



Households, Family Structure, Non-Family Households, and Group Quarters Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 1950 - 2010

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Households, families, living arrangements, and household relationships are recorded at each decennial census. The household population is those living in housing units occupied as separate living quarters. Other living arrangements are group quarters which include nursing homes, correctional institutions, college dormitories, military quarters, shelters, and other group situations.

In 2010, Iowa recorded more households than at any previous census (more than 1.2 million) as well as the highest household population. Even though the number of households has increased, the average household size statewide has decreased steadily from 3.25 persons in 1950 to 2.41 persons in 2010. Most counties have a smaller average household size in recent decades as well. Relatively few Iowans live in group quarters, but at the county level these numbers and proportions are especially impacted by the presence of colleges or prison facilities (Figures 1 - 2, Tables 1 - 2).

Households are divided into family and non-family categories based on the relationship that household members have to the householder. Family households have the householder plus at least one other person who is related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Households in which no other person is related to the householder are non-family households. Persons who live alone are, by definition, non-family households.

Iowa counted 790,000 family households in 2010, the highest number at a census. The state has not always

had an increase in families as the number declined between 1980 and 1990, the decade when Iowa lost population overall. As with household size, the average family size in Iowa declined from 3.57 in 1960 to 2.97 in 2010 and declined for most counties as well. Family size was smallest (less than 2.80) for Calhoun, Cherokee, Dickinson, Jefferson, and Pocahontas Counties while the family size exceeded 3.1 in Buena Vista, Dallas, Davis, Sioux, and Woodbury in 2010 (Figures 1-2, Tables 3 - 4).

Although the number of families increased in many decades, those with own children under age 18 declined at several decades, including a loss of 14,000 of these households between 2000 and 2010. The 347,000 families with own children in 2010 was 49,000 fewer than the 396,000 counted in 1960 (Figure 4, Tables 3 - 4).

Non-family households increased each decade in Iowa since 1950 and numbered more than 431,000 in 2010. These households have risen at a faster rate than family households. Statewide, the number of households with a householder 65 or older and living alone has been relatively constant since 1990 (Figure 1, Tables 3 - 4).

Families are categorized by the marital situation of the householder into those that have married couples, those with a female householder but no husband present, and those with a male householder but no wife present. Married couple families have been the dominant type, but the 2010 census number of 625,000 was lower than any count since 1960. Female householder families increased at each census since 1960 to number 113,800 in 2010 and male householder families increased consistently since 1970 to number 51,100 in 2010 (Figure 3, Table 5).

In 2010, married couple families with own children numbered 244,753 in the state. This was 129,400 fewer such families than in 1960. At that census, 57.9 percent of married couple families had own children compared with the 2010 figure of 39.1 percent. In contrast to the trend for married couple families, both female household and male household families with own children increased substantially between 1960 and 2010 both in the number of these families and in the percentage that had own children. In 2010, nearly 59 percent of male householder families and over 63 percent (continued page 3)

Figure 1. Households, Families, and Non-Family Households, 1950 - 2010
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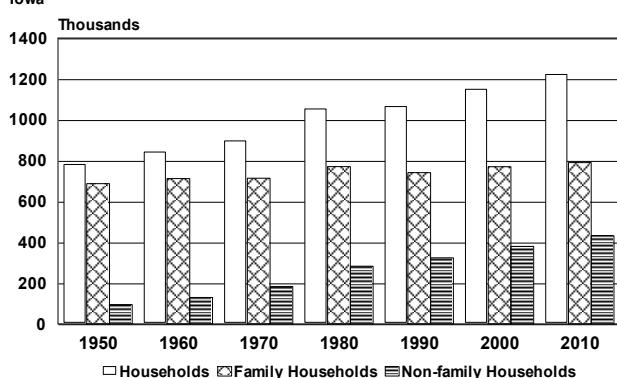


Table 1. Households, Household and Group Quarters Population, and Average Household Size in Iowa's Counties, 1990 – 2010 (continued).

County	Households			Population in Households			Average Household Size			Population in Group Quarters	
	2010	2000	1990	2010	2000	1990	2010	2000	1990	Number	% of Total
Mills	5605	5324	4665	14451	13847	12363	2.58	2.60	2.65	608	700
Mitchell	4395	4294	4253	10529	10593	10567	2.40	2.47	2.48	247	281
Monona	4050	4211	4098	9043	9747	9754	2.23	2.31	2.38	200	273
Monroe	3213	3228	3196	7848	7838	7923	2.44	2.43	2.48	122	178
Montgomery	4558	4886	4955	10527	11518	11759	2.31	2.36	2.37	213	253
Muscatine	16412	15847	14806	42192	40998	39252	2.57	2.59	2.65	553	724
O'Brien	6069	6001	5980	14032	14511	14896	2.31	2.42	2.49	366	591
Osceola	2682	2778	2817	6350	6881	7147	2.37	2.48	2.54	112	122
Page	6393	6708	6687	14464	15584	16136	2.26	2.32	2.41	1468	1392
Palo Alto	3994	4119	4183	9077	9745	10359	2.27	2.37	2.48	344	402
Plymouth	9875	9372	8417	24637	24470	22687	2.49	2.61	2.70	349	379
Pocahontas	3233	3617	3820	7169	8500	9313	2.22	2.35	2.44	141	162
Polk	170197	149112	129237	421284	365671	318917	2.48	2.45	2.47	9356	8930
Pottawattamie	36775	33844	31262	91082	86028	81375	2.48	2.54	2.60	2076	1676
Poweshiek	7555	7398	7158	17287	17357	17759	2.29	2.35	2.48	1627	1458
Ringgold	2047	2245	2218	4952	5318	5272	2.42	2.37	2.38	179	151
Sac	4482	4746	4914	10127	11242	12091	2.26	2.37	2.46	223	287
Scott	66765	62334	57438	161890	155392	148332	2.42	2.49	2.58	3334	3276
Shelby	5085	5173	5024	11947	12874	12855	2.35	2.49	2.56	220	299
Sioux	11584	10693	9925	31294	28941	27797	2.70	2.71	2.80	2410	2648
Story	34736	29383	25941	81368	70369	63525	2.34	2.39	2.45	8174	9612
Tama	6947	7018	6768	17368	17609	17004	2.50	2.51	2.51	399	494
Taylor	2679	2824	2859	6221	6776	6932	2.32	2.40	2.42	96	182
Union	5271	5242	5173	12182	12017	12487	2.31	2.29	2.41	352	292
Van Buren	3108	3181	3056	7473	7682	7547	2.40	2.41	2.47	97	127
Wapello	14552	14784	14555	34758	35014	34963	2.39	2.37	2.40	867	1037
Warren	17262	14708	12659	44483	38956	34770	2.58	2.65	2.75	1742	1715
Washington	8741	8056	7454	21394	20167	19004	2.45	2.50	2.55	310	503
Wayne	2652	2821	2953	6312	6598	6938	2.38	2.34	2.35	91	132
Webster	15580	15878	15963	35386	37763	38956	2.27	2.38	2.44	2627	2472
Winnebago	4597	4749	4704	10378	11194	11449	2.26	2.36	2.43	488	529
Winneshiek	7997	7734	7256	18768	19017	18747	2.35	2.46	2.58	2288	2293
Woodbury	39052	39151	36899	99536	101115	95388	2.55	2.58	2.59	2636	2762
Worth	3172	3278	3239	7508	7789	7860	2.37	2.38	2.43	90	120
Wright	5625	5940	5899	13031	14022	13966	2.32	2.36	2.37	198	312
State of Iowa	1221576	1149276	1064325	2948243	2822155	2677235	2.41	2.46	2.52	98112	104169
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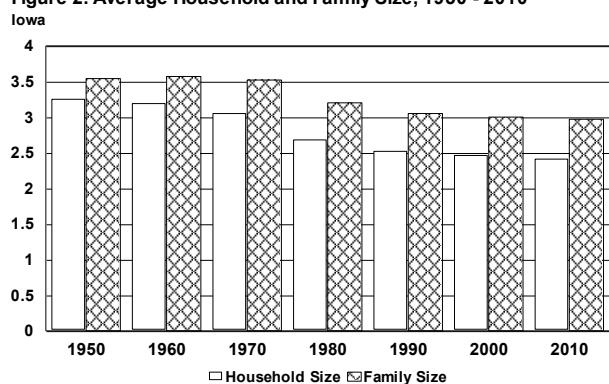
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Decennial Census 1990 - 2010

Table 2. Households, Household and Group Quarters Population, and Average Household Size in Iowa, 1950 – 1980.

	1980	1970	1960	1950
Households	1053033	896311	841357	780999
Population in Households	2817473	2733699	2687341	2538841
Average Household Size	2.68	3.05	3.19	3.25
Population in Group Quarters	96335	90677	70196	81760
Percent in Group Quarters	3.3	3.2	2.5	3.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Decennial Census 1950 - 1980

Figure 2. Average Household and Family Size, 1950 - 2010



of female householder families in Iowa had own children. Over the decades, most counties have recorded a convergence in the proportion of female householder and male householder families with own children and in both 2000 and 2010, the percentage of female householder and male household families with own children usually exceeded the percentage of married couple families with own children (Figures 4 - 5, Table 5).

In 2010, White alone, not Hispanic households (92.3%) and families (91.9%) represented a large majority of the state's households and families, a reflection of the state's overall population structure (88.7% White, not Hispanic and 11.3% minority) (Table 6). Minority households and families tended, however, to have a larger average size than White households and families with both Hawaiian and Other Race families averaging 4.1 persons in 2010. In addition, minority married couple families were much more likely to have own children present than were White families. (continued page 5)

Table 6. Households, Families by Type, and Presence of Own Children by Race and Hispanic Origin in Iowa, 2000 – 2010.

		One Race Alone									
		Total	White	Black, African American	American		Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino (any race)	White Alone, not Hispanic
					Asian	Indian, Alaska Native					
Households	2010	1221576	1147691	29305	3414	15860	476	14481	10349	37187	1127934
	2000	1149276	1098906	20550	2720	10752	284	9060	7004	20362	1089018
Average Household Size	2010	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.7	3.7	2.8	3.5	2.4
	2000	2.5	2.4	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.8	2.8	3.5	2.4
Families	2010	790034	740677	18243	2293	10547	362	11277	6635	28299	725873
	2000	769684	735366	13372	1887	7326	181	7058	4494	15272	728221
Average Family Size	2010	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.4	3.9	2.9
	2000	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.0
Married Couple Families	2010	625173	596994	7474	1228	8492	238	7038	3709	18034	587182
	2000	633254	612305	6103	1059	5943	121	4786	2937	10533	607212
Married Couples with <18	2010	244753	227296	3987	662	5131	155	5299	2223	12860	220611
	2000	274565	261530	3285	617	3636	76	3624	1797	7458	258189
Married Couples % <18	2010	39.1	38.1	53.3	53.9	60.4	65.1	75.3	59.9	71.3	37.6
	2000	43.4	42.7	53.8	58.3	61.2	62.8	75.7	61.2	70.8	42.5
Fem HH, no spouse	2010	113756	98404	8660	769	1341	61	2410	2111	6257	95234
	2000	98270	88374	6000	637	858	35	1247	1119	2797	87110
Fem HH with <18, no spouse	2010	72255	60926	6354	506	836	47	1928	1658	4901	58474
	2000	64367	57027	4475	471	540	23	998	833	2149	56095
Fem HH, no spouse % <18	2010	63.5	61.9	73.4	65.8	62.3	77.0	80.0	78.5	78.3	61.4
	2000	65.5	64.5	74.6	73.9	62.9	65.7	80.0	74.4	76.8	64.4
Male HH, no spouse	2010	51105	45279	2109	296	714	63	1829	815	4008	43457
	2000	38160	34687	1269	191	525	25	1025	438	1942	33899
Male HH with <18, no spouse	2010	30110	26688	1331	188	312	46	1036	509	2384	25584
	2000	22221	20276	807	118	203	12	554	251	1046	19868
Male HH, no spouse % <18	2010	58.9	58.9	63.1	63.5	43.7	73.0	56.6	62.5	59.5	58.9
	2000	58.2	58.5	63.6	61.8	38.7	48.0	54.0	57.3	53.9	58.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census 2000 - 2010

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