

WOMEN IN IOWA: 2013

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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.

1,550,058

The number of females in Iowa in 2011. That exceeds the number of men (1,512,251). Males outnumber females in most of the five-year-age groups through the 60-to-64 age group. Starting with the 65-to-69 age group women outnumber men. At ages 85 and over there are more than twice as many women as men.

1,681,054

The projected female population of Iowa as of July 1, 2040 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. Women will constitute 49.8 percent of the state's total population on that date.

Serving Our Nation 11,673

The number of Iowa women in 2011 who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

39.5

The estimated median age for the female population in Iowa in 2011. The estimated median age for the state of Iowa was 38.1. The male estimated median age was 36.8.

Families and Children

22.0%

The percent of children under 18 in 2011 living with their mother compared to 7.9 percent living with their father, and 70.1 percent living with both parents.

664,186

Number of married women in 2011 (including those who are separated or have an absent spouse).

52.1%

Percent of unmarried Iowans who are women in 2011. There are 591,001 unmarried (widowed, divorced or never married) women.

77.5%

Percent of women in Iowa with children under 6 in the labor force in 2011.



Education



257,777

The number of girls enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2011-2012 school year, including preschool.

90.7

The graduation rate for girls in 2011. The graduation rate for boys was 86.1.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

91.3%

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over who had at least a high school education in 2011. This compares to 61.8 percent of women who had completed 4 years of high school or higher in 1970.

26.3%

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher

in 2011. This compares to 7.5 percent of women who had completed 4 years of college or higher in 1970.

83,537

Number of women in Iowa 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2011. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.) The number of men in Iowa with an advanced degree in 2011 was 81,511.

212,303

Enrollment of women in Iowa's universities and colleges in 2012. Women make up 58.4 percent of the total enrollment in 2012.

Source: Iowa Coordinating Council on Post-High School Education

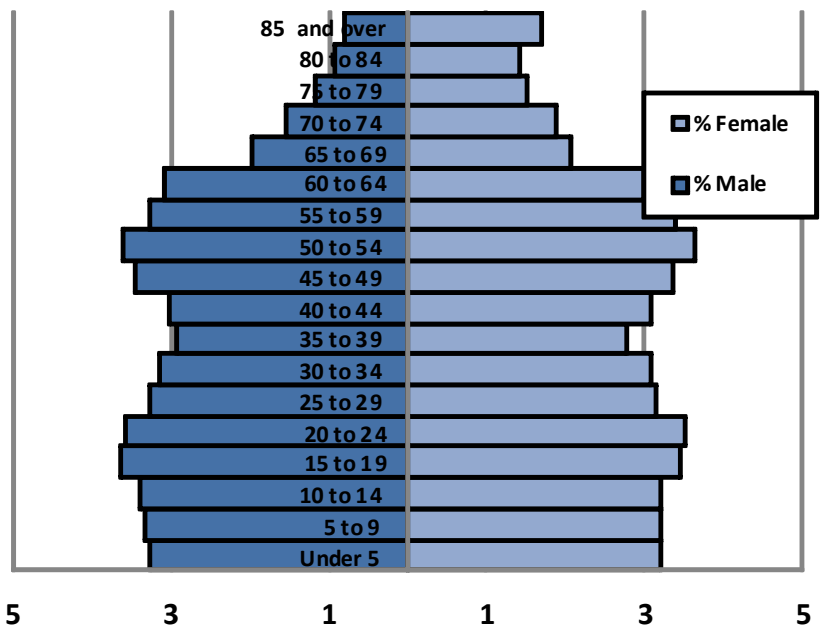
Sports and Recreation

5,265

The number of unduplicated women sport participants in Iowa's 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities in 2011.

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

Iowa Population by Sex and Age: 2011



Businesses and Jobs



Industry

168,994

The number of Iowa women in the Education, Health, and Social services industry in 2011. More women, 37.3% of Iowa's total female labor force, work in this one industry group than in any other.

12.1%

The percent of women who work in the Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing industry in 2011, the second highest industry for the female labor force. Approximately **11.0** percent work in manufacturing; **9.7** percent in retail; and **7.7** percent work in the professional, scientific, and recreation, and accommodation and food services.

Occupations

161,128

The number of Iowa women in office and administrative support occupations in 2011. Women represent a wide variety of occupations in Iowa. For instance, there are about **67,846** women in healthcare practitioner and technical occupations, **48,484** in management occupations and **69,685** in education, training and library occupations.

37.4%

The percent of women in Iowa in Management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2011.

Voting
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.

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

4.8%

The unemployment rate for women in Iowa in 2011. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 6.0%.

Coming to America

4.2%

The percent of Iowa women who are foreign-born in 2011

76.5%

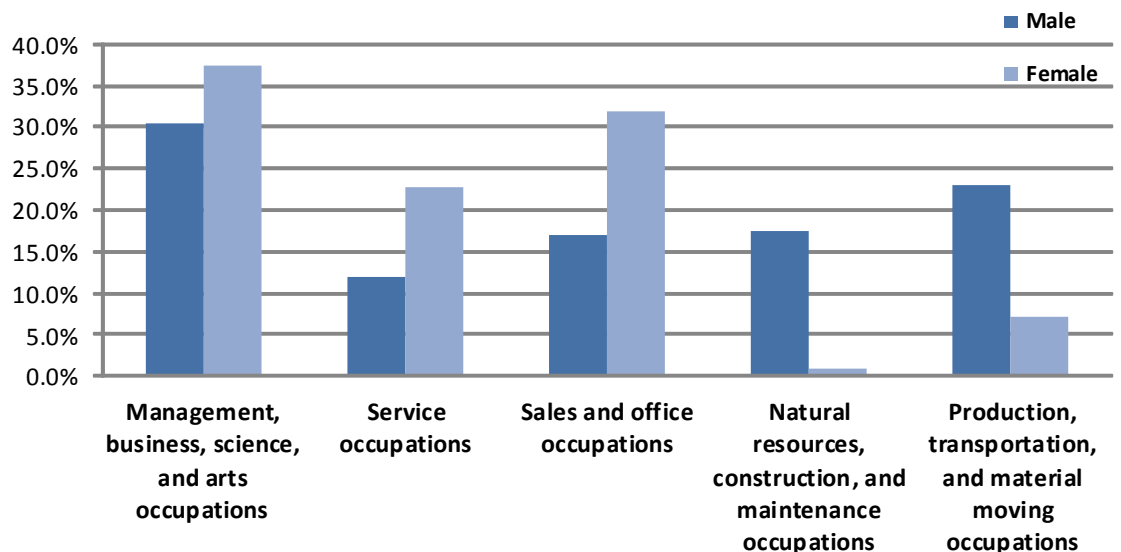
The percent of Iowa women age 16 years to 64 in the labor force in 2011. The percent of men in Iowa age 16 to 64 in the labor force was 82.2%.

Earnings

\$23,132

The median earnings in 2011 inflation-adjusted dollars for full-time, year-round women workers in Iowa. Men in Iowa had median earnings of \$33,997.

Employment by Occupation: 2011



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Income and poverty

\$35,097

The median income for women in Iowa who worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months in 2011. The median income for men in the state was \$45,438.

13.9%

The poverty rate in 2011 for women in Iowa. The corresponding rate for men is 11.6 percent.

38.4%

The percentage of female households, no husband present with related children under age 18, below the poverty level in 2011. The corresponding rate for married-couple families with related children under 18 years was 5.9 percent.

\$24,598

The median income for female householders, no husband present with own children under 18 years in 2011. The median income for married-couple families with own children under 18 years was \$77,736.

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 pensions; and all other income.



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Vital Events

12.5

Live births per 1,000 population in 2011.

338.1

The rate of Iowa births to unmarried women in 2011. (per 1,000 births).

70.8

The birth rate for women age 15-19 in Iowa per 1,000 women in 2011.

9.4

The 2011 death rate for women in Iowa per 1,000 population. For men in Iowa the death rate was 8.9 over the same time period.

Data provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health publication, "Vital Statistics of Iowa 2011"

Leading Causes of Death by Percent of Total Deaths in Iowa by Gender 2011

