

WOMEN IN IOWA: 2016

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In 1981, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's History Week. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, March 8. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress and the Iowa General Assembly have passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the U.S. president and Iowa's Governor have issued a proclamation.

1,564,081

The number of females in Iowa in 2014. That exceeds the number of men (1,543,045). Males outnumber females in most of the five-year-age groups through the 45-49 age group. Starting with the 50-54 age group, women outnumber men. At ages 85 and over there are twice as many women as men.

1,729,081

The projected female population of Iowa in 2050 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. Women will constitute 49.8 percent of the state's total population.

Families and Children

19.9%

The percent of families with children under 18 in 2014 living in single-parent households with their mother compared to 9.6 percent living with their father. This compares to 70.4 percent living with both parents.

679,478

Number of married women in 2014 (including those who are separated or have an absent spouse).

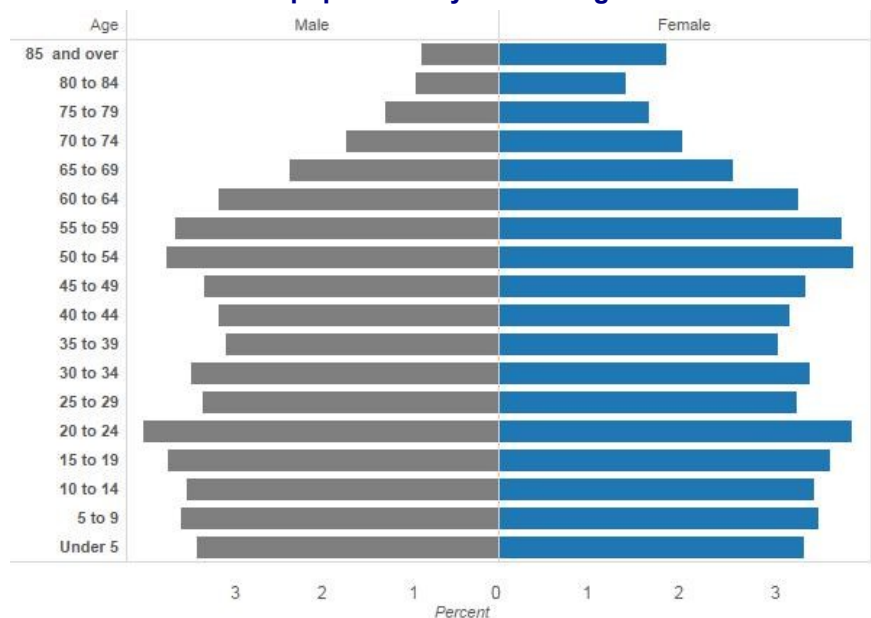
51.5%

Percent of unmarried Iowans 15 years and older who are women in 2014. There are 590,967 unmarried (widowed, divorced or never married) women.

39.5

The estimated median age for the female population in Iowa in 2014. The estimated median age for the state of Iowa was 38.1. The male estimated median age was 36.8

Iowa population by sex and age: 2014



Education

Coming to America

47.5%

The percent of the foreign-born population in 2014 that were female

Serving Our Nation

12,969

The number of Iowa women in 2014 who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces. This is 6.5% of the total veteran population.



263,445

The number of girls enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2014-2015 school year, including preschool. This represents 48.6% of the total enrollment in Iowa.

92.3

The graduation rate for girls in 2014. The graduation rate for boys was 88.8.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

171,064

Enrollment of women in Iowa's universities and colleges in 2013. Women make up 55.2 percent of the total enrollment in 2013.

Source: Iowa Student College Aid Commission

93.2%

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over who had at least a high school education in 2014. This compares to 61.8 percent of women who had completed 4 years of high school or higher in 1970.

28.5%

The percentage of women in Iowa age 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2014. This compares to 7.5 percent of women who had completed 4 years of college or higher in 1970.

Sports and Recreation

5,611

The number of unduplicated women sport participants in Iowa's 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities in 2014.

Source: Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education
<http://ope.ed.gov/athletics/>

94,080

Number of women in Iowa 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2014. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.) The number of men in Iowa with an advanced degree in 2014 was 92,403.

Income and Poverty

\$36,917

The median income for women in Iowa who worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months in 2014. The median income for men in the state was \$47,788.

\$24,335

The median family income for female householders, no husband with own children under 18 in 2014. The median income for married-couple families was \$84,783. The median income for male householder, no wife present was \$41,874.

13.3%

The poverty rate in 2014 for women in Iowa. The corresponding rate for men is 10.9 percent.

38.7%

The percentage of female households, no husband present with related children under age 18, below the poverty level in 2014. The corresponding rate for married-couple families with related children under 18 years was 3.6 percent. The poverty rate for male householder, no wife present was 17.5%.

Note: Income is the sum of the amounts reported separately for wage or salary income; net self-employment income; interest, dividends, or net rental or royalty income or income from estates and trusts; social security or railroad retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); public assistance or welfare payments; retirement, survivor, or disability pensions; and all other income.

Businesses and Jobs

82,345

The number of female-owned businesses in 2012.

29.0%

The percent increase in women-owned firms between 2002 and 2012.

Source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners

3.6%

The unemployment rate for women age 20 to 64 in Iowa in 2014. The unemployment rate for men was 4.4%.

Earnings

\$36,522

The median earnings in 2014 inflation-adjusted dollars for full-time, year-round women workers in Iowa. Men in Iowa had median earnings of \$47,202.

Industry

296,260

The number of Iowa women in the Education, Health, and Social services industry in 2014. More women, 38.9% of Iowa's total female labor force, work in this one industry group than in any other.

12.1%

The percent of women who work in the Retail Trade estate industry in 2014, the second highest industry for the female labor force. Approximately **9.1** percent work in the finance and insurance industry; **8.7** percent work in manufacturing; **8.6** percent in the arts, entertainment and recreation industry; and **7.3** percent work in the professional, scientific, and management services.

Occupations

157,480

The number of Iowa women in office and administrative support occupations in 2014. Women represent a wide variety of occupations in Iowa. For instance, there are about **67,584** women in healthcare practitioner and technical occupations, **55,067** in management occupations and **77,379** in education, training and library occupations.

39.4%

The percent of all women in Iowa in the Management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2014.

Voting and Representation

53.0%

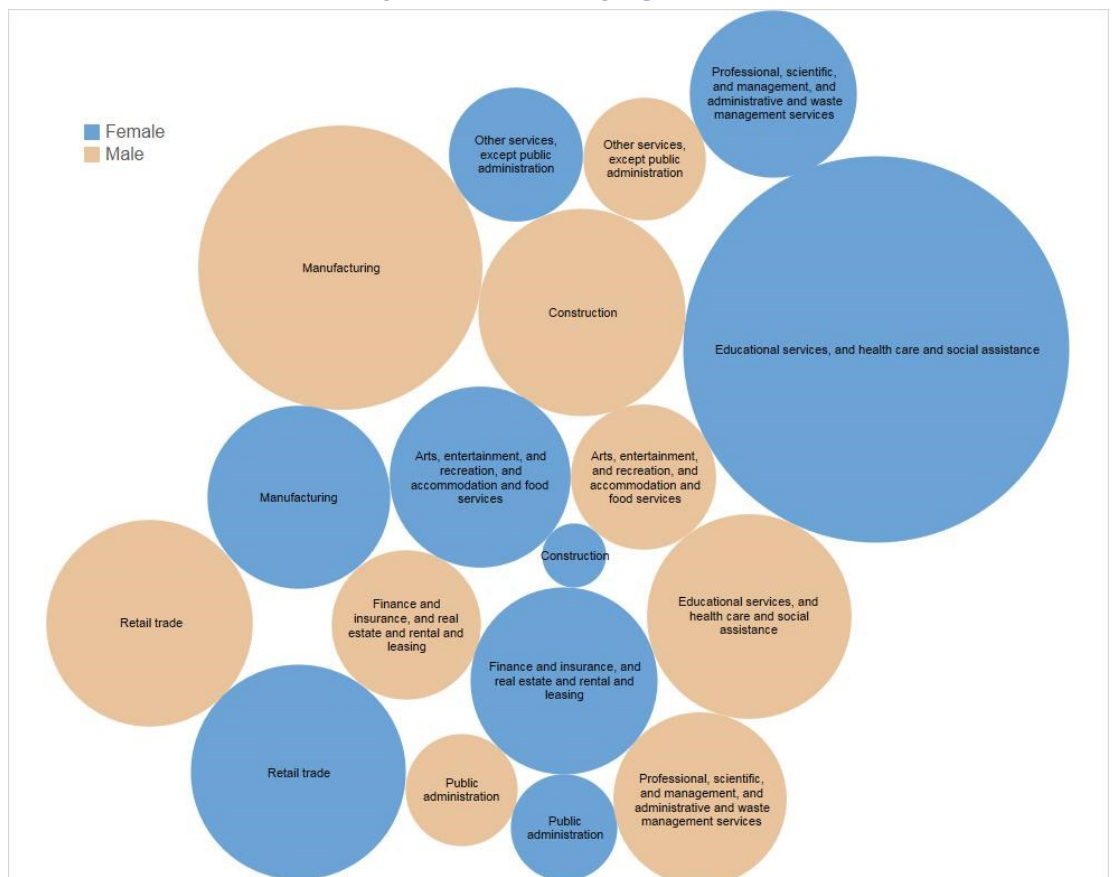
The percentage of registered women in Iowa who reported voting in the 2014 general election. The number of registered males who voted in the same election was 53.2%.

Iowa Secretary of State's office

28.6%

In 2015 women comprise 28.6% of statewide elected executive office holders, 22.7% of the state legislature, and 16.7% of Iowa's congressional delegation after electing its first woman to the U.S. Congress in 2014.

Industry in Iowa by gender: 2014



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Vital Events

12.7

Live births per 1,000 population in 2014.

356.6

The rate of Iowa births to unmarried women in 2014. (per 1,000 births).

53.2

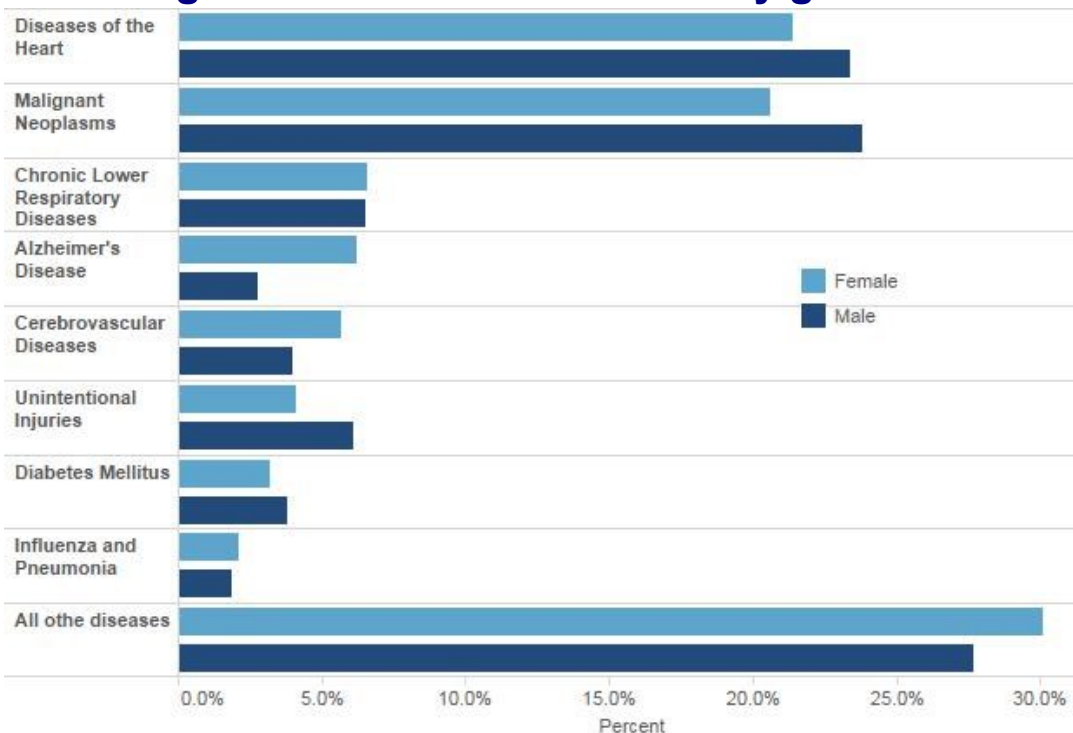
The birth rate for women age 15-19 in Iowa per 1,000 women in 2014.

9.5

The 2014 death rate for women in Iowa per 1,000 population. For men in Iowa the death rate was 9.3 over the same time period.



Leading causes of deaths in Iowa by gender: 2014



Data provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health publication, "Vital Statistics of Iowa 2014"

Data Sources (unless otherwise noted) :
 U.S. Census Bureau,
 2014 American Community Survey
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