

## Iowa's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals, families, and small businesses filing a Schedule C. VITA is available to people who generally make \$69,000 or less, and provides specialized assistance for people with disabilities, older adults (60+), and taxpayers with limited English proficiency.

- Community volunteers are trained and IRS-certified to provide accurate and trustworthy tax preparation.
- VITA provides free income tax preparation for underserved taxpayers through partner organizations.

Among eligible Iowa taxpayers, there are low participation rates in the VITA program. Just over half of the federal income tax returns filed by Iowans in 2021 reported an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$50,000 or less, yet less than one percent of these taxpayers utilized the VITA program. Over half (53%) of these taxpayers used a paid tax preparer to file (IRS, 2021).

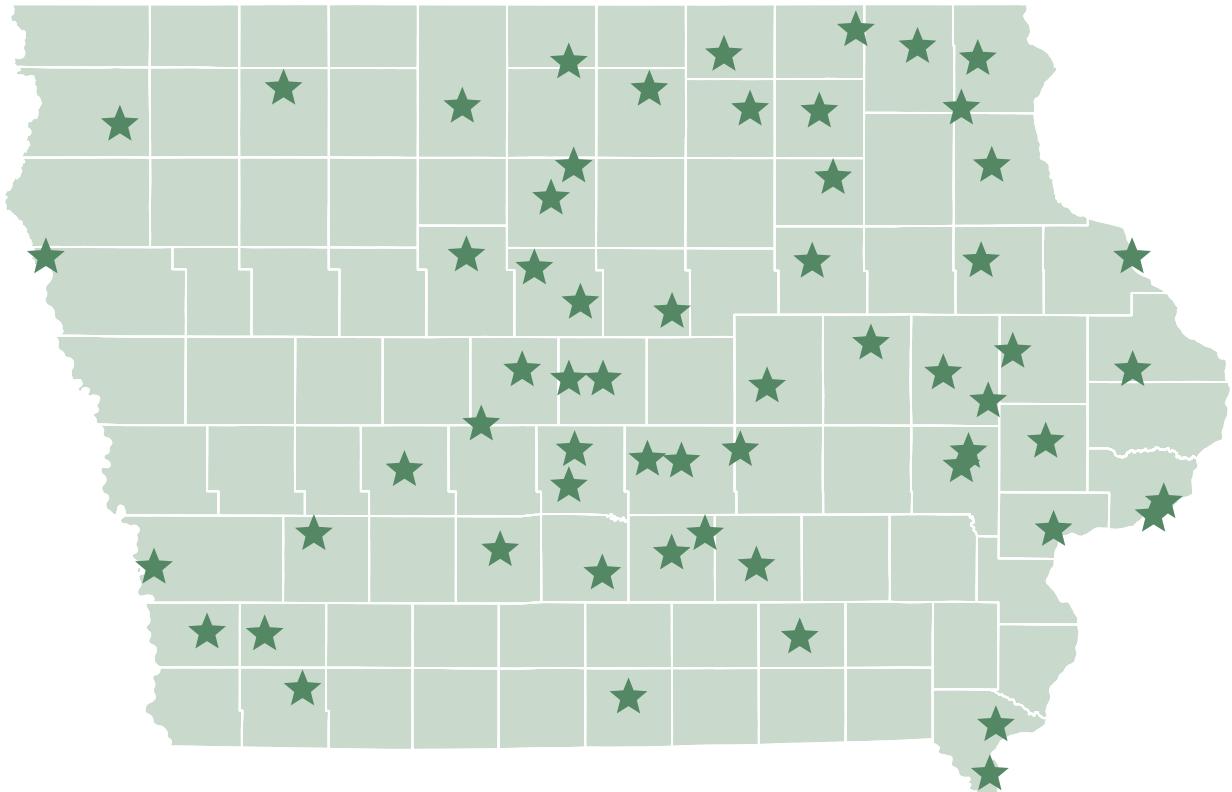
It is possible that a proportion of these tax payers with an AGI less than \$50,000 did not qualify for the VITA program. For example, about 8% of lower AGI taxpayers, almost 60,000, were ineligible for the VITA program because they had digital currency or cryptocurrency, which is considered out of scope for VITA services.

### WHO VITA SUPPORTS:

- Low-to-moderate income persons, generally with an annual household income of less than \$69,000
- Persons with disabilities
- Adults 60 years of age and older
- Limited English speakers
- Military and veterans
- Students

### VITA PARTNERS: In Person Sites

To find a site closest to you visit: [freetaxassistance.irs.gov/sitelocator](https://freetaxassistance.irs.gov/sitelocator)



# VITA PARTNERS: In Person Sites

*Call 211 to find a site near you.*

- Allamakee County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Ames Public Library
- Ankeny Service Center Site
- Ascentra Credit Union
- Belmond City Hall
- Black Hawk County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Boone DMACC
- Boone Public Library
- Bremer County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Cass County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Center for Siouxland
- Central College
- Chickasaw County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Clarke County Extension - Osceola
- Clay and Kossuth ISU Extension and Outreach
- Clayton County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Cornell College
- Cresco Public Library
- Dallas County Extension
- Dubuque HaCap
- EMBARC
- Evelyn K. Davis Center
- Family Housing Services, Inc. - CB Habitat for Humanity
- Family Housing Services, Inc. - CB Library
- Friendly House
- Ft. Dodge - IA Central Community College
- Hamilton County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Hamilton County - Ellsworth Public Library
- Hawkeye Community College Adult Learning Center
- Hiawatha Public Library
- Horizons
- Iowa Center for Economic Success
- Iowa City Public Library
- Iowa State University - Ivy College of Business
- IOWAWORKS
- Jasper County - Colfax Public Library
- Jones County Volunteer Center
- Kossuth County Extension
- Ladd Library
- Luther College
- Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)
- Madison County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Manchester HaCap
- Maquoketa HaCap
- Marion Public Library
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
- Mills County Extension
- Montgomery County Extension
- Muscatine Cooperative
- Nevada Public Library
- NICAO - Charles City
- NICAO - Family Resource Center
- NIACO - Forest City
- North Central Iowa EITC Coalition: Cerro Gordo, Mitchell, and Floyd County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Page County Extension
- Polk County River Place
- Postville Public Library
- Poweshiek County Extension
- RSVP of Jasper County and Jasper County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Sioux County Extension - Orange City
- St. Andrews Church
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church
- Story City Public Library
- Tama County ISU Extension and Outreach
- United Way of Central Iowa
- United Way of East Central Iowa
- United Way of East Central Iowa - Benton County
- United Way of the Great River Region - Fort Madison
- United Way of the Great River Region - Keokuk
- United Way of Mahaska County
- United Way of Southeast Iowa
- University of Northern Iowa
- Valley Community Center
- Warren County Extension - Indianola
- Wayne County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Western Illinois University Quad Cities
- Winneshiek County ISU Extension and Outreach
- Wright County ISU Extension and Outreach
- YSS Ames