## Woodbury County
### Demographic summary
- **Total population**: 102,397
- **Under 18**: 26,878 (26.2%)
- **Under 6**: 8,981 (8.8%)

Child population (under 18) by race/ethnicity:
- **African American**: 1,063 (4.0%)
- **Asian**: 736 (2.7%)
- **Native American**: 625 (2.3%)
- **White, non-Hispanic**: 16,383 (61.0%)
- **Other**: 781 (2.9%)
- **Multiple**: 2,097 (7.8%)
- **Hispanic (any race)**: 6,845 (25.5%)

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### FAMILY & COMMUNITY ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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<td><strong>Children living under the poverty level</strong></td>
<td>4,221</td>
<td>90,244</td>
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<td><strong>Unemployed individuals age 16 and over</strong></td>
<td>1,738</td>
<td>52,524</td>
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### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

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<td><strong>3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool</strong></td>
<td>1,363</td>
<td>37,780</td>
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<td><strong>Fourth graders proficient in reading</strong></td>
<td>962</td>
<td>25,718</td>
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<td><strong>Eighth graders proficient in mathematics</strong></td>
<td>887</td>
<td>25,321</td>
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<td><strong>High school graduation</strong></td>
<td>1,080</td>
<td>31,661</td>
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### STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

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<td><strong>Cases of child abuse/neglect</strong></td>
<td>615</td>
<td>9,439</td>
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<td><strong>Single-parent families</strong></td>
<td>5,551</td>
<td>114,705</td>
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<td><strong>Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)</strong></td>
<td>98</td>
<td>1,698</td>
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<td><strong>Live births that are to unmarried teens</strong></td>
<td>93</td>
<td>1,571</td>
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### HEALTHY CHILDREN

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<td><strong>Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester</strong></td>
<td>1,085</td>
<td>30,236</td>
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<td><strong>Infant Mortality</strong></td>
<td>8</td>
<td>202</td>
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<td><strong>Child deaths</strong></td>
<td>*</td>
<td>99</td>
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<td><strong>Low birthweight</strong></td>
<td>74</td>
<td>2,528</td>
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<td><strong>Children 0-18 uninsured during the year</strong></td>
<td>881</td>
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### USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS

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<td><strong>Children 0-4 receiving WIC</strong></td>
<td>3,085</td>
<td>53,604</td>
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<td><strong>Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches</strong></td>
<td>9,949</td>
<td>198,885</td>
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<td><strong>Individual tax filers who receive the EITC</strong></td>
<td>9,400</td>
<td>209,230</td>
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<td><strong>Individuals receiving Food Assistance</strong></td>
<td>17,032</td>
<td>366,070</td>
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<td><strong>Individuals participating in Family Investment Program</strong></td>
<td>1,073</td>
<td>22,504</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](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.

#### 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.

**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.

#### 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.

**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 antipoverty program that ensures that people who work are able to provide for their families.