## Data Summary

### Demographic Summary
- **Total population**: 7,308
- **Under 18**: 1,759 (24.1%)
- **Under 6**: 526 (7.2%)

### Child Population (under 18) by Race/Ethnicity
- **African American**: 35 (2.0%)
- **Asian**: 0 (0.0%)
- **Native American**: 0 (0.0%)
- **White, non-Hispanic**: 1,610 (91.5%)
- **Other**: 3 (0.2%)
- **Multiple**: 64 (3.6%)
- **Hispanic (any race)**: 68 (3.9%)

### Family & Community Economic Well-Being

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<td>Children living under the poverty level</td>
<td>336</td>
<td>90,244</td>
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<td>Unemployed individuals age 16 and over</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>52,524</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>97</td>
<td>37,780</td>
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<td>Fourth graders proficient in reading (2003)</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>25,718</td>
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<td>Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (2003)</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>25,321</td>
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<td>High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>31,661</td>
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### Stable, Secure Families

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<td>Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>9,439</td>
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<td>Single-parent families (2013-17 average)</td>
<td>139</td>
<td>114,705</td>
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<td>Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>1,698</td>
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<td>Live births that are to unmarried teens</td>
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<td>1,571</td>
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### Healthy Children

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<td>Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (2007)</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>30,236</td>
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<td>Infant Mortality (per 1,000)</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>202</td>
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<td>Child deaths (per 100,000)</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>99</td>
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<td>Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2,528</td>
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<td>Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (2013-17 average)</td>
<td>420</td>
<td>26,207</td>
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### Use of Public Supports

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<td>Children 0-4 receiving WIC (2003)</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>53,604</td>
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<td>Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches</td>
<td>405</td>
<td>198,885</td>
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<td>Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (2016)</td>
<td>510</td>
<td>209,230</td>
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<td>Individuals receiving Food Assistance</td>
<td>795</td>
<td>366,070</td>
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<td>Individuals participating in Family Investment Program</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>22,504</td>
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* Incidences of five or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality

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To download data or view data snapshots for other Iowa counties, visit [www.cfpciowa.org](http://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 Public 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 ages 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

**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.