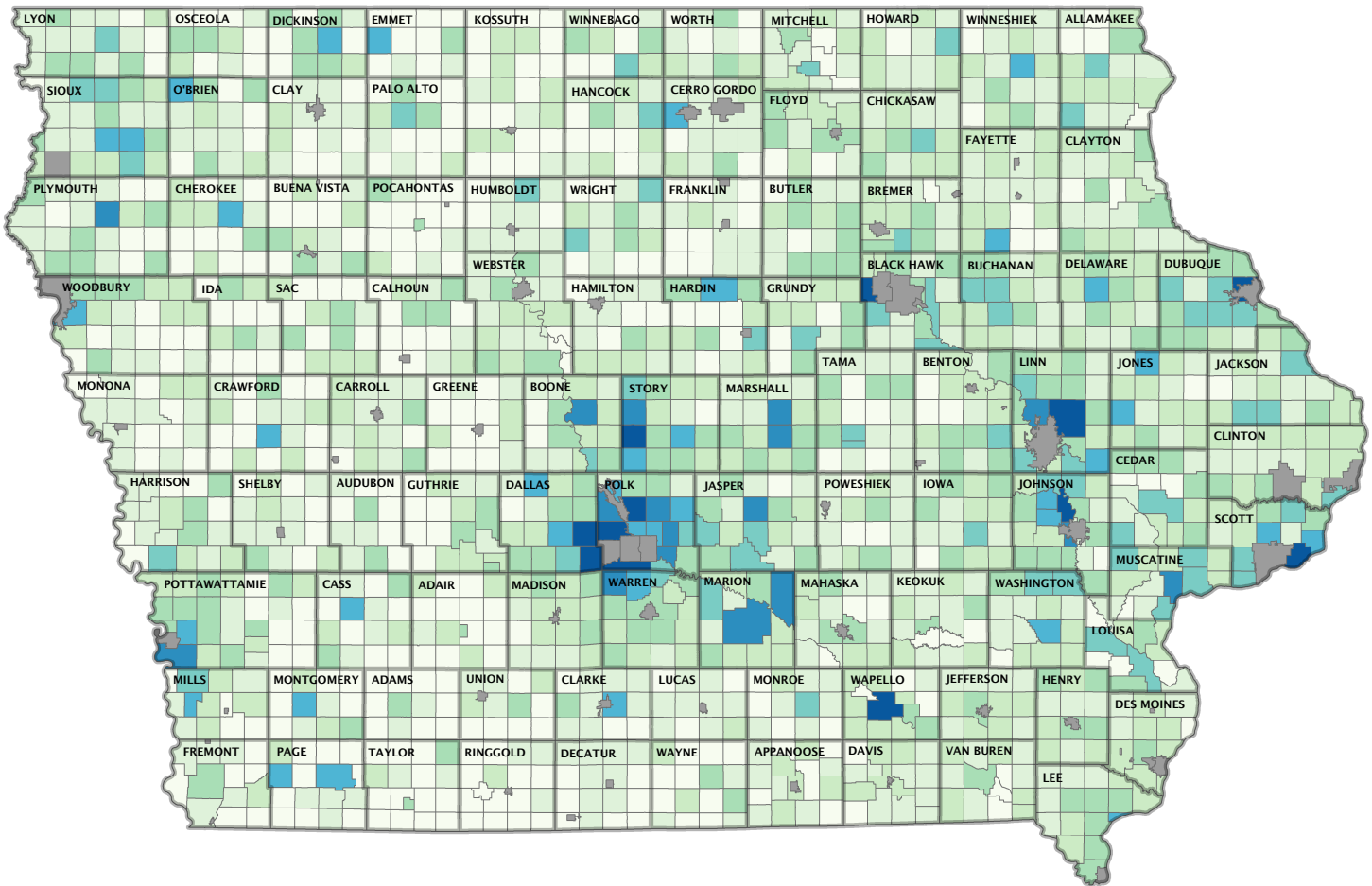


2020 U.S. Decennial Census by Township

A township is a division of local government in the United States. The term may also be used to refer to a geographic subdivision of a county. Townships in Iowa are classified as administrative subdivisions of the counties. For that reason, the U.S. Census Bureau does not count Iowa's townships as separate governments and does not list Iowa among the states that have a civil township form of government.

Today, there are 1,586 townships in Iowa. Many townships are instrumental in providing fire protection, emergency medical services, and other services to unincorporated areas.



2020 Township Population



For more information on township governance, and the role townships play in Iowa, see the **Issue Review**: [Township Governance in Iowa](#).