

OLDER IOWANS: 2014

MAY 2014

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.

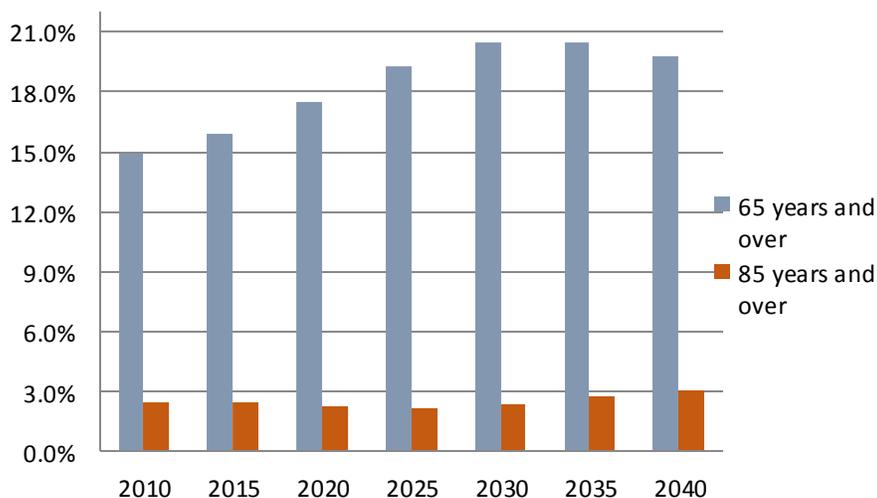
470,305

The estimated number of people age 65 and over in Iowa in 2012. This age group accounted for 15.3 percent of the total population.

266,645

The estimated number of women age 65 and over in Iowa in 2012. This accounted for 56.7 percent of the age group 65 and over. The estimated number of women age 85 and over was 52,439. This was 67.8 percent of Iowans 85 and over.

Projected Iowa Population 2010-2040



680,842

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. In 2010 Iowa ranked 5th in the percentage of population age 65 and older.

Living Arrangements

30.9%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who lived alone in 2012.

Households and Families

58.9%

Percentage of people in Iowa age 65 and older in 2012 who were married.

17,081

The number of children under 18 who are being cared for by a grandparent in Iowa in 2012.

26,289

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2012 who lived in group quarters. Group quarters include nursing facilities; military quarters, correctional facilities as well as college student housing. This age group is 26.2% of the total group quarter population.

26.6%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older in 2012 who were widowed.

Income and Poverty

\$34,731

Median 2012 income of households with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2011 was \$50,957.

445,043

The number of 2012 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$552,370,000 total monthly benefits.

7.8%

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2012, 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

88.9%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older who were citizens and registered to vote in the 2012 election, the highest rate of any age group.

23.6%

Percent of the votes cast by citizens age 65 and older in the 2012 election.

Data provided the November Current Population Survey, Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2012

<https://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/>

Education

86.1%

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2012 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 91.6%.

18.4%

Percentage of the population age 65 and older in 2012 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 26.3%.



Migration

94.3%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who did not move between 2011 and 2012. This can be compared to 85.2% for the state as a whole.

74.7%

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2012 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 71.6%.

3,969

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2011 and 2012. This represented only 4.6% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.

Disability

142,955

The number of Iowans in 2012 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

36.9%

The percent of Iowa veterans in 2012 age 65 and over with a disability.

142,784

The number of people 65 & over in 2012 with a disability that have private as well as public insurance.

Type of Disability:	
Population 65 and over	
2012	
Hearing difficulty	64,602
Vision difficulty	21,440
Cognitive difficulty	28,389
Ambulatory difficulty	86,111
Self-care difficulty	28,994
Independent living difficulty	51,145

Employment

83,074

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2012 who are in the labor force.

3.1%

The unemployment rate in 2012 for Iowans age 65 and over.

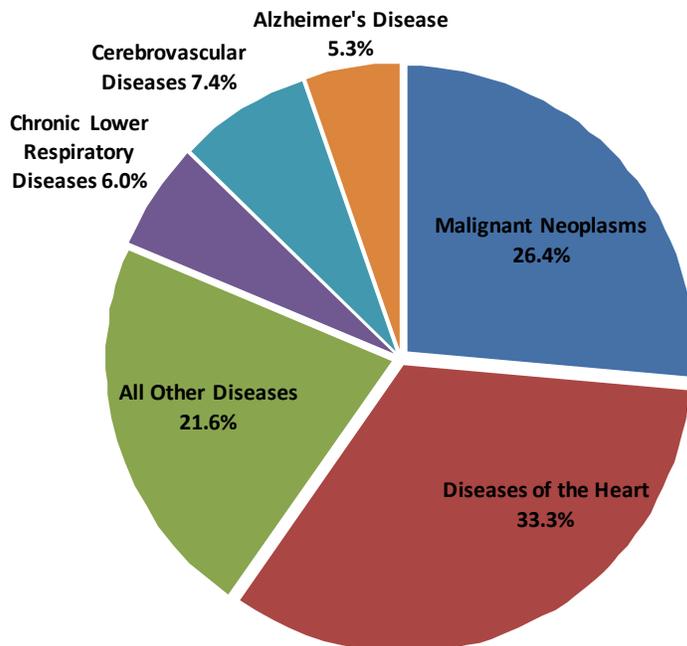
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23.0%

Percentage of people in 2012 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.



Vital Stats

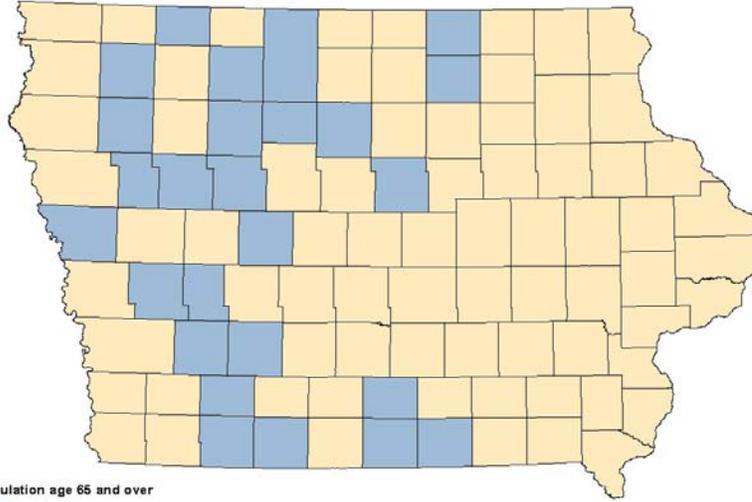
Leading Causes of Death for Iowans Age 65 and Over: 2012



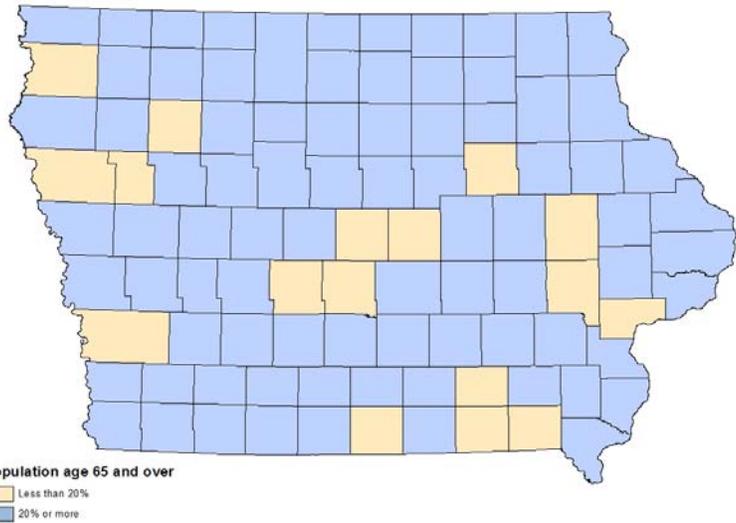
Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2012

- Disease of the heart-24.6%
- Malignant Neoplasms-22.7%
- Chronic lower respiratory-6.4%
- Cerebrovascular Disease -5.0%
- Unintentional injuries-4.8%
- Other-36.5%

2010



2040



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Counties and Cities

49,680

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2012.

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The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2011 and 2012.

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%).

24.2%

The percent of total population in Monona county who are age 65 and over in 2012. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Audubon (24.0%), Ringgold (24.0%), Dickinson (23.2%), and Calhoun (22.8%).

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.

37.4%

Over a quarter of Iowans age 65 and over in 2012 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,
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