

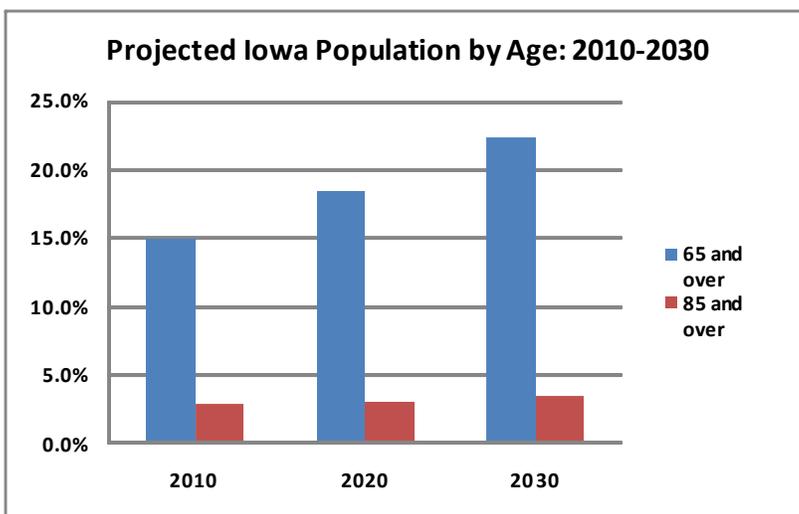
OLDER IOWANS: 2012

MAY 2012

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.

452,888

The estimated number of people age 65 and over in Iowa in 2010. This age group accounted for 14.9 percent of the total population.



259,611

The estimated number of women age 65 and over in Iowa in 2010. This accounted for 57.3 percent of the age group 65 and over.

The estimated number of women age 85 and over was 51,307. This was 68.7 percent of Iowans 85 and over.

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 2010 Iowa ranked 5th in the percentage of population age 65 and older. In 2030 it is projected that Iowa will rank 12th.

Living Arrangements 29.7%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who lived alone in 2010.

Families and Children

59.2%

Percentage of people in Iowa age 65 and older in 2010 who were married.

29.2%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older in 2010 who were widowed.

16,179

The number of children under 18 who are being cared for by a grandparent in Iowa in 2010.

137,951

Number of people 65 & over in 2010 with a disability that have private as well as public insurance.



Voting

76.2%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older registered to vote in the 2010 election, the highest rate of any age group. 65.7 percent of people in this age group reported actually casting a ballot.

24.8%

Percent of the votes cast by citizens age 65 and older in the 2010 election.

Income and Poverty

\$32,487

Median 2010 income of households with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2010 was \$47,961.

6.7%

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2010, compared to 12.6% for all Iowans.

430,684

The number of 2010 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$495,303,000 total monthly benefits.

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

Education

83.8%

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2010 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 90.6%.

in 2010 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 24.9%.



15.2%

Percentage of the population age 65 and older

Migration

93.8%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who did not move between 2009 and 2010. This can be compared to 84.7% for the state as a whole.

75.7%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2010 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 71.7%.

3,564

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2009 and 2010. This represented only 4.2% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.

Employment

77,427

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2010 who are in the labor force.

3.3%

The unemployment rate in 2010 for Iowans age 65 and over.

Serving Our Nation
105,549

Estimated number of people in 2010 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.

Disability

138,147

The number of Iowans in 2010 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

32.3%

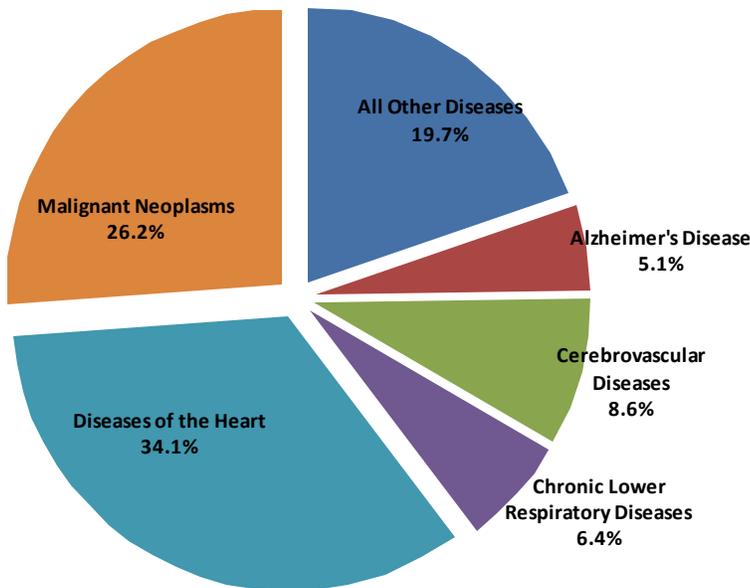
The percent of Iowa veterans age 65 and over with a disability.

Type of Disability:	
Population 65 and over	
2010	
Hearing difficulty	61,624
Vision difficulty	21,695
Cognitive difficulty	28,108
Ambulatory difficulty	83,482
Self-care difficulty	25,475
Independent living difficulty	51,380



Vital Stats

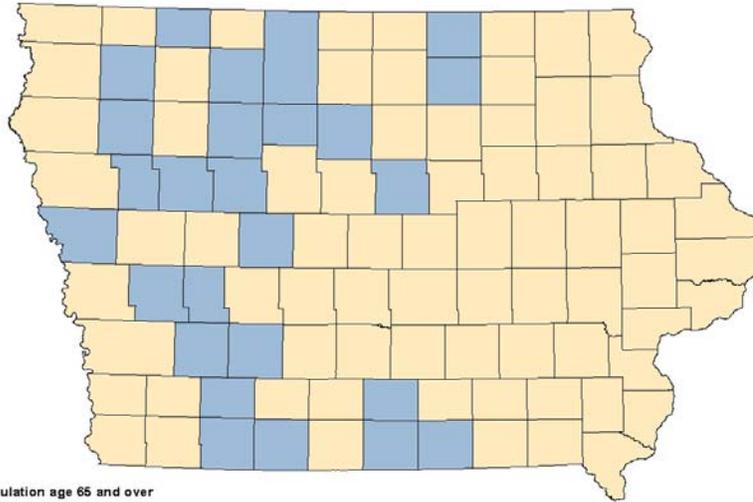
Leading Causes of Death for Iowans Age 65 and Over: 2010



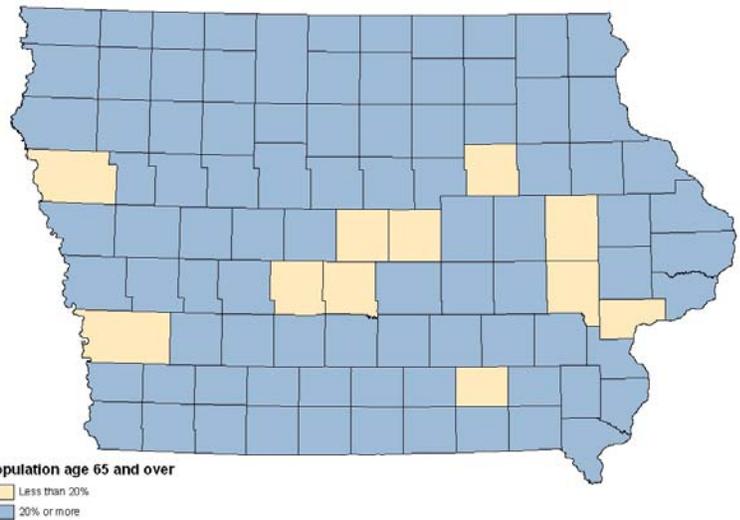
Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2010

- Disease of the heart- 24.8%
- Malignant Neoplasms- 22.9%
- Cerebrovascular Disease - 5.5%
- Chronic lower respiratory- 6.1%
- Alzheimer's Disease- 5.1%
- Unintentional injuries- 4.5%
- Diabetes Mellitus- 2.6%
- Influenza & Pneumonia- 2.0%
- Other- 26.5%

2010



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Counties and Cities

46,545

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2010.

59

The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2000 and 2010.

44.6%

The percent of total population in Wahpeton who were age 65 and over in 2010. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage in this age group were Beaconsfield (40.0%), Ledyard (36.9%), Clio (36.3%) and Diagonal (36.1%).

23.7%

The percent of total population in Calhoun county who are age 65 and over in 2010. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Monona (23.7%); Ringgold (23.6%), Audubon (23.2%), Dickinson (22.3%), and Wayne (22.1%).

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.

17.8%

The percent of the total population age 65 and over in 2010 who lived in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Sioux City, Waterloo, and Dubuque.

25.1%

Over a quarter of Iowans age 65 and over in 2010 lived in Polk, Linn, Scott, and Black Hawk counties.

22,318

The number of people age 65 and over in Des Moines, making it largest population of this age group in any Iowa city in 2010.

Data Source (unless otherwise noted):
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