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The total number of people aged 75 years or older has increased over each of the last five decades. Data from the 2010 Census indicated Iowa had more residents 75 years old or older than children under the age of 5. There are 21 other states where this occurred.

Projections by Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., indicate that Iowa's population will continue to age and grow slowly.

Seventy counties experienced declining populations from 2010 to 2015. Ten had population declines of at least 500 people. Clinton and Cerro Gordo counties were only the two counties with a decline of more than 1,000 people.

Six counties had populations in excess of 100,000 people: Polk, Linn, Scott, Johnson, Black Hawk, and Woodbury. These six counties comprised 39.7% of the 2015 Iowa estimated population.

A total of 51.4% of the Iowa population is concentrated in 10 counties: Polk, Linn, Scott, Johnson, Black Hawk, Woodbury, Dubuque, Story, Pottawattamie, and Dallas.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau