

OLDER IOWANS: 2008

Older Americans Month originated with a presidential proclamation in May 1963 and has been proclaimed by presidents each year since. Last year, President Bush stated, "Older Americans teach us the timeless lessons of courage, sacrifice and love. By sharing their wisdom and experience, they serve as role models for future generations. During Older Americans Month, we pay tribute to our senior citizens and their contributions to our nation."

438,448

The estimated number of people age 65 and over in Iowa on July 1, 2007. This age group accounted for 14.7 percent of the total population. Between 2006 and 2007, the size of this age group increased by 3,190 people.

256,054

The estimated number of women age 65 and over in Iowa on July 1, 2007. This age group accounted for 58.4 percent of the total population 65 and over. The estimated number of women age 85 and over on July 1, 2007 was 53,970. This was 69.7 percent of this age group.

663,186

The projected population age 65 and older in Iowa in the year 2030. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this age group will constitute 22.4 percent of the state's total population at that time. In 2000 Iowa ranked 4th in the percentage of population age 65 and older. In 2030 it is projected that Iowa will rank 12th.

Families and Children

62.9%

Percentage of people in Iowa age 65 and older in 2006 who were married.

14,436

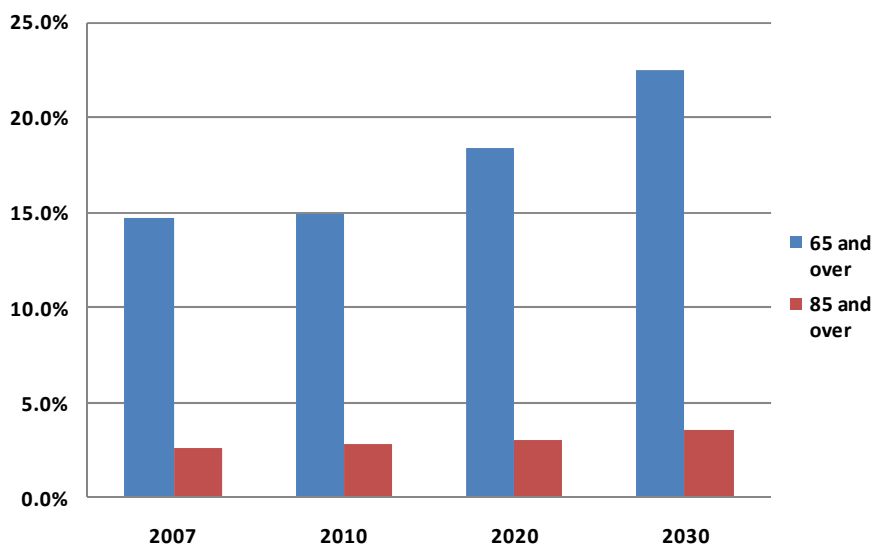
The number of children under 18 who are being cared for by a grandparent in Iowa.



31.3%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older in 2006 who were widowed.

Projected Iowa Population by Age: 2007-2030



EDUCATION

78.3%

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2006 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 88.9%.

13.8%

Percentage of the population age 65 and older in 2006 who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher education. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher was 24.0%.

VOTING

83.5%
Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older registered to vote in the 2004 presidential election, the highest rate of any age group. 76.8 percent of people in this age group reported actually casting a ballot.

21.4%
Percent of the votes cast by citizens age 65 and older in the 2004 election.



MIGRATION

98.8%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who either stayed in their own home or moved within the state between 2005 and 2006. This can be compared to 96.6% for the state as a whole.

75.9%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2006 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 72.3%.

5,127

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2005 and 2006. This represented only 5.2% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.

Living Arrangements

29.6%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who lived alone in 2006.

INCOME AND POVERTY

\$28,544

Median 2006 income of households with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2006 was \$44,491.

419,018

The number of 2006 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$424,138,000 total monthly benefits.

8.7%

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2006, compared to 11.0% for all Iowans.

Data provided by the Social Security Administration publication "OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County"
<http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/>

Coming to America

8,565

The number of Iowans in 2006 age 65 and over who are foreign born.

COUNTIES AND CITIES

44,917

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2006.

23.6%

The percent of total population in Ringgold county who are age 65 and over in 2006. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Sac (22.7%), Monona (22.6%), Pocahontas (22.6%) and Adair (22%).

28.0%

Over a quarter of Iowans age 65 and over in 2005 lived in Polk, Linn, Scott, Black Hawk and Dubuque counties.

75

The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2000 and 2006.

24,559

The number of people age 65 and over in Des Moines, making it largest population of this age group in any Iowa city in 2000.

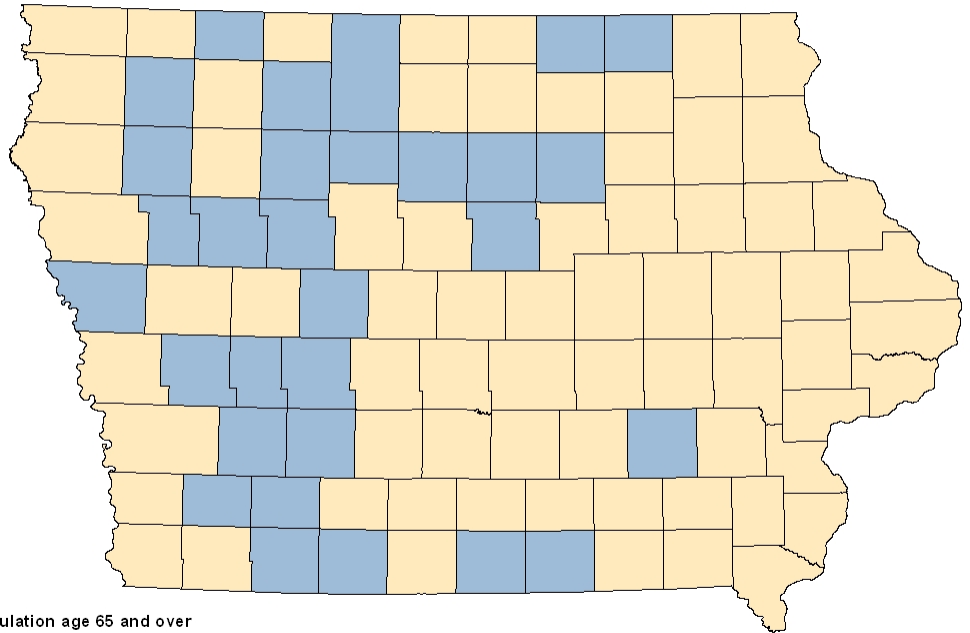
90.9%

The percent of total population in Beaconsfield who were age 65 and over in 2000. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage in this age group were Athelstan (55.6%), Berkley (45.8%), Elk Horn (42.4%) and Littleport (42.3%).

21.0%

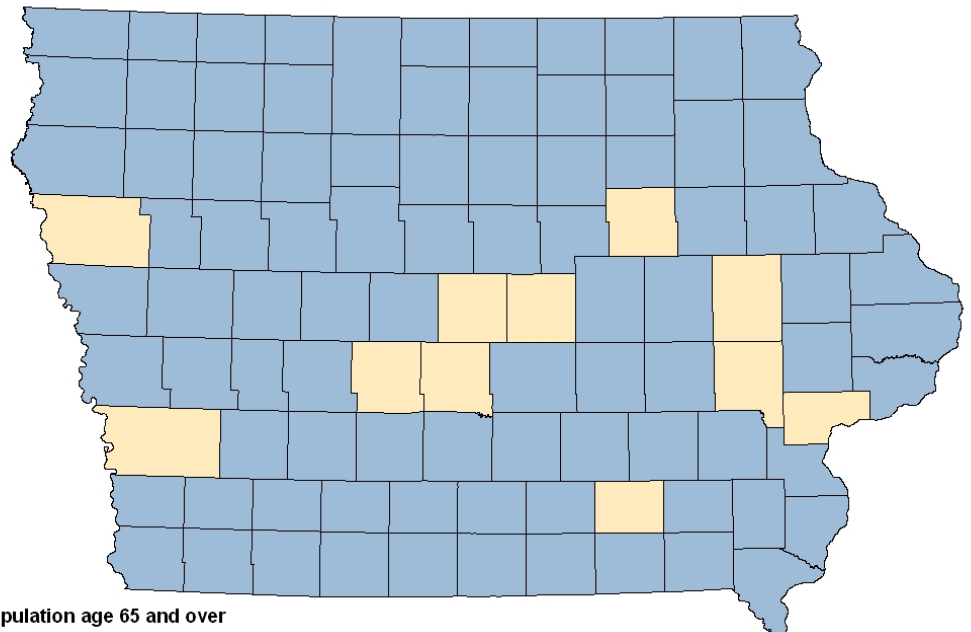
The percent of the total population age 65 and over in 2000 who lived in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Sioux City and Waterloo.

2000



Population age 65 and over
Less than 20%
20% or more

2030



Population age 65 and over
Less than 20%
20% or more

88

The number of Iowa counties in 2030 in which at least 20% of the residents will be age 65 and over according to Woods & Pool Economics, Inc. In 2000 that number was 30.

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EMPLOYMENT

77,856

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2006 who are in the labor force.

3.4%

The unemployment rate in 2006 for Iowans age 65 and over.

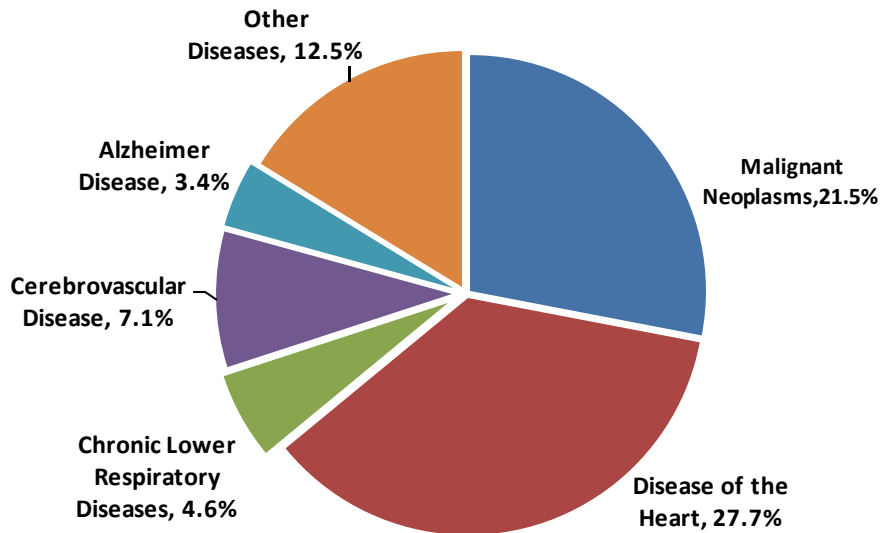


Serving Our Nation
107,280

Estimated number of people in 2006 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.

VITAL STATS

Leading Causes of Death for Iowans Age 65 and Over: 2006



DISABILITY

146,398

The number of Iowans in 2006 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

36.8%

The percent of Iowa veterans age 65 and over with a disability.

At a Glance

Type of Disability:
Population 65 and over

2006	
Sensory	60,196
Physical	104,683
Mental	35,120
Self-care	27,308
Go-outside-home	49,112

Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2006

Disease of the heart—26.2%
Malignant Neoplasms—23.2%
Cerebrovascular—6.3%
Chronic lower respiratory—6.1%
Unintentional injuries—4.2%
Influenza and Pneumonia—2.8%
Other—31.2%