

# Child Poverty

Child Poverty measures the number and percentage of children age 0-17 who live below the poverty level during the year.

Source: United States Census Bureau



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Iowa Kids Count

## 2000

## 2018

County	Child Population	Below Poverty	Percentage	Child Population	Below Poverty	Percentage	2000-2018 Change
Adair	1,836	202	11.0%	1,508	196	13.0%	18.1%
Adams	1,000	148	14.8%	759	154	20.3%	37.1%
Allamakee	3,474	469	13.5%	3,199	579	18.1%	34.1%
Appanoose	3,071	565	18.4%	2,716	611	22.5%	22.3%
Audubon	1,661	211	12.7%	1,110	201	18.1%	42.5%
Benton	6,658	506	7.6%	5,856	527	9.0%	18.4%
Black Hawk	28,412	3,722	13.1%	28,319	5,324	18.8%	43.5%
Boone	6,124	545	8.9%	5,306	520	9.8%	10.1%
Bremer	5,298	302	5.7%	5,469	350	6.4%	12.3%
Buchanan	5,667	816	14.4%	5,380	807	15.0%	4.2%
Buena Vista	4,854	597	12.3%	4,926	670	13.6%	10.6%
Butler	3,529	360	10.2%	3,184	363	11.4%	11.8%
Calhoun	2,356	311	13.2%	2,068	304	14.7%	11.4%
Carroll	5,483	488	8.9%	4,840	455	9.4%	5.6%
Cass	3,290	454	13.8%	2,841	500	17.6%	27.5%
Cedar	4,397	299	6.8%	4,074	387	9.5%	39.7%
Cerro Gordo	10,420	1,042	10.0%	8,617	1,146	13.3%	33.0%
Cherokee	2,963	323	10.9%	2,421	276	11.4%	4.6%
Chickasaw	3,280	351	10.7%	2,773	330	11.9%	11.2%
Clarke	2,261	321	14.2%	2,385	384	16.1%	13.4%
Clay	4,052	389	9.6%	3,603	454	12.6%	31.3%
Clayton	4,408	551	12.5%	3,614	477	13.2%	5.6%
Clinton	12,234	1,566	12.8%	10,339	1,737	16.8%	31.2%
Crawford	4,201	605	14.4%	4,213	691	16.4%	13.9%
Dallas	11,508	702	6.1%	24,722	1,335	5.4%	-11.5%
Davis	2,255	451	20.0%	2,624	496	18.9%	-5.5%
Decatur	1,856	336	18.1%	1,695	434	25.6%	41.4%
Delaware	5,000	505	10.1%	3,966	472	11.9%	17.8%
Des Moines	9,832	1,465	14.9%	8,576	1,698	19.8%	32.9%
Dickinson	3,430	295	8.6%	3,226	300	9.3%	8.1%
Dubuque	21,886	1,926	8.8%	21,636	2,618	12.1%	37.5%
Emmet	2,341	316	13.5%	1,783	296	16.6%	23.0%
Fayette	5,150	685	13.3%	4,006	657	16.4%	23.3%
Floyd	3,957	546	13.8%	3,571	607	17.0%	23.2%
Franklin	2,455	243	9.9%	2,313	370	16.0%	61.6%
Fremont	1,872	234	12.5%	1,530	251	16.4%	31.2%
Greene	2,492	309	12.4%	2,041	351	17.2%	38.7%
Grundy	2,984	191	6.4%	2,787	248	8.9%	39.0%
Guthrie	2,533	309	12.2%	2,350	329	14.0%	14.8%
Hamilton	3,957	364	9.2%	3,305	390	11.8%	28.3%
Hancock	3,049	247	8.1%	2,286	256	11.2%	38.2%
Hardin	4,188	490	11.7%	3,154	470	14.9%	27.4%
Harrison	3,895	370	9.5%	3,227	413	12.8%	34.7%
Henry	4,842	489	10.1%	4,252	591	13.9%	37.6%
Howard	2,468	274	11.1%	2,225	307	13.8%	24.3%
Humboldt	2,440	283	11.6%	2,189	278	12.7%	9.5%
Ida	1,851	211	11.4%	1,635	206	12.6%	10.5%
Iowa	4,000	244	6.1%	3,691	299	8.1%	32.8%
Jackson	5,030	664	13.2%	4,232	639	15.1%	14.4%
Jasper	8,892	658	7.4%	8,250	924	11.2%	51.4%
Jefferson	3,664	524	14.3%	2,799	557	19.9%	39.1%
Johnson	21,967	1,977	9.0%	29,745	4,075	13.7%	52.2%
Jones	4,559	465	10.2%	4,346	578	13.3%	30.4%
Keokuk	2,816	414	14.7%	2,298	416	18.1%	23.1%

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Kossuth	4,112	514	12.5%	3,207	388	12.1%	-3.2%
Lee	8,652	1,220	14.1%	7,140	1,535	21.5%	52.5%
Linn	47,513	3,611	7.6%	51,456	5,866	11.4%	50.0%
Louisa	3,209	414	12.9%	2,486	343	13.8%	6.9%
Lucas	2,273	375	16.5%	1,963	473	24.1%	46.1%
Lyon	3,120	312	10.0%	3,326	316	9.5%	-5.0%
Madison	3,680	276	7.5%	3,974	310	7.8%	4.0%
Mahaska	5,430	619	11.4%	5,200	806	15.5%	36.0%
Marion	7,928	658	8.3%	7,776	762	9.8%	18.1%
Marshall	9,561	1,262	13.2%	9,911	1,447	14.6%	10.6%
Mills	3,653	369	10.1%	3,457	363	10.5%	4.0%
Mitchell	2,741	403	14.7%	2,463	303	12.3%	-16.3%
Monona	2,122	295	13.9%	1,876	347	18.5%	33.1%
Monroe	1,936	271	14.0%	1,813	301	16.6%	18.6%
Montgomery	2,755	394	14.3%	2,219	486	21.9%	53.1%
Muscatine	10,737	1,224	11.4%	10,431	1,669	16.0%	40.4%
O'Brien	3,542	340	9.6%	3,229	339	10.5%	9.4%
Osceola	1,726	164	9.5%	1,406	187	13.3%	40.0%
Page	3,682	567	15.4%	2,687	524	19.5%	26.6%
Palo Alto	2,278	287	12.6%	2,000	282	14.1%	11.9%
Plymouth	6,711	510	7.6%	6,149	578	9.4%	23.7%
Pocahontas	2,031	262	12.9%	1,503	263	17.5%	35.6%
Polk	95,011	8,931	9.4%	119,299	13,958	11.7%	24.5%
Pottawattamie	21,694	2,690	12.4%	21,424	3,235	15.1%	21.8%
Poweshiek	4,092	401	9.8%	3,602	443	12.3%	25.5%
Ringgold	1,237	266	21.5%	1,147	265	23.1%	7.4%
Sac	2,617	369	14.1%	2,144	313	14.6%	3.5%
Scott	40,485	5,263	13.0%	40,096	7,137	17.8%	36.9%
Shelby	3,263	310	9.5%	2,545	252	9.9%	4.2%
Sioux	8,240	618	7.5%	9,347	673	7.2%	-4.0%
Story	14,653	1,055	7.2%	15,988	1,327	8.3%	15.3%
Tama	4,540	563	12.4%	4,007	609	15.2%	22.6%
Taylor	1,541	245	15.9%	1,429	223	15.6%	-1.8%
Union	2,701	362	13.4%	2,684	475	17.7%	32.0%
Van Buren	1,811	317	17.5%	1,589	332	20.9%	19.4%
Wapello	8,030	1,357	16.9%	7,722	1,529	19.8%	17.2%
Warren	10,571	666	6.3%	12,472	898	7.2%	14.3%
Washington	5,243	540	10.3%	5,414	628	11.6%	12.6%
Wayne	1,546	303	19.6%	1,608	357	22.2%	13.3%
Webster	9,352	1,197	12.8%	7,681	1,421	18.5%	44.5%
Winnebago	2,646	254	9.6%	2,296	310	13.5%	40.7%
Winneshiek	4,653	349	7.5%	3,667	363	9.9%	32.0%
Woodbury	27,265	3,708	13.6%	26,177	5,183	19.8%	45.6%
Worth	1,784	173	9.7%	1,506	232	15.4%	58.9%
Wright	3,347	338	10.1%	2,971	505	17.0%	68.3%
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>703,812</b>	<b>75,952</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>716,467</b>	<b>96,860</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>25.3%</b>
Rural	114,645	13,585	11.8%	101,553	14,629	14.4%	21.6%
Small Urban	270,281	29,484	10.9%	260,774	33,508	12.8%	17.8%
Metropolitan	318,886	32,883	10.3%	354,140	48,723	13.8%	33.4%
<b>United States</b>	<b>71,525,420</b>	<b>11,587,118</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>72,208,511</b>	<b>12,997,532</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>