

# NATIVE AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2009

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994.

## 12,644

The estimated number of Native Americans in Iowa in 2008. Census Bureau estimates a 33.0% increase in population between 2000 and 2008.

## 16,100

The projected Native American population of Iowa in 2040. According to Woods & Pool Economics Inc., Native Americans will constitute 0.5 percent of the states total population on that date.

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Number of American Indian areas in Iowa, which include the Omaha, the Sac and Fox/Meskwaki, and the Winnebago. The Sac and Fox/Meskwaki Settlement is the only one in Iowa with residents, totaling 669 in 2000.

## Families and Children

### 2,456

The number in 2008 of American Indian and Alaska native families who reside in Iowa.

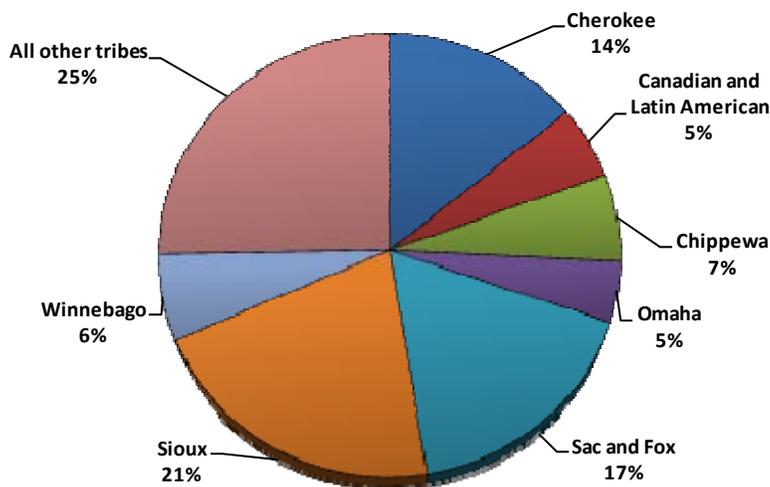
### 56.9%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native children in 2000 who live with both parents compared to 78.9 percent for the state of Iowa.

### 11.1%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native population under age 5, as of July 1, 2008. This group has the third highest preschool population compared to the other race or ethnic groups.

American Indians in Iowa by Selected Tribe:  
2000



## MIGRATION

**48.5%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2008 who were born in Iowa. This compares to 73.0% of the total population in Iowa who were born in the state.

**3.52**

*The average family size in 2000 for the American Indian and Alaska Native population in Iowa. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 3.0.*

**71.9%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2008 who lived in the same house last year. For the entire state of Iowa, that percentage was 83.3%.

**28.5**

*The median age of Iowa's American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2008. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.2.*

## HOUSING

**39.6%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Iowa who own their home in 2008. This compares with 72.9% for the state of Iowa.

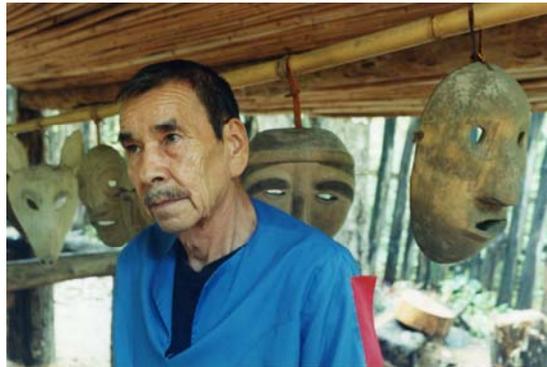
**\$66,000**

The median value for American Indian and Alaska Native specified owner-occupied housing units in 2000. In Iowa the median value for specified owner-occupied housing units is \$82,500.

## LANGUAGE

**1,150**

The number of Iowa residents age 5 and older in 2000 who speak a Native American language at home. Among those residents, 49.6% speak Fox.



**69.3%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2008 who live in an urban area. This compares with 59.7% for the state of Iowa.

## EDUCATION

**2,855**

The number of Native Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2008-2009 school year.

**71.4%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2008.

**118**

Number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2008. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

**16.0%**

Percent increase in Native American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2008-2009.

**13.8%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2008.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

## DISABILITY

**16.0%**

The percent of Native Americans in Iowa with a disability in 2008. The percentage of all Iowans with a disability is 11.7%.

**BUSINESSES AND JOBS**

**644**

The number of American Indian– and Alaska Na- tive-owed firms in 2002.

**32.1%**

The percent decrease in American Indian– and Alaska Native-owed firms between 1997 and 2002.

**10.3%**

The unemployment rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2000. The Iowa unem- ployment rate at that time was 4.2%.

**Industry**

**674**

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in the manufacturing industry in 2000.

**17.1%**

The percent of American Indians and Alaska Na- tives in 2000 who work in the educational, health, and social services indus- try. Approximately 17 per- cent work in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services industry, 9.1 per- cent in retail trade, and 8.8 percent work in con- struction.



**Occupation**

**26.9%**

The percent of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in service occupations in 2000.

**553**

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2000 in the production occu- pation field. American Indians are represented in a wide variety of occu- pations. For instance, there are 284 in con- struction; 172 healthcare support; 170 cooks and food preparation; and 119 in management occupations.



**Serving Our Nation**

**753**

*The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native veter- ans of the U.S. armed forces in 2000.*

**INCOME AND POVERTY**

**\$26,686**

The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives households in 2008. The median household in- come for the state was \$48,980.

**26.8%**

The poverty rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives families in 2008. The correspond- ing rate for Iowa is 11.5 percent.

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## COUNTIES AND CITIES

**2,228**

The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Woodbury County in 2008, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any Iowa county.

**7.0%**

The percent of total population in Tama County

who are American Indian and Alaska Natives. The next county with high percentages of American Indian and Alaska Natives is Woodbury with 2.2%.

**43.8%**

Nearly half of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population

live in Woodbury, Polk and Tama counties.

**55.8%**

Over one-half of the growth in Iowa's Native American population from 2000-2008 occurred in three counties: Polk, Linn, and Woodbury.

County	Percent of Iowa's Total American Indian and Alaska Native Population in 2008
Woodbury	17.6%
Polk	16.4%
Tama	9.8%
Linn	6.7%
Scott	5.5%
Pottawattamie	3.8%
Johnson	3.2%
Black Hawk	2.4%
Marshall	2.1%
Story	1.4%
Muscatine	1.4%
Dubuque	1.3%
Webster	1.2%
Clinton	1.2%
Des Moines	1.1%
Wapello	1.0%
All other counties	23.9%

**1,661**

The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Sioux City in 2000, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any city in Iowa.

**5.8%**

The percent of total population in Toledo who are American Indian and Alaska Natives. The other Iowa city with a high percentage is Tama with 4.8%.

**36.7%**

The percentage of Iowa's total American Indian and Alaska Natives population living in 5 cities: Sioux City, Des Moines, Davenport, Cedar Rapids and Council Bluffs.

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Census 2000  
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