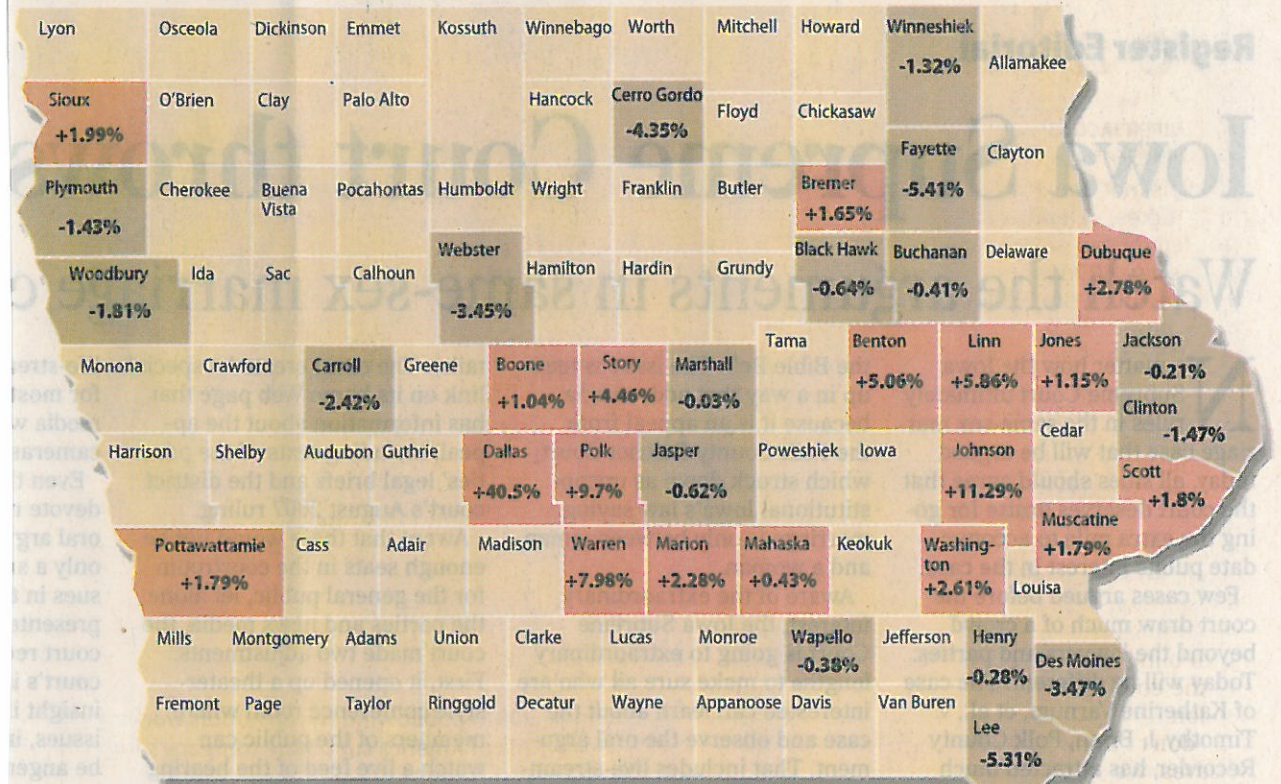


Metro area gains; rural counties lose

The Des Moines metro area, especially Dallas County, has continued to grow since 2000 as many rural counties have lost residents, according to census estimates released today.

Population change in Iowa counties since 2000 (based on surveys collected between 2005 and 2007)

KEY: Counties that gained population Counties that lost population



Note: Current estimates are only available for counties with at least 20,000 residents.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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