

Urban and Rural Population (1850 - 2000) and Metropolitan and Non-metropolitan Population (1950-2003) for Iowa
Universe: Total population

Year	Total population	Urban		Rural	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2000	2,926,324	1,787,432	61.1%	1,138,892	38.9%
1990	2,776,755	1,683,065	60.6%	1,093,690	39.4%
1980	2,913,808	1,708,232	58.6%	1,205,576	41.4%
1970	2,824,376	1,616,405	57.2%	1,207,971	42.8%
1960	2,757,537	1,462,512	53.0%	1,295,025	47.0%
1950	2,621,073	1,250,938	47.7%	1,370,135	52.3%
1940	2,538,268	1,084,231	42.7%	1,454,037	57.3%
1930	2,470,939	979,292	39.6%	1,491,647	60.4%
1920	2,404,021	875,495	36.4%	1,528,526	63.6%
1910	2,224,771	680,054	30.6%	1,544,717	69.4%
1900	2,231,853	572,386	25.6%	1,659,467	74.4%
1890	1,912,297	405,764	21.2%	1,506,533	78.8%
1880	1,624,615	247,427	15.2%	1,377,188	84.8%
1870	1,194,020	156,327	13.1%	1,037,693	86.9%
1860	674,913	60,028	8.9%	614,885	91.1%
1850	192,214	9,730	5.1%	182,484	94.9%

Year	Total population	Metropolitan		Non-metropolitan	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2003	2,944,062	1,599,251	54.3%	1,344,811	45.7%
2000 ¹	2,926,324	1,563,592	53.4%	1,362,732	46.6%
2000 ²	2,926,324	1,326,133	45.3%	1,600,191	54.7%
1990	2,776,755	1,222,711	44.0%	1,554,044	56.0%
1980	2,913,808	1,168,713	40.1%	1,745,095	59.9%
1970	2,824,376	1,005,569	35.6%	1,818,807	64.4%
1960	2,757,537	915,762	33.2%	1,841,775	66.8%
1950	2,621,073	635,347	24.2%	1,985,726	75.8%

¹ Metropolitan areas as defined in 2003

² Metropolitan areas as defined in 1999

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Decennial Censuses

2000 Census: SF1, American FactFinder, Tables P1 and P2

1840-1990 Censuses: 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Population and Housing Unit Counts- Iowa, 1990 CPH-2-17, Tables 1 and 13

1980 Census: General Population Characteristics - Iowa, PC80-1-B17, Table 1

1970 Census: Characteristics of the Population, Part 17 - Iowa, Table 4

1960 Census: 1960 Characteristics of Population, Vol.1 - Part 17, Table 12

1950 Census: Vol. II- Characteristics of Population - Part 15, Table 10

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