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This report displays selected information for Iowa counties on a series of state maps. This presentation allows comparison of similarities among groups of counties which share a geographic location.

Table 1 ranks each county on each of eight population and agricultural characteristics.

For those who are interested in more detailed information about Iowa counties the following sources are suggested:
U. S. Bureau of the Census. U.S. Census of Population: 1960. Number of Inhabitants, Iowa. Final Report PC (1)--17A. U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. , 1960. Price 40 cents.
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U. S. Bureau of the Census. U. S. Census of Population: 1960. General Social and Economic Characteristics, Iowa. Final Report PC (1)--17C. U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. , 1962. Price $\$ 1.00$.
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U. S. Bureau of the Census. U.S. Census of Agriculture: 1959. Volume 1, Counties, Part 16 Iowa. U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. , 1961. Price $\$ 1.50$.

These volumes, as well as some 1950 census materials, were the sources of information for this report and may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents.

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[^0]FIG. 1. POPULATION BY RESIDENCE URBAN-RURAL, IOWA, 1900-1960. Iowa's urban population has increased at a consistently high rate since 1900. It now outnumbers the rural population, which has been steadily declining throughout the same period.


Source: U. S. Census of Population, 1960

Fig. 2. POPULATION BY RESIDENCE: URBAN, RURAL FARM AND RURAL NON-FARM, IOWA, 1920-1960.

Since 1920 the urban population has increased steadily while the rural farm population has declined. The rural non-farm remained somewhat static until 1940 when it began to increase.


Source: U. S. Census of Population; 1940, 1950, and 1960.

Fig. 3. PERCENT OF POPULATION WHICH IS RURAL FARM, IOWA, 1960.


Generally, the rural farm population was low in and around the counties containing large cities. Some of the counties with the highest rural farm population were found in the southern part of the state.

'//35-44.9 percent $\longdiv { M } 4 5$ percent or more

Counties having cities of 25,000 or more

Source: U. S. Census of Population 1960

Fig. 4. PERCENT CHANGE IN RURAL FARM POPULATION, IOWA, 1950-1960.


All of Iowa's counties lost rural farm population during the 1950-60 decade. Losses ranged from 3 to 33 percent. About one-fourth of the counties (28) lost over 20 percent of the 1950 population. Counties in the southern part of the state tended to lose rural farm popula tion at a greater rate than did those in the northern part.Lost By 0 to 9.9 Percent
15-19.9 percent
Lost By $10-14.9$ Percent
$\square$ Lost By $20 \%$ or more

Fig. 5. PERCENT CHANGE IN RURAL NON-FARM POPULATION, IOWA, 1950-1960.


In about two-thirds of the counties in the state, the rural non-farm population increased. Those areas which gained most were generally in or around the counties containing cities of 25,000 or more population.
\$. Gained By 20 Percent Or Over
2.) Gained 0 to 20 Percent

Lost Rural Non-Farm Population
$\square$ Contains city of 25000 or more population

Source: U. S. Census of Population 1960

Fig. 6. DEPENDENCY RATIOS FOR IOWA COUNTIES, 1950.


Dependency ratios are the number of dependent persons (i. e. below 18 or 65 and over) per 100 independent persons (age 18 to 64). For 1950 the dependency ratios ranged from 49 in Johnson County to 87 in Van Buren and Delaware counties. The counties containing large cities all had ratios below 75. The small ratios in Story and Johnson counties were probably attributable to the large number of university students who increase the size of the independent population and hence decrease the ratio.80 or more per 100

Fig. 7. DEPENDENCY RATIOS FOR IOWA COUNTIES, 1960.


Dependency ratios are the number of dependent persons (i. e. below 18 or 65 and over) per 100 independent persons (age 18 to 64). In 1960 dependency ratios ranged from 65; Johnson to 110 in Allamakee and Shelby counties. As in 1950, the counties with large cities had small ratios as did those containing the large colleges. In two counties, Buchanan and Union, the ratio decreased; in all other counties it increased from 7 to 30 .

Counties containing cities of 25,000 and over

Source: U. S. Census of Population, 1960

Fig. 8. PERCENT OF ALL FARMS OVER 500 ACRES, IOWA, 1959.


For the state, 2.8 percent of all farms were 500 acres or over. This varied within the state from 0.6 percent in Scott County to 10.7 percent in Fremont County, and was highest in southern counties. There were several counties in which the percent of small farms and the percent of large farms were both great (see Fig. 9)
*) less than 2 percent
$\square 4$ percent and over
2-3. 9 percent

Fig. 9, PERCENT OF ALL FARMS UNDER 50 ACRES, IOWA, 1959.


The percent of farms under 50 acres varied from 4 to 30 percent among the counties, with the state average being 11 percent. Those counties having a low proportion of small farms tended to be in the north of the state while several of the southern counties had high proportions. The counties containing large cities also had a relatively high percent of small farms.
\$... less than 8 percent12 percent and over Counties containing cities of 25,000 and over 8 to 11.9 percent

Source: U. S. Census of Agriculture, 1959

Fig. 10. PERCENT OF ALL HOUSING UNITS BUILT IN 1929 OR EARLIER, IOWA, 1960.


In about one-fourth of the counties, 80 percent or more of the houses were over 30 years old in 1960. The proportion ranged from 46 to 90 percent. Generally, the proportion was highest in the southern counties.
\$2. less than 70 percent
//.75-79.9 percent
$\qquad$ 80 percent and over
$\square$ Counties containing cities of 25,000 and over Source: U. S. Census of Housing, 1960

Fig. 11. PERCENT OF OCCUPIED RURAL FARM HOUSING UNITS BUILT 1929
OR EARLIER, IOWA, 1960.

\$. Less than $80 \%$
$\backslash 83-85.9 \%$

FIG. 12. PERCENT OF ALL HOUSING UNITS BUILT IN 1950 OR LATER, IOWA, 1960.


Fig. 13. PERCENT OF OCCUPIED RURAL FARM HOUSING UNITS BUILT IN 1950 OR LATER, IOWA, 1960.


Fig. 14. PERCENT OF ALL HOUSING UNITS WITHOUT BOTH HOT AND COLD WATER PIPED INSIDE STRUCTURE, IOWA, 1960.


Generally speaking, the counties with the large cities had fewer homes without both hot and cold piped water, while the southern counties had relatively high proportions.

State: 13.9
) 25 percent and over \$. $\$ 15$ to 24.9 percent
$\qquad$ Counties containing cities of 25,000 and over $\square$ Less than 10 percent

Fig. 15. PERCENT OF OCCUPIED RURAL FARM HOUSING UNITS WITHOUT BOTH HOT AND COLD WATER PIPED INSIDE STRUCTURE, IOWA, 1960.


Fig. 16. PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYED POPULATION IN AGRICULTURE, IOWA, 1960.


The proportion of the state's employed population engaged in agrigulture ranged from 2 to 52 percent. In nearly two-thirds of the counties this percentage exceeded 30 percent. In the counties containing a large city, the percent employed in agriculture was low.

Less than 30 percent
ies containing a
city of 25,000 or over

Fig. 17. PERCENT CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE, 1950-1960, and NUMBER EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE, 1960, IOWA.


All Iowa counties have decreased in the number employed in agriculture in the last decade. This decrease, which ranged from 2.3 percent in Grundy County to 48 percent in Monroe County, was especially high in the southern counties and in counties around large cities.
\%... under 25 percent loss
$\approx \approx 25-29.9$ percent loss
30 percent loss or over
top figure: percent change
lower figure: number employed in Agriculture in 1960
or
counties containing cities of 25,000 or more

Source: U. S. Census of Population, 1960.

Fig. 18. PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYED POPULATION IN MANUFACTURING, IOWA, 1960.


In half of Iowa's counties, less than 10 percent of the employed population was engaged in manufacturing. In only 17 counties did this figure exceed 20 percent. Of the 14 counties containing large cities, 10 had 20 percent or more employed in manufacturing. Of those counties without cities of over 25,000 , the following rated high: Jackson, Lee, Muscatine, Floyd, Marshall, Jasper and Jefferson.

$\stackrel{1}{\pi / 2}$Under 5 percent 5-9.9 percent <br>\10-19.9 percent
$\square 20$ percent and over
$\square$ Counties containing a city of 25,000 or over

Source: U. S. Census of Population 1960

Fig. 19. PERCENT CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING, 1950-1960, and NUMBER EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING, 1960, IOWA.


In 11 counties of the state, the number of persons in manufacturing decreased. In the remaining counties, there was an increase. In 24 counties this population more than doubled. In the 14 counties containing cities of 25,000 or more, there was variation in growth; 4 lost and 10 gained; 3 of these gained over 100 percent. Generally, the counties surrounding big cities also gained.decrease
<. 0 - 49. 9 percent growth ///.50-99. 9 percent growth

100 percent growth or more
top figure: percent change
lower figure: number employed in Manufacturing in 1960.
$\square$ counties containing a city of 25,000 or more
Source: U. S. Census of Population 1960

Fig. 20. PERCENT OF WORKERS WORKING OUTSIDE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE, IOWA, 1960.


For the state this percentage was 7. 5. In most counties having a large city, few workers worked outside the county. But in adjoining counties the percentage was high. Pottawatomie and Scott counties, which are parts of larger metropolitan areas, also had high rates.


Under 5 percent 5-9.9 percent ///10-14.9 percent

左 city over 25,000 population

Fig. 21. MEDIAN INCOME OF FAMILIES, IOWA, 1960.


In each of the 14 counties containing large cities, the median income exceeded $\$ 5,000$. This was also true for five other counties, all of these close to big cities. Generally, income was low in the southern counties, In three of these, Taylor, Ringgold, and Decatur, the median income was less than $\$ 3,000$.

Fig. 22. PERCENT OF RURAL FARM FAMILIES WITH INCOME $\$ 2,000$ OR LESS, IOWA, 1960.


The percentage of Iowa farm families with incomes of less than \$2, 000 varied from 17 to 46. Generally, the percent was highest in the southern counties and lowest in the central part of the state.Less than 25 percent35 percent and over25-29.9 percent

$\square$counties containing cities of 25,000 or more

Fig. 23. PERCENT FARM OPERATORS WORKING OFF FARM 100 DAYS OR MORE, IOWA, 1959.


For the state 7.3 percent of farm operators worked off the farm 100 days or more. This figure ranged from 2.9 to 14.6 percent among the various counties. Counties with cities of 25,000 or more population and counties adjacent to these generally had a relatively high percentage.

Fig. 24. PERCENT OF FARM OPERATORS CLASSIFIED AS TENANTS, IOWA, 1959.


In most of the counties (68) between onefourth and one-half of the farm operators were classed as tenants. Farm tenancy was lower in the southern counties and tended to be higher in the northwestern counties.7 less than 25 percent

Fig. 25. AVERAGE SJZE OF FARM, IOWA, 1960.

$\square$ greater than 200 acres

Fig. 26. NUMBER OF MALES EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE PER SQUARE MILE OF CROPLAND HARVESTED, IOWA, 1960.


The counties having fewest men in agriculture per square mile of cropland were in the northwestern part of the state, while those in eastern Iowa had the most. This figure ranged from 3.8 in Emmet County to 9. 8 in Allamakee County. This is probably an index of type of farming and degree of mechanization.
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Sources: U. S. Census of Population, 1960 U. S. Census of Agriculture, 1959

Table 1. How Iowa counties rank in selected population, occupational and agricultural characteristics.

| Percent change in total population | Percent change in RuralFarm population | Percent <br> in <br> agriculture | Percent <br> in <br> manu- <br> facturing | Percent working outside county of residence | Average size of farm | Median income | Percent tenants |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 1=high } \\ \text { gain } \end{gathered}$ | 1=10w loss | 1=10west | 1-lowest | 1=10west | 1=smallest | =lowest | =low |

County

| Adair | 87 | 71 | 96 | 3 | 56 | 72 | 6 | 26 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adams | 93 | 70 | 95 | 13 | 34 | 82 | 10 | 29 |
| 2. Allamakee | 55 | 41 | 88 | 37 | 19 | 76 | 9 | 13 |
| Appanoose | 99 | 88 | 28 | 46 | 51 | 66 | 8 | 1 |
| Audubon | 70 | 30 | 94 | 5 | 22 | 33 | 11 | 55 |
| Benton | 24 | 33 | 50 | 76 | 94 | 59 | 66 | 70 |
| Black Hawk | 2 | 1 | 2 | 98 | 3 | 8 | 97 | 46 |
| Boone | 44 | 78 | 20 | 64 | 93 | 23 | 77 | 67 |
| Bremer | 9 | 24 | 37 | 72 | 71 | 1 | 80 | 33 |
| Buchanan | 30 | 22 | 52 | 70 | 90 | 9 | 66 | 38 |
| Buena Vista | 38 | 48 | 39 | 56 | 32 | 52 | 63 | 86 |
| Butler | 37 | 18 | 77 | 52 | 86 | 15 | 39 | 71 |
| Calhoun | 71 | 37 | 57 | 32 | 77 | 67 | 55 | 99 |
| Carroll | 31 | 25 | 43 | 30 | 18 | 48 | 62 | 76 |
| Cass | 64 | 52 | 48 | 20 | 26 | 70 | 42 | 44 |
| Cedar | 20 | 35 | 68 | 42 | 87 | 35 | 57 | 61 |
| Cerro Gordo | 14 | 15 | 12 | 82 | 16 | 54 | 90 | 63 |
| Cherokee | 56 | 4 | 55 | 28 | 14 | 91 | 41 | 88 |
| Chickasaw | 50 | 8 | 76 | 55 | 76 | 17 | 38 | 29 |
| Clarke | 90 | 94 | 53 | 41 | 57 | 94 | 17 | 16 |
| Clay | 54 | 66 | 36 | 38 | 21 | 87 | 64 | 83 |
| Clayton | 57 | 26 | 80 | 51 | 53 | 29 | 14 | 32 |
| Clinton | 12 | 7 | 16 | 95 | 55 | 21 | 93 | 59 |
| Crawford | 72 | 44 | 81 | 7 | 15 | 73 | 31 | 69 |
| Dallas | 28 | 58 | 25 | 66 | 97 | 55 | 78 | 53 |
| Davis | 79 | 56 | 72 | 61 | 78 | 83 | 17 | 5 |
| Decatur | 94 | 99 | 49 | 8 | 49 | 95 | 3 | 10 |
| Delaware | 21 | 3 | 90 | 44 | 74 | 14 | 16 | 51 |
| Des Moines | 18 | 64 | 6 | 91 | 5 | 24 | 94 | 18 |
| Dickinson | 51 | 85 | 32 | 60 | 62 | 90 | 32 | 78 |
| Dubuque | 8 | 21 | 8 | 90 | 1 | 26 | 95 | 8 |
| Emmet | 69 | 45 | 26 | 73 | 25 | 88 | 72 | 89 |
| Fayette | 33 | 34 | 45 | 54 | 58 | 10 | 51 | 27 |
| Floyd | 53 | 19 | 24 | 88 | 38 | 40 | 79 | 50 |
| Franklin | 68 | 39 | 85 | 29 | 52 | 51 | 45 | 72 |
| Fremont | 96 | 98 | 63 | 31 | 96 | 99 | 21 | 65 |
| Greene | 78 | 38 | 64 | 33 | 41 | 80 | 37 | 91 |
| Grundy | 25 | 42 | 86 | 48 | 68 | 44 | 56 | 96 |
| Guthrie | 85 | 74 | 74 | 15 | 73 | 50 | 12 | 39 |
| Hamilton | 29 | 46 | 34 | 77 | 40 | 46 | 68 | 84 |
| Hancock | 63 | 69 | 82 | 12 | 60 | 48 | 26 | 79 |
| Hardin | 32 | 5 | 38 | 23 | 36 | 27 | 70 | 74 |
| Harrison | 84 | 92 | 47 | 21 | 79 | 89 | 34 | 48 |
| Henry | 60 | 31 | 21 | 67 | 83 | 4 | 73 | 34 |
| Howard | 61 | 20 | 92 | 11 | 59 | 19 | 7 | 25 |
| Humboldt | 39 | 16 | 58 | 47 | 63 | 45 | 76 | 85 |
| Ida | 66 | 23 | 87 | 16 | 10 | 47 | 27 | 89 |
| Iowa | 23 | 14 | 60 | 79 | 35 | 42 | 61 | 31 |
| Jackson | 10 | 36 | 40 | 86 | 66 | 38 | 69 | 24 |
| Jasper | 13 | 62 | 18 | 96 | 33 | 36 | 85 | 60 |
| Jefferson | 34 | 84 | 23 | 85 | 48 | 30 | 74 | 15 |
| Johnson | 7 | 47 | 11 | 27 | 30 | 11 | 84 | 21 |
| Jones | 16 | 27 | 44 | 80 | 81 | 41 | 65 | 47 |


| Percent change in total population | Percent change in RuralFarm population | Percent in agriculture | Percent in manufacturing | Percent working outside county of residence | Average size of farm | Median income | Percent tenants |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { =high } \\ & \text { in } \end{aligned}$ | low loss | 1=1owest | 1=10west | 1=1owest | I=smallest | 1=10west | 1=lowest |

## County

| Keokuk | 81 | 61 | 61 | 43 | 72 | 28 | 23 | 20 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kossuth | 65 | 57 | 84 | 18 | 13 | 81 | 33 | 94 |
| Lee | 27 | 9 | 9 | 93 | 20 | 34 | 83 | 4 |
| Linn | 1 | 73 | 4 | 99 | 2 | 3 | 96 | 22 |
| Louisa | 77 | 87 | 56 | 68 | 92 | 85 | 49 | 41 |
| Lucas | 83 | 80 | 35 | 53 | 65 | 74 | 20 | 6 |
| Lyon | 52 | 2 | 98 | 9 | 42 | 53 | 13 | 96 |
| Madison | 73 | 77 | 65 | 24 | 91 | 75 | 30 | 11 |
| Mahaska | 67 | 49 | 29 | 74 | 69 | 16 | 59 | 36 |
| Marion | 42 | 76 | 19 | 81 | 85 | 20 | 71 | 28 |
| Marshall | 17 | 10 | 17 | 89 | 7 | 22 | 87 | 66 |
| Mills | 74 | 83 | 41 | 58 | 84 | 96 | 50 | 56 |
| Mitchell | 35 | 13 | 67 | 25 | 43 | 37 | 58 | 35 |
| Monona | 92 | 90 | 73 | 10 | 54 | 98 | 24 | 68 |
| Monroe | 88 | 97 | 31 | 75 | 95 | 78 | 22 | 2 |
| Montgomery | 80 | 53 | 33 | 63 | 31 | 79 | 46 | 56 |
| Muscatine | 19 | 59 | 15 | 94 | 82 | 6 | 81 | 40 |
| O'Brien | 36 | 11 | 59 | 34 | 45 | 57 | 43 | 93 |
| Osceola | 48 | 6 | 97 | 40 | 37 | 65 | 19 | 95 |
| Page | 89 | 81 | 30 | 26 | 23 | 61 | 36 | 41 |
| Palo Alto | 75 | 75 | 66 | 19 | 50 | 86 | 15 | 80 |
| Plymouth | 26 | 28 | 62 | 35 | 75 | 71 | 47 | 76 |
| Pocahontas | 82 | 68 | 78 | 17 | 39 | 62 | 52 | 91 |
| Polk | 5 | 95 | 1 | 84 | 6 | 5 | 99 | 37 |
| Pottawattamie | 3 | 91 | 10 | 78 | 99 | 60 | 92 | 62 |
| Poweshiek | 43 | 32 | 42 | 62 | 61 | 58 | 54 | 58 |
| Ringgold | 97 | 65 | 99 | 1 | 12 | 97 | 1 | 14 |
| Sac | 62 | 63 | 69 | 65 | 29 | 68 | 44 | 87 |
| Scott | 4 | 79 | 3 | 97 | 89 | 2 | 98 | 44 |
| Shelby | 45 | 12 | 83 | 4 | 24 | 56 | 29 | 73 |
| Sioux | 41 | 50 | 70 | 49 | 11 | 18 | 35 | 81 |
| Story | 11 | 89 | 13 | 36 | 47 | 42 | 88 | 82 |
| Tama | 49 | 29 | 75 | 45 | 70 | 39 | 40 | 52 |
| Taylor | 98 | 86 | 89 | 2 | 64 | 69 | 2 | 17 |
| Union | 91 | 82 | 27 | 22 | 27 | 92 | 25 | 19 |
| Van Buren | 86 | 67 | 71 | 69 | 88 | 63 | 5 | 3 |
| Wapello | 59 | 96 | 7 | 92 | 8 | 7 | 86 | 7 |
| Warren | 6 | 72 | 22 | 71 | 98 | 25 | 82 | 12 |
| W ashington | 46 | 55 | 51 | 57 | 67 | 31 | 53 | 43 |
| Wayne | 95 | 93 | 91 | 6 | 17 | 93 | 4 | 9 |
| Webster | 15 | 60 | 14 | 87 | 4 | 64 | 89 | 75 |
| Winnebago | 58 | 51 | 54 | 59 | 44 | 12 | 60 | 64 |
| Winneshiek | 40 | 17 | 79 | 14 | 28 | 12 | 28 | 23 |
| Woodbury | 22 | 54 | 5 | 83 | 9 | 77 | 91 | 49 |
| Worth | 76 | 40 | 93 | 39 | 80 | 32 | 48 | 55 |
| Wright | 47 | 43 | 46 | 50 | 46 | 84 | 75 | 98 |

Source: U. S. Census of Population, 1960.
U. S. Census of Agriculture, 1959



[^0]:    ${ }^{\text {* }}$ Indicates items which have been ranked in Table 1 (also percent change in total population, 1950-1960).

