

# NATIVE AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2015

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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.

## 14,742

The estimated number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Iowa in 2013. Census Bureau estimates a 64.0% increase in population between 2000 and 2013.

## 13,784

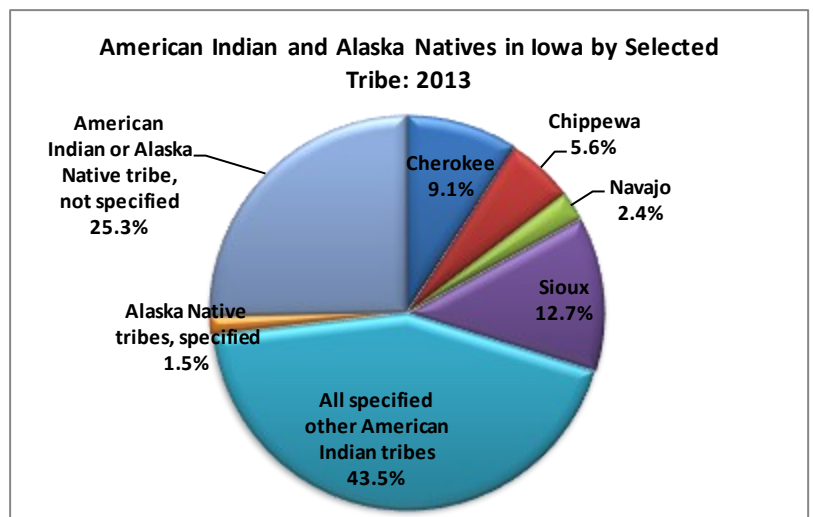
The projected Native American population of Iowa in 2040. According to Woods & Pool Economics Inc., Native Americans will constitute 0.4 percent of the states total population on that date.

## 2.81

The average household size for American Indian and Alaska Native households in Iowa. The average household size for the state of Iowa is 2.4.

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Number of American Indian areas in Iowa, which include the Omaha (4,703), the Sac and Fox/Meskwaki (1,260), and the Winnebago (2,746).



## Families and Children

### 1,965

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

### 31.7%

Percentage of related American Indian and Alaska Native children who live in married-couple families compared to 70.7% percent for the state of Iowa.

### 9.9%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native population under age 5. This compares to 6.6 percent for the state of Iowa.



# Education

**2,058**

The number of Native Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2013-2014 school year.

**90.4%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2013.

**171**

Number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2013. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

**-19.9%**

Percent decrease in Native American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2013-2014.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**12.2%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2013.

**29.7**

The median age of Iowa's American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2013. The median age for the state was 38.1



# Migration

**56.0%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2013 who were born in Iowa. This compares to 74.8% of the total population in Iowa who were born in the state.

**73.8%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2013 who lived in the same house last year. For the entire state of Iowa, that percentage was 84.7%.

# Housing

**35.2%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Iowa who own their home in 2013. This compares with 70.8% for the state of Iowa.

**67.8%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2011 who live in an urban area. This compares with 58.5% for the state of Iowa.

**Serving our Nation**

**686**

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

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey

# Businesses and Jobs

## 604

The number of American Indian– and Alaska Native-owned firms in 2007

## 6.2%

The percent decrease in American Indian– and Alaska Native-owned firms between 2002 and 2007.

Source: Survey of Business Owners

## 12.1%

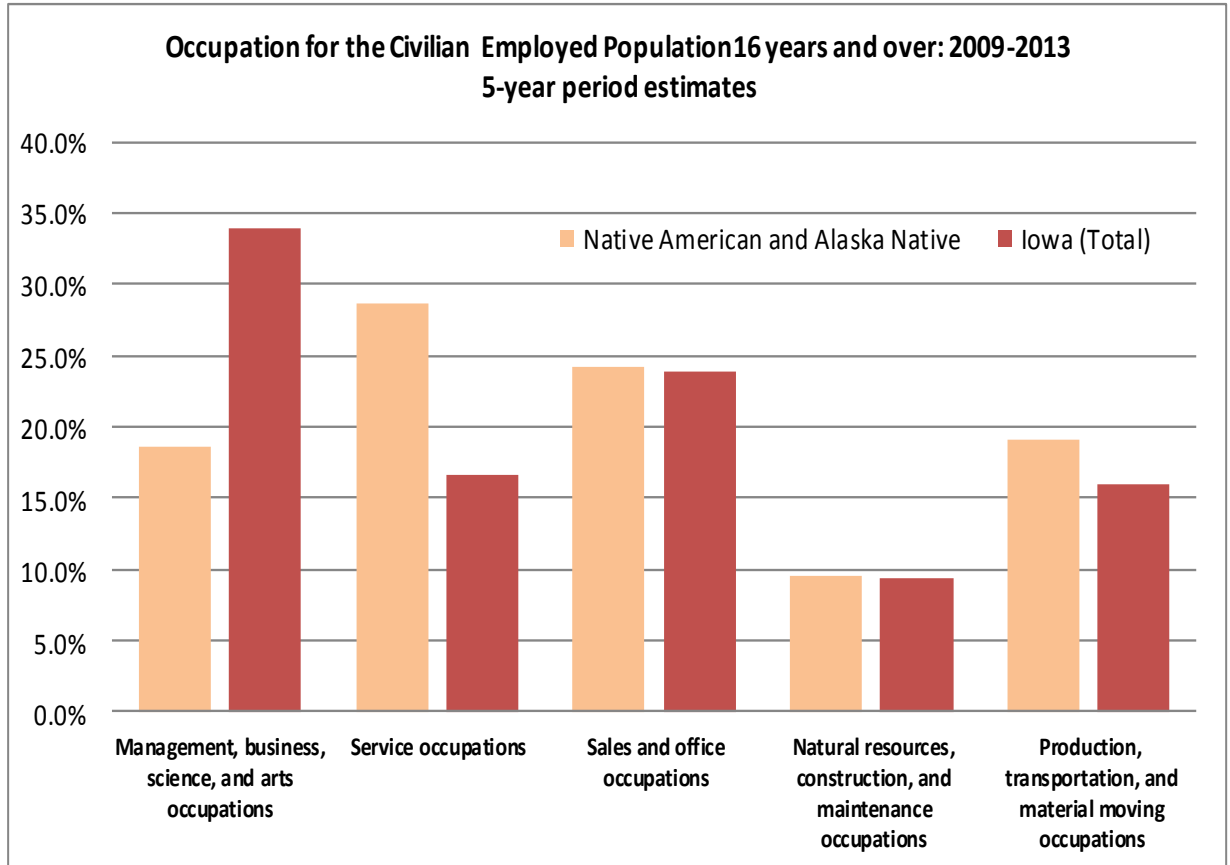
The unemployment rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2013. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 5.8%.

## Occupation

## 28.6%

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

Source: 2009-20103 American Community Survey



# Income and poverty

## \$35,082

The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives households in 2013. The median household income for the state was \$52,229.

## 33.2%

The poverty rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives families in 2013. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.7 percent.

**Disability**  
**19.1%**

The percent of Native Americans in Iowa with a disability in 2013. The percentage of all Iowans with a disability is 11.7%.

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U.S. Census Bureau,  
2013 American Community Survey  
5-year period estimates  
2010 Decennial Census

County	Percent of Iowa's Total American Indian and Alaska Native Population in 2013
Woodbury	18.3%
Polk	12.8%
Tama	9.2%
Linn	4.3%
Pottawattamie	4.3%
Scott	4.2%
Black Hawk	3.1%
Johnson	2.9%
Marshall	2.1%
Dallas	2.1%
Wapello	2.0%
Muscatine	1.7%
Dubuque	1.6%
Story	1.6%
Crawford	1.3%
<b>All other counties</b>	<b>28.5%</b>

# Counties and cities

**2,693**

The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Woodbury County in 2013, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any Iowa county.

**40.3%**

Nearly half of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population live in Woodbury, Polk and Tama counties.

**53.6%**

Over one-half of the growth in Iowa's Native American population from 2000-2013 occurred in seven counties: Woodbury, Polk, Pottawattamie, Tama, Dallas, Black Hawk, and Linn.

**7.7%**

The percent of total population in Tama County who are American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2013. The next county with high percentages of American Indian and Alaska Natives is

Woodbury with 2.6%.

**2,134**

The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Sioux City in 2010, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any city in Iowa.

**10.0%**

The percent of total population in Vining who are American Indian and Alaska Natives. The other two Iowa cities with a high percentage

is Tama and Toledo with 5.8%, respectively.

**38.5%**

The percentage of Iowa's total American Indian and Alaska Natives population living in 5 cities: Sioux City, Des Moines, Davenport, Cedar Rapids and Council Bluffs in the 2010 Census.