

RPA 2 - North Iowa Area Council of Governments

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COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Transportation Policy Board

- Cerro Gordo County
- Floyd County
- Franklin County
- Hancock County
- Kossuth County
- Mitchell County
- Winnebago County
- Worth County
- Algona
- Britt
- Charles City
- Clear Lake
- Hampton
- Hanlontown
- Lake Mills
- Mason City
- St. Ansgar
- Iowa Department of Transportation (non voting)
- Federal Highway Administration (non voting)
- Federal Transit Administration (non voting)

Transportation Technical Committee

- Cerro Gordo County
- Floyd County
- Franklin County
- Hancock County
- Kossuth County
- Mitchell County
- Winnebago County
- Worth County
- Algona
- Charles City
- Clear Lake
- Mason City
- Region 2 Transit
- Mason City Transit
- Iowa Department of Transportation (non voting)
- Federal Highway Administration (non voting)
- Federal Transit Administration (non voting)

PLANNING GOALS

- Prioritize and preserve necessary roads and bridges and fund accordingly.
- Maintain and increase reliable funding sources.
- Maintain and enhance the quality of facilities.
- Improve the major transportation elements of the designated Economic Development District.
- Study the feasibility of upgrading existing transit service to better serve regional needs.
- Support railroads as a viable transportation mode.
- Encourage and support passenger rail service.
- Promote the development of adequate trail facilities for commuting and recreation.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- US 18 Corridor Study in combination with Land Use Study for City of Mason City, City of Clear Lake, and Cerro Gordo County
- Industrial Park Feasibility Study for City of Mason City
- US 18 Traffic Study in City of Clear Lake
- Long Range Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program (Ongoing)
- Transportation Planning Work Program (Ongoing)
- Public Participation Plan (Ongoing)
- Newsletters/Web site (Ongoing)
- Transportation Enhancement Process
- Surface Transportation Program Process



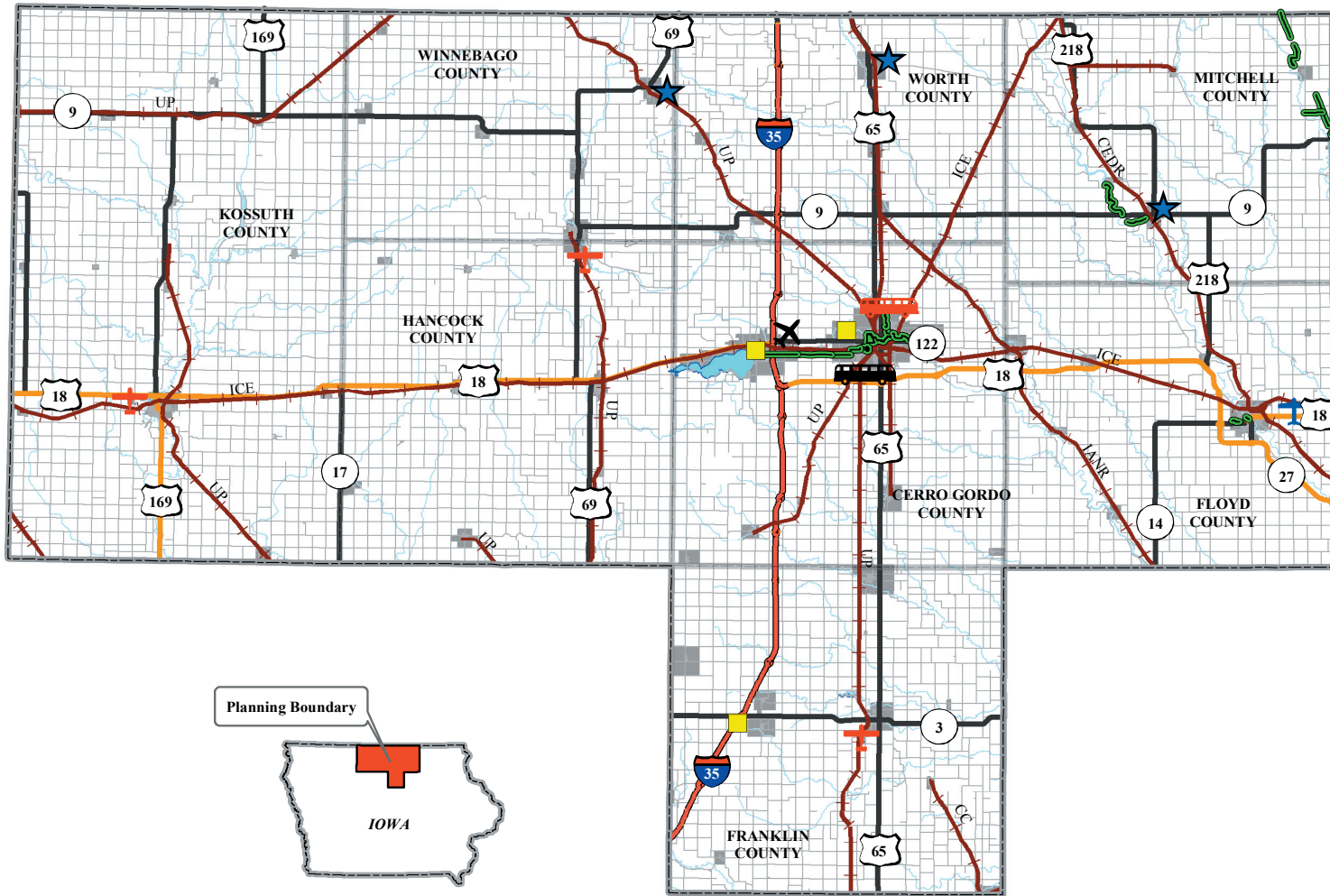
Frank Lloyd Wright House, Mason City



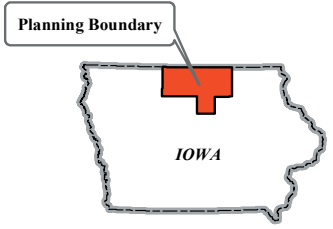
Winnebago Recreation Vehicle Plant, Forest City



Northwest at Mason City Municipal Airport



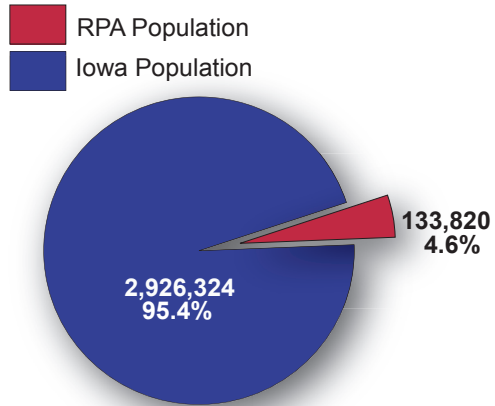
- Commercial Airport
- Enhanced Airport
- General Service Airport
- Basic Service Airport
- Basic II Service Airport
- Amtrak Station
- Lock/Dam
- Large Urban Transit
- Small Urban Transit
- Regional Transit
- Intercity Bus Stop
- Interstate
- National Highway System
- Primary Roads
- Local Roads
- Rail
- Trails
- Urban Area Boundary



DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION

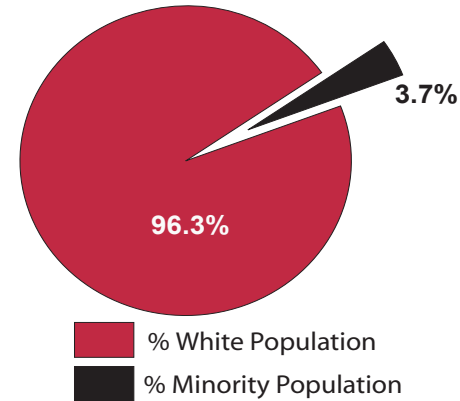
POPULATION

Population of RPA 2 and State of Iowa



Source: US Census Bureau, 2000

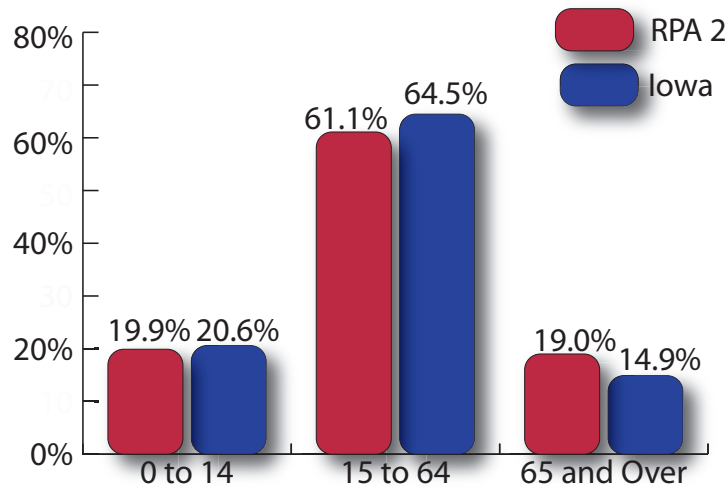
Percent Minority Population



Source: US Census Bureau, 2000

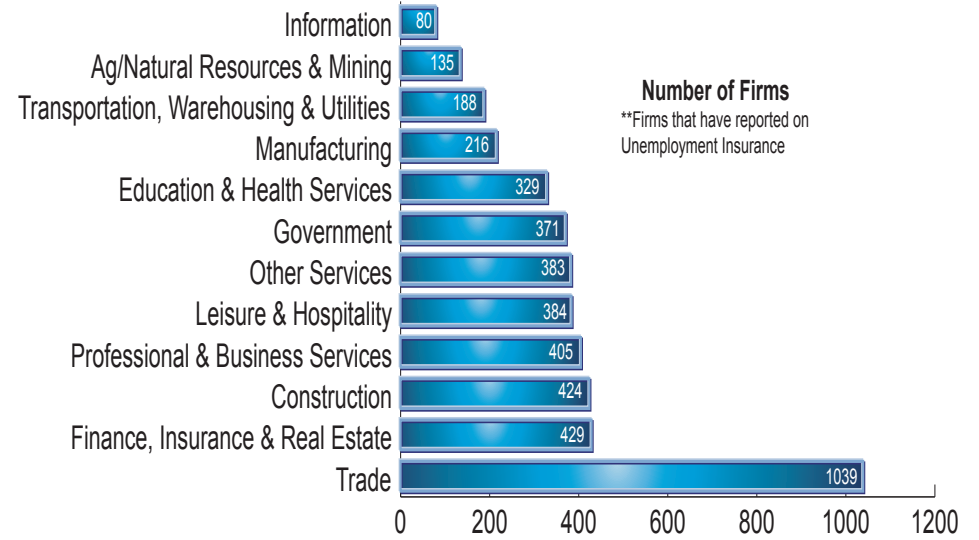
EMPLOYMENT

Population by Age



Source: US Census Bureau, 2000

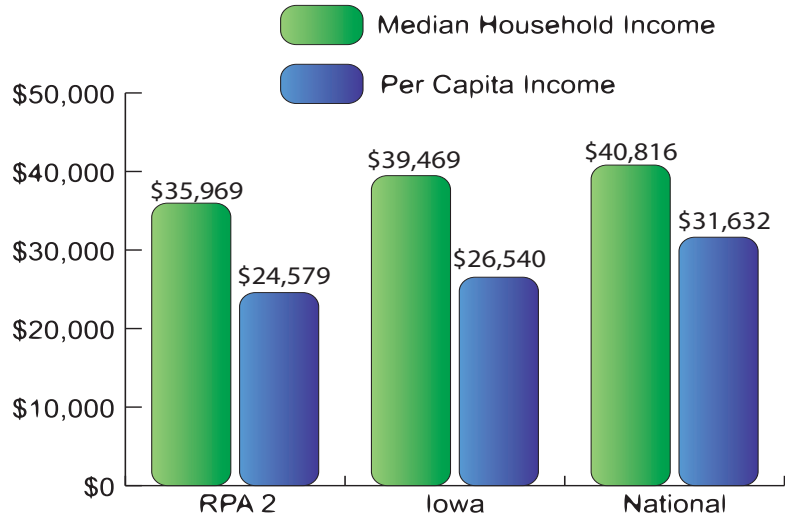
Industry Breakout by Employment



Number of Firms
**Firms that have reported on
Unemployment Insurance

Source: Iowa Workforce Development, 2003

Per Capita and Median Household Incomes



Source: US Census Bureau: Per Capita Income and Median Household Income, 2000

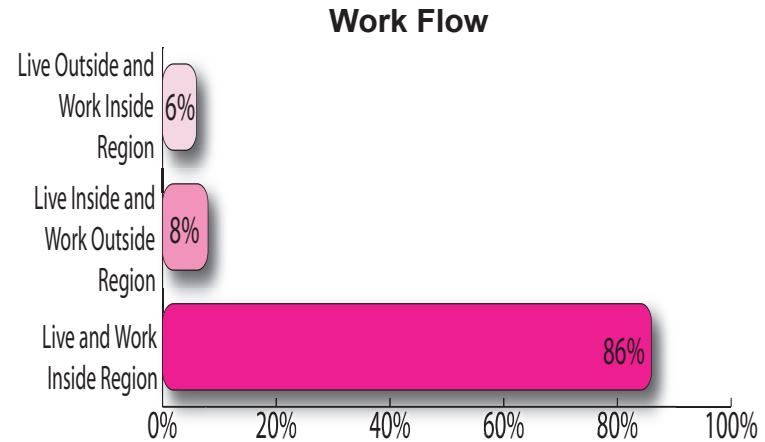
Employment and Unemployment

Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
74,680	71,800	2,880	3.9%

Source: Iowa Workforce Development, 2002

TRAVEL TREND INFORMATION

COMMUTING PATTERNS



Source: US Census Bureau, 2000



Picnic Area at I-35 Rest Area, Dows



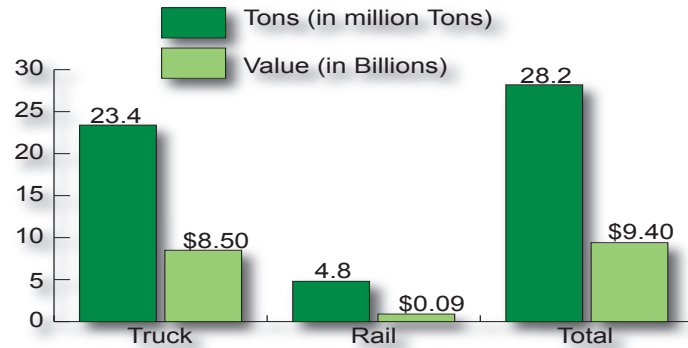
Railroad Bridge, Algona



Pedestrian Bridge, Charles City

FREIGHT MOVEMENT

Freight Originating and Terminating in Region



Source: Reebe and Associates, 2001

Top Commodities

Food and Kindred Products	Lumber and Wood Products
Clay, Concrete and Glass	Petroleum

Source: Reebe and Associates, 2001

Agricultural Products - Market Value Sold

Crops - \$772 million; 10.90% of state total
Livestock - \$250 million; 5.80% of state total

Source: US Department of Agriculture, 2002



Paratransit Bus Service, Mason City

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES



AIRPORT FACILITIES

CITY	AIRPORT	AIRPORT TYPE	PRIMARY RUNWAY LENGTH FEET	NUMBER OF BASED AIRCRAFT	PILOTS WITHIN 30 MINUTE SERVICE AREA
Algona	Algona Municipal	General Service	3,960	19	64
Charles City	Charles City Municipal	Enhanced Airport	4,001	19	56
Forest City	Forest City Municipal	General Service	5,806	14	82
Hampton	Hampton Municipal	General Service	4,018	14	90
Lake Mills	Lake Mills Municipal	Basic Service	3,380	3	66
Mason City	Mason City Municipal	Commercial Service	6,501	52	106
Northwood	Northwood Municipal	Basic Service	2,660	5	50
Osage	Osage Municipal	Basic Service	3,400	5	67

Source: Iowa DOT, Office of Aviation, 2004



PUBLIC TRANSIT PROVIDERS

Agency	Ridership FFY 04	Revenue Miles FFY 04	Number of Vehicles (As of 06/30/04)
North Iowa Area Council of Governments	453,974	1,351,311	87
City of Mason City	180,829	335,797	15

Source: Iowa DOT, Office of Public Transit, FY 2004



RAIL FACILITIES

Railroad	Classification	Mileage
Union Pacific Railroad (UP)	Class I	231
Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad (CC)	Class II	23
Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad (ICE)	Class II	126
Cedar River Railroad (CEDR)	Class III	49
Iowa Northern Railway (IANR)	Class III	34
Iowa Traction Railroad (IATR)	Class III	13
Total	--	476

Source: Railroad Annual Reports, 2003



ROADWAY FACILITIES



Mileage & Average Daily Traffic

Classification	RPA Miles	State Miles	RPA Average Daily Traffic	State Average Daily Traffic
Interstate	63	782	16,420	25,080
Primary (non-Interstate)	500	8,099	3,360	3,970
State	563	8,881	4,830	5,830
Secondary	7,660	89,845	150	170
Municipal	786	13,965	950	1,430
Total	9,009	112,691		

Source: Iowa DOT, Offices of Systems Planning and Transportation Data, January 1, 2004

Federal Functional Classification Mileage

Interstate	63
Other Principal Arterials	253
Minor Arterial	302
Collector	2,501
Local	5,913
National Highway System (NHS)	189

Source: Iowa DOT, Office of Systems Planning, 2004. NHS consists of the Interstate system and a portion of the Other Principal Arterials. Includes open and proposed roads.



Trolley Trail, Clear Lake



Music Man Monument, Mason City



TRAIL FACILITIES

City/County	Facility Name	Mileage by Surface Type			
		Asphalt/C oncrete	Granular	Mixed/ Other	Total
Cerro Gordo County	Lone Tree Trail	2.0			2.0
Cerro Gordo County	Cerro Gordo REAP Trail	1.5			1.5
City of Charles City	Charles City Trail	0.3			0.3
City of Charles City	Charley Western Recreational Trail	3.5			3.5
City of Clear Lake	Trolley Trail	0.5			0.5
City of Forest City	Pilot Knob State Park - Forest City Trail	4.0			4.0
City of Forest City	Tim Coffey Trail		1.0		1.0
City of Forest City	Winnebago River Trail		1.0		1.0
City of Mason City	East Park			2.5	2.5
City of Mason City	Lester Milligan Park	2.0			2.0
City of Mason City	Mason City Riverbelt - NIACC Trail	2.1			2.1
City of Mason City	River City Greenbelt Trail			7.0	7.0
City of Mason City	Trolley Trail	7.5			7.5
City of Mason City	Winnebago Trail		2.0		2.0
Franklin County	Rolling Prairie Trail		31.0		31.0
Mitchell County	Cedar River Greenbelt Trail		4.0		4.0
Mitchell County	Harry Cook Nature Trail		2.0		2.0
Mitchell County	Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail		14.0		14.0
Total		23.4	55.0	9.5	87.9

Source: North Iowa Area Council of Governments, 2004