

Wall Chart DATA Definitions and Sources

COUNTY DATA

ALL AGES

A) Total Population: Count of all people, all ages. Data are from: American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015.

B) % African American: Percent of the total population (all ages) who report their identity as African American (excludes people who report African American AND another race). Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Note the margin of error varies by county and can be quite large. This is an estimate.

C) % Asian: Percent of the total population (all ages) who report their identity as Asian (excludes people who report Asian AND another race). Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Note the margin of error varies by county and can be quite large. This is an estimate.

D) % Native American: Percent of the total population (all ages) who report their identity as Native American (excludes people who report Native American AND another race). Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Note the margin of error varies by county and can be quite large. This is an estimate.

E) % White: Percent of the total population (all ages) who report their identity as White (excludes people who report White AND another race). Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Note the margin of error varies by county and can be quite large. This is an estimate.

F) % 2+ Races: Percent of the total population (all ages) who report their identity as two or more races. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Note the margin of error varies by county and can be quite large. This is an estimate.

G) % Rural: Percent of total population (all ages) living in a rural area. Data are from the 2010 census (Census Bureau). The Census Bureau defines rural as people and territory outside of cities and towns with a population of at least 2,500 people.

H) % Hispanic: Percent of the total population (all ages) who report their ethnicity as Hispanic origin. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Please note that the margin of error varies by county and can be quite large. This is an estimate. Note: Hispanic is considered an ethnicity and not a racial category by the U.S. Census Bureau. That means that people who identify as Hispanic can be of any race.

I) Median Age: Age at which half the population is older and half is younger. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015.

J) Year of Highest Census Population: The year in which the county registered the highest population count. Data are from the State Data Center of Iowa, State Library of Iowa.

<http://www.iowadatacenter.org/>

K) # Highest Census Population: The total population (all ages) counted the year of the highest census count. Data are from State Data Center of Iowa, State Library of Iowa. <http://www.iowadatacenter.org/>

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

L) % under 18: Persons age 18 and older as a percentage of the total population (all ages). Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) average for the years 2011-2015.

M) # 65 and over: Number (count) of persons age 65 and older. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015.

N) % 65 and over: Persons age 65 and older as a percentage of the total population (all ages). Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and average for the years 2011-2015.

O) Of 65+, % 65-74: Persons ages 65-74 as a percentage of the population age 65+. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Answers the question, "of persons age 65+, what percent is made up of people age 65-74?"

P) Of 65+, % 75-84: Persons ages 75-84 as a percentage of the population 65+. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Answers the question, "of persons age 65+, what percent is made up of people age 75-84?"

Q) Of 65+, % 85+: Persons ages 85 and older as a percentage of the population 65+. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Answers the question, "of persons age 65+, what percent are age 85 and older?"

R) Of 85+, % women: Of all the people age 85 and older, what percent are women?

S) Of total population, % 85+: Persons age 85 and older as a percentage of the total population (all ages). Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. Answers the question "what percent of the total population is age 85 or older?"

T) # 95+: Number (count) of persons age 95 and older in the 2010 census. Data are from the Census Bureau. Anna DiGiovanni's calculations based on raw data:
<http://www.iowadatacenter.org/data/decennial/age-sex-race>

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

U) # Living Alone: Householder 65+: Of all the householders age 65 or older, the percent who live alone. A householder is a person who does not live in an institution (an example of an institution is a nursing home). People who live in houses, apartments, trailers, or condominiums are included as householders. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. This is the number of people age 65+ who live alone, outside of an institution.

V) Of 65+ living alone, % Women: Of all the persons age 65 and older who are householders who live alone, what percent are women. Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015.

POVERTY data

The U.S. Census Bureau's poverty threshold for 2013 was \$11,173 for one person age 65 or older living alone, and \$14,095 for two persons age 65 or older. Note: the poverty threshold for one adult *younger than age 65* was \$12,119 and for two adults younger than age 65, \$15,679. In other words, an older adult would need to be more poor than an adult under the age of 65 to be considered living below the poverty threshold. Poverty data are from the ACS/Census Bureau and do not include persons who live in institutions such as in nursing homes.

<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/historical-poverty-thresholds.html>

W) Of 75+ in poverty, % Women: Of the people age 75 or older living in poverty, what percent are women? See explanation of poverty threshold, above. Link to poverty data 2013

<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/historical-poverty-thresholds.html>

X) # 65-74, in poverty: The number of people age 65-74 living below the poverty threshold. See explanation of poverty threshold, above.

Y) # 65-74, five times higher than poverty level: The number of people age 65-74 with an annual income five times the 2013 poverty level. (The 2013 poverty level for one person age 65 or older was \$11,173.) Therefore, an older adult living alone and with annual income of at least five times the poverty level would have an annual income of \$55,865. For two persons age 65+ and living in the same household, the poverty threshold in 2013 was \$14,095, so five times that amount is \$70,475. ACS Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. This figure does NOT include people living in institutions (such as nursing homes).

Z) # 75+, under poverty line: The number of people age 75 or older with an annual income below the poverty line. (The 2013 poverty line for one person age 65 or older was \$11,173.) Data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. This figure does NOT include people living in institutions (such as nursing homes).

AA) #75+, five times poverty level: The number of people age 75 or older with an annual income five times higher than the poverty level. The 2013 poverty line for one person age 65 or older was \$11,173. So five times that amount would be an annual income of at least \$55,865. ACS Data are from the

American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015. This figure does NOT include people living in institutions (such as nursing homes).

AB) Age 75+, estimated # with dementia: The number of persons age 75 or older who are estimated to have dementia, based on age-specific rates published by Langa, Larson, Crimmins, Faul, Levine, Kabeto, & Weir. (2017). A Comparison of the Prevalence of Dementia in the United States in 2000 and 2012. *JAMA Internal Medicine*, 177(1):51-58. Doi:10.jamainternmed.2016.6807. These authors estimated that in 2012 about 9.9% of persons in the USA age 75-84 had dementia, and that 29.3% of persons age 85+ had dementia. To estimate the number of people with dementia we multiplied the number of persons age 75-84 in each county by 9.9% and then we multiplied the number of people age 85 and older by 29.3%. We then added the number of 75-84 estimated to have dementia and the number age 85+ estimated to have dementia to arrive at a combined estimate of the number of persons age 75+ in each county estimated to have dementia. County population data are from the American Community Survey (Census Bureau) and represent an average for the years 2011-2015.

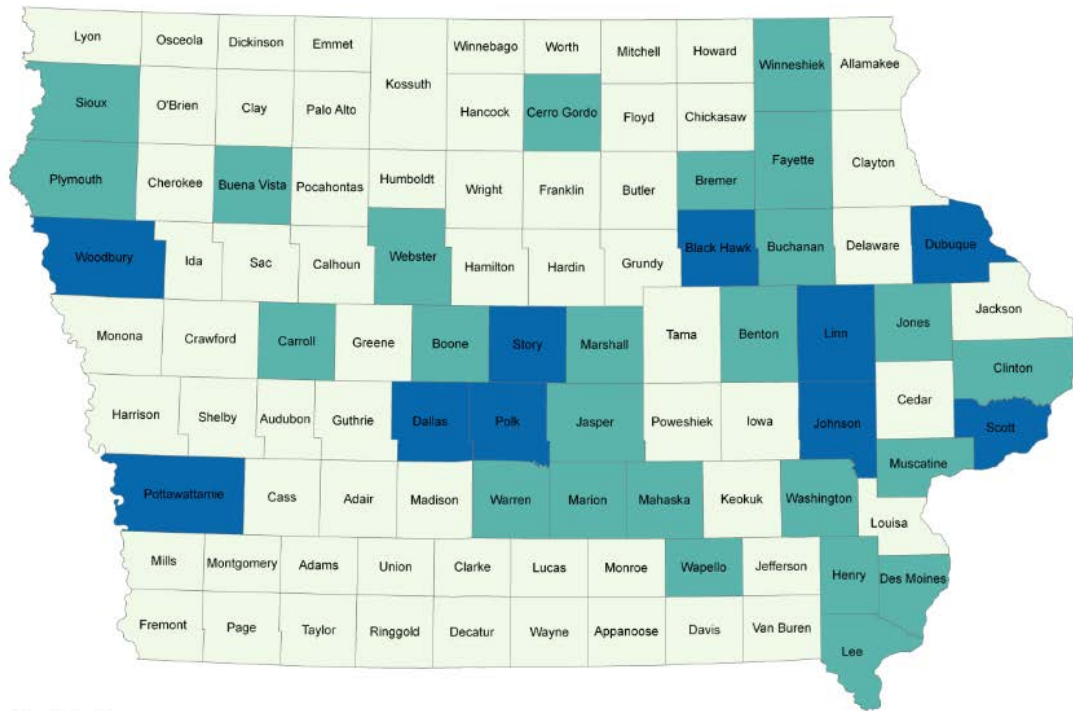
AC) Social Security payments to people age 65+ in 2016: This is the estimated total amount of money paid out in Social Security payments to persons age 65 or older in this county in the year 2016. We multiplied the amount of money distributed in December 2016 (from the SSA report cited below) by 12 months to come up with the estimated annual amount. The monthly amount is after reductions were removed. Report: OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County: 2016. Data are calculated from Table 5. https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2016/

AD) #65+, registered to vote: The number of persons age 65 or older who were registered to vote in November 2016. We calculated the total based on data available from the State of Iowa, Election Participation Data, 2016 General Election of November 8, 2016. Report was made January 9, 2017 by Iowa Secretary of State office. Report #E-018. <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/2016/general/countystats.pdf>

AE) of 65+ registered, % who voted in 2016: The percentage of people age 65 or older who were registered to vote, who did vote in the November 2016 election. We calculated the total based on data available from the State of Iowa, Election Participation Data, 2016 General Election of November 8, 2016. Report was made January 9, 2017 by Iowa Secretary of State office. Report #E-018. <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/2016/general/countystats.pdf>

AF) % 18-24 reg. voted in 2016: The percentage of people ages 18-24 who were registered to vote, who did vote in the November 2016 election. We calculated the total based on data available from the State of Iowa, Election Participation Data, 2016 General Election of November 8, 2016. Report was made January 9, 2017 by Iowa Secretary of State office. Report #E-018. <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/2016/general/countystats.pdf>

Counties labeled



County Classification

- Metropolitan
- Micropolitan
- Non Core

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health
https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/Files/CHNAHIP/health_needs_2011.pdf

Other interesting maps of Iowa can be found at:
https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/MOW/attachments/966739_1393093.jpg