

Immigrants and Refugees in Iowa: Past, Present and Future

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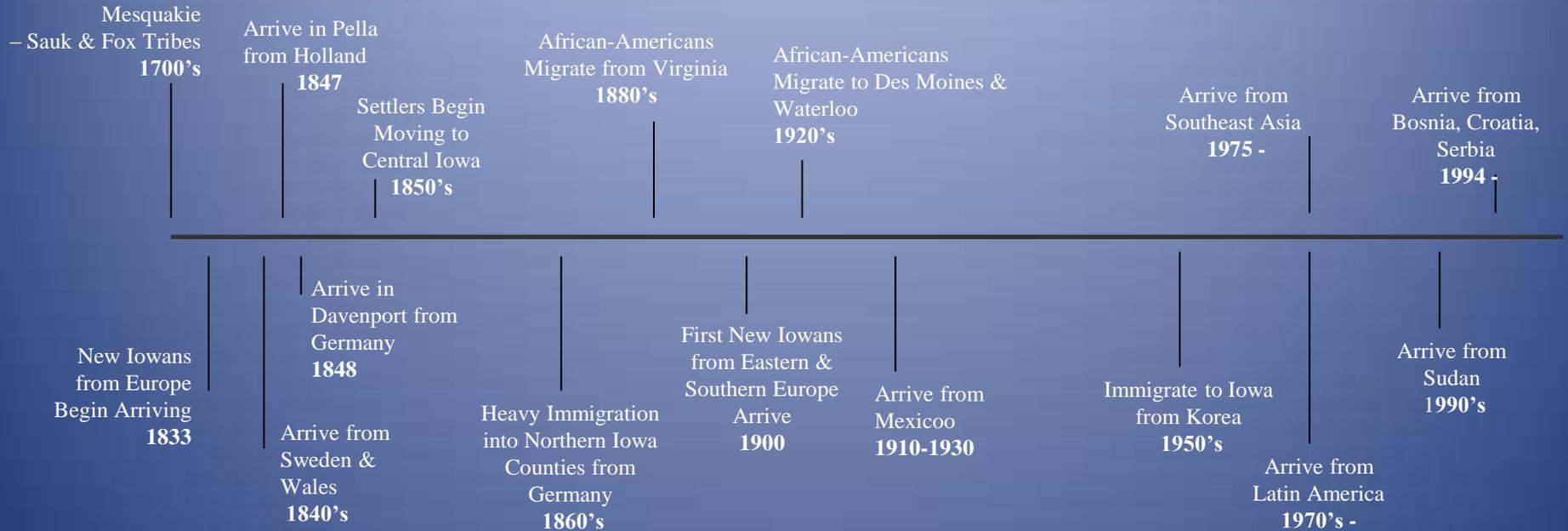




Welcome the
immigrant
you once were!

*Catholic Sisters
of this area*

Iowa's Immigration and Refugee Resettlement Timeline



*Timeline adapted from the Iowa State Historical Society (Goldfinch Vol. 12 No.4)

Immigration and Iowa's Early Population Growth

- 1836 Population: 10,531
- 1855 Population: 500,000
- 1890 Population: 2,231,853

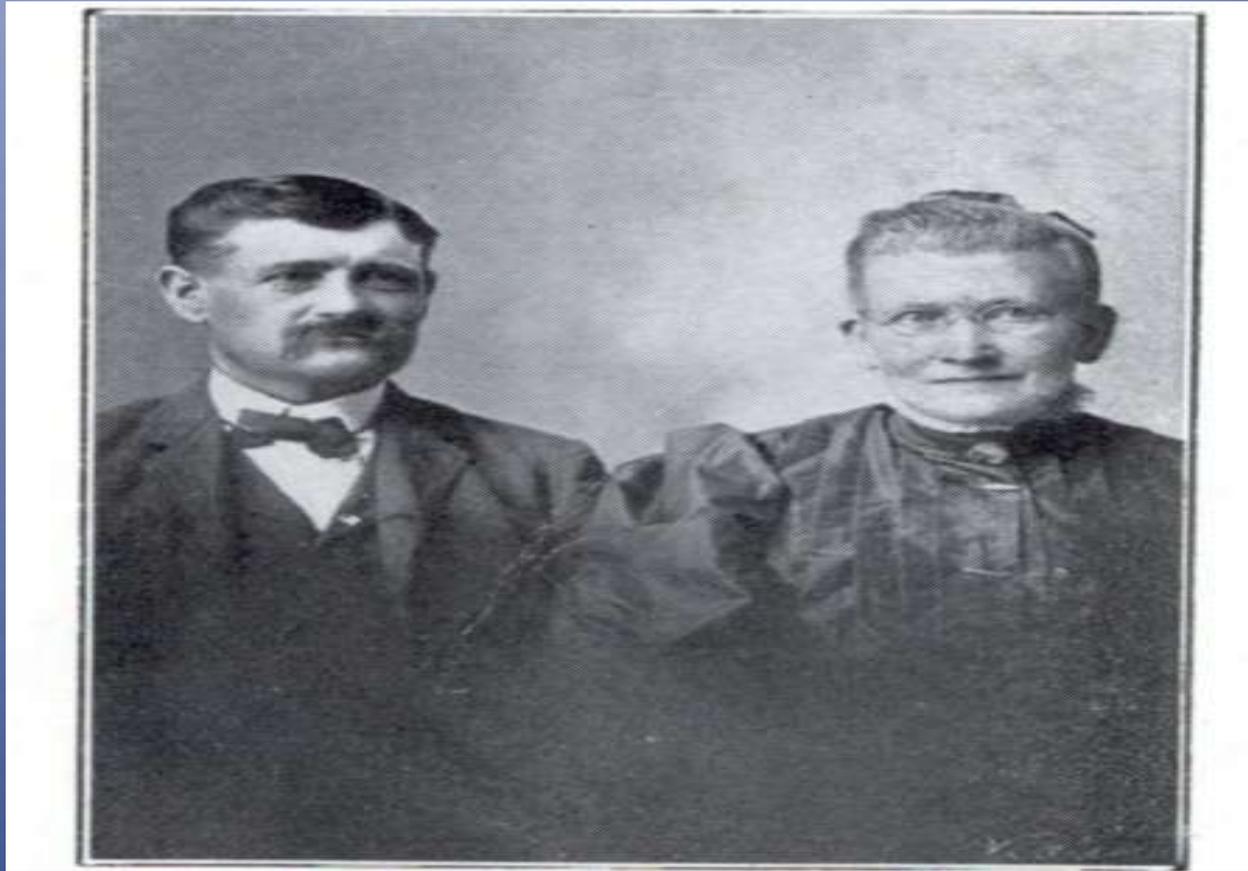
“Day by day the endless procession moves on—
a mighty army of invasion, which, were its
objects other than peace, and holy, fraternal,
cordial league with its predecessors, their joint
aim to conquer this fair and alluring domain
from the wild dominion of nature, would
strike terror into the boldest hearts”

– *Dubuque Report* 1854

1869: Iowa Legislature created the Board of Immigration

- Book: *Iowa: The Home for Immigrants* (1870)
- 65,000 copies printed
- 5 languages: English, German, Dutch, Swedish and Danish.
- Distributed across the United States and Europe
- ***Invitation to Immigrants:***
To all Working Men, who live by honest toil, and would thereby contribute their part toward the development of a free and prosperous state;
- ...continued

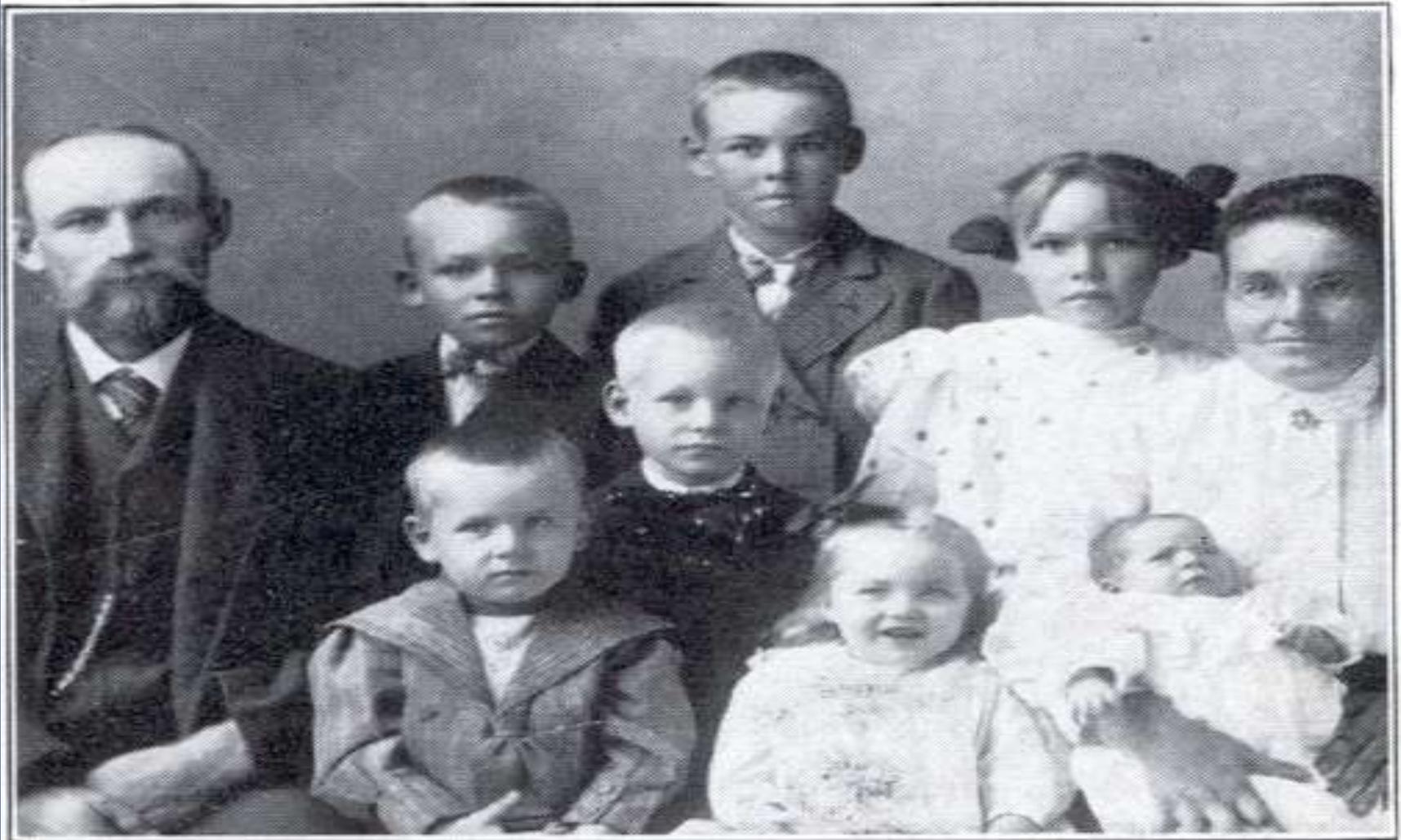
- *To all Landless Men and Women*, of both the Old World and the New, who desire beautiful homes in the fairest portion of the green earth;
- *To all Good Men and Women*, who aspire to independence, either for themselves or their children after them, and who will contribute, either of mind or muscle, to carry Iowa forward to her grand and glorious destiny, this little book, with the information it imparts, and the counsel it gives, is respectfully offered



Denmark



Sweden



Germany



Italy

The Danish Immigrant Museum Elk Horn, Iowa



Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum Decorah, Iowa

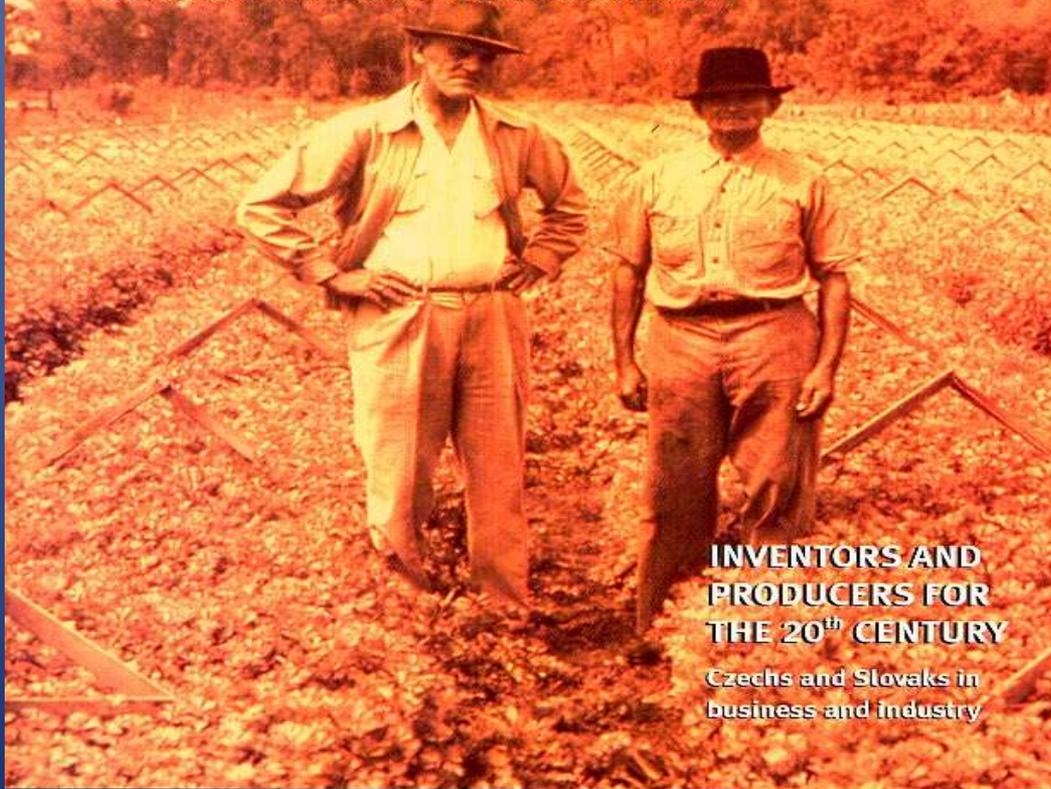


Tulip Time: Pella



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**ANTIOCH AT 601 DOUGLAS STREET AND MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION
EARLY 1930's**

Source: Antioch Baptist Church, Waterloo, IA



Tai Dam ca. 1976



Sudan





Balkan Refugees ca. 1999

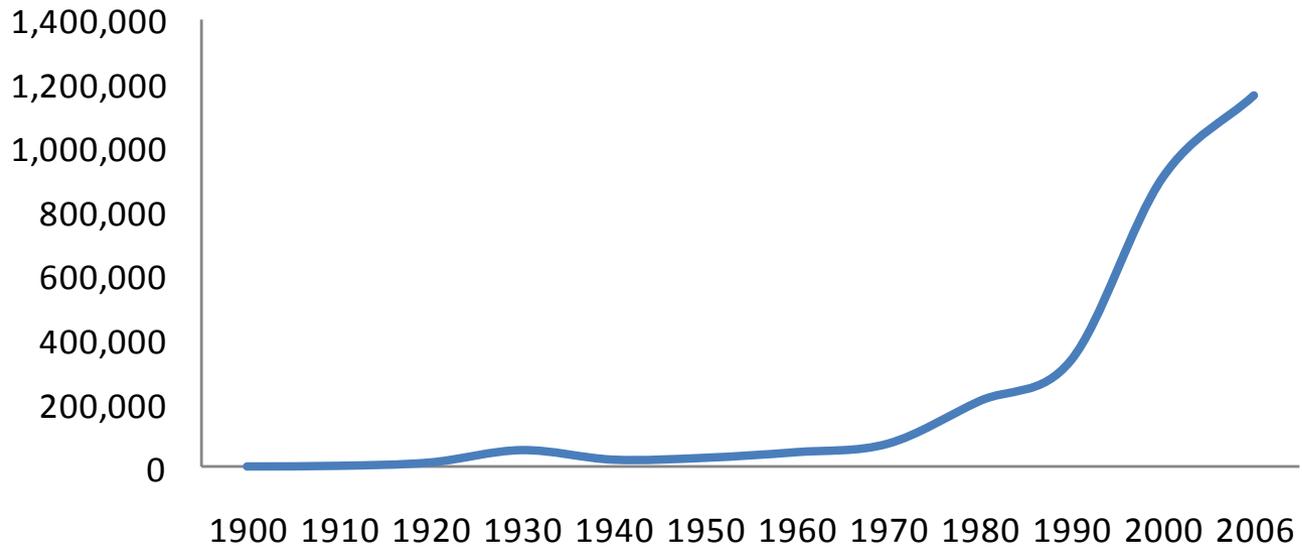


Mexico 1990s-

The Latino Boom in Iowa

- Between 1990 and 2000:
 - Iowa become a “New Gateway” state
 - Some Iowan towns increased in Asians by 400%, and Latino growth by 1,500%
 - State ranked 11th nationally for Latino growth in the United States

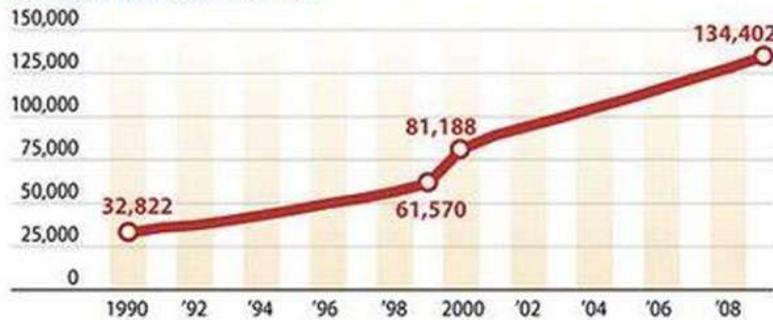
Mexican Immigrant Population in Midwestern States



Latino population in Iowa

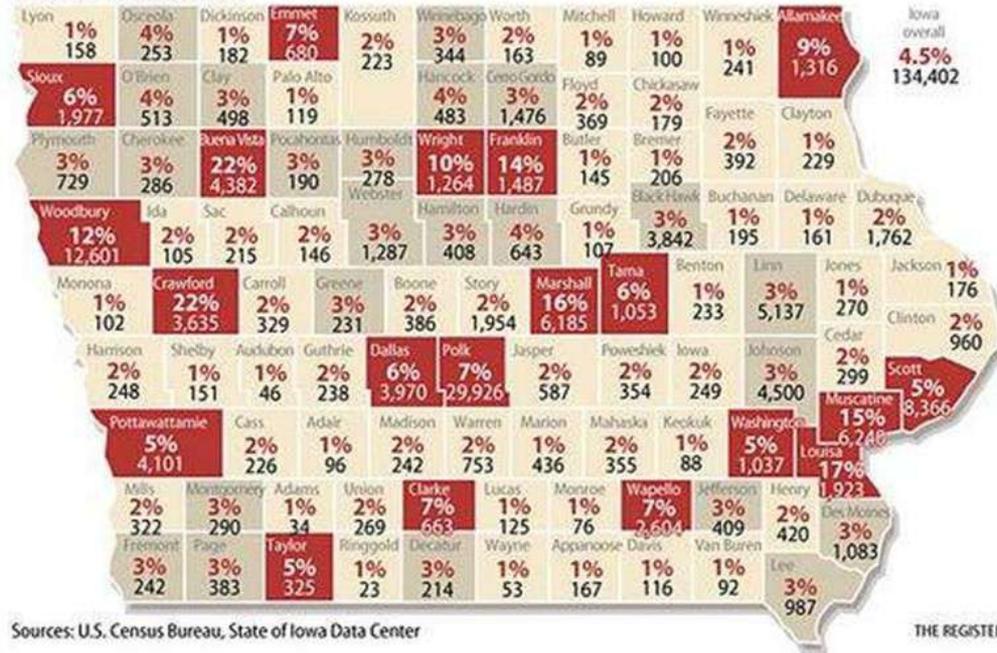
The number of persons of Latino heritage in Iowa has more than quadrupled over the past two decades.

LATINO POPULATION BY YEAR



2010 Census:
151,544

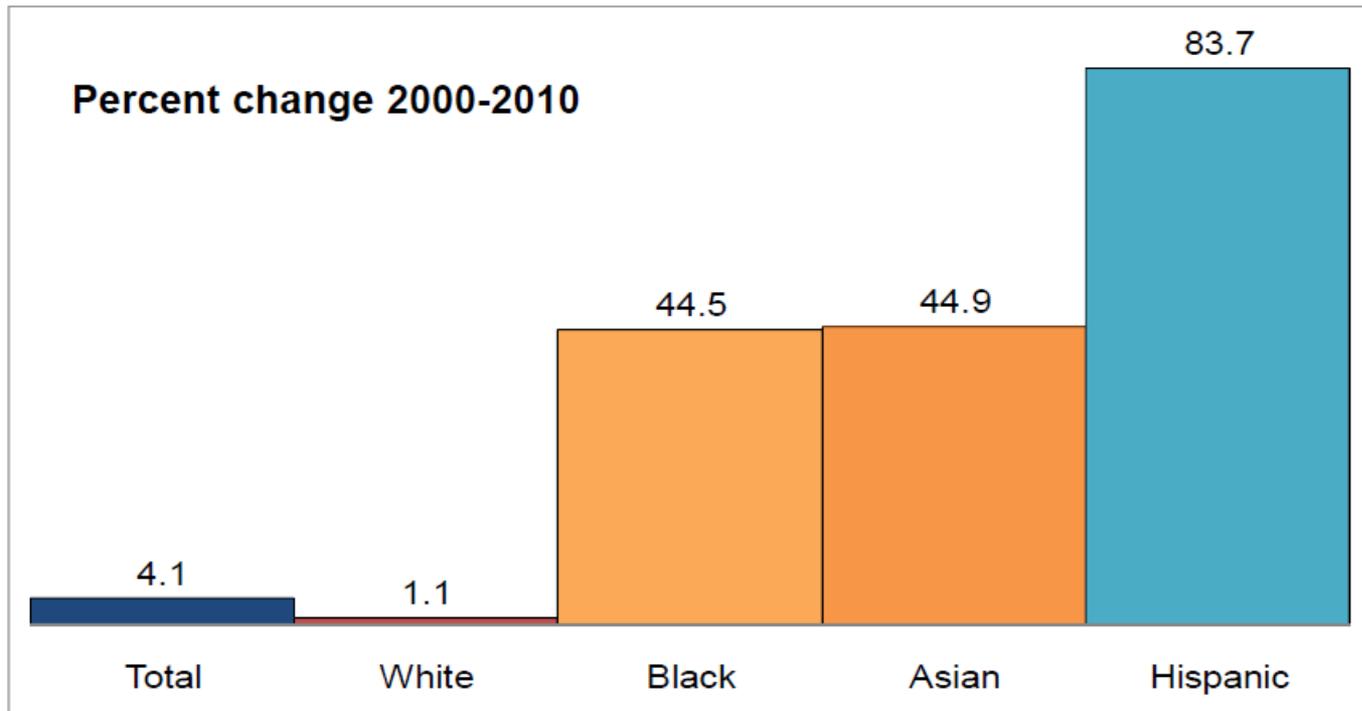
PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY POPULATION: 1%-2% 3%-4% 5% or more
2009 LATINO POPULATION



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, State of Iowa Data Center

Iowa Change in Race and Ethnicity: 2000-2010

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Microplurality or “Micro-Populations” in Iowa

- Microplurality describes growth in the number of smaller ethnically and linguistically distinct groups in our communities
 - Recognizes “Diversity within Diversity”
 - Minimizes the relevance of racial categories in favor of ethnic populations
 - Recognizes the central role of culture, language, religion and immigration status

Examples of Microplurality

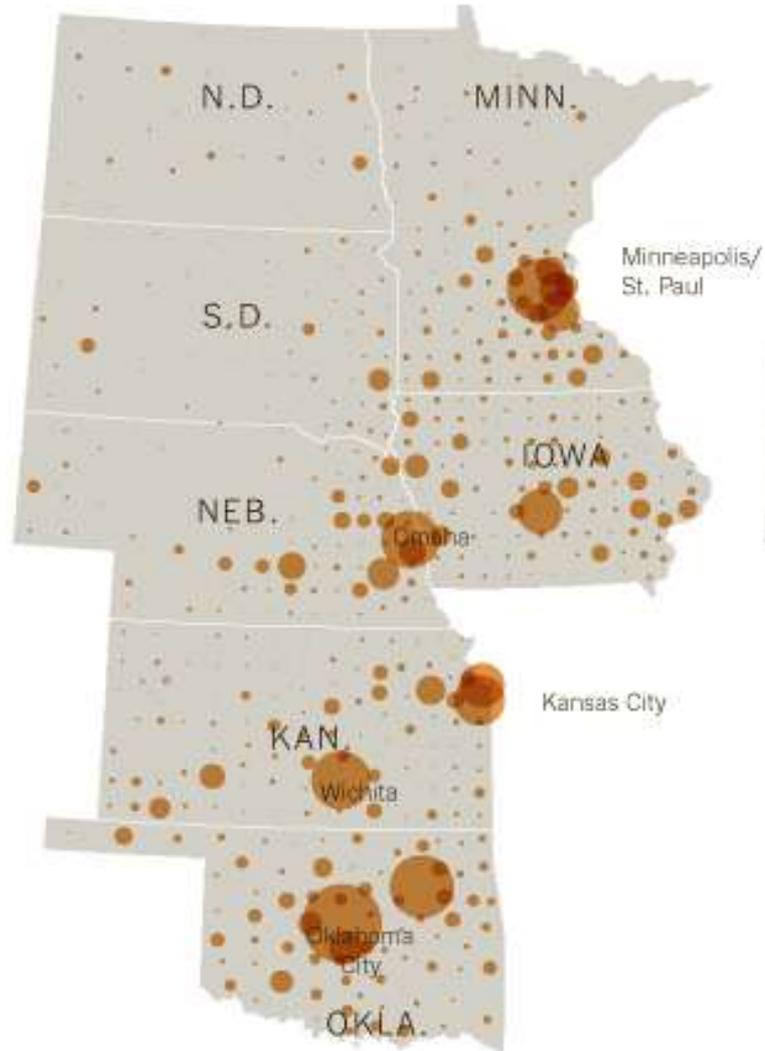
Growing Micro Populations in Iowa:

- Southeast Asia (Hmong, Vietnamese, Burmese etc.)
- East Asia (Chinese, etc.)
- Former Soviet Union (Russia, Ukraine, etc.)
- Ultra-Orthodox Jewish (Israel and East Coast)
- African (Sudan, Somalia, etc.)
- Central Pacific (Marshall Islanders, Paulau)
- Ukrainian Pentecostals
- Bhutanese from Nepali Refugee Camps
- African Americans from Chicago and Detroit
- Iraqi refugees
- And many more...

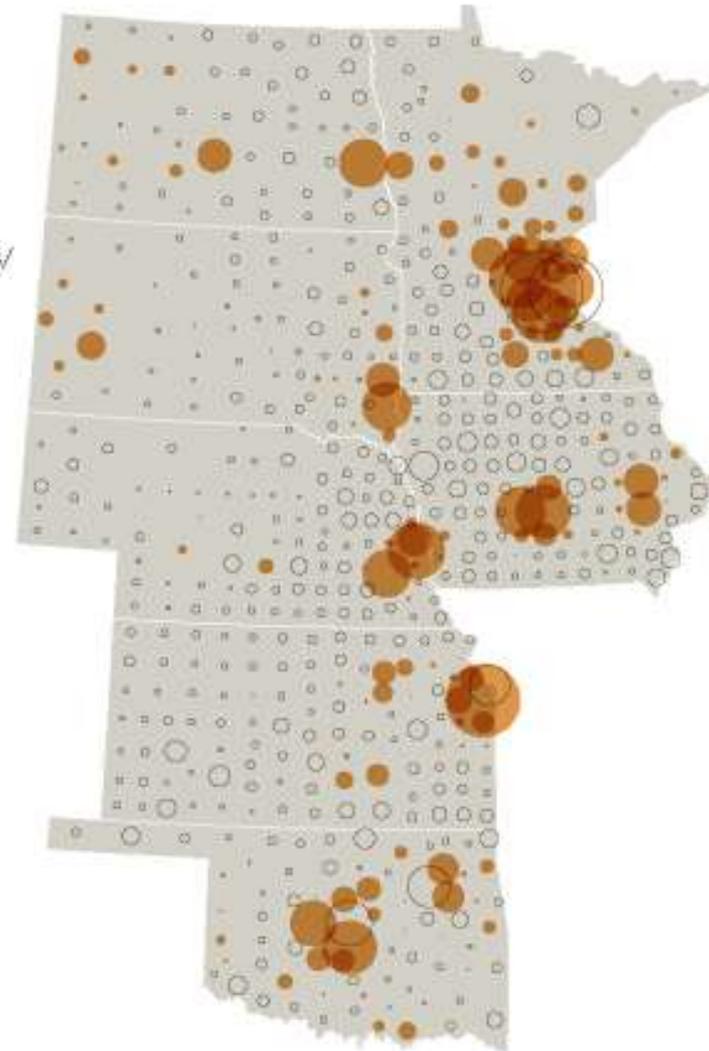
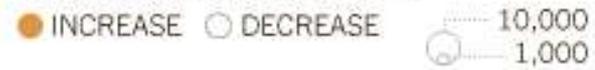
The “Anglo Inversion”

- What do we call a town, state or school district when all of the “minorities” together outnumber the [former] white majority?
- “Majority-Minority”
- “Anglo Inversion”
 - In many Iowa communities:
 - Everyone and no one is a “minority”

Change in Hispanic population

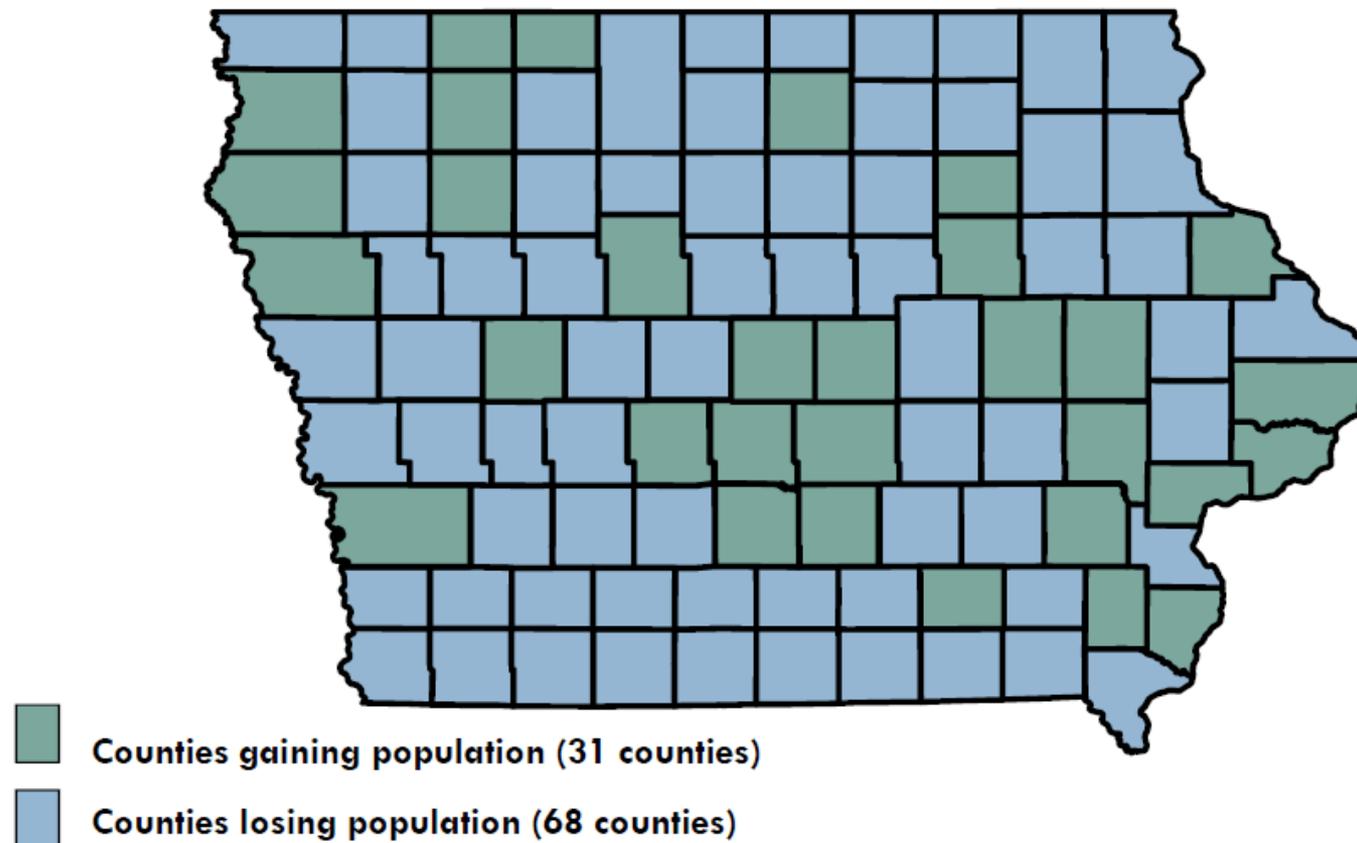


Change in white population



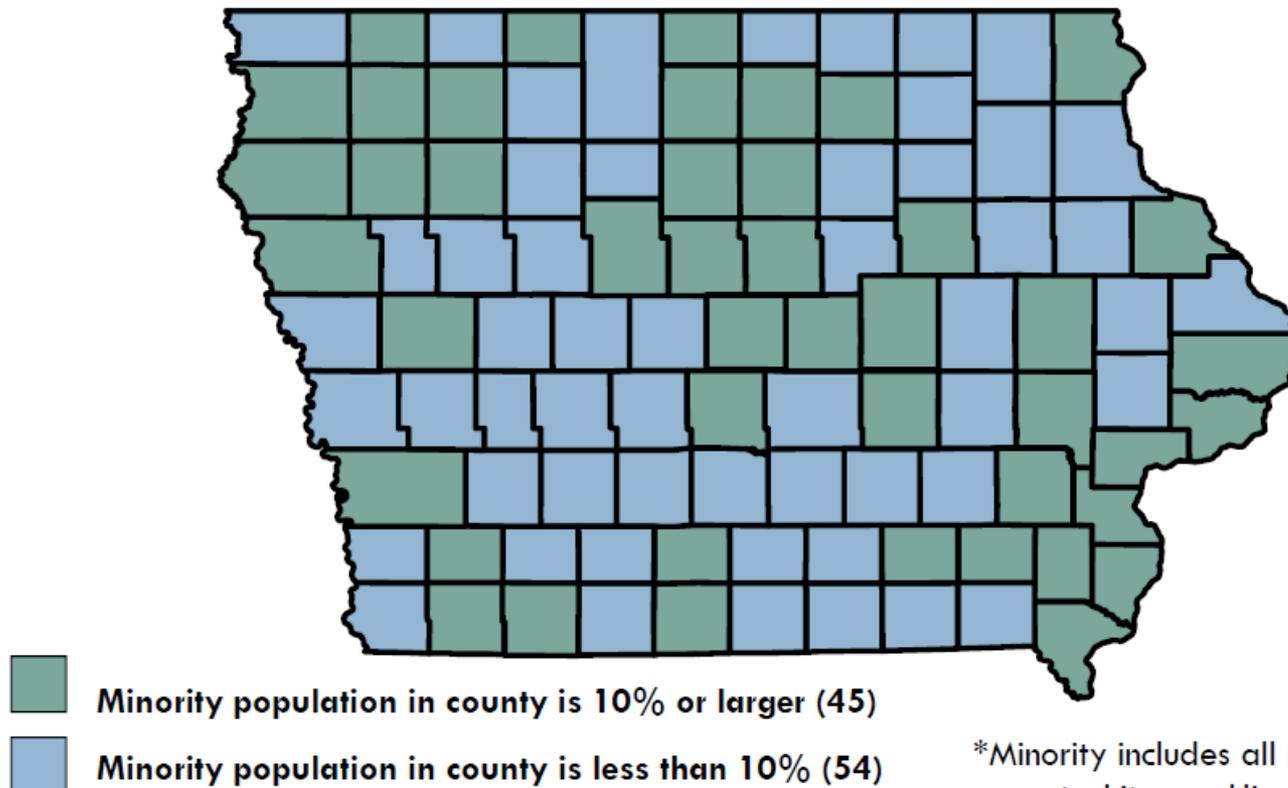
County Population Change: 1900-2010

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Minority* Population in Iowa Counties: 2040

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*Minority includes all race groups except white non-Hispanic

Looking to the Future:

- Growth in Non-White Populations
- Growth in the number and diversity of micro-populations
- Urbanization
- Challenges and Opportunities

Projected Latino Population

- Iowa's projected Latino population:
 - 2020: 213,170
 - 2030: 305,230
 - 2040: 430,340 (12.7% of total)

Latinos as % of Counties in 2040

1. Crawford (52%)
2. Marshall (46.3%)
3. Buena Vista (45.4%)
4. Muscatine (38.9%)
5. Louisa (34.6%)
6. Woodbury (33.1%)
7. Franklin (23.9%)
8. Wapello (23.9%)
9. Wright (23.5%)
10. Polk (23.2%)
11. Sioux (19.8%)
12. Clarke (19.69%)
13. Tama (19%)
14. Allamakee (18.5%)
15. Pottawattamie (18.1%)
16. Emmet (17.1%)
17. Osceola (14.4%)
18. Hamilton (13.5%)
19. Washington (13.3%)
20. Taylor (12.8%)

Projected African American Population

- Iowa's projected Black population:

–2020: 111,760

–2030: 138,100

–2040: 168,720

Projected Asian Population

- Iowa's projected Asian/PI population:

–2020: 69,830

–2030: 86,280

–2040: 203,120

Projected Native American Population

- Iowa's projected Native Am. population:

–2020: 10,080

–2030: 11,290

–2040: 12,020

Polk County Projections

• Year:	<i>2015</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2030</i>
Latinos	39,350	48,620	76,810
Black	29,520	32,940	40,200
Nat. Am.	960	1,000	1,020
Asian/PI	17,400	19,180	22,430
White	356,320	354,150	340,660

Thank You!

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