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Iowa's ranking among the 50 states in the following four areas gives some indication of the task facing the Iowa DOT:

Population
30th

Land area
23rd

Miles of road
13th

Number of bridges
5th

Miles of rail
11th

The Iowa DOT's principal responsibilities are to:

- Manage more than 9,400 miles of state-owned highways and ramps.
- Maintain nearly 4,200 bridges.
- License or provide nondriver ID to approximately 2.5 million people.
- Enforce all federal and state laws and regulations relating to the commercial motor vehicle and driver, including safety, hazardous materials transportation, credentialing, authority, weight, and dimension.
- Enforce state laws and administrative rules pertaining to motor vehicle titling and registration, driver's license fraud, use tax fraud, odometer fraud, and licensed motor vehicle dealer compliance.
- Issue approximately 121,000 oversize/overweight permits a year.
- License approximately 6,700 carriers in the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and collect quarterly fuel tax reports from them.
- Register 7,000 carriers with approximately 116,000 vehicles in the International Registration Plan (IRP).
- Regulate more than 5,800 vehicle dealers, recyclers, leasing companies, and manufacturers.
- Oversee the collection of more than \$422 million in vehicle title and registration fees for the 4.4 million vehicles registered annually through 99 county treasurers.
- Title and register more than 50,000 publicly owned motor vehicles.
- Register all aircraft and aircraft dealers based in Iowa.
- Advocate and deliver services to the air transportation system in Iowa that includes 111 publicly owned airports, approximately 6,800 pilots and processes 1.5 million commercial service passengers a year at eight commercial service airports.
- Provide financial and management assistance to Iowa's 35 public transit systems that provide transportation services in all 99 counties, resulting in more than 25 million rides a year.
- Provide financial and technical assistance to intercity bus carriers providing rural connections/stops in Iowa.
- Lead the Iowa Transportation Coordination Council for state agencies and other partners to promote coordination of transportation services.
- Advocate and assist in the preservation and development of a safe, efficient and economically healthy freight railroad transportation system.
- Assist in safety improvements and surface repair at more than 4,400 highway-railroad crossings and inspect nearly 4,000 miles of track.
- Lead development of enhanced passenger rail services.
- Promote river navigation.
- Assist in the development, preservation, and improvement of approximately 1,485 miles of multiuse trails.
- Support safe transport of commodities through more than 11,400 miles of pipeline.

The Iowa DOT, created by the Iowa Legislature, began operating July 1, 1975. The newly formed Department of Transportation had a staff of 4,568 full-time equivalents (FTEs). These employees and their responsibilities came from the Highway Commission, Reciprocity Board, Aeronautics Commission, and parts of the Commerce Commission, Department of Revenue and Finance, Department of Public Safety, and the Energy Policy Council. The Iowa DOT continually looks at ways to become more efficient in serving our customers. As a result, the current workforce equals approximately 2,818 full-time employees.

The seven transportation commissioners set policy for the department and are appointed by the governor, with no more than four from one political party. Membership on the commission is gender-balanced. Commissioners are confirmed by the Iowa Senate and serve on a staggered basis for four-year terms. Commission meetings are usually held monthly in Ames. The meetings are open to the public and follow a printed agenda.

Note: Most current data available at time of printing.

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Commissioners' Biographies



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Term: May 1, 2011, to April 30, 2015

Rose, a Republican, was a teacher before owning and operating a retail business and manufacturing business in Clinton. He now operates a real estate business and trucking company.

Rose grew up on a farm in Clinton County. He is a graduate of Northeast High School in Goose Lake and the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor of Science in education degree.

He has been involved in local governmental affairs in Clinton throughout his life, serving on several boards, including the Clinton Community School Board, Clinton Regional Development Corp., Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, and Iowa/Illinois Highway Partnership. He has been very involved in promoting economic development and transportation projects in the Clinton area, making trips to Des Moines and Washington, D.C.

Rose is married to Suzanne, a retired teacher. They are the parents of three children, Kara of Long Grove, Kirsten of Cedar Rapids, and Lance of Eagle, Colo. They also have five grandchildren.



Boswell

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Boswell, a Democrat, is a former United States congressman. He was born in Harrison County, Mo., and graduated from Lamoni High School in 1952. In 1969, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Graceland College in Lamoni.

Boswell served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1976. He was first drafted in the Army in 1956 as a private. He later graduated from Artillery Officer Candidate School, eventually rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. During his military career he earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, the Soldier's Medal, and various other awards and decorations. He served two one-year tours of duty as an assault helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He also served two NATO tours of duty in Europe, first for four years in Germany, and later three years in Portugal. Additionally, he taught at the Army Command and General Staff College.

Boswell operates a farm in Davis City that has been in the family for several generations. He served on the board of directors of the local farmer's cooperative from 1979-1993, serving as president for 13 years. He became a member of the Iowa Senate in 1984, serving until 1996. He was president of the Iowa Senate from 1992-1996. In 1997, he was elected to the 150th Congress, serving Iowa's 3rd Congressional District. He continued to serve in that capacity for seven succeeding congresses.

Boswell and his wife, Dody, have been married since 1956 and have three children and four grandchildren.



Huber

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Huber, a Republican, is co-owner and president of Frontier Hospitality Group of Davenport, Iowa. FHG owns and operates the Best Western Plus SteepleGate Inn in Davenport, which includes Prairie Grille and 1 Hundred West Bar; the Best Western Plus Dubuque Hotel and Conference Center, and Champpps Americana Restaurant & Bar in Dubuque; and the Holiday Inn Express in Moline, Ill., located at the Quad Cities International Airport. FHG employs more than 250 people in eastern Iowa and western Illinois. The company was founded in Clinton, Iowa, by the Baker family who built their first hotel on the Lincoln Highway in 1950.

Huber was born and raised in Dubuque. He is a graduate of Wahlert Catholic High School and the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations.

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Huber was very active in community and economic development, including transportation issues throughout his 15 years as a chamber of commerce executive in various Iowa communities. He is the former president and CEO of DavenportOne – the Davenport combined chamber of commerce, economic development, and downtown redevelopment group (1999-2007). Huber also served as president and CEO of the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce in Clinton (1995-1999), and director of government affairs with the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce (1992-1995). He was a founding member of the Iowa Chamber Alliance and served as the organization's first chairman. He was a member of the Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executives and American Chamber of Commerce Executives and served on both organizations' board of directors. Huber is currently a member of the Young Presidents' Organization and previously served on the Iowa Chapters' board of directors.

Huber lives in Davenport with his wife, Sue, an elementary school teacher, and his three daughters, Adelyn, an incoming freshman at the University of Wisconsin; Allyson, presently a sophomore at Assumption High School; and Celia, a fifth grader at St. Paul the Apostle School.



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Miles, a Democrat, is chief executive officer of Miles Holdings LLC, a hotel development and management company, and a franchisee of three Value Place hotels, two located in central Iowa and one in Loveland, Colo.

She is a graduate of Hoover High School in Des Moines and attended the University of Northern Iowa.

Miles was the national marketing director of RSM McGladrey Inc., one of the nation's top business, accounting and tax consulting firms. She was also vice president of marketing for Hawkeye Bank and Trust.

She currently serves as a board member of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation; board member of Anawim Housing of Des Moines; chair of the board of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland; and is serving her fourth term on the advisory board of directors for Value Place Franchise Services.

Miles lives in Dallas Center with her husband, David, CEO of Miles Capital, managing director of The Miles Group LLC, and member of the Iowa Board of Regents. They have two adult sons: Erik Raker, Des Moines; and Michael Raker, Falls Church, Va.; and two granddaughters.



Putney

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Putney, a Republican, was the executive director of the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation from its inception in 1993 until his retirement in 2014. In this role, he spearheaded the efforts to renovate and preserve the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Putney is a native of Gladbrook, attended the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Iowa State University. He graduated from the Iowa Military Academy and served as an officer in the Iowa National Guard. Putney operated a grain and livestock operation in Tama County for 23 years. From 1989 until 1993, he served as a special assistant to Senator Charles Grassley. During his tenure with Grassley, Putney planned statewide activities to foster economic growth and coordinated numerous federal conferences.

Putney was elected to the Iowa Senate in 2002 and served two terms representing the counties of Tama, Benton, Grundy, and parts of Iowa County before retiring. He served as vice chairman, co-chairman, ranking member of the Senate Transportation Committee, and ranking member of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee. He also was an assistant leader for five years and served as his party's Whip. In addition to his fundraising role, Putney has been an avid participant in the Iowa State Fair for many years — as an exhibitor, president of the Sale of Champions, and beef superintendent.

Putney has been active in numerous civic and agricultural organizations. He and his wife of 47 years, Emily, reside on their farm near Gladbrook and raise registered Angus cattle. They have three children, Leah, of Marion; Carolyn, of Ankeny; and Mark, of Elgin. They also have eight grandchildren.



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Reasner, a Democrat, is an attorney and shareholder with Lynch Dallas PC of Cedar Rapids where she practices in the areas of private and public employment law, civil rights law, ERISA litigation, and other business and commercial litigation, insurance defense, and family law. Reasner has a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast communications from The University of Iowa, and a Juris Doctor, degree with distinction, from The University of Iowa's College of Law. She was the recipient of the Iowa Bar Association's Graduating Senior Award (2001).

She is currently or formerly active in the following community organizations: Planned Parenthood the Heartland's board of directors; Linn County Trails Association's board of directors; Junior League of Cedar Rapids' board of directors; and a member of the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids, as well as the League of Women Voters. Reasner participated in the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce Leadership for Five Seasons program in 2005-2006, and was recognized in "40 under 40 Community Leaders" published by the Corridor Business Journal (2007). Reasner also serves as a member of the board of directors for Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. and St. Luke's hospital, both in Cedar Rapids.

Reasner was born in Phoenix, Ariz., and is a former broadcast journalist for KCRG in Cedar Rapids. Reasner is married to Wilford H. Stone, also an attorney at Lynch Dallas PC.



Yanney

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Yanney, a Republican, is a partner in Guarantee Roofing, Siding and Insulation Co. of Sioux City (1976-present). The company provides a full range of products and services, and holds the prestigious GAF certification as “Master Elite Contractor.”

She attended Morningside College in Sioux City, and obtained her Bachelor of Science in education degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., with a major in English/speech and drama, and minor in physical education.

Yanney is a former junior high and high school teacher at the Sioux City Community Schools (1973-1976), and O’Neill Public Schools in O’Neill, Neb. (1972-1973). In addition to teaching core curriculum classes, Yanney coached drama, was an assistant coach for junior high girls track, and organized pep club and cheerleading activities.

Yanney is currently a member of the Vision Iowa’s board of directors. She is a current member of St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center’s board of directors of Sioux City. Yanney is past president of the Sioux City Symphony’s board of directors and past chairman of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce (2004-2005). Yanney was past chair of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry and is currently chair of their foundation board.

In 2010, Yanney was inducted into the Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame. The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women established the honor in 1975 to provide visible examples for future female leaders.

Previously, Yanney served in several governor-appointed positions, including the Privacy Task Force (2001-2002); Vertical Infrastructure Committee (2000-2004); Governor’s Committee on Community Colleges, a five-year plan for community colleges (2000-2001); Governor’s Committee on Reformed Spending (1991-1992); the Iowa Economic Development Board (1992-1998); and Iowa Beer and Liquor Control Department Board, including board chairperson (1982-1985).

Yanney was also formerly active in a number of civic and community organizations, including the University of Briar Cliff; United Way; Iowa Jobs for America’s Graduate; Council on Human Investment; Girls Inc. of Sioux City; Looking for Secondary Education, a committee for the local school board; Sioux City Chamber of Commerce; and Junior Achievement.



Iowa DOT Directors' Biographies



Trombino

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Trombino was appointed director of the Iowa Department of Transportation May 9, 2011, and confirmed by the Iowa Senate June 28, 2011.

Prior to this position, Trombino worked at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for 17 years. At WisDOT he held several positions, serving as director of the Bureau of Transit, Local Roads, Rails and Harbors; regional operations director of the Highway Division; regional operations director of the Division of Transportation Systems Development; director of the statewide Bureau of Structures; and manager of highway bid lettings. Before joining WisDOT, Trombino spent four years in the finance and banking industry in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Trombino holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a licensed professional engineer in the states of Iowa and Wisconsin.



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Anderson joined the department in 1992 as an engineer-in-training in the Office of Systems Planning. He served various roles within the office until his appointment to director of the Office of Systems Planning in 2002. He was appointed director of the Planning, Programming and Modal Division in January 2009.

Anderson is a 1991 graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.



Dunn

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Dunn was appointed Information Technology Division director in January 2015. Prior to her appointment, Dunn was the Office of Support Services director within the Operations and Finance Division. Before her move to Support Services, Dunn served as the winter operations administrator within the Highway Division's Office of Maintenance.

Dunn is a graduate of Iowa State University and has lived in Iowa for the majority of her life and career.



Lowe

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Lowe was named director of the Motor Vehicle Division in March 2009. Prior to this appointment, he served for one year as special assistant attorney general to the Iowa DOT. Prior to his work at the Iowa DOT, Lowe was a shareholder with Hopkins & Huebner PC in Des Moines. He has also served as associate general counsel for Norwest Financial and as a planner at the Region XII Council of Governments.

Lowe is a 1988 graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in community and regional planning. Lowe earned his law degree from Drake University in 1993.



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Adam was appointed Highway Division director in September 2010. Prior to this appointment, Adam served for eight years as the director of the Highway Division's Statewide Operations Bureau. Prior to the bureau appointment, Adam spent 19 years in various engineering positions with the department in contracts, materials testing and inspection, and construction. Before joining the Iowa DOT in 1983, Adam worked several years for PDM Corp., Des Moines, in various positions involved in the design, fabrication, and construction of structural and specialty steel applications.

A native of Keota, Iowa, Adam is a 1980 graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in construction engineering.



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Wilkinson began his Iowa DOT career in 1996 as an area maintenance manager in District 6. In 2000, he was promoted to director of the Office of Maintenance. He was named director of the Operations and Finance Division in December 2006. Prior to coming to the department, Wilkinson worked at the Iowa Department of Personnel from 1991 to 1996 as a personnel officer. The Iowa DOT was one of the agencies he assisted while in this position. From 1989 to 1991, Wilkinson served as a management analyst in the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance.

Wilkinson is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in public administration, with an emphasis in personnel.



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Selmer was appointed director of the Performance and Technology Division in August 2012. He started his career with the department in 1989 as resident maintenance engineer in Atlantic. He was promoted to director of the Office of Maintenance Operations in 1994 focusing on pavement preservation and process improvement. He was appointed District 4 engineer in 2000. Just prior to being named director of the Performance and Technology Division, Selmer was the director of the Statewide Operations Bureau with responsibilities in construction, maintenance, materials, local systems contracts, and specifications.

Selmer is a 1983 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Omaha with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.



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Division Responsibilities

Highway Division

Responsible for project design, contracts, construction, technical assistance and consultation, right-of-way issues, and environmental investigations/compliance; ensures consistency with engineering practices and acts as liaison with the U.S. DOT, local jurisdictions, the construction industry, and professional associations; reviews traffic safety situations/issues and maintains safety management systems; develops transportation technology transfer; manages the preservation and operation of the transportation system to ensure safe travel; administers and provides statewide direction for all maintenance activities completed by contract and Iowa DOT forces; plans and administers maintenance of highways and bridges, bridge inspection program, traffic services, and snow and ice control; oversees Adopt-A-Highway program, maintenance information management systems, bridge and highway painting, roadside management, rest area administration, road weather information systems, highway lighting, and utility, access and drainage permits; monitors and evaluates the performance of field operations in all maintenance functions; responsible for planning, development, maintenance, and support of information technology within the Highway Division and integration of information technology into all aspects of the division's functions and responsibilities; manages engineering co-op program; enhances the safety, efficiency, mobility, and convenience of the state's transportation system through intelligent transportation systems; and provides team facilitation, training, and partnering through workplace initiatives.

Information Technology Division

Provides internal support services, automation support, and facilities and equipment support; assists internal and external customers in applying technology to the business needs of the department; collects, processes, and disseminates information throughout the department; monitors the constantly changing business and information environment; maximizes current investments in technology; implements new technologies and new directions; and coordinates information sharing.

Motor Vehicle Division

Administers and enforces federal and state motor vehicle laws and regulations, including the testing, licensing, and appropriate sanctioning of all drivers; maintains/updates all driver history files for Iowa drivers, and cooperates with other jurisdictions in sharing data concerning out-of-state drivers; maintains and updates crash reports and information; administers financial responsibility laws; suspends or revokes driving privileges of drivers who have committed OWI or other problem-driver offenses, and lifts suspension or revocation when compliance is achieved; administers driver improvement program and motorcycle rider program; titles and registers vehicles which operate interstate; registers aircraft and aircraft dealers; routes over-dimension vehicles on Iowa's primary and interstate highways; administers fuel tax and single state registration program for Iowa-based carriers; issues intrastate authority to for-hire carriers; issues trip permits for temporary travel in Iowa; enforces federal motor carrier safety standards and hazardous materials regulations; enforces size, weight, authority, fuel, and registration laws; investigates title and odometer fraud; resolves failure to transfer title complaints; performs salvage theft examinations; investigates driver's license fraudulent applications; provides seminars to retail and liquor establishment personnel and local law enforcement concerning driver license fraud detection; titles and issues registrations for all official vehicles, and special and personalized plates; issues all red light certificates for all privately owned emergency vehicles; approves and processes abandoned vehicle reports for all law enforcement agencies; processes surety bonds for vehicles missing supporting ownership documents; administers county-based registration and refunds for noninterstate vehicles; regulates all dealer, manufacturer, wholesaler, recycler; and leasing licensing programs, including revocations/suspensions, administers and issues persons with disabilities permits; and regulates and issues all vehicle registration fees through rate book programs so counties are aware of vehicle registration fees.

Operations and Finance Division

Provides internal support services for facilities' management, including facility design and construction, building and grounds maintenance, lease management, and work-site remodeling and relocation; procurement and distribution activities, including specification development, purchasing, equipment assignment, inventory management, and surplus disposal; administration of central motor pool, fueling site, and warehouse and distribution center, including printing and assembly, and mail services; human resource management, including labor relations, affirmative action, employee training coordination, oversight of classification and pay systems, recruitment coordination, administration of drug screening, employee relocation assistance, educational assistance, employee recognition programs, employee benefits administration, workers' compensation, survey development and analysis, and accountable government implementation and reporting; financial management, including budget development and monitoring, administering the agency's accounting and payroll systems, conducting external and motor carrier audits, and handling of tort claims; federal and state policy development and evaluation, including identification and analysis of major transportation issues, administrative rules, the Iowa DOT's Policies and Procedures Manual, and contested case appeals; and state legislative programs.

Performance and Technology Division

Provides services focused on performance management, asset management, process improvement, strategic planning, and strategic communications; provides media and marketing services, including media relations, development of marketing and communications plans, issuance of news releases, intranet and Internet site management, technical editing, graphic design, publications, radio news service, and photography and video services; facilitates the coordination and management of departmental research activities in collaboration with other divisions, U.S. DOT, Transportation Research Board, National Cooperative Highway Research Program, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Iowa Highway Research Board, universities, other states, private sector partners, and state and local agencies; facilitates research needs identification, research program development and implementation, and related funding.

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Responsible for development of both long- and short-range transportation system plans; conducts public involvement sessions; administers the Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) program; develops city, county, and state transportation maps; administers the Transportation Alternatives program; develops the Iowa Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); administers the state's Recreational Trails Program; develops the department's Five-Year Program; administers the national Recreational Trails Program; establishes and maintains the department's traffic and roadway condition databases; administers the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP); develops traffic forecasts for highway projects; coordinates planning activities with the metropolitan planning organizations and regional planning affiliations; manages the traffic count program; and manages special legislative and congressionally mandated studies.

The Office of Aviation serves as an advocate and provider of services that promote and enhance a safe and healthy transportation system in Iowa. The Office of Aviation administers several funding programs for airport improvement projects and works as a liaison with the Federal Aviation Administration. Office staff emphasizes advocacy, building partnerships, and economic development.

The Office of Rail Transportation delivers a variety of programs and services to maintain a viable rail infrastructure system in Iowa. The office administers several programs to improve the safety of highway-railroad crossings, and several programs to assist railroads to improve their trackage. The office promotes the importance of the rail system to Iowa's economy.

The Office of Public Transit promotes a public transportation system that meets the transportation needs of Iowans through advocacy, technical assistance, and administration of state and federal funds. The office promotes coordination of all public transportation through the designated public transit agencies while providing technical assistance to agencies receiving federal funds. The office serves as a liaison with the Federal Transit Administration in distributing funds to transit agencies in Iowa.

The river section promotes transportation on Iowa's navigable rivers. This section also represents Iowa navigation interests with other state and federal agencies.

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