

AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2015

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To recall and celebrate the positive contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week beginning on Feb. 12, 1926. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month.

101,368

The 2013 African American population in Iowa. African Americans constitute 3.3% of the state's total population. In 1980, African Americans made up 1.4% of the state's total population.

59,668

The numeric change in the African American population from 1980 to 2013. This is a 143.1 percent increase for the period.

Source: 2013 Annual Population Estimates

186,763

The projected African American population of Iowa as 2040. According to Woods & Poole Economics Inc., African Americans will constitute 5.5 percent of the state's total population.

Families and Children

20,277

The number of African American families in 2013 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 67.3 percent include their own children under 18 years of age.

117.4%

Percent increase in the number of African American families in the state of Iowa from 1980 to 2013.

9.2%

Percentage of the African American population under age 5, in 2013. African Americans have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than the state as a whole (6.3%). In 1980 the percentage of the African American population under age 5 was 10.9.

3.47

The average family size for the Iowa African American population in 2013. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.99.

Age
25.8

The median age of Iowa's African American population in 2013. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.1.



Counties and Cities

Top 5 counties: African American Population

	2013	2000
Polk	29,212	18,113
Scott	12,571	9,689
Black Hawk	11,769	10,179
Linn	9,270	4,919
Johnson	7,670	3,223

Top 5 cities: African American Population

	2009-2013	2000
Des Moines	21,1102	16,025
Davenport	11,399	9,093
Waterloo	10,648	9,529
Cedar Rapids	7,975	4,481
Iowa City	3,824	2,333

29,212

The number of African Americans in Polk County in 2013, making it the largest population of African Americans in any Iowa county.

57.6%

Over half of the growth in Iowa's African American population from 2000-2013 occurred in four counties: Polk, Linn, Johnson, and Scott

high percentage of African Americans are Davenport (11.3%), and Coralville (9.2%).

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey

8.9%

The percent of total population in Black Hawk County who were African American in 2013. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage of African Americans are Scott (7.4%), Polk (6.5%), Des Moines (5.7%) and Johnson (5.5%).

22,822

The number of African Americans in Des Moines in 2013, making it the largest population of African Americans in any city in Iowa.

55.7%

The percentage of Iowa's total African American population living in four cities: Des Moines, Davenport, Waterloo and Cedar Rapids.

69.5%

Nearly three-fourths of the total African American population live in Polk, Scott, Black Hawk, Linn and Johnson counties in 2013.

15.6%

The percent of the total population in Waterloo who are African American. Other Iowa cities with a



Income and poverty

\$28,526

The median income in the of African American households in 2013. The median household income for the state during the same time period was \$52,229.

\$14,076

The per capita money income of Iowa African Americans in 2013. The per capita money income for the state was \$27,740.

39.2%

The percentage of families with related children under 18 below the poverty level in 2013 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 13.9 percent

\$32,078

The median income of African American families in Iowa in 2013. The median income of families in Iowa was \$66,684.

35.7%

The poverty rate in 2013 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.7 percent.

Businesses and Jobs

2,190

The number of African American-owned firms in Iowa in 2007.

98.0%

The percent increase in African American-owned firms between 1992 and 2007.

Source: 2007 & 1992 Survey of Business Owners

62.6%

The percent of Iowa African Americans age 16 and over in the labor force in 2013. The percent of Iowans age 16 and over in the labor force was 67.7%.

11.6%

The unemployment rate of Iowa African Americans in 2013. In comparison the state of Iowa's unemployment rate was 4.8%.

Earnings

\$19,272

The median earnings for Iowa African Americans in 2013. The median earnings for the state of Iowa was \$30,335.

\$30,769

The median earnings for Iowa African American males in 2013. African American women in Iowa had median earnings of \$28,117. In comparison the median earning for men and women in the state of Iowa were \$45,930 and \$35,602 respectively.

Industry

29.0%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2013 employed in the educational services and health care and social assistance industry.

20.2%

The percent of African Americans in 2012 who work in the manufacturing industry. Approximately 12.2 percent work in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services industry; 10.1 percent in retail trade; and 7.6 percent work in professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services.



Occupation

28.2%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2013 in service occupations.

23.4%

The percent of African Americans in Iowa age 16 years and over in management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2013. In Iowa this occupation accounts for 34.3% of all people age 16 years and over.

28.0%

The percent of African American women in Iowa age 16 years and over in sales and office occupations in 2013. 17.5% of African American men in Iowa are in this occupation.

34.0%

The percent of African American men in Iowa age 16 years and over in production, transportation, and material moving occupations in 2013. 11.4% of African American women in Iowa are in this occupation.

Housing

73.4%

The percentage occupied housing units with an African American householder who rent their home in 2013. The corresponding percentage for the state is 29.2%.

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Education

27,542

The number African Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2013-2014 school year. African Americans represent 5.1% of Iowa's school enrollment (538,447).

40.8%

Percent increase in African American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2013-2014.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

82.7%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over,

who had at least a high school education in 2013. The percentage for Iowa was 91.6%.

15.1%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2013. The percentage for Iowa was 26.4%.

4.3%

Percentage of Iowa African Americans 25 years and older with graduate or professional degree. The percentage of Iowans with a graduate or professional degree was 8.4%.

Vital Stats

21.6

The African American birth rate per 1,000 population in 2013. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 12.6.

712.7

The African American rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births in 2013. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 344.4.

130.9

The African American rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in 2013. The rate for the state was 58.9

5.4

The African American death rate per 1,000 population in 2013. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.3.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health



3,320

The number of Iowa African American veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2013.