

# 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			2008			2000-2008 Change
	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	
Adair	68	1	1.5%	76	5	6.6%	347.4%
Adams	35	2	5.7%	37	*	NA	NA
Allamakee	158	7	4.4%	193	15	7.8%	75.4%
Appanoose	142	8	5.6%	184	12	6.5%	15.8%
Audubon	47	3	6.4%	83	5	6.0%	-5.6%
Benton	325	26	8.0%	309	25	8.1%	1.1%
Black Hawk	1,551	96	6.2%	1,774	143	8.1%	30.2%
Boone	317	14	4.4%	303	15	5.0%	12.1%
Bremer	250	13	5.2%	265	18	6.8%	30.6%
Buchanan	301	16	5.3%	301	17	5.6%	6.3%
Buena Vista	233	12	5.2%	290	12	4.1%	-19.7%
Butler	170	9	5.3%	173	10	5.8%	9.2%
Calhoun	107	8	7.5%	95	8	8.4%	12.6%
Carroll	262	11	4.2%	264	15	5.7%	35.3%
Cass	158	8	5.1%	178	15	8.4%	66.4%
Cedar	206	10	4.9%	200	9	4.5%	-7.3%
Cerro Gordo	530	29	5.5%	522	47	9.0%	64.6%
Cherokee	146	10	6.8%	106	*	NA	NA
Chickasaw	169	11	6.5%	153	4	2.6%	-59.8%
Clarke	97	7	7.2%	145	14	9.7%	33.8%
Clay	204	11	5.4%	217	9	4.1%	-23.1%
Clayton	194	10	5.2%	210	10	4.8%	-7.6%
Clinton	591	39	6.6%	606	43	7.1%	7.5%
Crawford	189	13	6.9%	235	17	7.2%	5.2%
Dallas	566	34	6.0%	1,026	86	8.4%	39.5%
Davis	129	9	7.0%	143	5	3.5%	-49.9%
Decatur	101	3	3.0%	119	9	7.6%	154.6%
Delaware	227	20	8.8%	180	9	5.0%	-43.3%
Des Moines	555	44	7.9%	527	34	6.5%	-18.6%
Dickinson	159	10	6.3%	186	14	7.5%	19.7%
Dubuque	1,221	62	5.1%	1,224	92	7.5%	48.0%
Emmet	126	8	6.3%	125	4	3.2%	-49.6%
Fayette	233	13	5.6%	228	16	7.0%	25.8%
Floyd	199	8	4.0%	203	14	6.9%	71.6%
Franklin	113	9	8.0%	127	4	3.1%	-60.5%
Fremont	82	7	8.5%	86	4	4.7%	-45.5%
Greene	92	10	10.9%	110	10	9.1%	-16.4%
Grundy	133	8	6.0%	130	4	3.1%	-48.8%
Guthrie	134	6	4.5%	121	10	8.3%	84.6%
Hamilton	192	7	3.6%	168	13	7.7%	112.2%
Hancock	131	10	7.6%	119	5	4.2%	-45.0%
Hardin	208	20	9.6%	221	9	4.1%	-57.6%
Harrison	193	16	8.3%	188	12	6.4%	-23.0%
Henry	264	14	5.3%	250	13	5.2%	-1.9%
Howard	110	6	5.5%	132	4	3.0%	-44.4%
Humboldt	99	6	6.1%	103	9	8.7%	44.2%
Ida	70	6	8.6%	83	*	NA	NA
Iowa	183	11	6.0%	203	15	7.4%	22.9%
Jackson	239	20	8.4%	191	12	6.3%	-24.9%
Jasper	458	27	5.9%	441	33	7.5%	26.9%
Jefferson	145	12	8.3%	157	7	4.5%	-46.1%
Johnson	1,382	74	5.4%	1,719	110	6.4%	19.5%
Jones	227	15	6.6%	238	10	4.2%	-36.4%
Keokuk	154	10	6.5%	120	9	7.5%	15.5%

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Kossuth	166	9	5.4%	154	8	5.2%	-4.2%
Lee	410	34	8.3%	376	33	8.8%	5.8%
Linn	2,715	150	5.5%	2,847	153	5.4%	-2.7%
Louisa	164	16	9.8%	132	8	6.1%	-37.9%
Lucas	119	6	5.0%	106	7	6.6%	31.0%
Lyon	159	3	1.9%	170	11	6.5%	242.9%
Madison	196	15	7.7%	218	17	7.8%	1.9%
Mahaska	283	22	7.8%	280	14	5.0%	-35.7%
Marion	383	26	6.8%	401	28	7.0%	2.9%
Marshall	556	32	5.8%	626	49	7.8%	36.0%
Mills	155	5	3.2%	182	15	8.2%	155.5%
Mitchell	131	4	3.1%	129	*	NA	NA
Monona	98	7	7.1%	96	4	4.2%	-41.7%
Monroe	102	1	1.0%	101	7	6.9%	606.9%
Montgomery	139	7	5.0%	121	7	5.8%	14.9%
Muscatine	638	27	4.2%	644	47	7.3%	72.5%
O'Brien	187	7	3.7%	173	10	5.8%	54.4%
Osceola	73	5	6.8%	76	4	5.3%	-23.2%
Page	169	9	5.3%	170	10	5.9%	10.5%
Palo Alto	110	3	2.7%	121	6	5.0%	81.8%
Plymouth	309	14	4.5%	318	26	8.2%	80.5%
Pocahontas	73	3	4.1%	88	5	5.7%	38.3%
Polk	6,216	387	6.2%	6,723	461	6.9%	10.1%
Pottawattamie	1,184	76	6.4%	1,243	93	7.5%	16.6%
Poweshiek	212	13	6.1%	184	14	7.6%	24.1%
Ringgold	69	4	5.8%	63	0	0.0%	-100.0%
Sac	135	12	8.9%	105	*	NA	NA
Scott	2,348	166	7.1%	2,229	168	7.5%	6.6%
Shelby	150	12	8.0%	117	5	4.3%	-46.6%
Sioux	457	16	3.5%	526	30	5.7%	62.9%
Story	940	47	5.0%	1,002	51	5.1%	1.8%
Tama	251	19	7.6%	234	20	8.5%	12.9%
Taylor	87	13	14.9%	75	6	8.0%	-46.5%
Union	127	7	5.5%	162	21	13.0%	135.2%
Van Buren	97	2	2.1%	91	*	NA	NA
Wapello	424	36	8.5%	475	33	6.9%	-18.2%
Warren	513	28	5.5%	544	42	7.7%	41.5%
Washington	290	16	5.5%	295	7	2.4%	-57.0%
Wayne	79	4	5.1%	80	5	6.3%	23.4%
Webster	492	30	6.1%	491	33	6.7%	10.2%
Winnebago	134	9	6.7%	137	14	10.2%	52.1%
Winneshiek	191	12	6.3%	193	6	3.1%	-50.5%
Woodbury	1,692	128	7.6%	1,672	126	7.5%	-0.4%
Worth	84	11	13.1%	91	8	8.8%	-32.9%
Wright	168	14	8.3%	173	14	8.1%	-2.9%
State	38,250	2,346	6.1%	40,221	2,683	6.7%	8.8%
Rural	5,650	353	6.2%	5,794	351	6.1%	-3.0%
Small Urban	13,351	807	6.0%	13,994	935	6.7%	10.5%
Metropolitan	19,249	1,186	6.2%	20,433	1,397	6.8%	11.0%
United States	4,055,507	308,219	7.6%	4,317,119	354,004 (2007)	8.2%	7.9%

\* For 2008, incidences of three or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.