

Iowa Office of State Court Administration Juror Data, January 2022 – June 2023 (18 months): Black Jurors

Distinctive Group: Persons who checked “**Black/African American**” box on Iowa Judicial Branch Juror Questionnaire
 Statistical Comparison based on “Black/African American alone” Census jury-eligible population (Persons 18 years of age and older who are U.S. Citizens) as reported on State Data Center web page (B%-JE column):

<https://www.iowadatecenter.org/index.php/data-by-source/american-community-survey/nativity-and-citizenship-status-race-and-ethnicity>.

County	B%-JE	B% Jury Pool	B% Jury Panel	B% Trial Jurors	Panel Stat. Signif.
Black Hawk	7.9%	10.4% (2719/26086)	7.5% (441/5884)	7.8% (78/994)	---
Des Moines	4.6%	4.7% (246/5264)	3.9% (40/1042)	6.6% (22/332)	---
Dubuque	2.5%	2.6% (344/13069)	1.2% (19/1645)	0% (0/426)	8.11E-05 < 0.025
Johnson	4.4%	6.9% (658/9486)	5.4% (54/997)	5.5% (14/253)	---
Linn	4.0%	5.6% (1059/18752)	3.6% (122/3402)	4.1% (29/705)	---
Polk	5.5%	6.1% (1775/29138)	4.4% (208/4698)	5.2% (47/897)	0.0005 < 0.025
Scott	6.3%	7.5% (2462/32648)	4.1% (268/6514)	5.3% (55/1037)	7.50E-15 < 0.025
Woodbury	3.0%	2.9% (466/16163)	2.1% (31/1444)	3.4% (10/296)	0.029 > .16

1. **Trial Jurors.** 5 of the 8 Counties had trial juries that were fully representative of their jury-eligible Black population: Black Hawk, Des Moines, Johnson, Linn, and Woodbury. The trial juries in Scott County were 1% below the expected %; there were only 55 Black jurors when one would have expected approximately 65 Black jurors. Dubuque is particularly problematic: the Inexorable Zero. There has not been a single Black who served on a trial jury in Dubuque during the entire 18 months, though there were 344 Blacks in the jury pools and 19 Blacks on jury panels.
2. **Jury Pools.** In all 8 Counties the Black % of the Jury Pool juror exceeded the Black % of the jury-eligible population.
3. **Jury Panels.** 3 counties had worrisome Black % declines from their Jury Pools to Jury Panels: Black Hawk (from 10.4% to 7.5%); Linn (from 5.6% to 3.6%) and Scott (from 7.5% to 4.1%). However, Black Hawk and Linn still had trial juries with Black % that were representative. That was not the case in Scott County. The underrepresentation of Blacks on the Scott County jury panels was statistically significant at the two standard deviation level (7.50E-15) and that was also the case in Polk County too (0.0005). Woodbury was another county in which the Black % of the Jury Panel was nearly statistically significant at the 2 standard deviation level but its trial juries were nonetheless fully representative.