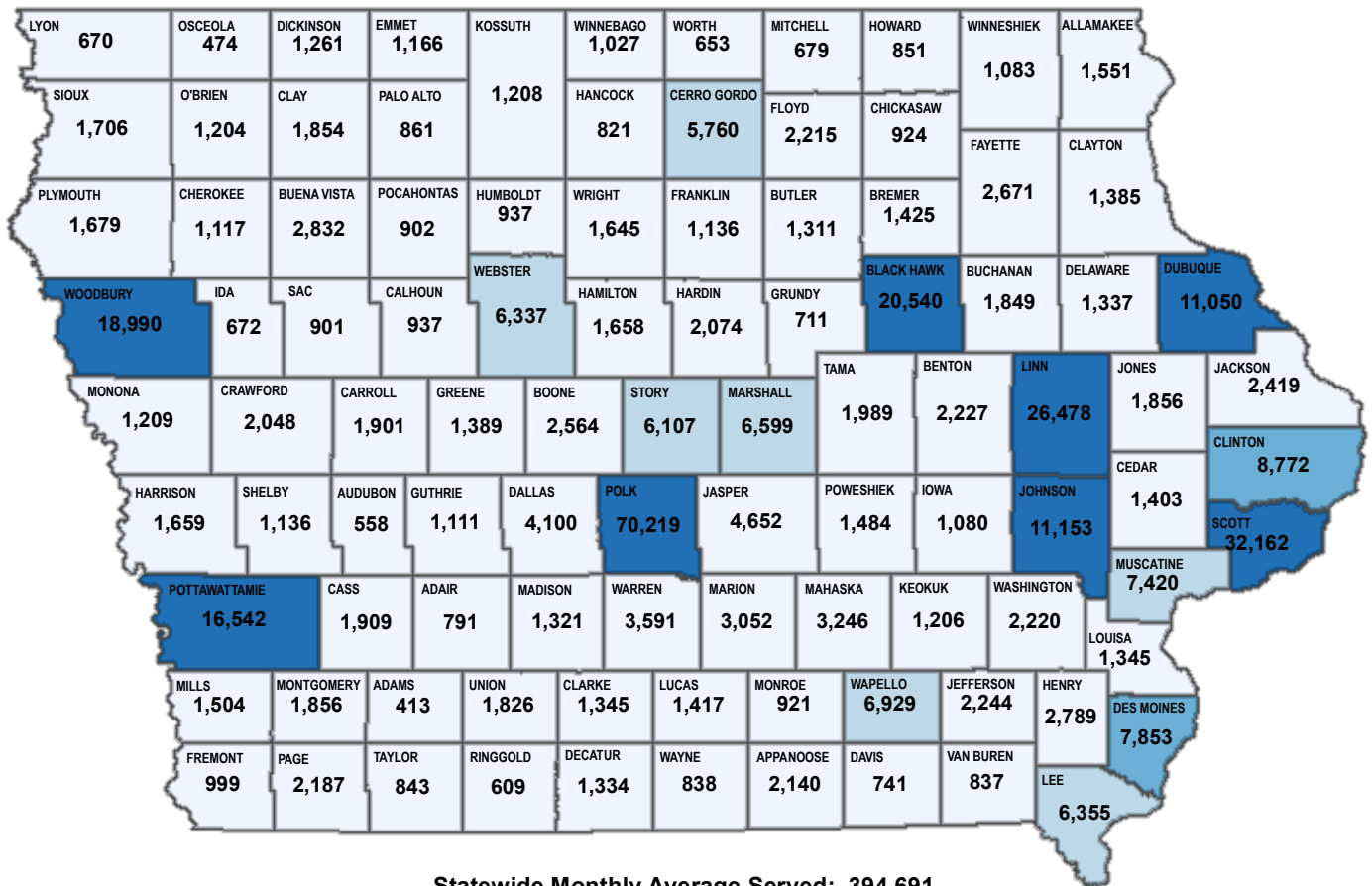
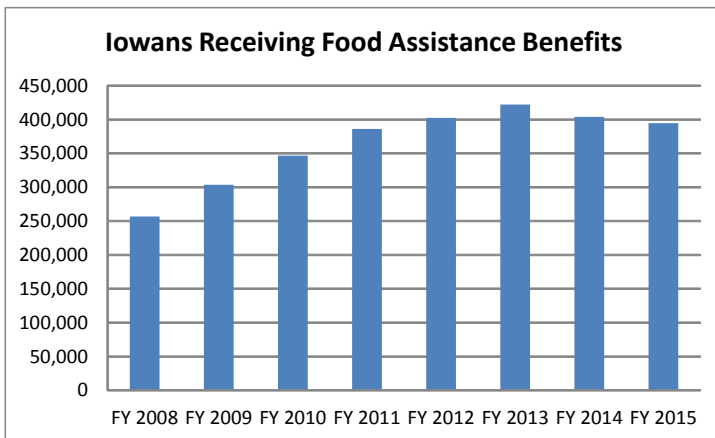
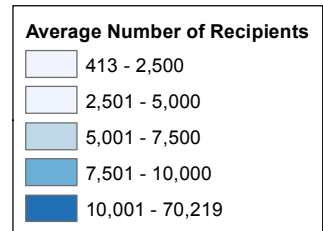


# AVERAGE NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS IN THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY COUNTY – FY 2015



**Statewide Monthly Average Served: 394,691**  
**Percentage of Population: 12.7%**

The fiscal year average is calculated by averaging the number of recipients receiving benefits each month by county.



**NOTES:**

- 1) To receive food assistance, an individual must be a resident of Iowa or a citizen or legally qualified noncitizen (such as a refugee) and have a household income that does not exceed 160.0% of the federal poverty level. For a family of three, that equals a gross annual income of approximately \$31,000.
- 2) The Food Assistance Program provides Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards that can be used to buy groceries at supermarkets, grocery stores, and some farmers markets.
- 3) 85.0% of food assistance recipients also receive Medicaid or Family Investment Program (FIP) benefits.