

# Data For You

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## Estimated Population in Iowa's Counties 2000 - 2014

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, 2014 was 3,107,126, an increase of 60,771 (2.0%) from the 2010 Decennial Census population of 3,046,355 (Table 1, Figure 2). The nation as a whole grew 3.3% 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, 31 are estimated to have gained population since the 2010 Decennial Census. Polk County had the largest increase (29,222) of any county followed by gains of more than 11,000 in both Johnson and Dallas Counties. Linn and Scott Counties each increased by more than 6,000. Iowa's overall growth rate (2.0%) was equalled or exceeded by 10 counties. Three (Johnson, Polk, Story) exceeded five percent growth but the highest growth, by far, was in Dallas County (17.0%), nearly

double the rate for next highest Johnson County (Table 1, Figure 1).

Two-thirds (68) 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. Twelve counties declined by at least 400 people. The estimated decrease for Clinton and Webster Counties is more than 1,000 for each.

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

The population estimates for 2014 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 major-

ity 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 birth, death, 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 - 2014.

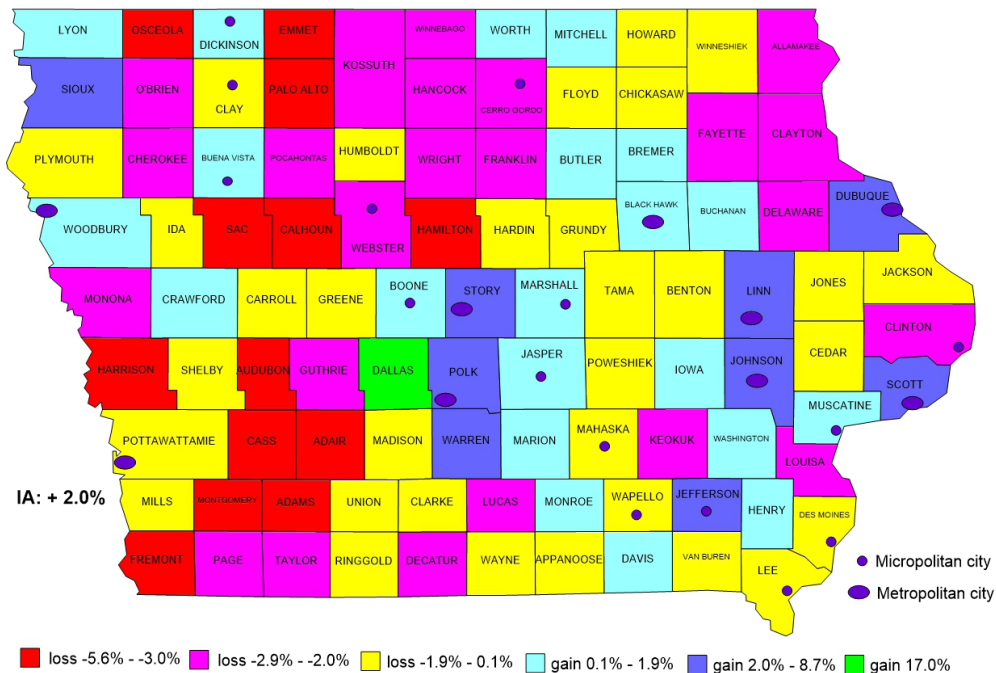
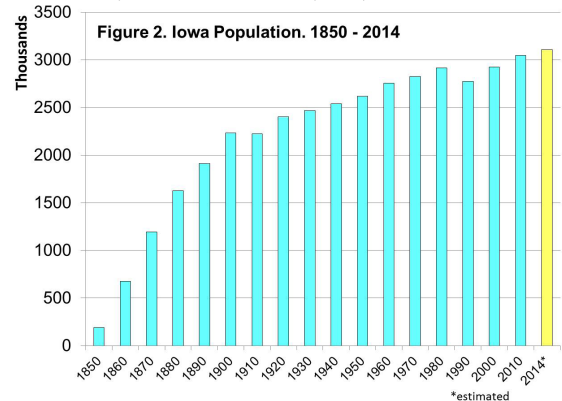


Table 1. Estimated Population in Iowa's Counties, 2014 and Decennial Census Population, 2000 - 2010.

County	Population Estimate, July 1			Decennial Census		County	Population Estimate, July 1			Decennial Census	
	Estimate	Change 2010 - 2014		Population, April 1			Estimate	Change 2010 - 2014		Population, April 1	
	2014	Number	Percent	2010	2000		2014	Number	Percent	2010	2000
Adair	7454	-228	-3.0	7682	8243	Lyon	11683	102	0.9	11581	11763
Adams	3875	-154	-3.8	4029	4482	Madison	15609	-70	-0.4	15679	14019
Allamakee	14038	-292	-2.0	14330	14675	Mahaska	22370	-11	0.0	22381	22335
Appanoose	12661	-226	-1.8	12887	13721	Marion	33365	56	0.2	33309	32052
Audubon	5794	-325	-5.3	6119	6830	Marshall	40866	218	0.5	40648	39311
Benton	25680	-396	-1.5	26076	25308	Mills	14831	-228	-1.5	15059	14547
Black Hawk	132897	1807	1.4	131090	128012	Mitchell	10779	3	0.0	10776	10874
Boone	26433	127	0.5	26306	26224	Monona	8996	-247	-2.7	9243	10020
Bremer	24721	445	1.8	24276	23325	Monroe	8001	31	0.4	7970	8016
Buchanan	21038	80	0.4	20958	21093	Montgomery	10421	-319	-3.0	10740	11771
Buena Vista	20578	318	1.6	20260	20411	Muscatine	42903	158	0.4	42745	41722
Butler	15006	139	0.9	14867	15305	O'Brien	14056	-342	-2.4	14398	15102
Calhoun	*9866	*-311	*-3.1	*9670	11115	Osceola	6218	-244	-3.8	6462	7003
Carroll	20562	-254	-1.2	20816	21421	Page	15496	-436	-2.7	15932	16976
Cass	13448	-508	-3.6	13956	14684	Palo Alto	9099	-322	-3.4	9421	10147
Cedar	18411	-88	-0.5	18499	18187	Plymouth	24874	-112	-0.4	24986	24849
Cerro Gordo	43254	-897	-2.0	44151	46447	Pocahontas	7138	-172	-2.4	7310	8662
Cherokee	11836	-236	-2.0	12072	13035	Polk	459862	29222	6.8	430640	374601
Chickasaw	12264	-175	-1.4	12439	13095	Pottawattamie	93128	-30	0.0	93158	87704
Clarke	9217	-69	-0.7	9286	9133	Poweshiek	18668	-246	-1.3	18914	18815
Clay	16515	-152	-0.9	16667	17372	Ringgold	5051	-80	-1.6	5131	5469
Clayton	17692	-437	-2.4	18129	18678	Sac	10035	-315	-3.0	10350	11529
Clinton	48051	-1065	-2.2	49116	50149	Scott	171387	6163	3.7	165224	158668
Crawford	17228	132	0.8	17096	16942	Shelby	11948	-219	-1.8	12167	13173
Dallas	77400	11265	17.0	66135	40750	Sioux	34681	977	2.9	33704	31589
Davis	8781	28	0.3	8753	8541	Story	94073	4531	5.1	89542	79981
Decatur	8263	-194	-2.3	8457	8689	Tama	17451	-316	-1.8	17767	18103
Delaware	17398	-366	-2.1	17764	18404	Taylor	6143	-174	-2.8	6317	6958
Des Moines	40255	-70	-0.2	40325	42351	Union	12516	-18	-0.1	12534	12309
Dickinson	16935	268	1.6	16667	16424	Van Buren	7468	-102	-1.3	7570	7809
Dubuque	96370	2717	2.9	93653	89143	Wapello	35212	-413	-1.2	35625	36051
Emmet	9990	-312	-3.0	10302	11027	Warren	47956	1731	3.7	46225	40671
Fayette	20343	-537	-2.6	20880	22008	Washington	22070	366	1.7	21704	20670
Floyd	16077	-226	-1.4	16303	16900	Wayne	6395	-8	-0.1	6403	6730
Franklin	10436	-244	-2.3	10680	10704	Webster	36955	-1058	-2.8	38013	40235
Fremont	7022	-419	-5.6	7441	8010	Winnebago	10559	-307	-2.8	10866	11723
Greene	9200	-136	-1.5	9336	10366	Winneshiek	20768	-288	-1.4	21056	21310
Grundy	12375	-78	-0.6	12453	12369	Woodbury	102271	99	0.1	102172	103877
Guthrie	10722	-232	-2.1	10954	11353	Worth	7624	26	0.3	7598	7909
Hamilton	15117	-556	-3.5	15673	16438	Wright	12840	-389	-2.9	13229	14334
Hancock	11027	-314	-2.8	11341	12100	<b>State of Iowa</b>	<b>3107126</b>	<b>60771</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3046355</b>	<b>2926324</b>
Hardin	17311	-223	-1.3	17534	18812	<i>*change 2010 - 2014 based on a revised 2010 population of 10,177</i>					
Harrison	14324	-604	-4.0	14928	15666	U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2000, 2010; Estimates 2014					
Henry	20217	72	0.4	20145	20336						
Howard	9449	-117	-1.2	9566	9932						
Humboldt	9640	-175	-1.8	9815	10381						
Ida	7042	-47	-0.7	7089	7837						
Iowa	16375	20	0.1	16355	15671						
Jackson	19482	-366	-1.8	19848	20296						
Jasper	36872	30	0.1	36842	37213						
Jefferson	17325	482	2.9	16843	16181						
Johnson	142287	11405	8.7	130882	111006						
Jones	20454	-184	-0.9	20638	20221						
Keokuk	10231	-280	-2.7	10511	11400						
Kossuth	15222	-321	-2.1	15543	17163						
Lee	35286	-576	-1.6	35862	38052						
Linn	217751	6525	3.1	211226	191701						
Louisa	11161	-226	-2.0	11387	12183						
Lucas	8701	-197	-2.2	8898	9422						



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