

## **2015 CENSUS INFORMATION FOR IOWA NATIONAL COMPARISON**

- Iowa had an estimated 3,123,899 residents in 2015 according to the U.S. Census Bureau, a gain of 73,205 compared to the 2010 census. This gain of 2.4% was less than the growth rate for the nation (3.9%).
- Illinois (0.1%), Wisconsin (1.4%), and Missouri (1.5%), grew at a slower rate than Iowa. Minnesota (3.4%), Nebraska (3.6%), and South Dakota (5.2%) grew at a greater rate than Iowa.
- Twenty-one states had a slower growth rate than Iowa.
- Six states accounted for 56.5% of the total national population growth: Texas, California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Washington.
- Iowa's population has increased by 13.3% since the 1960 Census. Iowa's population has increased by 40.4% since the 1910 Census.
- In 1990, 1,650,703 (59.4%) of the population resided in an urban area, compared to 1,950,256 (64.0%) in 2010.
- In 1990, 1,126,682 (40.6%) of the population resided in a rural area, compared to 1,096,099 (36.0%) in 2010.

### **IOWA FACTS**

- In 2015, a total of 6.3% of the Iowa population was less than 5 years old and 23.3% were less than 18 years old. A total of 16.1% of the Iowa population was 65 years or older.
- 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.
- In 2015 Iowa had 945 incorporated places.
  - There were 669 places with fewer than 1,000 residents.
  - There were 114 places with between 1,000 and 1,999 residents.
  - There were 80 places with between 2,000 and 4,999 residents.
  - There were 42 places with between 5,000 and 9,999 residents.
  - There were 29 places with between 10,000 and 49,999 residents.
  - There were 11 places with more than 50,000 residents.
- 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