## Iowa County Data Snapshot

### Demographic Summary

- Total population: 16,231
- Under 18: 3,812 (23.5%)
- Under 6: 1,257 (7.7%)

### Child Population (under 18) by Race/Ethnicity

- African American: 47 (1.2%)
- Asian: 5 (0.1%)
- Native American: 0 (0.0%)
- White, non-Hispanic: 3,534 (92.7%)
- Other: 37 (1.0%)
- Multiple: 67 (1.8%)
- Hispanic (any race): 167 (4.4%)

### Family & Community Economic Well-Being

| Metric                                      | Iowa County 2017 | Iowa 2017 | Chg from 2000
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------
| Children living under the poverty level     | 284 (7.7%)       | 90,244 (12.6%) | +26.2%          |
| Unemployed individuals age 16 and over      | 277 (2.6%)       | 52,524 (3.1%)  | +44.5%          |

### School Readiness & Success

| Metric                                      | Iowa County 2017 | Iowa 2003 | Chg from 2000
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------
| 3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (2013-17 average) | 266 (62.9%) | 37,780 (47.5%) | +70.4%          |
| Fourth graders proficient in reading (2003) | 149 (83.7%) | 25,718 (75.3%) | +7.7%           |
| Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (2003) | 138 (82.1%) | 25,321 (76.1%) | +13.7%          |
| High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years) | 175 (95.6%) | 31,661 (91.1%) | -1.7%           |

### Stable, Secure Families

| Metric                                      | Iowa County 2017 | Iowa 2003 | Chg from 2000
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------
| Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)    | 27 (7.2)         | 9,439 (12.9) | +70.9%          |
| Single-parent families (2013-17 average)    | 509 (24.9%)      | 114,705 (31.0%) | +29.4%          |
| Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth) | * * * | 1,698 (1.6%) | -52.7%          |
| Live births that are to unmarried teens     | * * *            | 1,571 (4.1%) | -51.1%          |

### Healthy Children

| Metric                                      | Iowa County 2017 | Iowa 2003 | Chg from 2000
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------
| Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (2007) | 166 (90.2%) | 30,236 (79.1%) | +11.3%          |
| Infant Mortality (per 1,000)                | * * *            | 202 (5.3) | -16.5%         |
| Child deaths (per 100,000)                  | * * *            | 99 (17) | -19.0%          |
| Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds) | 11 (6.0%) | 2,528 (6.6%) | -7.3%          |
| Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (2013-17 average) | 124 (3.1%) | 26,207 (3.4%) | N/A             |

### Use of Public Supports

| Metric                                      | Iowa County 2017 | Iowa 2003 | Chg from 2000
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------
| Children 0-4 receiving WIC (2003)           | 65 (6.7%)        | 53,604 (26.9%) | -68.5%          |
| Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches | 837 (31.7%) | 198,885 (41.3%) | +72.6%          |
| Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (2016) | 820 (10.3%) | 209,230 (14.5%) | +53.0%          |
| Individuals receiving Food Assistance       | 991 (6.2%)       | 366,070 (11.6%) | +236.0%         |
| Individuals participating in Family Investment Program | 38 (0.2%) | 22,504 (0.7%) | -65.8%          |

* Incidences of five or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.
### 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

**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.

**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.

#### 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.