

AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2012

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To recall and celebrate the positive contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week beginning on Feb. 12, 1926. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month.

89,148

The African American population in Iowa according to the 2010 Census. African Americans constitute 2.9% of the state's total population. In 1980, African Americans made up 1.4% of the state's total population.

47,446

The numeric change in the African American population from 1980 to 2010. This is a 113.8 percent increase for the period.

168,721

The projected African American population of Iowa as 2040. According to Woods & Pool Economics Inc., African Americans will constitute 5.0 percent of the state's total population.

Age
25.5

The median age of
Iowa's African
American
population in 2010.
The median age for
the state of Iowa is
38.1.

Families and Children

18,243

The number of African American families in 2010 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 64.0 percent include their own children under 18 years of age.

91.2%

Percent increase in the number of African American families in the state of Iowa from 1980 to 2010.

34.2%

Percentage of African American families with children who live with both parents in 2010 compared to 66.5 percent for the state of Iowa. In 1980 this percentage was 41.7 compared to the state of Iowa's 83.6%.

10.3%

Percentage of the African American population under age 5, in 2010. African Americans have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than the state as a

whole (6.6%). In 1980 the percentage of the African American population under age 5 was 10.9.

3.39

The average family size for the Iowa African American population in 2010. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.97.



Counties and Cities



25,853

The number of African Americans in Polk County in 2010, making it the largest population of African Americans in any Iowa county.

71.6%

Nearly three-fourths of the total African American population live in Polk, Scott, Black Hawk, Linn and Johnson counties in 2010.

15.5%

The percent of the total population in Waterloo in 2010 who are African American. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage of African Americans are Davenport (10.8%), Des Moines (10.2%) and Coralville (7.9%).

8.9%

The percent of total population in Black Hawk County who were African American in 2010. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage of African Americans are Scott (7.1%), Polk (6.0%), Des Moines (5.1%) and Johnson (4.8%).

59.7%

Over half of the growth in Iowa's African American population from 2000-2010 occurred in four counties: Polk, Linn, Johnson, and Scott.

55.2%

The percentage of Iowa's total African American population living in four cities: Des Moines, Davenport, Waterloo and Cedar Rapids.

20,842

The number of African Americans in Des Moines in 2010, making it the largest population of African Americans in any city in Iowa.

**Top 5 counties:
African American Population**

	2010	2000
Polk	25,853	18,113
Scott	11,728	9,689
Black Hawk	11,640	10,179
Linn	8,346	4,919
Johnson	6,305	3,223

**Top 5 cities:
African American Population**

	2010	2000
Des Moines	20,842	16,025
Davenport	10,759	9,093
Waterloo	10,606	9,529
Cedar Rapids	7,046	4,481
Iowa City	3,912	2,333

Income and poverty

\$22,810

The median income in the of African American households in 2010. The median household income for the state during the same time period was \$47,961.

\$11,628

The per capita money income of Iowa African Americans in 2010. The per capita money income for the state was \$24,883.

43.3%

The poverty rate in 2010 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.6 percent.

\$26,760

The median income of African American families in Iowa in 2010. The median income of families in Iowa was \$60,917.



Businesses and Jobs



2,190

The number of African American-owned firms in Iowa in 2007.

98.0%

The percent increase in African American-owned firms between 1992 and 2007.

9.7%

The unemployment rate for Iowa African Americans in 2010. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 6.7%.

63.8%

The percent of Iowa African Americans age 16 and over in the labor force in 2010. The percent of Iowans age 16 and over in the labor force was 68.6%.

62.5%

The percent of Iowa African Americans males age 16 and over in the labor force in 2010. The percent of Iowa African Americans females in the labor force was 65.1%. In comparison 73.2% of all men and 64.2% of all women age 16 and over were in the labor force in Iowa.

Earnings

\$16,591

The median earnings for Iowa African Americans in 2010. The median earnings for the state of Iowa was \$27,001.

\$30,430

The median earnings for Iowa African American males in 2010. African American women in Iowa had median earnings of \$27,215. In comparison the median earning for men and women in the state of Iowa were \$42,250 and \$33,186 respectively.

Industry

28.5%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2010 employed in the educational services and health care and social assistance industry.

17.5%

The percent of African Americans in 2010 who work in the manufacturing industry. Approximately 15.5 percent work in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services industry; 6.2 percent in retail trade; and 6.9 percent work in professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services.

Occupation

31.7%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2010 in service occupations.

26.0%

The percent of African Americans in Iowa age 16 years and over in

management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2010. In Iowa this occupation accounts for 33.5% of all people age 16 years and over.

27.2%

The percent of African American women in Iowa age 16 years and over in management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2010. 24.8% of African American men in Iowa are in this occupation.

30.1%

The percent of African American men in Iowa age 16 years and over in production, transportation, and material moving occupations in 2010. 11.0% of African American women in Iowa are in this occupation.



3,020
The number of Iowa African American veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2010.

Housing

\$92,600

The median home value in 2010 for those who reported their race as African American. The corresponding value for the state is \$123,400.

71.4%

The percentage of African Americans who rent their home in 2010. The corresponding percentage for the state is 27.6%.

63.8%

The percentage of African Americans whose gross rent as a percentage of household income was over 30% in 2010. The corresponding percentage for the state is 42.3%.

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Vital Stats

20.0

The African American birth rate per 1,000 population in 2010. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 12.6.

757.2

The African American rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births in 2010. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 342.5.

183.6

The African American rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in 2010. The rate for the state was 79.4.

5.3

The African American death rate per 1,000 population in 2010. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.1.

Education

25,979

The number African Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2010-2011 school year. African Americans represent 4.9% of Iowa's school enrollment (532,751).



41.1%

Percent increase in African American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2010-2011.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

82.6%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2010. The percentage for Iowa was 90.6%.

15.9%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2010. The percentage for Iowa was 24.9%.

3.4%

Percentage of Iowa African Americans 25 years and older with graduate or professional degree. The percentage of Iowans with a graduate or professional degree was 7.9%.