## **Location Composition**

Category	County	% of State
2010 Population	26,825	0.89%
2010 Households	10,254	0.84%
2010 Group Quarters	323	0.31%

RACE/ETH	#POP	%POP	LANG.	#POP	%POP
White	26,187	97.62%	English	26,229	97.78%
Multiracial	382	1.43%	Spanish	378	1.41%
Hispanic	260	0.97%	German	120	0.45%
Other race	112	0.42%	Other Slavic	36	0.13%
Black	109	0.41%	French	13	0.05%
Asian	28	0.10%	African lang.	12	0.04%
Nat. Amer.	7	0.03%	Greek	12	0.04%
			Thai	12	0.04%

# Getting Involved

To learn more about this location, please contact Tim Lubinus (tlubinus@bciowa.org).

The Communities Summary identifies the top three types of communities in the county, the number of households, and the percent of the county.

The Lifestyle Summary identifies the top six lifestyle segments in the county, the number of households, percent of the county households, and the percent of households that are unreached.

The numbers in the Evangelscape communicate the most compelling reasons why this community needs churches and believers to intercede in missional prayer and activity.

Churchscape indicators reveal a snapshot of the extent of evangelical presence in the county. The last three items provide the household percent that is "affiliated" with the top religious groups. "Other World Religions" include religions other than Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Christianity.

Location Composition: Listed are the total number of people and the total number of households in the county.

Race/Ethnicity gives the population count and percentage of population for each of the race / ethnicity categories. The language section gives the population count age 5 yrs+ that speaks the

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#### Reaching Benton County, Iowa

# **MISSIONAL COUNTY DIGEST**

#### **Top County Communities**

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Luke 10:2

Jesus told them.

plentiful, but the

workers are few.

harvest, therefore,

send

workers into

harvest field."

harvest is

his



Households: 3.298 Percent: 32.16%



Households: 2,892 Percent: 28.2%



Households: 2.811 Percent: 27.41%

# Mainstay Communities

The backbone of small towns and second cities, Mainstay Communities are established neighborhoods where residents enjoy strong relational ties. These moderately educated wage earners are employed in well-paying blue collar and professional service jobs. The aging adult population consists of retired American singles and couples. A sense of belonging within the community is a key identity factor for those who live there. Residents go into the city to visit clubs and malls.

#### Working Communities

Most residents of Working Communities are high school educated. Some have even been to college. Their education affords them lower middle incomes through blue collar jobs in manufacturing, construction, health services, retail, wholesale and food service. These jobs provide a stable household economy supporting personal and family pursuits in everyday life. This ethnically diverse mix of single and married homeowners dwells in densely populated areas and small-town suburbs.

#### **Country Communities**

Land, family and community are central to the day-to-day lives of the people in these farming and mining communities. They work hard to provide a steady, peaceful family life through farming, agriculture, education, mining and service industries. With low levels of education, these primarily white family households earn wages in the lower middle income bracket. Residents live in single-family homes, mobile homes or trailers in rural tracts and neighborhoods.





# Top Lifestyle Segments



#### Family Convenience (64% Unreached)

Family Convenience is a collection of sprawling families living in remote towns and military bases. Most of the households contain dual-income couples working at skilled blue-collar jobs in manufacturing and construction as well as in the military. Service families are six times as likely to live here than the general population. Despite moderate educations, the adults in this segment earn upper-middle incomes.

Households: 2,900 Percent: 28.28%



#### America's Farmlands

(57% Unreached)

With more than nine times the national average for farmers, America's Farmlands has the highest percentage of farmers in the nation. In these remote communities scattered across the nation, residents are likely to have high school diplomas and middle-class incomes. Many live in older, single-family homes on large plots of land. The population density in this segment is less than one-tenth the national average.

Households: 2,173 Percent: 21.19%



#### Steadfast Conservatives

(69% Unreached)

A quietly aging cluster, Steadfast Conservatives is home to mature singles and couples living in midscale urban neighborhoods. Households tend to be white, high school-educated and middle class. Many have begun to empty-nest or are already filled with couples and singles aged 65 years or older. The seniority of many residents does have benefits in the workplace. They earn middle class incomes from skilled jobs in manufacturing, retail and health.

Households: 1,771 Percent: 17.27%

#### **Evangelscape: Spiritual Indicators**

SPIRITUALITY INDICATOR	COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS	COUNTY %
Unreached	6,535	63.73%
Religious but NOT Evangelical	1,042	10.16%
Spiritual but NOT Evangelical	1,106	10.79%
Non-Evangelical but NOT Interested	4,387	42.78%

### Needscape: Social Issues

MAJOR SOCIAL ISSUES	#POP	%POP
Adult Obesity (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	5,505	30.60%
Adult High School dropouts (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	2,716	15.10%
Adult Poor or Fair Health (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	1,835	10.20%
Adult Unemployment Rate (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	943	6.40%
Children in Poverty (as % of all children)	742	11.40%
Adult STD Incidents (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	42	0.23%
Household Violent Crime incidents (as % of all hhlds)	38	0.37%

Note: A "0" means that this particular data item is not available for this county.

#### Motivescape: Attitudinal Indicators



Looking for recognition
# HH: 7,592

74.04%

% HH:



Connecters
Looking for
relationship

# HH: 7,078 % HH: 69.03%



Creators
Looking for
innovation

# HH: 6,721 % HH: 65.54%

#### Churchscape: Religious Indicators

SPIRITUALITY INDICATOR	COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS	COUNTY %
Active Evangelical HHlds	933	9.10%
Evangelical Protestant Heritage	5,420	52.86
Mainline Protestant Heritage	2,491	24.29
Roman Catholic Heritage	1,319	12.86