

AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2014

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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.

97,080

The 2012 African American population in Iowa. African Americans constitute 3.2% of the state's total population. In 1980, African Americans made up 1.4% of the state's total population.

55,380

The numeric change in the African American population from 1980 to 2012. This is a 132.8 percent increase for the period.

168,721

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

Families and Children

19,537

The number of African American families in 2012 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 74.1 percent include their own children under 18 years of age.

3.42

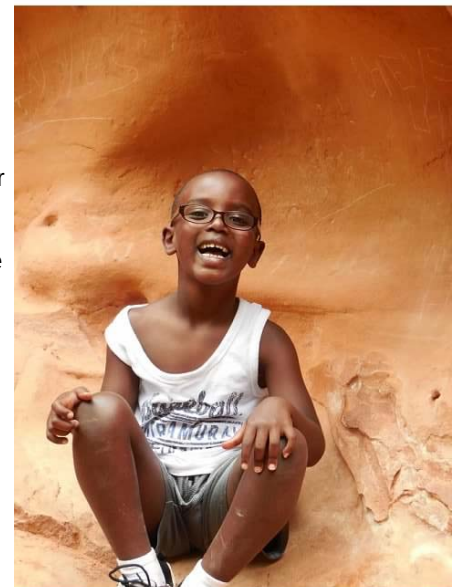
The average family size for the Iowa African American population in 2012. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.98.

109.4%

Percent increase in the number of African American families in the state of Iowa from 1980 to 2012.

10.4%

Percentage of the African American population under age 5, in 2012. 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.



Age
27.3

The median age of Iowa's African American population in 2012. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.0.

Counties and Cities

Top 5 counties: African American Population

	2012	2000
Polk	28,220	18,113
Scott	12,269	9,689
Black Hawk	11,611	10,179
Linn	9,008	4,919
Johnson	6,991	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

28,220

The number of African Americans in Polk County in 2012, making it the largest population of African Americans in any Iowa county.

58.3%

Over half of the growth in Iowa's African American population from 2000-2012 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.

8.8%

The percent of total population in Black Hawk County who were African American in 2012. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage of African Americans are Scott (7.3%), Polk (6.4%), Des Moines (5.4%) and Johnson (5.1%).

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.

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%).



70.1%

Nearly three-fourths of the total African American population live in Polk, Scott, Black Hawk, Linn and Johnson counties in 2012.

Income and poverty

\$27,373

The median income in the of African American households in 2012. The median household income for the state during the same time period was \$50,957.

\$15,958

The per capita money income of Iowa African Americans in 2012. The per capita money income for the state was \$26,436.

45.5%

The percentage of families with related children under 18 below the poverty level in 2012 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 14.9 percent

\$30,181

The median income of African American families in Iowa in 2012. The median income of families in Iowa was \$64,122.

35.5%

The poverty rate in 2012 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.7 percent.

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.

Source: 2007 & 1992 Survey of Business Owners

67.0%

The percent of Iowa African Americans age 16 and over in the labor force in 2012. The percent of Iowans age 16 and over in the labor force was 67.7%.

15.1%

The unemployment rate of Iowa African Americans in 2012. In comparison the state of Iowa's unemployment rate was 5.3%.

Earnings

\$20,958

The median earnings for Iowa African Americans in 2012. The median earnings for the state of Iowa was \$29,546.

\$36,895

The median earnings for Iowa African American males in 2012. African American women in Iowa had median earnings of \$27,002. In comparison the median earning for men and women in the state of Iowa were \$45,305 and \$35,106 respectively.

Industry

25.1%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2012 employed in the educational services and health care and social assistance industry.

20.8%

The percent of African Americans in 2012 who work in the manufacturing industry. Approximately 9.8 percent work in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services industry; 8.5 percent in retail trade; and 8.8 percent work in professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services.

Housing

70.2%

The percentage occupied housing units with an African American householder who rent their home in 2012. The corresponding percentage for the state is 28.1%.

Occupation

21.8%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2012 in service occupations.

29.1%

The percent of African Americans in Iowa age 16 years and over in management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2012. In Iowa this occupation accounts for 34.1% of all people age 16 years and over.

19.5%

The percent of African American women in Iowa age 16 years and over in sales and office occupations in 2012. 10.6% of African American men in Iowa are in this occupation.

24.2%

The percent of African American men in Iowa age 16 years and over in production, transportation, and material moving occupations in 2012. 9.9% of African American women in Iowa are in this occupation.



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Vital Stats

21.7

The African American birth rate per 1,000 population in 2012. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 12.5.

720.1

The African American rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births in 2012. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 352.7.

139.7

The African American rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in 2012. The rate for the state was 66.8

5.3

The African American death rate per 1,000 population in 2012. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.2.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

5,483

*The number of Iowa
African American veterans
of the U.S. Armed Forces in
2012.*

Education 83.2%

26,555

The number African Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2012-2013 school year. African Americans represent 5.0% of Iowa's school enrollment (535,927).

44.2%

Percent increase in African American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2012-2013.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2012. The percentage for Iowa was 91.6%.

20.3%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2012. The percentage for Iowa was 26.3%.

9.6%

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 8.2%.

