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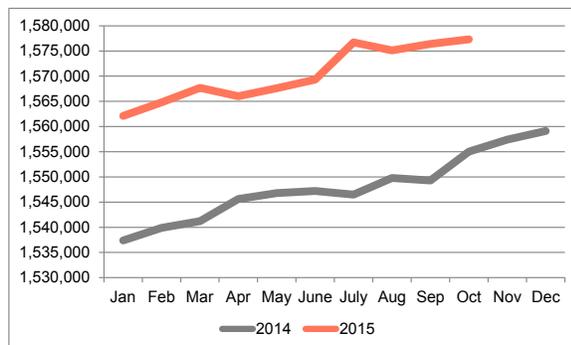
# Iowa Workforce and Economy

### 2015 Statewide News Release Schedule

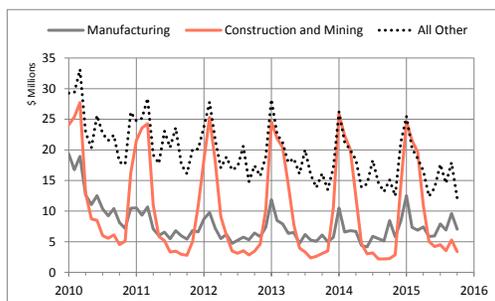
Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 17	Mar 20
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 27
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 21
Apr	May 27	May 27
May	June 19	June 23
June	July 21	July 21
July	Aug 21	Aug 25
Aug	Sept 18	Sept 22
Sept	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate dropped to 3.5 percent in October. The current rate compares with 4.3 percent for October 2014.
- The number of unemployed Iowans decreased to 60,300 in October.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 5.0 percent in October.

### Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa October 2014 - October 2015



### Regular Unemployment Insurance Benefits Paid By Industry and Month



Source: Iowa Workforce Development Labor Market Information Division

- Unemployment insurance benefits paid fell from \$33.7 million in September to \$22.9 million in October. The decrease was caused by fewer layoffs. Timing issues also contributed to the decline.
- The U.S. nonfarm employment added 271,000 jobs in October, the most since December of 2014 and well-above the prior twelve month average of 235,000 jobs. With this gain, the U.S. is now up 2.8 million jobs over the past twelve months.

- Iowa's nonfarm employment gained 900 jobs in October. This is the second consecutive month for job gains following September's upward revision.
- Professional and business services added 3,300 jobs and is now up 6,500 jobs versus one year ago. The increase is the most of any sector.
- Leisure and hospitality pared the most jobs in October (-1,900) with losses being heaviest in accommodations and food services.
- Iowa nonfarm employment is up 22,300 jobs compared to last October.

### Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2013	Qtr 4	1,534,800	0.8%
	Qtr 1	1,539,500	0.3%
2014	Qtr 2	1,546,500	0.5%
	Qtr 3	1,548,500	0.1%
	Qtr 4	1,557,200	0.6%
	Qtr 1	1,564,900	0.5%
2015	Qtr 2	1,567,600	0.2%
	Qtr 3	1,576,100	0.5%

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### Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2015

