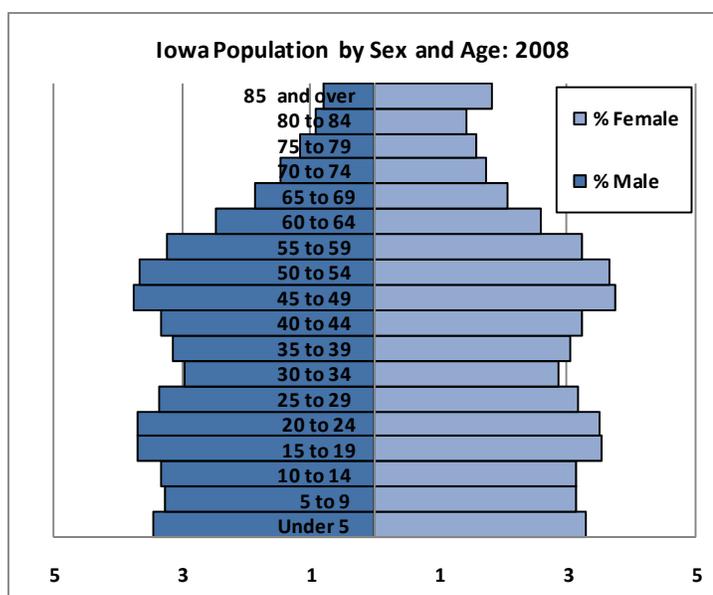


# WOMEN IN IOWA: 2010

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.

**1,519,683**

The estimated population of females in Iowa as of July 1, 2008. That exceeds the number of men (1,482,872). Males outnumber females in every five-year-age group through the 55-to-59 age group. Starting with the 60-to-64 age group women outnumber men. At ages 85 and over there are more than twice as many women as men.



**1,747,930**

The projected female population of Iowa as of July 1, 2040. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, women will constitute 50.1 percent of the state's total population on that date.

**39.5**

*The estimated median age for the female population in Iowa in 2008. The estimated median age for the state of Iowa was 38.1. The male estimated median age was 36.8.*

## Families and Children

**18.6%**

The percent of children under 18 in 2008 living with their mother compared to 74.9 percent living with both parents and 6.5 percent living with their father.

**108,021**

The number of Iowa families with a female householder, no husband present in 2008. In 1970 there were 52,025 families with a female head of household.



**672,957**

Number of married women in 2008 (including those who are separated or have an absent spouse).

**52.5%**

Percent of unmarried Iowans who are women in 2008. There are 563,242 unmarried (widowed, divorced or never married) women.

**80.7%**

Percent of women in Iowa with children under 18 in the labor force in 2007.

## EDUCATION

**253,933**

The number of girls enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during 2008.

**90.1**

The graduation rate for girls during in 2008. The graduation rate for boys was 87.4.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**90.8%**

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over who had at least a high school education in 2008. This compares to 61.8 percent of women who had completed 4 years of high school or higher in 1970.

**24.2%**

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2008. This compares to 7.5 percent of women who had completed 4 years of college or higher in 1970.

**69,280**

Number of women in Iowa 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2008. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.) The number of men in Iowa with an advanced degree in 2008 was 75,715.

**170,761**

Enrollment of women in Iowa's universities and colleges in 2008. Women make up 59.3 percent of the total enrollment in 2008.

Source: Iowa College Student Aid Commission



## SPORTS AND RECREATION

**60,357**

The number of Iowa high school girls participating in athletics in 2005. Volleyball has the highest participation with 14,022 followed by softball 11,712; basketball 9,570; and track and field 9,350.

Source: Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union

**4,708**

The number of unduplicated women sport participants in Iowa's 4-year colleges and universities in 2008.

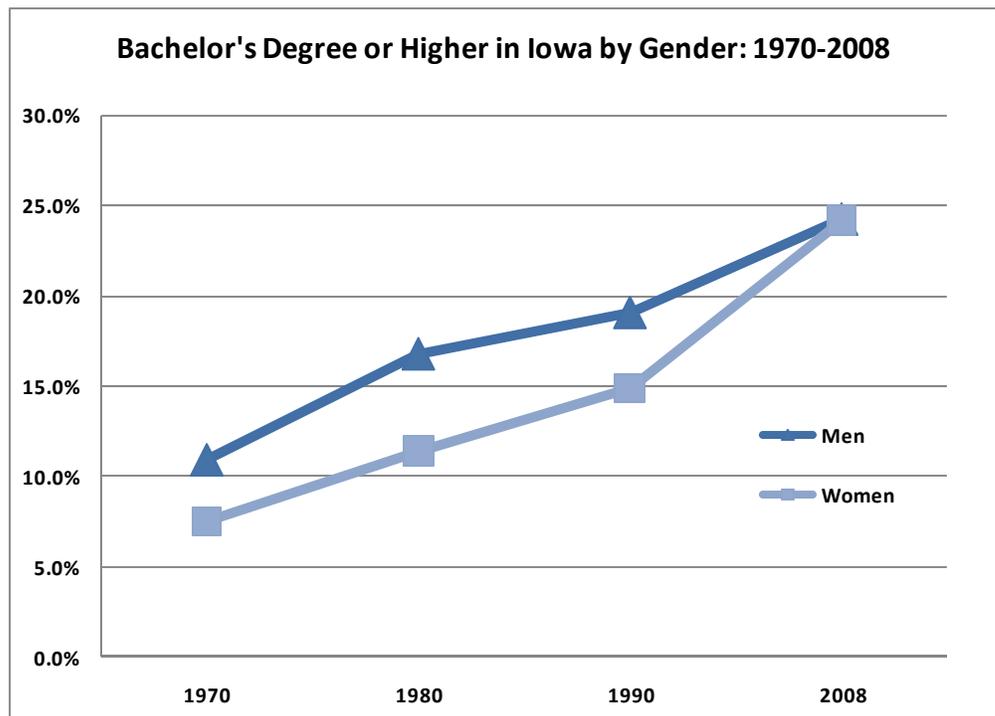
Source: Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education

**Voting**  
**69.9%**

*The percentage of women citizens in Iowa who reported voting in the 2008 presidential election, higher than the 63.7 percent of their male counterparts who cast a ballot.*

**Serving**  
**Our**  
**Nation**  
**12,791**

*The number of Iowa women in 2008 who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.*



The 1970 and 1980 censuses used the categories 4 years or more college.

## BUSINESSES AND JOBS

**63,821**

The number of women-owned firms in 2002. These firms account for \$7,398,962,000 in sales and receipts.

**19.1%**

The percent increase in women-owned firms between 1987 and 2002.

Source: 2002 Survey of Business Owners

**3.4%**

The unemployment rate for women in Iowa in 2008. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 3.9%.

**65.3%**

The percent of Iowa women age 16 years and over in the labor force in 2008. The percent of men in Iowa age 16 and over in the labor force was 75.4%.

### Earnings

**\$31,903**

The median earnings in 2008 inflation-adjusted dollars for full-time, year-round women workers in Iowa. Men in Iowa had median earnings of \$41,677.

### Industry

**283,617**

The number of Iowa women in the education, health, and social services industry in 2008. More women, 37.1% of Iowa's total female labor

force, work in this one industry group than in any other.

**11.7%**

The percent of women who work in the retail trade industry in 2008, the second highest industry for the female

labor force. Approximately 9.7 percent work in the finance and insurance, and real estate and rental, 9.2 percent in manufacturing, and 8.9 percent work in the arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services industry.

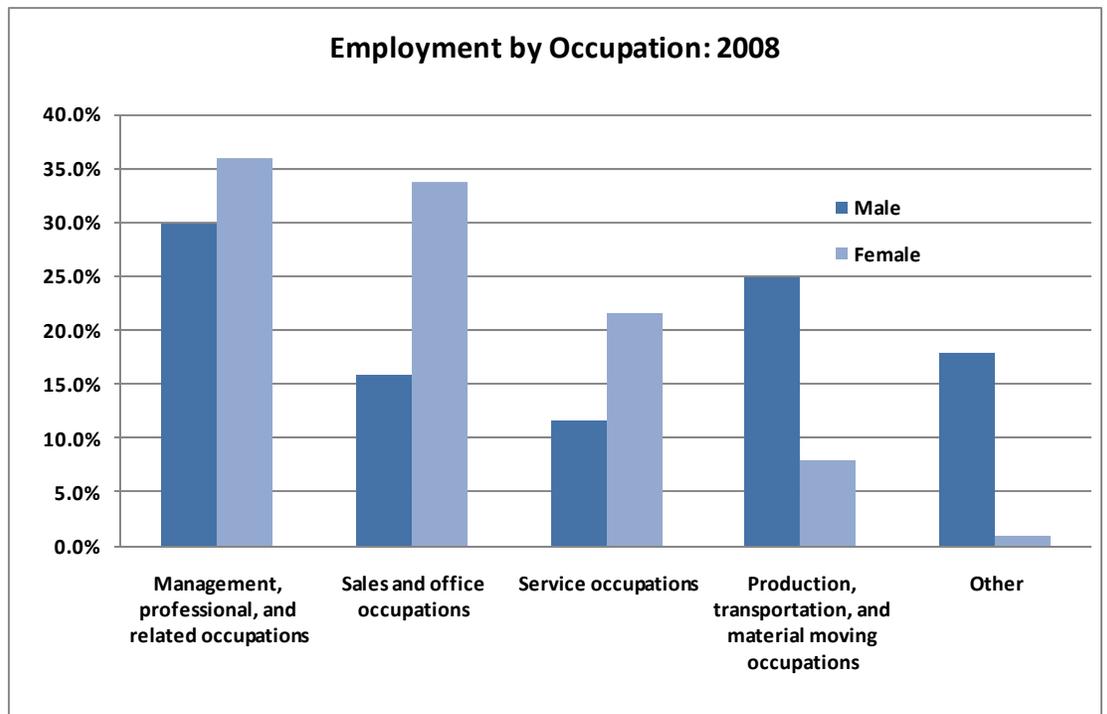
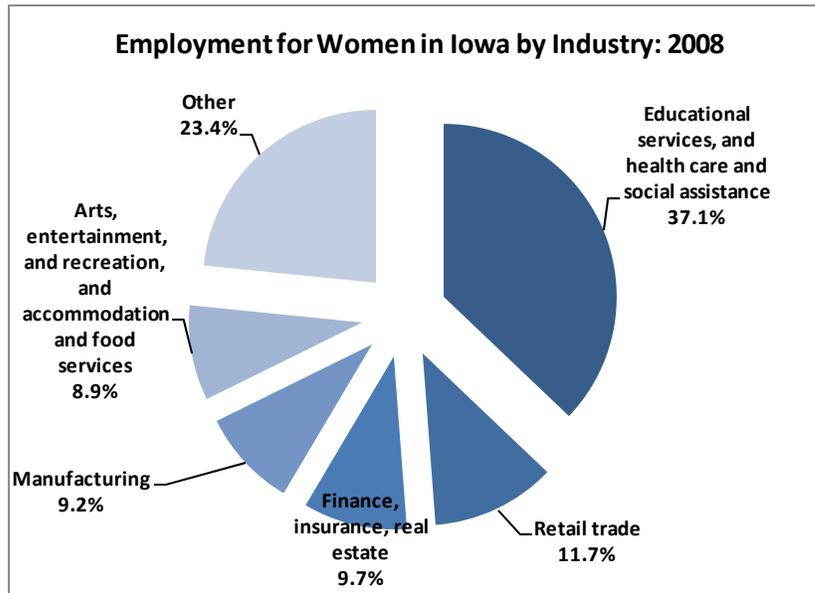
### Occupation

**36.0%**

The percent of women in Iowa in management, professional, and related occupations in 2008. This is the largest occupation group for women in the state.

**173,855**

The number of Iowa women in office and administrative support occupations in 2008. Women represent a wide variety of occupations in Iowa. For instance, there are about 64,475 women in healthcare practitioner and technical occupations, 53,532 in management occupations and 40,332 primary, secondary and special education teachers.



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## VITAL EVENTS

**13.4**

The 2008 birth rate per  
1,000 women age 15-  
44 in Iowa.

**351.4**

The rate of Iowa births to  
unmarried women in 2008.  
(per 1,000 births).

Data provided by the Iowa Depart-  
ment of Public Health publication,  
"Vital Statistics of Iowa 2008"

**33.9**

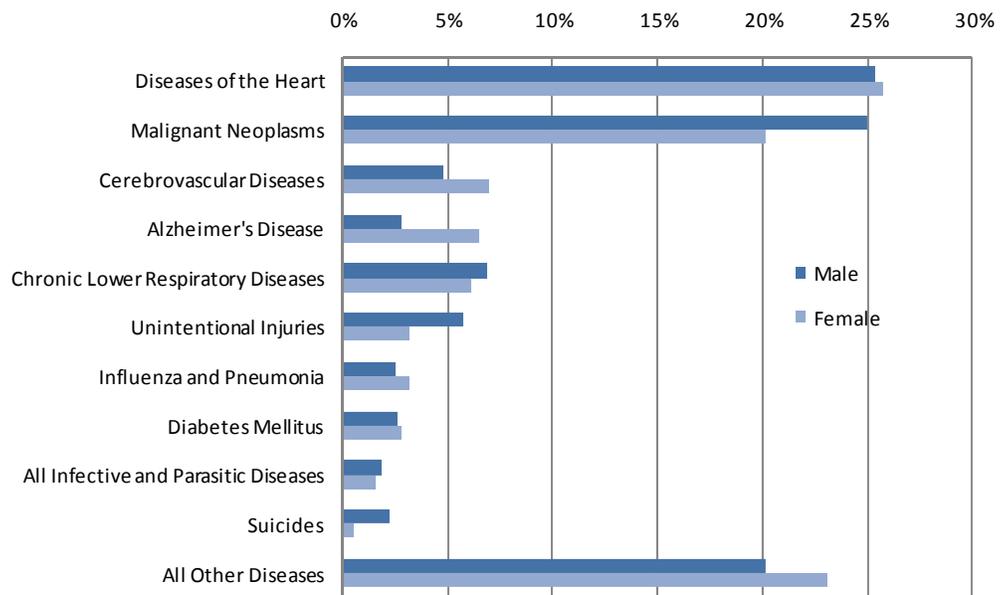
The birth rate for women  
age 15-19 in Iowa per  
1,000 women age 15-19 in  
Iowa in 2008.

**9.7**

The 2008 death rate for  
women in Iowa per 1,000  
population in 2008. For  
men in Iowa the death rate  
was 9.1.



Leading Causes of Death by Percent of Total Deaths in Iowa by Gender:  
2008



## INCOME AND POVERTY

**\$32,858**

The median income for  
women in Iowa who worked  
full-time, year-round in the  
past 12 months in 2008.  
The median income for men  
in the state was \$42,712.

**\$22,067**

The median income for fe-  
male householders, no hus-  
band present with own

children under 18 years in  
2008. The median income for  
married-couple families with  
own children under 18 years  
was \$74,484.

**12.9%**

The poverty rate in 2008 for  
women in Iowa. The corre-  
sponding rate for men is 10.2  
percent.

**56.8%**

The percentage of female  
households, no husband  
present with related children  
under age 5, below the pov-  
erty level in 2007. The cor-  
responding rate for mar-  
ried-couple families with  
related children under 5  
years was 7.4 percent.