

OLDER IOWANS: 2010

A meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens resulted in President John F. Kennedy designating May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 65 and older through ceremonies, events and public recognition.

444,554

The estimated number of people age 65 and over in Iowa on July 1, 2008. This age group accounted for 14.8 percent of the total population. Between 2007 and 2008, the size of this age group increased by 6,594 people.

258,614

The estimated number of women age 65 and over in Iowa on July 1, 2008. This accounted for 58.2 percent of the age group 65 and over. The estimated number of women age 85 and over on July 1, 2008 was 54,588. This was 69.4 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

54.8%

Percentage of people in Iowa age 65 and older in 2008 who were married.



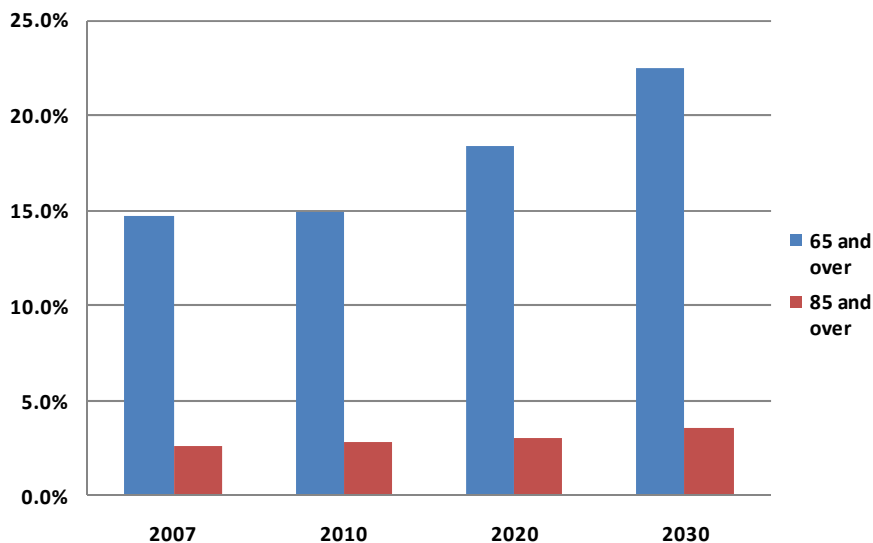
15,520

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

29.5%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older in 2008 who were widowed.

Projected Iowa Population by Age: 2007-2030



EDUCATION

80.7%

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2008 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 90.3%.

14.0%

Percentage of the population age 65 and older in 2008 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 24.3%.

VOTING

83.0%
 Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older registered to vote in the 2008 presidential election, the highest rate of any age group. 76.2 percent of people in this age group reported actually casting a ballot.

19.4%
 Percent of the votes cast by citizens age 65 and older in the 2008 election.

MIGRATION

93.0%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who did not move between 2007 and 2008. This can be compared to 83.3% for the state as a whole.

76.6%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2008 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 73.0%.

3,448

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2007 and 2008. This represented only 3.8% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.



Living Arrangements

29.7%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who lived alone in 2008.

INCOME AND POVERTY

\$31,440

Median 2008 income of households with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2008 was \$48,980.

424,860

The number of 2008 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$476,604,000 total monthly benefits.

8.3%

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2008, compared to 11.5% 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

7,862

The number of Iowans in 2008 age 65 and over who are foreign born.

COUNTIES AND CITIES

47,435

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2008.

25.1%

The percent of total population in Ringgold county who are age 65 and over in 2008. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Sac (23.4%), Pocahontas (22.7%), Adair (22.7%), and Monona (22.7%)

25.4%

Over a quarter of Iowans age 65 and over in 2008 lived in Polk, Linn, Scott, and Black Hawk counties.

66

The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2000 and 2008.

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.

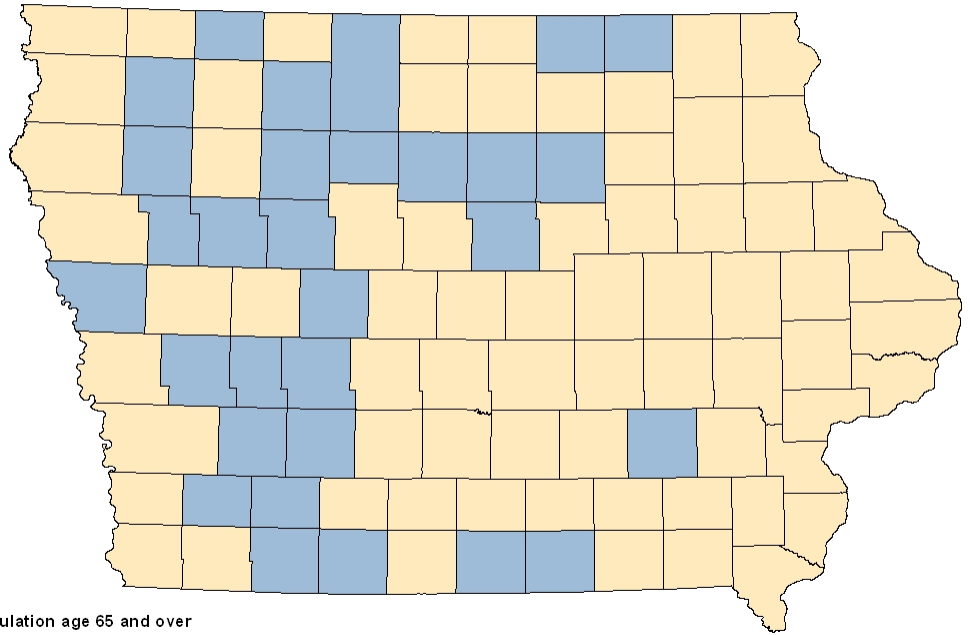
90.9%

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%

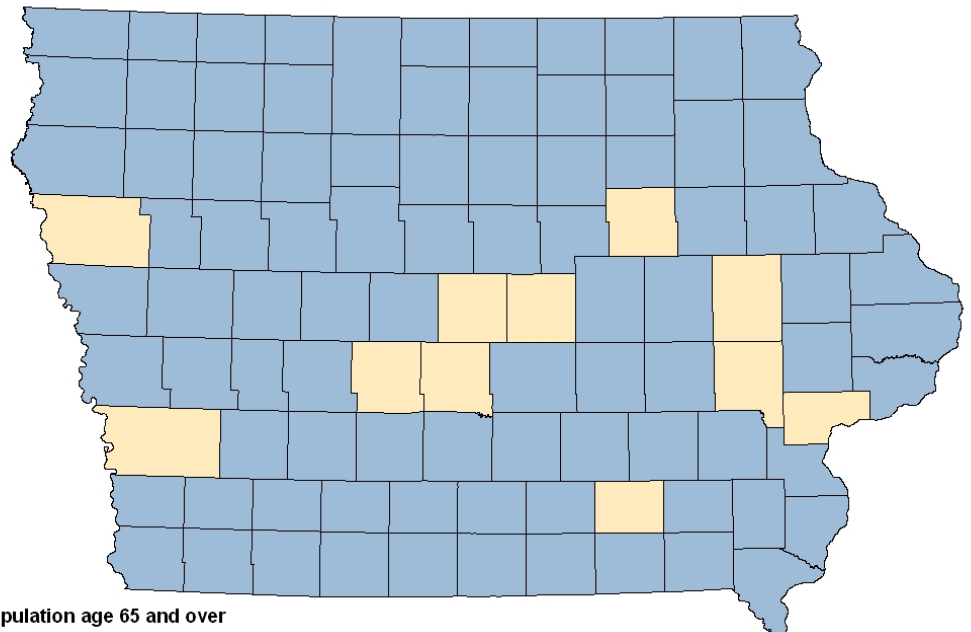
The percent of the total population age 65 and over in 2000 who lived in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Sioux City and Waterloo.

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

77,537

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2008 who are in the labor force.

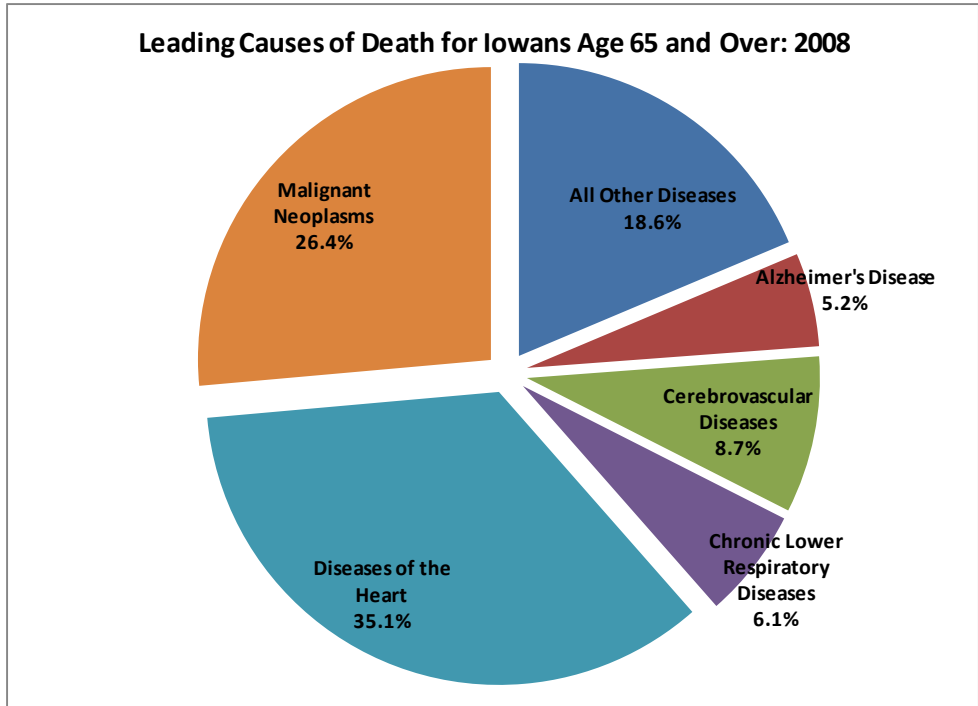
1.5%

The unemployment rate in 2008 for Iowans age 65 and over.



Serving Our Nation
105,718
Estimated number of people in 2008 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.

VITAL STATS



DISABILITY

145,277

The number of Iowans in 2008 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

37.3%

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

At a Glance

Type of Disability:
Population 65 and over

2008	
Hearing difficulty	60,957
Vision difficulty	24,940
Cognitive difficulty	28,200
Ambulatory difficulty	86,096
Self-care difficulty	27,977
Independent living difficulty	52,243

Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2008

- Disease of the heart—25.6%
- Malignant Neoplasms—22.5%
- Chronic lower respiratory—6.4%
- Cerebrovascular—5.9%
- Alzheimer's Disease—4.7%
- Unintentional injuries—4.4%
- Other—30.5%