

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.

491,349

The estimated number of people age 65 and over in Iowa in 2014. This age group accounted for 15.8 percent of the total population. In 2014 Iowa ranked 13th in the percentage of population age 65 and older.

275,624

The estimated number of women age 65 and over in Iowa in 2014. This accounted for 56.1 percent of the age group 65 and over. The estimated number of women age 85 and was 52,632. This was 66.9 percent of Iowans 85 and over.

696,450

The projected population age 65 and older in Iowa in the year 2050. According to Woods & Poole Economics Inc., this age group will constitute 20.0 percent of the state's total population at that time.

Households and Families

29.4%

Percent of lowans age 65 and over who lived alone in 2014.

14,866

The number of children under 18 who are being cared for by a grandparent in Iowa in 2014.

25,797

Number of lowans age 65 and older in 2014 who lived in group quarters. Group quarters include nursing facilities; military quarters, correctional facilities as well as college student housing. This age group is 26.6% of the total group quarter population.

Marital Status

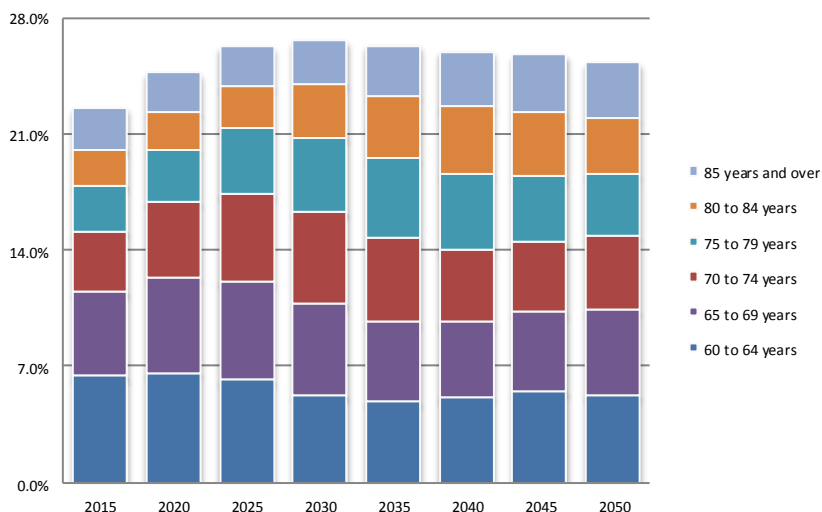
58.7%

Percentage of people in Iowa
age 65 and older in 2014
who were married.

26.3%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older in 2014 who were widowed.

Projected Iowa Population 2010-2050



Voting

72.1%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older who were citizens and registered to vote in the 2014 election, the highest rate of any age group.

30.5%

Percent of the votes cast by citizens age 65 and older in the 2015 election.

Data provided by the Iowa Secretary of State

Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance

\$37,099

Median household income in 2014 with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2013 was \$53,712.

7.4%

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2014, compared to 12.2% for all Iowans.

1,191

The number of Iowans 65 years and over without health insurance coverage in 2014. That is 0.3% of the population without health insurance coverage. The percentage of the total population in Iowa without health insurance coverage was 6.2%.

462,369

The number of 2014 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$607,712,000 total benefits.

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

Education

88.0%

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2014 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 92.1%.

20.1%

Percentage of the population age 65 and older in 2014 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 27.7%.



Migration

93.4%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who did not move between 2013 and 2014. This can be compared to 84.6% for the state as a whole.

74.3%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2014 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 71.2%.

5,719

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2013 and 2014. This represented only 6.1% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.

**Serving Our
Nation
21.1%**

Percentage of people in 2014 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.

Disability

148,450

The number of Iowans in 2014 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

38.0%

The percent of Iowa veterans in 2014 age 65 and over with a disability.

148,037

The number of people 65 & over in 2014 with a disability that have private as well as public insurance.

Population 65 and over Type of Disability: 2014

Hearing difficulty	68,785
Vision difficulty	21,583
Cognitive difficulty	29,574
Ambulatory difficulty	87,534
Self-care difficulty	27,258
Independent living difficulty	51,941

Employment

90,878

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2014 who are in the labor force.

2.2%

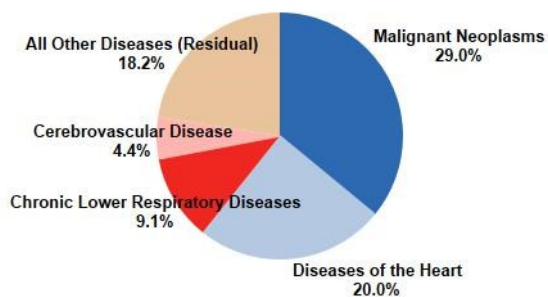
The unemployment rate in 2014 for Iowans age 65 and over.



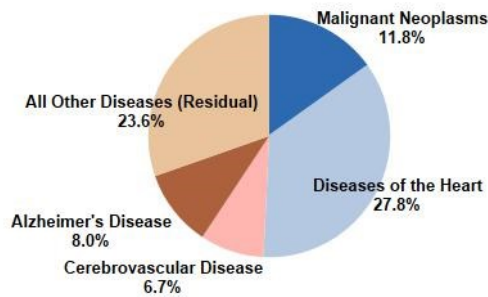
Vital Stats

Leading causes of death by age group: 2014

Age 65 to 84 years of age



85 years of age and over



Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2014

Disease of the heart:	22.4%
Malignant Neoplasms:	22.2%
Chronic lower respiratory:	6.5%
Unintentional injuries:	5.1%
Cerebrovascular Disease:	4.8%
Other:	39.0%

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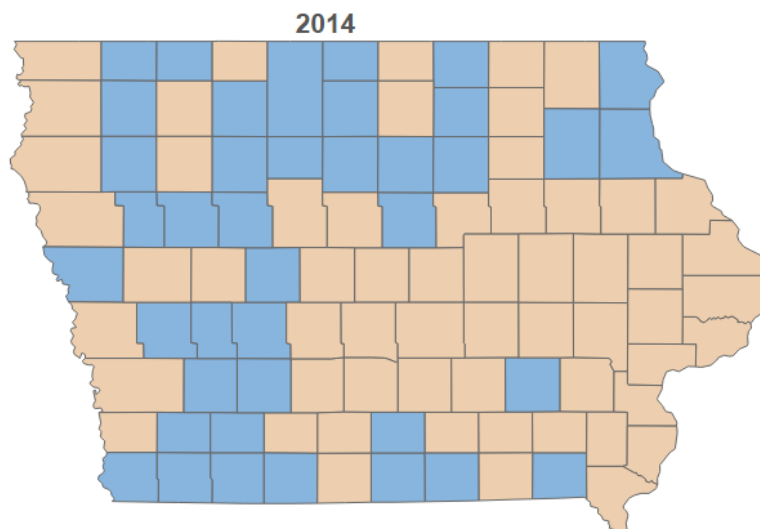
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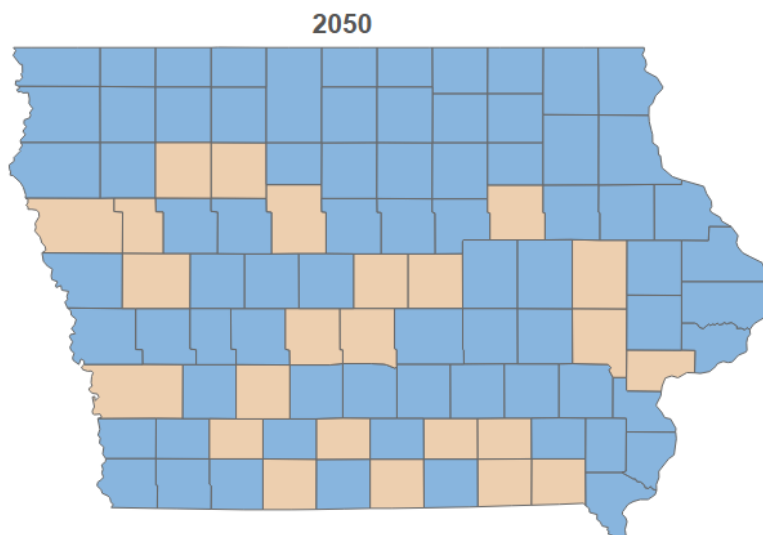
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Population age 65 and over
 Less than 20%
 20% or more



Counties and Cities

Data Source (unless otherwise noted) :

U.S. Census Bureau,
American Community
Survey, 2014

Woods & Poole
Economics, Inc. 2015
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53,725

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2014.

25.3%

The percent of total population in Ringgold county who are age 65 and over in 2014. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Monona (24.6%), Audubon (24.3%), Dickinson (24.2%), and Kossuth (22.5%).

40.3%

Over a quarter of Iowans age 65 and over in 2014 lived in Polk, Linn, Scott, Black Hawk, Dubuque, Pottawattamie, Johnson and Woodbury counties.

16

The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2010 and 2014.

75

The number of Iowa counties in 2050 in which at least 20% of the residents will be age 65 and over according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. In 2000 that number was 30.

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.

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%).

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.