

# WOMEN IN IOWA: 2015

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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.

## 1,557,015

The number of females in Iowa in 2013. That exceeds the number of men (1,533,401). Males outnumber females in most of the five-year-age groups through the 40-44 age group. Starting with the 45-49 age group, women outnumber men. At ages 85 and over there are over twice as many women as men.

## 1,689,069

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 12,878*

*The number of Iowa women in 2013 who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.*

## 39.5

*The estimated median age for the female population in Iowa in 2013. The estimated median age for the state of Iowa was 38.1. The male estimated median age was 36.8*

## *Families and Children*

### 21.7%

The percent of families with children under 18 in 2013 living in single-parent households with their mother compared to 9.2 percent living with their father. This compares to 69.1 percent living with both parents.

### 674,738

Number of married women in 2013 (including those who are separated or have an absent spouse).

### 62.6%

Percent of unmarried Iowans who are women in 2013. There are 740,483 unmarried (widowed, divorced or never married) women.

### 115,610

The number of Iowa families with a female householder, no husband present in 2013. In 1970 there were 52,025 families with a female head of household.



# Education

**261,267**

The number of girls enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2013-2014 school year, including preschool.

**91.8**

The graduation rate for girls in 2013. The graduation rate for boys was 87.6.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**92.2%**

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over who had at least a high school education in 2013. This compares to 61.8 percent of women who had completed 4 years of high school or higher in 1970.

**27.4%**

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2013. This compares to 7.5 percent of women who had completed 4 years of college or higher in 1970.

**87,172**

Number of women in Iowa 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2013. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.) The number of men in Iowa with an advanced degree in 2013 was 84,149.

## Sports and Recreation

**5,761**

*The number of unduplicated women sport participants in Iowa's 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities in 2013.*

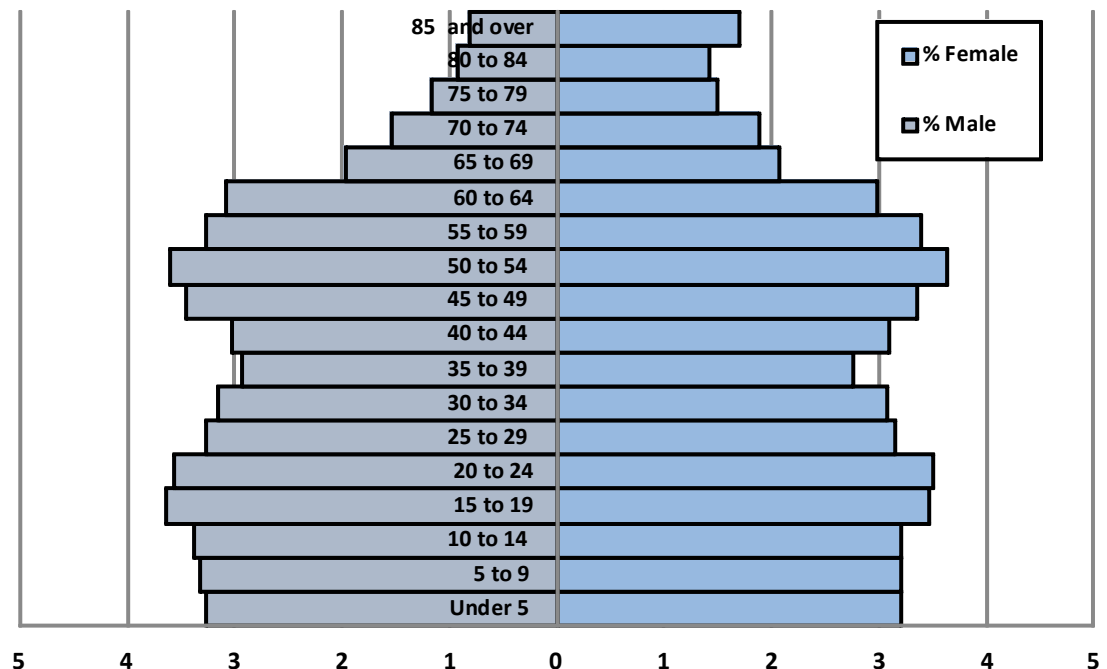
Source: Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education

**171,064**

Enrollment of women in Iowa's universities and colleges in 2013. Women make up 55.2 percent of the total enrollment in 2013.

Source: Iowa Student College Aid Commission

**Iowa Population by Sex and Age: 2013**



# 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

**3.9%**

The unemployment rate for women age 20 to 64 in Iowa in 2013.

**79.4%**

The percent of Iowa women age 16 years to 64 in the labor force in 2013. The percent of men in Iowa age 16 to 64 in the labor force was 85.7%.

## Industry

**294,840**

The number of Iowa women in the Education, Health, and Social services industry in 2013. More women, 38.8% of Iowa's total female labor force, work in this one industry group than in any other.

**12.3%**

The percent of women who work in the Retail Trade estate industry in 2013, the second highest industry for the female labor force. Approximately **9.5** percent work in the finance and insurance industry; **9.2** percent work in manufacturing; **8.5** percent in the arts, entertainment and recreation industry; and **6.6** percent work in the professional, scientific, and management services.

## Occupations

**159,003**

The number of Iowa women in office and administrative support occupations in 2013. Women represent a wide variety of occupations in Iowa. For instance, there are about **68,952** women in healthcare practitioner and technical occupations, **96,015** in management occupations and **73,637** in education, training and library occupations.

**38.3%**

The percent of women in Iowa in Management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2013.

## Earnings

**\$23,771**

The median earnings in 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars for full-time, year-round women workers in Iowa. Men in Iowa had median earnings of \$36,376.

## Coming to America

**48.1%**

*The percent of the foreign-born population in 2013 that were female*

## Voting and Representation

**53.0%**

The percentage of registered women in Iowa who reported voting in the 2014 general election. The number of registered males who voted in the same election was 53.2%.

Iowa Secretary of State's office

**28.6%**

In 2015 women comprise 28.6% of statewide elected executive office holders, 22.7% of the state legislature, and 16.7% of Iowa's congressional delegation after electing its first woman to the U.S. Congress in 2014.

(2015 SHE Matters: Issues and Actions report; [http://www.women.iowa.gov/resources\\_tools/docs/e-SHE\\_Matters\\_2015\\_Issues\\_and\\_Actions.pdf](http://www.women.iowa.gov/resources_tools/docs/e-SHE_Matters_2015_Issues_and_Actions.pdf))



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U.S. Census Bureau,  
American Community Survey, 2013 1-year  
period estimates  
U.S. Decennial Census 1970,1980,1990 and  
2000

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## Income and poverty

**\$36,363**

The median income for  
women in Iowa who worked  
full-time, year-round in the  
past 12 months in 2013. The  
median income for men in the  
state was \$46,921.

**13.8%**

The poverty rate in 2013 for  
women in Iowa. The  
corresponding rate for men is  
11.5 percent.

**40.7%**

The percentage of female  
households, no husband  
present with related children  
under age 18, below the  
poverty level in 2013. The  
corresponding rate for  
married-couple families with  
related children under 18  
years was 4.5 percent.

**\$29,293**

The median income for  
female householders, no  
husband in 2013. The median  
income for married-couple  
families was \$76,549.

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;

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## Vital Events

**12.6**

Live births per 1,000  
population in 2013.

**344.4**

The rate of Iowa births to  
unmarried women in 2013.  
(per 1,000 births).

**58.9**

The birth rate for women age  
15-19 in Iowa per 1,000  
women in 2013.

**9.4**

The 2013 death rate for women  
in Iowa per 1,000 population.  
For men in Iowa the death rate  
was 9.3 over the same time  
period.

Data provided by the Iowa Department of  
Public Health publication, "Vital Statistics  
of Iowa 2013"

## Leading Causes of Death by Percent of Total Deaths in Iowa by Gender 2013

