

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			2004			2005			2000-2005 Change
	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	
Adair	68	1	1.5%	60	4	6.7%	86	6	7.0%	374.4%
Adams	35	2	5.7%	38	*	NA	42	*	NA	NA
Allamakee	158	7	4.4%	205	20	9.8%	206	12	5.8%	31.5%
Appanoose	142	8	5.6%	145	13	9.0%	184	24	13.0%	131.5%
Audubon	47	3	6.4%	46	4	8.7%	73	6	8.2%	28.8%
Benton	325	26	8.0%	315	9	2.9%	291	17	5.8%	-27.0%
Black Hawk	1,551	96	6.2%	1,715	136	7.9%	1,683	163	9.7%	56.5%
Boone	317	14	4.4%	287	17	5.9%	310	11	3.5%	-19.7%
Bremer	250	13	5.2%	232	10	4.3%	273	18	6.6%	26.8%
Buchanan	301	16	5.3%	290	13	4.5%	298	25	8.4%	57.8%
Buena Vista	233	12	5.2%	268	22	8.2%	292	18	6.2%	19.7%
Butler	170	9	5.3%	179	16	8.9%	171	18	10.5%	98.8%
Calhoun	107	8	7.5%	115	6	5.2%	100	9	9.0%	20.4%
Carroll	262	11	4.2%	260	14	5.4%	269	11	4.1%	-2.6%
Cass	158	8	5.1%	151	17	11.3%	170	11	6.5%	27.8%
Cedar	206	10	4.9%	205	17	8.3%	194	17	8.8%	80.5%
Cerro Gordo	530	29	5.5%	500	41	8.2%	471	33	7.0%	28.0%
Cherokee	146	10	6.8%	113	5	4.4%	113	4	3.5%	-48.3%
Chickasaw	169	11	6.5%	131	8	6.1%	179	15	8.4%	28.7%
Clarke	97	7	7.2%	124	9	7.3%	132	12	9.1%	26.0%
Clay	204	11	5.4%	209	9	4.3%	200	10	5.0%	-7.3%
Clayton	194	10	5.2%	207	11	5.3%	190	12	6.3%	22.5%
Clinton	591	39	6.6%	599	62	10.4%	623	51	8.2%	24.1%
Crawford	189	13	6.9%	244	12	4.9%	212	9	4.2%	-38.3%
Dallas	566	34	6.0%	655	42	6.4%	797	66	8.3%	37.9%
Davis	129	9	7.0%	118	8	6.8%	137	5	3.6%	-47.7%
Decatur	101	3	3.0%	103	7	6.8%	101	13	12.9%	333.3%
Delaware	227	20	8.8%	189	14	7.4%	210	10	4.8%	-46.0%
Des Moines	555	44	7.9%	525	31	5.9%	500	30	6.0%	-24.3%
Dickinson	159	10	6.3%	178	14	7.9%	153	6	3.9%	-37.6%
Dubuque	1,221	62	5.1%	1,204	90	7.5%	1,125	70	6.2%	22.5%
Emmet	126	8	6.3%	129	12	9.3%	158	12	7.6%	19.6%
Fayette	233	13	5.6%	209	9	4.3%	250	11	4.4%	-21.1%
Floyd	199	8	4.0%	197	12	6.1%	218	23	10.6%	162.4%
Franklin	113	9	8.0%	133	5	3.8%	128	6	4.7%	-41.1%
Fremont	82	7	8.5%	74	*	NA	90	9	10.0%	17.1%
Greene	92	10	10.9%	100	7	7.0%	93	5	5.4%	-50.5%
Grundy	133	8	6.0%	112	11	9.8%	123	14	11.4%	89.2%
Guthrie	134	6	4.5%	106	7	6.6%	127	8	6.3%	40.7%
Hamilton	192	7	3.6%	201	18	9.0%	185	23	12.4%	241.0%
Hancock	131	10	7.6%	117	4	3.4%	155	8	5.2%	-32.4%
Hardin	208	20	9.6%	200	19	9.5%	207	16	7.7%	-19.6%
Harrison	193	16	8.3%	136	12	8.8%	177	16	9.0%	9.0%
Henry	264	14	5.3%	255	13	5.1%	246	21	8.5%	61.0%
Howard	110	6	5.5%	119	8	6.7%	131	14	10.7%	95.9%
Humboldt	99	6	6.1%	143	5	3.5%	121	7	5.8%	-4.5%
Ida	70	6	8.6%	80	7	8.8%	81	9	11.1%	29.6%
Iowa	183	11	6.0%	190	6	3.2%	200	16	8.0%	33.1%
Jackson	239	20	8.4%	193	13	6.7%	198	14	7.1%	-15.5%
Jasper	458	27	5.9%	421	28	6.7%	474	41	8.6%	46.7%
Jefferson	145	12	8.3%	152	11	7.2%	171	11	6.4%	-22.3%
Johnson	1,382	74	5.4%	1,560	101	6.5%	1,457	84	5.8%	7.7%
Jones	227	15	6.6%	219	18	8.2%	228	11	4.8%	-27.0%
Keokuk	154	10	6.5%	133	10	7.5%	125	9	7.2%	10.9%

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Kossuth	166	9	5.4%	175	18	10.3%	181	7	3.9%	-28.7%
Lee	410	34	8.3%	385	27	7.0%	407	24	5.9%	-28.9%
Linn	2,715	150	5.5%	2,759	180	6.5%	2,783	205	7.4%	33.3%
Louisa	164	16	9.8%	164	19	11.6%	129	9	7.0%	-28.5%
Lucas	119	6	5.0%	89	*	NA	120	6	5.0%	-0.8%
Lyon	159	3	1.9%	144	8	5.6%	169	11	6.5%	245.0%
Madison	196	15	7.7%	196	19	9.7%	189	11	5.8%	-24.0%
Mahaska	283	22	7.8%	268	25	9.3%	306	22	7.2%	-7.5%
Marion	383	26	6.8%	398	29	7.3%	424	35	8.3%	21.6%
Marshall	556	32	5.8%	642	42	6.5%	612	48	7.8%	36.3%
Mills	155	5	3.2%	183	18	9.8%	197	12	6.1%	88.8%
Mitchell	131	4	3.1%	111	7	6.3%	147	9	6.1%	100.5%
Monona	98	7	7.1%	103	7	6.8%	95	12	12.6%	76.8%
Monroe	102	1	1.0%	82	*	NA	76	*	NA	NA
Montgomery	139	7	5.0%	125	9	7.2%	142	7	4.9%	-2.1%
Muscatine	638	27	4.2%	587	29	4.9%	587	40	6.8%	61.0%
O'Brien	187	7	3.7%	171	9	5.3%	184	10	5.4%	45.2%
Osceola	73	5	6.8%	80	7	8.8%	73	*	NA	NA
Page	169	9	5.3%	168	11	6.5%	167	11	6.6%	23.7%
Palo Alto	110	3	2.7%	105	9	8.6%	121	13	10.7%	293.9%
Plymouth	309	14	4.5%	324	19	5.9%	313	15	4.8%	5.8%
Pocahontas	73	3	4.1%	74	*	NA	88	6	6.8%	65.9%
Polk	6,216	387	6.2%	6,320	449	7.1%	6,567	491	7.5%	20.1%
Pottawattamie	1,184	76	6.4%	1,221	102	8.4%	1,227	92	7.5%	16.8%
Poweshiek	212	13	6.1%	183	12	6.6%	195	9	4.6%	-24.7%
Ringgold	69	4	5.8%	57	5	8.8%	79	5	6.3%	9.2%
Sac	135	12	8.9%	123	10	8.1%	120	9	7.5%	-15.6%
Scott	2,348	166	7.1%	2,299	167	7.3%	2,317	169	7.3%	3.2%
Shelby	150	12	8.0%	115	9	7.8%	101	5	5.0%	-38.1%
Sioux	457	16	3.5%	464	20	4.3%	479	27	5.6%	61.0%
Story	940	47	5.0%	902	45	5.0%	945	61	6.5%	29.1%
Tama	251	19	7.6%	237	8	3.4%	256	31	12.1%	60.0%
Taylor	87	13	14.9%	68	6	8.8%	79	*	NA	NA
Union	127	7	5.5%	143	14	9.8%	152	13	8.6%	55.2%
Van Buren	97	2	2.1%	88	6	6.8%	98	17	17.3%	741.3%
Wapello	424	36	8.5%	476	42	8.8%	504	43	8.5%	0.5%
Warren	513	28	5.5%	507	23	4.5%	549	41	7.5%	36.8%
Washington	290	16	5.5%	290	22	7.6%	265	11	4.2%	-24.8%
Wayne	79	4	5.1%	81	*	NA	76	6	7.9%	55.9%
Webster	492	30	6.1%	491	26	5.3%	474	29	6.1%	0.3%
Winnebago	134	9	6.7%	101	10	9.9%	120	11	9.2%	36.5%
Winneshiek	191	12	6.3%	186	8	4.3%	210	12	5.7%	-9.0%
Woodbury	1,692	128	7.6%	1,634	155	9.5%	1,578	104	6.6%	-12.9%
Worth	84	11	13.1%	74	9	12.2%	81	4	4.9%	-62.3%
Wright	168	14	8.3%	186	16	8.6%	165	11	6.7%	-20.0%
State	38,250	2,346	6.1%	38,368	2,688	7.0%	39,275	2,823	7.2%	17.2%
Rural	5,650	353	6.2%	5,486	376	6.9%	5,780	442	7.6%	22.4%
Small Urban	13,351	807	6.0%	13,268	887	6.7%	13,813	942	6.8%	12.8%
Metropolitan	19,249	1,186	6.2%	19,614	1,425	7.3%	19,682	1,439	7.3%	18.7%
United States	4,055,507	308,219	7.6%	4,115,590	333,363	8.1%	4,115,590	333,363	8.1%	6.6%

(2004)

* For 2004-2005, incidences of three or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.