

IOWA PROFILE



Chapter 8

STATE SYMBOLS OF IOWA

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STATE BANNER



Iowa was almost 75 years old before the state banner was adopted by the General Assembly. Creation of a state banner had been suggested for years by patriotic organizations, but no action was taken until World War I, when Iowa National Guardsmen stationed along the Mexican border saw that regiments from other states had banners and suggested a state banner was needed to designate their unit. This prompted the state's Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to design a banner in 1917. The General Assembly officially adopted the design in 1921.

With the memory of the Civil War still fresh in their minds, Iowans had not adopted a state banner because they felt a national banner was the only one needed. Approval of the banner was aided by patriotic organizations that launched a campaign to explain that a state banner was not meant to take the place of the national emblem.

The banner, designed by DAR member Mrs. Dixie Cornell Gebhardt of Knoxville, consists of three vertical stripes of blue, white, and red. Mrs. Gebhardt explained that the blue stands for loyalty, justice, and truth; the white for purity; and the red for courage. On the white center stripe is an eagle carrying in its beak blue streamers inscribed with the state motto: "Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain." The word "Iowa" is in red below the streamers.

All schools must fly the state banner on school days. The banner may be flown on the sites of public buildings. When displayed with the United States flag, the state banner must be flown below the national emblem.

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA



One of the initial Acts of the First General Assembly in 1847 was to create the Great Seal of the State of Iowa.

The two-inch-diameter seal pictures a citizen soldier standing in a wheat field, surrounded by farming and industrial tools, with the Mississippi River in the background. An eagle is overhead, holding in its beak a scroll bearing the state motto: "Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain." The motto was the work of a three-member Senate committee and was incorporated into the design of the seal at its suggestion.

The Great Seal cannot be used without the permission of the Governor. The state seal is retained in the custody of and under the control of the Governor, who uses the seal for official documents and functions.

STATE FLOWER

WILD ROSE



The General Assembly designated the wild rose as the official state flower in 1897. It was chosen for the honor because it was one of the decorations used on the silver service which the state presented for use on the Battleship U.S.S. *Iowa* that same year. Although no particular species of the flower was designated by the General Assembly, the wild prairie rose (*rosa pratincola*) is most often cited as the official flower.

Wild roses are found throughout the state and bloom from June through late summer. The flower, in varying shades of pink, is set off by many yellow stamens in the center.

STATE BIRD*EASTERN GOLDFINCH*

The General Assembly designated the eastern goldfinch, also known as the American goldfinch and the wild canary, as the official state bird in 1933. It was chosen as the state bird because it is commonly found in Iowa and often stays through the winter.

Seeds from dandelions, sunflowers, ragweed, and evening primrose are the main source of food for the eastern goldfinch (*carduelis tristis*). In late July or early August they build their nests from plant materials and line them with thistledown. The pale blue-white eggs of the eastern goldfinch incubate for two weeks and the young birds leave the nest when they are two or three weeks old.

The top of the male's head is topped with black. The bright yellow body has a black tail and wings. The female has a dull olive-yellow body with a brown tail and wings. The male goldfinch acquires the same dull plumage in the winter months.

STATE ROCK*GEODE*

The General Assembly designated the geode as the official state rock in 1967. Because Iowa is well known for the presence of the geode, it was chosen as the official rock in an effort to promote

tourism in the state. Legislators who favored making the geode the state rock pointed out that it is among the rarest and most beautiful rocks and that Iowa is known worldwide because of the large number found in the state. Other rocks considered for official status were limestone and fossil coral.

In Latin, the word “geode” means earthlike. Geodes are shaped like the earth and average about four inches in diameter. Geodes are found in limestone formations and have a hard outer shell. When carefully broken open, a sparkling lining of mineral crystals, most often quartz and calcite, is revealed. Geologists attribute the crystal growth to the percolation of groundwater in the geologic past.

Southeastern Iowa is one of the state’s best geode-collecting areas. Geode State Park in Henry County is named for the occurrence of the geode.

STATE TREE

OAK



The oak was designated as the official state tree in 1961. The General Assembly chose the oak because it is abundant in the state and serves as shelter, food, and nesting cover for many animals and birds.

It is difficult to find a tract of natural woodland in Iowa that does not harbor at least one species of oak. No other group of trees is more important to people and wildlife. Acorns, the nuts of oak trees, are a dietary staple of many animals and birds. Wild turkeys, pheasants, quail, wood ducks, raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, blue jays, nuthatches, grackles, and several kinds of woodpeckers are a few of the species that depend on acorns for a significant portion of their diet.

THE SONG OF IOWA

Air. "Der Tannenbaum."* (My Maryland)

By. S. H. M. BYERS

1. You ask what land I love the best, I - o - wa, 'tis I - o - wa, The
2. See you - der fields of tasselled corn, I - o - wa, in I - o - wa, Where

fair - est State of all the west, I - o - wa, O! I - o - wa. From
Plen - ty fills her gold - en horn, I - o - wa, in I - o - wa. See

you - der Mis - sis - sip - pi's stream To where Mis - sou - ri's wa - ters gleam O!
how her won - drous prai - ries shine To you - der sun - set's pur - pling line, O!

fair it is as po - et's dream, I - o - wa, in I - o - wa.
hap - py land, O! land of mine, I - o - wa, O! I - o - wa.

3. And she has maids whose laughing eyes.
Iowa, O! Iowa.
To him who loves were Paradise,
Iowa, O! Iowa.
O! happiest fate that e'er was known,
Such eyes to shine for one alone,
To call such beauty all his own.
Iowa, O! Iowa.

4. Go read the story of thy past.
Iowa, O! Iowa.
What glorious deeds, what fame thou hast!
Iowa, O! Iowa.
So long as time's great cycle runs,
Or nations weep their fallen ones,
Thou't not forget thy patriot sons,
Iowa, O! Iowa.

There is frequently much confusion as to the status of the so-called state songs, due largely to the fact that they may be chosen by official action, by popular approval, or by a combination of the two methods. In the Middle West particularly, where state boundaries are artificial and the population has constantly shifted, it is not surprising that there should be much uncertainty. There have been many aspirants to the honor of writing the state song for Iowa, but only three or four of these songs have received noteworthy official or popular recognition.

First in point of time and official recognition is *The Song of Iowa*, the words of which were written by S.H.M. Byers, who gives the following account of the inspiration of the song:

At the great battle of Lookout Mountain I was captured, in a charge, and taken to Libby Prison, Richmond, Va. I was there seven months, in one room. The rebel bands often passed the prison, and for our discomfiture, sometimes played the tune *My Maryland*, set

to southern and bitter words. Hearing it once through our barred window, I said to myself, "I would like some day to put that tune to loyal words."

Many years later, in 1897, Mr. Byers carried out his wish and wrote a song to the music of *Der Tannenbaum*, the old German folk song which the Confederates had used for *My Maryland*. The next night a French concert singer at the Foster Opera House in Des Moines sang the new song upon the request of Mr. Byers. The number was a great success and was encored again and again.

While Major Byers thus had the honor of writing Iowa's official song, the best known and most popular song of the state is the famous *Iowa Corn Song*, which every loyal son and daughter of the Hawkeye State sings lustily on any and all occasions, reaching their hands as high toward Heaven as they possibly can when the words roar forth "That's where the tall corn grows."

This famous song was written by George Hamilton, secretary of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and a big man in the Masonic Lodge, particularly among Shriners, with later help from Professor John T. Beeston, the well-known band leader, sung to the tune of *Traveling*.

George Hamilton started the song back in 1912 when a delegation of Za-Ga-Zig Shriners had gone to Los Angeles, California, to participate in the huge Shrine convention, and it was realized that what Iowa needed was a rousing marching song, which should advertise the chief product of the state: corn. So Hamilton wrote the original stanza, dealing mainly with the glories of the Shrine, and tacked on the original and still-intact chorus, which is far the best known and most rousing part of the song. Hundreds of later verses have been added by Hamilton himself, Professor Beeston, and others, but as it is published and usually sung, the song goes in this manner:

Let's sing of grand old I O W A Y,
 Yo-ho; yo-ho; yo-ho.
 Our love is strong ev'ry day,
 Yo-ho; yo-ho; yo-ho.
 So come along and join the throng,
 Sev'ral hundred thousand strong,
 As you come, just sing this song:
 Yo-ho; yo-ho; yo-ho.

Chorus:

We're from Ioway, Ioway;
 State of all the land,
 Joy on every hand;
 We're from Ioway, Ioway.
 That's where the tall corn grows.

Our land is full of ripening corn,
 Yo-ho; yo-ho; yo-ho.
 We've watched it grow by night and morn,
 Yo-ho; yo-ho; yo-ho.
 But now we rest, we've stood the test;
 All that's good, we have the best;
 Ioway has reached the crest;
 Yo-ho; yo-ho; yo-ho.

Chorus.

HOMES OF IOWA GOVERNORS

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In 1947, Iowa purchased the first official residence for Iowa's Governors. Until that time, Iowa Governors were responsible for providing their own housing while in office. Governor William L. Harding (1917–1921) was the one exception: He lived in a house at 1027 Des Moines Street, purchased by the state as part of the Capitol expansion plan. After Harding's administration, this home became the office of the Health Department; it was later occupied by the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Public Instruction until demolished in 1969.

Many of Iowa's Governors made their homes in Des Moines hotels, while others purchased or rented homes in the area. Legislation and plans for construction of a Governor's residence were proposed, but none came to fruition. Because of severe postwar shortages of new housing materials, the General Assembly finally purchased a large neo-colonial-style home at 2900 Grand Avenue in 1947. The residence, built in 1903 by Des Moines businessman W.W. Witmer, was occupied by Governor William S. Beardsley (1949–1954) in January 1949. It served as the official residence until 1976, when it was supplanted by Terrace Hill and sold by the state.

Terrace Hill

Terrace Hill, a three-story Second Empire-style mansion, was built in 1866–1869 by Des Moines pioneer, banker, and businessman Benjamin Franklin Allen. Designed by Chicago architect William W. Boyington, originally situated on 29 acres with outbuildings including a carriage house and a greenhouse, it was considered the most elegant house west of the Mississippi. The completed mansion's \$250,000 construction cost included ornate furnishings, polished hardwoods, brass chandeliers, and marble fireplaces. Innovative mechanical features included steam heating, gaslights, indoor plumbing, and a single-person elevator.



The Terrace Hill Mansion, completed in 1869, has been the home of Iowa Governors since 1976.

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Allen's tenure in Terrace Hill was brief. He held a grand housewarming on the occasion of his 15th wedding anniversary in January of 1869, but met financial disaster in 1873, eventually selling Terrace Hill to Frederick Marion Hubbell in 1884 for \$55,000. F.M. Hubbell took great pride in his mansion and made substantial changes, including the addition of an exquisite, seven and one-half foot chandelier and a magnificent stained-glass window. Members of the Hubbell family made Terrace Hill home until 1957. In May 1971, the descendants of F.M. Hubbell presented the keys of this soon-to-be Governor's residence to Governor Robert D. Ray, and in 1972, the General Assembly passed legislation authorizing the development of Terrace Hill as the Governor's mansion and a historical site open to the public.

The third floor of Terrace Hill was extensively renovated as living quarters for the First Family, and in 1976 Governor Ray and his family were the first residents. By 1986, the first and second floor

renovations were substantially completed, including the reproduction of the historic stenciling. These rooms form the historic house museum portion of the mansion, and are furnished and decorated in the elaborate 19th century styles that were characteristic of Terrace Hill's past, including furniture and artwork from the Hubbell era.

Governors and their families who have called Terrace Hill their home include:

- 1976 – 1982 — Governor Robert D. Ray, First Lady Billie Ray, and their daughters, Randi, LuAnn, and Vicki
- 1983 – 1998 — Governor Terry E. Branstad, First Lady Chris Branstad, and their children, Eric, Allison, and Marcus
- 1999 – 2007 — Governor Thomas J. Vilsack and First Lady Christie Vilsack
- 2007 – 2011 — Governor Chester John “Chet” Culver, First Lady Mari Culver, and their children, John and Clare
- 2011 – 2017 — Governor Terry E. Branstad and First Lady Chris Branstad
- 2017 – present — Governor Kim Reynolds and First Gentleman Kevin Reynolds

Terrace Hill was designated a National Historic Landmark on July 31, 2003, achieving the highest possible distinction awarded to historic sites in our nation. Funds for renovation have been provided by the General Assembly and through private contributions raised by not-for-profit organizations which support Terrace Hill.

Few executive residences in the United States are as accessible to the public as Terrace Hill, yet in addition to serving as a museum, the home offers comfortable and quiet repose for the First Family. Visitors to Terrace Hill have come from every state and from six continents. Official receptions have honored delegations from foreign countries including China, Japan, the former U.S.S.R., and Canada. Terrace Hill continues to be a place where history comes alive.



The Drawing Room

Photo courtesy of Iowa Tourism Office

STATE CAPITOL



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The location of the Capitol on its commanding site resulted from a series of decisions that began at the time of statehood. The new state quickly recognized that the Capitol should be farther west than Iowa City, and the 1st General Assembly, in 1846, authorized a commission to select a location. Amidst rivalries, a Jasper County selection was made and then rejected. In 1854, the General Assembly decreed a location “within two miles of the Raccoon fork of the Des Moines River.” The exact spot was chosen when Wilson Alexander Scott gave the state nine and one-half acres where the Capitol now stands.

A group of Des Moines citizens built a temporary Capitol (which was later bought by the state) near where the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument now stands. In 1857, Governor James W. Grimes proclaimed Des Moines to be the capital city, and state papers and functions were transported there. The temporary Capitol was in use for 30 years, until destroyed by fire; but in the meantime, the permanent Capitol was being planned and built.

In 1870, the General Assembly established a Capitol commission to employ an architect, choose a plan for a building (not to cost more than \$1,500,000), and proceed with the work, but only by using funds available without increasing the tax rate.

The board employed Edward Clark, architect of the Capitol extension in Washington, D.C., to aid in selecting plans and modifying them to keep the cost within the limits of appropriations. The commission also instituted tests to ascertain whether Iowa stone could be found suitable for building. John C. Cochrane and A.H. Piquenard were designated as architects, and a cornerstone was laid on November 23, 1871. Much of the original stone deteriorated through waterlogging and severe weather and had to be replaced. The original nine-member commission was removed and replaced by a smaller three-member commission. The original nine commissioners’ names were removed from the cornerstone and it was relaid on September 29, 1873.

Although the building could not be constructed for \$1,500,000 as planned, the Cochrane and Piquenard design was retained and modifications were undertaken. Cochrane resigned in 1872, but Piquenard continued until his death in 1876. He was succeeded by two of his assistants, M.E. Bell

and W.F. Hackney. Bell resigned in 1883 to become supervising architect for the Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C., and Hackney continued until completion of the building.

Successive general assemblies made appropriations, and the commission completed the building within the limits of the funds appropriated. The building was dedicated in January 1884, when the General Assembly was in session. The Governor's and other offices were occupied in 1885. The Supreme Court room was dedicated in 1886.

The building commission made its final report on June 30, 1886. The cost had totaled \$2,873,294.59. The audit showed that only \$3.77 was unaccounted for in the 15 years. The commission bemoaned that it could not have had another \$30,000 to finish the decorative paintings and build the south and west steps.

In 1902, in order to modernize and repair the building, a fourth Capitol commission was created. While work proceeded, a disastrous fire in the north wing, on January 4, 1904, ruined the House chamber and damaged other offices. The commission repaired the damaged areas of the building, purchased paintings and mosaics, and decorated most of the interior public spaces. The original decorations are still in the Senate. These expenditures raised the total cost of the Capitol to \$3,296,256.

Design of Capitol

The architectural design of the Capitol, rectangular in form, with great windows and high ceilings, follows the traditional pattern of the 19th century planning for public buildings, a modified and refined Renaissance style which gives the impression of strength and dignity combined with utility.

The commanding feature is the central towering dome constructed of iron and brick and covered with 23-carat gold. The dome is surmounted by a lookout lantern that may be reached by long and winding stairs, and it terminates in a finial that is 275 feet above the ground floor. The rotunda beneath the dome is 67 feet in diameter. Four smaller domes of simple design rise from the four corners of the Capitol. The pediment over the front entrance discloses a fine piece of allegorical sculpture.

Stone for the basement was quarried in Johnson County; granite came from Iowa boulders; stone of the main structure came from Ste. Genevieve and Carroll Counties, Missouri; and steps, columns, and other parts came from Anamosa; Cleveland, Ohio; Sauk Rapids, Minnesota; and Lamont and Joliet, Illinois. Twenty-nine types of imported and domestic marble were used in the interior, and the twelve types of wood used were almost all native to Iowa and Midwestern forests. Mahogany was the only imported wood.

The beauty, dignity, and arrangement of the interior become apparent as a visitor stands under the dome of the first floor. Broad, lofty corridors extend west, north, and south. Walls are highly decorated. The grand staircase is to the east. Suites opening from the south corridor are those of the Governor, Auditor of State, and Treasurer of State. The historical Supreme Court Chamber is to the north; the Secretary of State's suite is to the west.

The grand staircase ascends to a landing and divides north and south to bring visitors to the floor above, where the House of Representatives is on the north, the Senate on the south, and the Law Library on the west.

The Senate hall is 58 feet long, 91 feet wide, and 41.9 feet in height. It is finished in marble, white oak, and scagliola, and is furnished in mahogany. The figures in the ceiling represent Industry, Law, Agriculture, Peace, History, and Commerce.

The hall of the House of Representatives is 74 by 91.4 feet, and 47.9 feet in height. It is finished in marble, scagliola, and black walnut.

The Law Library is 108.4 feet long, 52.6 feet wide, and 44.9 feet high. It is finished in ash and chestnut and beautifully wainscoted in marble.

The Mural *Westward*



Extending the full width of the east wall over the staircase is the great mural painting *Westward*, an idealized representation of the coming of the people who made Iowa. The painting was completed shortly after the turn of the 20th century. Edwin H. Blashfield, the artist, wrote of it:

The main idea of the picture is a symbolical presentation of the Pioneers led by the spirits of Civilization and Enlightenment to the conquest by cultivation of the Great West. Considered pictorially, the canvas shows a prairie schooner drawn by oxen across the prairie. The family ride upon the wagon or walk at its side. Behind them and seen through the growth of stalks of corn at the right, come crowding the other pioneers and later men. In the air and before the wagon are floating four female figures; one holds the shield with the arms of the State of Iowa upon it; one holds a book symbolizing enlightenment; two others carry a basket and scatter the seeds which are symbolical of the change from wilderness to plowed fields and gardens that shall come over the prairie. Behind the wagon and also floating in the air, two female figures hold respectively a model of a stationary steam engine and of an electric dynamo to suggest the forces which come with the later men. In the right hand corner of the picture, melons, pumpkins, etc., among which stand a farmer and a girl, suggest that here is the fringe of cultivation and the beginning of the prairie. At the left a buffalo skull rather emphasizes this suggestion.

Mosaics

On the upper floor level above the *Westward* painting are six mosaics in arched panels depicting Defense, Charities, the Executive, the Legislative, the Judiciary, and Education. The mosaics were made in Venice, Italy, from small pieces of colored glass, according to designs by Frederick Dielman of New York, who also designed the mosaic panels, Law and History, in the Library of Congress.

Statues

Twelve statues, high within the rotunda, beginning north of the library door, represent History, Science, Law, Fame, Literature, Industry, Peace, Commerce, Agriculture, Victory, Truth, and Progress. S. Cottin created these statues.

Lunettes

Eight lunettes, or half-moon-shaped paintings, surrounding the rotunda are the work of Kenyon Cox, a famous American artist, entitled Hunting, Herding, Agriculture, the Forge, Commerce, Education, Science, and Art. They are allegorical and indicate the progress of civilization.

At the top of the staircase on the south wall is a painting of a basket of corn by Floyd V. Brackney, a native of Marshall County. The painting was the center of the Iowa exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

The Governor's Office

On January 1, 1885, Governor Buren R. Sherman became the first occupant of the present offices of the Governor of Iowa, following the dedication of the State Capitol the year before. Much of the decoration and original furnishings of that day are still preserved in the four-room suite.

The Governor's private office was moved from the east room to the west office by Governor Albert B. Cummins (1902 – 1906) in 1902. Governor Nathan E. Kendall (1921 – 1925) provided the solid, straight back chairs for visitors. Decorative paintings of the Great Seal of the State of Iowa and of the Iowa Territorial Seal adorn the ceiling of the Governor's private office.

The grandfather clock in the Governor's office dates from about 1750 and was once owned by the prominent Iowa author Emerson Hough of Newton.

The offices are 23 feet 9 inches from floor to ceiling. Prisms of cut Czechoslovakian crystal decorate the chandelier in the reception room. The woodwork was carved in cherry. The hearths and wainscoting are of fine domestic and imported marble. Paintings in the offices are of historical significance to the state.

Capitol Displays

The battle flags carried by the Iowa regiments in various wars are preserved in the State Museum and rotated for display in the northeast niche on the main floor of the Capitol. In the west hall is a bronze plaque created by Nellie V. Walker in commemoration of the work of Iowa women in the fight for political equality. Also in the west hall is a model of the Battleship U.S.S. *Iowa* on loan from the U.S. Navy Department. The model is 18 feet 7 inches long and weighs about 1,350 pounds. It is a perfect scale model, one-quarter inch equaling one foot.

In the south hall across from the Governor's office is the collection of dolls representing Iowa's First Spouses dressed in replicas of their inaugural attire. The idea was suggested by Mrs. Robert Ray as her bicentennial project and was presented to the state in 1976. Much research was done to make the attire as authentic as possible. Where actual descriptions of the attire could not be found, the attire is typical of the period. The dolls are porcelain and the women's faces were created from a profile of Mrs. Ray. First Gentleman Reynolds' doll was added in 2018. It is also porcelain and his likeness was used for his doll, as will be the case with any future first gentlemen.

Above the doll case is a photograph of the 168th Infantry of the Rainbow Division after the infantry return from France in 1919. It is 26 feet long and six feet high and is one of the largest reproduction photographs in the world.

A lofty banner, stretched high under the vault of the dome, is a G.A.R. emblem. It is a replica of a banner painted by Joseph Czizek on the occasion of a Des Moines convention of the Grand Army of the Republic. The replica was painted by Evergreen Paint Studios. The banner is retained as a permanent decoration by order of Governor Nathan E. Kendall in 1922.

Above the grand stairway, facing the large mural Westward, are quotations. On the south side is one by Patrick Henry: "No free government or the blessings of Liberty can be preserved to any people but a firm adherence to Justice, Moderation, Temperance, Frugality, and Virtue and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

On the north side is one by G.W. Curtis: "Courageous confidence in the intelligence of the community is the sure sign of leadership and success."

Underneath it is one by Solon: "The ideal state — that in which an injury done to the least of its citizens is an injury done to all."

Around the rotunda on the frieze above the columns is the famous Abraham Lincoln quotation: "This nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

RESTORATION OF THE IOWA STATE CAPITOL

Early Efforts

The latest Capitol restoration effort is not the first time Iowans have shown concern for preserving the architectural heritage of their Capitol. Minor restoration maintenance is documented as early as the years immediately following the building's completion in 1886. In 1904, when fire swept through the areas containing the Supreme Court and Iowa House of Representatives, major repairs were performed.

Little information is available about who performed the actual restoration during these early years, but evidence exists that Joseph Czizek, a Capitol decorator, made significant changes in the 1920s and 1930s. In the years preceding World War II, much of the maintenance work was contracted and awarded to government works programs.

The earlier efforts to preserve the Capitol mostly dealt with maintaining and upgrading the building's interior. It was not until 1965, when the dome was regilded at a cost of \$79,938, that a large-scale preservation effort and investment was made to the building's exterior.

Renewed Efforts

By the 1950s, many of the rooms and corridors of the Capitol had been repainted to reflect changing attitudes in design. Victorian use of color and pattern was no longer considered attractive or contemporary. Lighter-colored paint replaced the dark, richer Victorian tones covering much of the building's intricate stenciling.

Beginning in 1976, celebration of the nation's 200th birthday prompted an increased interest in the preservation and restoration of old buildings. In Iowa, attention turned to the Capitol. It was during this period that restoration painter Jerry Miller began the restoration effort of the Capitol interior. Until his retirement in 1988, Miller and restoration painter Dick Labertew painstakingly performed the task of transforming the Capitol interiors to their original Victorian splendor. Water leaks and other damage over the years, as well as locating proper tools and materials, presented special challenges. After Miller's retirement in 1988, Mark Lundberg joined Labertew. Following Labertew's retirement in 2010, Zack Bunkers was hired to carry on the task of restoring the decorative painting in the offices, meeting rooms, and corridors of the Capitol, and in 2013 Mac McBride succeeded Lundberg.

The decorative painting restoration is an ongoing project and begins with research. Various documents and photographs are reviewed for evidence of original designs and colors. Also, original designs are uncovered on the walls and ceilings by using paint scrapers, razor blades, and chemical paint removers. After the designs are found, original colors are documented, measurements are taken and recorded, and tracings are drawn. The tracings are then used to make stencils and patterns. Once stencils have been made for a particular design (some designs may require as many as five separate stencils), the stencils are taped to the working area and hand painting begins. Original colors are matched as closely as possible to paints currently available by using color decks. Paint colors are then hand-mixed to achieve the most accurate color to the original. Background colors are painted with rollers and brushes. The designs are then applied using original techniques of stenciling, patterns, glazing, and fine handwork.

Exterior Restoration

By the early 1980s, the exterior of the Capitol had noticeably deteriorated. Sandstone pieces had begun falling from the building, prompting the installation of steel canopies at all entrances of the building to protect pedestrians. Decorative stone, the deterioration of which had first been documented as early as the turn of the century, had eroded further. The erosion was so severe that carved decorations were no longer discernible. This situation was further exacerbated by a copper roof which had reached the end of its useful life span. The roof was allowing water to infiltrate the stone walls, damaging both interior and exterior surfaces.

A systematic examination of the building exterior was performed. The structure's stone walls, windows, and roof revealed particular problems. A program for corrective action following a restoration approach was generated, and legislation was passed to implement the restoration plan.

Work included in the program for corrective action included the complete replacement of the Carroll County, Missouri, calcareous sandstone (bluestone), which constitutes all of the decorative stone. The replacement stone is Indiana limestone, which is similar in color but much less susceptible

to deterioration from weathering and corrosive atmospheric conditions. The Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, siliceous sandstone (brownstone), which makes up the majority of the exterior wall stone, is typically in very sound condition and required little restoration other than in limited areas where the stone had been penetrated by moisture. The copper roof, copper gutter liner, and skylights were in very critical condition and were totally replaced. The original wood window sashes were rotting and the large panes of glass were on the verge of falling out. These windows were replaced with new wood units that duplicate the appearance of the original windows and hardware, but now have fixed insulating glass and inconspicuous vents for natural ventilation.

Actual construction of the exterior restoration plan began in the spring of 1983. The first four phases constituted the four recesses (insets) of the building, with the construction of the first phase beginning on the southwest recess (inset). Phase 5 included all work on the east wing of the building. The west wing of the building (phase 6) included the replication of the symbolic, larger-than-life statuary in the pediment high above the entry porch. These carvings, which represent Commerce, Justice, Liberty, Knowledge, and Agriculture, took nine months to complete and were installed in the fall of 1991. Phase 7, which included the north face of the building and the two north corner pavilions (corner domes), was completed in the fall of 1999. Construction on phase 8, the south face of the building and the two south corner pavilions (corner domes), was completed in the fall of 2000. Phase 9, the last phase of the exterior restoration, included all work to restore the central dome of the Capitol. Part of this work included the regilding of the dome, one of the largest gold domes in the world. Phase 9 work began in the spring of 1998 and the entire Capitol exterior restoration was completed in the fall of 2001, at a cost of \$41 million.

Interior Renovation

The design of the Capitol, state-of-the-art in the 1870s, fulfilled the vision of the planners. However, many of the features which contribute to the grand and inspiring architecture inherently reduce safety. Also, past changes to the building, such as adding intermediate floor levels in certain areas of the building, exacerbate safety problems. To keep up with technological advances, wiring had been strung, wherever possible, throughout the building. Mechanical and electrical systems had become outdated and impossible to maintain.

With all these problems in mind, a task force was formed in 1991 to study various aspects of building use and condition in an integrated approach. In January 1992, a task force study report was prepared and distributed. Recommendations included in the report were as follows:

1. Install a fast-reaction sprinkler system throughout the building.
2. Remove all intermediate floor levels.
3. Upgrade protection of the wood floor areas at the chamber floors and gallery levels.
4. Provide accessibility where feasibly possible throughout the building.
5. Replace the existing mechanical system.
6. Install a new electrical and communication distribution system throughout the building.
7. Continue the historical accuracy of the interior renovation.

Numerous legislative enactments have been passed to proceed with the interior renovation of the Capitol. A thorough interior review of the building was completed for design purposes, and phased construction began in 1997. To date, almost all interior spaces have been renovated. The rotunda area and the area above the grand staircase were renovated in 2007 and 2008, which included cleaning of the eight lunette paintings and the great mural painting *Westward*. The 2010 construction included raising the rotunda's railing around the second floor opening to meet fire and safety codes. The 2011 renovation and construction included replacing the rotunda's glass tile in the center of the first floor, which had been removed in 1915, and providing air conditioning to the public spaces.

The Capitol dome was professionally inspected in November 2015 and revealed issues that needed addressing. Issues included water leaking inside the dome from the observation deck, interior condensation problems, brick and mortar deterioration, and window frame decay. In 2016, the legislature appropriated nearly \$10 million for dome repairs. The repairs began in the spring of 2017 and were completed in July of 2018. The project finished ahead of schedule and under budget at about \$7.2 million. 18,000 bricks were replaced, a moisture barrier was installed, and dehumidifiers and heaters were added to prevent moisture problems.

In 2021, Neumann Bros. Inc., the general contractor, began the maintenance work on the four corner domes and the removal and replacement of all the copper gutter liners around the Capitol.

The maintenance work included painting the interior dome, removing old ductwork, installing new windows in the upper dome, covering the upper brickwork with copper pans, and installing a new upper work deck to provide access to the dome area. The project also included stripping and refinishing the windows in the four recesses and the replacement of all four roof skylights. Inside the domes, Neumann replaced more than 40,000 bricks. The braided detailing on the exterior of the four corner domes and the domes' finials were regilded with 23.7-karat gold leaf. The project was completed in 2023 and cost \$13 million.

THE IOWA CAPITOL

Reprinted from the 1898 edition of the Iowa Official Register

The first act for the erection of a new capitol building was passed by the Twelfth General Assembly and approved April 6, 1868. Under its provisions, the census board, which was composed of the governor, secretary of state, auditor of state and state treasurer, was authorized to procure plans and specifications by advertising "at least twenty days in two daily newspapers in this state, and in one newspaper in each of the cities of Chicago, New York and Philadelphia."

The board held a meeting on the 20th day of June, 1868, and authorized the publication of a notice that plans and specifications would be received by the governor for three styles of building, as follows:

First.— Plans based on a cost of \$1,000,000.

Second.— Plans based on a cost of \$1,500,000.

Third.— Plans based on a cost of \$2,000,000.

The foregoing publication was made by authority of the board in the Daily State Register, Daily Davenport Gazette, Daily Chicago Tribune, Daily New York Tribune and the Philadelphia Press.

The board ordered that the time for the reception of such plans and specifications by the governor be limited to September 1, 1869. About fourteen plans of the styles designated were submitted, "three of which were adopted by the board," and the drawings and specifications were presented to the Thirteenth General Assembly for its consideration. The plans thus adopted were presented by W. W. Boyington, of Chicago, and J. C. Farrand, of Des Moines, based on the estimated cost of \$2,000,000, \$1,500,000 and \$1,000,000, the two first being drawn by Mr. Boyington and the latter by Mr. Farrand.

An act entitled "an act to provide for a state capitol" was then passed by the general assembly and approved April 13, 1870. It became a law by publication in the Daily Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Daily Bulletin April 15, 1870. Under its provisions a board of commissioners was established consisting of the governor, who was president *ex-officio* thereof, and six other members to be chosen by the senate and house of representatives in joint convention. In addition thereto two commissioners for the state at large were named in the bill, Gen. G. M. Dodge and Hon. James F. Wilson. They were to continue in office for two years and until their successors were elected and qualified. They were to carry out the provisions of the foregoing act, and each member, excepting the governor, was to receive as compensation for actual services performed \$5 per day and traveling expenses.

In joint convention on Wednesday, the 13th day of April, 1870, the Thirteenth General Assembly elected the following named gentlemen as members of said board of commissioners: James Dawson of Washington county, Simon G. Stein of Muscatine, James O. Crosby of Clayton, Charles Dudley of Wapello, Col. J. N. Dewey of Des Moines, and William L. Joy of Sioux City. They met in the senate chamber at Des Moines and organized as a board on the 25th day of May, 1870, elected A. R. Fulton *secretary pro tem* and entered upon the discharge of their duties as such commissioners.

The board was authorized to employ an architect to assist in determining "upon one of the plans for a capitol selected by the census board" "or some modification thereof" the cost of which was not to exceed the sum of \$1,500,000, and to proceed with the work of construction in the manner provided by law. Accordingly Edward Clark of Washington, D. C., architect of the United States capitol, was employed in August, 1870, to act in the foregoing capacity. The board submitted to him the three plans adopted by the census board, together with one prepared by Messrs. Cochrane & Piquenard of Chicago, Ill., with instructions "to suggest such modifications and make such revision of estimates as they should deem best, in order to fully determine that the expenditure under the plan which might be adopted, should not exceed \$1,500,000."

Mr. Clark made his report thereon December 19, 1871, and so far as it related to the exterior, was based upon the design prepared by Messrs. Cochrane & Piquenard and which, with some of the modifications suggested by Mr. Clark, was the one finally adopted.

On the 21st day of October, 1870, Messrs. Cochrane & Piquenard were appointed by the board general architects and superintendents of the work at a salary of \$3,600 per annum.

Mr. Fulton, having been elected secretary, received a salary of \$50 per month, from May 25, 1870. Afterwards, his whole time being occupied with the duties of the office, his salary was increased to \$100 per month, from June 25, 1871.

James Appleyard, of Detroit, Mich., was appointed local superintendent, and his salary fixed at \$3,500 per annum, payable monthly.

The board began the construction of the capitol in June, 1871, and under its supervision most of the excavating was done and more than half of the foundation walls were built. The laying of the corner stone took place with imposing ceremonies on the 23d day of November, 1871. The following distinguished gentlemen delivered addresses commemorative of the occasion: Hon. James F. Wilson, Hon. Samuel Merrill, governor of Iowa, and Hon. John A. Kasson. A poem was read by the Hon. J. B. Grinnell.

The corner stone was cut from granite obtained in Buchanan county, Iowa, and presented for that purpose by David Armstrong, of the same county. Its dimensions are 7x3x3 feet.

The board of commissioners was reorganized by an act of the Fourteenth General Assembly, approved April 10, 1872, which amended the former act and established a board of commissioners, consisting of the governor, who was to be *ex-officio* president of the board, John G. Foote of Des Moines county, Maturin L. Fisher of Clayton county, R. S. Finkbine and Peter A. Dey of Johnson county.

This board was charged with the execution of the provisions of law having reference to the erection of the capitol. It was specially made the duty of the board to remove any part of the original foundation which in its judgment "did not conform to a proper standard of material and workmanship." The commissioners decided that the stone which composed the foundation was "unsafe for the foundation of a massive structure designed to endure a thousand years." The whole cost of taking down the wall and rebuilding it with good material was \$52,353.76.

The first meeting of the new board was held on the 17th day of April, 1872. Mr. Fulton, secretary to the old board, was continued in office till February 1, 1873. When he resigned, Ed Wright was elected to succeed him.

Mr. Appleyard was discharged as local superintendent in December, 1871. It was therefore necessary for the board to select a superintendent to succeed Mr. Appleyard. Mr. Robert S. Finkbine acted in that capacity, as chairman of an executive committee, during the year 1872.

At the extra session of the legislature in 1873, a joint resolution authorizing the board to appoint one of its own members local superintendent or overseer was passed, and immediately thereafter the board unanimously elected Mr. Finkbine to that office at a salary of \$3,000 per annum, which included his compensation and traveling expenses as commissioner.

Mr. John G. Foote was appointed superintendent of finance.

On the 3d of September, 1872, Mr. John C. Cochrane resigned his position as one of the architects and Mr. A. H. Piquenard was appointed sole architect.

Mr. Piquenard died at his home in Springfield, Ill., on the 19th day of November, 1876. One of his colleagues, Mr. Hackney, paid him the following tribute: "What loss the state and the world of art sustained in his death cannot be estimated. He was a man scholarly in his attainments, grand in his conceptions and abounding in expedients, standing at the first rank in his profession."

On the last day of January, 1877, Messrs. Bell & Hackney, who had been assisting Mr. Piquenard, were elected to succeed him. The work was completed under their supervision. Mr. Bell resigned his position on the 18th day of December, 1883, to accept the appointment of supervising architect of the treasury department at Washington. Mr. Hackney had sole charge of the work from that time.

On the 5th day of February, 1879, Maturin L. Fisher, a member of the board, died at his residence in Clayton county. He was a prominent and useful man in the public affairs of the state for many years. Cyrus Foreman, of Osage, was appointed by the governor to succeed him. He qualified as such commissioner on the 27th day of March, 1879. This was the only change in the membership of the board since its organization, save the different governors who were *ex-officio* presidents thereof.

The stone for the foundation was furnished by Messrs. Tuttle & Robertson, of Des Moines, from the Madison County quarries near Winterset. The stone for the basement story is from the old Capitol quarry in Johnson county, in the vicinity of Iowa City.

The Ste. Genevieve Sand, Stone and Granite company and J. A. Gaines & Company, of Carroll county, Mo., furnished the stone for that part of the building above the basement.

The outside steps and platforms are the "Forest City" stone, from near Cleveland, Ohio. The rails are the Sauk Rapids granite.

The pilasters and piers in the interior of basement are from Anamosa, in this state, and Lemont, Ill. All the columns, piers and pilasters in the corridors of the first story are from Lemont, Ill.

The red granite columns in the second story are from Iron Mountain, Mo. The dark colored granite in base and cap of pedestals is from Sauk Rapids, Minn., while the carved capitals, pilasters and piers are of Lemont stone.

STATUARY.

Beginning with north of library door: History, Science, Law, Fame, Literature, Industry, Peace, Commerce, Agriculture, Victory, Truth, and Progress.

The first door to the left as you enter the senate chamber is the entrance to the stairway leading to the dome.

All the rooms on third floor are committee rooms, of which there are twenty-nine in number.

The dome is covered with a gold leaf, at a cost of \$3,500.

The pictures on the ceiling of the supreme court room are of the type of the Greek Mythology.

No. 1. North end, the leading figure, Justice on her throne. To her left stands Columbia, ever ready to sustain her decisions by word or deed. The figure to the right of Justice rejoices that the decision is in her favor. The sitting figure on the right denotes sorrow as the decision is rendered against her, but is content when she finds by examining the law that the decision is according to law. To the left is a mother explaining to her son the laws.

No. 2. Columbia reigning on her throne. Above the globe, in unity with the Goddess of Justice, the patrons of the state come to pay them their homage, bringing with them little children, which represent the territories. Iowa, who is a special favorite in Columbia's household, is seen sitting on the steps of the throne with club and coat of arms, ever ready to defend her friend (the Union), Columbia, in case of need. In front of the throne is chiseled in everlasting rock the memorial date 1776, the foundation of the republic. The American eagle is proudly soaring over all, holding in his talons the historical emblem and in his beak a streamer on which is inscribed, "E Pluribus Unum."

No. 3. Justice and Peace represented as ruling over the land, bringing prosperity and plenty, culture and happiness; while on the other, rebellion is restrained and smitten down by Justice's strong arm (General Grant).

No. 4. Represents Ceres, the Goddess of Agriculture.

The small pictures are simply agricultural scenes, by Fritz Melzer, Berlin, Germany.

GENERAL DIMENSIONS.

	FEET.	IN
Length north and south, including porticos	363	8
Length east and west, including porticos.....	246	11
Length north and south fronts.....	175	—
Length east and west fronts	118	8
Width east and west through arcades.....	100	10
Height to top of main cornice	92	8
Height to top of balustrade	99	8
Height to top of stybolate	114	2
Height to top of dome balcony	219	1
Height to top of lantern.....	249	—
Height to top of ball above lantern	259	—
Height to top of finale.....	275	—
Height to top of small domes.....	152	—
Height of basement story	13	1
Height of office story.....	23	9
Height of second story	22	9
Height of third story.....	20	9
From office floor to first balcony in dome.....	101	6
From office floor to second balcony in dome.....	153	2

From office floor to canopy	175	5
The rotunda is in diameter.....	66	8
The exterior diameter of dome is.....	80	—
The House of Representatives is 74x91 feet 4 inches by 47 feet 9 inches.		
The Senate Chamber is 58x91 feet 4 inches by 41 feet 9 inches.		

CATALOGUE

OF ARTICLES DEPOSITED UNDER THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW IOWA STATE CAPITOL, NOVEMBER 23, A. D. 1871.

1. Copy of the holy bible, enveloped in the folds of our national flag.
2. Copy of our national ode, "The Star-Spangled Banner," engrossed on parchment.
3. Copies of the constitution of the United States and the state of Iowa.
4. Copy of the Declaration of American Independence.
5. Copy of President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation.
6. Copy of the joint resolution ratifying the amendment to the constitution of the United States abolishing slavery, unanimously passed by the Eleventh General Assembly of Iowa, March 30, 1866, with the names of the members thereof, on parchment.
7. Roll of honor of Iowa soldiers, and a roster of the several Iowa regiments serving in the war for the suppression of the rebellion.
8. Copies of the reports of Adjutant-General N. B. Baker, giving lists of Iowa officers and soldiers serving in the war for the suppression of the rebellion.
9. Copy of Washington's farewell address.
10. Copy of Governor Merrill's thanksgiving proclamation for 1871.
11. Copies of the pamphlet entitled, "Iowa, the Home for Immigrants," in the English, German, Holland, Danish and Swedish languages.
12. Copy of the pamphlet entitled, "Free Lands of Iowa."
13. Copy of "Laws and Instructions relating to the Duties of County Surveyors," compiled by Hon. C. C. Carpenter, then register of the state land office, and now governor-elect.
14. Copy of the revision of 1860, with all laws subsequently passed, including the laws relating to a new capitol.
15. Copy of the report of the committee on building stone, embracing the report, charts and tables of Prof. Gustave Hinrichs, of the Iowa State university, and Lieut. W. P. Butler, giving chemical and mechanical tests of samples of Iowa building stone.
16. Copy of the report of the Iowa State Agricultural society for 1870.
17. List of premiums of the eighteenth annual exhibition of the Iowa State Agricultural society, with names of officers.
18. List of premiums of the twelfth annual exhibition of the central Iowa District Agricultural association, with names of officers.
19. A sectional map of Iowa.
20. Names and residences of the state officers, and also lists of the names and residences of the members and members-elect of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies.
21. Copy of the census report of 1867, containing a complete official register of the territorial and state governments, compiled by Hon. Ed Wright, secretary of state.
22. Copies of all legislative documents of the Thirteenth General Assembly, including executive messages, and reports of state officers.
23. Abstracts of votes cast at the general election of Iowa for the years 1868, 1870 and 1871.
24. Iowa official and statistical table for the year 1871, with names of state and county officers, and the population of the several counties.
25. A complete list of the judicial officers of the state for the year 1871.
26. Table of statistics pertaining to railroads in Iowa, compiled by Hon. S. E. Rankin, treasurer of state.
27. Copy of Des Moines city directory, with copies of all city ordinances, and a list of municipal officers.

28. A statement of the population, value of real and personal property, with a catalogue of the manufactures, amount of capital invested, and a list of resident bankers and attorneys of the city of Des Moines.
29. A map of Polk county.
30. A map of the city of Chicago, showing the extent of the great conflagration of October 9, 1871.
31. A chronological table of events pertaining to American history.
32. Calendars for the years 1871 and 1872, with astronomical calculations.
33. Autographs of the several state officers, and members of the board of capitol commissioners, on parchment.
34. Roll of names of the 270 foremen, mechanics and laborers employed on the new capitol during the year 1871, on parchment.
35. Copies of all newspapers and other periodicals published in Des Moines; also, copies of the several daily papers of the state.
36. A roll of the names of the members of the Monroe Cornet band present at the ceremonies of laying the corner stone, as follows: J. R. Hall, first E flat cornet; James Bain, first B flat cornet; Frank Hiskey, second B flat cornet; George M. Cowels, first E flat alto; S. Dixon, first B flat tenor; G. D. Foust, first B flat baritone; L. M. Shaw, E flat tuba; William Elrod, tenor drummer; J. C. Carr, bass drummer.
37. Program of proceedings relating to the laying of the corner stone of the new capitol, with a copy of the address of his excellency, Governor Merrill, delivered on the occasion.
38. The several denominations of gold, silver and nickel coins of the United States; also, a United States treasury note, and the several denominations of fractional currency.
39. A photographic view of the design of the new capitol.
40. Photographs of the several state and Des Moines city officers.

COINS DEPOSITED.

The following are the denominations and dates of the several coins deposited, to-wit:

Gold.—\$20 of 1870, \$10 of 1855, \$5 of 1853, \$2.50 of 1841, and \$1 of 1851.

Silver.—\$1 of 1871, 50 cents of 1859, 25 cents of 1858, 10 cents of 1857, 5 cents of 1850 and 3 cents of 1858.

Copper and Nickel.—5 cents of 1869, 3 cents of 1866, 2 cents of 1868, 1 cent of 1847 and one cent of 1869.

STATEMENT OF MATERIALS RECEIVED FROM APRIL, 1872, TO JUNE 30, 1886.

	Yards.	Feet.	In.
Rubble stone, for concrete	1,020	00	0
Rubble stone, for walls	1,129	15	5
Total rubble	2,149	15	5
Dimension stone in foundations	4,629	11	8

DIMENSION STONE IN SUPERSTRUCTURE—CUBIC FEET.

Granite	11,370.0		
Iowa City limestone	44,429.2		
Anamosa limestone	1,654.2		
Lemont limestone	17,404.6		
Carroll county sandstone	145,789.7		
Ste. Genevieve sandstone	130,768.11		
Forest City sandstone	9,623.4		
Total stone in superstructure	361,339	9-12	
Cement—		Bbls.	Lbs.

Hydraulic	29,683	62
Portland.....	1,084	100
Total cement.....	30,767	162
Stucco, tons.....	549	
Stucco (fine), barrels.....	1,936	
Kune's cement, barrels.....	66	
Lime, bushels.....	21,160¼	
Sand, bushels	366,307	
Water, gallons	11,901,145	
Brick—		
Fire.....	21,100	
Pressed	17,350	
Common	13,975,380	
Total	14,013,730	
Pitch, pounds	43,480	
Cast iron, pounds	638,561	
Wrought iron, pounds	2,220,023	
Total iron, pounds	2,848,584	
Cast steel, pounds	3,139½	
Nails, pounds	87,462	
Copper and bronze, pounds	202,341	
Drain-tile, feet.....	3,574¾	
Slate, squares	568½	
Porous terra cotta, squares	524½	
Terra cotta—		
Balusters, pieces	444	
Chimney tops, pieces.....	13	
Cornice, feet.....	23	
Hip and ridge moulds, feet.....	840	
Lead—		
Sheet, pounds.....	13,791½	
Pig, pounds	8,439	
Pipe, pounds.....	1,651	
Total pounds.....	23,881½	
Sheet iron—		
Black, pounds	13,615	
Galvanized, pounds.....	11,352	
Total pounds.....	24,967	
Lumber—		
White pine, feet.....	1,595,637	
Yellow pine, feet.....	194,002	
Poplar, feet.....	44,833	
Black walnut, feet	44,833	
White walnut, feet.....	45,044	
Cherry, feet	35,520	
Ash, feet.....	101,746	
Chestnut, feet.....	30,957	
White oak, feet.....	30,957	
Red oak, feet	22,324	
Mahogany, feet	5,471	

Total lumber, feet.....	2,230,528	
Lath.....	466,900	
Lath iron wire, square yards.....	1,006	
Iron sash cord, feet.....	40	
Copper sash cord, feet.....	13,400	
Brads, papers.....	878	
Wood screws, iron, gross.....	2,655	
Wood screws, brass, gross.....	352	
Wood screws, nickel-plated, gross.....	9	
Wood screws, blued, gross.....	6	
Wood bolts.....	14,539	
Steam pipes, feet.....	170,167	
Water pipes, feet.....	1,726	
Gas pipes, feet.....	28,892	
Galvanized iron pipes, feet.....	4,561	
Brass pipes, feet.....	3,538	
Brass pipe, tinned, feet.....	3,539	
Cast iron pipe, feet.....	2,513	
Total pipe, feet, 211,597; miles.....	40.56	
The above does not include the pipe in the radiators.		
Lubricating oil, gallons.....	896½	
Kerosene, gallons.....	736	
Tallow, pounds.....	3,191¼	
Turpentine, gallons.....	482	
Linseed oil, gallons.....	1,193½	
Hard oil, gallons.....	482	
Gold leaf, packs.....	868	
Gold leaf size, pounds.....	50	
White lead, pounds.....	27,968	
Red lead, pounds.....	4,507	
Plastering hair, bushels.....	1,740	
Glass—		
Wrought plate, square feet.....	1,601	
Polished plate, square feet.....	22,188	11-12
Polished plate, beveled, square feet.....	66¾	
Polished plate, enameled, square feet.....	1,785	6-12
Polished plate, silvered, square feet.....	607	1-6
Stained glass, square feet.....	1,183¼	
Cylinder glass, square feet.....	1,001	
Vault doors.....	12	
Encaustic tile floors, square feet.....	43,153	1-6
Marble tile floors, square feet.....	5,227	
Glue stucco.....	9,157	
	14,384	

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FROM MAY 25, 1870, TO JUNE 30, 1886.

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	AMOUNT.
Excavation and drainage.....	\$ 17,978.87
Cistern.....	1,512.12
Repairs, first foundation.....	52,343.75
Concrete, labor on.....	9,093.71
Printing and advertising.....	3,205.261

Water.....	3,579.84
Cash.....	1,612.54
Board of commissioners.....	24,683.15
Cast iron work.....	6,057.05
Rubbing stone.....	26,115.56
Accidents.....	990.72
Extra handling stone.....	2,224.46
Stone setting and masonry.....	69,575.81
Paints and oils.....	8,721.26
Roofing and guttering.....	95,160.20
Terra cotta work.....	3,700.04
Lot and sewer.....	10,000.00
Machinery and tools.....	34,343.22
Heating and ventilating.....	81,453.32
Painting.....	36,752.06
Railroad.....	16,458.63
Fuel.....	8,053.67
Cleaning and painting.....	236.77
Glass.....	26,843.87
Marble work.....	117,097.47
Plumbing.....	14,580.99
Stone.....	486,417.56
Boiler house.....	25,844.19
Nails and hardware.....	15,365.82
Stone cutting.....	342,138.07
Wrought iron work.....	187,603.24
Gas fitting.....	6,848.91
General labor.....	54,915.43
Cement.....	49,733.17
Brick.....	127,565.79
Sand.....	8,624.00
Sheet metal work.....	21,020.78
Prismatic lights.....	3,082.23
Plain plastering.....	45,616.52
Scagliola work.....	13,934.85
Ornamental plastering.....	29,258.05
Electric work.....	5,945.85
Interest and discount.....	3,155.20
Fresco painting.....	28,077.37
Floor tiling.....	34,485.58
Heating expenses.....	10,989.91
Plans.....	8,784.13
Furniture.....	129,131.77
Patterns and models.....	7,868.75
Brick masonry.....	122,030.36
Extra general assembly.....	208.55
Salaries.....	139,829.82
Adjutant-general's office.....	3,021.01
Capitol grounds.....	1,021.01
Expenses.....	4,982.73
Lime.....	7,863.33
Carpenter work.....	177,422.75
Lumber and timber.....	61,530.65
Elevators.....	7,636.58

Street improvements	24,994.59
Government's settlement account.....	55.00
Total	\$ 2,873,294.59

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.
APPROPRIATIONS.

Chapter 110, laws of the Thirteenth General Assembly	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 2,876,300.00
Chapter 35 of the general and public laws of the Fourteenth Assembly, being \$100,000 for the year 1872, and \$122,000 for each of the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881 and 1882.....	1,350,000.00	
Chapter 68, local laws of the Fifteenth General Assembly ..	135,000.00	
Chapter 151, laws of the Sixteenth General Assembly	250,000.00	
Chapter 138, laws of the Seventeenth General Assembly	75,000.00	
Chapter 138, laws of the Seventeenth General Assembly, for lot and sewer	10,000.00	
Chapter 83, laws of the Nineteenth General Assembly	525,000.00	
Chapter 136, laws of the Twentieth General Assembly	361,000.00	
Chapter 136, laws of the Twentieth General Assembly, for paving and curbing the streets and putting down sidewalks around the capitol square	27,000.00	

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Chapter 75, section 32, laws of the Fifteenth General Assembly	600.00	
Chapter 142, section 19, laws of the Sixteenth General Assembly	600.00	
Chapter 170, section 20, laws of the Seventeenth General Assembly	600.00	
		\$ 2,876,300.00

EXPENDITURES.

Expended on new capitol.....	\$ 2,624,189.48	
Expended on repairs of first foundation.....	52,343.76	
Expended on lot and sewer	10,000.00	
Expended on boiler house.....	25,844.00	
Expended on furniture	129,131.77	
Expended for Twentieth General Assembly	208.55	
Expended for adjutant-general's office	3,021.01	
Expended on capitol grounds.....	1,883.70	
Expended on street improvements.....	24,994.59	
Expended on governor's settlement account	55.00	
Cash unexpended and turned over to Gov. William Larrabee	1,612.54	
Street paving and sidewalk appropriation in the state treasury undrawn	3,005.41	
		\$ 2,876,300.00

KINDS OF MARBLE AND WHERE PROCURED.

DOMESTIC.

“Old Tennessee”	from Tennessee
Knoxville	from Tennessee
Holstein River.....	from Tennessee
Glens Falls	from New York
Moriah.....	from Vermont
Virginia	from New York
Iowa Coral	from Charles City, Iowa

FOREIGN.

Mexican Onyx	from Mexico
Lisbon	from Spain
Sienna	from Italy
Verona Red.....	from Italy
Statuary White	from Italy
Veined	from Italy
Italian Dove	from Italy
Alps Green.....	from Italy
Languedoc.....	from France
Rose Vif.....	from France
Rouge Grotte.....	from France
Grotte Renaissance.....	from France
Yellow Eschalleon	from France
Fermona	from Germany
Bongord	from Germany
Belgium Black	from Belgium
Bardiglio	from Italy
Brocatelle.....	from Italy
Levanto	from Italy
Juan Fleure.....	from France
Kilkenny Green.....	from Ireland
Victoria Red	from Ireland
Cost of marble work	\$114,815.00

NOTABLE IOWANS

Iowa-Born Presidents

HERBERT C. HOOVER – Born August 10, 1874, in West Branch. Served as the nation’s 31st President (1929 – 1933). Hoover was the first President born west of the Mississippi River.

Presidents Residing in Iowa

RICHARD NIXON – Stationed at the Naval Air Station in Ottumwa (1942 – 1943). Served as the nation’s 37th President (1969 – 1974).

RONALD REAGAN – Worked as a sportscaster for radio stations WOC in Davenport and WHO in Des Moines (1933 – 1937). Served as the nation’s 40th President (1981 – 1989).

Iowa-Born Vice Presidents

HENRY AGARD WALLACE – Born October 7, 1888, in Adair County. Served as President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Vice President (1941 – 1945).

Iowa-Born First Ladies

LOU HENRY HOOVER – Born March 29, 1874, in Waterloo. Married Herbert C. Hoover February 10, 1899. Served as U.S. First Lady (1929 – 1933).

MAMIE DOUD EISENHOWER – Born November 14, 1896, in Boone. Married Dwight D. Eisenhower July 1, 1916. Served as U.S. First Lady (1953 – 1961).

Iowans on the United States Supreme Court

SAMUEL F. MILLER – Born April 5, 1816, in Richmond, Kentucky. Located to Keokuk, Iowa, in 1850. Was personally acquainted with President Lincoln, who nominated him for the United States Supreme Court in 1862, where he served for 28 years.

WILEY BLOUNT RUTLEDGE JR. – Born July 20, 1894, in Cloverport, Kentucky. Professor of law and Dean of the College of Law at the University of Iowa from 1935 to 1939. Appointed Associate Justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1939. Appointed Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and sworn into office February 16, 1943. Served until his death in 1949.

Notable Persons with Iowa Connections

J.V. Atanasoff – Co-inventor of the first digital computer at Iowa State University in 1942.

Harrison Barnes – Professional basketball player, NBA champion, Olympic gold medalist, born and raised in Ames.

Leon Bismarck “Bix” Beiderbecke – Jazz musician, posthumously inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame, born in Davenport.

Clifford Berry – Co-inventor of the first digital computer at Iowa State University in 1942.

Dr. Norman Borlaug – Agronomist, won a Nobel Prize for his work regarding the “green revolution,” a native of Cresco.

Bill Bryson – Author, born and raised in Des Moines.

Johnny Carson – TV personality, born in Corning.

George Washington Carver – Botanist, attended Simpson College in Indianola and Iowa Agricultural College (now Iowa State University).

Carrie Chapman Catt – Leader in the women’s suffrage movement, raised near Charles City.

Caitlin Clark – All-time leading scorer in NCAA Division I basketball history, surpassing both men’s and women’s records, continues to draw big crowds and media attention to women’s basketball, born in West Des Moines.

Mildred Day – Creator of the Rice Krispie treat; born near Knoxville and raised near Hubbard.

- Lee de Forest** – Inventor, patented the vacuum tube, basic development of long distance radio and television communication, born in Council Bluffs.
- Simon Estes** – International opera singer, recipient of the Iowa Award, a native of Iowa.
- Don and Phil Everly (The Everly Brothers)** – Famous singing duo, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, raised in Shenandoah.
- Bob Feller** – Professional baseball player and Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, born and raised in Van Meter.
- Dan Gable** – Olympic champion wrestler and coach, born in Waterloo.
- George H. Gallup** – Inventor of the Gallup Poll, born in Jefferson.
- Frank Gotch** – World champion wrestler credited with popularizing the sport in the United States, born in Humboldt.
- Herbie Hancock** – Jazz musician and Grammy and Oscar winner, attended Grinnell College.
- Laura Ingalls Wilder** – Author of Little House book series, resident of Burr Oak.
- Shawn Johnson East** – Olympic gold medal gymnast, born in Des Moines and raised in West Des Moines.
- Zach Johnson** – Professional golfer, winner of the 2015 Open Championship and 2007 Masters Tournament, born in Iowa City and raised in Cedar Rapids.
- Nile Kinnick** – College football All-American and 1939 Heisman trophy winner, born in Adel.
- Ashton Kutcher** – Actor, received the 2017 Robert D. Ray Pillar of Character Award, born in Cedar Rapids and raised in rural Homestead.
- Ann Landers and Abigail Van Buren** – Newspaper advice columnists, twins, born and raised in Sioux City.
- Cloris Leachman** – Actress and Oscar winner, grew up in Des Moines.
- John L. Lewis** – President of the United Mine Workers of America from 1920 – 1960, born in Lucas.
- Arabella Mansfield** – First female lawyer in the United States, born in Burlington.
- F.L. Maytag** – Founder of the Maytag Company, born and raised in Newton.
- Glenn Miller** – Big band leader of the 1940s, posthumously inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame, born in Clarinda.
- Marion Morrison (John Wayne)** – Movie actor and Oscar winner, awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom, born in Winterset.
- Kate Mulgrew** – Award-winning actress of television, film, and stage, born and raised in Dubuque.
- Robert Noyce** – One of the pioneers of semiconductor development, cofounded Intel Corporation, recipient of the Iowa Award, born in Burlington.
- Donna Reed** – Actress and Oscar winner, a native of Denison.
- Otto Frederick Rohwedder** – Invented a machine that sliced and wrapped bread in 1927, his original slicing machine is at the Smithsonian Institution, grew up in Davenport.
- Jacob Schick** – Inventor of the electric shaver, born in Des Moines.
- W.A. Sheaffer** – Businessman, established the W.A. Sheaffer Pen Company in Fort Madison in 1913, born in Bloomfield.
- Jane Smiley** – Pulitzer Prize winning author of *A Thousand Acres*, attended the University of Iowa, professor of English at Iowa State University from 1981 – 1996.
- Dr. James Van Allen** – Professor at the University of Iowa, discovered the protective band of radiation encircling the earth.
- Kurt Warner** – Professional football player and two-time NFL MVP award and Super Bowl MVP award recipient, inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in August 2017, born in Burlington.
- Peggy Whitson** – NASA biochemist and astronaut, holds records for the most time spent in space by any American and by any female in the world, first woman astronaut to command the International Space Station, received the 2018 Robert D. Ray Pillar of Character Award, born in Mount Ayr.
- Andy Williams** – Singer, received multiple Emmy Awards, born in Wall Lake.
- Meredith Willson** – Composer and playwright, inspired by his hometown of Mason City to write the Broadway musical *The Music Man*, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.
- Mildred Wirt Benson** – Wrote 23 of the first 30 Nancy Drew mystery books under the pseudonym Carolyn Keene, born in Ladora.
- Grant Wood** – Painter, painted *American Gothic*, born in Anamosa and lived in Cedar Rapids.

MONUMENTS

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1. Cornerstone



The cornerstone is located on the southwest corner of the Capitol. The original cornerstone was laid in 1871, but when weaknesses were found in the first foundation, a new foundation was laid in 1873 and the cornerstone reinscribed, "IOWA A.D. 1873." Some 40 items were contained in the cornerstone.

2. Parrott Rifle



The 100-pound Parrott rifle (No. 167) is located to the north of the west stairway to the Capitol. This muzzle-loading cannon was cast at West Point Foundry in New York. During the Civil War, No. 167 was part of the armament of the U.S. Steamer *Nipsic*.

3. Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Sundial



This bronze sundial was dedicated to Union veterans of the Civil War during their 1938 Grand Army of the Republic encampment in Des Moines. Nearly three million Union soldiers fought during the Civil War. In 1938, an estimated 5,000 were still living. More than 100 of these veterans, most over 90 years old, attended the encampment. Dr. D.W. Morehouse, then president and astronomy professor at Drake University, installed and adjusted the timepiece.

4. Lincoln and Tad Monument



A statewide penny drive among schoolchildren raised money to finance this monument. It is the only representation of Lincoln depicting him in his role as a father. Dedicated in 1961, this sculpture was initiated two years earlier to honor the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Fred Torrey, a renowned Lincoln sculptor, designed and created the statue. Mable Torrey, his wife and a specialist in child sculpture, worked on the statue of Tad. The artists used a photograph of the president and his son as a guide.

5. Pioneer Statuary Group and Buffalo Head Drinking Fountain



The design for this grouping called for “[t]he Pioneer of the former territory, a group consisting of father and son guided by a friendly Indian in search of a home.” The pioneer depicted was to be hardy, capable of overcoming the hardships of territorial days to make Iowa his home. A Connecticut artist, Karl Gerhardt, was contracted to do the piece for \$4,500.

Originally designed to be a lion’s head, this bronze buffalo head was determined more appropriate to Iowa’s prairie environment. The fountain was made for drinking — for horses as well as humans. Alexander Doyle, designer of the Great Seal tablet, designed this fountain as well, for \$500.

6. Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument



The most striking monument on the Statehouse grounds is the granite shaft rising 145 feet, erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War. The heroic bronze figure “Victory” is predominant, while at the base there are four groups representing different branches of the military or naval service, and numerous historical plaques and medallion portraits of typical soldiers. Below the base of the granite shaft is “Iowa,” a mother offering nourishment to her child, and “History” gazes into the future with “Iowa,” shown as a young boy, at her side. The original design was by Harriet A. Ketcham. Work on the monument was commenced in 1894, but dedication occurred five decades later in 1945.

7. Allison Monument



In 1917, friends of Senator William B. Allison, citizens and schoolchildren of Iowa, and the state legislature raised this memorial. A pivotal figure in Iowa's Republican Party, Allison (1829 – 1908) represented Iowa in Congress for 43 years. He was twice a candidate for the presidential nomination of his party and was a close associate of every United States president from Abraham Lincoln to Theodore Roosevelt. The monument is an allegorical design of heroic dimensions, depicting civic duties in the public service, with the topmost figure "Republic" and other figures of "Knowledge," "Peace," the "Legislature," "Financial Prosperity," "Humanity," and "Agricultural Prosperity."

8. Vietnam War Memorial



On Memorial Day 1984, Governor Terry E. Branstad and former Governor Robert D. Ray dedicated the Vietnam War Memorial. The memorial is dedicated to the 115,000 young Iowans who served during the Vietnam Era, and has the names of 855 Iowans who lost their lives during the conflict inscribed on its face. The monument is constructed from black mirror-finish coldsprings granite, which is the same material used for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

9. Korean War Memorial



The drive for a Korean War monument began in 1984 when students from a Des Moines school wrote Governor Terry E. Branstad asking why Korean War veterans did not have a memorial. The monument includes a 14-foot-tall central obelisk and eight 6-foot-tall tablets which tell the story of the Korean War utilizing words, pictures, and maps engraved in the granite. Erected on a grassy area south of the Statehouse, the monument was dedicated by Governor Branstad on May 28, 1989.

10. Japanese Bell and Bell House



After typhoons in 1959 severely damaged crops, homes, and farmlands of the Yamanashi Prefecture in Japan, citizens of Iowa generously sent breeding hogs and feed corn to aid that district. This program began a friendship culminating in a sister-state relationship, the first of its kind between the United States and Japan. As a sign of their appreciation, the citizens of Yamanashi presented this monument to Iowa in 1962. The 2,000-pound bell of peace and friendship and the structure that houses it were made in Japan.

11. Liberty Bell



The United States Department of the Treasury presented this replica Liberty Bell to Iowa in 1950 to recognize the state for its efforts in the previous 10 years for war-bond drives. Governor William Beardsley appropriately dedicated this symbol of independence on Independence Day. The bell, cast in Ancey-le-Vieux, France, weighs 2,000 pounds.

12. Statue of Liberty



In 1950, the Tall Corn (now Mid-Iowa) Council of the Boy Scouts of America donated this miniature Statue of Liberty to the State of Iowa as part of its annual service project.

13. Iowa Peace Officer Memorial



The idea of the Peace Officer Memorial was originally conceived by Raymond Baker, police chief of Cedar Rapids. Governor Terry E. Branstad dedicated this memorial in May 1985 to all Iowa peace officers who sacrificed their lives while protecting the rights of Iowa's citizens. Located near the Pape Building, the memorial's three outer forms symbolize three levels of law enforcement: city, county, and state. Pads connect these forms to the memorial's center pinnacle, which represents the officers' supreme sacrifice. The original design was created by Richard Webb, an Ames police officer.

14. World War II Freedom Flame Monument



In the fall of 1994, a group of Iowa veterans of World War II was formed to raise funds for a monument on the Capitol grounds commemorating the heroic efforts and sacrifices of Iowans who contributed to the victory in World War II. On November 11, 1996, the monument was dedicated and given to the people of Iowa.

The purpose of the Freedom Flame Monument is twofold: to honor all of those who served so valiantly during World War II — veterans and civilians alike, and to provide posterity with knowledge about the compelling reason for the country's involvement in the war — the preservation of freedom around the world.

Four major components are included in the monument: The Freedom Walk is a walkway with major events of the war engraved in granite and includes the Pearl Harbor Memorial; the Map of the World is a 72-foot-diameter depiction of the world, with colored maps showing the major battles of the war mounted on concrete stands; the Freedom Flame, towering 35 feet into the sky, is a five-component, stainless steel stylized sculpture of a flame, with a beam of light visible from more than a mile away at night; and the Wall of Memories is a 65-foot-long semicircular wall picturing the nine Iowa servicemen who were awarded their country's highest honor — the Congressional Medal of Honor. Surrounding panels show memorabilia of the time as reminders of the impact the war had on servicemen and servicewomen and on civilians at home.

15. Shattering Silence



The sculpture commemorates those moments when Iowa has been at the forefront of breaking the silence of inequality and commemorates those Iowans who refused to stand by silently when they saw injustice. Placed around the sculpture is the story of Ralph, a slave from Missouri who found freedom in Iowa.

In 1834, Ralph entered into an agreement with his Missouri owner to earn his freedom by working in the lead mines near Dubuque and paying his owner \$550 plus interest. After five years, however, Ralph had not earned enough money to make the payments, and two bounty hunters from Virginia offered to capture and return him to Missouri for \$100. When Ralph was seized, an Iowa farmer named Alexander Butterworth stepped in and went to a local judge. The judge suggested that the matter should be heard by the Supreme Court of the territory. Iowa's three high court justices heard the case and ruled in favor of Ralph. In their ruling, the justices stated that Ralph should pay his debt but contended that "no man in this territory can be reduced to slavery," thereby confirming Iowa's position as a free territory. This decision, reached on July 4, 1839, was the first case handed down by the Iowa Territory Supreme Court.

The unanimous ruling established the tradition in Iowa's courts of ensuring the rights and liberties of all the people of the state. Years later, the Legislature adopted Iowa's motto — "Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain" — which stands as a permanent reminder that the freedoms in this state are freedoms for all.

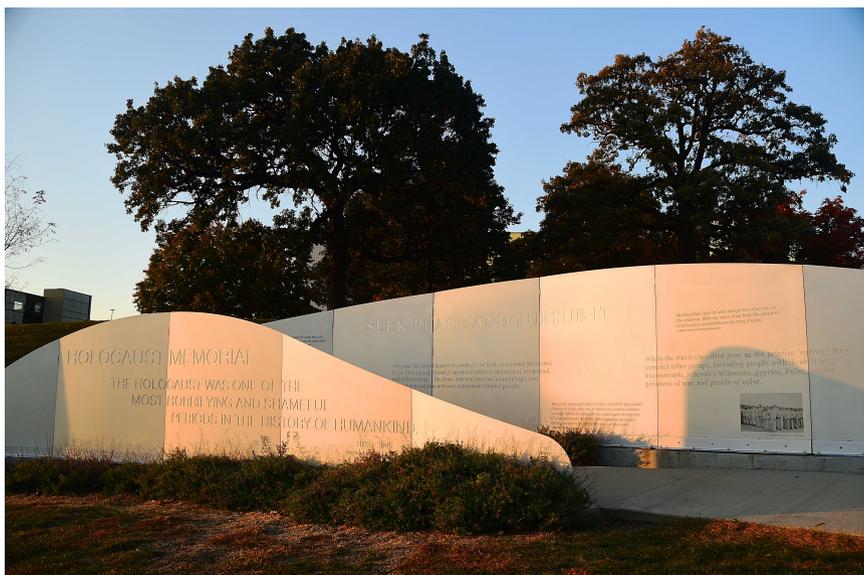
Shattering Silence is a dominant feature, standing nearly 28 feet at its tallest point, and reaching over 32 feet across. The sculpture features Dubuque limestone, 16 wedges of reflective steel, and an acrylic orb in the center, and is situated to the west of the Judicial Branch Building. The sculpture was dedicated October 22, 2009.

16. Iowa Workers' Monument



Iowa is the 38th state to create a monument to its workers. The initial originators of the idea of a Workers' Monument felt strongly that proper credit should be given to Iowa workers' strong work ethic, which contributes to making Iowa a great place to live and work. This 11-foot tall by 11-foot wide balanced square form consists of four interlocking arms and hands, a powerful universal image, dedicated to the energy and integrity of the workers of Iowa. Each arm supports the other, in the same way a diverse blend of people, from many backgrounds, come together to work and create the cultural and business base of Iowa. Built of welded bronze strips and supported by a stainless steel interior armature, the sculpture combines twisting, woven, and fluid components with a bundled energy that recalls muscles and nerves and their potential for movement and feeling. The open, latticed quality of the construction allows sunlight to sparkle and dance through the sculptural space, shifting constantly between the internal and external realms. Bronze's reflective depth, warm earth tones, and its aging patina have textural richness, and exceptional durability.

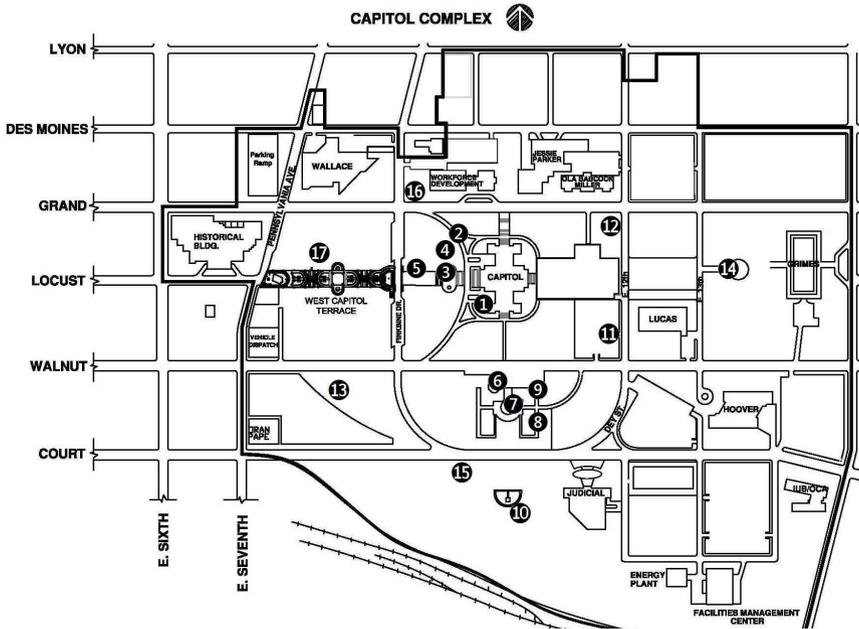
17. Iowa Holocaust Memorial



Groundbreaking for the Iowa Holocaust Memorial was held May 14, 2013, on the Capitol grounds' west terrace. Construction continued through the summer and on October 23, 2013, over 200 people from across the state attended its dedication.

The memorial was built in memory of Holocaust victims, to express appreciation to Iowans who served in the U.S. armed forces and who liberated concentration camps, and in honor of over 100 Holocaust survivors who came to live in Iowa.

The memorial consists of four walls of aluminum panels that contain stories, quotes, and 13 photographs. Twelve of the photographs are reproduced courtesy of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Photographic Archives, while the 13th is reproduced courtesy of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society.



Monuments, Memorials, and Historical Markers

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For a complete list of monuments, memorials, and historical markers on the capitol grounds, visit www.legis.iowa.gov/resources/tourCapitol/pictorial/capitolGrounds.

IOWA’S DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY

Source of information: Iowa Economic Development Authority. For more information regarding Iowa’s economy, contact the Iowa Economic Development Authority, 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines 50315; 515.348.6200; www.iowaeda.com.

Iowa is globally recognized as America’s heartland, known for its production of high-quality agricultural and manufactured goods. With fertile soil, advanced technologies, a strong education system, and a skilled workforce, the state has built a diverse and resilient economy.

While Iowa leads in agriculture — especially in corn, soybeans, pork and egg production — it also excels in food processing, advanced manufacturing, biosciences, and insurance and financial services.

Iowa’s Top Personal Income Source: Service Sector and Manufacturing

It is clear from these charts that only a small percentage of Iowa’s personal income is derived from agriculture. But indirectly, agriculture-generated dollars have spawned vigorous growth in other sectors. Because Iowa’s economy continues to diversify, fluctuations still occur in the demand for agricultural products. As new industries mature, a broader consumer base brings increasing stability.

Personal Earnings by Industry – 2024 (calendar year) (percentage earnings)

Manufacturing.....	17.3%	Construction	6.5%
Government	15.6%	Retail Trade	6.3%
Health Care/Social Assistance.....	11.2%	Wholesale Trade.....	6.0%
Finance/Insurance.....	10.0%	Professional/Scientific/Technical Services	5.6%
Farm Earnings.....	7.3%	Other	14.2%

Value of Agricultural Exports – 2023 (calendar year) (dollars in millions)

All Commodities.....	\$13,464	Soybean Meal.....	\$953
Soybeans	\$3,599	Grain Products, Processed.....	\$603
Pork.....	\$2,803	Beef and Veal.....	\$509
Corn	\$2,235	Vegetable Oils.....	\$348
Feeds/Other Grains	\$1,674	Other	\$740

Value of Factory Exports – 2024 (calendar year) (dollars in millions)

All Commodities.....	\$13,968	Pharmaceuticals.....	\$640
Processed Meat	\$3,188	Optics/Medical Instruments	\$424
Industrial Machinery.....	\$2,345	Plastics.....	\$379
Vehicles, Not Railway	\$2,136	Ores/Slag	\$367
Chemical Products.....	\$1,140	Aluminum.....	\$294
Electric Machinery.....	\$737	Other	\$2,318

Manufacturers Laud Our Productivity

While Iowa is often associated with agriculture, manufacturing is actually the state’s largest industry by GDP. Over 17 percent of Iowa’s personal earnings come from manufacturing, while approximately 14 percent of the Iowa workforce is employed in manufacturing. Historically, the manufacturing sector focused on heavy machinery, food processing, electronics and chemicals.

Taking advantage of Iowa’s fine reputation for agricultural products, food processors enjoy ready access to raw materials and an excellent transportation infrastructure. Manufacturers of transportation

equipment, machinery, electronics, and biobased products also note ample access to renewable energy as a positive factor in locating in the state.

Impact of Agriculture Felt Throughout Iowa Economy

Though agriculture represents 7.3 percent of Iowa's personal income, approximately 84,000 Iowa farms raise 18 percent of the U.S. corn crop and 14 percent of the U.S. soybean crop. In addition, Iowa produces 27 percent of U.S. pork, 6 percent of grain-fed beef, and 12 percent of eggs. 2024 statistics show that Iowa is number one in the nation in corn, pork, and egg production, making it one of the premier agricultural states in the nation. Iowa is the second-wealthiest of agricultural states with total farm cash receipts of \$37.6 billion. (USDA, 2024)

New Sectors Targeted for Continued Growth

Iowa's strong work ethic has earned the state a reputation for exceptional productivity. While this trait is a source of pride, it has also driven economic shifts that challenge Iowans to continually adapt and innovate.

Productivity in agriculture laid the foundation for Iowa's manufacturing sector, which in turn helped spark growth in financial services through the adoption of advanced technologies. Today, Iowa is experiencing expansion in the home offices of insurance and financial services companies — an industry contracting in other states.

Looking ahead, Iowa is targeting growth in several sectors, including:

- Precision agriculture, medical innovations, biobased products, vaccines, immunotherapies, diagnostics and pharmaceuticals
- Insurtech/Fintech
- Renewable Energy
- Aerospace and Defense

Analysts point to Iowa's attractive business and regulatory climate, well-educated workforce, stable social environment, enviable quality of life and sound fiscal management as key assets. These strengths position the state to meet evolving service demands in business, communication and recreation, while supporting innovation across emerging industries.

AGRICULTURE — IOWA'S BEST-KNOWN INDUSTRY

*Source of information: Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.
For more information regarding Iowa agriculture, contact the Department of
Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Hoover State Office Building,
Des Moines 50319; 515.281.5321; iowaagriculture.gov.*

It is a historic and challenging time to be involved in Iowa agriculture.

Despite significant challenges, including inflation, weather, and disruptions caused by world events, Iowa's hardworking and resilient family farmers ensure that Iowa remains a production powerhouse.

Iowa is also a conservation leader. Farmers, landowners, and partners across the state are installing conservation practices at record rates. In fact, there is more conservation on the ground across Iowa now than ever before, thanks to increased farmer and landowner awareness, new partnerships, and the support of Iowa legislators.

Family Farms

Iowa has 30 million acres of farmland and nearly 87,000 farms. The average farm size in Iowa is 346 acres. More than 21,000 farms across the state have been recognized as Century Farms, owned by the same multigenerational farm family for at least 100 years. In addition, more than 2,000 farms have been recognized as Heritage Farms, which have been in their respective families for 150 years or more. In 2025, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, along with Iowa Farm Bureau, celebrated 246 Century Farm families and 203 Heritage Farm families at the Iowa State Fair. These families have made a profound and positive impact on Iowa agriculture, and it was an honor to recognize these special Iowans for their hard work, dedication, and resiliency.

Production

As a critical industry in Iowa, agriculture provides a \$160 billion impact to Iowa's economy and employs one in five Iowans. Thanks to continued innovation, including advances in precision agriculture, genetics, equipment and more, Iowa remains the national leader in the production of corn, eggs, pork, ethanol and biodiesel, and ranks second in soybeans. Iowa is also near the top for beef, oats, alfalfa, turkey, and dairy. In total, Iowa ranks second in the country for the value of its agricultural production, trailing only California, which has 12 times as many people and 3 times as much land. Iowa supplies food, feed, fiber, and fuel to many around the world. The total value of Iowa's agriculture exports is \$13.5 billion, which is also second to California.

Biofuels continue to be a leading value-add for the crops that Iowa produces. In 2024, Iowa's 42 ethanol refineries produced 4.6 billion gallons, and its 10 operating biodiesel plants produced approximately 353 million gallons. Overall, the biodiesel and ethanol industries contributed over \$5.7 billion to the Iowa GDP, which is about 2% of the overall GDP. The renewable fuels industry continues to provide many high-quality jobs for rural Iowans and added markets for farmers.

Specialty crop production is also on the rise as Iowa is home to more than 200 farmers markets and Choose Iowa, the state's signature brand program, continues to gain momentum. More than 200 farmers markets in Iowa provide direct marketing outlets for fresh locally grown produce; baked goods; and a variety of products from eggs to meat, wine to cheese, and more. By giving local producers a place to directly market their goods, more than 100,000 people shop at Iowa's seasonal farmers markets. These markets have an estimated \$71 million annual impact on the Iowa economy and can be credited with creating hundreds of jobs.

Choose Iowa

Finding and buying local foods is now easier for Iowans since the launch of Choose Iowa, the state brand which promotes food, beverages, and other agricultural products that are grown, raised, or made within Iowa. Choose Iowa builds demand for high-quality Iowa ag products and enhances the visibility and availability of Iowa meat, dairy, produce, and many other products.

While other states have developed a state brand, Choose Iowa is unique in that it also provides grants to support farmers and businesses in their efforts to increase the quantity of Iowa products. In the last two years, more than 50 value-added grants were awarded in support of projects totaling more than \$3.4 million. Also, 35 Choose Iowa Dairy Innovation grants were awarded in support of projects totaling more than \$6.3 million and 9 Butchery Innovation grants were awarded, leveraging nearly \$2 million across nine counties. In 2025, the Choose Iowa Farms to Food Banks Program provided \$200,000 to six Iowa food banks, helping to address food insecurity across the state.

Choose Iowa combines Iowa's global ag reputation with the entrepreneurial spirit that exists across the state. The program has great potential to help build markets and demand for Iowa products in the state and beyond our borders. Learn more at www.ChooseIowa.com.

Conservation

In 2025, Iowa continues to accelerate conservation efforts across the state. Iowa ranks #1 in the nation for water quality wetlands, bioreactors, saturated buffers, grassed waterways, buffer strips, pollinator habitat, conservation tillage and terraces. Iowans can take pride in knowing that many successful conservation projects, funded with the help of many public and private programs and partners, are improving and protecting the state's rich natural resources.

The Iowa Water Quality Initiative (WQI) is the action plan for the Nutrient Reduction Strategy (NRS). WQI improves water quality through a collaborative, research-based approach that is evaluated and reported on by a team of independent researchers from multiple institutions, led by Iowa State University. Each summer, the department encourages Iowans to enroll in the WQI cost-share program and adopt in-field conservation practices, including cover crops, no-till/strip-till and nitrification inhibitors, which improve soil health and water quality.

Many successful projects over the past decade have allowed the partners to secure additional state, federal, and private funding and technical resources to accelerate and scale up conservation efforts. Working together, Iowans are building more conservation practices — faster and more cost effectively today than when the NRS was established in 2013. Updates to the NRS were made in 2025, which now incorporates more practices. Also, since the NRS was originally established, new partnerships and funding sources have emerged.

Since this initiative began, nearly 22,000 farmers and landowners have enrolled more than 2.2 million acres of cover crops in the program. Estimates from more than a decade ago suggest that there were as few as 10,000 acres of cover crops planted in the state. In 2024, nearly 4 million acres of cover crops were planted across the state. There was record demand for the Iowa Department of Land Stewardship's (IDALS) cover crop cost-share program in 2025, so the department extended the window to apply by two weeks so farmers and landowners could continue to apply for the program.

Iowa has nearly reached its phosphorus reduction goal as part of the NRS and is now focused on the next chapter — reducing nitrogen losses through practices like wetlands, bioreactors, and saturated buffers.

Through Iowa's recently developed "batch and build" process, which is now serving as a model for other states, Iowa is installing edge-of-field practices, such as saturated buffers and bioreactors, at a much faster rate. To date, 294 bioreactors and 253 saturated buffers have been constructed across the state. Iowa has also ramped up efforts to build water quality or nutrient-reducing wetlands, which can reduce nitrate loading by more than 50 percent. As of 2025, there were 147 of these wetlands completed and 90 in various stages of development.

The NRS Dashboard, which provides timely updates on progress, was created by Iowa State University to improve the NRS reporting process. The logic model dashboard, which uses visual reporting tools, including charts, graphs, and maps to share data collected by numerous partners, can be found at nrtracking.cals.iastate.edu.

The department also partners with Iowans in urban areas to install conservation practices that capture storm water, allowing it to soak into the soil instead of running off the surface, which reduces erosion and flooding, and improves water quality. The department works with municipalities, counties, and private homeowners to install new systems and retrofit existing infrastructure to move storm water off streets and private property while keeping soil and nutrients out of Iowa's waterways. In 2025, the department invested \$2.7 million to support 14 urban water quality projects across the state.

In 2025, the department launched a new \$3 million streamside buffer pilot project to encourage farmers and landowners living upstream from Des Moines and Cedar Rapids to add perennial buffers and layer with saturated buffers/bioreactors to further accelerate the state's soil and water conservation efforts.

IOWA LABOR FORCE TRENDS

Source of information: Labor Market Information Division, Department of Workforce Development. For more information regarding Iowa labor trends, contact the Labor Market Information Division, Department of Workforce Development, 1000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines 50319; 515.249.4765; workforce.iowa.gov/labor-market-information.

The total number of employed Iowans averaged 1,660,900 in 2024, which was a decrease from 1,661,900 in 2023. Meanwhile, the average number of unemployed persons increased to 52,200 in 2024 from 50,200 in 2023. The statewide annual average unemployment rate increased to 3.0 percent in 2024 compared to 2.9 percent in 2023.

During the 2022 – 2032 decade, Iowa's statewide occupational employment is projected to increase 6.2 percent, adding 113,420 jobs. It is estimated that annually, Iowa will have 217,835 job openings, of which 43 percent (93,365) will be due to workers leaving an occupation and the labor force, 52 percent (113,130) will be the transferring of workers to different occupations, and 5 percent (11,340) attributed to new jobs.

TRAVEL IOWA

Source of information: Iowa Tourism Office. For more information regarding travel and tourism in Iowa, contact the Iowa Tourism Office at 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines 50315; 800.345.IOWA; www.traveliowa.com.

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The Hawkeye State boasts some legendary attractions including the Surf Ballroom, the final concert site of Buddy Holly, and the American Gothic House made famous by Grand Wood's iconic painting. Take in Iowa's natural beauty along abundant biking paths, scenic hiking spots and serene campgrounds. Sip and enjoy at our world-class wineries, breweries, and distilleries or discover James Beard-awarded restaurants. Whether you are looking for thrilling outdoor adventures, immersive arts and culture experiences, or exciting attractions for the whole family, communities in each of Iowa's five travel areas offer the perfect opportunity for a custom itinerary.

Lakes and Land

Iowa's lake life is underrated. Northwest Iowa has abundant opportunity for year-round water adventures. Okoboji, Clear Lake, Storm Lake, Lake View — all are home to boating in the summer and ice fishing (or ice golfing) when winter settles in. Inland, experience breathtaking natural landscapes, awe-inspiring architecture, and historic museums and landmarks.

The Lakes and Land Area is best known for:

- Okoboji and the Iowa Great Lakes area.
- Musical roots at The Music Man Square, Surf Ballroom, Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association Hall of Fame, and Iowa's only Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.
- Lakeside state parks including Gull Point and Black Hawk.
- Iconic architecture from Frank Lloyd Wright.
- Historic Lewis and Clark interpretive sites.

Loess Hills and Beyond

The renowned Loess Hills are as breathtaking as they are unexpected — it is the only place in the western hemisphere you can see these amazing landforms. Embark on a hiking or biking trip surrounded by a sea of rolling hills and billowing prairie grasses. Explore charming small towns and agricultural attractions. Visit Council Bluffs, home to railroad history.

The Loess Hills and Beyond Area is best known for:

- The Loess (it rhymes with “bus”) Hills landforms. Take in expansive views from Hitchcock Nature Center or Loess Hills State Forest.
- Agricultural attractions like the Manning Hausbarn, Albert the Bull, and lavender and goat farms.
- Railroad sites, such as the Union Pacific Railroad Museum and Watson Steam Train & Depot Museum.



Loess Hills, Monona County

Capital Country

Expect the unexpected in the area home to some of Iowa's leading events like the Iowa State Fair, Pella Tulip Time, and Iowa State University games. Enjoy the urban culture of Iowa's capital city, Des Moines, or wander through beautiful countryside brought to life with historic covered bridges, award-winning wineries, and thousands of miles of bike trails.

Capital Country is best known for:

- The High Trestle Trail Bridge — one of the largest bike trail bridges in the world.
- The famed Bridges of Madison County in and around Winterset.
- The Iowa Speedway, Knoxville Raceway, and Boone Super Nationals all make their home here.
- The historic State Capitol Building in Des Moines.



High Trestle Trail Bridge

Driftless Area

The outdoor oasis of northeast Iowa boasts stunning limestone bluffs, flowing rivers, and winding scenic byways. Explore with your canoe and fishing pole or take the thrill seeking up a notch at one of Iowa's whitewater parks. Explore Decorah's small-town vibe, the excitement of Waterloo and Cedar Falls, or take in the view from the top of Fenelon Place Elevator in Dubuque.

The Driftless Area is best known for:

- Limestone cliffs along the Mississippi River and near Decorah.
- Excellent cold-water trout fishing and water sports locations.
- The iconic Field of Dreams movie site.

- The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.
- Iowa's newest theme park, Lost Island Adventure Park, in Waterloo.
- Iowa's only National Monument – Effigy Mounds National Monument.

Storied & Scenic

Get to know some of Iowa's most creative minds by exploring Iowa City — a UNESCO City of Literature — and the house that inspired Grant Wood's American Gothic. Dive into more history and culture at diverse museums in the Quad Cities and Cedar Rapids. The heritage and charm of the Amana Colonies and Villages of Van Buren make for unforgettable, story-worthy memories.

The Storied & Scenic Area is best known for:

- Bustling metros with culture and cuisine including Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and the Quad Cities.
- Landscape and architecture that inspired Grant Wood and his colony of artists.
- Views of the Mississippi River.
- Burlington's winding Snake Alley, named one of Ripley's Believe It or Not! Odd Spots Across America.
- Authentic German heritage in the Amana Colonies.
- Popular parks like Maquoketa Caves, Wildcat Den, and Lacey-Keosauqua.

Three million friendly people, five travel areas, and hundreds of things to see and do — this is what Iowa is all about. Find more information on Iowa Tourism at www.traveliowa.com or on our social media channels.



Scott County

ART AND CULTURE

*Source of information: Iowa Economic Development Authority,
1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines 50315.*

Iowa Arts and Culture

Iowa's arts and culture are central to the state's identity and economic vitality. From public art and live performances to film, design, and heritage preservation, creative expression strengthens communities, attracts talent, and enhances quality of life. The Iowa Economic Development Authority is committed to advancing and sustaining Iowa's creative ecosystem.

IEDA strives to create opportunities for the arts to flourish in Iowa by investing in projects that provide access to arts and culture experiences in communities and public spaces throughout Iowa. By integrating arts and culture into its broader economic and community development strategies, IEDA ensures that creativity remains a cornerstone of Iowa's growth, resilience, and appeal for generations to come.

STATE PARKS, RECREATION AREAS, AND FORESTS

Source of information: Department of Natural Resources. For more information regarding state parks, recreation areas, and forests, contact the Department of Natural Resources, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines 50321; 515.725.8200; www.iowadnr.gov.

The Iowa state park system offers an outstanding array of outdoor recreation opportunities within its 91 state parks, recreation areas, and state forest campgrounds. Twenty of the areas are managed under lease by county conservation boards or municipalities. Over 107,260 acres of land are available for activities ranging from sightseeing and hiking to camping, picnicking, and swimming. Iowa's parks and recreation areas also encompass a great variety of beautiful and unique natural settings, as well as points of historic significance.

Park lands are operated and maintained by the Department of Natural Resources for the use and enjoyment of Iowa residents and visitors. The park system is administered by the headquarters' program staff, supervisor, and bureau chief in Des Moines and five park supervisors located throughout the state.

State park attendance during the past five years has averaged over 15 million annually.

Facilities and Attractions

Fifty-five Iowa state parks, recreation areas, and forests provide campgrounds encompassing approximately 4,300 campsites. Campgrounds range from the primitive to those with modern restroom facilities and electrical, sewer, and water hookups. Equestrian campgrounds are available at nine state parks and forests. Picnicking facilities are available in almost all state park and recreation areas. Many parks feature picnic shelters.

Lodges, available in 25 Iowa state parks, provide excellent settings for all types of family and group events. Family cabins are available for rent at 12 parks, offering economical family recreation in beautiful, diverse settings. Eight parks offer camper cabins and one park features yurts, all of which are available for overnight stays. One park features group camping opportunities geared to large groups desiring accommodations in attractive, natural settings.

Water recreation opportunities abound in Iowa's state parks and recreation areas. A total of 33 parks feature artificial lakes, most with formal beaches. Nineteen parks are located on the state's beautiful natural lakes. Four parks border the several large U.S. Army Corps of Engineers impoundments. In those parks where lakes are not present, rivers and streams normally exist. These provide a variety of recreational opportunities in their own right.

Recreational Trails

Iowa's state parks, recreation areas, and forests offer hundreds of miles of recreational trails. Opportunities are provided for the hiker, snowmobile enthusiast, cross-country skier, and equestrian. In addition, 20 areas feature paved or limestone bicycle trails.

State Forests

The Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau manages Iowa's state forests which consist of over 46,000 acres. Iowa's state forests are important recreation destinations, especially for dispersed recreation like hunting, hiking, and equestrian riding.

Interpretive Activities

Interpretive trails are located in 13 state parks and recreation areas. In addition, many state parks offer a variety of evening campground programs featuring movies, presentations, and guest speakers.

Bellevue State Park's Butterfly Garden is one of Iowa's largest butterfly gardens. Its five sections contain a myriad of annuals and perennial plants which provide food and shelter for numerous species of butterflies during their various stages of life.

Historical Facilities

In 1983, the Iowa Conservation Commission, now known as the Department of Natural Resources, was given Cedar Rock, a historic home designed by the great architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The residence, donated by the Lowell Walter family, is located on the scenic Wapsipinicon River in

northeast Iowa. The furnished home and grounds are open for public and group tours May through October.

Fort Atkinson in northeast Iowa was built and operated by the U.S. Army in the 1840s. Only a few of the original buildings remain. However, the largest of those now houses a museum, open to the public by appointment or during the rendezvous. Since 1977, the fort has been the site of the Fort Atkinson Rendezvous, a two-day recreation of an 1840-era fur traders' rendezvous. It is held the last full weekend of September.

Park Fees and Services

Daily fees are charged for day-use lodges and shelters. Annual fees are charged for wet/dry vessel storage. Nightly fees are charged for overnight cabins, yurts, and campsites. Campsite fees are set in a five-tier pricing structure, with additional fees for each service hookup, including electric, water and sewer. Most state park campgrounds provide drinking water, picnic tables, grills and toilet facilities. Many feature sewage dump stations and shower houses. Fees are evaluated and set based on the methodology outlined in the Iowa Administrative Code under the agency identification number 571, chapter 61.

A detailed *Guide to Iowa's State Parks, Forests, and Recreation Areas* is available, as well as individual maps and flyers for specific parks.

State Parks, Recreation Areas, and Forests

Name	Telephone	Location/Highway	Area Acreage	Lake Acreage
Ambrose A. Call	641.581.4835	1½ mi. S.W. Algona	130	
Backbone	563.924.2527	4 mi. S.W. Strawberry Point/IA 410	2,001	85A
Badger Creek Recreation Area	515.285.4502	6 mi. S.E. Van Meter	1,162	276A
Beeds Lake	641.456.2047	3 mi. N.W. Hampton/County Road	319	99A
Bellevue	563.872.4019	2½ mi. S. Bellevue/U.S. 52	788	
Big Creek	515.984.6473	2 mi. N. Polk City/IA 415	3,550	866A
Black Hawk	712.657.8712	Lake View/IA 175 & IA 71	86	957N
Blackburn	712.382.2786	3 mi. N.E. Thurman	72	
Brushy Creek Recreation Area	515.543.8298	4 mi. S. Duncombe/County Road P73	6,500	690A
Cedar Rock	319.934.3572	3 mi. N.W. Quasqueton	423	
Claire Wilson Recreation Area (Gull Point Complex)	712.337.3211			
Clear Lake	641.357.4212	2 mi. S. Clear Lake/IA 106	55	3,684N
Dolliver Memorial	515.359.2539	3 mi. N.W. Lehigh/IA	600	
Elinor Bedell (Gull Point Complex)	712.337.3211	2 mi. E. Spirit Lake/250th Avenue	80	1,823N
Elk Rock	641.842.6008	7 mi. N. Knoxville/IA 14	850	19,000R
Emerson Bay and Lighthouse (Gull Point Complex)	712.337.3211	2½ mi. N. Milford/IA 86	12	3,847N
Fairport Recreation Area	563.263.4337	5 mi. E. Muscatine/IA 22	17	
Fort Atkinson Preserve	563.425.4161	adjoins Fort Atkinson/IA 24	5	
Fort Defiance	712.337.3211	1 mi. W. Esterville/IA 9	221	
Geode	319.392.4601	4 mi. S.W. Danville/County Road	1,641	200A
George Wyth Memorial	319.232.5505	in Cedar Falls/U.S. 218	1,200	195A
Green Valley	641.782.5131	2½ mi. N.W. Creston/IA 186	1,058	360A
Gull Point	712.337.3211	3½ mi. N. Milford/IA 86	195	3,847N
Honey Creek	641.724.3739	9½ mi. W., 3 mi. S.E. Moravia/IA 142	828	11,000R
Lacey-Keosauqua	319.293.3502	adjoins Keosauqua/IA 1	1,653	22A
Lake Ahquabi	515.961.7101	5½ mi. S.W. Indianola/IA 349	770	115A
Lake Anita	712.762.3564	5 mi. S. Anita/Interchange I-80	1,062	171A

Name	Telephone	Location/Highway	Area Acreage	Lake Acreage
Lake Darling	319.694.2323	3 mi. W. Brighton/IA 78 & IA 1	1,387	302A
Lake Keomah	641.673.6975	5 mi. E. Oskaloosa/IA 371	366	84A
Lake Macbride	319.624.2200	4 mi. W. Solon/IA 382	2,180	812A
Lake Manawa	712.366.0220	1 mi. S. Council Bluffs/IA 92	1,529	772A
Lake of Three Fires	712.523.2700	3 mi. N.E. Bedford/IA 49	1,235	85A
Lake Wapello	641.722.3371	6 mi. W. Drakesville/IA 273	1,150	289A
Ledges	515.432.1852	6 mi. S. Boone/IA 164	1,200	
Lewis and Clark	712.423.2829	3 mi. W. Onawa/IA 175	176	250N
Loess Hills Forest	712.456.2924	2 blocks west Pisgah/IA 183	11,600	
Lower Gar Access (Gull Point)	712.337.3211	1/2 mi. S.E. Arnolds Park/U.S. 71	7	273N
Maquoketa Caves	563.652.5833	7 mi. N.W. Maquoketa/ County Road Y31	323	
Marble Beach (Gull Point)	712.337.3211	2 mi. N.W. Orleans/IA 276	64	4,169N
McIntosh Woods	641.829.3847	3/4 mi. E. Ventura/U.S. 18	62	3,684N
Mines of Spain, E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center	563.556.0620	S. edge of Dubuque from U.S. 52	1,439	
Mini-Wakan (Gull Point)	712.337.3211	N. Shore Spirit Lake	20	4,169N
Nine Eagles	641.442.2855	6 mi. S.E. Davis City/County Road J66	1,119	67A
Okamanpedan	712.337.3211	3 mi. N.E. Dolliver/County Road A13	19	981N
Palisades-Kepler	319.895.6039	3½ mi. W. Mount Vernon/U.S. 30	840	
Pikes Peak	563.873.2341	3 mi. S.E. McGregor/County Road X56	970	
Pikes Point (Gull Point)	712.337.3211	2½ mi. S.W. Spirit Lake/IA 9	15	3,847N
Pillsbury Point (Gull Point)	712.337.3211	Arnolds Park/U.S. 71	6	3,847N
Pilot Knob	641.581.4835	4 mi. E. Forest City/IA 9	700	15A
Pine Lake	641.858.5832	½ mi. N.E. Eldora/County Road S56	654	69 & 50A
Pleasant Creek	319.436.7716	4 mi. N. & ½ mi. W. Palo	1,927	410A
Prairie Rose	712.773.2701	6 mi. S.E. Harlan	661	218A
Preparation Canyon	712.456.2924	5 mi. S.W. Moorhead/IA 183	344	
Red Haw	641.774.5632	1 mi. E. Chariton/U.S. 34	649	72A
Rice Lake	641.581.4835	2½ mi. S.E. Lake Mills/County Roads R74 & A34	15	900N
Rock Creek	641.236.3722	6 mi. N.E. Kellogg/County Road F27	1,697	602A
Shimek Forest	319.878.3811	1 mi. E. Farmington/IA 2	9,000	20A
Springbrook	641.747.3591	8 mi. N.E. Guthrie Center/IA 25 & IA 384	930	17A
Stephens Forest	641.774.4559	2 ½ mi. S. Lucas/U.S. 65	14,500	10A
Stone	712.255.4698	8 mi. N.W. Sioux City/IA 12	1,595	3A
Summerset	515.961.7101	6 mi. S. Des Moines/U.S. 65/69	222	80A
Templar Park Recreation Area (Gull Point Complex)	712.337.3211	3 mi. N.W. Spirit Lake/IA 276	10	4,169N
Trappers Bay (Gull Point)	712.337.3211	adjoins Lake Park/IA 219	57	1,041N
Triboji Beach (Gull Point)	712.337.3211	N.W. shore, W. Okoboji Lake	5	3,847N
Twin Lakes	712.657.8712	7½ mi. N. Rockwell City/IA 4 & IA 124	15	569N
Union Grove	641.473.2556	4 mi. S.W. Gladbrook/County Road	282	110A
Viking Lake	712.829.2235	4 mi. S.E. Stanton/County Road H42	1,000	137A
Volga River Recreation Area	563.425.4161	4 mi. N. Fayette/IA 150	5,500	135A
Walnut Woods	515.285.4502	4 mi. S.W. Des Moines/IA 5	250	
Wapsipinicon	319.462.2761	Adjoins Anamosa/County Road E34	390	7A
Waubonsie	712.382.2786	7 mi. S.W. Sidney/IA 239 & IA 2	2,056	
Wildcat Den	563.263.4337	3 mi. E. Muscatine/IA 22	423	

Name	Telephone	Location/Highway	Area Acreage	Lake Acreage
Wilson Island Recreation Area	712.642.2069	5 mi. W. Loveland/County Road G12	547	
Yellow River Forest	563.586.2254	14 mi. S.E. Waukon/IA 76	8,600	

A = artificial
 N = natural
 R = reservoir

State Parks Managed by Other Entities

Park	Managed Entity	Park	Managed Entity
Bobwhite	Wayne County	Lake Cornelia.....	Wright County
Browns Woods.....	Woodbury County	Lake Odessa Campground (Snively Access)	Louisa County
Cold Springs	Cass County	Margo Frankel Woods.....	Saylorville Township
Crystal Lake	Hancock County	Oak Grove	Sioux County
Eagle Lake.....	Hancock County	Pammel.....	Madison County
Echo Valley.....	Fayette County	Pioneer	Mitchell County
Frank A. Gotch.....	Humboldt County	Sharon Bluffs	Appanoose County
Galland School	Lee County	Silver Lake	Worth County
Heery Woods	Butler County	Spring Lake.....	Greene County
Kearny	City of Emmetsburg	Swan Lake.....	Carroll County

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Source of information: Department of Natural Resources. For more information regarding fish and wildlife resources, contact the Department of Natural Resources, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines 50321; 515.725.8200; www.iowadnr.gov.

Sport Fishing

Iowa’s waters, like its lands, are rich and diverse. The fishing waters of the state include more than 19,000 miles of warm-water streams, over 500 miles of cold-water trout streams, 40 natural lakes, 150 artificial recreational lakes, 30 oxbow lakes, four flood control reservoirs, 550 miles of great border rivers, and a myriad of small farm ponds. One in three Iowans fish, catching more than 70 million fish each year. Fishing is big business, providing an annual economic output of more than \$500 million to Iowa’s economy.

Catfish is the “King of Fish” in warm-water rivers, especially in placid streams of the central, southeast, and southwest parts of the state. Faster-flowing streams in northeastern Iowa offer smallmouth bass and walleye fishing. Where underground springs feed cold water to the smaller tributary streams, trout are stocked from the three state fish hatcheries located at Decorah, Manchester, and Big Springs. Additionally, there are over 100 cold-water streams where improved habitat and water quality conditions allow for natural reproduction of trout. While only five streams were found with trout natural reproduction in the late 1980s, the number has been consistently on the rise since 2000.

Natural lakes formed by glacial action nearly 20,000 years ago provide excellent year-round fishing for walleye, northern pike, yellow perch, crappie, and smallmouth bass. Shallow, marsh-like lakes in this region can provide excellent bullhead, yellow perch, and northern pike fishing. Manmade

recreational lakes are likely places to catch largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, and channel catfish, while the great border rivers — the Mississippi, Missouri, and Big Sioux — offer these fish species along with paddlefish, sauger, and white bass. Mark Twain believed the Indian legends about giant fish in these waters, and wrote in *Life on the Mississippi* of fabulous-sized sturgeon, paddlefish, and channel catfish. Even today, myths of undiscovered, gigantic fish survive among some river people.

Commercial Fishing

Commercial fishing in Iowa began with the first settlement along the Mississippi, when fish were caught with nets to provide food for inhabitants of river towns. From this beginning, commercial fishing flourished as the Midwest's population grew. Today, more than 80 commercial fishers in Iowa are licensed to harvest fish for human consumption. Almost 1.5 million pounds are harvested each year, with a wholesale value of approximately \$600,000.

Wildlife and Hunting

Iowa's wildlife resources are scientifically managed by the Department of Natural Resources to ensure that all wildlife species have a place to live and wildlife populations are sufficient to meet hunting and nonconsumptive recreational demands. Nearly 220,000 Iowans hunt and another one million enjoy viewing wildlife. Hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits allow surplus game animals to be harvested and population levels to be maintained. Game and nongame projects have been undertaken to return several native wildlife species that were eliminated by early settlers, including barn owls, river otters, trumpeter swans, prairie chickens, peregrine falcons, osprey, bald eagles, whitetail deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, and temperate breeding (formerly "giant") Canada geese.

For most of the 20th century, Iowa was known as one of the best pheasant and quail hunting states in the nation. With the evolution in Iowa's landscape over the last four decades, many habitat changes have occurred, leaving game birds more scattered and less abundant. While pheasants can be found across most of the state, the best hunting is usually in portions of the northwest, north central, and east central regions. Quail are most common in the southern three tiers of counties along the Missouri border. Depending on the weather, pheasant harvests usually fall in the 200,000–600,000 range annually, still ranking Iowa as one of the better pheasant-hunting states.

In the 21st century, however, whitetail deer have captured the interest of more hunters, and Iowa is now known as one of the premier trophy whitetail states. More Iowans hunt deer than any other game animal and while deer numbers have been reduced to acceptable levels in most areas, opportunities for youth, disabled, bow, muzzleloader, shotgun, and handgun hunters occur in seasons that run from mid-September through mid-January. All seasons combined, resident and nonresident Iowa deer hunters regularly harvest more than 100,000 deer annually.

Wild turkey hunting in both spring and fall has also gained in popularity. Turkey hunters rank only behind deer and pheasant hunters in number of participants. Wild turkeys are found statewide wherever forest habitat exists. Cottontail rabbits and gray and fox squirrels are also hunted and are abundant.

Most waterfowl hunting occurs in boundary rivers, natural marshes in north central and northwest Iowa, the state's four flood control reservoirs, and several manmade wetlands managed by the Department of Natural Resources. Mallards, teal, and wood ducks are the most popular, although several other duck species are taken during migration. Canada geese produced within the state provide waterfowlers with a consistent resource and now outnumber all other geese taken. Migrant Canada geese and snow geese provide variety, with the best snow goose hunting often during the spring migration.

Depending on current market prices, Iowa fur harvesters may return up to \$2.5 million annually to the Iowa economy. Raccoon, muskrat, red fox, and mink are the most important species, with hunting and trapping seasons set to maximize and distribute equally recreational opportunity between hunters and trappers.

All of Iowa's wildlife populations depend upon the conservation and wise management of habitat. Most wildlife species benefit from diverse agricultural programs, but woodland clearing, wetland draining, or stream straightening causes declines in wildlife populations. To maintain a reasonable quantity of wildlife in Iowa, steps will continue to be taken to reduce further degradation of wildlife resources and habitat.

FORESTRY AND THE FOREST RESOURCE

*Source of information: Forestry Section, Department of Natural Resources.
For more information regarding forestry in Iowa, contact the Forestry Section,
Department of Natural Resources, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200,
Des Moines 50321; 515.725.8452;
www.iowadnr.gov/programs-services/forestry-resources.*

Iowa has 2,956,000 acres of forestland with 86 percent of Iowa's forest resource owned by over 155,000 private landowners. Iowa's forests are in scattered locations or fragments that are often too steep or too wet to farm, and are dominated by oak, hickory, maple, hackberry, ash, and cottonwood trees. Forests play critical roles in Iowa's wildlife habitat, water quality protection, wood products industry, recreation, and tourism.

Forestry Section

The Forestry Section is comprised of the State Forester, Forestry program staff, and the State Forest Nursery. The Forestry Section, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Farm Service Agency, manages forestry programs including fire, forest stewardship, urban forestry, forest legacy, and forest health. The section also operates conservation tree and shrub nursery operations at Ames. The operational budget of the Forestry Section for FY 2025 is approximately \$2.8 million (\$500,000 state general fund). The section is authorized to have 18 FTEs, which includes 12 full-time employees and six part-time employees. The staff includes six professional foresters. The section also employs 30 to 50 Department of Corrections inmates at the State Forest Nursery.

State Forest Nursery

The State Forest Nursery supplies conservation tree and shrub seedlings for reforestation, soil erosion control, water quality protection, and wildlife habitat enhancement at the cost of production, plus contributions to fund the Forestry Enhancement Program for field foresters who promote reforestation and forest management to private landowners. This operation:

- Annually produces and distributes one million conservation tree and shrub seedlings to approximately 3,500 landowners who establish 4,000 acres of new forest annually.
- Collects locally sourced seeds throughout Iowa to grow native trees and shrubs.
- Provides employment and training opportunities for 30 to 50 state inmates.
- Coordinates with Iowa State University to provide seasonal positions for 30-40 students each fall and spring semester.
- Cooperates with private nursery operations to promote and market the use of Iowa-grown trees and shrubs.
- Cooperates with some 30 forestry consultants and vendors who plant trees on private and public lands in Iowa.
- Annually supplies \$50,000 worth of conservation trees and shrubs for use on public land.
- Coordinates a tree improvement program to identify superior walnut and butternut selections, and establishes test and seed orchards for producing superior fast-growing trees.

Urban and Community Forestry Assistance

The Urban Forester promotes awareness, reforestation, and management of trees in urban/community settings relating to the following:

- Tree plantings and community reforestation.
- Community tree surveys and management planning.
- Emerald ash borer and invasive species planning.
- Public risk tree identification and recommendations.
- Storm damage assessment and priority assistance.
- Professional and tree worker continuing education and training.

Conservation Education of Youth and Adults

- Trees For Kids and Trees For Teens education, tree planting, and care programs.
- Cooperative efforts with Iowa State University with train the trainer programs of Master Woodland Manager, Community Tree Steward, and Master Conservationist.
- Working with Iowa State University on Forestry Field Days.
- Supporting conservation districts of Iowa with Envirothon Competition for Teens.
- Arbor Month and Earth Day youth and adult events.
- Tree planting grants to schools.

Forest Products Utilization and Watershed Forestry

- Working with Iowa's 15,000-employee wood products industry to promote efficient utilization and marketing of forest products.
- Administration of the timber buyer bonding law that protects private consumers from fraud.

Forest Health Monitoring and Management

- Forest and tree insect and disease identification and management recommendations.
- Overall state monitoring of forest insects and disease issues.
- Storm and natural disaster impact evaluation on public and private forests.
- Management of spongy moth and emerald ash borer control efforts in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's State Entomologist and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 45 Iowa counties.
- Cooperative research with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service on tree and forest problems such as oak tatters, emerald ash borer, bur oak blight, thousand cankers disease of walnut trees, and others.
- Coordinating the State Invasive Species Working Group to increase awareness, and surveying and management of invasive plants in forest and prairie areas.

Rural Fire Protection and Enhancement Assistance

One forester and two contract employees coordinate wildland fire protection efforts relating to the following:

- Fire prevention promotion through the Smokey Bear Program.
- Acquisition, distribution, and monitoring of over \$16 million in federal excess equipment in the form of trucks, pumps, and communications supplies to support more than 800 rural fire districts.
- Coordination of federal pass-through grants to volunteer fire departments in areas under 10,000 in population to acquire wildland fire tools, communications, and clothing.
- Coordination of a program of standard wildland fire training and education for state and county conservation agency personnel and volunteer fire departments for public safety and ecological restoration efforts.
- Participation in the Big Rivers Forest Fire Management Compact with Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri to share training and wildland fire resources.
- Coordination of special wildland and urban interface projects to reduce wildland fire fuels and hazards.

Forest Legacy

The Forest Legacy Program works cooperatively with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to identify private forests under threat to conversion to non-forest uses; to assess, appraise, and purchase conservation easements with federal funds; to monitor conservation easements; and to work with landowners on sustainable working forests.

Private Forestland Owner Assistance

Service foresters, managed by the Wildlife Bureau and located in district field offices, provide statewide technical assistance that annually improves the condition of 40,000 acres of Iowa's forests. Work is generally one-on-one with Iowa landowners, involving land stewardship planning to meet landowner objectives and to sustain and enhance the forest resource. Foresters help coordinate project

implementation with over 30 forestry consultants and vendors and over 300 logging and sawmill businesses. District and enhancement foresters provide project planning for private lands relating to the following:

- Conservation tree planting and reforestation.
- Forestland improvement and timber sale assistance.
- Wildlife habitat enhancement.
- Soil and watershed protection, including forest riparian buffers and windbreaks.
- State and federal forestry cost-share inspections, reporting, and administration.
- Management planning and activities for State Parks and Wildlife Management Areas.

State Forests

Iowa's state forest system consists of approximately 46,000 acres with four major state forests:

- Loess Hills State Forest, 11,600 acres, is located in Harrison and Monona counties 30 minutes north of Council Bluffs.
- Shimek State Forest, 9,000 acres, is located in Lee and Van Buren counties in southeast Iowa.
- Stephens State Forest, 14,500 acres, is located in Clarke, Davis, Jasper, Lucas, and Monroe counties in south central Iowa.
- Yellow River State Forest, 8,992 acres, is located in Allamakee County in northeast Iowa.

Six smaller state forest areas – Gifford (Pottawattamie County), Pilot Mound (Boone County), Holst (Boone County), Barkley (Boone County), White Pine Hollow (Dubuque County), and Backbone (Delaware County) State Forests – range in size from 34 to 314 acres.

Iowa's state forest system is managed for a sustainable range of natural resources such as wildlife, wood products, clean water, and scenic beauty. Managed by the Parks Bureau, the forests are important recreation destinations, especially for dispersed recreation like hunting, hiking, and equestrian riding. State forests also support jobs in Iowa's wood industry through the sale of timber, forestry industry consulting jobs, and active forest resource management.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT IOWA

*More information regarding Iowa facts may be found in the Iowa Factbook,
published by the Fiscal Services Division
of the Legislative Services Agency at
www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/fiscal/factbook.*

Education

- Iowa has three state universities: University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and University of Northern Iowa.
- In 2024, Iowa students achieved an ACT average composite score of 21.0. This score ranks above the national average score of 19.4. (*ACT*, 2024)
- In 2024, Iowa students posted SAT mean scores that were above the College and Career Readiness Benchmarks: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing — 616, compared to a benchmark of 480; Math — 595, compared to a benchmark of 530. (*College Board*, 2025)

Exports

- In 2024, Iowa exported \$17.0 billion of goods to the world. In 2022, exports from Iowa supported an estimated 116,000 jobs.
- Iowa was the 29th largest state exporter of goods in 2024.
- Goods exports accounted for 6.7 percent of Iowa GDP in 2024.
- In 2024, Iowa exported \$14.8 billion of manufactured products. The state's largest manufacturing export category is food and related products, which accounted for \$3.9 billion of Iowa's total goods exports in 2024.
- A total of 3,172 companies exported from Iowa locations in 2023 (latest data available). Of those, 2,565 (81 percent) were small- and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.

- Small- and medium-sized firms generated 14.2 percent of Iowa’s total exports of goods in 2023.
- The state’s largest market was Canada. Iowa exported \$5.0 billion in goods to Canada in 2024, representing 30 percent of the state’s total goods exports.
- Canada was followed by Mexico (\$3.2 billion), Japan (\$971 million), China (\$925 million), and Brazil (\$786 million).
- Iowa is the country’s second largest agricultural exporting state, shipping \$13.5 billion in domestic agricultural exports abroad in 2023 (latest data available according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture).
- Top agricultural exports were soybeans (\$3.6 billion), pork (\$2.8 billion), corn (\$2.2 billion), feeds and other feed grains (\$1.7 billion), and soybean meal (\$953 million).
- 59 percent of Iowa’s goods exports (\$10.1 billion) in 2024 went to current Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners.
- Iowa has foreign offices in Europe, east Asia, south Asia, southeast Asia, and Latin America. (*Iowa Economic Development Authority, 2025*)

Items of Interest

- The word “Iowa” comes from the American Indian tribe of the same name.
- Iowa became the 29th state on December 28, 1846.
- The Iowa General Assembly is comprised of 50 members of the Senate and 100 members of the House of Representatives.
- Iowa is represented in the United States Congress by four members of the House of Representatives and two members of the Senate.
- Iowa has 99 counties.
- Iowa is bordered by two navigable rivers: the Missouri River to the west and the Mississippi River to the east.
- The capital of Iowa is Des Moines.
- Iowa’s nickname is the Hawkeye State.
- Sergeant Charles Floyd, the only person to die during the historic Lewis and Clark journey, is buried in Sioux City.
- The world’s first electronic digital computer was built and operated by researchers at Iowa State University in the 1930s.
- The state sales tax rate in Iowa is six percent.
- Iowa has one of the lowest uninsured rates in the country for health insurance with just 5.0 percent of Iowans uninsured. (*America’s Health Rankings Annual Report, 2023*)

Demographics (Unless otherwise noted, *U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Population*)

- The estimated population of Iowa is 3,200,517. Iowa’s population density is 57.1 persons per square mile. Among the 50 states, Iowa ranks 31st in population and 23rd in land area, with 55,853 square miles.
- Iowa’s population grew by an estimated 144,014 people compared to the 2010 census. This is a gain of 4.7 percent.
- In 2020, Iowa had 941 incorporated cities.
 - 667 cities had fewer than 1,000 residents.
 - 106 cities had between 1,000 and 1,999 residents.
 - 83 cities had between 2,000 and 4,999 residents.
 - 43 cities had between 5,000 and 9,999 residents.
 - 31 cities had between 10,000 and 49,999 residents.
 - 11 cities had greater than 50,000 residents.
- Sixty-eight counties experienced declining populations from 2010 to 2020. Twenty-two had population declines of at least 500 to 1,000 people. Eight counties had a population decline greater than 1,000 people.
- Seven counties had populations in excess of 100,000 people: Polk, Dallas, Linn, Scott, Johnson, Black Hawk, and Woodbury. These seven counties account for 43.9 percent of Iowa’s total 2022 estimated population.

- A total of 53.0 percent of Iowa’s population is concentrated in 10 counties: Polk, Linn, Scott, Johnson, Black Hawk, Woodbury, Dallas, Dubuque, Story, and Pottawattamie.
- Most populous Iowa county: Polk County — 501,089.
- Least populous Iowa county: Adams County — 3,611.
- Iowa had an estimated 193,861 veterans living in the state in Federal Fiscal Year 2020. (*U.S. Veterans Affairs*, 2022)
- Iowa has 2,121,457 registered voters. (*Iowa Secretary of State*, September 2025)

Iowa Energy

(*U.S. Energy Information Administration*, 2024)

- Iowa is the top state in the nation for the percentage of electricity generated by wind energy at 63 percent.
- In 2024, Iowa was the second largest wind power producer after Texas.
- Iowa has a total renewable energy generating capacity of 13,800 megawatts.
- Iowa has four hydroelectric power plants.

Education Statistics (Unless otherwise noted, *Iowa Department of Education*, 2024)

Public Schools

Districts (2023 – 2024)	325
Buildings (2023 – 2024)	1,316
Teachers (includes full-, part-time, and AEA, 2023 – 2024)	37,982
K-12 enrollment (2023 – 2024)	483,699
Four-year graduation rate (class of 2022 – 2023)	87.5%

Community Colleges

Area community colleges	15
Unduplicated fiscal year credit enrollment	119,310
Only Arts and Sciences.....	34,781
Only Career and Technical	28,609
Combination of Program Types.....	4,444

Postsecondary Institutions

State universities.....	3
Students enrolled at the three state universities (fall 2024) (<i>Iowa College and University Enrollment Reports</i> , <i>Board of Regents, State of Iowa</i> , 2024)	70,494
Students enrolled at private nonprofit four-year colleges and universities (fall 2024) (<i>Iowa College and University Enrollment Reports</i> , <i>Iowa College Aid, State of Iowa</i> , 2024).....	48,077

Employment Statistics (annual averages)

(*U.S. Department of Labor*, 2025)

Total labor force.....	1,739,300
Employed labor force	1,673,500
Unemployed.....	65,800
Job growth (2024 – 2025)	1.4%

Income Statistics of Iowans (2024)

(*U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis*)

Per Capita Personal Income.....	\$64,357
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Employment by Occupation (May 2024)

(*Iowa Workforce Development, Labor Market Information*)

Architecture and Engineering.....	23,550
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	19,550

Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance.....	46,090
Business and Financial Operations.....	89,850
Community and Social Service.....	21,240
Computer and Mathematical.....	39,480
Construction and Extraction.....	70,400
Educational Instruction and Library.....	106,810
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry.....	5,590
Food Preparation and Serving.....	127,270
Healthcare Support.....	59,910
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair.....	67,880
Legal.....	8,050
Life, Physical, and Social Science.....	15,300
Management.....	99,710
Office and Administrative Support.....	175,980
Personal Care and Service.....	28,340
Production.....	144,660
Protective Service.....	22,650
Sales.....	134,010
Transportation and Material Moving.....	148,350

Farm Statistics (2024)

(U.S. Department of Agriculture NASS, 2024)

Farms.....	86,700
Acres of land in farms.....	30,000,000
Average farm size.....	346 acres
Average per acre value of farmland (<i>Farm Real Estate, 2024</i>).....	\$9,420

Crops, Value of (2024)

(U.S. Department of Agriculture NASS, 2024)

Corn (bushel).....	\$4.40
Soybeans (bushel).....	\$10.00
Oats (bushel).....	\$3.60
All hay (ton).....	\$112.00
Corn (total).....	\$11,558,580,000
Soybeans (total).....	\$5,976,000,000

Top Trade Partners for Goods (2024 sales)

(U.S. Trade Representative, 2024)

Canada.....	\$5,000,000,000
Mexico.....	\$3,200,000,000
Japan.....	\$971,000,000
China.....	\$925,000,000
Brazil.....	\$786,000,000

Population Statistics (2022)

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2022, and LSA calculations)

Population per state senator.....	64,010
Population per state representative.....	32,005
Population per congressional district.....	800,129

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin (2023)

(Iowa Data Center)

White alone not Hispanic or Latino.....	84.2%
Hispanic or Latino.....	7.3%

Two or more races	6.5%
Black or African American	4.0%
Asian	2.4%
Some other race alone	2.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%

Demographic Statistics (2023) (Unless otherwise noted,
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, 2023)

Live births	36,004
Rate of births per 1,000 population	11.2
Deaths	32,569
Rate of deaths per 1,000 population	10.2
Marriages	16,689
Rate of marriages per 1,000 population	5.5
Dissolutions of marriage	5,947
Rate of dissolutions per 1,000 population	2.0
Median age (<i>U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2024</i>)	39.1
Voting age population (<i>U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, 2023</i>)	2,476,882
Percent of population born in the state (<i>American Community Survey, 2022</i>)	70.0
Net domestic migration (2020 – 2023) (<i>U.S. Census Bureau, 2023</i>)	-11,058
Net international migration (2020 – 2023) (<i>U.S. Census Bureau, 2023</i>)	20,367

Metropolitan Areas (2024) (*U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Resident Population Estimates for Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Their Geographic Components for the United States, 2024*)

Des Moines-West Des Moines Metro Area	753,913
Cedar Rapids Metro Area	278,677
Iowa City Metro Area	182,711
Davenport (part)-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa-Illinois Metro Area	173,924
Waterloo-Cedar Falls Metro Area	170,081
Sioux City, Iowa-Nebraska-South Dakota Metro Area (part) Evaluation Estimates	149,240
Ames Metro Area	129,227
Omaha-Council Bluffs (part), Nebraska, Iowa Metro Area	122,384
Dubuque Metro Area	99,242

Natural Resources Statistics (2023)
(*Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 2023*)

State park visits	13,483,088
Camping visits	864,225
Resident fishing licenses	229,665
Resident hunting licenses	43,404
Resident trapping licenses	14,332

Transportation Statistics (Unless otherwise noted, *Iowa Department of Transportation, 2024*)

Licensed drivers	2,402,129
Driver licenses issued to women	1,207,475
Driver licenses issued to men	1,194,654
Licensed drivers 65 or over	545,041
Licensed drivers under 18	136,883
Highway miles (under public jurisdiction)	115,064
Primary miles	9,624
Farm-to-market miles	30,564
Other secondary miles	59,024

Municipal miles	15,787
Railroad miles	4,058
Registered aircraft (<i>Federal Aviation Administration</i>)	4,168
Automobiles registered	1,032,727
Motor vehicles registered	3,795,778
Vehicles registered, including nonmotorized vehicles	4,662,571

Modes of Transportation (Unless otherwise noted, *Iowa Department of Transportation*)

Roadway bridges	23,684
Publicly owned airports	104
Active pilots (<i>Federal Aviation Administration, 2022</i>)	6,107
Railroad track miles (see railroad miles above for duplicate structure)	4,058
Public transit systems	35

Weather Statistics (*Climatology Bureau of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, 2024*)

Average Temperature (Degrees F)

December/January/February	30.7
March/April/May	51.1
June/July/August	71.8
September/October/November	54.8

Average Monthly Precipitation (Inches)

December/January/February	3.83
March/April/May	14.22
June/July/August	13.48
September/October/November	5.62
Annual Precipitation (Inches)	36.95
Annual Snowfall (Inches)	20.1

Other Weather Statistics

Average Annual Temperature (degrees F)	51.5
Percent of days with sunshine	59
Average wind speed (miles per hour)	11.0
Tornadoes	131

LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND RECOGNITION DAYS

Chapter 1C of the Code of Iowa provides that the following are legal public holidays:

New Year’s Day	January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday	Third Monday in January
Lincoln’s Birthday	February 12
Washington’s Birthday	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veterans Day	November 11

Thanksgiving Day.....	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

Chapter 1C of the Code of Iowa provides that the following are recognition days:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Third Monday in January
George Washington Carver Day	February 1
Iowa State Flag Day.....	March 29
Gift to Iowa's Future Recognition Day	First Monday in April
Arbor Day and Arbor Week.....	Last Friday in April and the week thereof
Mother's Day	Second Sunday in May
Juneteenth National Freedom Day.....	Third Saturday in June
Father's Day.....	Third Sunday in June
Independence Sunday.....	Sunday preceding the Fourth of July
Purple Heart Day	August 7
Herbert Hoover Day	Sunday nearest August 10
Columbus Day	October 12
Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Day.....	October 16
Youth Honor Day.....	October 31
Veterans Day.....	November 11
Bill of Rights Day.....	December 15

THE IOWA AWARD

The Iowa Award represents the state's highest citizen award. The Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation, established in 1948 by Governor Robert D. Blue and the Iowa General Assembly, created the award. The foundation wished "to encourage and recognize the outstanding service of Iowans in the fields of science, medicine, law, religion, social welfare, education, agriculture, industry, government, and other public service" and to recognize the "merit of their accomplishments in Iowa and throughout the United States."

The foundation bestows the Iowa Award approximately every five years and finances the event with money from the foundation's trust fund. By giving "awards, medals, or any other proper means of recognition," the foundation and the State of Iowa applaud the "outstanding ability, service and achievement by Iowans" and take pride in sharing the outstanding benefits of their accomplishments.

Iowa Award Recipients

- 1951** President Herbert Hoover
(engineer, humanitarian, author, and U.S. President)
- 1955** Jay N. Darling
(cartoonist, conservationist, Pulitzer Prize winner)
- 1961** Dr. Frank Spedding
(educator, chemist, worked on the first atomic bomb)
- 1961** Dr. James Van Allen
(educator, physicist, rocket space exploration)
- 1966** Henry A. Wallace
(U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Vice President of the United States)
- 1970** Mamie Eisenhower
(First Lady, wife of President Dwight D. Eisenhower)
- 1975** Dr. Karl King
(composer, bandmaster)
- 1978** Dr. Norman Borlaug
(crop geneticist, worked to end world hunger, Nobel Peace Prize winner)
- 1980** Monsignor Luigi Liguitti
(director, National Catholic Rural Life Conference)

- 1984** George Gallup
(founder of the Gallup Poll)
- 1988** Meredith Willson
(composer, musician)
- 1992** Carrie Lane Chapman Catt
(leader in suffrage movement and for world peace)
- 1996** Simon Estes
(international opera singer)
- 1999** Maurice Lasansky
(artist, educator)
- 1999** John Astanasoff
(physicist, mathematician, educator, inventor of the first electronic digital computer)
- 2001** John Ruan
(innovative entrepreneur, philanthropist, World Food Prize sponsor)
- 2002** George Washington Carver
(internationally renowned scientist and humanitarian)
- 2005** Robert D. Ray
(governor, statesman, mayor, university president, lawyer, and insurance executive)
- 2006** Harry Hopkins
(founder of WPA programs under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman)
- 2009** Grant Wood
(artist)
- 2010** William C. “Bill” Knapp
(philanthropist, business and community leader)
- 2012** Richard “Dick” O. Jacobson
(transportation pioneer, entrepreneur, and philanthropist)
- 2014** Kenneth M. Quinn
(diplomat and humanitarian)
- 2016** John Pappajohn
(entrepreneur, business leader, and philanthropist)
- 2018** Robert N. Noyce
(physicist, entrepreneur, and inventor)
- 2025** Terry E. Branstad
(diplomat, governor, university president, lieutenant governor, and legislator)

It is the foundation’s obligation to preserve the original funds received from the sale of commemorative half-dollars sold in 1946–1947 as a perpetual charitable trust fund. Seventy-five percent of the interest earned on the trust fund is expended. In addition to presenting the Iowa Award, the foundation grants scholarships annually to Iowa high school seniors and college students attending a postsecondary school in Iowa. Interested students should contact the Office of the Treasurer for more information. One thousand commemorative half-dollars were retained by the foundation. Five hundred were sold to provide funding for the state’s sesquicentennial celebration and 500 were sold to provide funding for the state’s bicentennial celebration.

The foundation is comprised of the Governor, Treasurer of State, Attorney General, President of the State Board of Education, former Governors who have remained residents, and citizen trustees.

IOWA VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

The American Legion in Iowa

The American Legion was started in Paris, France, on March 15, 1919. It was launched formally in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 8, 1919, by World War I veterans from nearly every state in the Union. The veterans were selected by temporary secretaries and named at the request of Theodore Roosevelt Jr., acting under instructions from the Paris caucus. The first national convention of delegates from the newly organized state departments was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Armistice Day, 1919.

The first Iowa state convention was held in Des Moines on September 4, 1919. The Iowa department stresses a national program of Americanism, national security, child welfare, and rehabilitation, in addition to many youth programs to develop good citizenship. The Iowa headquarters is located at 720 Lyon Street, Des Moines, and the National Service Office is located at 561 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines. Nine districts and 617 local posts are located in Iowa with an approximate annual membership of 57,000.

Iowa has contributed leadership to the national organization with five national commanders: Gen. Hanford McNider of Mason City, J. Ray Murphy, formerly of Ida Grove, Donald E. Johnson of West Branch, Dale Renaud of Bondurant, and David Rehbein of Ames. The American Legion Auxiliary, comprised of mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of Legionnaires, was organized in 1921.

American Veterans of World War II

American Veterans of World War II, commonly known as AMVETS, was granted a national charter by an Act of Congress, and President Harry S. Truman signed the measure on July 28, 1947. AMVETS is the only nationally chartered World War II veterans organization.

The AMVETS principles are to promote world peace, to perpetuate the American way of life, and to help veterans help themselves. Any person who served actively and honorably in the armed forces for any length of time after September 16, 1940, is eligible to become a member. AMVETS has a national and state auxiliary comprised of wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam veterans.

The Disabled American Veterans in Iowa

The Disabled American Veterans, commonly known as the DAV, was organized nationally in 1920 by groups of disabled veterans then undergoing vocational training and was chartered by Congress in 1932 to render service to, for, and by disabled war veterans. Since its inception, the DAV has been the mouthpiece for the disabled war veterans of America in Congress and before its various committees as well as before the Veterans Administration and its regional offices and facilities.

During 1920 and 1921, the first three chapters of the Department of Iowa DAV were organized in the vocational training centers at Des Moines, Iowa City, and Ames. The department held its first state convention in 1922 in Iowa City. The DAV in Iowa has grown to 24 chapters and over 10,000 members. The National Service Office is located at 566 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines.

The Marine Corps League in Iowa

The League is a veterans organization incorporated by an Act of Congress in 1937. It is composed of marines and former marines with honorable service. It aims to perpetuate the traditions and spirit of the U.S. Marine Corps through the continuous association of marines who served under the Globe and Anchor at any time, in war or peace.

League detachments are located all across the country. Regular meetings are conducted under a unified ritual, with the Marine Corps spirit and atmosphere predominating. The one and only membership qualification is honorable service in excess of 90 days in the U.S. Marine Corps. This means that, regardless of rank served, regardless of when or where a marine served, regardless of the division or wing of service, the marine, male or female, is welcome in the Marine Corps League.

A common trait of league members is the spirit of *Semper Fidelis*, the spirit of being “always faithful” to the country, the Corps, and their fellow marines, in service and out. So deep is this ingrained in the members that long after most have hung up their uniform for the last time, they still dare to call each other “Marine.” Each seems to hold the league slogan as a personal truth, that of “Once a Marine — always a Marine.”

Iowa Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Department of Iowa, was granted its charter by the national organization on May 26, 1921. Its objectives — fraternal, patriotic, historical, and educational — are to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members and to assist comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of its dead and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain allegiance to the government of the United States and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster patriotism; to

maintain and extend institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from its enemies. The VFW is comprised of American men and women who served honorably in the armed forces of the United States in hostile waters or on foreign soil during any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition.

The Iowa department headquarters is located at 3601 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only congressionally chartered veterans organization exclusively for combat-wounded veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart by the government of the United States.

Paralyzed Veterans of America – Iowa Chapter

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is a nonprofit organization chartered by the United States Congress and dedicated to serving the many needs of its members. The PVA is at the forefront of improving the access to and quality of appropriate health care, identifying and securing benefits to veterans, promoting medical research, educating society about attitudinal and physical barriers, and providing information and opportunities for better health, recreation, employment, sports, service, and camaraderie for spinal cord-impaired veterans and other veterans as appropriate. Membership is open to any veteran of military service who has a spinal cord injury or disease. The Iowa department headquarters is located at 7025 Hickman Road, Suite 1, Urbandale, and the National Service Office is located at 563 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines.

Vietnam Veterans of America

The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) was founded in 1979 as the only national Vietnam veteran organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families.

The goal of the organization is to promote and support the full range of issues faced by Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change the public perception of Vietnam veterans.

The National Service Office is located at 559 Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines.

Reserve Organization of America

Since 1922, the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) of the United States, now known as the Reserve Organization of America, to reflect its all-ranks membership, has championed the cause of the Reserve components at home and in war.

The evolution of that mission has helped protect the rights and benefits of individual members of the Reserve force and their families, while preserving a strong and capable Reserve force as a critical component to our national security. ROA continues to serve the Reserve and National Guard in an era where the need is greater than ever.

In 1922, after the First World War, General of the Armies John “Black Jack” Pershing helped form the ROA to ensure America had a strong Reserve force. With the ROA’s support, the nation has a cadre of Reserve leaders on which to rebuild its armed forces. From every background and branch, “citizen-warriors” have served their country, from duty at home, to Europe and Vietnam, to the Pacific and Southwest and South Central Asia, to Africa, and now, in space.

For 100 years, ROA has been the only organization solely dedicated to supporting the Reserve and its critical role in national defense. ROA is America’s only exclusive advocate for the Reserve and National Guard – all ranks, all services. With a sole focus on support of the Reserve and Guard, ROA promotes the interests of Reserve members, their families, and veterans of Reserve service, and conducts a legislative campaign that ensures the readiness of our Reserve force.