

# Data For You

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## Estimated Population in Iowa's Counties 2000 - 2015

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the population of states, counties, and the country as a whole each year between the Decennial Censuses. The estimates are for July 1st of each year. Iowa's population estimate for July 1, 2015 was 3,123,899, an increase of 77,030 (2.5%) from the 2010 Decennial Census population of 3,046,355 (Table 1, Figure 2). The nation as a whole grew 4.1% during the same period. In most decades, the rate of growth of Iowa's population has been slower than that of the nation.

Among Iowa's counties, 28 are estimated to have gained population since the 2010 Decennial Census. Polk County had the largest increase (37,076) of any county followed by gains of more than 13,000 in both Johnson and Dallas Counties. Linn County grew nearly 8,700 and Scott and Story Counties each increased by more than 6,000. Iowa's overall growth rate (2.5%) was equalled or exceeded by 12 counties. Four (Johnson, Polk, Story, Warren) exceeded five percent growth but the highest growth, by far, was in Dallas

County (21.2%), more than double the rate for next highest Johnson County (Table 1, Figure 1).

More than two-thirds (71) of the counties are estimated to have lost population since 2010. Although some of these counties had relatively small declines, for others the losses were more substantial. Twenty-two counties declined by at least 400 people. The estimated decrease for Cerro Gordo and Clinton Counties is more than 1,000 for each.

In general, the percentage loss for some of these counties was relatively modest, in the range of two percent or less. Twenty-three counties, however, had at least three percent loss. Adair, Adams, Audubon, Emmet and Fremont Counties each exceeded five percent declines (Table 1, Figure 1).

The population estimates for 2015 generally are showing a continuation of gain and decline trends noted over the last several decades of the Decennial Census. Between 2000 and

2010, 33 counties gained population while 66 noted a loss. A small majority of counties (54) experienced a population increase between 1990 and 2000. The decade of 1980 to 1990 was especially hard on Iowa's population. During that time, Iowa lost 4.7 percent of its residents (-137,000) with 92 counties showing population loss (Figure 2).

The annual population estimates are produced using administrative records to estimate births, deaths, and migration, the core components of population change, for each county. Because the estimates are made with administrative records rather than direct household surveys as with the Decennial Census, they should be used and interpreted with caution. In general, they likely show the relative direction and strength of population change rather than exact numerical tallies. In addition, each new annual release of estimates also includes revisions of the series for the years following the most recent decennial count. Thus, the estimates are not permanent and are open to revision.

Figure 1. Estimated Percentage Population Change 2010 - 2015.

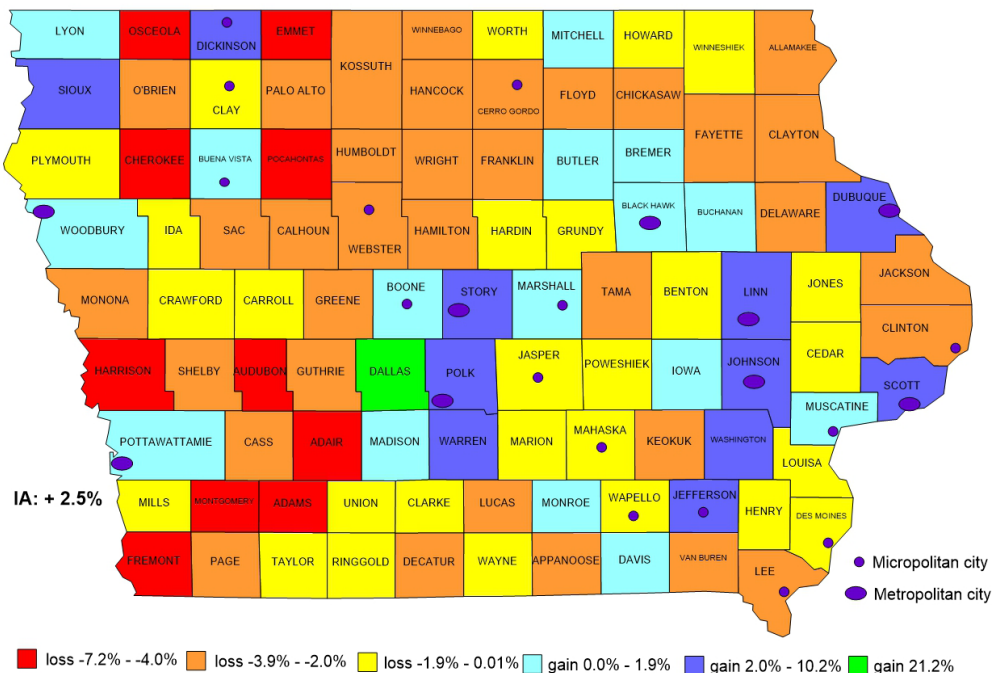
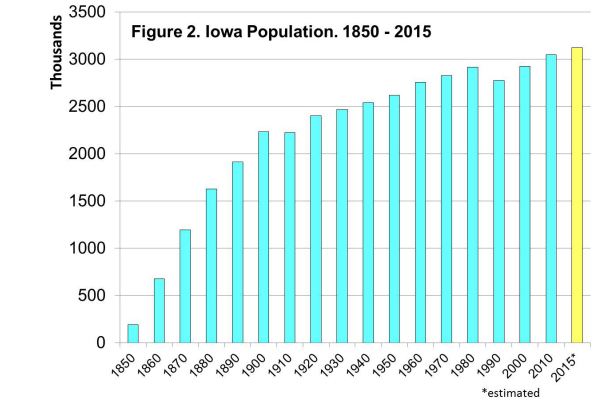


Table 1. Estimated Population in Iowa's Counties, 2015 and Decennial Census Population, 2000 - 2010.

County	Population Estimate, July 1			Decennial Census		County	Population Estimate, July 1			Decennial Census	
	Estimate	Change 2010 - 2015		Population, April 1			Estimate	Change 2010 - 2015		Population, April 1	
	2015	Number	Percent	2010	2000		2015	Number	Percent	2010	2000
Adair	7228	-454	-5.9	7682	8243	Lyon	11745	164	1.4	11581	11763
Adams	3796	-233	-5.8	4029	4482	Madison	15753	74	0.5	15679	14019
Allamakee	13886	-442	-3.1	14330	14675	Mahaska	22324	-57	-0.3	22381	22335
Appanoose	12529	-358	-2.8	12887	13721	Marion	33294	-15	-0.0	33309	32052
Audubon	5773	-346	-5.7	6119	6830	Marshall	40746	98	0.2	40648	39311
Benton	25658	-418	-1.6	26076	25308	Mills	14844	-215	-1.4	15059	14547
Black Hawk	133455	2365	1.8	131090	128012	Mitchell	10832	60	0.6	10776	10874
Boone	26643	337	1.3	26306	26224	Monona	8979	-264	-2.9	9243	10020
Bremer	24722	446	1.8	24276	23325	Monroe	7973	3	0.0	7970	8016
Buchanan	21062	104	0.5	20958	21093	Montgomery	10234	-506	-4.7	10740	11771
Buena Vista	20493	233	1.2	20260	20411	Muscatine	43011	262	0.6	42745	41722
Butler	14915	48	0.3	14867	15305	O'Brien	13984	-414	-2.9	14398	15102
Calhoun	9818	-359	-3.5	*9670	11115	Osceola	6154	-308	-4.8	6462	7003
Carroll	20498	-318	-1.5	20816	21421	Page	15527	-416	-2.6	15932	16976
Cass	13427	-529	-3.8	13956	14684	Palo Alto	9133	-288	-3.1	9421	10147
Cedar	18340	-155	-0.8	18499	18187	Plymouth	24800	-181	-0.7	24986	24849
Cerro Gordo	43017	-1134	-2.6	44151	46447	Pocahontas	7008	-302	-4.1	7310	8662
Cherokee	11574	-498	-4.1	12072	13035	Polk	467711	37076	8.6	430640	374601
Chickasaw	12097	-342	-2.7	12439	13095	Pottawattamie	93671	522	0.6	93158	87704
Clarke	9259	-27	-0.3	9286	9133	Poweshiek	18550	-364	-1.9	18914	18815
Clay	16507	-160	-1.0	16667	17372	Ringgold	5068	-63	-1.2	5131	5469
Clayton	17644	-485	-2.7	18129	18678	Sac	10021	-329	-3.2	10350	11529
Clinton	47768	-1348	-2.7	49116	50149	Scott	172126	6902	4.2	165224	158668
Crawford	17094	-2	-0.0	17096	16942	Shelby	11927	-240	-2.0	12167	13173
Dallas	80133	13996	2.1	66135	40750	Sioux	34937	1233	3.7	33704	31589
Davis	8769	16	0.2	8753	8541	Story	96021	6479	7.2	89542	79981
Decatur	8220	-237	-2.8	8457	8689	Tama	17337	-430	-2.4	17767	18103
Delaware	17403	-361	-2.0	17764	18404	Taylor	6205	-112	-1.8	6317	6958
Des Moines	40055	-270	-0.7	40325	42351	Union	12469	-65	-0.5	12534	12309
Dickinson	17111	444	2.7	16667	16424	Van Buren	7344	-226	-3.0	7570	7809
Dubuque	97125	3472	3.7	93653	89143	Wapello	35173	-452	-1.3	35625	36051
Emmet	9769	-533	-5.2	10302	11027	Warren	48626	2398	5.2	46225	40671
Fayette	20257	-623	-3.0	20880	22008	Washington	22247	543	2.5	21704	20670
Floyd	15960	-343	-2.1	16303	16900	Wayne	6385	-18	-0.3	6403	6730
Franklin	10295	-385	-3.6	10680	10704	Webster	37071	-942	-2.5	38013	40235
Fremont	6906	-535	-7.2	7441	8010	Winnebago	10609	-257	-2.4	10866	11723
Greene	9027	-310	-3.3	9336	10366	Winneshiek	20709	-349	-1.7	21056	21310
Grundy	12435	-18	-0.1	12453	12369	Woodbury	102782	605	0.6	102172	103877
Guthrie	10676	-278	-2.5	10954	11353	Worth	7569	-29	-0.4	7598	7909
Hamilton	15190	-483	-3.1	15673	16438	Wright	12773	-456	-3.4	13229	14334
Hancock	10974	-367	-3.2	11341	12100	<b>State of Iowa</b>	<b>3123899</b>	<b>77030</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3046355</b>	<b>2926324</b>
Hardin	17367	-167	-1.0	17534	18812	*change 2010 - 2015 based on a revised 2010 population of 10,177					
Harrison	14265	-672	-4.5	14928	15666	U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2000, 2010; Estimates 2015					
Henry	19950	-195	-1.0	20145	20336						
Howard	9410	-156	-1.6	9566	9932						
Humboldt	9555	-259	-2.6	9815	10381						
Ida	7028	-61	-0.9	7089	7837						
Iowa	16401	46	0.3	16355	15671						
Jackson	19444	-404	-2.0	19848	20296						
Jasper	36827	-15	-0.0	36842	37213						
Jefferson	17555	712	4.2	16843	16181						
Johnson	144251	13369	10.2	130882	111006						
Jones	20466	-172	-0.8	20638	20221						
Keokuk	10163	-348	-3.3	10511	11400						
Kossuth	15165	-378	-2.4	15543	17163						
Lee	35089	-773	-2.2	35862	38052						
Linn	219916	8690	4.1	211226	191701						
Louisa	11185	-202	-1.8	11387	12183						
Lucas	8682	-216	-2.4	8898	9422						



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