



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics

Gender Balance Project¹: County Boards -- August 2013 Data Summary² DRAFT³

County	Total # of Seats	# of Men	# of Women	# of Vacancies	Total Chairs	Female Chairs	Total Vice Chairs	Female Vice Chairs	% of Total Seats Held by Women	# of Balanced Boards	Total # of Boards
Adair	23	12	9	2	0	0	0	0	39.13%	2	5
Adams	36	25	9	2	2	0	0	0	25.00%	3	7
Allamakee	36	23	12	1	0	0	0	0	33.33%	5	7
Appanoose	35	22	13	0	7	1	2	2	37.14%	5	7
Audubon	35	26	8	1	4	1	2	0	22.86%	3	7
Benton	37	23	13	1	7	0	7	5	35.14%	5	7
Black Hawk	39	25	13	1	1	0	1	1	33.33%	4	7
Boone	37	25	12	0	7	1	7	2	32.43%	4	7
Bremer	53	38	15	0	6	1	4	1	28.30%	2	7

¹ According to Iowa Code (69.16A), gender balance is required on public boards and commissions. This means that any board, commission, committee, or council established by the state (or by a political subdivision of the state, i.e. a city or county) with an odd number of members, the members of one gender must equal one-half the membership plus one. If the board has an even number of members, "not more than one-half of the membership shall be of one gender."

² This summary is a preliminary view of the data received as part of the Gender Balance Project, a research partnership between the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University and the Friends of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. It includes a summation of the first 95 counties in Iowa that have responded to requests for information on the gender composition of seven county boards and commissions. The seven county boards and commissions included in this project are: Adjustment, Compensation, Conservation, Health, Planning & Zoning, Review, and Veteran Affairs.

³ This is a working document. A final report will soon be available online at <http://cattcenter.las.iastate.edu/catt-research/>. For more information about the Gender Balance Project, please contact Valerie Hennings, Scholar-in-Residence at the Catt Center, at 515-294-3181. Last update: 08/19/2013

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Buchanan	39	28	11	0	6	0	3	0	28.21%	3	7
Buena Vista	40	31	8	1	7	1	6	1	20.00%	2	7
Butler	32	26	6	0	0	0	0	0	18.75%	2	6
Calhoun	39	28	11	0	1	0	0	0	28.21%	3	7
Carroll	33	23	10	0	0	0	0	0	30.30%	5	7
Cass	35	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	28.57%	4	7
Cedar	37	27	10	0	6	3	0	0	27.03%	3	7
Cerro Gordo	33	21	12	0	5	0	2	2	36.36%	6	7
Cherokee	33	28	5	0	4	1	0	0	15.15%	2	7
Chickasaw	23	18	5	0	1	0	0	0	21.74%	2	5
Clarke	39	22	15	2	1	0	1	0	38.46%	6	7
Clay	36	25	10	1	0	0	0	0	27.78%	4	7
Clayton	39	26	13	0	6	3	6	0	33.33%	5	7
Clinton	53	40	13	0	0	0	0	0	24.53%	1	7
Crawford	35	23	11	1	0	0	0	0	31.43%	3	7
Dallas	37	23	13	1	3	0	2	1	35.14%	6	7
Davis	32	22	10	0	1	0	0	0	31.25%	3	6
Decatur	28	21	6	1	1	0	1	0	21.43%	1	5
Delaware	28	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	46.43%	4	6
Des Moines	34	26	8	0	3	0	2	1	23.53%	3	7
Dickinson	32	23	9	0	6	2	5	1	28.13%	3	7
Dubuque	35	22	13	0	8	1	5	1	37.14%	6	7
Emmet	30	19	9	2	6	0	4	2	30.00%	1	6

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Fayette	36	27	8	1	1	0	0	0	22.22%	1	6
Floyd	35	22	13	0	6	5	3	1	37.14%	6	7
Franklin	23	15	7	1	0	0	0	0	30.43%	0	5
Fremont	29	24	5	0	0	0	0	0	17.24%	2	5
Greene	37	25	12	0	3	0	1	0	32.43%	4	7
Grundy	35	22	13	0	0	0	0	0	37.14%	5	7
Guthrie	35	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	28.57%	4	7
Hamilton	25	20	4	1	5	1	0	0	16.00%	0	5
Hancock	39	22	13	4	7	2	5	0	33.33%	6	7
Hardin	29	22	6	1	1	0	0	0	20.69%	1	6
Harrison	37	20	15	2	2	1	2	0	40.54%	6	7
Henry	33	25	7	1	6	1	4	1	21.21%	3	7
Howard	25	19	6	0	4	1	0	0	24.00%	1	5
Humboldt	35	27	8	0	7	2	5	1	22.86%	3	7
Ida	35	18	12	5	0	0	0	0	34.29%	6	7
Iowa	17	12	5	0	1	0	1	1	29.41%	3	6
Jackson	35	23	12	0	0	0	0	0	34.29%	4	7
Jasper	35	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	28.57%	4	7
Jefferson	23	14	9	0	5	1	5	2	39.13%	4	5
Johnson*	28	17	11	0	6	1	0	0	39.29%	6	6
Jones	34	27	7	0	5	0	2	1	20.59%	2	7
Keokuk	25	17	8	0	0	0	0	0	32.00%	2	5
Kossuth	35	28	7	0	5	1	0	0	20.00%	2	7

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Lee	24	15	9	0	3	0	1	0	37.50%	3	5
Linn	39	25	14	0	7	0	6	3	35.90%	5	7
Louisa	33	22	10	1	0	0	0	0	30.30%	2	6
Lucas	24	17	7	0	1	0	0	0	29.17%	3	6
Lyon	38	32	6	0	2	1	0	0	15.79%	1	7
Madison	36	26	7	3	6	0	4	0	19.44%	4	7
Mahaska	25	19	6	0	5	0	1	0	24.00%	1	5
Marion	35	21	10	4	2	1	0	0	28.57%	4	7
Marshall	32	24	7	1	7	2	7	3	21.88%	4	7
Mills	<i>Data being compiled</i>										
Mitchell	36	26	10	0	0	0	0	0	27.78%	3	7
Monona	37	26	11	0	4	1	2	0	29.73%	2	7
Monroe	35	26	9	0	4	2	2	1	25.71%	3	7
Montgomery	39	28	10	1	7	2	1	0	25.64%	3	7
Muscatine	35	24	11	0	7	0	4	2	45.86%	4	7
O'Brien	25	19	6	0	5	0	2	1	24.00%	3	5
Osceola	35	26	9	0	4	1	1	0	25.71%	3	7
Page	37	21	13	3	0	0	0	0	35.14%	2	7
Palo Alto	39	33	6	0	3	1	3	1	15.38%	1	7
Plymouth	39	30	9	0	4	2	2	0	23.08%	2	7
Pocahontas	<i>Data requested</i>										
Polk	41	29	12	0	6	1	5	1	29.27%	4	7
Pottawattamie	37	24	11	2	6	1	4	1	29.73%	3	7

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Poweshiek	20	14	6	0	4	1	3	1	30.00%	2	4
Ringgold	23	16	6	1	1	0	1	0	37.50%	3	5
Sac	<i>Data requested</i>										
Scott	37	22	15	0	6	1	4	1	40.54%	6	7
Shelby	37	25	11	1	0	0	0	0	29.73%	5	7
Sioux	41	34	7	0	6	1	3	1	17.07%	2	7
Story	32	21	10	1	5	0	4	1	31.25%	3	6
Tama	35	26	9	0	0	0	0	0	25.71%	3	7
Taylor	25	14	10	1	1	0	1	0	40.00%	4	5
Union	30	20	10	0	2	0	2	1	33.33%	4	6
Van Buren*	30	14	15	1	5	0	5	3	50.00%	6	6
Wapello	38	23	13	2	0	0	0	0	34.21%	3	7
Warren	<i>Data requested</i>										
Washington	37	25	11	1	2	0	0	0	29.73%	5	7
Wayne	23	15	8	0	5	2	5	1	34.78%	3	5
Webster	36	27	9	0	6	1	0	0	25.00%	2	7
Winnebago	34	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	11.76%	1	7
Winneshiek	36	27	9	0	1	0	1	0	25.00%	3	6
Woodbury	31	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	25.81%	2	6
Worth	33	28	5	0	3	1	1	0	15.15%	2	7
Wright	33	19	14	0	0	0	0	0	36.36%	4	6
TOTALS	3185	2213	916	56	293	53 18.09%	163	49 30.06%	28.76%	309 50.16%	616

*These counties have achieved gender balance on all appointed county boards and commissions within the scope of this study.

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Planning & Development	516	366	140	10	39	5	23	5	27.13%	32	80
Adjustment	383	272	103	8	34	4	21	6	26.89%	41	78
Compensation	665	470	176	19	45	4	21	5	26.47%	28	91
Review	337	240	88	9	33	5	20	5	26.11%	44	84
Conservation	482	356	123	3	53	12	33	9	25.52%	43	95
Health	481	255	221	5	51	19	31	15	45.95%	75	95
Veteran Affairs	321	254	65	2	38	4	14	4	20.25%	46	93
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