### Marion County

#### Demographic summary

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<tr>
<td>Total population</td>
<td>33,127</td>
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<td>Under 18</td>
<td>7,941</td>
<td>24.0%</td>
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<td>Under 6</td>
<td>2,379</td>
<td>7.2%</td>
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Child population (under 18) by race/ethnicity

- African American: 84 (1.1%)
- Asian: 61 (0.8%)
- Native American: 0 (0.0%)
- White, non-Hispanic: 7,328 (92.3%)
- Other: 111 (1.4%)
- Multiple: 265 (3.3%)
- Hispanic (any race): 240 (3.0%)

#### FAMILY & COMMUNITY ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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<td>Children living under the poverty level</td>
<td>666</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
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<td>Unemployed individuals age 16 and over</td>
<td>460</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
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#### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

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<td>3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (*2013-17 average)</td>
<td>262</td>
<td>29.9%</td>
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<td>Fourth graders proficient in reading (*2003)</td>
<td>09</td>
<td>80.5%</td>
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<td>Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (*2003)</td>
<td>301</td>
<td>82.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)</td>
<td>392</td>
<td>96.8%</td>
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#### STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

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<td>Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>9.2%</td>
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<td>Single-parent families (*2013-17 average)</td>
<td>932</td>
<td>23.6%</td>
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<td>Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
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<td>Live births that are to unmarried teens</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>3.6%</td>
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#### HEALTHY CHILDREN

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<td>Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (*2007)</td>
<td>312</td>
<td>86.7%</td>
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<td>Infant Mortality (per 1,000)</td>
<td>*</td>
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<td>Child deaths (per 100,000)</td>
<td>*</td>
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<td>Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
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<td>Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (*2013-17 average)</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>1.0%</td>
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#### USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS

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<td>Children 0-4 receiving WIC (*2003)</td>
<td>449</td>
<td>23.5%</td>
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<td>Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches</td>
<td>1,698</td>
<td>31.9%</td>
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<td>Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (*2016)</td>
<td>1,770</td>
<td>11.9%</td>
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<td>Individuals receiving Food Assistance</td>
<td>2,889</td>
<td>8.7%</td>
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<td>Individuals participating in Family Investment Program</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>0.4%</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.

**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.

**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**
**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.

**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.

**STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES**
**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.

**HEALTHY CHILDREN**
**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.

**HEALTHY CHILDREN**
**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.

**ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS**
**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.

**ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS**
**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.

**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.

**ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS**
**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.