

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			2006			2000-2006 Change
	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	Live Births	Low Birthweight	Percentage	
Adair	68	1	1.5%	97	5	5.2%	250.5%
Adams	35	2	5.7%	64	5	7.8%	36.7%
Allamakee	158	7	4.4%	207	11	5.3%	19.9%
Appanoose	142	8	5.6%	154	16	10.4%	84.4%
Audubon	47	3	6.4%	57	4	7.0%	9.9%
Benton	325	26	8.0%	310	13	4.2%	-47.6%
Black Hawk	1,551	96	6.2%	1,776	151	8.5%	37.4%
Boone	317	14	4.4%	329	14	4.3%	-3.6%
Bremer	250	13	5.2%	297	16	5.4%	3.6%
Buchanan	301	16	5.3%	340	20	5.9%	10.7%
Buena Vista	233	12	5.2%	260	15	5.8%	12.0%
Butler	170	9	5.3%	170	9	5.3%	0.0%
Calhoun	107	8	7.5%	108	*	NA	NA
Carroll	262	11	4.2%	302	19	6.3%	49.8%
Cass	158	8	5.1%	159	12	7.5%	49.1%
Cedar	206	10	4.9%	203	12	5.9%	21.8%
Cerro Gordo	530	29	5.5%	501	24	4.8%	-12.5%
Cherokee	146	10	6.8%	119	7	5.9%	-14.1%
Chickasaw	169	11	6.5%	156	15	9.6%	47.7%
Clarke	97	7	7.2%	126	9	7.1%	-1.0%
Clay	204	11	5.4%	205	16	7.8%	44.7%
Clayton	194	10	5.2%	226	14	6.2%	20.2%
Clinton	591	39	6.6%	653	53	8.1%	23.0%
Crawford	189	13	6.9%	249	12	4.8%	-29.9%
Dallas	566	34	6.0%	893	55	6.2%	2.5%
Davis	129	9	7.0%	138	6	4.3%	-37.7%
Decatur	101	3	3.0%	97	5	5.2%	73.5%
Delaware	227	20	8.8%	216	14	6.5%	-26.4%
Des Moines	555	44	7.9%	557	55	9.9%	24.6%
Dickinson	159	10	6.3%	173	10	5.8%	-8.1%
Dubuque	1,221	62	5.1%	1,208	64	5.3%	4.3%
Emmet	126	8	6.3%	146	16	11.0%	72.6%
Fayette	233	13	5.6%	230	17	7.4%	32.5%
Floyd	199	8	4.0%	220	13	5.9%	47.0%
Franklin	113	9	8.0%	124	9	7.3%	-8.9%
Fremont	82	7	8.5%	81	4	4.9%	-42.2%
Greene	92	10	10.9%	128	9	7.0%	-35.3%
Grundy	133	8	6.0%	138	13	9.4%	56.6%
Guthrie	134	6	4.5%	122	4	3.3%	-26.8%
Hamilton	192	7	3.6%	184	16	8.7%	138.5%
Hancock	131	10	7.6%	131	6	4.6%	-40.0%
Hardin	208	20	9.6%	196	10	5.1%	-46.9%
Harrison	193	16	8.3%	175	10	5.7%	-31.1%
Henry	264	14	5.3%	221	13	5.9%	10.9%
Howard	110	6	5.5%	127	11	8.7%	58.8%
Humboldt	99	6	6.1%	125	12	9.6%	58.4%
Ida	70	6	8.6%	92	*	NA	NA
Iowa	183	11	6.0%	206	8	3.9%	-35.4%
Jackson	239	20	8.4%	229	14	6.1%	-26.9%
Jasper	458	27	5.9%	402	40	10.0%	68.8%
Jefferson	145	12	8.3%	142	5	3.5%	-57.5%
Johnson	1,382	74	5.4%	1,615	112	6.9%	29.5%
Jones	227	15	6.6%	212	14	6.6%	-0.1%
Keokuk	154	10	6.5%	139	10	7.2%	10.8%

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Kossuth	166	9	5.4%	166	14	8.4%	55.6%
Lee	410	34	8.3%	454	31	6.8%	-17.7%
Linn	2,715	150	5.5%	2,869	199	6.9%	25.5%
Louisa	164	16	9.8%	147	16	10.9%	11.6%
Lucas	119	6	5.0%	125	10	8.0%	58.7%
Lyon	159	3	1.9%	175	11	6.3%	233.1%
Madison	196	15	7.7%	205	17	8.3%	8.4%
Mahaska	283	22	7.8%	322	28	8.7%	11.9%
Marion	383	26	6.8%	422	24	5.7%	-16.2%
Marshall	556	32	5.8%	624	39	6.3%	8.6%
Mills	155	5	3.2%	179	17	9.5%	194.4%
Mitchell	131	4	3.1%	119	7	5.9%	92.6%
Monona	98	7	7.1%	120	8	6.7%	-6.7%
Monroe	102	1	1.0%	96	10	10.4%	962.5%
Montgomery	139	7	5.0%	137	5	3.6%	-27.5%
Muscatine	638	27	4.2%	633	53	8.4%	97.8%
O'Brien	187	7	3.7%	170	9	5.3%	41.4%
Osceola	73	5	6.8%	70	*	NA	NA
Page	169	9	5.3%	177	18	10.2%	91.0%
Palo Alto	110	3	2.7%	126	5	4.0%	45.5%
Plymouth	309	14	4.5%	306	16	5.2%	15.4%
Pocahontas	73	3	4.1%	68	*	NA	NA
Polk	6,216	387	6.2%	6,911	504	7.3%	17.1%
Pottawattamie	1,184	76	6.4%	1,227	92	7.5%	16.8%
Poweshiek	212	13	6.1%	187	10	5.3%	-12.8%
Ringgold	69	4	5.8%	59	6	10.2%	75.4%
Sac	135	12	8.9%	119	7	5.9%	-33.8%
Scott	2,348	166	7.1%	2,247	178	7.9%	12.0%
Shelby	150	12	8.0%	121	6	5.0%	-38.0%
Sioux	457	16	3.5%	522	28	5.4%	53.2%
Story	940	47	5.0%	999	59	5.9%	18.1%
Tama	251	19	7.6%	226	16	7.1%	-6.5%
Taylor	87	13	14.9%	79	*	NA	NA
Union	127	7	5.5%	170	9	5.3%	-3.9%
Van Buren	97	2	2.1%	89	4	4.5%	118.0%
Wapello	424	36	8.5%	496	29	5.8%	-31.1%
Warren	513	28	5.5%	515	40	7.8%	42.3%
Washington	290	16	5.5%	316	28	8.9%	60.6%
Wayne	79	4	5.1%	88	11	12.5%	146.9%
Webster	492	30	6.1%	485	35	7.2%	18.4%
Winnebago	134	9	6.7%	142	13	9.2%	36.3%
Winneshiek	191	12	6.3%	190	13	6.8%	8.9%
Woodbury	1,692	128	7.6%	1,697	124	7.3%	-3.4%
Worth	84	11	13.1%	86	*	NA	NA
Wright	168	14	8.3%	176	12	6.8%	-18.2%
State	38,250	2,346	6.1%	40,592	2,820	6.9%	13.3%
Rural	5,650	353	6.2%	5,895	375	6.4%	1.8%
Small Urban	13,351	807	6.0%	14,148	962	6.8%	12.5%
Metropolitan	19,249	1,186	6.2%	20,549	1,483	7.2%	17.1%
United States	4,055,507	308,219	7.6%	4,265,996	354,078	8.3%	9.2%

* For 2006, incidences of three or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.