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## RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OWNERSHIP RATES

### 73.9%

The home ownership rate for the white, non-Hispanic population in Iowa. This compares to a rate of 70.9% in 1990. White non-Hispanic homeownership rate in the U.S. in 2000 was 72.4%.

### 37.1%

The home ownership rate in 2000 for the Black/ African American population in Iowa. This compares to a rate of 38.8% in 1990.

The Black/African American homeownership rate in the U.S. in 2000 was 46.3%.

### 46.9%

The home ownership rate for the Hispanic or Latino population in Iowa. This compares to a rate of 50.3% in 1990. Hispanic or Latino homeownership rate in the U.S. in 2000 was 45.7.



### 45.5%

The home ownership rate for Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian householders in Iowa. This compares to a rate of 35.5% in 1990. The home ownership rate for Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian in the U.S. in 2000 was 53.2%.

### 46.2%

The home ownership rate for American Indian/Alaska Native householders in Iowa. This compares to a rate of 43.5% in 1990. The American Indian/Alaska Native home ownership rate in the U.S. in 2000 was 55.5%.

## VACANCY

### 2.4

The homeowner vacancy rate in 2004 in Iowa. The corresponding rate for the U.S. was 1.9.

### 9.4

The renter vacancy rate in 2004 in Iowa. This compares to a U.S. rate of 10.2%.

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# HOUSING IN IOWA: APRIL 2006

The Fair Housing Act was signed on April 11, 1968, just one week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This landmark bill, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, resulted from the hard work and leadership of Dr. King and others in the civil rights movement and was an important step toward confronting discrimination against minorities in housing. To help celebrate this, April has been designated Fair Housing Month.

### 1,306,943

The estimated number of housing units in Iowa in 2005. In 2000 the number of housing units was 1,232,511.

### 61.4%

The percentage of urban housing units in Iowa. The percentage of urban housing units in the U.S. was 77.6%. The percent of urban housing units in Iowa in 1990 was 60.7%. In 1950 that percent was 48.1%.

### 72.3%

The homeownership rate in Iowa. This compares to a U.S. rate of 66.2%.



## Housing Costs

### \$82,500

The median value of specified owner-occupied housing units in Iowa. In the U.S. the median value is \$119,600.

### \$470

The median gross rent in Iowa. In the U.S. the median gross rent is \$602.

### 62.8%

The percentage of Iowa owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage. This compares to 70.0% for the U.S.

### 14.0%

The percentage of owner households who spend 30% or more of their household income on housing costs.

### 31.5%

The percentage of renter households who spend 30% or more of their household income on gross rent.

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U.S. Census Bureau,  
U.S. Decennial Census 1990 and 2000  
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# HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES

**1,150,197**  
The number of households in Iowa.

**31.8%**  
Percentage of households in Iowa with own children under 18.

**25.4%**  
The percentage of Iowa households that include a person 65 or older

**27.2%**  
The percentage of householders living alone. This compares to 24.9% in 1990.

**130,739**  
The number of Iowans age 65 and over who live alone

## SIZE

**3.0**  
Average family size in Iowa. The average family size in the U.S. was 3.14

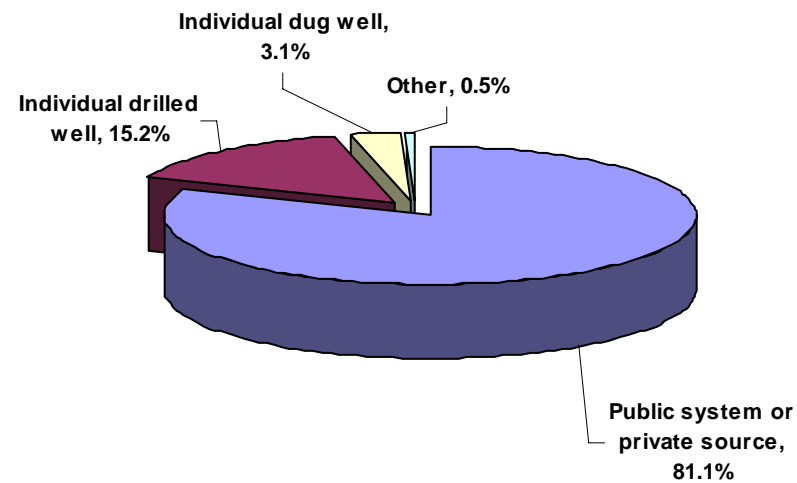
**2.46**  
Average household size in Iowa. The average household size in the U.S. was 2.59

**5.7**  
The median number of rooms in Iowa housing units

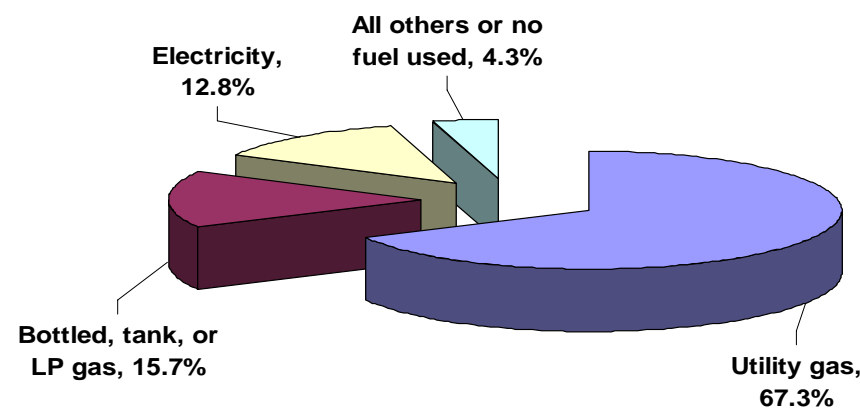
**2.0%**  
The percentage of crowded households in Iowa (1.01 or more persons per room) This compares to 1.5% in 1990.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Source of Water in Iowa: 2000



House Heating Fuel in Iowa: 2000



**76.0%**  
The percentage of housing units connected to a public sewer. 23.2% use a septic tank or a cess-pool.

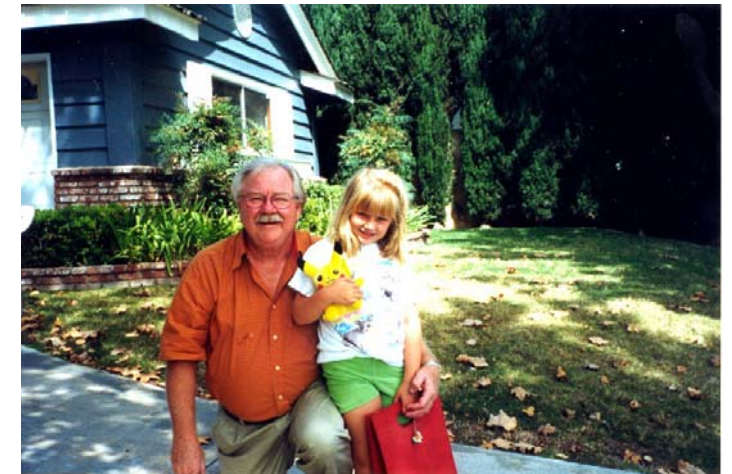
# AGE OF HOUSING

**31.6%**  
The percentage of housing units built 1939 or earlier.

**12.3%**  
The percentage of housing units in Iowa built since 1990. For the U.S. the percentage was 17.0%.

**16,111**  
The reported number of residential building permits issued in Iowa in 2005. This compares to 12,105 in 2000 and 7,563 in 1990.

**17.9%**  
The percentage of householder who had lived in their homes less than 15 months as of the 2000 census.



Median age of Housing: 2000

