

AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2011

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.

84,054

The estimated African American population in Iowa as of July 1, 2009. African Americans constitute 2.8 percent of the state's total population. In 1980 African Americans made up 1.4 percent of the state's total population.

42,354

The numeric change in the African American population from 1980 to 2009. This is a 101.6 percent increase for the period.

180,400

The projected African American population of Iowa as 2040. According to Woods & Poole Economics Inc., African Americans will constitute 5.2 percent of the state's total population.

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

16,127

The number of African American families in 2009 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 69.3 percent include their own children under 18 years of age.

69.1%

Percent increase in the number of African American families in the state of Iowa from 1980 to 2009.

29.0%

Percentage of African American families with children who live with both parents in 2009 compared to 69.1 percent for the state of Iowa. In 1980 this percentage was 41.7 compared to the state of Iowa's 83.6%.

10.2%

Percentage of the African American population under age 5, as of July 1, 2009. African Americans have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than the state as a whole (6.8%). In 1980 the percentage of the African American population under age 5 was 10.9.

3.02

The average family size for the Iowa African American population in 2008. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.90.



COUNTIES AND CITIES

24,133

The number of African Americans in Polk County in 2009, making it the largest population of African Americans in any Iowa county.

8.4%

The percent of total population in Black Hawk County who are African American in 2009. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage of African Americans are Scott (7.2%), Polk (5.6%), Des Moines (4.4%) and Johnson (4.2%).

71.9%

Nearly three-fourths of the total African American population live in Polk, Scott, Black Hawk, Linn and Johnson counties in 2009.

INCOME AND POVERTY

\$25,311

The median income in the past 12 months of African American households in 2009. The median household income for the state during the same time period was \$48,044.

\$26,850

The median income of African American families in Iowa in 2009. The median income of families in Iowa was \$61,156.

61.5%

Over half of the growth in Iowa's African American population from 2000-2008 occurred in four counties: Polk, Linn, Scott, and Johnson..

16,025

The number of African Americans in Des Moines in 2000, making it the largest population of African Americans in any city in Iowa.

13.9%

The percent of the total population in Waterloo in 2000 who are African American. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage of African Americans are Davenport (9.2%), Balltown (8.2%), Des Moines (8.1%) and

Anamosa (6.1%).

56.0%

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



AT A GLANCE

Top 5 counties:

	African American Population	
	2009	1980
Polk	24,133	13,884
Scott	11,946	6,453
Black Hawk	10,871	8,733
Linn	7,990	2,962
Johnson	5,460	
Woodbury		1,019

Top 5 cities:

	African American Population	
	2000	1980
Des Moines	16,025	13,164
Waterloo	9,529	8,398
Davenport	9,093	6,229
Cedar Rapids	4,481	2,743
Iowa City	2,333	
Sioux City		1,015

HOUSING

\$117,200

The median home value in 2009 for those who reported their race as African American. The corresponding value for the state is \$122,000.

67.9%

The percentage of African Americans who rent their home in 2009. The corresponding percentage for the state is 27.9%.

58.8%

The percentage of African Americans whose gross rent as a percentage of household income was over 30% in 2009. The corresponding percentage for the state is 43.8%.

AGE

27.5

The median age of Iowa's African American population in 2009. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.0.

BUSINESSES AND JOBS

1,619

The number of African American-owned firms in Iowa in 2002.

130.3%

The percent increase in African American-owned firms between 1987 and 2002.

10.8%

The unemployment rate for Iowa African Americans in 2009. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 4.1%.

64.6%

The percent of Iowa African Americans age 16 and over in the labor force in 2009. The percent of Iowans age 16 and over in the labor force was 69.5%.

64.9%

The percent of Iowa African Americans males age 16 and over in the labor force in 2009. The percent of Iowa African Americans females in the labor force was 64.3%. In comparison 74.1% of all men and 65.0% of all women age 16 and over were in the labor force in Iowa.

Earnings

\$18,622

The median earnings for Iowa African Americans in 2009. The median earnings for the state of Iowa was \$26,622.

\$21,119

The median earnings for Iowa African American males in 2009. African American women in Iowa had median earnings of

\$14,651. In comparison the median earning for men and women in the state of Iowa were \$32,744 and \$21,383 respectively.

Industry

27.7%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2009 employed in the educational, health, and social services industry.

20.7%

The percent of African Americans in 2009 who work in the manufacturing industry. Approximately 8.2 percent work in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services industry; 7.5 percent in retail trade; and 10.0 percent work in professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste

management services.

Occupation

20.9%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2009 in sales and office occupations.

26.3%

The percent of African Americans in Iowa age 16 years and over in management, professional, and related occupations in 2009. In Iowa this occupation accounts for 34.1% of all people age 16 years and over.

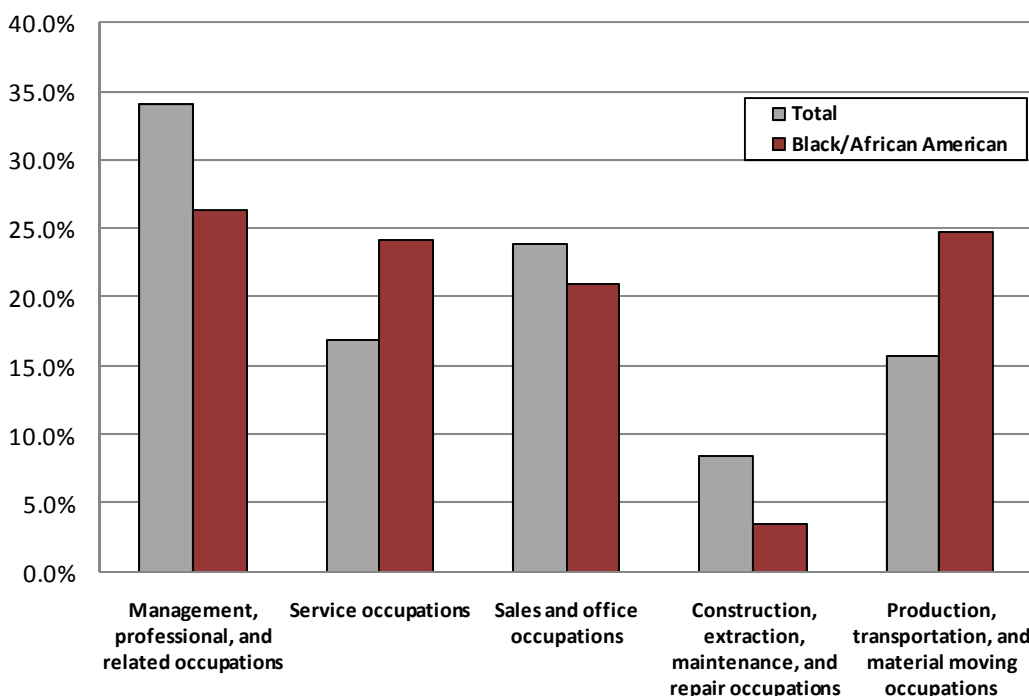
28.5%

The percent of African American women in Iowa age 16 years and over in management, professional, and related occupations in 2009. 24.4% of African American men in Iowa are in this occupation.

35.3%

The percent of African American men in Iowa age 16 years and over in production, transportation, and material moving occupations in 2009. 12.5% of African American women in Iowa are in this occupation.

Employment by Occupation (Percent of Population): 2009



3,548

The number of Iowa African American veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2009

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VITAL EVENTS

23.7
The African American birth rate per 1,000 population in 2008. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 13.2.

739.4
The African American rate of out-of-wedlock

births per 1,000 live births in 2009. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 358.2.

192.7
The African American rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in

2009. The rate for the state was 88.3.

5.4
The African American death rate per 1,000 population in 2009. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.1.

Data provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health publication, "Vital Statistics of Iowa 2009"

EDUCATION

25,376
The number African Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2009-2010 school year. African Americans represent 4.8% of Iowa's school enrollment (526,766).



37.8%
Percent increase in African American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2009-2010.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

81.3%
The percentage of Iowa African Americans age

25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2009. The percentage for Iowa was 90.5%.

16.9%
The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2009. The percentage for Iowa was 25.1%.

6.2%
Percentage of Iowa African Americans 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2009. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.) The percentage of Iowans with an advanced degree was 7.4%.