

Des Moines County, Iowa



Number served through Community Action of Southeast Iowa in fiscal year 2023

- 6,716 individuals in 3,014 households Including 2,490 children
- We served 17% of the population of Des Moines County

County Poverty Statistics

- 14% of the population is at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)¹
- 100% FPL for a household of one in 2023 is \$14,580
 - For a household of four is \$30,000²
- 22% of children are at or below 100% FPL
- 46% of public school children are eligible for free or reduced lunch²

Agency Client Household statistics

- 35% of households are singles
- 29% are single parents
- 5% have a multigenerational household
- 1% of our clients (30 households) list themselves as homeless
 - An additional 2.6% (77 households) list other as their housing type (neither rent, own, nor permanent housing)
- 14% of individuals are disabled

Income of our clients

- 47% of households had income from employment
- 1,526 households (includes duplicates) had disability and/or retirement income
- 0.3% had TANF/FIP as income (welfare)
- 2.6% had unemployment insurance
- 6% had child support income
- 4% had no income when they applied for services (which is often a need for services)

Racial/Ethnic demographics

	Des Moines County Population ¹	% of Population in Poverty ¹	Community Action Clients Racial Demographics
White	89%	11%	66%
Black	6%	56%	23%
Asian	1%	7%	0.2%
Multiple Races	3.4%	16%	10%
Other	0.6%	73%	0.8%
Hispanic	3.3%	21%	5.6%

¹ American Community Survey. 2017-21.

² FPL Guidelines. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

³ National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data. 2020-2021.