## Child Data Snapshot

### Black Hawk County

#### Demographic summary

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#### FAMILY & COMMUNITY ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

- **Children living under the poverty level**
  - Black Hawk County: 4,683 (16.5%), **+26.0%** from 2000
  - Iowa: 90,244 (12.6%), **+16.4%** from 2000

- **Unemployed individuals age 16 and over**
  - Black Hawk County: 2,592 (3.8%), **+29.5%** from 2000
  - Iowa: 52,524 (3.1%), **+20.8%** from 2000

#### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

- **3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool**
  - Black Hawk County: 1,349 (40.0%), **-19.0%** from 2013-17 average
  - Iowa: 37,780 (47.5%), **+6.5%** from 2003

- **Fourth graders proficient in reading**
  - Black Hawk County: 952 (69.4%), **+3.9%** from 2003
  - Iowa: 25,718 (75.3%), **-1.6%** from 2003

- **Eighth graders proficient in mathematics**
  - Black Hawk County: 914 (76.0%), **+21.5%** from 2003
  - Iowa: 25,321 (76.1%), **+6.1%** from 2003

- **High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)**
  - Black Hawk County: 1,104 (89.4%), **+14.6%** from 2000
  - Iowa: 31,661 (91.1%), **+2.6%** from 2000

#### STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

- **Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)**
  - Black Hawk County: 457 (15.8), **+8.1%** from 2000
  - Iowa: 9,439 (12.9), **+26.0%** from 2000

- **Single-parent families (2013-17 average)**
  - Black Hawk County: 5,112 (36.0%), **+14.9%** from 2013-17 average
  - Iowa: 114,705 (31.0%), **+24.1%** from 2013-17 average

- **Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)**
  - Black Hawk County: 77 (1.5%), **-52.0%** from 2013-17 average
  - Iowa: 1,698 (1.6%), **-52.7%** from 2013-17 average

- **Live births that are to unmarried teens**
  - Black Hawk County: 73 (4.2%), **-62.6%** from 2013-17 average
  - Iowa: 1,571 (4.1%), **-51.1%** from 2013-17 average

#### HEALTHY CHILDREN

- **Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester**
  - Black Hawk County: 1,437 (83.2%), **+9.6%** from 2007
  - Iowa: 30,236 (79.1%), **+11.2%** from 2007

- **Infant Mortality (per 1,000)**
  - Black Hawk County: 8 (4.6%), **-34.8%** from 2007
  - Iowa: 202 (5.3), **-16.5%** from 2007

- **Child deaths (per 100,000)**
  - Black Hawk County: * (N/A)
  - Iowa: 99 (17), **-19.0%** from 2007

- **Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)**
  - Black Hawk County: 133 (7.7%), **+24.2%** from 2007
  - Iowa: 2,528 (6.6%), **+7.3%** from 2007

- **Children 0-18 uninsured during the year**
  - Black Hawk County: 1,658 (5.4%), **N/A** from 2013-17 average
  - Iowa: 26,207 (3.4%), **N/A** from 2013-17 average

#### USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS

- **Children 0-4 receiving WIC**
  - Black Hawk County: 3,279 (38.8%), **+1.4%** from 2003
  - Iowa: 53,604 (26.9%), **-4.5%** from 2003

- **Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches**
  - Black Hawk County: 8,891 (49.6%), **+38.9%** from 2016
  - Iowa: 198,885 (41.3%), **+56.1%** from 2016

- **Individual tax filers who receive the EITC**
  - Black Hawk County: 9,880 (16.9%), **+31.0%** from 2016
  - Iowa: 209,230 (14.5%), **+37.8%** from 2016

- **Individuals receiving Food Assistance**
  - Black Hawk County: 19,036 (14.4%), **+109.3%** from 2016
  - Iowa: 366,070 (11.6%), **+173.8%** from 2016

- **Individuals participating in Family Investment Program**
  - Black Hawk County: 1,617 (1.2%), **-63.2%** from 2016
  - Iowa: 22,504 (0.7%), **-59.6%** from 2016

* 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.”
**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.

**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.

**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.

**4th grade reading**

Students proficient on the Iowa Assessments and Iowa Alternate Assessment — Iowa Department of Education —

Reading proficiency 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.

**STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES**

**Single-parent families**

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.

**Child abuse & neglect**

Confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect among children 0-17 — Iowa Dept. of Human Services —

Experiencing abuse or neglect is one of the adverse childhood experiences that hinders healthy development — physical, mental and cognitive — and can affect well-being far into adulthood.

**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.

**Child deaths**

Deaths of children ages 1-14 per 100,000 children — Iowa Department of Public Health —

Child death rates can point to underlying problems and inequities within a community, such as the safety of neighborhoods, access to health care or exposure to environmental toxins.

**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.

**ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS**

**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.

**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 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.

**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.

**EITC**

Individual tax filers who receive the Earned Income Tax Credit — Internal Revenue Service —

The EITC is recognized across the political spectrum as a successful anti-poverty program that ensures that people who work are able to provide for their families.