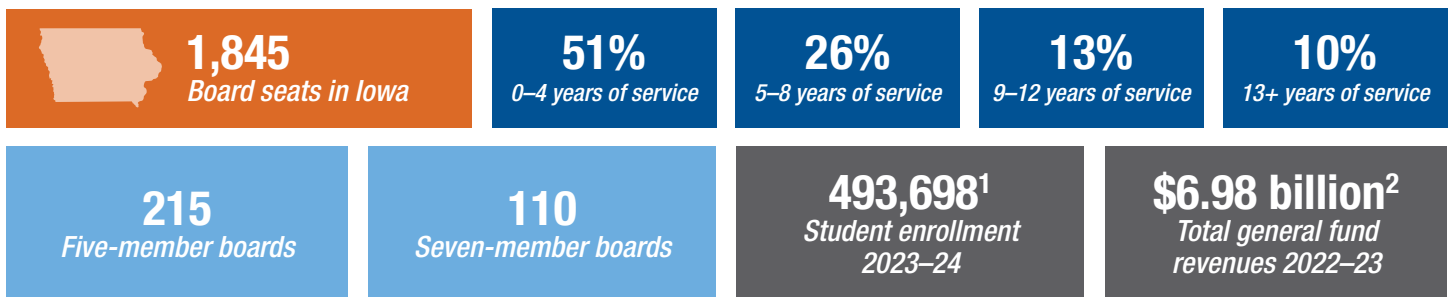


Facts About Iowa School Boards

Board members are locally elected public officials entrusted with the task of providing direction for the education of students—our future leaders. Iowa school board members represent a continuing commitment to local citizen decision making in public education. School board board members do not receive compensation for their service.

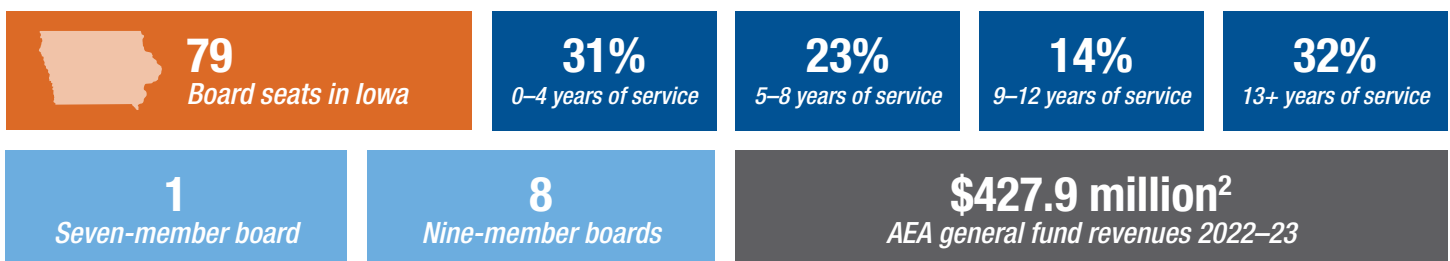
K–12 School Boards

Iowa has 325 school districts with five or seven member school boards. School board members are elected by their local communities in an election held the first Tuesday of November in odd-numbered years. They may be elected at large or from director districts and serve four-year terms.



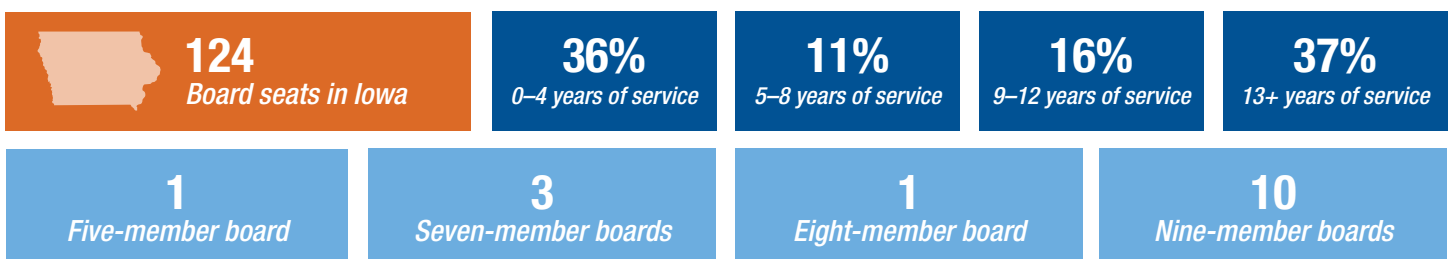
Area Education Agency Boards

The state’s nine area education agencies (AEAs) are governed by seven or nine member boards who are elected for four-year terms by public school board members. Iowa AEAs are intermediate service units that provide special education, media and educational services to local schools.



Community College Boards

Iowa’s 15 community colleges are governed by five-to-nine board members elected by local residents in an election held the first Tuesday of November in odd-numbered years. They are elected to four-year terms.



¹ Iowa Department of Education, October 2023 Certified Enrollment
² Iowa Department of Education, Certified Annual Report—FY 2023