

# WOMEN IN IOWA: 2014

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In 1981, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's History Week. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, March 8. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress and the Iowa General Assembly have passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the U.S. president and Iowa's Governor have issued a proclamation.

## 1,549,698

The number of females in Iowa in 2012. That exceeds the number of men (1,524,488). Males outnumber females in most of the five-year-age groups through the 45-to-49 age group. Starting with the 50-54 age group, women outnumber men. At ages 85 and over there are over twice as many women as men.

## 1,711,445

The projected female population of Iowa as of July 1, 2040 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. Women will constitute 49.7 percent of the state's total population on that date.

## *Serving Our Nation 14,061*

*The number of Iowa women in 2012 who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.*

39.6

*The estimated median age for the female population in Iowa in 2012. The estimated median age for the state of Iowa was 38.1. The male estimated median age was 36.7.*

## *Families and Children*

### 21.4%

The percent of children under 18 in 2012 living in single-parent households with their mother compared to 7.7 percent living with their father. This compares to 70 percent living with both parents.

### 121,055

The number of Iowa families with a female householder, no husband present in 2012. In 1970 there were 52,025 families with a female head of household.

### 662,003

Number of married women in 2012 (including those who are separated or have an absent spouse).

### 52.3%

Percent of unmarried Iowans who are women in 2012. There are 594,763 unmarried (widowed, divorced or never married) women.

### 76.9%

Percent of women in Iowa with children under 6 in the labor force in 2012.



# Education



**259,934**

The number of girls enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2012-2013 school year, including preschool.

**91.4**

The graduation rate for girls in 2012. The graduation rate for boys was 87.2.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**92.1%**

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over who had at least a high school education in 2012. This compares to 61.8 percent of women who had completed 4 years of high school or higher in 1970.

**26.9%**

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2012. This compares to 7.5 percent of women who had completed 4 years of college or higher in 1970.

**84,428**

Number of women in Iowa 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2012. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.) The number of men in Iowa with an advanced degree in 2012 was 83,561.

**197,675**

Enrollment of women in Iowa's universities and colleges in 2013. Women make up 59.9 percent of the total enrollment in 2013.

Source: Iowa Coordinating Council on Post-High School Education

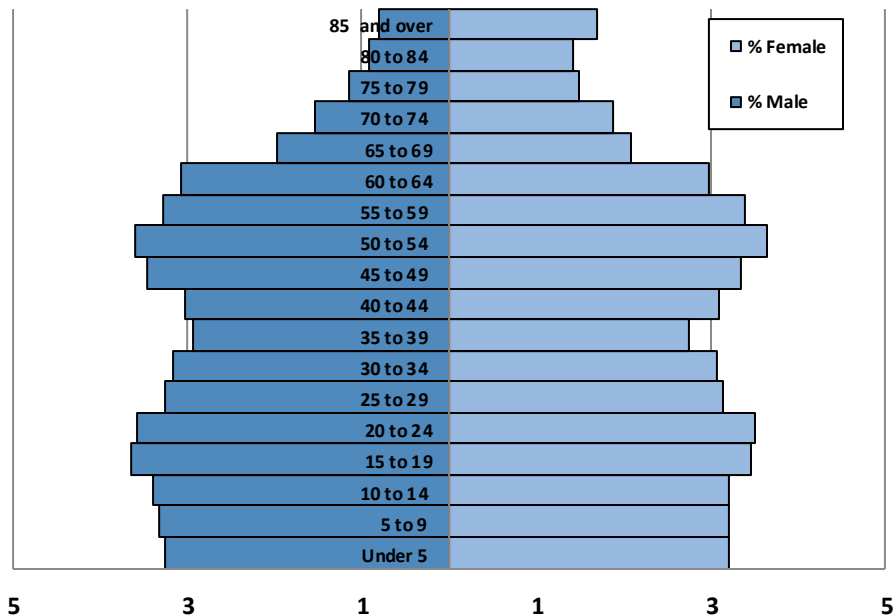
## Sports and Recreation

**5,528**

The number of unduplicated women sport participants in Iowa's 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities in 2012.

Source: Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education

Iowa Population by Sex and Age: 2012



# Businesses and Jobs

**66,270**

The number of women working self-employed businesses in 2007.

**3.8%**

The percent increase in women-owned firms between 2002 and 2007.

Source: 2007 Survey of Business Owners

**4.4%**

The unemployment rate for women age 20 to 64 in Iowa in 2012.

**76.8%**

The percent of Iowa women age 16 years to 64 in the labor force in 2012. The percent of men in Iowa age 16 to 64 in the labor force was 82.6%.

## Industry

**175,126**

The number of Iowa women in the Education, Health, and

Social services industry in 2012. More women, 38.7% of Iowa's total female labor force, work in this one industry group than in any other.

**12.9%**

The percent of women who work in the Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing industry in 2012, the second highest industry for the female labor force.

Approximately **11.3** percent work in manufacturing; **10.0** percent in retail; and **6.9** percent work in the professional, scientific, and recreation, and accommodation and food services.

## Occupations

**160,683**

The number of Iowa women in office and administrative support occupations in 2012. Women represent a wide variety of occupations in Iowa. For instance, there are about **71,032** women in healthcare practitioner and technical occupations, **46,462** in management occupations and **67,756** in

education, training and library occupations.

**34.4%**

The percent of women in Iowa in Management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2012.

## Earnings

**\$23,239**

The median earnings in 2012 inflation-adjusted dollars for full-time, year-round women workers in Iowa. Men in Iowa had median earnings of \$35,650.

## Voting and Representation

**60.2%**

The percentage of registered women in Iowa who reported voting in the 2012 presidential election, higher than the 52.9 percent of their male counterparts who cast a ballot.

Iowa Secretary of State's office

**21.3%**

The percent of women in Iowa's legislature in 2012. Despite the fact 2/3 of Iowa females are registered voters and generally vote at a greater rate than men, the number of females in Iowa's Legislature has dropped from a high of 23.3% in 2009.

2012 SHE Matters Report—The Iowa Women's Leadership Project

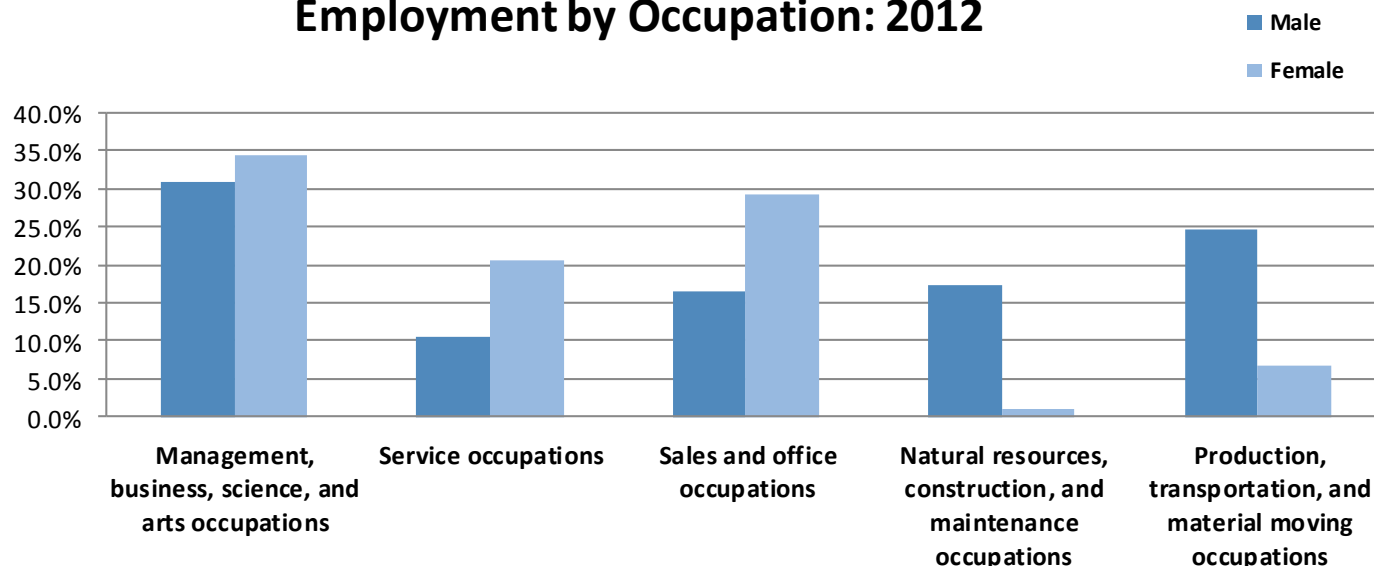
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## Coming to America

**46.3%**

The percent of the foreign-born population in 2012 that were female

**Employment by Occupation: 2012**



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period estimates  
U.S. Decennial Census 1970,1980,1990 and  
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## Vital Events

### 12.5

Live births per 1,000  
population in 2012.

### 352.7

The rate of Iowa births to  
unmarried women in 2012.  
(per 1,000 births).

### 66.8

The birth rate for women age  
15-19 in Iowa per 1,000  
women in 2012.

### 9.4

The 2012 death rate for women  
in Iowa per 1,000 population.  
For men in Iowa the death rate  
was 9.0 over the same time  
period.

Data provided by the Iowa Department of  
Public Health publication, "Vital Statistics  
of Iowa 2012"

## Income and poverty

### \$35,947

The median income for  
women in Iowa who worked  
full-time, year-round in the  
past 12 months in 2012. The  
median income for men in the  
state was \$46,411.

### 13.9%

The poverty rate in 2012 for  
women in Iowa. The  
corresponding rate for men is  
11.5 percent.

### 39.4%

The percentage of female  
households, no husband  
present with related  
children under age 18,  
below the poverty level in  
2012. The corresponding  
rate for married-couple  
families with related  
children under 18 years  
was 5.4 percent.

### \$29,460

The median income for  
female householders, no  
husband in 2012. The median  
income for married-couple  
families was \$73,685.

Note: Income is the sum of the amounts  
reported separately for wage or salary  
income; net self-employment income;  
interest, dividends, or net rental or  
royalty income or income from estates  
and trusts; social security or railroad  
retirement income; Supplemental  
Security Income (SSI); public  
assistance or welfare payments;  
retirement, survivor, or disability  
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### Leading Causes of Death by Percent of Total Deaths in Iowa by Gender 2012

