



Population: Extension Regions 1900 - 2010

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Iowa gained 120,031 residents (4.1%) between the decennial censuses of 2000 and 2010 surpassing three million in population at a census for the first time (Table 1, Figures 1, 3). The increases for the decade were somewhat lower in both number and percent than the gains between 1990 and 2000 (+149,569; +5.4%).

The changes among the 20 Extension regions were variable with 10 regions experiencing an increase in population and 10 registering a decline between 2000 and 2010 (Table 1, Figure 1). Most of the regions that increased were located in a band from central Iowa eastward to the Quad Cities area (Figure 1). Region 13, which includes the city of Des Moines, gained nearly 87,000 residents, the most of any region. Regions 10 and 15 each added more than 20,000 (Table 1). These same three regions (10, 13, 15) had the highest percentage gains as well (8.7% - 19.1%). The regions that lost population tended to be in northern, western, and southern areas of Iowa. Region 18 had the least decline (-915, -1.1%) while the highest loss was in Region 6 (-5,838, -8.0%).

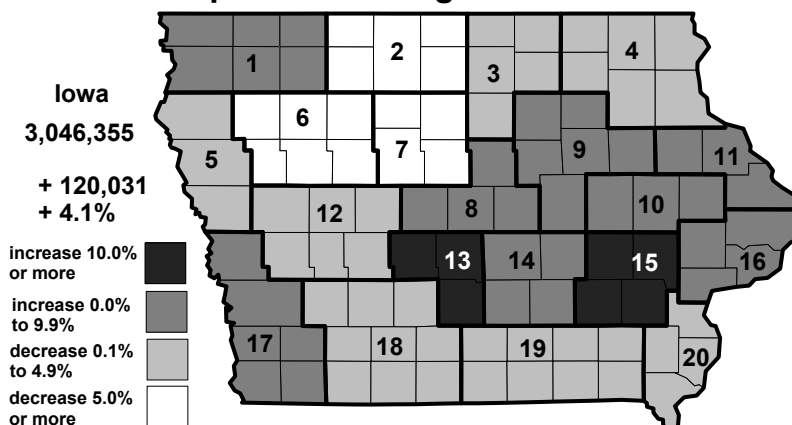
The regions varied significantly in total population in 2010. For eight regions, the population was less

than 100,000. Many of these were in northern or west central Iowa (Table 1, Figure 2). Another eight regions had populations between 100,000 and 200,000, three regions exceeded 200,000, and one (13) surpassed half a million.

Iowa overall has usually gained residents at each census with the exceptions of 1910 and 1990 (Table 1, Figure 3). Most Extension regions mirrored the state with losses between 1980 and 1990 and many also declined between 1900 and 1910. During other decades of the 20th century, some regions experienced significant fluctuations from census to census (Table 1).

In general, the regions with Iowa's larger cities have gained residents while those that have remained relatively rural have fewer residents now than in past decades (Tables 1, 2). Twelve of the Extension regions had fewer people in 2010 than 50 years earlier in 1960. Eight regions had fewer residents in 2010 than in 1900. Between 1900 and 2010, Regions 8, 10, 13, 14, and 15 recorded their highest census count in 2010. In contrast, the highest population count for Regions 4, 12, and 18 was in 1900 (Table 2).

**Figure 1. Extension Regions:
Population Change 2000 - 2010**



Internet population resources:

- www.iowadatacenter.org
- www.census.gov
- www.ers.usda.gov/data/ruralatlas
- www.cvcia.org
- www.recap.iastate.edu

Table 1. Population in Iowa's Extension Regions, 1900 – 2010.

Region	Change 2000 - 2010			2000	1990	1980	1970	1960	1950	1940	1930	1920	1910	1900
	2010	Number	Percent											
Iowa	3046355	120031	4.1	2926324	2776831	2913808	2825368	2757537	2621073	2538268	2470939	2404021	2224771	2231853
1	99479	226	0.2	99253	97060	104257	98442	100825	101088	102430	97779	97064	86993	83608
2	57473	-4687	-7.5	62160	65589	74791	76731	82624	84761	85580	81651	81407	70277	73487
3	89508	-3326	-3.6	92834	94074	102495	104430	110770	108839	105963	99611	94893	80295	79225
4	96400	-3298	-3.3	99698	98703	110121	110641	115944	117139	121690	119381	122795	120847	131586
5	136401	-2345	-1.7	138746	131698	137319	139443	145671	143472	145367	144041	132880	107378	94799
6	66751	-5838	-8.0	72589	75785	84949	89903	97220	100801	101632	100270	98890	92471	97419
7	76730	-4658	-5.7	81388	81438	92380	96587	100445	96670	94940	94821	90441	84004	82165
8	174030	9702	5.9	164328	156808	161938	152577	137881	130262	121152	117086	112044	102909	104144
9	221411	3204	1.5	218207	212634	237248	228634	218895	194063	172801	159479	147314	133305	126428
10	257940	20710	8.7	237230	210640	213825	205966	181014	146331	131971	124393	104411	102926	102523
11	131265	3422	2.7	127843	124388	135181	130218	119285	107693	101436	97817	96376	96596	99203
12	76488	-3597	-4.5	80085	79742	89590	92110	96730	101068	105627	106601	104811	102778	110111
13	543000	86978	19.1	456022	392928	367561	339647	311267	267429	238179	216030	197196	152260	126058
14	111446	1031	0.9	110415	105361	108267	102757	104070	102251	103758	103194	98992	99478	104822
15	179452	20705	13.0	158747	141985	130208	120456	104957	97945	88668	86578	86466	85408	90058
16	275584	6858	2.6	268726	259364	276215	254272	225758	199420	177650	167854	163925	152664	143003
17	157258	2584	1.7	154674	147732	158192	155663	159524	155235	159816	168840	158092	151034	157233
18	83071	-915	-1.1	83986	82795	91498	90412	99246	112277	122444	127628	131994	133001	153369
19	104949	-1522	-1.4	106471	105988	117519	117705	128122	139362	149908	149220	166077	165805	163366
20	107719	-5203	-4.6	112922	112119	120254	118774	117289	114967	107256	108665	105673	104342	109246

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, Decennial Census 1900 - 2010

Table 2: Population Change in Iowa's Extension Regions, 1960 – 2010 and 1900 – 2010.

Region	Change 1960 - 2010		Change 1900 - 2010		Highest Decade
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Iowa	288818	10.5	814502	36.5	2010
1	-1346	-1.3	15871	19.0	1980
2	-25151	-30.4	-16014	-21.8	1940
3	-21262	-19.2	10283	13.0	1960
4	-19544	-16.9	-35186	-26.7	1900
5	-9270	-6.4	41602	43.9	1960
6	-30469	-31.3	-30668	-31.5	1940
7	-23715	-23.6	-5435	-6.6	1960
8	36149	26.2	69886	67.1	2010
9	2516	1.1	94983	75.1	1980
10	76926	42.5	155417	151.6	2010
11	11980	10.0	32062	32.3	1980
12	-20242	-20.9	-33623	-30.5	1900
13	231733	74.4	416942	330.8	2010
14	7376	7.1	6624	6.3	2010
15	74495	71.0	89394	99.3	2010
16	49826	22.1	132581	92.7	1980
17	-2266	-1.4	25	0.0	1930
18	-16175	-16.3	-70298	-45.8	1900
19	-23173	-18.1	-58417	-35.8	1920
20	-9570	-8.2	-1527	-1.4	1980

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, Decennial Census 1900 - 2010

Figure 2. Extension Regions: Population, 2010

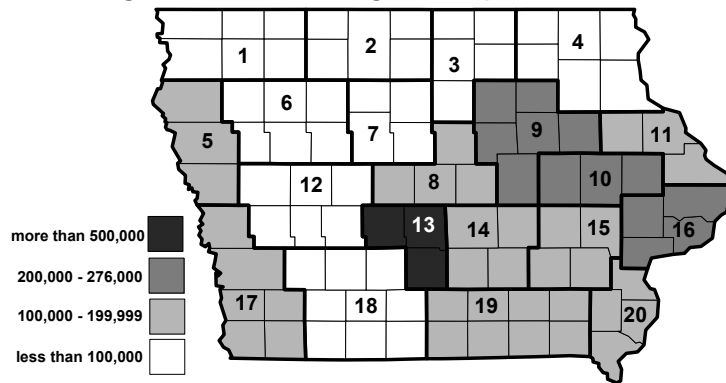
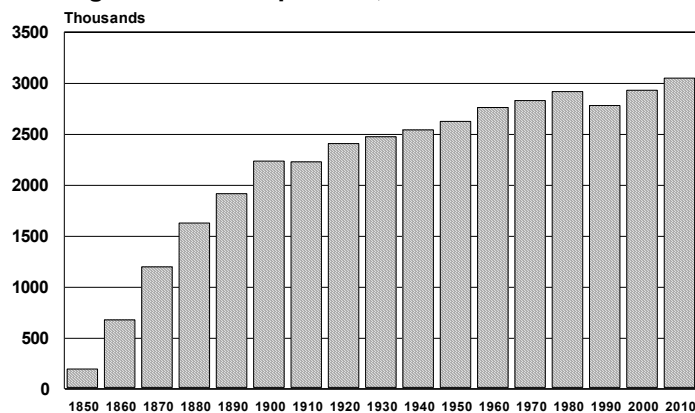


Figure 3. Iowa Population, 1850 - 2010



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