

# Food Assistance

Food Assistance measures the average monthly number and percentage of individuals receiving financial assistance for food during the year. Formerly known as Food Stamps.

Source: Iowa Department of Human Services

County	2000			2008			2000-2008 Change
	Total Population	Food Assistance	Percentage	Total Population	Food Assistance	Percentage	
Adair	8,243	282	3.4%	7,506	393	5.2%	53.0%
Adams	4,482	216	4.8%	4,040	203	5.0%	4.3%
Allamakee	14,675	366	2.5%	14,538	806	5.5%	122.3%
Appanoose	13,721	1,297	9.5%	12,850	1,505	11.7%	23.9%
Audubon	6,830	205	3.0%	6,033	237	3.9%	30.9%
Benton	25,308	622	2.5%	26,532	1,247	4.7%	91.2%
Black Hawk	128,012	8,778	6.9%	128,347	10,256	8.0%	16.5%
Boone	26,224	773	2.9%	26,349	1,321	5.0%	70.1%
Bremer	23,325	501	2.1%	23,690	644	2.7%	26.6%
Buchanan	21,093	674	3.2%	21,032	849	4.0%	26.3%
Buena Vista	20,411	740	3.6%	19,702	1,051	5.3%	47.1%
Butler	15,305	406	2.7%	14,644	568	3.9%	46.2%
Calhoun	11,115	440	4.0%	9,887	456	4.6%	16.5%
Carroll	21,421	632	3.0%	20,926	808	3.9%	30.9%
Cass	14,684	589	4.0%	13,840	937	6.8%	68.8%
Cedar	18,187	467	2.6%	18,079	655	3.6%	41.1%
Cerro Gordo	46,447	2,026	4.4%	43,786	3,235	7.4%	69.4%
Cherokee	13,035	367	2.8%	11,552	456	3.9%	40.2%
Chickasaw	13,095	396	3.0%	12,121	441	3.6%	20.3%
Clarke	9,133	528	5.8%	9,032	662	7.3%	26.8%
Clay	17,372	613	3.5%	16,691	924	5.5%	56.9%
Clayton	18,678	420	2.2%	17,566	628	3.6%	59.0%
Clinton	50,149	3,251	6.5%	48,942	4,359	8.9%	37.4%
Crawford	16,942	723	4.3%	16,415	1,040	6.3%	48.5%
Dallas	40,750	798	2.0%	59,930	1,869	3.1%	59.3%
Davis	8,541	301	3.5%	8,569	374	4.4%	23.8%
Decatur	8,689	621	7.1%	8,409	793	9.4%	31.9%
Delaware	18,404	572	3.1%	17,301	737	4.3%	37.1%
Des Moines	42,351	2,905	6.9%	40,629	4,402	10.8%	58.0%
Dickinson	16,424	455	2.8%	16,775	556	3.3%	19.6%
Dubuque	89,143	3,054	3.4%	92,724	5,165	5.6%	62.6%
Emmet	11,027	392	3.6%	10,457	522	5.0%	40.4%
Fayette	22,008	1,150	5.2%	20,273	1,398	6.9%	32.0%
Floyd	16,900	822	4.9%	16,183	981	6.1%	24.6%
Franklin	10,704	323	3.0%	10,477	484	4.6%	53.1%
Fremont	8,010	463	5.8%	7,446	493	6.6%	14.5%
Greene	10,366	501	4.8%	9,293	533	5.7%	18.7%
Grundy	12,369	191	1.5%	12,183	302	2.5%	60.5%
Guthrie	11,353	431	3.8%	10,956	421	3.8%	1.2%
Hamilton	16,438	516	3.1%	15,357	802	5.2%	66.4%
Hancock	12,100	285	2.4%	11,354	471	4.1%	76.1%
Hardin	18,812	667	3.5%	17,371	934	5.4%	51.6%
Harrison	15,666	726	4.6%	15,222	964	6.3%	36.7%
Henry	20,336	791	3.9%	20,213	1,425	7.0%	81.2%
Howard	9,932	293	3.0%	9,484	426	4.5%	52.3%
Humboldt	10,381	333	3.2%	9,514	490	5.2%	60.6%
Ida	7,837	240	3.1%	6,862	312	4.5%	48.5%
Iowa	15,671	287	1.8%	15,877	574	3.6%	97.4%
Jackson	20,296	812	4.0%	19,965	1,198	6.0%	50.0%
Jasper	37,213	1,070	2.9%	36,583	2,246	6.1%	113.5%
Jefferson	16,181	862	5.3%	15,463	1,291	8.3%	56.7%
Johnson	111,006	2,707	2.4%	128,094	5,940	4.6%	90.2%
Jones	20,221	619	3.1%	20,346	869	4.3%	39.5%
Keokuk	11,400	720	6.3%	10,697	689	6.4%	2.0%

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Kossuth	17,163	512	3.0%	15,463	619	4.0%	34.2%
Lee	38,052	2,533	6.7%	35,408	3,272	9.2%	38.8%
Linn	191,701	6,959	3.6%	208,574	14,068	6.7%	85.8%
Louisa	12,183	545	4.5%	11,725	764	6.5%	45.7%
Lucas	9,422	534	5.7%	9,290	707	7.6%	34.3%
Lyon	11,763	282	2.4%	11,234	288	2.6%	6.9%
Madison	14,019	347	2.5%	15,507	599	3.9%	56.1%
Mahaska	22,335	1,175	5.3%	22,321	1,898	8.5%	61.6%
Marion	32,052	981	3.1%	32,571	1,546	4.7%	55.1%
Marshall	39,311	2,230	5.7%	39,523	3,259	8.2%	45.4%
Mills	14,547	645	4.4%	15,113	762	5.0%	13.7%
Mitchell	10,874	212	1.9%	10,710	269	2.5%	28.8%
Monona	10,020	467	4.7%	8,966	595	6.6%	42.4%
Monroe	8,016	519	6.5%	7,577	527	7.0%	7.4%
Montgomery	11,771	749	6.4%	10,870	1,040	9.6%	50.4%
Muscatine	41,722	2,340	5.6%	42,504	3,283	7.7%	37.7%
O'Brien	15,102	326	2.2%	13,952	462	3.3%	53.4%
Osceola	7,003	130	1.9%	6,444	165	2.6%	37.9%
Page	16,976	999	5.9%	15,664	1,178	7.5%	27.8%
Palo Alto	10,147	287	2.8%	9,345	352	3.8%	33.2%
Plymouth	24,849	543	2.2%	24,323	702	2.9%	32.1%
Pocahontas	8,662	374	4.3%	7,560	391	5.2%	19.8%
Polk	374,601	16,298	4.4%	424,778	29,361	6.9%	58.9%
Pottawattamie	87,704	4,963	5.7%	89,647	7,431	8.3%	46.5%
Poweshiek	18,815	542	2.9%	18,590	907	4.9%	69.4%
Ringgold	5,469	334	6.1%	5,156	295	5.7%	-6.3%
Sac	11,529	410	3.6%	10,311	383	3.7%	4.4%
Scott	158,668	10,906	6.9%	164,690	15,908	9.7%	40.5%
Shelby	13,173	420	3.2%	12,131	668	5.5%	72.7%
Sioux	31,589	461	1.5%	32,200	496	1.5%	5.6%
Story	79,981	1,541	1.9%	86,754	3,111	3.6%	86.1%
Tama	18,103	552	3.0%	17,690	785	4.4%	45.5%
Taylor	6,958	369	5.3%	6,298	379	6.0%	13.5%
Union	12,309	670	5.4%	12,261	948	7.7%	42.0%
Van Buren	7,809	372	4.8%	7,676	462	6.0%	26.3%
Wapello	36,051	3,139	8.7%	35,513	4,155	11.7%	34.4%
Warren	40,671	757	1.9%	45,059	1,576	3.5%	87.9%
Washington	20,670	672	3.3%	21,343	1,061	5.0%	52.9%
Wayne	6,730	472	7.0%	6,253	482	7.7%	9.9%
Webster	40,235	2,325	5.8%	38,517	3,109	8.1%	39.7%
Winnebago	11,723	324	2.8%	10,901	473	4.3%	57.0%
Winneshiek	21,310	359	1.7%	20,913	618	3.0%	75.4%
Woodbury	103,877	5,044	4.9%	102,559	8,216	8.0%	65.0%
Worth	7,909	129	1.6%	7,661	267	3.5%	113.7%
Wright	14,334	428	3.0%	12,903	698	5.4%	81.2%
State	2,926,324	124,395	4.3%	3,002,555	189,877	6.3%	48.8%
Rural	496,961	17,309	3.5%	473,723	22,274	4.7%	35.0%
Small Urban	1,104,670	46,836	4.2%	1,102,665	68,147	6.2%	45.8%
Metropolitan	1,324,693	60,250	4.5%	1,426,167	99,456	7.0%	53.3%
United States	281,421,906	17,194,000	6.1%	304,059,724	28,409,880	9.3%	52.9%