

Update to the Profile of Older Adults in Scott County

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Demographic Characteristics

The following publication is an update to the June 2001 Profile of Senior Adults in Scott County. Only the information that has changed since the 2000 Census and information not previously available are included.

Age/Gender

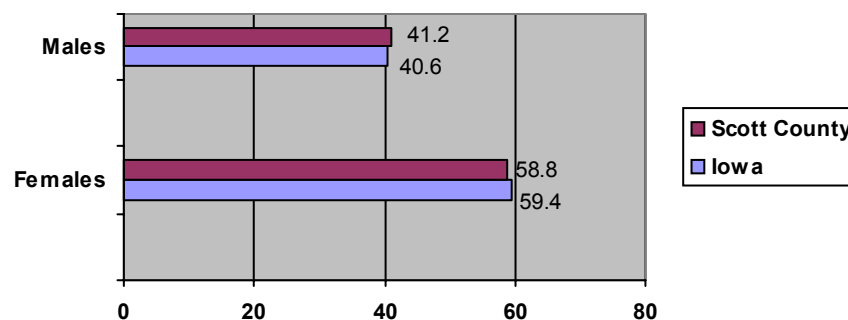
In 2000, Scott County had a population of 18,667 residents age 65 and over and 2,368 of those residents were over age 85. Scott County's population age 65 and over represents 11.8% of the total population. In 2000, the state of Iowa ranked third out of all states in percentage of residents age 65 and over and second out of all the states in percent of residents age 85 and over.

Table 1. Total number of persons age 65 and over and 85 and over, and the percentage of the total population in 2000.

	≥65	% of population	≥85	% of Population	% of 65+ population
Scott County	18,667	11.8	2,368	1.5	12.7
Iowa	436,213	14.9	65,118	2.2	14.9
United States	34,991,753	12.4	4,239,687	1.2	12.4

Scott County's and Iowa's populations age 65 and over are predominantly female. In 2000, the number of women age 65 and over in Scott County was 11,009, and in Iowa, women over age 65 numbered 259,216. There were only 7,668 men age 65 and over in Scott County and 176,997 in the state of Iowa.

Chart 1. Percentage of 65 and over population in Scott County and Iowa by Sex in 2000.



Marital Status

Marital status by age is new to the U.S. Census. You can see by the following table that most seniors are either currently married or widowed with the majority of the widowed population being female. The table also shows that it was common to marry and not to divorce.

Table 2. Marital status of males age 65 and over by sex in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in

	Scott County	Iowa	U.S.
Males			
Never married	271	7333	633,021
Presently married	5647	130,401	10,049,179
Married but spouse absent	46	813	174,466
Other	239	7,237	561,019
Widowed	1082	22,765	1,999,187
Divorced	413	8,622	965,454

Table 3. Marital status of females age 65 and over in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in 2000.

	Scott County	Iowa	U.S.
Females			
Never married	543	10,383	888,776
Presently married	4284	104,476	7,781,351
Married but spouse absent	34	758	194,758
Other	476	11,830	844,907
Widowed	4927	118,092	9,333,130
Divorced	848	13,667	1,533,680

Racial Analysis

Scott County and Iowa maintain a predominantly white senior population, which is quite different than the national distribution.

Table 4. Race and distribution of the residents 65 and over in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in 2000.

	Scott County	Iowa	United States
White	95.0%	98.3%	85.8%
Black	1.4%	0.8%	8.0%
American Indian, Asian/Pacific	0.7%	0.4%	2.7%
Other/two or more races	0.8%	0.4%	2.3%

Table 5. Race and distribution of the residents 85 and over in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in 2000.

	Scott County	Iowa	United States
White	96.0%	96.7%	86.1%
Black	2.5%	0.6%	6.4%
American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2%	2.0%	1.6%
Other/two or more races	0.6%	0.3%	1.5%

Primary Language Spoken In Home

Table 6. Primary language (other than English) spoken at home where the householder is age 65 and over in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in 2000.

	Scott County	Iowa	U.S.
Spanish	327	3,286	541,694
Indo-European	461	9,690	454,116
Asian/Pacific Islander	75	1,077	242,636
Other	37	355	40,986

Socio-Economic Cultural Demographic Features

In 2000, the 65 and over population in Scott County had a poverty rate of 5.6%. In Iowa and the United States the poverty rate for seniors was 9.0% and 10.6% respectively. The poverty rate for senior adults is likely to be related to the income distribution and the percentage of income allocated for housing.

Income

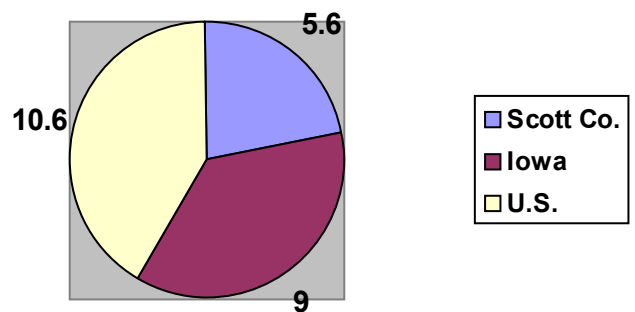
The income distribution for Scott County seniors is quite similar to that of Iowa. Most seniors income fall in the range of \$15,000 and \$49,999. However, almost one-third of Scott County and Iowa seniors have an income of less than \$25,000.

According to the chart below there were fewer Scott County seniors who were at or below the poverty level in 2000. The poverty rate for seniors in Scott was at 5.6% which is much less than Iowa and about one-half the national rate.

Table 7. Income distribution of the population age 65 and over in Scott County and Iowa in 2000.

Seniors at or below 100% of poverty in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in 2000.

Yearly Income	Scott County	Iowa
<\$10,000	6.4%	8.4%
\$10-14,999	8.2%	8.8%
\$15-24,999	14.6%	14.5%
\$25-34,999	11.1%	11.0%
\$35-49,999	10.8%	9.7%
\$50-74,999	7.6%	6.8%
\$75,000+	7.3%	4.9%



Education

Education level by age is new to the U.S. Census. The following table is a breakdown of the different levels of education of seniors in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States. Scott County's statistics are fairly similar to Iowa and the United States in almost all categories.

Table 8. Highest level of education completed for men age 65 and over in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in 2000.

Table 9. Highest level of education completed for females age 65 and over in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in 2000.

	Scott County	Iowa	U.S.		Scott County	Iowa	U.S.
Less than 9 th grade	16.3%	18.1%	17.0%	Less than 9 th grade	12.7%	13.6%	16.6%
9-12 th grade	16.0%	14.3%	16.7%	9-12 th grade	19.2%	13.8%	18.5%
High school grad.	30.6%	39.4%	27.8%	High school grad.	39.6%	43.8%	35.1%
Some college	16.5%	13.0%	16.0%	Some college	16.3%	16.5%	15.4%
Associate's degree	1.4%	1.3%	2.4%	Associate's	1.8%	2.5%	2.5%
Bachelor's degree	10.8%	7.4%	11.2%	Bachelor's	7.5%	6.8%	7.3%
Graduate or prof. degree	8.4%	6.5%	9.2%	Graduate or prof.	2.9%	3.1%	4.5%

Housing

According to the United States Census Bureau, in 2000, there were a total of 12,163 Scott County seniors who owned or rented their homes compared to 278,067 in Iowa. This translates to about 65% of Scott County senior adults and 64% of senior adults in Iowa owning or renting their home. In Scott County, 73% of householders age 65 and over own their home while 17% are renting and about 9% live in group quarters. The following table displays the 2000 data on owner and renter occupied housing for persons age 65 and over in Scott County.

Table 10. Owner and renter occupied housing for persons 65 and over where householder is 65 or over in Scott County according to the 2000 census.

Type of housing	Number of housing units
Owner Occupied	9,850
Renter Occupied	2,313
Live in group quarters	1,230

Housing Continued...

One prime indicator of financial stability is how much of someone's monthly income is allocated to their rent or their owner costs. More than 40% of Scott County Seniors and 37% of Iowa seniors are paying more than 30% of their income to their monthly rent. As shown by Table 10 older adults who rent their homes are more likely to pay a high percentage of their incomes to rent. Many seniors in Scott County are paying more than one-third of their monthly income to rent. In Table 11 (page 4) it is shown that older adults who own their own home seem more financially stable and pay a much smaller percentage of their income to owner costs.

Table 10. Percentage of income allocated to rent by residents 65 and over in Scott County and Iowa 2000.

Percentage of Income	Scott County	Iowa
<20%	585 (24.9%)	13,308 (24.6%)
20-24%	274 (11.6%)	7,291 (13.5%)
25-29%	403 (17.1%)	7,189 (13.3%)
30-34%	194 (8.2%)	4,373 (8.1%)
>35%	777 (33.0%)	15,714 (29.0%)

Table 11. Percentage of income allocated to monthly household owner costs by residents age 65 and over in Scott County and Iowa 2000.

Percentage of Income	Scott County	Iowa
<20%	5904 (69.9%)	123,385 (69.6%)
20-24%	687(8.1%)	16,405 (9.2%)
25-29%	514 (6.1%)	10,282 (5.8%)
30-34%	303 (3.6%)	6,418 (3.6%)
>35%	943 (11.2%)	19,266 (10.9%)

Other Social Characteristics

Registered Voters

The senior population traditionally votes more than any other age group. The following table shows that a large majority of the senior population in Iowa and the United States voted in 2000.

Table 12. Number of registered voters age 65 or over and the percentage who voted in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States in 2000.

	Scott County	Iowa	U.S.
Registered Voters	16,007	380,907	24,948,000
Percentage who voted	74.3%	73.0%	88.8%

Veterans

Many older adults in Scott County and the rest of the nation are veterans of the armed forces. Most of these veterans were involved in World War II. In Scott County there are a total of 5,390 senior male veterans. This is more than 70% of the male senior population. In Iowa and the United States numbers are similar with 63% and 64% of men serving respectively.

Table 13. Number of Veterans age 65 and over in Scott County, Iowa, and the United States, 2000.

	Scott County	Iowa	U.S.
Males	5390	112,347	9,315,855
Females	230	3,329	347,654