

Low Birthweight

Low Birthweight measures the number and percentage of live births weighing at less than 5.5 pounds at the time of birth.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

County	2000			2007			2000-2007 Change
	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	
Adair	68	1	1.5%	92	8	8.7%	491.3%
Adams	35	2	5.7%	40	*	NA	NA
Allamakee	158	7	4.4%	205	12	5.9%	32.1%
Appanoose	142	8	5.6%	168	10	6.0%	5.7%
Audubon	47	3	6.4%	54	5	9.3%	45.1%
Benton	325	26	8.0%	289	24	8.3%	3.8%
Black Hawk	1,551	96	6.2%	1,730	121	7.0%	13.0%
Boone	317	14	4.4%	320	19	5.9%	34.4%
Bremer	250	13	5.2%	285	31	10.9%	109.2%
Buchanan	301	16	5.3%	314	12	3.8%	-28.1%
Buena Vista	233	12	5.2%	289	19	6.6%	27.7%
Butler	170	9	5.3%	202	12	5.9%	12.2%
Calhoun	107	8	7.5%	108	10	9.3%	23.8%
Carroll	262	11	4.2%	275	9	3.3%	-22.0%
Cass	158	8	5.1%	171	10	5.8%	15.5%
Cedar	206	10	4.9%	220	23	10.5%	115.4%
Cerro Gordo	530	29	5.5%	549	37	6.7%	23.2%
Cherokee	146	10	6.8%	137	12	8.8%	27.9%
Chickasaw	169	11	6.5%	153	6	3.9%	-39.8%
Clarke	97	7	7.2%	141	16	11.3%	57.2%
Clay	204	11	5.4%	214	11	5.1%	-4.7%
Clayton	194	10	5.2%	198	15	7.6%	47.0%
Clinton	591	39	6.6%	633	48	7.6%	14.9%
Crawford	189	13	6.9%	268	15	5.6%	-18.6%
Dallas	566	34	6.0%	962	64	6.7%	10.7%
Davis	129	9	7.0%	136	5	3.7%	-47.3%
Decatur	101	3	3.0%	114	9	7.9%	165.8%
Delaware	227	20	8.8%	231	12	5.2%	-41.0%
Des Moines	555	44	7.9%	558	42	7.5%	-5.1%
Dickinson	159	10	6.3%	179	13	7.3%	15.5%
Dubuque	1,221	62	5.1%	1,243	75	6.0%	18.8%
Emmet	126	8	6.3%	127	10	7.9%	24.0%
Fayette	233	13	5.6%	232	14	6.0%	8.2%
Floyd	199	8	4.0%	213	9	4.2%	5.1%
Franklin	113	9	8.0%	173	8	4.6%	-41.9%
Fremont	82	7	8.5%	108	5	4.6%	-45.8%
Greene	92	10	10.9%	95	9	9.5%	-12.8%
Grundy	133	8	6.0%	139	12	8.6%	43.5%
Guthrie	134	6	4.5%	122	7	5.7%	28.1%
Hamilton	192	7	3.6%	193	14	7.3%	99.0%
Hancock	131	10	7.6%	133	4	3.0%	-60.6%
Hardin	208	20	9.6%	200	12	6.0%	-37.6%
Harrison	193	16	8.3%	211	22	10.4%	25.8%
Henry	264	14	5.3%	251	12	4.8%	-9.8%
Howard	110	6	5.5%	140	5	3.6%	-34.5%
Humboldt	99	6	6.1%	106	*	NA	NA
Ida	70	6	8.6%	97	12	12.4%	44.3%
Iowa	183	11	6.0%	169	7	4.1%	-31.1%
Jackson	239	20	8.4%	219	15	6.8%	-18.2%
Jasper	458	27	5.9%	423	38	9.0%	52.4%
Jefferson	145	12	8.3%	155	7	4.5%	-45.4%
Johnson	1,382	74	5.4%	1,650	116	7.0%	31.3%
Jones	227	15	6.6%	242	20	8.3%	25.1%
Keokuk	154	10	6.5%	124	14	11.3%	73.9%

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Kossuth	166	9	5.4%	187	13	7.0%	28.2%
Lee	410	34	8.3%	419	37	8.8%	6.5%
Linn	2,715	150	5.5%	2,844	204	7.2%	29.8%
Louisa	164	16	9.8%	157	12	7.6%	-21.7%
Lucas	119	6	5.0%	131	12	9.2%	81.7%
Lyon	159	3	1.9%	167	11	6.6%	249.1%
Madison	196	15	7.7%	192	6	3.1%	-59.2%
Mahaska	283	22	7.8%	295	20	6.8%	-12.8%
Marion	383	26	6.8%	451	37	8.2%	20.9%
Marshall	556	32	5.8%	606	55	9.1%	57.7%
Mills	155	5	3.2%	188	17	9.0%	180.3%
Mitchell	131	4	3.1%	108	5	4.6%	51.6%
Monona	98	7	7.1%	99	5	5.1%	-29.3%
Monroe	102	1	1.0%	93	5	5.4%	448.4%
Montgomery	139	7	5.0%	138	14	10.1%	101.4%
Muscatine	638	27	4.2%	628	37	5.9%	39.2%
O'Brien	187	7	3.7%	176	9	5.1%	36.6%
Osceola	73	5	6.8%	66	*	NA	NA
Page	169	9	5.3%	177	12	6.8%	27.3%
Palo Alto	110	3	2.7%	118	14	11.9%	335.0%
Plymouth	309	14	4.5%	336	20	6.0%	31.4%
Pocahontas	73	3	4.1%	74	4	5.4%	31.5%
Polk	6,216	387	6.2%	6,915	499	7.2%	15.9%
Pottawattamie	1,184	76	6.4%	1,233	101	8.2%	27.6%
Poweshiek	212	13	6.1%	213	16	7.5%	22.5%
Ringgold	69	4	5.8%	60	*	NA	NA
Sac	135	12	8.9%	113	4	3.5%	-60.2%
Scott	2,348	166	7.1%	2,343	155	6.6%	-6.4%
Shelby	150	12	8.0%	131	6	4.6%	-42.7%
Sioux	457	16	3.5%	501	21	4.2%	19.7%
Story	940	47	5.0%	1,042	58	5.6%	11.3%
Tama	251	19	7.6%	211	17	8.1%	6.4%
Taylor	87	13	14.9%	64	*	NA	NA
Union	127	7	5.5%	165	7	4.2%	-23.0%
Van Buren	97	2	2.1%	106	11	10.4%	403.3%
Wapello	424	36	8.5%	513	42	8.2%	-3.6%
Warren	513	28	5.5%	527	38	7.2%	32.1%
Washington	290	16	5.5%	258	16	6.2%	12.4%
Wayne	79	4	5.1%	92	7	7.6%	50.3%
Webster	492	30	6.1%	495	27	5.5%	-10.5%
Winnebago	134	9	6.7%	99	8	8.1%	20.3%
Winneshiek	191	12	6.3%	232	14	6.0%	-4.0%
Woodbury	1,692	128	7.6%	1,622	105	6.5%	-14.4%
Worth	84	11	13.1%	73	*	NA	NA
Wright	168	14	8.3%	177	5	2.8%	-66.1%
State	38,250	2,346	6.1%	40,835	2,795	6.8%	11.6%
Rural	5,650	353	6.2%	5,835	386	6.6%	5.9%
Small Urban	13,351	807	6.0%	14,378	975	6.8%	12.2%
Metropolitan	19,249	1,186	6.2%	20,622	1,434	7.0%	12.9%
United States	4,055,507	308,219	7.6%	4,265,996	354,078	8.3%	9.2%

* For 2007, incidences of three or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.