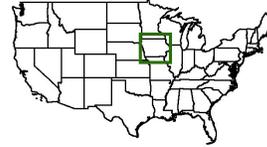
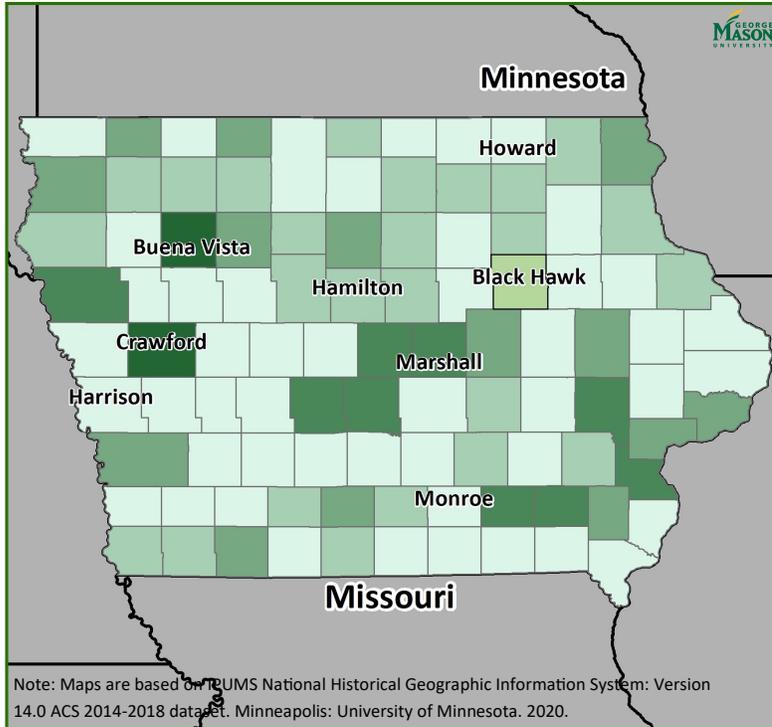
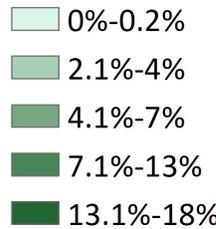


## Immigrants in Black Hawk County, IA

**Figure 1. Immigrants in Iowa**



Foreign Born as a Percentage of Total County Population



### 2018 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

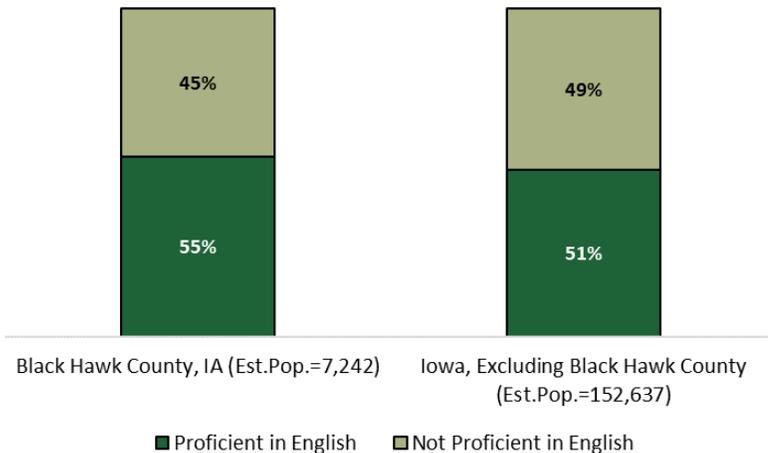
- **43,567,000:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **161,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of Iowa (5% of the state's population)
- **7,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Black Hawk County (5% of the area's population)
- **80%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in Black Hawk County over the past 10 years
- **61%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in Iowa over the past 10 years
- **34th:** Rank of the state of Iowa among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

### Distribution of Immigrants in Iowa

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Iowa. Buena Vista (18 percent), Crawford (17 percent), and Marshall (13 percent) Counties reported the highest percentages of immigrants in this state. Harrison, Howard, and Monroe Counties reported the lowest percentages of immigrants in the state, under 0.2 percent of the counties' populations.

**Figure 2. English Proficiency**

Age 5+



### English Proficiency

Figure 2 highlights the proportion of foreign-born individuals who are proficient in English (speaks only English or speaks English very well) who live in Black Hawk County and the remainder of Iowa. Immigrants in Black Hawk County are more likely to be proficient in English (55 percent) compared to immigrants in the rest of Iowa (51 percent).

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2014-2018 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org), unless otherwise noted.

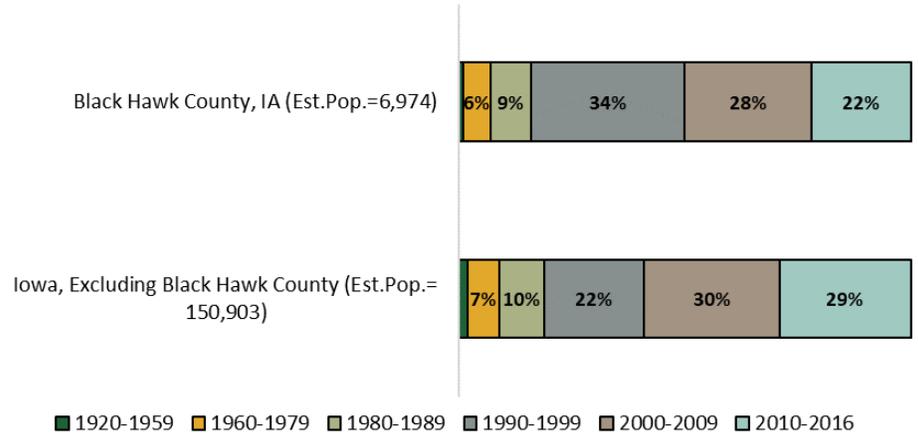
<sup>1</sup> Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The foreign born may include naturalized U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, temporary residents, refugees and asylees, and others. Additionally, native born includes those who are U.S. citizens at birth, those born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories, and those born abroad to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

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**Figure 3. Year of Immigration**

### Year of Immigration

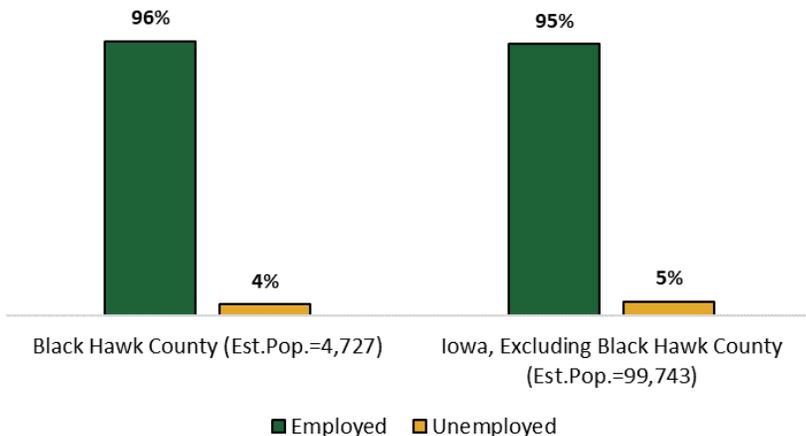
Figure 3 indicates that the foreign born in Black Hawk County arrived in the United States earlier compared to all other foreign born living in Iowa. Specifically, 50 percent of immigrants in Black Hawk County arrived in 1999 or earlier compared to 41 percent for all other immigrants in Iowa. The median year of arrival for immigrants living in Black Hawk County is 1999 which is 3 years earlier than the median year of arrival for all other foreign-born individuals in Iowa (2002).



### Employment Status

The vast majority of the foreign born in Black Hawk County and the remainder of Iowa are employed. Immigrants in Black Hawk County are slightly more likely to be employed compared to all other immigrants in the state of Iowa, as shown in Figure 4.

**Figure 4. Employment Status**  
In the Labor Force, Age 16-65

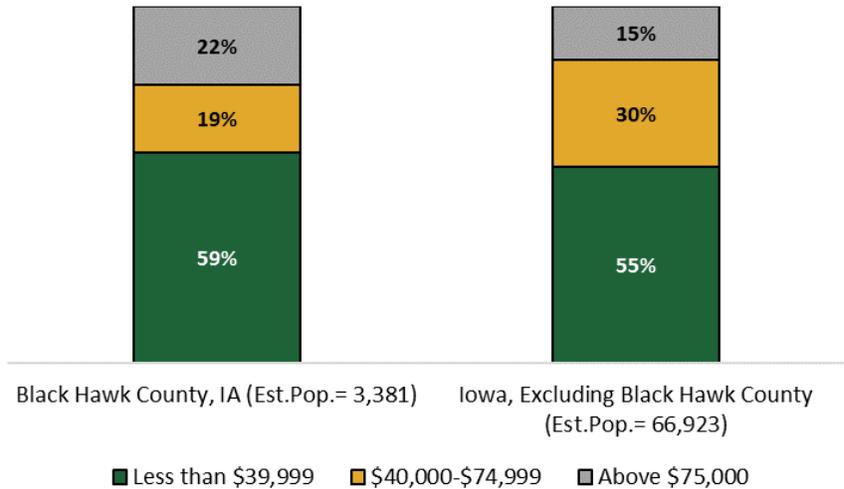


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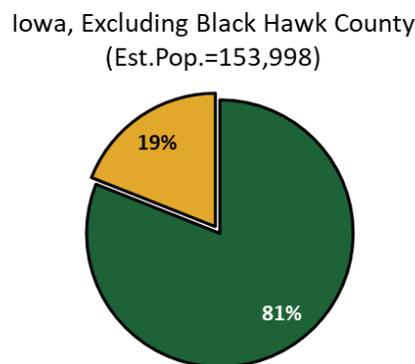
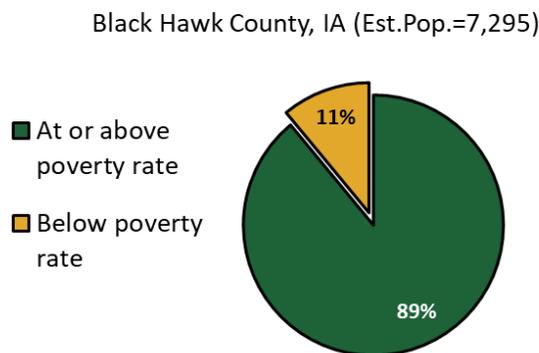
**Personal Income**

Figure 5 shows that the majority of immigrants in both Black Hawk County and the remainder of Iowa earn less than \$40,000. However, the foreign born in Black Hawk County are both more likely to earn less than \$40,000 (59 percent) and more than \$75,000 (22 percent) compared to all other immigrants in Iowa. The median personal income of foreign born living in Black Hawk County is \$34,931 compared to \$36,658 which is the median personal income for all other immigrants in Iowa.

**Figure 5. Personal Income**  
Employed Full-Time, In the Labor Force, Age 16-65



**Figure 6. Poverty Rate**



**Poverty Rate**

Immigrants living in Black Hawk county are less likely to report living below the poverty line compared to all other foreign born in Iowa. Eleven percent of foreign born in Black Hawk county live below the poverty line compared to 19 percent of immigrants in the remainder of Iowa, as shown in Figure 6.

**IMMIGRATION DATA ON DEMAND (iDod)**



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