

## HOUSING IN IOWA: 2007

The Fair Housing Act was signed on April 11, 1968, just one week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This landmark bill, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, resulted from the hard work and leadership of Dr. King and others in the civil rights movement and was an important step toward confronting discrimination against minorities in housing. To help celebrate this, April has been designated Fair Housing Month.

### 1,306,943

The estimated number of housing units in Iowa in 2005. In 2000 the number of housing units was 1,232,511.

### 61.6%

The percentage of urban housing units in 2005 in Iowa. The percentage of urban housing units in the U.S. was 76.9%. The percent of urban housing units in Iowa in 1990 was 60.7%. In 1950 that percent was 48.1%.

### 475,865

The number of housing units in rural Iowa in 2000. Of these, 231,835 were in incorporated places; 244,030 were outside of incorporated places; including 63,438 on farms.



### 73.1%

The 2005 homeownership rate in Iowa. This compares to a U.S. rate of 66.9%.

### 68.2%

The 2005 homeownership rate in urban Iowa. This compares to a 81.1% rate in rural Iowa

## Housing Costs

### \$106,600

The median value of specified owner-occupied housing units in Iowa in 2005. In the U.S. the median value is \$167,500.

### \$559

The median gross rent in Iowa. In the U.S. the median gross rent is \$728.

### 62.0%

The percentage of Iowa owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage. This compares to 67.9% for the U.S.

### 19.5%

The percentage of owner households who spend 30% or more of their household income on housing costs.

### 39.7%

The percentage of renter households who spend 30% or more of their household income on gross rent.

# HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES

**1,200,833**

The number of households in Iowa in 2005.

**31.9%**

Percentage of households in Iowa with own children under 18 in 2005.

**24.1%**

The percentage of Iowa households in 2005 that include a person 65 or older.

**28.0%**

The percentage of Iowa householders living alone in 2005. This compares to 24.9% in 1990.

**88.4%**

The percentage of Iowa married couple families who own their homes in 2005. This compares to 61.9% for single male-headed families and 53.9% for single female-headed families.

**25.1%**

The percentage of Iowa female-headed families who live in buildings with two or more apartments. The percentage of male-headed families is 13.5%. For married couple families it is 5.2%.

## SIZE

**2.38**

Average household size in Iowa in 2005.

**2.50**

Average size of owner-occupied housing units in Iowa in 2005.

**2.38**

Average size of renter-occupied housing units in Iowa in 2005.

**5.7**

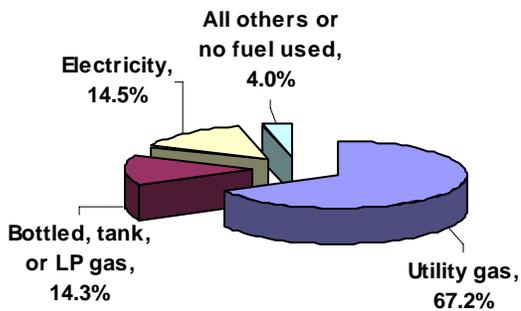
The median number of rooms in Iowa housing units in 2005.

**1.3%**

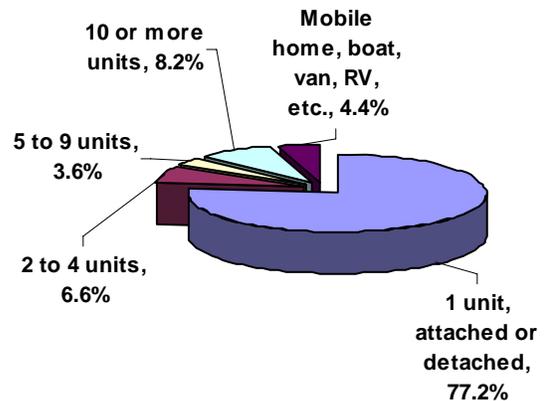
The percentage of crowded households in Iowa in 2005 (1.01 or more persons per room).

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

House Heating Fuel in Iowa: 2005



Number of units in structure for Iowa: 2005



### Vehicles

**2.2**

Average number of vehicles in owner-occupied homes in Iowa in 2005, compared to 1.4 vehicles in renter-occupied homes.

# AGE OF HOUSING

## 44.7%

The percentage of Iowa householders in 2005 who had moved into their homes since the 2000 census.

## 30.3%

The percentage of housing units built 1939 or earlier.

## 91.6%

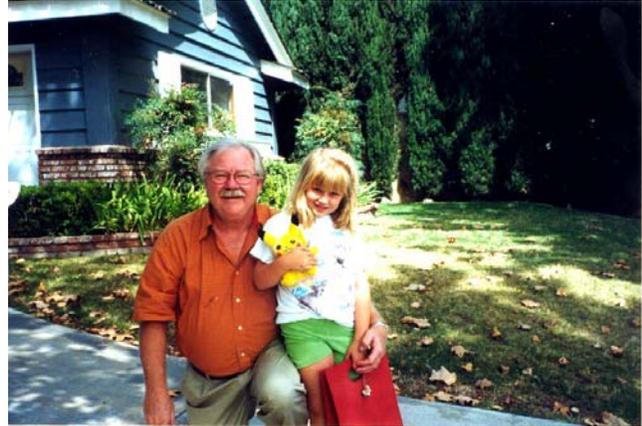
The percentage of Iowa homeowners in 2005 who lived in the same house one year earlier. This compares to 60.8% of renters.

## 6.2%

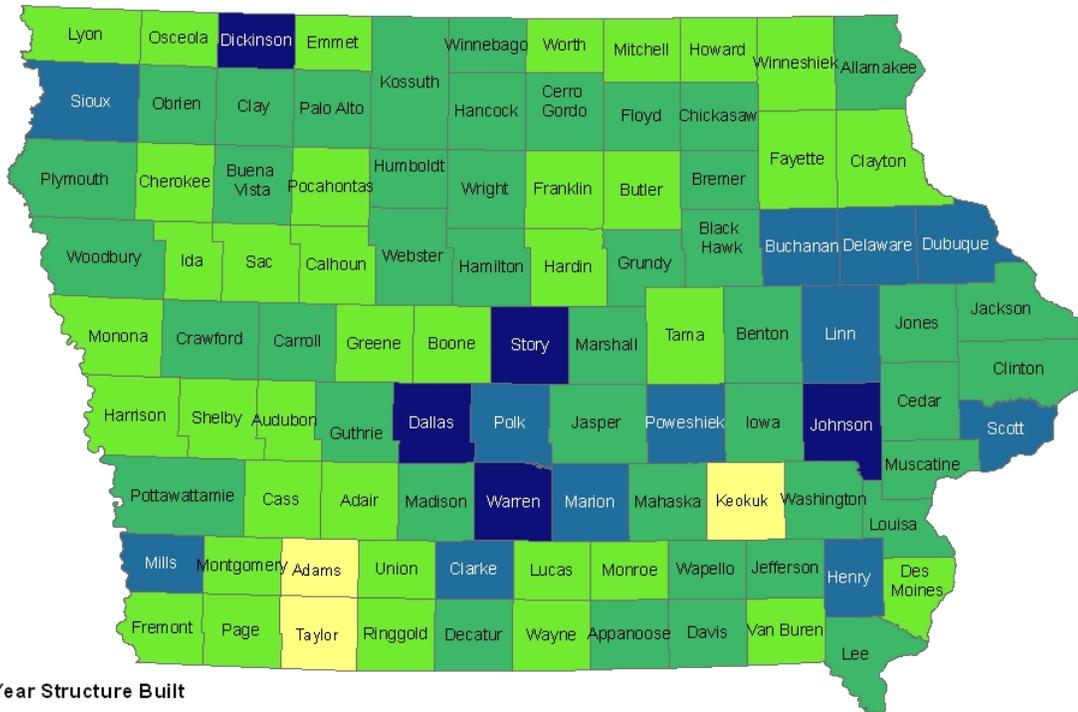
The percentage of housing units in Iowa built since 2000. For the U.S. the percentage is 8.4%..

## 16,111

The reported number of residential building permits issued in Iowa in 2005. This compares to 12,105 in 2000 and 7,563 in 1990.



### Median age of Housing: 2000



Median Year Structure Built

- 1940 or earlier
- 1941 - 1949
- 1950 - 1959
- 1960 - 1969
- 1970 - 1975

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## RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OWNERSHIP RATES

### 74.7%

The home ownership rate for the white, non-Hispanic population in Iowa in 2005. This compares to a rate of 70.9% in 1990. White non-Hispanic homeownership rate in the U.S. in 2005 was 73.7%.

### 40.1%

The home ownership rate in 2005 for the Black/ African American population in Iowa. This compares to a rate of 38.8% in 1990.

The Black/African American homeownership rate in the U.S. in 2005 was 45.8%.

### 54.1%

The home ownership rate in 2005 for the Hispanic or Latino population in Iowa. This compares to a rate of 50.3% in 1990. Hispanic or Latino homeownership rate in the U.S. in 2005 was 48.3%.

### 53.2%

The 2005 home ownership rate for Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian householders in Iowa. This compares to a rate of 35.5% in 1990. The home ownership rate for Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian in the U.S. in 2005 was 53.2%.

### 47.0%

The home ownership rate for American Indian/Alaska Native householders in Iowa in 2005. This compares to a rate of 43.5% in 1990. The American Indian/Alaska Native homeownership rate in the U.S. in 2005 was 56.0%.



## VACANCY

### 1.8

The homeowner vacancy rate in 2005 in Iowa. The corresponding rate for the U.S. was 1.7%.

### 7.2

The renter vacancy rate in 2005 in Iowa. This compares to a U.S. rate of 7.7%.

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