



Tama County, Iowa  
Economic Development

## Clutier, Iowa

### The story of Clutier...

Clutier, the youngest incorporated town in Tama County, was originally the 80-acre farm of Frank A. Parizek. In 1899, a railroad promoter, W.E. Brice, bought it for \$65 an acre and town lots were laid out in the spring of 1900. Brice chose the name to honor his sister, Mrs. Bert Clutier.

*"Our Czech heritage is a source of pride to the descendants of those adventuresome forefathers who journeyed to this continent where the future was a challenge. They left their homeland in Europe, telling the early census enumerators here that they had come from Austria or Bohemia, generally speaking. Wild, enchanting scenery brought them to the prairie lands of Iowa, and eventually to the fertile soil of Tama County. The temperate climate, the adaptation of woodlands and the proximity of streams resembled the localities they had forsaken.*

*The Czech people settled in groups, and once established, often stayed on the same land, passing it down through succeeding generations. Pride in family, in home, in church, and in community, helped to keep the Czech spirit kindled.*

*Present-day Americans are endeavoring to preserve this heritage. Probably the cuisine has been best maintained, since Czech cooking is unexcelled."* Our Czech Heritage 1981  
Clutier's annual celebration is Clutier Fun Days in August.



**Location:** Clutier is located in east central Iowa at the intersection of county road V18 and county road E36. Clutier is 9 miles north of U.S. highway 30 and 12 miles east of U.S. highway 63.

**Population:** 228 (2005).

**Per Capita Income:** \$14,092 (2000); county average \$24,112 (2002); state average, \$28,089 (2002); median household income \$27,344 (2000).

**Geography/Climate:** Gently rolling mid-continent farmlands. Four seasons. A few brittle cold winter days may not rise above zero; a few sultry summer days may reach high 90's. Summer average temperature in the 70's, winter in the 20's. Precipitation averages: 32 inches of rain, 32 inches of snow.

**Employment:** Corn, soybeans, cattle, & hogs anchor the agricultural economy. Larger payrolls: Palace Roofing, Full Cabinetry Design.

**Financial Institutions:** 1 commercial bank: Chelsea Savings Bank has four statewide locations with total deposits of \$63,786,000.

**Newspaper:** Traer Star Clipper, published Thursdays. One-year subscription: \$39.00. Other regional newspapers: Des Moines Register, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Waterloo Courier, El Heraldo Hispano.



**Communications:** Local Public Access, Cable and broadband available via Mediacom. Phone service and High Speed DSL internet via Farmers Co-op Telephone.

**Utilities:** Alliant Energy provides electric service for residents of Clutier. Alliant offers a rebate for customers who build an energy-efficient home. Water & sewer are provided by the City of Clutier.

**Health Care:** Nearest medical clinic is in Traer, 10 miles away. Volunteer EMS crew.

**Schools:** North Tama Community School District: enrollment of 536; 11.7 students per teacher, \$6,256 spending per student. State ACT average 22; SAT average 1204, graduation rate 89.4%.

**Educational Level:** 6% of Clutier residents have an associate's degree; 3% have a bachelor's degree; 3% have a graduate or professional degree.

**Library:** Clutier Public Library has 4,975 books & serial volumes, 2 public internet terminals, total circulation of 3,754.

**Recreation:** a city park. Swimming, fishing, boating, camping at Otter Creek Lake & Park, west of Clutier. Pheasant, quail & chuckar hunting at Czech Adventures hunting preserve west of Clutier.

**Housing:** Median value of housing units in Tama County (2000) is \$64,200; median gross rent of units in Tama County (2000) is \$418.

**Taxes:** State sales tax rate is 5% plus Clutier's local option sales tax is 1% and school infrastructure local option tax is 1% for a total sales tax rate of 7% in Clutier. State income tax rates range from 0.36% to 8.98% plus a base rate.

**Churches:** Protestant.

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