

OLDER IOWANS: 2015

MAY 2015

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.

480,879

The estimated number of people age 65 and over in Iowa in 2013. This age group accounted for 15.6 percent of the total population. In 2013 Iowa ranked 10th in the percentage of population age 65 and older.

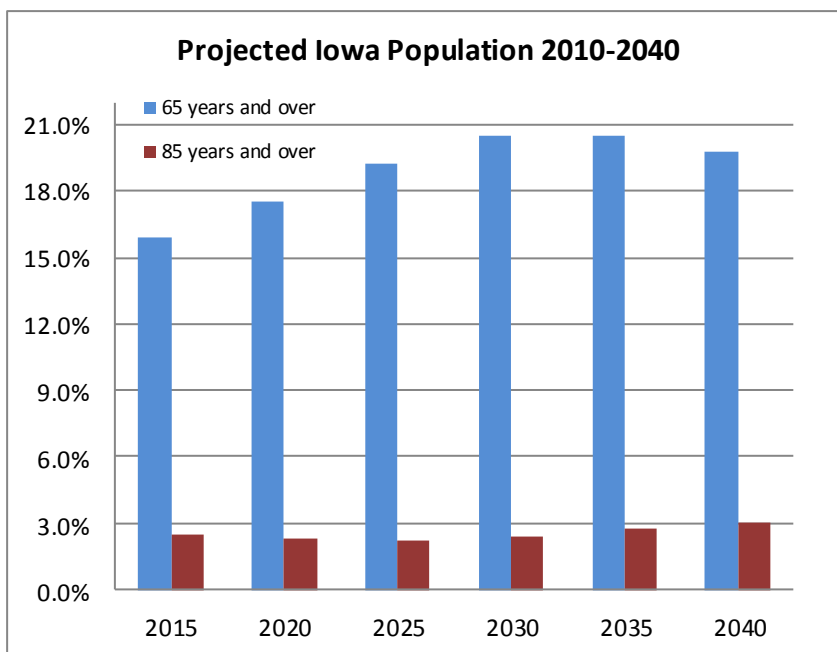
Marital Status

59.0%

Percentage of people in Iowa age 65 and older in 2013 who were married.

271,150

The estimated number of women age 65 and over in Iowa in 2013. This accounted for 56.4 percent of the age group 65 and over. The estimated number of women age 85 and was 52,767. This was 67.2 percent of Iowans 85 and over.



672,560

The projected population age 65 and older in Iowa in the year 2040. According to

Woods & Poole Economics Inc., this age group will constitute 19.8 percent of the state's total population at that time.

Households and Families

45.5%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who lived alone in 2013.

18,277

The number of children under 18 who are being cared for by a grandparent in Iowa in 2013.

26,628

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2013 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.

26.7%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older in 2013 who were widowed.

Income and Poverty

\$36,690

Median 2013 income of households with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2013 was \$52,229.

453,183

The number of 2013 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$578,526,000 total monthly benefits.

7.8%

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2013, compared to 12.7% for all Iowans.

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

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

Education

87.6%

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2013 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 92.2%.

18.6%

Percentage of the population age 65 and older in 2013 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 26.4%.



Migration

93.5%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who did not move between 2012 and 2013. This can be compared to 84.7% for the state as a whole.

74.4%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2013 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 71.2%.

5,752

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2012 and 2013. This represented only 6.5% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.

Disability

148,956

The number of Iowans in 2013 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

38.6%

The percent of Iowa veterans in 2013 age 65 and over with a disability.

148,670

The number of people 65 & over in 2013 with a disability that have private as well as public insurance.

Type of Disability:	
Population 65 and over	
2012	
Hearing difficulty	69,203
Vision difficulty	25,582
Cognitive difficulty	28,753
Ambulatory difficulty	87,170
Self-care difficulty	27,680
Independent living difficulty	50,330

Employment

83,667

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2013 who are in the labor force.

2.9%

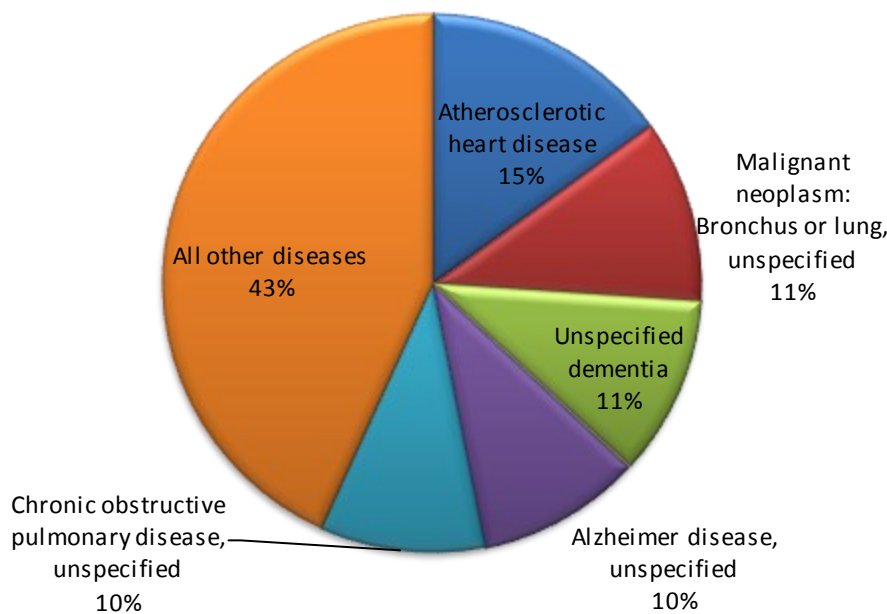
The unemployment rate in 2013 for Iowans age 65 and over.

Serving Our Nation
22.4%
 Percentage of people in 2013 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.



Vital Stats

Leading Causes of Death for Iowans Age 65 and Over: 2013



Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2013

Disease of the heart-24.0%
Malignant Neoplasms-22.4%
Chronic lower respiratory-6.5%
Cerebrovascular Disease -4.8%
Unintentional injuries-4.8%
Other-37.5%

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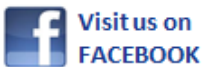
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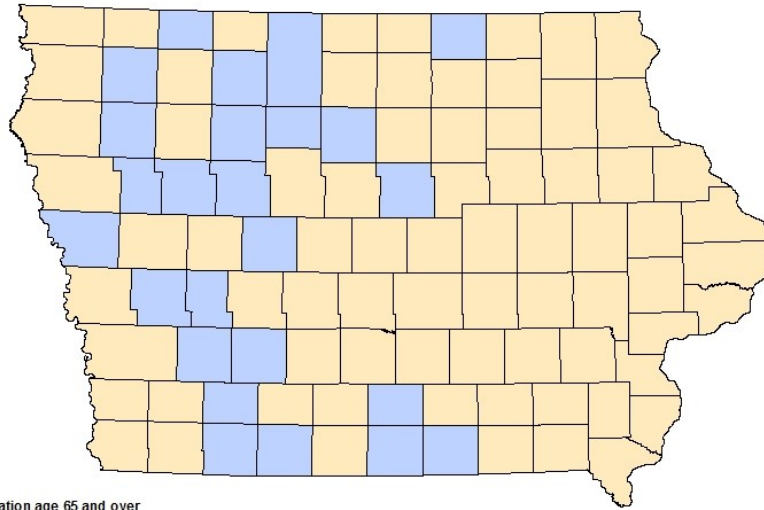
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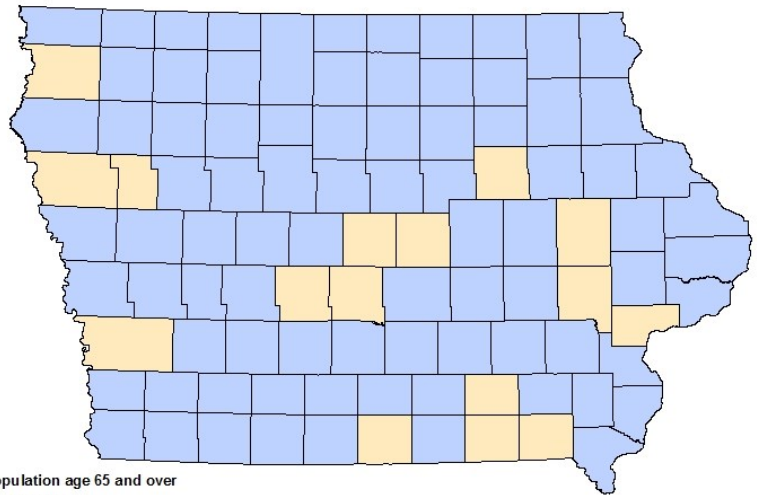


2010



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

2040



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Less than 20%
20% or more

Counties and Cities

51,646

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2013.

20

The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2010 and 2013.

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%).

24.6%

The percent of total population in Ringgold county who are age 65 and over in 2013. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Monona (24.3%), Audubon (24.1%), Dickinson (23.4%), and Sac (22.6%).

83

The number of Iowa counties in 2040 in which at least 20% of the residents will be age 65 and over according to Woods & Pool Economics, Inc. In 2000 that number was 30.

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.

37.8%

Over a quarter of Iowans age 65 and over in 2013 lived in Polk, Linn, Scott, Black Hawk, Dubuque, Pottawattamie, Woodbury, and Johnson counties.

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.

Data Source (unless otherwise noted):
U.S. Census Bureau,
American Community Survey, 2013
Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. 2014
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