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# Native Americans in Iowa: 2022

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The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994.

## 14,486

The number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Iowa according to the 2020 Census. This is an 61.2% increase in population between 2000 and 2020.

## 1,142

Population in the Sac and Fox/Meskewaki American Indian Area according to the 2020 Census.

## 11,048

The projected American Indian and Alaska Native non Hispanic population of Iowa in 2050. According to Woods & Poole Economics Inc., Native Americans will constitute 0.3 percent of the states total population on that date.

## Families and Children

### 3,434

The number of American Indian and Alaska native families in 2021 who reside in Iowa.

### 50.2%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native married-couple families with related children under 18 years of age in 2021. This compares to 39.8% for the state of Iowa.

### 9.1%

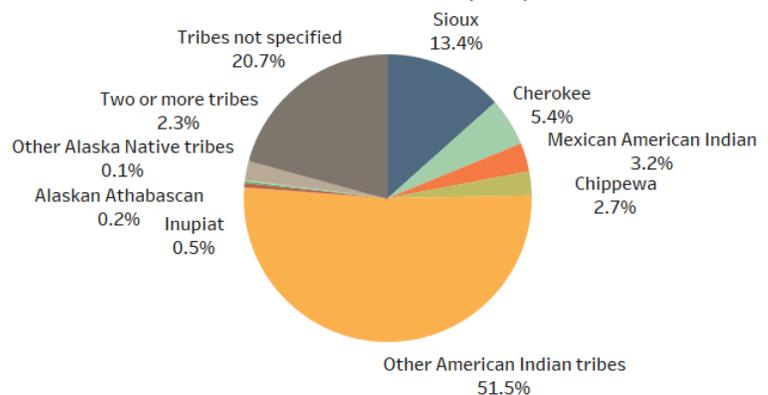
Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native population under age 5 in 2021. This compares to 5.9 percent for the state of Iowa.

## 28.5

The median age of Iowa's American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2021. The median age for the state was 38.5.

American Indian and Alaska Natives in Iowa by Selected Tribe

2016-2020 American Community Survey



## Education

**1,750**

The number of Native Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2021-2022 school year.

**-31.9%**

Percent decrease in Native American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2021-2022.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**84.4%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2021. For the state of Iowa it was 93.3%.

**22.0%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2021. In Iowa it was 30.5%.

**616**

Number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2021. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

### Serving our Nation

**656**

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2021.

### Disability

**17.7%**

The percent of Native Americans in Iowa with a disability in 2021. The percentage of all Iowans with a disability is 12.5%.

### Migration

**55.0%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2021 who were born in Iowa. This compares to 70.6% of the total population in Iowa who were born in the state.

**81.8%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2021 who lived in the same house last year. For the entire state of Iowa, that percentage was 86.3%.

## Employment

**8.5%**

The unemployment rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2021. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 3.6%.

**928**

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in sales and services occupations.

**1,072**

Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in management, business, science and arts occupations.

**23.6%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in service occupations.

Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey

**23.0%**

The percent of Iowa American and Alaska natives in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

### Housing

**38.5%**

The percentage in Iowa of households with a household-er who is American Indian and Alaska Native in Iowa who own their home in 2021. This compares with 71.9% for the state of Iowa.

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2021 American Community Survey  
2020 Decennial Census  
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## Counties and cities

**2,515**  
The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Woodbury County in 2020, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any Iowa county.

**26.6%**  
In 2020, a quarter of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population live in Woodbury, Polk, and Tama counties.

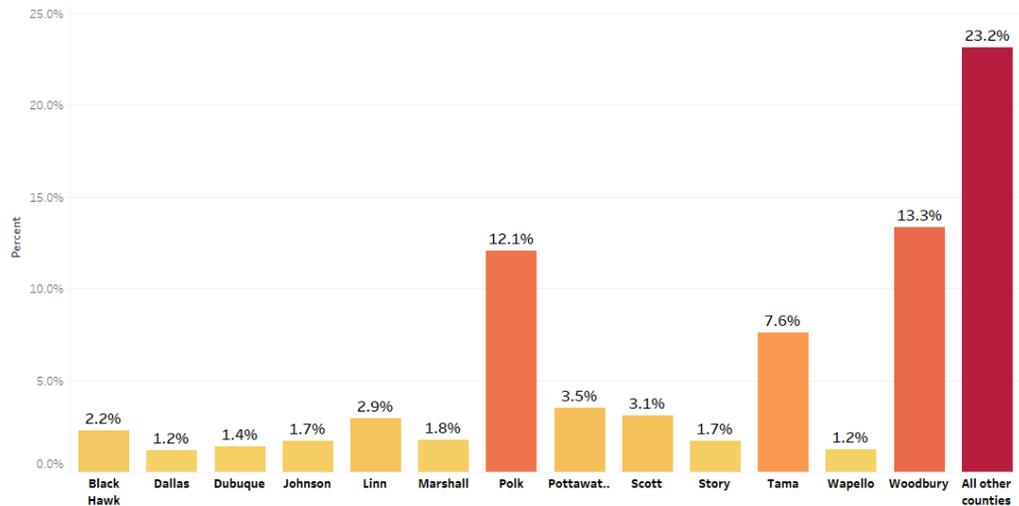
**2,381**  
The population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Sioux City making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any city in Iowa.

**65.7%**  
The growth in Iowa's Native American population from 2000-2020 occurred in nine counties: Black Hawk, Dallas, J, Marshall, Polk, Pottawattamie, Sioux, Story, Tama, and Woodbury.

**8.3%**  
The percent of total population in Tama County who are American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2020. The next county with a high percentage of American Indian and Alaska Natives is Woodbury with 2.4%.

**36.1%**  
The percentage of Iowa's total American Indian and Alaska Natives population living in five cities: Sioux City, Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Davenport, and Cedar Rapids.  
*Source: 2020 Decennial Census*

Percent of Iowa's Total American Indian and Alaska Native population: April 1, 2020



## Income, poverty, and health insurance

**\$42,941**  
The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives households in 2021. The median household income for the state was \$65,600.

**\$64,048**  
The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native families in 2021. The median family income for the state was \$84,908.

**13.2%**  
The percent of the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population with no health insurance coverage in 2021. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 4.8%

**\$22,377**  
The per capita income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2021. The per capita income for the state was \$35,715.

**21.5%**  
The poverty rate for the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2021. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 11.1%