

AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2016

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To recall and celebrate the positive contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week beginning on Feb. 12, 1926. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month.

106,073

The 2014 African American population in Iowa. African Americans constitute 3.4% of the state's total population. In 1980, African Americans made up 1.4% of the state's total population.

64,373

The numeric change in the African American population from 1980 to 2014. This is a 154.4 percent increase for the period.

Source: 2014 Annual Population Estimates

229,713

The projected African American population of Iowa in 2050, according to Woods & Poole Economics Inc.. African Americans will constitute 6.6 percent of the state's total population.

Age
25.4

The median age of Iowa's African American population in 2014. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.1.

Families and Children

19,577

The number of African American families in 2014 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 73.5 percent include their own children under 18 years of age.

105.2%

Percent increase in the number of African American families in the state of Iowa from 1980 to 2014.

10.4%

Percentage of the African American population under age 5, in 2014. African Americans have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than the state as a whole (6.6%). In 1980 the percentage of the African American population under age 5 was 10.9.

3.47

The average family size for the Iowa African American population in 2013. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.99.



Counties and Cities

Top 5 counties: African American Population

	2014	2000
Polk	30,655	18,113
Scott	12,816	9,689
Black Hawk	11,966	10,179
Linn	9,720	4,919
Johnson	8,381	3,223

Top 5 cities: African American Population

	2010-2014	2000
Des Moines	22,551	16,025
Davenport	11,851	9,093
Waterloo	10,844	9,529
Cedar Rapids	8,164	4,481
Iowa City	4,092	2,333

30,655

The number of African Americans in Polk County in 2014, making it the largest population of African Americans in any Iowa county.

69.3%

Nearly three-fourths of the total African American population live in Polk, Scott, Black Hawk, Linn and Johnson counties in 2014.

15.9%

The percent of the total population in Waterloo who are African American. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage of African Americans are Davenport (11.7%), and Des Moines (10.9%).

Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey

9.0%

The percent of total population in Black Hawk County who were African American in 2014. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage of African Americans are Scott (7.5%), Polk (6.7%), Des Moines (5.9%) and Johnson (5.9%).

49.0%

Almost half of the growth in Iowa's African American population from 2010-2014 occurred in three counties: Polk, Johnson, and Linn.

57.2%

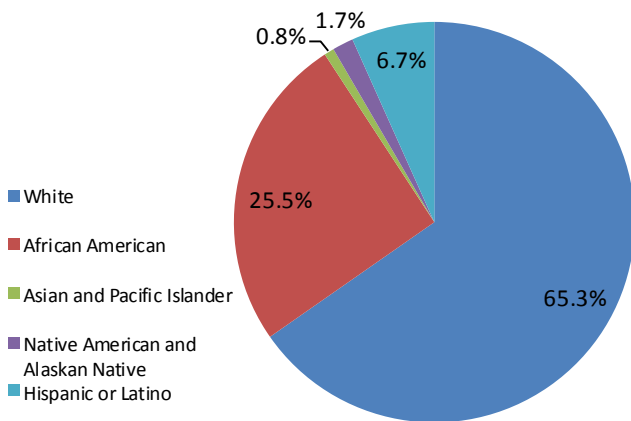
The percentage of Iowa's total African American population living in four cities: Des Moines, Davenport, Waterloo and Cedar Rapids.

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey

24,954

The number of African Americans in Des Moines in 2014, making it the largest population of African Americans in any city in Iowa.

Iowa Prison Population by Race and Hispanic Origin



In FY2015 African Americans made up about 25.5% of the total prison population and have seen a 2.2% increase of incarcerated since FY2006. The white population has seen a 2.6% decrease during this same time period.

Source: Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP)

https://humanrights.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/media/Forecast2015_1.pdf

Income and poverty

\$28,883

The median income in the of African American households in 2014. The median household income for the state during the same time period was \$53,712.

34.4%

The poverty rate in 2014 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.2 percent.

\$32,474

The median income of African American families in Iowa in 2014. The median income of families in Iowa was \$67,771.

40.7%

The percentage of families with related children under 18 below the poverty level in 2014 for the African American population. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 13.4 percent.

\$14,579

The per capita money income of Iowa African Americans in 2014. The per capita money income for the state was \$28,361.

Businesses and Jobs

4,918

The number of African American-owned firms in Iowa in 2012.

344.7%

The percent increase in African American-owned firms between 1992 and 2012.

Source: 2012 & 1992 Survey of Business Owners

64.4%

The percent of Iowa African Americans age 16 and over in the labor force in 2014. The percent of Iowans age 16 and over in the labor force was 67.8%.

12.0%

The unemployment rate of Iowa African Americans in 2014. In comparison the state of Iowa's unemployment rate was 4.4%.

Earnings

\$20,990

The median earnings for Iowa African Americans in 2014. The median earnings for the state of Iowa was \$30,846.

\$31,608

The median earnings for Iowa African American males in 2014. African American women in Iowa had median earnings of \$30,785. In comparison the median earning for men and women in the state of Iowa were \$47,202 and \$36,522 respectively.

Industry

27.1%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2014 employed in the educational services and health care and social assistance industry.

17.1%

The percent of African Americans in 2014 who work in the manufacturing industry. Approximately 13.7 percent work in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services industry; 7.6 percent in retail trade; and 7.3 percent work in professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services.



Occupation

26.3%

The percent of Iowa African Americans in 2014 in service occupations.

24.0%

The percent of African Americans in Iowa age 16 years and over in management, business, science, and arts occupations in 2014. In Iowa this occupation accounts for 35.1% of all people age 16 years and over.

24.0%

The percent of African American women in Iowa age 16 years and over in sales and office occupations in 2014. 23.2% of African American men in Iowa are in this occupation.

20.9%

The percent of African American men in Iowa age 16 years and over in production, transportation, and material moving occupations in 2014. 16.1% of African American women in Iowa are in this occupation.

Housing

69.6%

The percentage occupied housing units with an African American householder who rent their home in 2014. The corresponding percentage for the state is 29.1%.

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Education

28,439

The number African Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2014-2015 school year. African Americans represent 5.2% of Iowa's school enrollment (542,600).

45.2%

Percent increase in African American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2014-2015.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

83.8%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over,

who had at least a high school education in 2014. The percentage for Iowa was 92.1%.

19.1%

The percentage of Iowa African Americans age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2014. The percentage for Iowa was 27.7%.

7.1%

Percentage of Iowa African Americans 25 years and older with graduate or professional degree in 2014. The percentage of Iowans with a graduate or professional degree was 9.0%.

Vital Stats

19.2

The African American birth rate per 1,000 population in 2014. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 12.8.

702.1

The African American rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births in 2014. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 351.5.

103.0

The African American rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in 2014. The rate for the state was 52.1

4.3

The African American death rate per 1,000 population in 2014. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.4.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health



4,393

The number of Iowa African American veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2014.