Common App in Iowa

First-Year Application Data
2020–2021

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12,138 Applications submitted

2,835 Unique applicants

584 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 919)

Destination of Applications

- 76% Out-of-State
- 24% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by Iowa applicants
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44% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

58% Applications submitted with a test score

Comparison

Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

- Iowa: 44%
- All Applicants: 46%

Applications submitted with a test score

- Iowa: 58%
- All Applicants: 37%
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Top receiving institutions nationally from applicants in Iowa (descending)

- University of Iowa
- Iowa State University
- University of South Dakota
- Drake University
- University of Northern Iowa
- Northwestern University
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Grinnell College
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Creighton University
- New York University
- Luther College
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Top applying counties in Iowa (descending)

- Polk County
- Johnson County
- Linn County
- Scott County
- Woodbury County
- Dallas County
- Dubuque County
- Story County
- Black Hawk County
- Pottawattamie County
- Warren County
- Plymouth County
- Winneshiek County
- Sioux County
- Cerro Gordo County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+30% State annual change in applications

+24% State annual change in applicants
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Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+30% State annual change in applications

+24% State annual change in applicants

+17% Total annual change in applications

+9% Total annual change in applicants