

S.No.	Governor	Term of Office	Party	Election
1	Ansel Briggs (1806–1881)	December 3, 1846 – December 4, 1850 (did not run)	Democratic	1846
2	Stephen P. Hempstead (1812–1883)	December 4, 1850 – December 9, 1854 (did not run)	Democratic	1850
3	James W. Grimes (1816–1872)	December 9, 1854 – January 13, 1858 (did not run)	Whig	1854
4	Ralph P. Lowe (1805–1883)	January 13, 1858 – January 11, 1860 (did not run)	Republican	1857
5	Samuel J. Kirkwood (1813–1894)	January 11, 1860 – January 14, 1864 (did not run)	Republican	1859 1861
6	William M. Stone (1827–1893)	January 14, 1864 – January 16, 1868 (did not run)	Republican	1863 1865
7	Samuel Merrill (1822–1899)	January 16, 1868 – January 11, 1872 (did not run)	Republican	1867 1869
8	Cyrus C. Carpenter (1829–1898)	January 11, 1872 – January 13, 1876 (did not run)	Republican	1871 1873
9	Samuel J. Kirkwood (1813–1894)	January 13, 1876 – February 1, 1877 (resigned)	Republican	1875
10	Joshua G. Newbold (1830–1903)	February 1, 1877 – January 17, 1878 (did not run)	Republican	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
11	John H. Gear (1825–1900)	January 17, 1878 – January 12, 1882 (did not run)	Republican	1877 1879

12	Buren R. Sherman (1836–1904)	January 12, 1882 – January 14, 1886 (did not run)	Republican	1881 1883
13	William Larrabee (1832–1912)	January 14, 1886 – February 27, 1890 (did not run)	Republican	1885 1887
14	Horace Boies (1827–1923)	February 27, 1890 – January 11, 1894 (lost election)	Democratic	1889 1891
15	Frank D. Jackson (1854–1938)	January 11, 1894 – January 16, 1896 (did not run)	Republican	1893
16	Francis M. Drake (1830–1903)	January 16, 1896 – January 13, 1898 (did not run)	Republican	1895
17	L. M. Shaw (1848–1932)	January 13, 1898 – January 16, 1902 (did not run)	Republican	1897 1899
18	Albert B. Cummins (1850–1926)	January 16, 1902 – November 24, 1908 (resigned)	Republican	1901 1903 1906
19	Warren Garst (1850–1924)	November 24, 1908 – January 14, 1909 (successor took office)	Republican	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
20	Beryl F. Carroll (1860–1939)	January 14, 1909 – January 16, 1913 (did not run)	Republican	1908 1910
21	George W. Clarke (1852–1936)	January 16, 1913 – January 11, 1917 (did not run)	Republican	1912 1914
22	William L. Harding (1877–1934)	January 11, 1917 – January 13, 1921 (did not run)	Republican	1916 1918

23	Nathan E. Kendall (1868–1936)	January 13, 1921 – January 15, 1925 (did not run)	Republican	1920 1922
24	John Hammill (1875–1936)	January 15, 1925 – January 15, 1931 (did not run)	Republican	1924 1926 1928
25	Dan W. Turner (1877–1969)	January 15, 1931 – January 12, 1933 (lost election)	Republican	1930
26	Clyde L. Herring (1879–1945)	January 12, 1933 – January 14, 1937 (did not run)	Democratic	1932 1934
27	Nelson G. Kraschel (1889–1957)	January 14, 1937 – January 12, 1939 (lost election)	Democratic	1936
28	George A. Wilson (1884–1953)	January 12, 1939 – January 14, 1943 (did not run)	Republican	1938 1940
29	Bourke B. Hickenlooper (1896–1971)	January 14, 1943 – January 11, 1945 (did not run)	Republican	1942
30	Robert D. Blue (1898–1989)	January 11, 1945 – January 13, 1949 (did not run)	Republican	1944 1946
31	William S. Beardsley (1901–1954)	January 13, 1949 – November 21, 1954 (died in office)	Republican	1948 1950 1952
32	Leo Elthon (1898–1967)	November 21, 1954 – January 13, 1955 (successor took office)	Republican	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
33	Leo Hoegh (1908–2000)	January 13, 1955 – January 17, 1957 (lost election)	Republican	1954

34	Herschel C. Loveless (1911–1989)	January 17, 1957 – January 12, 1961 (did not run)	Democratic	1956 1958
35	Norman A. Erbe (1919–2000)	January 12, 1961 – January 17, 1963 (lost election)	Republican	1960
36	Harold Hughes (1922–1996)	January 17, 1963 – January 1, 1969 (resigned)	Democratic	1962 1964 1966
37	Robert D. Fulton (b. 1929)	January 1, 1969 – January 16, 1969 (successor took office)	Democratic	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
38	Robert D. Ray (1928–2018)	January 16, 1969 – January 14, 1983 (did not run)	Republican	1968 1970 1972 1974 1978
39	Terry Branstad (b. 1946)	January 14, 1983 – January 15, 1999 (did not run)	Republican	1982 1986 1990 1994
40	Tom Vilsack (b. 1950)	January 15, 1999 – January 12, 2007 (did not run)	Democratic	1998 2002
41	Chet Culver (b. 1966)	January 12, 2007 – January 14, 2011 (lost election)	Democratic	2006
42	Terry Branstad (b. 1946)	January 14, 2011 – May 24, 2017 (resigned)	Republican	2010 2014
43	Kim Reynolds (b. 1959)	May 24, 2017 – Incumbent	Republican	Succeeded from lieutenant governor 2018 2022