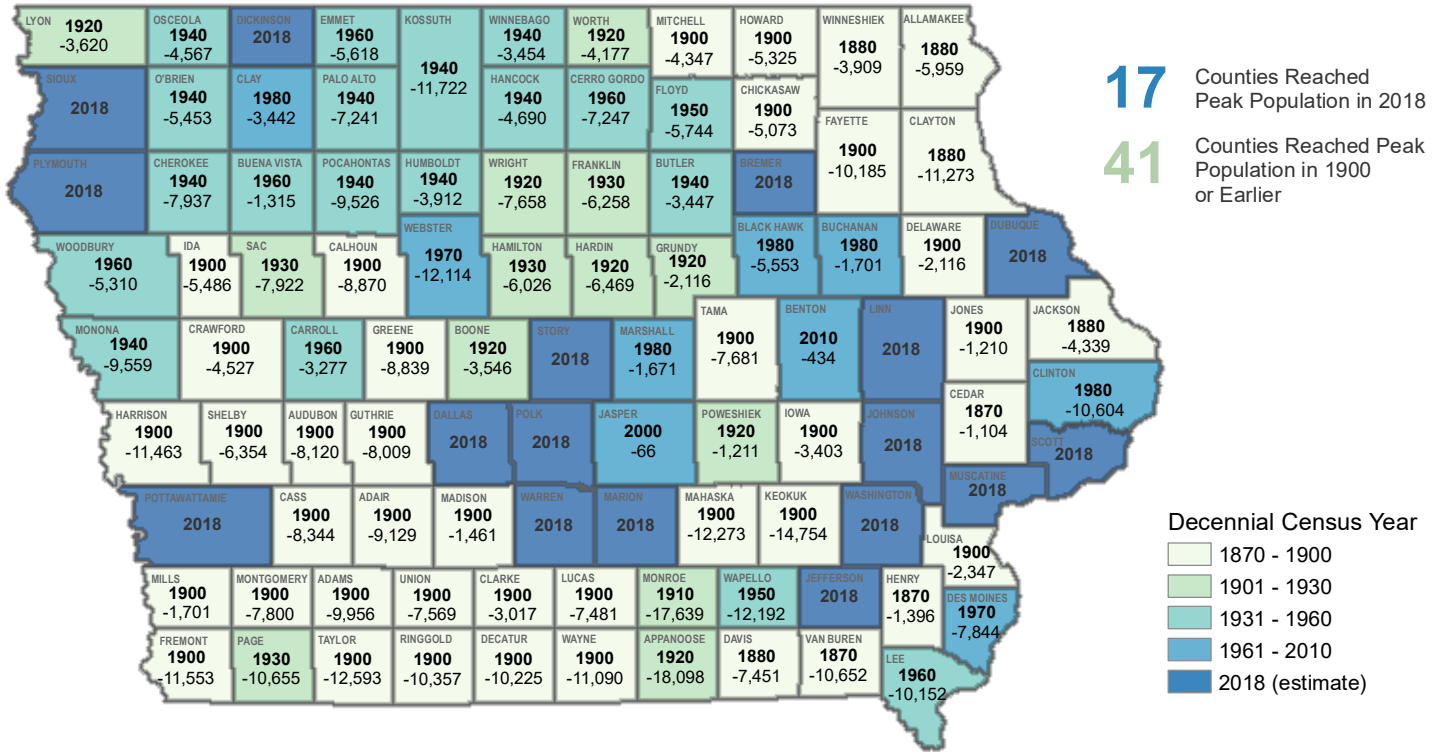


Iowa Historic Population Trends

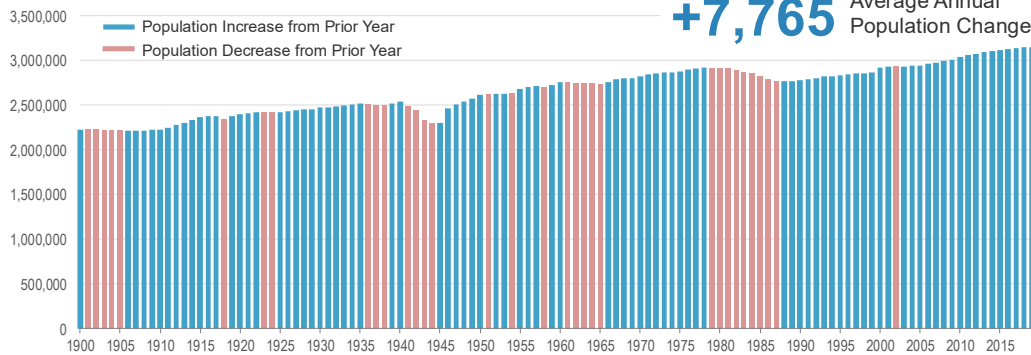
Year of Peak Population — Decennial Census Years 1850-2018

With Decline in Population Since Peak



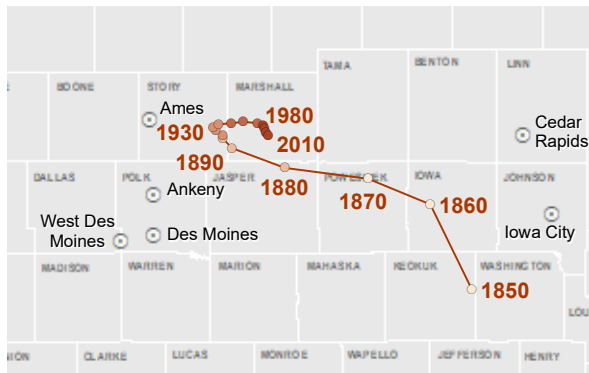
Iowa Population by Census — 1900-2019

With Annual Percent Change



- Population growth in Iowa has been modest but steady, growing at an average rate of 0.3% each year since 1900, an average of 7,765 persons.
- The largest single-year population loss was 1942-1943 due to WW II of 105,000 people — a 4.3% loss; the largest single-year gain was 1945-1946, 159,000 people, a 6.9% gain attributed to the baby boom.
- The largest period of population decline in Iowa was in the 1980s during the farm crisis, a 5.1% decline a loss of 151,058 people over 9 years.

Iowa Mean Population Center — 1860-2010



Marshalltown, IA

The mean center of population is determined as the place where an imaginary, flat, weightless map of the U.S. would balance perfectly if all residents were of identical weight.

Iowa's mean center has trended to the northwest until 1930 when it turned eastward from Story County into Marshall County. In 1980 the center began to trend more southerly. The closest city is Marshalltown.

Nationally, the mean population center has trended westward, with a more southwesterly pattern in recent decades. The national mean population center is near Plato in south central Missouri

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 Population Estimate; LSA calculations
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