**Child Data Snapshot**  
**Keokuk County**

### Demographic Summary (2017)

- **Total population**: 10,223
- **Under 18**: 2,304 (22.5%)
- **Under 6**: 786 (7.7%)  

Child population (under 18) by race/ethnicity:
- African American: 4 (0.2%)
- Asian: 26 (1.1%)
- Native American: 0 (0.0%)
- White, non-Hispanic: 2,220 (96.4%)
- Other: 6 (0.3%)
- Multiple: 28 (1.2%)
- Hispanic (any race): 31 (1.3%)

### Keokuk County vs. Iowa

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<td>Children living under the poverty level</td>
<td>416</td>
<td>18.1%</td>
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<td>Unemployed individuals age 16 and over</td>
<td>147</td>
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<td><strong>SCHOOL READINESS &amp; SUCCESS</strong></td>
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<td>3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (&quot;2014-18 average&quot;)</td>
<td>137</td>
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<td>Fourth graders proficient in reading (&quot;2003&quot;)</td>
<td>93</td>
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<td>Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (&quot;2003&quot;)</td>
<td>78</td>
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<td>High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)</td>
<td>148</td>
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<td>Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>Single-parent families (&quot;2014-18 average&quot;)</td>
<td>278</td>
<td>24.8%</td>
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<td>Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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<td>Live births that are to unmarried teens</td>
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<td>Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (&quot;2007&quot;)</td>
<td>103</td>
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<td>Infant Mortality (per 1,000)</td>
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<td>Child deaths (per 100,000)</td>
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<td>Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (&quot;2014-18 average&quot;)</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Children 0-4 receiving WIC (&quot;2003&quot;)</td>
<td>56</td>
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<td>Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches</td>
<td>490</td>
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<td>Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (&quot;2017&quot;)</td>
<td>720</td>
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<td>Individuals receiving Food Assistance</td>
<td>1,125</td>
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<td>Individuals participating in Family Investment Program</td>
<td>52</td>
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* Incidences of five or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality

To download data or view data snapshots for other Iowa counties, visit www.cfpciowa.org and click on “Kids Count Data.”
### About the Kids Count indicators

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Child poverty**
- Children 0-17 who lived below poverty during the year
  - U.S. Census Bureau
- Children growing up in poverty (defined here as $23,850 for a family of four) are much more likely than peers to experience stress and deprivation that hinders development and readiness for school and life.

#### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

**4th grade reading**
- Students proficient on the Iowa Assessments and Iowa Alternate Assessment
  - Iowa Department of Education
- Reading proficiently by mid-elementary school is an important predictor of future academic success, including high school graduation, and of economic stability in adulthood.

#### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

**8th grade math**
- Students proficient on the Iowa Assessments and Iowa Alternate Assessment
  - Iowa Department of Education
- Proficiency in math by the end of middle school prepares students for higher-order math classes they will need to succeed in high school as well as the basic skills needed for adult life.

#### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

**Preschool participation**
- Children ages 3-4 enrolled in preschool
  - U.S. Census Bureau
- Children who participate in a high-quality preschool program are more likely to be socially and cognitively ready for kindergarten. The benefits are strongest for low-income children and children facing other risk factors.

#### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

**High school graduation**
- Public school students entering 9th grade who graduate with their class 4 years later
  - Iowa Department of Education
- A high school diploma is the baseline credential needed for higher education, most kinds of job training and many jobs. Adults without one are much more likely to struggle economically.

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Unemployment**
- Individuals 16 and over in the labor force but unemployed
  - Iowa Workforce Development
- High levels of unemployment in a community make it difficult for families to move up the economic ladder. It also contributes to family stress when a parent struggles to find work.

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Access to Public Supports**

**WIC Program**
- Children 0-4 participating in the Women, Infants, & Children program
  - Iowa Department of Public Health
  - WIC offers supplemental foods, referrals and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and postpartum women and children through age 4.

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Poverty**
- Families with children that are headed by a single parent
  - U.S. Census Bureau
- Children in single-parent families typically do not have the same economic or human resources available in two-parent families. They are more likely to drop out of school and experience divorce in adulthood.

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Family Investment Program**
- Monthly average of individuals participating in FIP
  - Iowa Dept. of Human Services
- Iowa’s version of the federal TANF program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families for up to 60 months. It serves a small and shrinking share of the population.

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Food Assistance**
- Monthly average of individuals receiving Food Assistance
  - Iowa Dept. of Human Services
  - The Food Assistance Program (known nationally as SNAP) provides financial assistance that low-income Iowans, including many children and working adults, can use to buy groceries.

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Free or Reduced-Price Lunch**
- Students eligible for free or low-cost meals while at school
  - Iowa Department of Education
- This federally funded program provides meals to students. Available to families with incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level, it is a commonly used proxy for poverty.

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Healthy children**

**Infant mortality**
- Deaths of infants before age 1 per 1,000 children
  - Iowa Department of Public Health
- In addition to being a child outcome, data on infant mortality is used as a proxy for population health. The many factors that shape population health also shape infant mortality rates.

#### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Uninsured children**
- Children 0-18 who are uninsured during the year
  - U.S. Census Bureau
  - Health coverage is the key that opens the door to the health-care system. Insured children are more likely to get timely medical care, including well-child visits, that contributes to overall health.

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