26%	27%	25%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Impaired Driving Deaths (<i>% of driving deaths with alcohol involvement.</i>) 	27%	14%	41%

• Teen Birth Rate (<i>Percentage of females age 15-19 to give birth – per 1,000</i>)	18	13	26
• Sexually Transmitted Infections (<i># newly diagnosed chlamydia cases /100K pop.</i>)	466.7	249.6	375.2
2021 County Health Rankings and Outcomes	State	Benton	Tama
Social & Economic Factors Ranking 1=Best		31	78
• High School Completion (<i>% of adults age 25+ with high school diploma or equivalent.</i>)	92%	94%	91%
• Children in Poverty	13%	8%	18%
• Income Inequality (<i>Ratio of household income at 80th percentile vs. income at 20th percentile.</i>)	4.2	3.9	3.8
• Children in Single Parent Households	21%	13%	19%
• Social Associations (<i>Number of membership associations per 10,000 population</i>)	15.0	14.4	13.0
Clinical Care Ranking 1=Best		78	90
• Uninsured	6%	5%	8%
• Primary Care Physicians (<i>Pop. to primary care physicians ratio – per 100,000</i>)	1,360:1	5,130:1	4,230:1
• Mental Health Providers	610:1	4,270:1	2,810:1
• Dentists (<i>Population to dentists ration – per 100,000</i>)	1,450:1	4,270:1	3,370:1
• Medically Underserved Areas/Populations** (see pg. 19 for map)		1	1
Physical Environment Ranking 1=Best		82	62
• Severe Housing Problems (<i>% of households with at least 1 of 4 problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities.</i>)	12%	8%	10%
• Long Commute-Driving Alone	21%	40%	31%
• Drinking Water Violations		No	No
• Air Pollution – Particulate Matter	7.5	8.3	7.9

[County Health Rankings](#) **[Health Resources Services Administration](#)

Housing issues:

Using data from 2013-2017, the [2021 County Health Rankings](#) identified the percentage of households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities. For Benton County, 8% of households experience at least 1 in 4 of the stated housing problems; in Tama County, it is 10%. Both are less than the state rate of 12%.

According to NACo's analysis of data from the American Community Survey, in 2016, the number of cost-burdened homeowners was lower than the number of cost-burdened renters in counties across the nation. In 2016, more than 17 million homeowners and more than 19 million renters were burdened by housing costs. This represents an increase of more than 2 million renter households from 2010.

A shortage of housing, particularly affordable housing is a frequently cited by service providers in both counties. It's worth noting that although the median income in Tama County is much lower than in Benton County, the Median Gross Rent is higher in Tama County.

Housing Cost Burdens for Homeowners		
	Benton County	Tama County
Total % of Cost Burdened Owners	16.4%	16.7%
% Moderately Burdened Owners	10.9%	9.6%
% of Severely Burdened Owners	5.5%	7.1%
Total % of Cost Burdened Renters	26.9%	25.6%

Residents that spend more than **30%** of their household income on housing costs alone are cost-burdened.

Residents that spend more than **45%** of their household income on housing and transportation costs combined are cost-burdened.



[National Association of Counties](#)

Housing	Benton County, Iowa	Tama County, Iowa
Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	25,645	16,854
PEOPLE		
Housing		
Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	11,189	7,784
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019	82.8%	75.8%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019	\$157,200	\$110,400
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$1,362	\$1,107
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$466	\$467
Median gross rent, 2015-2019	\$640	\$722
Building permits, 2020	20	18

Housing Unit Information

[US Census Bureau, American Community Survey](#)

Mental Health & Care

[Mental Health America](#) provides the following summary for adults and adolescents in Iowa with mental illness:

2021 Data for Individuals with Any Mental Illness (AMI)	Percent	Number
Adults with Any Mental Illness (AMI) that did not receive treatment	49.8%	231,100
Adults with AMI that are uninsured	8.4%	39,000
Adult prevalence of mental illness	19.89	473,000
Adults with AMI who report unmet need for treatment	25.5	117,000
Adult Substance Use Disorder	9.13	217,000
Adult Suicide Ideation	5.40	129,000
Students Identified with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP)	13.31	5896
Youth with past year depression who did not receive treatment	53	20,000
Youth prevalence of Major Depressive Episode (MDE)	15.09	37,000
Youth with severe MDE	9.8	23,000
Youth that received some consistent treatment	28.8	7,000
Youth treatment that did not cover mental or emotional problems	7.5	10,000
Youth past year substance use	4.21	10,000

According to [National Alliance for Mental Illness](#), in Iowa, one in five adults or roughly 600,000 Iowans live with some form of mental illness. About 37,000 grapple with serious mental illness daily.

Your Life Iowa Contacts						
Category	State		Benton		Tama	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Adult Mental Health	5,963	326	70	36	8	1
Youth Mental Health	580	62	0	0	2	0
Non Mental Health Crisis	2,720	220	15	6	5	1
Gambling	510	1,279	0	2	1	8
Substance Use	2,484	1,779	8	4	8	5
Suicide	692	399	31	20	0	0

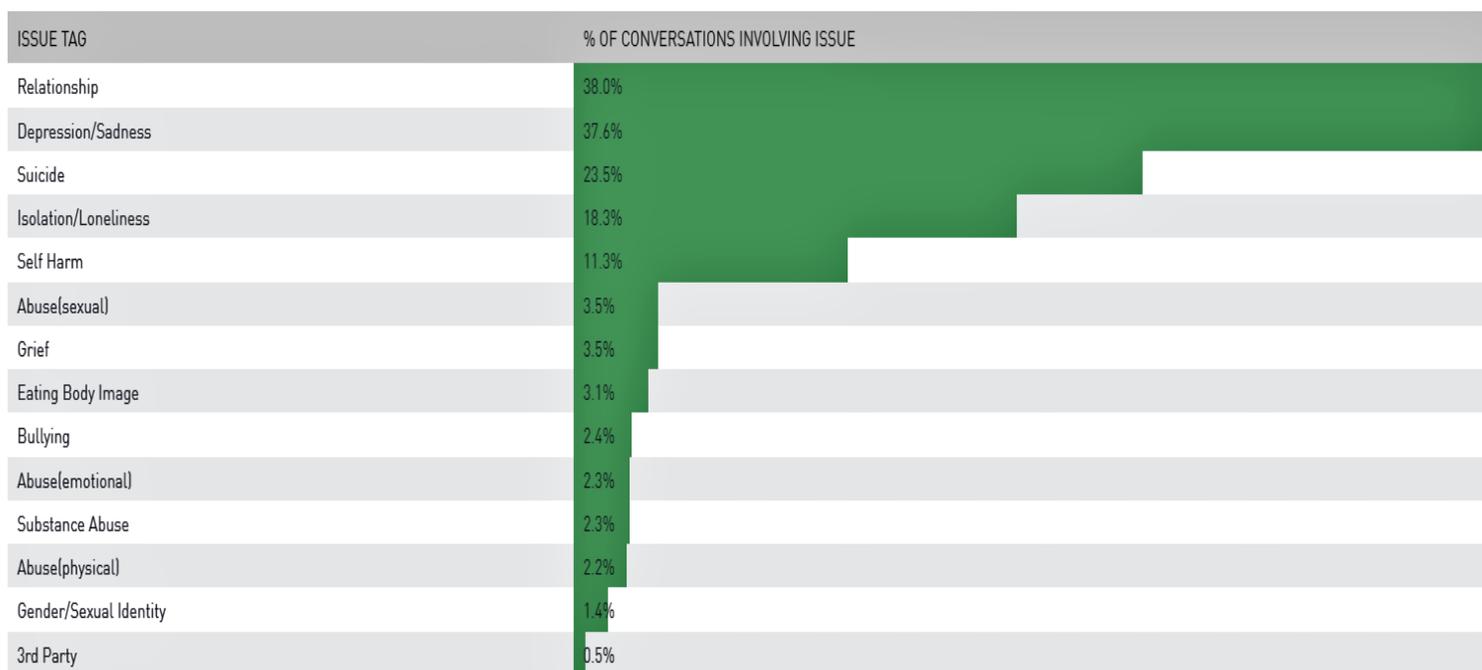
1. YLI Total Contacts is the number of phone calls, texts, or chats initiated by a resident of Iowa and does not include "junk" calls.
2. YLI Contacts by Topics is the number of contacts for each topic referenced during each contact. There could be more than 1 topic per contact.
3. Non MH Crisis- assistance needed for food, clothing, shelter, housing, employment, COVID-19, etc.
4. Adult and Youth MH - YLI became the statewide crisis line for mental health effective July 1, 2019.

Crisis Text Line – Iowa Rankings

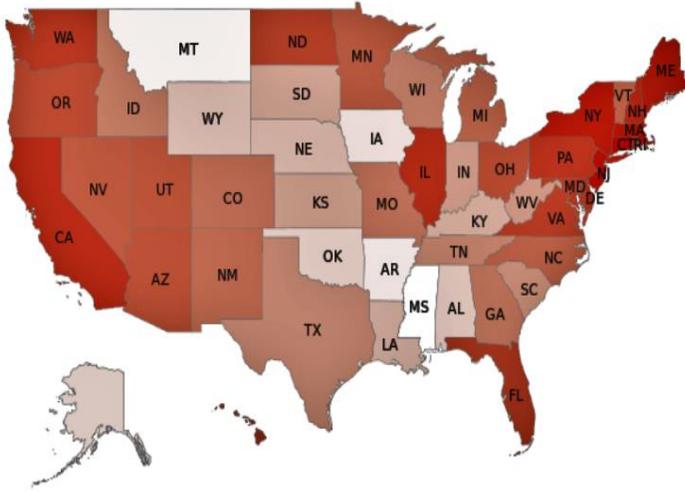
Crisis Related To:	National Ranking		Peak Days	Peak Times
	2016	2019		
3 rd Party		49 th	Sun, Mon	8 PM – Midnight
Anxiety / Stress	49 th	50 th	Mon, Tue, Wed	8 PM – Midnight
Bullying	47 th	50 th	Thu	10 AM, 1 PM, 11 AM
Depression	14 th	18 th	Sun, Fri, Sat, Mon	9 AM, 7 AM
Eating Disorders	44 th	43 rd	Mon	11 AM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 10-11 PM
Emotional Abuse		49 th	Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat	8 PM – Midnight
Family Issues	6 th	10 th	Sun, Tue	7 AM, 11 PM, 6 PM, 9-10 PM
Gender/Sexual Identity	47 th	50 th	Fri, Sun	7 AM
Grief	25 th	31 st	Mon	3 AM
Health Concerns	26 th	40 th	Wed	8 AM, 5 PM, 10 AM
Isolation	37 th	50 th	Sun, Sat, Fri, Thu	7 PM, 12 PM, 5 PM, 7 AM
Physical Abuse	47 th	22 nd	Thu, Sat	12 PM, 10 AM, 4 AM, 7 AM, 6 AM
Relationship Issues	27 th	44 th	Sat, Fri	11 AM, 9-10 PM, 7 AM, 12 PM
School Problems	44 th	35 th	Mon, Wed, Fri, Tue	1 AM
Self-Harm	13 th	16 th	Sun	9 AM
Sexual Abuse	30 th	39 th	Sun, Sat, Fri	5 AM, 2 AM
Substance Abuse	30 th	37 th	Sun, Sat, Fri	5 AM, 2 AM
Suicide	17 th	15 th	Sat, Fri, Thu, Tue	7 AM, 5 AM, 10 AM, 9 AM

[Crisis Text Line](#)

Crisis Text Line: Texters in IA Experiencing Anxiety/Stress Also Experience These Issues in the Same Conversation

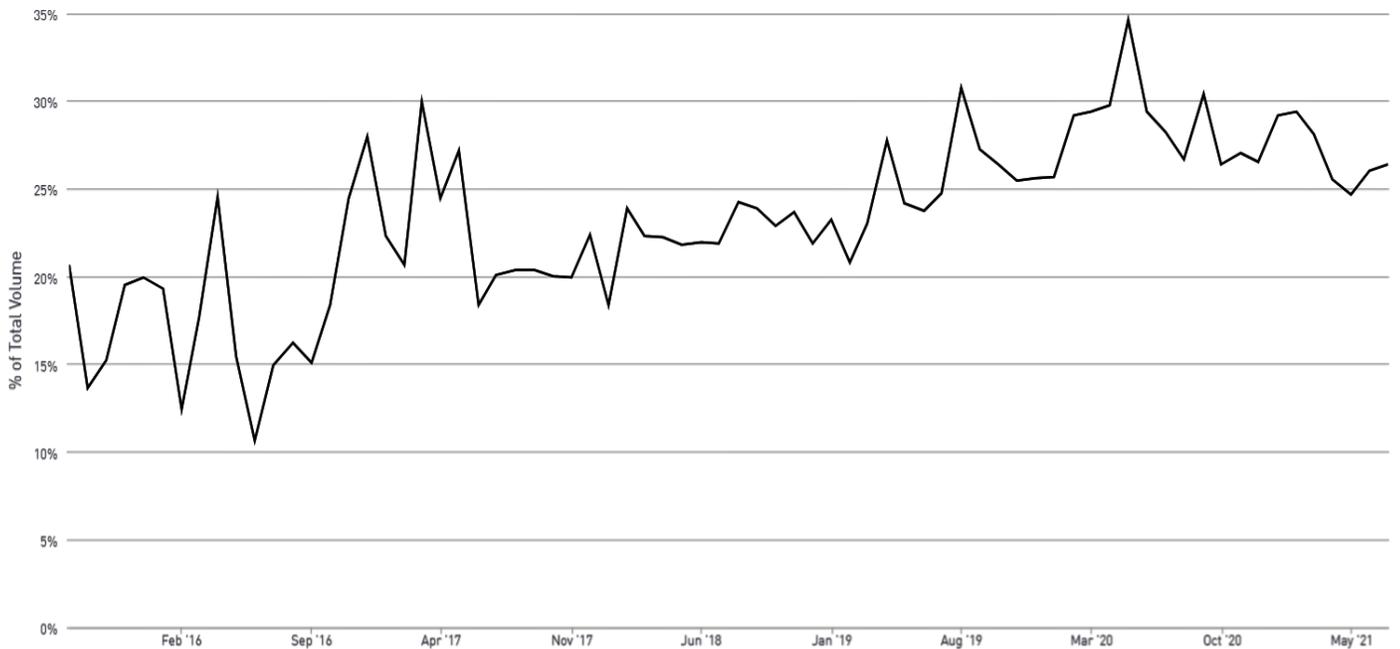


Crisis Text Line: State Ranking by Crises Related to Anxiety/Stress

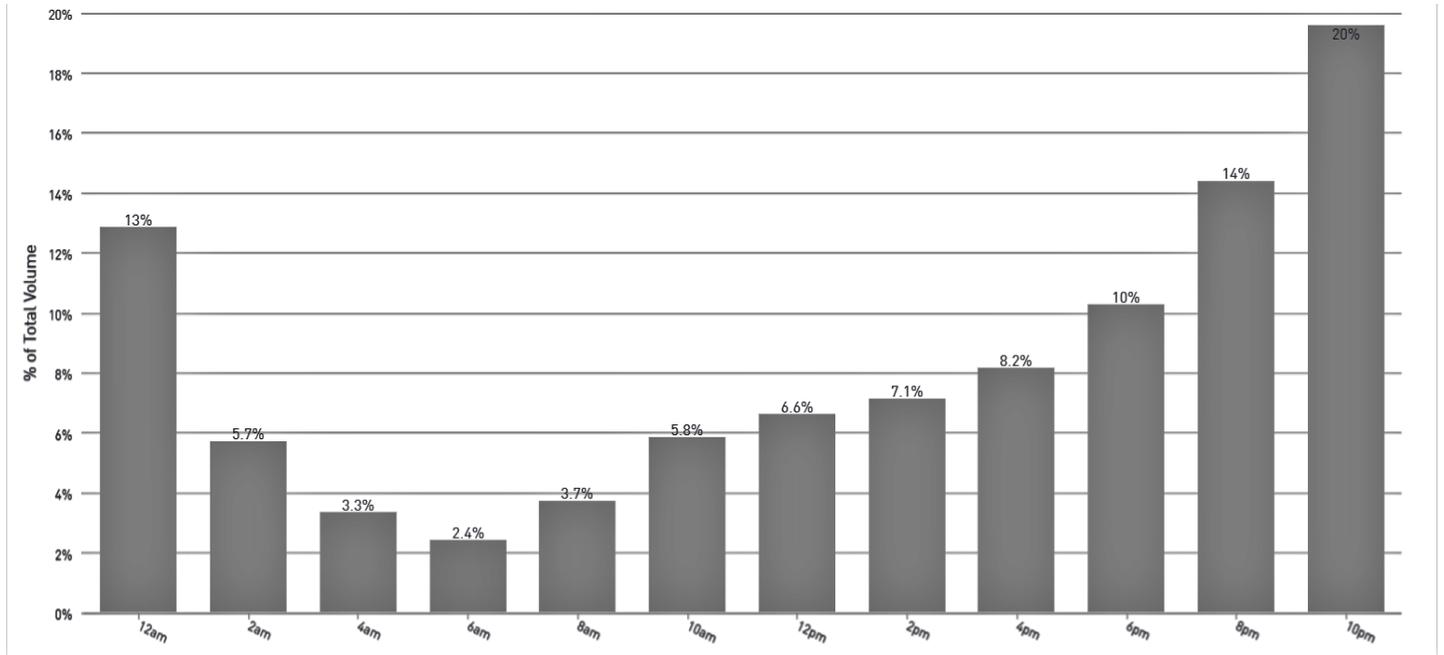


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2-CT	19-OR	36-SC
3-NJ	20-OH	37-WV
4-MA	21-AZ	38-IN
5-NY	22-UT	39-KS
6-ME	23-NV	40-SD
7-RI	24-MN	41-KY
8-DE	25-VT	42-LA
9-NH	26-NC	43-NE
10-CA	27-MI	44-WY
11-IL	28-NM	45-AL
12-PA	29-CO	46-OK
13-MD	30-MO	47-AK
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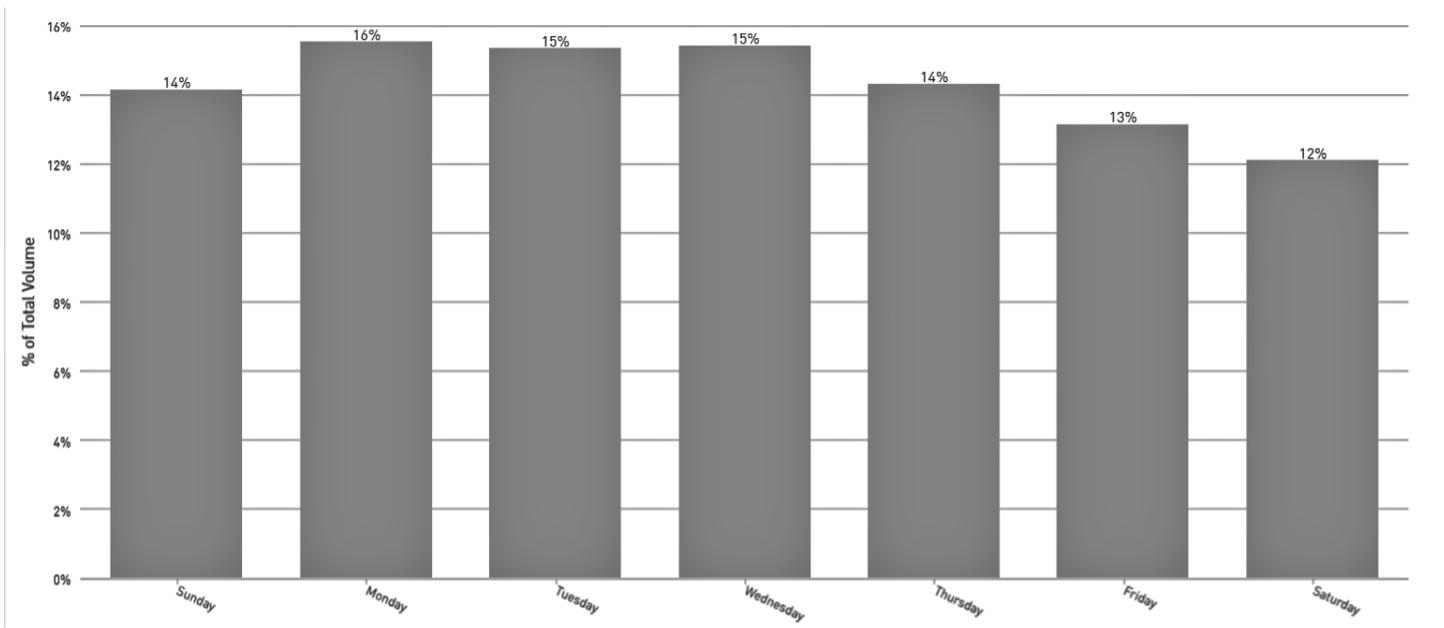
Crisis Text Line: Texters in Iowa Experiencing Anxiety/Stress Across Time (Feb. 2016 – May 2021)



Crisis Text Line: Hours of Day Texters in Iowa Experiencing Anxiety/Stress Throughout the Day



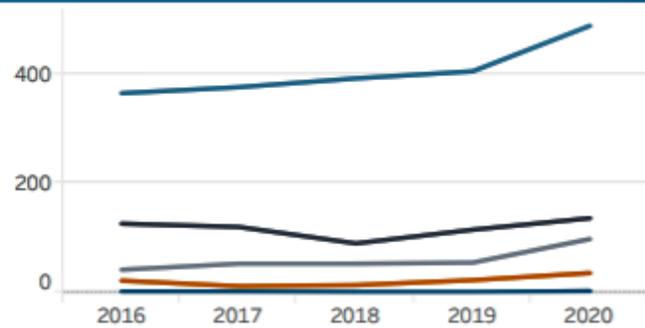
Crisis Text Line: Days of Week Texters in Iowa Experiencing Anxiety/Stress Across the Week



Iowa Substance Abuse Deaths (2016-2021* Occurrence Data)

of Deaths Involving Alcohol by Age Group

Age Groups	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
00-24	2	2	1	1	3	3
25-34	22	12	14	23	36	11
35-44	42	53	53	55	98	46
45-54	126	120	90	115	136	52
55+	364	375	391	404	487	278
Total	556	562	549	598	760	390



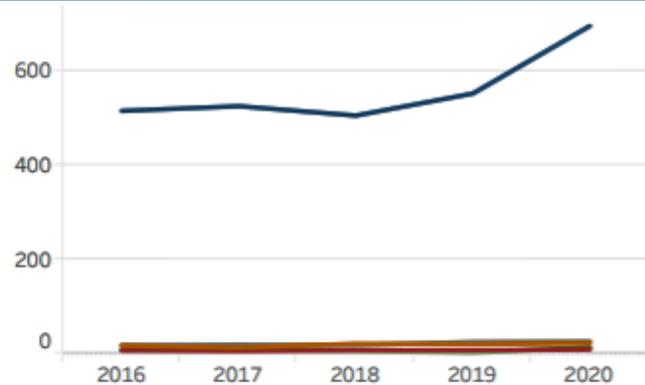
of Deaths Involving Alcohol by Sex

Sex	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Female	166	189	165	197	239	127
Male	390	373	384	401	521	263
Total	556	562	549	598	760	390



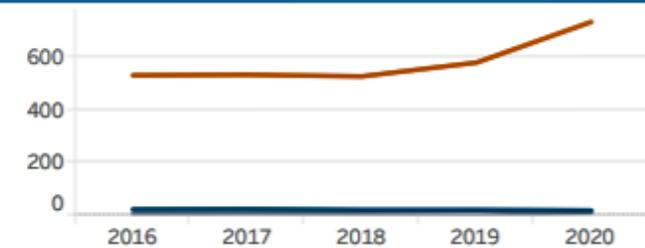
of Deaths Involving Alcohol by Race

Race	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
White	515	525	505	552	696	365
African American	15	11	19	18	21	4
Asian/PI	4	2	5	5	7	5
Other	16	17	16	23	24	10
Unknown	6	7	4	0	12	6
Total	556	562	549	598	760	390



of Deaths Involving Alcohol by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Hispanic	23	24	21	21	19	13
Non-Hisp.	529	531	525	577	730	377
Unknown	4	7	3	0	11	0
Total	556	562	549	598	760	390

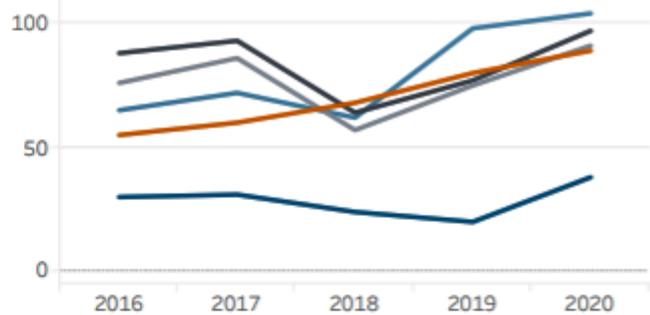




Iowa Substance Abuse Deaths (2016-2021* Occurrence Data)

of Deaths Involving All Drugs by Age Group

Age Groups	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
00-24	30	31	24	20	38	23
25-34	55	60	68	80	89	53
35-44	76	86	57	75	91	41
45-54	88	93	64	77	97	43
55+	65	72	62	98	104	50
Total	314	342	275	350	419	210



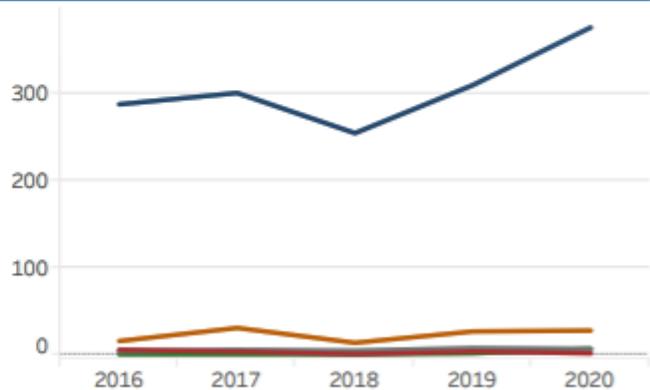
of Deaths Involving All Drugs by Sex

Sex	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Female	123	129	89	117	160	80
Male	191	213	186	233	259	130
Total	314	342	275	350	419	210



of Deaths Involving All Drugs by Race

Race	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
White	287	300	254	309	375	177
African American	16	31	14	27	28	29
Asian/PI	6	4	1	4	2	1
Other	4	6	5	8	7	1
Unknown	1	1	1	2	7	2
Total	314	342	275	350	419	210



of Deaths Involving All Drugs by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Hispanic	10	7	10	8	13	7
Non-Hisp.	303	334	264	341	400	203
Unknown	1	1	1	1	6	0
Total	314	342	275	350	419	210



[Iowa Department of Public Health](https://www.idph.iowa.gov/)

Substance Use & Abuse

The [June 2018 IDPH Substance Abuse Brief](#):

- The rate of methamphetamine-related treatment admissions in Iowa **has nearly doubled since 2012**.
- Methamphetamine-related deaths in Iowa have increased eight-fold since 2011.

Figure 13: Past 30 Day Alcohol Use, Aged 12 or Older, NSDUH, 2014-2016

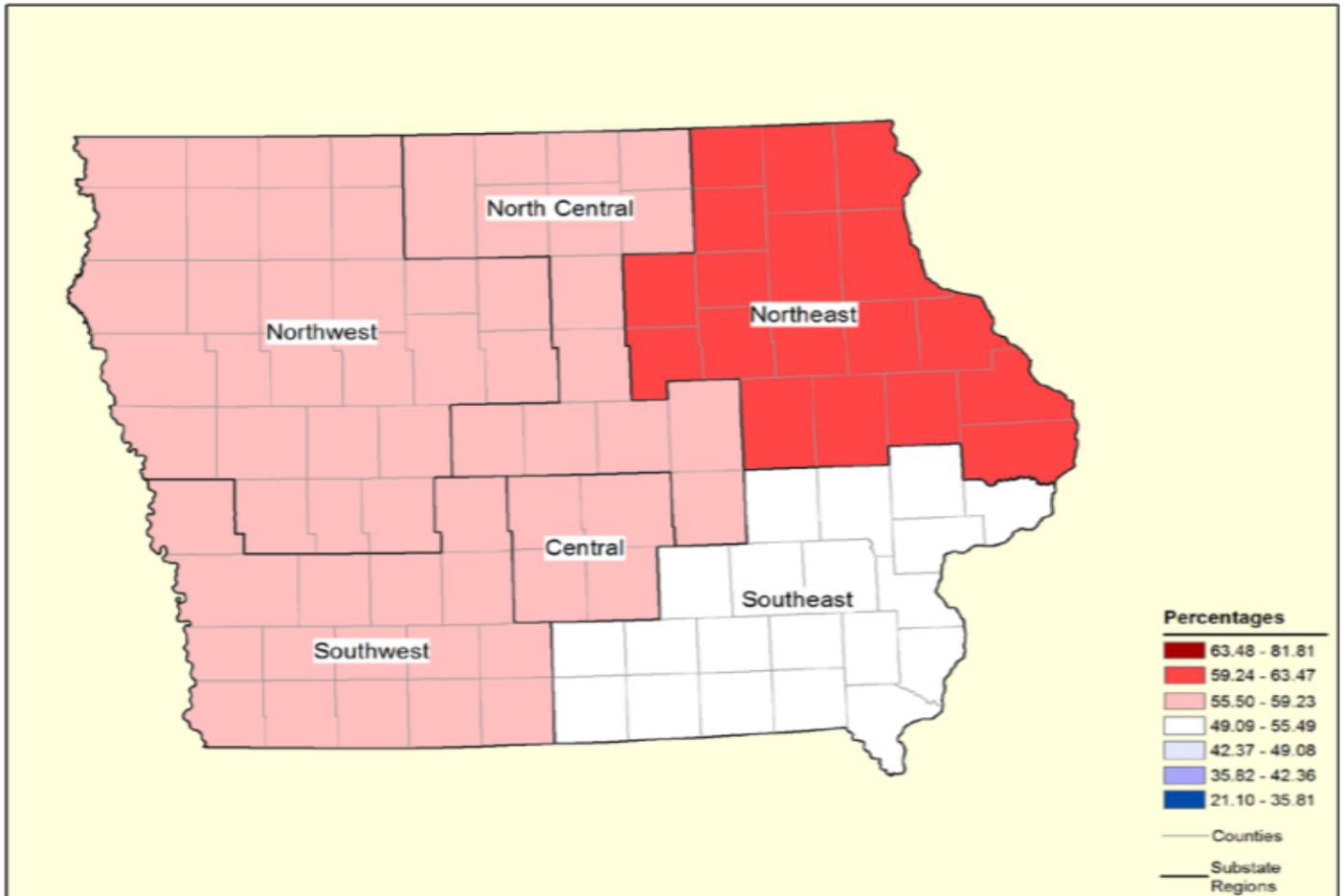


Figure 19: Past 30 Day Binge Drinking among Adults, Aged 18 to 25, NSDUH, 2015-2016

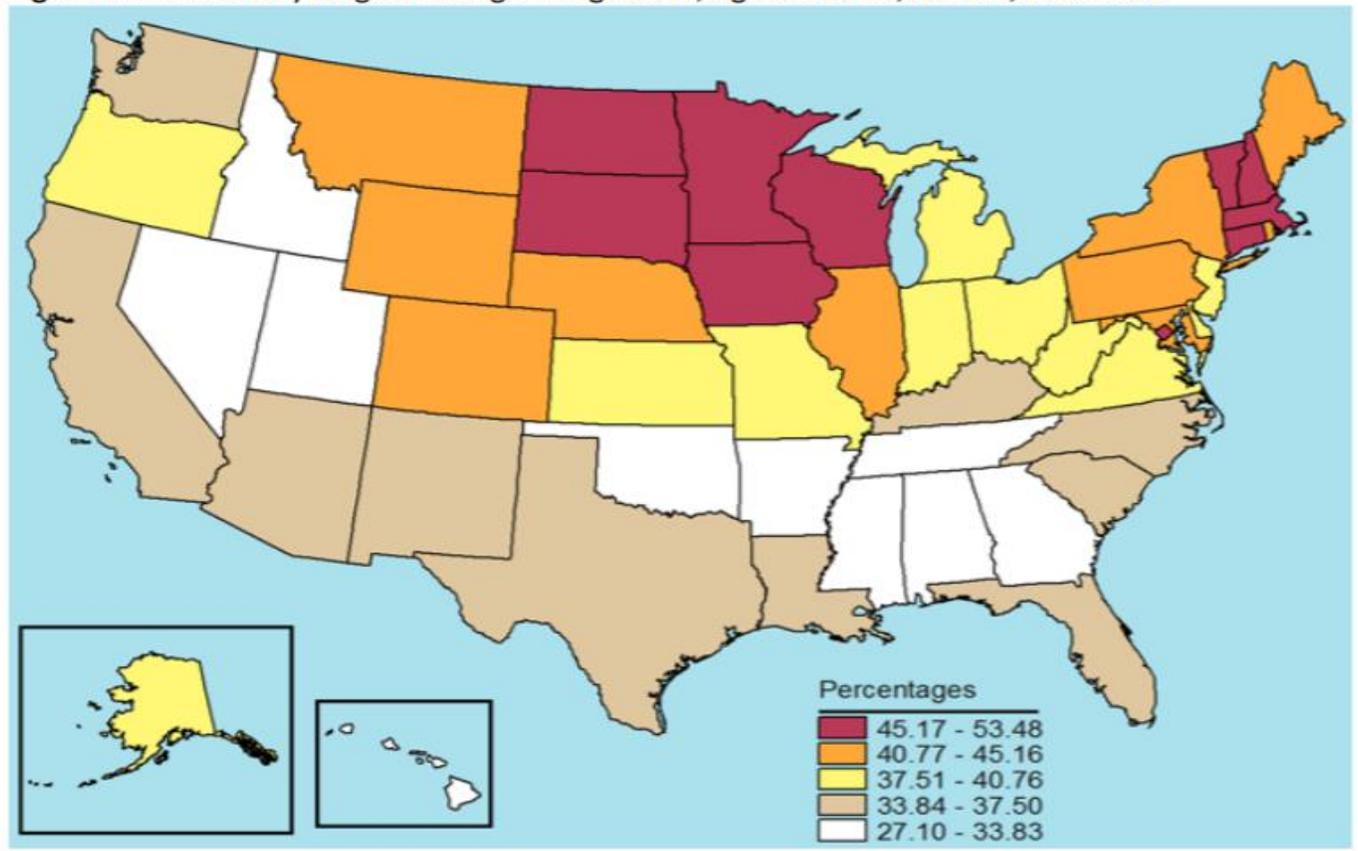


Figure 74: Average Annual Rate of Methamphetamine Treatment Admissions, IDPH, 2012-2016

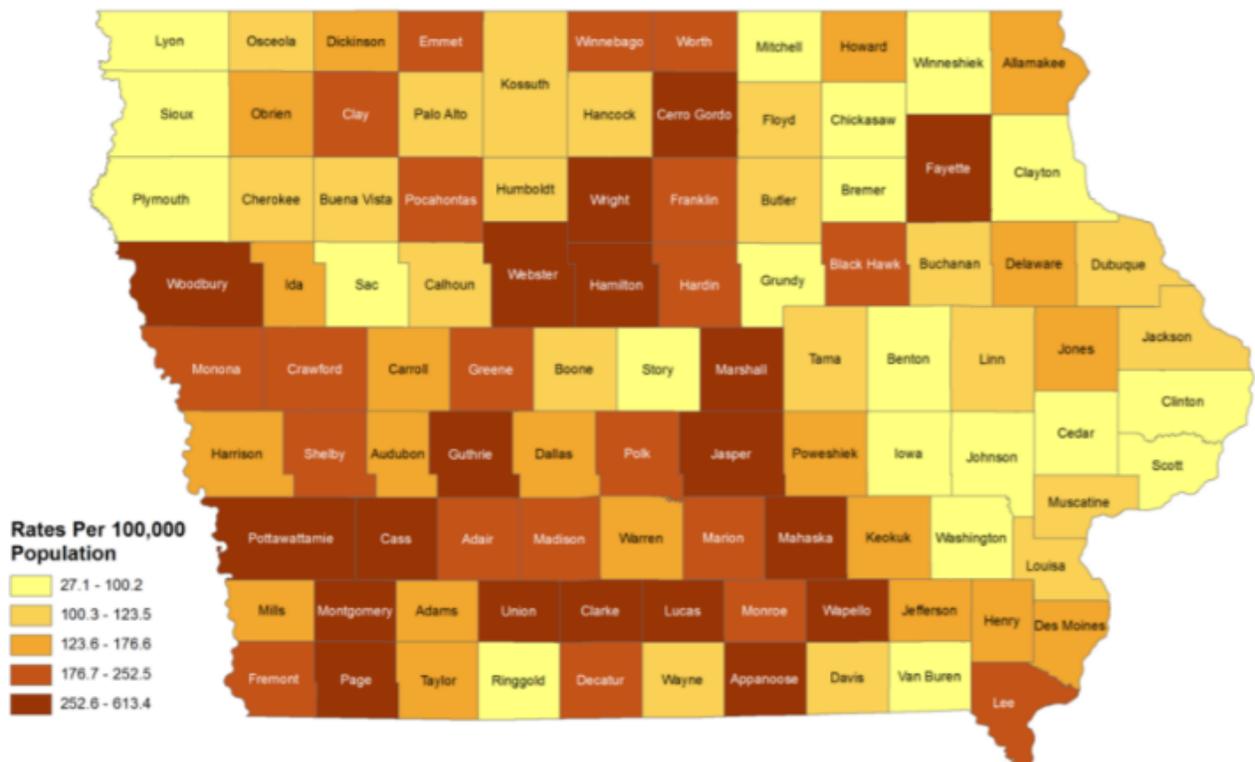


Figure 75: Number of Substantiated Allegations of Methamphetamine Abuse, DHS, 2016-2018

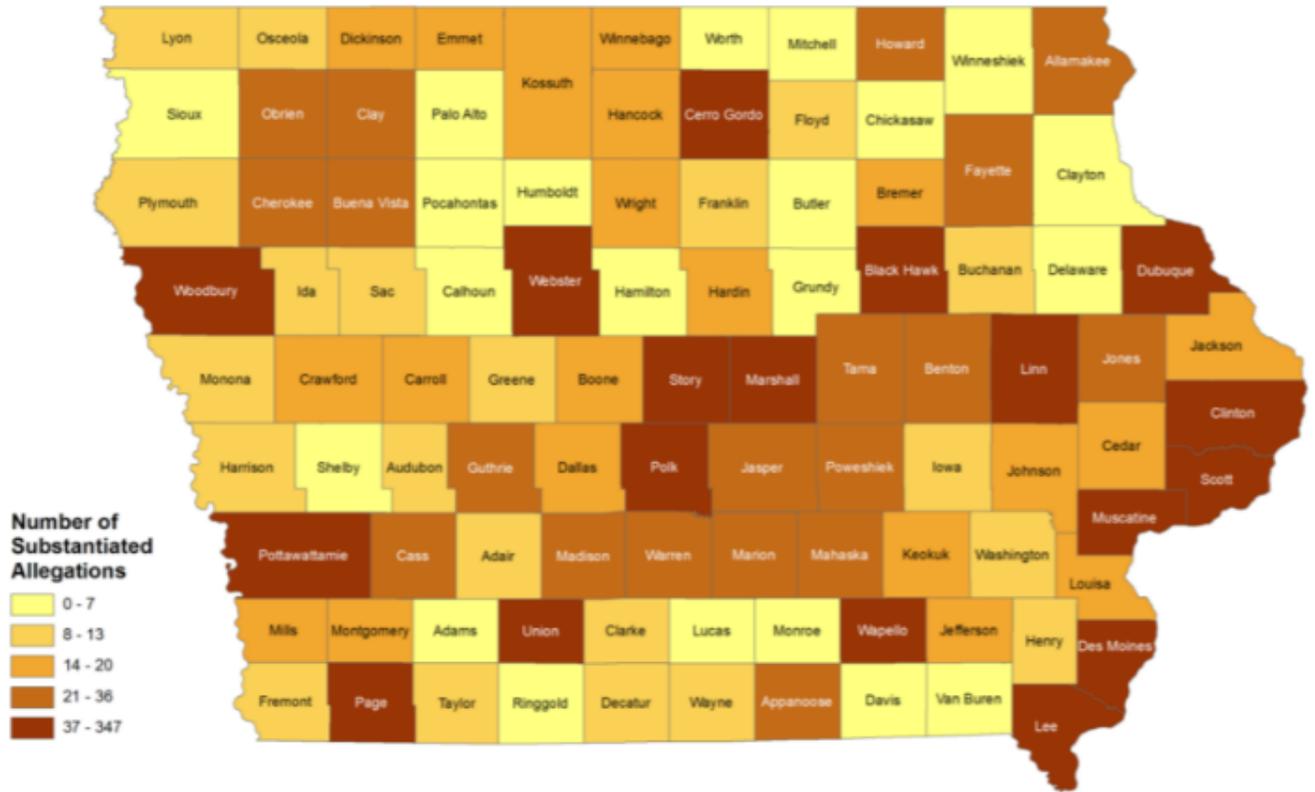
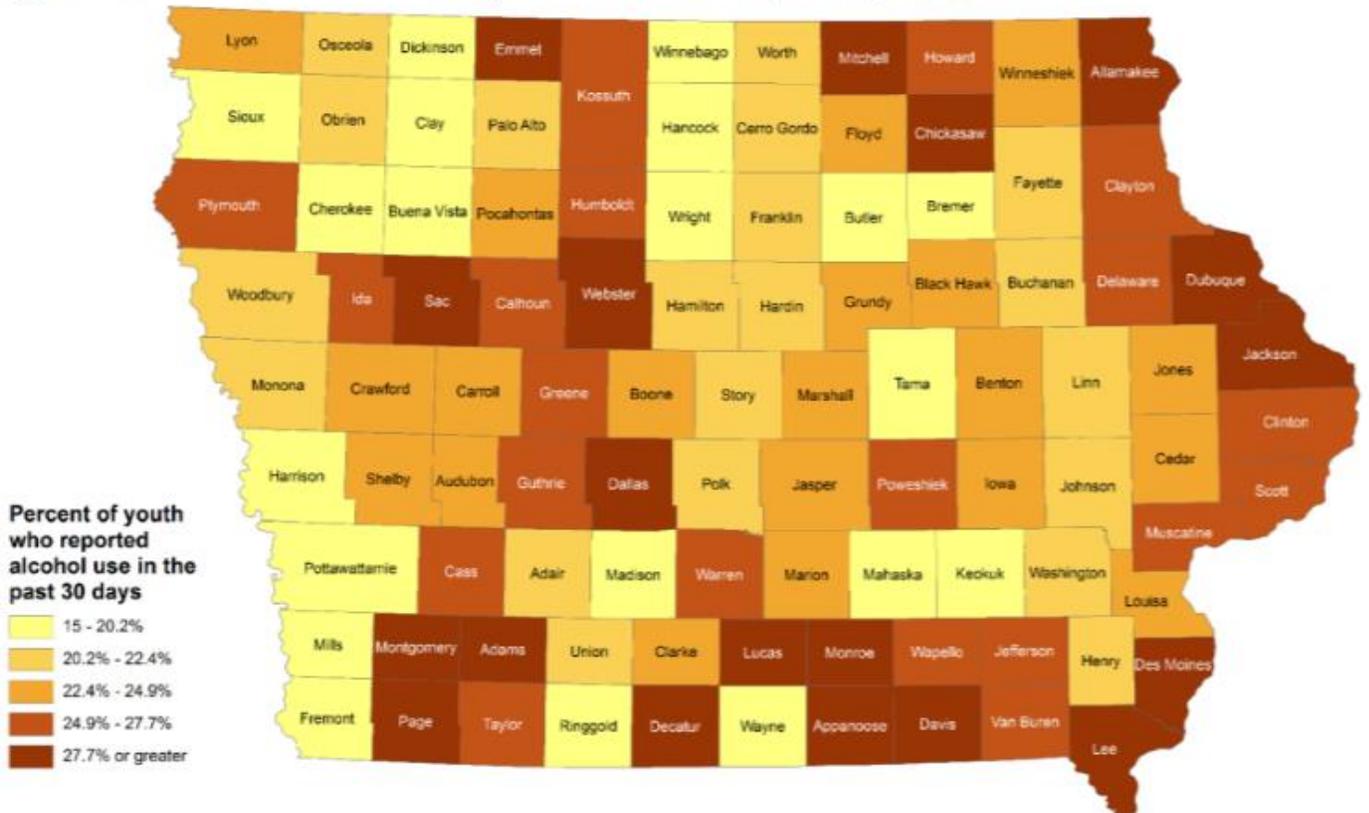


Figure 26: Past 30 Day Alcohol Use among 11th Grade Students by County, IYS, 2012-2016



7. Income & Poverty Data

Child Poverty

Percentage of children age 0-17 who live below the poverty level during the year

Location	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State	15.5%	14.9%	14.6%	12.6%	13.5%
Benton	11.7%	10.3%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%
Tama	18.0%	16.5%	17.3%	13.4%	15.2%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / US Census Bureau](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: While child poverty has been rising steadily since 2000 and has increased 25 percent since that time, it has started to drop and has decreased 21 percent since 2011.

Earned Income Tax Credit

Percentage of individual income tax filers who receive the Earned Income Tax Credit

Location	Data Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Iowa	Percent	15.0%	14.8%	14.5%	14.0%	13.6%
Benton	Percent	11.8%	11.7%	11.0%	11.1%	10.4%
Tama	Percent	15.9%	15.6%	15.1%	15.0%	14.7%

[Annie E Casey Kids Count / Internal Revenue Service](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: The earned income tax credit has increased 34 percent since 2000 and has risen in almost every county, some by more than 60 percent.

Free Or Reduced-Price Lunch Eligibility

Percentage of students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches during the school year

Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Iowa	41.0%	41.8%	41.3%	40.5%	43.0%
Benton	31.9%	30.5%	30.3%	30.9%	32.1%
Tama	50.1%	50.8%	49.5%	51.1%	52.8%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / Iowa Dept. of Education](#) **Footnotes:** Year presented represents the end of the school year

Why This Indicator Matters: Eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches has increased 53 percent since 2000. Increases have been noted in every Iowa county with some more than doubling their rate during this time.

Food Assistance

Percentage of individuals receiving financial assistance for food during the year (nationally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP)

Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State	12.4%	12.1%	11.6%	10.9%	9.9%
Benton	8.4%	8.0%	7.9%	7.3%	6.6%
Tama	11.1%	11.0%	10.5%	10.0%	8.6%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / Iowa Dept. of Human Services](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: The percentage of individuals receiving financial assistance through the Food Assistance program has increased 157% state-wide, since 2000, with increases in every county in the state. However, the rate has decreased 20 percent since 2013.

Children Receiving WIC

Percentage of children age 0-4 who are receiving services through the Women, Infants and Children Program

Location	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State	24.9%	24.3%	26.5%	26.9%	25.9%
Benton	15.4%	15.2%	16.4%	15.3%	13.1%
Tama	31.0%	29.1%	32.3%	28.2%	25.5%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / Iowa Dept. of Public](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: The percentage of children receiving services through WIC has decreased eight percent since 2003 and has dropped in over three-fourths of Iowa counties. However, the rate has leveled the past eight years at around 26 percent.

Family Investment Program

Percentage of individuals receiving Family Investment Program financial assistance during the year

Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Iowa	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%
Benton	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%
Tama	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%

[Annie E. Casey Kids Count / Iowa Dept. of Human Services](#)

Why This Indicator Matters: The percentage of individuals receiving financial assistance through the Family Investment Program has decreased 65%t state-wide, since 2000, with decreases being noted in all but two Iowa counties.

2019 Household Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months

	Iowa			Benton County, Iowa			Tama County, Iowa		
	All families	Married-couple families	Female householder, no spouse present	All families	Married-couple families	Female householder, no spouse present	All families	Married-couple families	Female householder, no spouse present
Families	802,826	632,407	115,944	7,321	6,192	793	4,432	3,538	573
With related children of householder under 18 years	370,500	252,998	82,218	3,101	2,368	512	1,931	1,282	423
With related children of householder under 5 years	70,238	46,740	15,442	644	529	55	245	145	39
With related children of householder under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	75,923	55,820	14,460	564	426	95	378	257	94
With related children of householder 5 to 17 years	224,339	150,438	52,316	1,893	1,413	362	1,308	880	290
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN									
White alone	745,304	599,208	97,925	7,218	6,095	787	4,066	3,344	435
Black or African American alone	22,680	9,198	10,421	29	29	0	17	17	0
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,503	1,234	935	4	4	0	290	133	126
Asian alone	15,433	12,554	1,878	23	23	0	17	14	0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	735	412	240	0	0	0	0	0	0
Some other race alone	8,252	5,097	1,951	34	34	0	25	22	3
Two or more races	7,919	4,704	2,594	13	7	6	17	8	9
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	37,290	22,431	9,767	68	47	13	280	184	52
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	717,968	582,755	90,707	7,175	6,073	774	3,829	3,196	390
Householder worked	617,934	479,789	91,506	5,669	4,815	572	3,350	2,656	401
Householder worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months	457,809	360,036	60,793	4,379	3,721	427	2,397	1,934	217
Householder 65 years and over	170,975	151,332	14,591	1,692	1,497	162	1,120	995	109

Family received --									
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or cash public assistance income in the past 12 months	41,859	24,090	14,214	240	151	65	203	130	69
Social security income in the past 12 months	219,348	187,137	22,924	2,076	1,784	206	1,362	1,191	145
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER									
Less than high school graduate	52,180	34,390	11,665	322	192	104	279	189	61
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	213,981	161,711	32,920	2,375	2,029	204	1,583	1,228	175
Some college, associate's degree	280,202	211,135	48,681	2,724	2,239	368	1,792	1,415	279
Bachelor's degree or higher	256,463	225,171	22,678	1,900	1,732	117	778	706	58
NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN OF THE HOUSEHOLDER UNDER 18 YEARS									
No child	432,326	379,409	33,726	4,220	3,824	281	2,501	2,256	150
1 or 2 children	281,767	186,599	65,658	2,451	1,873	371	1,468	942	329
3 or 4 children	81,276	60,855	15,157	595	452	132	399	293	77
5 or more children	7,457	5,544	1,403	55	43	9	64	47	17

NUMBER OF OWN CHILDREN OF THE HOUSEHOLDER UNDER 18 YEARS									
No own child of the householder	453,459	389,614	41,814	4,340	3,892	322	2,700	2,363	216
1 or 2 own children of the householder	265,301	178,849	59,096	2,337	1,808	333	1,359	883	303
3 or 4 own children of the householder	77,434	58,804	13,923	589	449	129	325	255	43
5 or more own children of the householder	6,632	5,140	1,111	55	43	9	48	37	11
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FAMILY									
2 people	416,985	328,824	56,931	3,993	3,356	463	2,464	2,051	210
3 or 4 people	288,819	218,244	50,504	2,544	2,145	245	1,355	967	292
5 or 6 people	86,777	76,333	7,667	732	641	83	485	414	51
7 or more people	10,245	9,006	842	52	50	2	128	106	20

NUMBER OF WORKERS IN FAMILY									
No workers	106,878	89,558	13,523	1,056	920	119	674	559	102
1 worker	227,238	126,506	68,728	1,583	984	366	1,146	663	289
2 workers	384,563	340,860	28,249	3,895	3,556	270	2,080	1,873	109
3 or more workers	84,147	75,483	5,444	787	732	38	532	443	73
INCOME DEFICIT									
Mean income deficit for families (dollars)	9,672	8,927	10,309	N	N	N	11,105	8,045	13,603
TENURE									
Owner occupied	648,450	554,609	58,851	6,590	5,798	568	3,574	3,123	291
Renter Occupied	154,376	77,798	57,093	731	394	225	858	415	282
ALL FAMILIES WITH INCOME BELOW THE FOLLOWING POVERTY RATIOS									
50% of poverty level	23,188	(X)	(X)	189	(X)	(X)	137	(X)	(X)
125% of poverty level	82,015	(X)	(X)	649	(X)	(X)	468	(X)	(X)
150 % of poverty level	106,969	(X)	(X)	759	(X)	(X)	581	(X)	(X)
185% of poverty level	147,707	(X)	(X)	1,008	(X)	(X)	891	(X)	(X)
200% of poverty level	166,396	(X)	(X)	1,243	(X)	(X)	1,020	(X)	(X)
300% of poverty level	296,295	(X)	(X)	2,448	(X)	(X)	1,763	(X)	(X)
400% of poverty level	426,738	(X)	(X)	3,629	(X)	(X)	2,589	(X)	(X)
500% of poverty level	535,712	(X)	(X)	4,720	(X)	(X)	3,258	(X)	(X)

[US Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov)

8. Iowa Youth Survey Data - 2018

B8: On how many days of the past 7 days were you physically active for a total of 60 minutes or more per day?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
0 days	5%	8%	3%	6%	9%	8%	6%	5%	8%
1 day	12%	12%	9%	11%	6%	6%	9%	6%	7%
2 days	10%	16%	10%	14%	7%	5%	12%	9%	9%
3 days	16%	18%	10%	11%	11%	15%	15%	13%	13%
4 days	8%	8%	12%	6%	12%	13%	13%	12%	10%
5 days	16%	13%	17%	17%	22%	17%	13%	17%	16%
6 days	8%	5%	9%	9%	9%	10%	7%	9%	11%
7 days	25%	21%	30%	26%	24%	26%	25%	29%	26%

B11: During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat fruit (do not count fruit juice)?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
0 times	7%	9%	6%	3%	5%	7%	6%	5%	6%
Less than 1 time per day	12%	12%	9%	15%	13%	16%	10%	12%	16%
1 time per day	19%	24%	30%	27%	35%	31%	23%	26%	30%
2 times per day	30%	24%	30%	22%	29%	23%	27%	29%	28%
3 times per day	15%	15%	14%	19%	9%	10%	17%	16%	13%
4 times per day	4%	7%	3%	3%	2%	3%	6%	5%	4%
5 times or more per day	14%	10%	6%	10%	5%	10%	10%	7%	5%

B12: During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat green salad, carrots, potatoes or any other vegetables (do not count french fries, fried potatoes, or potato chips)?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
0 times	5%	10%	5%	7%	7%	13%	10%	8%	8%
Less than 1 time per day	16%	11%	12%	15%	18%	12%	14%	16%	18%
1 time per day	36%	32%	33%	31%	36%	30%	29%	32%	33%
2 times per day	23%	24%	33%	28%	27%	25%	24%	25%	24%
3 times per day	12%	10%	10%	10%	7%	8%	12%	12%	10%
4 times per day	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	7%	4%	3%	3%
5 times or more per day	6%	9%	3%	4%	4%	5%	6%	5%	4%

B13: In the last 30 days, how many times have you skipped or cut classes or school days?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
0 times	86%	78%	93%	79%	85%	82%	84%	86%	76%
1 times	8%	14%	3%	15%	6%	11%	9%	7%	10%
2 times	2%	5%	1%	2%	5%	5%	4%	3%	6%
3 or more times	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	8%

B14: About how often in the last 30 days have any of your classroom teachers had to stop teaching in order to deal with a major student disruption or behavior problem?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
0 times	37%	22%	43%	20%	33%	29%	29%	26%	45%
1 times	23%	14%	20%	22%	27%	27%	20%	21%	24%
2 times	14%	7%	18%	20%	12%	17%	15%	16%	14%
3 or more times	27%	57%	19%	39%	27%	27%	36%	37%	18%

B16: In the past 30 days, have you had at least one drink of alcohol (glass, bottle or can of beer, glass of wine, liquor, or mixed drink)?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Yes	3%	1%	4%	9%	15%	18%	3%	7%	20%
No	97%	99%	96%	91%	85%	82%	97%	93%	80%

B17: During the last 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol (glasses, bottles or cans of beer, glasses of wine, liquor, mixed drinks) in a row, that is within a couple of hours?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
0 days	97%	99%	99%	98%	88%	89%	99%	97%	88%
1 day	1%	0%	1%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	5%
2 days	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%
3 to 5 days	1%	0%	0%	0%	4%	3%	0%	0%	2%
6 to 9 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
10 to 19 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
20 or more days	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%

B62: During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row, that you stopped doing some usual activities?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Yes	15%	24%	18%	41%	22%	41%	19%	24%	33%
No	85%	76%	82%	59%	78%	59%	81%	76%	75%

B63: During the past 12 months, have you seriously thought about killing yourself?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Yes	18%	20%	20%	34%	25%	28%	15%	23%	26%
No	82%	80%	80%	66%	75%	72%	85%	77%	74%

B64: During the past 12 months, have you made a plan about how you would kill yourself?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Yes	8%	8%	10%	14%	15%	15%	6%	12%	13%
No	92%	92%	90%	86%	85%	85%	94%	88%	87%

B65: During the past 12 months, have you tried to kill yourself?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Yes	3%	4%	3%	9%	6%	6%	3%	6%	5%
No	97%	96%	97%	91%	94%	94%	97%	96%	95%

C5: How much do you agree with: It is wrong to discriminate against someone because of her/his race, appearance, culture, religion, etc.

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	84%	81%	77%	76%	63%	67%	82%	77%	71%
Agree	11%	15%	23%	16%	27%	28%	13%	19%	24%
Disagree	1%	1%	0%	2%	6%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%	1%	6%	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%

C6: How much do you agree with: I can say "no" when someone wants me to do things I know are wrong or dangerous.

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	80%	73%	70%	63%	65%	58%	78%	67%	57%
Agree	14%	16%	28%	27%	28%	36%	17%	28%	36%
Disagree	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	5%	2%	4%	5%
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	0%	5%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%

C7: How much do you agree with: I feel I do not have much to be proud of.

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	54%	46%	43%	41%	34%	34%	54%	43%	37%
Agree	39%	42%	43%	37%	39%	41%	36%	39%	42%
Disagree	4%	8%	11%	15%	20%	21%	7%	13%	16%
Strongly Disagree	3%	3%	3%	7%	7%	5%	3%	5%	5%

C8: How much do you agree with: Violence is the worst way to solve problems.

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	65%	59%	47%	38%	35%	33%	58%	39%	33%
Agree	25%	25%	41%	33%	35%	42%	29%	40%	42%
Disagree	7%	7%	11%	24%	20%	20%	9%	16%	20%
Strongly Disagree	3%	8%	1%	6%	10%	5%	4%	5%	5%

E8: In the past 12 months, how often have you beaten up on or fought someone because they made you angry?

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
None	87%	80%	93%	82%	96%	96%	86%	88%	93%
1 or 2 times	13%	15%	5%	15%	9%	3%	10%	9%	5%
3 to 5 times	0%	4%	0%	2%	3%	0%	2%	2%	1%
6 or more times	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%

**E12: In the last 30 days, how many times have you been bullied at school in these ways:
I was called names, was made fun of, or teased in a hurtful way?**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
None	52%	47%	67%	51%	66%	61%	57%	58%	68%
1 time	16%	14%	10%	10%	10%	13%	17%	15%	11%
2 times	12%	11%	6%	10%	7%	9%	9%	9%	7%
3 - 5 times	11%	15%	10%	10%	8%	9%	8%	8%	6%
6 - 10 times	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%
11+ times	6%	11%	3%	15%	7%	6%	7%	7%	5%

**E13: In the last 30 days, how many times have you been bullied at school in these ways:
Other students left me out of things on purpose, excluded me from their group of
friends, or completely ignored me?**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
None	56%	54%	72%	52%	69%	58%	62%	64%	71%
1 time	19%	19%	12%	14%	12%	9%	16%	14%	11%
2 times	6%	7%	5%	10%	5%	10%	8%	8%	7%
3 - 5 times	11%	10%	5%	10%	7%	10%	7%	7%	6%
6 - 10 times	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	6%	3%	3%	2%
11+ times	4%	7%	5%	10%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%

**E14: In the last 30 days, how many times have you been bullied at school in these ways:
I was hit, kicked, pushed, shoved around, or locked indoors?**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
None	72%	78%	88%	68%	86%	88%	77%	81%	91%
1 time	9%	10%	7%	9%	10%	7%	10%	8%	4%
2 times	3%	3%	1%	5%	1%	2%	5%	4%	2%
3 - 5 times	9%	4%	1%	6%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%
6 - 10 times	1%	1%	1%	4%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
11+ times	5%	3%	2%	8%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%

**E38: When a student is being bullied at school, how often do the teachers or other
adults at school try to put a stop to it?**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Almost never	8%	8%	13%	22%	23%	16%	8%	14%	15%
Once in a while	9%	22%	17%	27%	25%	35%	12%	20%	22%
Sometimes	15%	22%	19%	17%	23%	20%	17%	22%	25%
Often	18%	23%	24%	13%	19%	17%	21%	23%	22%
Almost always	50%	25%	28%	21%	10%	12%	42%	22%	15%

**E48: How much do you agree with:
I feel safe at school.**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	54%	40%	44%	25%	29%	14%	52%	35%	27%
Agree	39%	47%	44%	53%	50%	62%	36%	47%	56%
Disagree	5%	8%	10%	11%	14%	17%	9%	12%	13%
Strongly Disagree	2%	5%	1%	10%	7%	7%	4%	5%	5%

**E52: How much do you agree with:
My school lets a parent/guardian know if I'm doing a good job.**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	38%	39%	18%	24%	13%	11%	39%	24%	16%
Agree	50%	47%	41%	30%	39%	32%	42%	40%	37%
Disagree	10%	12%	25%	31%	35%	37%	14%	27%	35%
Strongly Disagree	3%	2%	6%	15%	13%	20%	4%	9%	13%

**E54: How much do you agree with:
There is at least one adult at school that I could go to for help with a problem.**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	63%	63%	55%	48%	36%	33%	66%	47%	39%
Agree	30%	26%	36%	32%	40%	56%	26%	39%	47%
Disagree	5%	9%	16%	10%	16%	8%	5%	9%	9%
Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	8%	10%	8%	3%	3%	5%	4%

F2: How much do you agree with: I have a happy home.

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	61%	62%	60%	50%	48%	43%	67%	55%	48%
Agree	31%	31%	32%	34%	38%	37%	26%	34%	40%
Disagree	6%	6%	7%	10%	9%	15%	5%	8%	9%
Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	1%	6%	6%	5%	2%	3%	3%

**F3: How much do you agree with:
There are people living in my home who have a serious alcohol or drug problem.**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	5%	6%	13%	9%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%
Agree	9%	7%	6%	8%	11%	9%	6%	8%	9%
Disagree	15%	23%	18%	28%	23%	28%	17%	20%	23%
Strongly Disagree	71%	64%	62%	55%	60%	56%	69%	64%	61%

**F4: How much do you agree with:
I feel very close to at least one of my parents/guardians.**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	83%	76%	73%	59%	55%	57%	79%	64%	53%
Agree	14%	19%	23%	33%	28%	30%	17%	26%	34%
Disagree	1%	2%	4%	4%	9%	9%	3%	6%	10%
Strongly Disagree	1%	3%	0%	3%	8%	4%	2%	3%	4%

**G24: How much do you agree with:
Adults in my neighborhood or community let me know they are proud of me when I do something well.**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	36%	29%	33%	17%	16%	19%	38%	26%	19%
Agree	41%	38%	35%	28%	42%	32%	33%	33%	34%
Disagree	15%	24%	21%	31%	28%	31%	19%	25%	28%
Strongly Disagree	8%	10%	12%	25%	14%	19%	10%	16%	18%

**G23: How much do you agree with:
There are enough places for kids my age to go that are drug and alcohol free.**

	6 th Grade		8 th Grade		11 th Grade		State		
	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	Benton	Tama	6 th	8 th	11 th
Strongly Agree	55%	64%	51%	34%	36%	30%	61%	48%	32%
Agree	26%	18%	32%	38%	39%	45%	21%	34%	46%
Disagree	9%	5%	9%	14%	18%	17%	7%	10%	15%
Strongly Disagree	11%	13%	9%	15%	6%	8%	11%	8%	7%

[*Iowa Youth Survey*](#)

9. Juvenile Justice Data

The following information was received from the [Criminal & Juvenile Justice Planning](#).

2020 Complaints						
A complaint is a report of a law violation by a juvenile. One complaint may contain one or more charges/allegations.						
	Benton Female Male		Tama Female Male		District Female Male	
Age <11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age 12-13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age 14-15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age 16-17	11	21	0	0	0	0

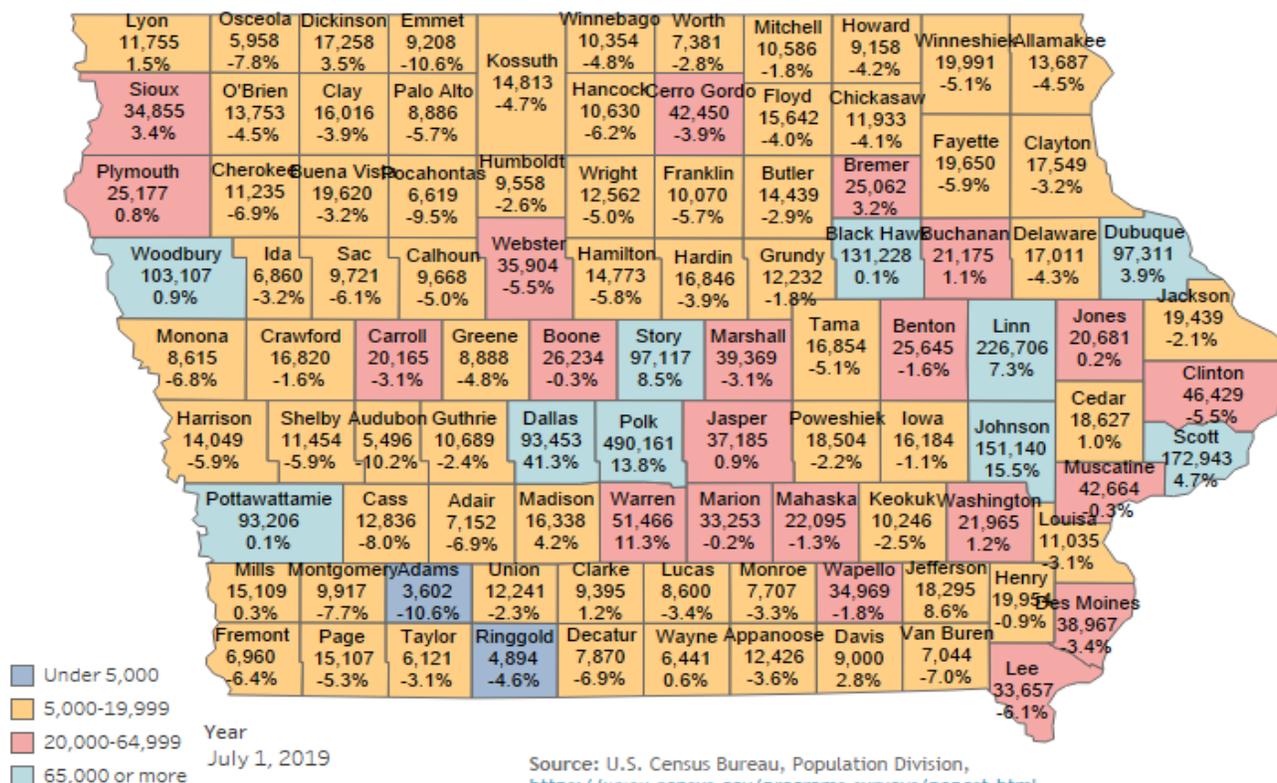
2020 Informal Adjustments Entered Into						
An informal adjustment is an agreement where the child and the child's parents must agree to the terms required in an informal adjustment agreement.						
	Benton Female Male		Tama Female Male		6 th District Female Male	
African American	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caucasian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0

2020 Petitions Filed						
	Benton Female Male		Tama Female Male		6 th District Female Male	
African American	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caucasian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Race not reported (numbers may be too small)	0	0	0	0	0	0

10. Demographic Data

Iowa County Population and Percent Change

(from April 1, 2010 population estimates base to July 1, 2019)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest.html>
 Source agency release date: March 26, 2020
 Prepared by: State Data Center Program, State Library of Iowa, 800-248-4483, <http://>

Single Parent Families (Percent)

Percentage of families with children that are headed by a single parent

Location	2011 - 2015	2012 - 2016	2013 - 2017	2014 - 2018	2015 - 2019
State	31.2%	31.4%	31.0%	31.2%	31.7%
Benton	24.5%	23.5%	21.6%	24.0%	23.6%
Tama	31.8%	32.2%	29.6%	33.2%	33.6%

Annie E. Casey Kids Count / US Census Bureau

Why This Indicator Matters: Single parent families has increased eight percent since 2009, to now almost one in three families. It also has risen in over two-thirds of Iowa counties.

Information in this section was collected from the [US Census Bureau](#).

Population Estimates										
	Population Estimate (as of July 1)									
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State	3,063,690	3,074,386	3,089,876	3,105,563	3,118,473	3,130,869	3,145,711	3,156,145	3,155,070	3,190,369
Benton	26,079	25,836	25,706	25,630	25,611	25,641	25,642	26,076	25,645	25,575
Tama	17,610	17,501	17,429	17,308	17,204	17,179	17,058	16,904	16,854	17,135

Demographic & Housing Estimates	State		Benton County		Tama County	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
SEX AND AGE						
Total population	3,106,589	3,106,589	25,720	25,720	17,423	17,423
Male	1,542,988	49.7%	12,853	50.0%	8,610	49.4%
Female	1,563,601	50.3%	12,867	50.0%	8,813	50.6%
Under 5 years	196,868	6.3%	1,553	6.0%	1,063	6.1%
5 to 9 years	204,844	6.6%	1,640	6.4%	1,092	6.3%
10 to 14 years	203,643	6.6%	2,042	7.9%	1,288	7.4%
15 to 19 years	215,024	6.9%	1,667	6.5%	1,222	7.0%
20 to 24 years	227,370	7.3%	1,386	5.4%	890	5.1%
25 to 34 years	391,277	12.6%	2,532	9.8%	1,701	9.8%
35 to 44 years	364,624	11.7%	3,056	11.9%	1,889	10.8%
45 to 54 years	406,148	13.1%	3,975	15.5%	2,454	14.1%
55 to 59 years	211,948	6.8%	1,993	7.7%	1,314	7.5%
60 to 64 years	194,062	6.2%	1,553	6.0%	1,141	6.5%
65 to 74 years	259,860	8.4%	2,309	9.0%	1,676	9.6%
75 to 84 years	153,198	4.9%	1,373	5.3%	1,016	5.8%
85 years and over	77,723	2.5%	641	2.5%	677	3.9%
Median age (years)	38.0	(X)	41.8	(X)	43.2	(X)
18 years and over	2,379,075	2,379,075	19,382	19,382	13,206	13,206
Male	1,170,340	49.2%	9,586	49.5%	6,502	49.2%
Female	1,208,735	50.8%	9,796	50.5%	6,704	50.8%

Subject	State		Benton		Tama	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
RACE						
One race	3,045,295	98.0%	25,423	98.8%	16,170	98.2%
Two or more races	61,294	2.0%	297	1.2%	156	1.8%
One race	3,045,295	98.0%	25,423	98.8%	16,170	98.2%
White	2,823,890	90.9%	25,147	97.8%	15,972	88.6%
Black or African American	103,052	3.3%	140	0.5%	105	0.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	9,951	0.3%	10	0.0%	8	7.4%
Cherokee tribal grouping	738	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.1%
Chippewa tribal grouping	366	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Navajo tribal grouping	158	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Sioux tribal grouping	1,387	0.0%	4	0.0%	0	0.3%
Asian	66,570	2.1%	79	0.3%	26	0.3%
Asian Indian	13,073	0.4%	14	0.1%	1	0.0%
Chinese	13,419	0.4%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Filipino	4,099	0.1%	7	0.0%	6	0.2%
Japanese	1,451	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
Korean	6,124	0.2%	11	0.0%	17	0.1%
Vietnamese	9,501	0.3%	11	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Asian	18,903	0.6%	33	0.1%	0	0.0%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	2,422	0.1%	0	0.0%	10	0.1%
Native Hawaiian	749	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	0.0%
Guamanian or Chamorro	236	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Samoan	243	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Pacific Islander	1,194	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Some other race	39,410	1.3%	47	0.2%	49	1.2%
Two or more races	61,294	2.0%	297	1.2%	156	1.8%
White and Black or African American	26,231	0.8%	107	0.4%	52	0.3%
White & American Indian, Alaska Native	12,191	0.4%	103	0.4%	86	0.8%
White and Asian	11,583	0.4%	44	0.2%	18	0.3%
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	1,170	0.0%	10	0.0%	0	0.0%
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races						
Total population	3,106,589	3,106,589	25,720	25,720	16,326	17,423
White	2,881,780	92.8%	25,434	98.9%	16,128	90.3%
Black or African American	133,938	4.3%	257	1.0%	157	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	25,590	0.8%	123	0.5%	94	8.3%
Asian	80,648	2.6%	123	0.5%	44	0.7%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	4,195	0.1%	13	0.1%	10	0.1%
Some other race	45,138	1.5%	67	0.3%	49	1.5%

Social Characteristics	State		Benton County		Tama County	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE						
Total households	1,242,641	1,242,641	10,155	10,155	6,734	6,734
Family households (families)	798,664	64.3%	7,076	69.7%	4,628	68.7%
With own children of the householder under 18 years	349,173	28.1%	3,009	29.6%	1,831	27.2%
Married-couple family	631,553	50.8%	6,028	59.4%	3,672	54.5%
With own children of the householder under 18 years	243,180	19.6%	2,327	22.9%	1,265	18.8%
Male householder, no wife present, family	52,194	4.2%	330	3.2%	302	4.5%
With own children of the householder under 18 years	31,961	2.6%	214	2.1%	183	2.7%
Female householder, no husband present, family	114,917	9.2%	718	7.1%	654	9.7%
With own children of the householder under 18 years	74,032	6.0%	468	4.6%	383	5.7%
Nonfamily households	443,977	35.7%	3,079	30.3%	2,106	31.3%
Householder living alone	359,395	28.9%	2,568	25.3%	1,804	26.8%
65 years and over	143,060	11.5%	1,193	11.7%	879	13.1%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	375,056	30.2%	3,173	31.2%	2,025	30.1%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	337,640	27.2%	2,898	28.5%	2,244	33.3%
Average household size	2.42	(X)	2.50	(X)	2.53	(X)
Average family size	2.98	(X)	2.98	(X)	3.04	(X)
RELATIONSHIP						
Population in households	3,006,496	3,006,496	25,380	25,380	17,030	17,030
Householder	1,242,641	41.3%	10,155	40.0%	6,734	39.5%
Spouse	631,283	21.0%	6,043	23.8%	3,706	21.8%
Child	848,510	28.2%	7,315	28.8%	4,839	28.4%
Other relatives	104,084	3.5%	638	2.5%	916	5.4%
Nonrelatives	179,978	6.0%	1,229	4.8%	835	4.9%
Unmarried partner	81,212	2.7%	669	2.6%	431	2.5%
MARITAL STATUS						
Males 15 years and over	1,232,821	1,232,821	10,167	10,167	6,898	6,898
Never married	399,743	32.4%	2,522	24.8%	1,856	26.9%
Now married, except separated	662,672	53.8%	6,140	60.4%	3,989	57.8%
Separated	12,329	1.0%	91	0.9%	94	1.4%
Widowed	32,962	2.7%	352	3.5%	231	3.3%
Divorced	125,115	10.1%	1,062	10.4%	728	10.6%

FERTILITY	State		Benton		Tama	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Estimate	Percent	Estimate
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	41,109	41,109	423	423	209	209
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	12,930	31.5%	109	25.8%	94	45.0%
Per 1,000 unmarried women	36	(X)	50	(X)	54	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	59	(X)	79	(X)	59	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	15	(X)	54	(X)	32	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	110	(X)	152	(X)	137	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	22	(X)	33	(X)	10	(X)
GRANDPARENTS						
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Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	39,154	39,154	306	306	326	326
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	15,951	40.7%	67	21.9%	158	48.5%
Years responsible for grandchildren						
Less than 1 year	4,453	11.4%	4	1.3%	87	26.7%
1 or 2 years	3,663	9.4%	30	9.8%	35	10.7%
3 or 4 years	2,592	6.6%	17	5.6%	7	2.1%
5 or more years	5,243	13.4%	16	5.2%	29	8.9%
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	15,951	15,951	67	67	158	158
Who are female	9,584	60.1%	34	50.7%	106	67.1%
Who are married	11,874	74.4%	56	83.6%	121	76.6%
VETERAN STATUS						
Civilian population 18 years and over	2,377,378	2,377,378	19,382	19,382	13,206	13,206
Civilian veterans	203,277	8.6%	1,815	9.4%	1,198	9.1%
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION						
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	3,062,954	3,062,954	25,479	25,479	17,048	17,048
With a disability	356,817	11.6%	2,963	11.6%	2,129	12.5%
Under 18 years	725,346	725,346	6,331	6,331	4,124	4,124
With a disability	29,351	4.0%	399	6.3%	191	4.6%
18 to 64 years	1,869,985	1,869,985	15,025	15,025	9,801	9,801
With a disability	176,443	9.4%	1,278	8.5%	947	9.7%
65 years and over	467,623	467,623	4,123	4,123	3,123	3,123
With a disability	151,023	32.3%	1,286	31.2%	991	31.7%

PLACE OF BIRTH	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Total population	3,106,589	3,106,589	25,720	25,720	17,423	17,423
Native	2,955,422	95.1%	25,554	99.4%	16,814	96.5%
Born in United States	2,937,683	94.6%	25,499	99.1%	16,757	96.2%
State of residence	2,205,559	71.0%	21,416	83.3%	14,157	81.3%
Different state	732,124	23.6%	4,083	15.9%	2,600	14.9%
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	17,739	0.6%	55	0.2%	57	0.3%
Foreign born	151,167	4.9%	166	0.6%	609	3.5%
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS						
Foreign-born population	151,167	151,167	166	166	609	609
Naturalized U.S. citizen	56,676	37.5%	106	63.9%	216	35.5%
Not a U.S. citizen	94,491	62.5%	60	36.1%	393	64.5%
YEAR OF ENTRY						
Population born outside the United States	168,906	168,906	221	221	666	666
Native	17,739	17,739	55	55	57	57
Entered 2010 or later	2,369	13.4%	0	0.0%	2	3.5%
Entered before 2010	15,370	86.6%	55	100.0%	55	96.5%
Foreign born	151,167	151,167	166	166	609	609
Entered 2010 or later		34,088		22.5%		32
Entered before 2010	117,079	77.5%	134	80.7%	562	92.3%
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN						
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	151,167	151,167	166	166	609	609
Europe	20,509	13.6%	68	41.0%	34	5.6%
Asia	54,442	36.0%	46	27.7%	57	9.4%
Africa	14,272	9.4%	10	6.0%	17	2.8%
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Population 5 years and over	2,909,721	2,909,721	24,167	24,167	16,360	16,360
English only	2,691,369	92.5%	23,736	98.2%	14,736	90.1%
Language other than English	218,352	7.5%	431	1.8%	1,624	9.9%
Speak English less than "very well"	92,162	3.2%	150	0.6%	623	3.8%
Spanish	113,633	3.9%	250	1.0%	979	6.0%
Speak English less than "very well"	48,551	1.7%	55	0.2%	506	3.1%
Other Indo-European languages	45,994	1.6%	168	0.7%	67	0.4%
Speak English less than "very well"	13,134	0.5%	85	0.4%	29	0.2%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	43,518	1.5%	10	0.0%	28	0.2%
Speak English less than "very well"	24,284	0.8%	10	0.0%	16	0.1%
Other languages	15,207	0.5%	3	0.0%	550	3.4%
Speak English less than "very well"	6,193	0.2%	0	0.0%	72	0.4%

ANCESTRY						
Total population	3,106,589	3,106,589	25,720	25,720	17,423	17,423
American	180,751	5.8%	2,444	9.5%	1,345	7.7%
Arab	8,252	0.3%	15	0.1%	20	0.1%
Czech	55,481	1.8%	1,443	5.6%	1,809	10.4%
Danish	54,957	1.8%	361	1.4%	188	1.1%
Dutch	127,475	4.1%	458	1.8%	446	2.6%
English	255,511	8.2%	1,658	6.4%	1,245	7.1%
French (except Basque)	66,253	2.1%	586	2.3%	240	1.4%
French Canadian	8,405	0.3%	138	0.5%	37	0.2%
German	1,089,836	35.1%	11,250	43.7%	6,114	35.1%
Greek	5,882	0.2%	46	0.2%	15	0.1%
Hungarian	3,742	0.1%	26	0.1%	24	0.1%
Irish	420,023	13.5%	3,687	14.3%	1,906	10.9%
Italian	64,375	2.1%	249	1.0%	360	2.1%
Lithuanian	2,650	0.1%	12	0.0%	11	0.1%
Norwegian	155,728	5.0%	973	3.8%	554	3.2%
Polish	39,663	1.3%	231	0.9%	116	0.7%
Portuguese	1,592	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Russian	10,103	0.3%	22	0.1%	45	0.3%
Scotch-Irish	26,019	0.8%	271	1.1%	120	0.7%
Scottish	47,833	1.5%	336	1.3%	291	1.7%
Slovak	1,696	0.1%	0	0.0%	5	0.0%
Subsaharan African	17,870	0.6%	10	0.0%	0	0.0%
Swedish	83,698	2.7%	801	3.1%	202	1.2%
Swiss	14,113	0.5%	186	0.7%	29	0.2%
Ukrainian	2,672	0.1%	10	0.0%	7	0.0%