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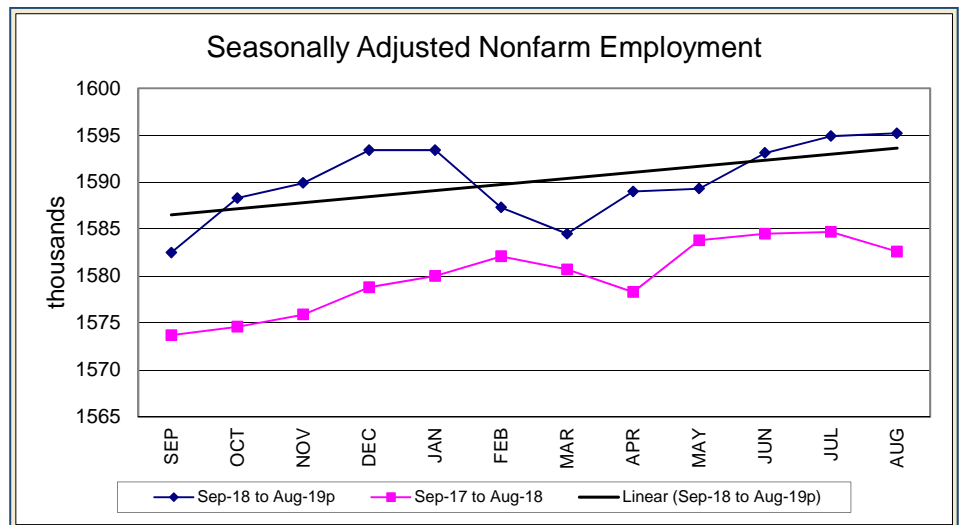
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PRIVATE SERVICES DECLINE SLOWS OVERALL JOBS GAINS

In August, Iowa's business establishments gained a slight 300 jobs over July's total and now rest at 1,595,200 jobs. Firms involved in goods production showed the most promise (+800), while private services were sluggish since July and trended down (-700). Government advanced from last month's mark by 200 jobs at the state level and is now up 1,300 jobs annually.

Construction gained the most jobs in August (+1,000) and was bolstered by hiring in the construction of new residential and commercial buildings. This gain marks the fifth consecutive advancement for this sector following a weak start to the year. Financial activities added jobs in August (+800). This was the first monthly gain since May and helps trim some of the losses stretching back to last year. Professional and business services again added jobs (+600) with growth being concentrated within administrative support and waste management services. Losses this month were deepest in the education and health care super sector (-1,600). Virtually all the decline was due to reductions in staffing in the health care and social assistance sector. This drop would almost certainly be a temporary correction in payroll



and not indicative of any long term trend for this sector. Trade, transportation, and utilities pared 400 jobs due to continued sluggishness in the retail sector.

Over the past twelve months, Iowa has trended up and is 12,600 jobs higher than last August. Despite two small declines over the past two months, manufacturing continues to be the catalyst of job growth (+6,500). Durable goods factories have provided more new jobs than non-durable goods shops. The other services sector advanced by 2,500 jobs and construction is now up 2,300 jobs annually. Those sectors paring jobs since last year are information services (-1,300), financial activities (-700), and trade, transportation, and utilities (-600).

On the national front, total nonfarm advanced by 130,000

jobs. This total was less than expected and included a boost of 28,000 jobs in federal government related to the 2020 Census. Professional and business services gained 37,000 jobs and health care advanced by 24,000 jobs.

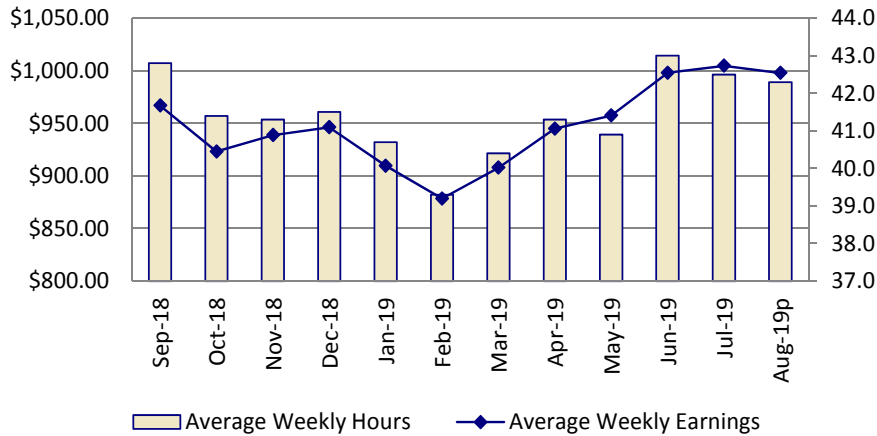
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IOWA'S HOURS & EARNINGS

Average Weekly Hours/Earnings - Goods Producing



Goods-producing Hours & Earnings

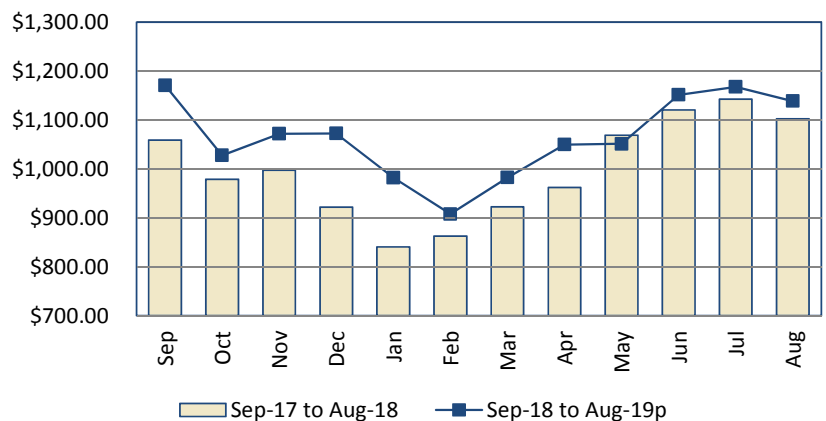
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| Average Weekly Earnings | \$997.86 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | \$23.59 |
| Average Weekly Hours | 42.3 |

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Production workers in Iowa's goods-producing sector averaged \$997.86 per week in August, little changed from July and up \$56.11 versus this time last year. The gain has been primarily the result of growth in average hourly earnings for workers, although schedules have expanded by an average of thirty minutes as well. Manufacturing production workers earned \$870.60 in August, up \$64.05 versus last year. Construction workers added \$36.06 in average weekly pay and earned \$870.60 a week on average.

Financial sector production workers earned \$42.21 more than last August due to gains in average hourly earnings. The average weekly earnings climbed to \$983.94 this month. Retail workers earned \$423.06 in August, up \$6.55 versus last year's level.

Construction - Average Weekly Earnings



METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (TOTAL NONFARM)

| MSA | Aug-18 | Sep-18 | Oct-18 | Nov-18 | Dec-18 | Jan-19 | Feb-19 | Mar-19 | Apr-19 | May-19 | Jun-19 | Jul-19 | Aug-19p |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| AMES | 53.5 | 53.5 | 53.7 | 53.7 | 53.7 | 53.7 | 54.1 | 54.4 | 54.5 | 54.8 | 54.3 | 54.1 | 54.1 |
| CEDAR RAPIDS | 144.4 | 144.9 | 144.3 | 144.5 | 144.5 | 144.7 | 144.1 | 143.8 | 144.6 | 144.1 | 143.7 | 144.1 | 144.2 |
| DES MOINES/W. DES MOINES | 371.1 | 371.3 | 372.4 | 373.1 | 374.9 | 376.9 | 377.0 | 377.8 | 378.5 | 378.0 | 377.6 | 378.0 | 378.3 |
| DUBUQUE | 60.8 | 60.8 | 60.9 | 60.9 | 60.7 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.1 | 61.5 | 61.4 | 61.2 | 61.7 | 61.5 |
| IOWA CITY | 101.3 | 101.0 | 100.5 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 100.9 | 100.4 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.8 | 100.3 |
| SIOUX CITY | 89.2 | 89.2 | 90.0 | 89.9 | 89.9 | 89.9 | 89.8 | 89.9 | 90.1 | 90.4 | 90.4 | 89.9 | 90.0 |
| WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS | 92.1 | 91.9 | 91.6 | 91.8 | 91.9 | 92.0 | 91.8 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.9 | 91.7 | 91.9 |

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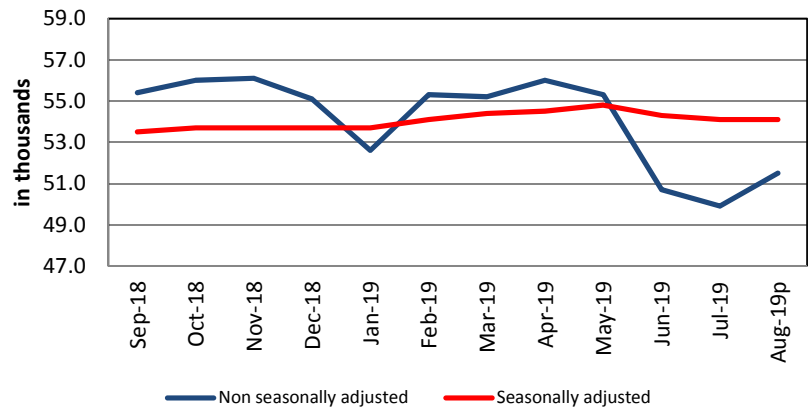
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

The Ames Metro seasonally gained 1,600 jobs in August. This month's increase was influenced by state government education as the school year began. State government added 2,100 jobs, easily overshadowing a loss of 100 jobs in local government. Private services shed 500 jobs while goods producing industries gain 100.

Compared to last year, the Ames Metro area has added 600 jobs (+1.2 percent). Private services advanced by 500 jobs and goods producing industries are up 300 jobs. Government is down 200 jobs with slight losses at the state and local level.

| Ames Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|
| Total Nonfarm 2019 (prelim) | | Total Nonfarm 2018 | |
| 51,500 | | 50,900 | |
| % Change—1 Year | | | |
| 1.18% | | | |
| Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year) | | | |
| Goods producing | 4.00% | Local government | -2.08% |

Ames - Nonfarm Employment



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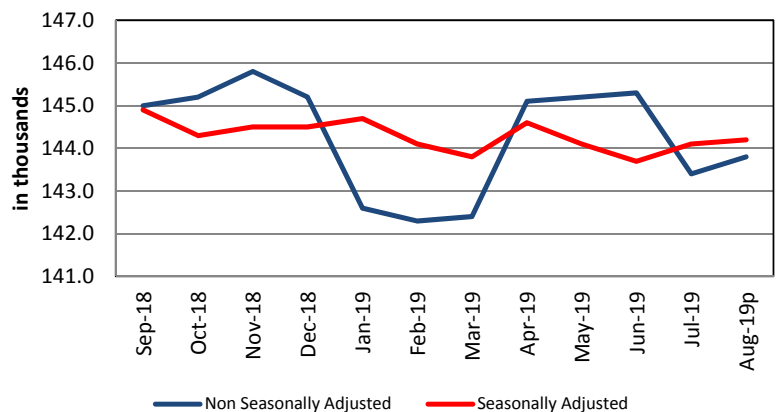
The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 400 jobs in August with a seasonal boost in local government (+400) and smaller gains in other sectors, including; professional and business services (+200), manufacturing (+200), and educational and health services (+100).

Gains were partially offset by losses in trade, transportation and warehousing (-200), information (-100), leisure and hospitality (-100) and other services (-100).

Over the year, area employment is down 200 jobs, and stands at 143,800 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing pared 600 jobs from one year ago with small gains in wholesale trade and transportation, warehousing and utilities offsetting a loss of 800 in retail trade. There has not been an over-the-year gain in retail trade since January 2017.

| Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Total Nonfarm 2019 (prelim) | | Total Nonfarm 2018 | |
| 143,800 | | 144,000 | |
| % Change—1 Year | | | |
| -0.14% | | | |
| Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year) | | | |
| Mining, log & constr | 5.88% | Information | -10.53% |

Cedar Rapids - Nonfarm Employment



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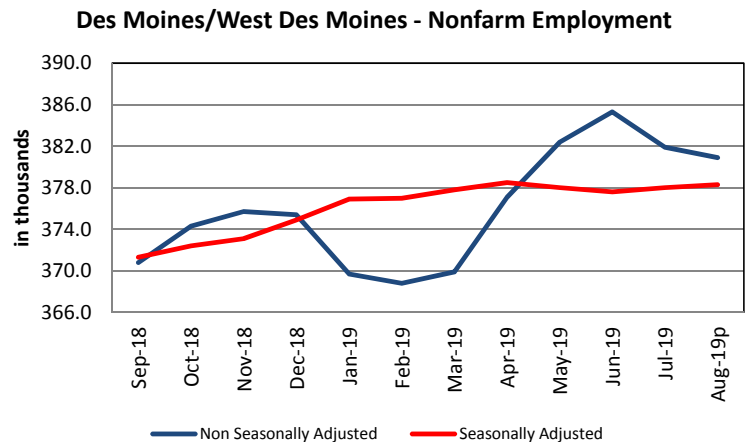
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Firms in the Des Moines Metro area pared 1,000 jobs from their payrolls in August, lowering total nonfarm employment to 380,900. The monthly decline is on the small side compared to the prior ten years and was heavily influenced by seasonal declines in recreational industries. In total, leisure and hospitality decreased by 1,600 jobs. Other sectors cutting back this month included health care and social assistance (-900) and retail trade (-500). Several segments of the MSA's economy advanced in August including government (+700), professional and business services (+600), and mining, logging, and construction (+400).

| Des Moines/West Des Moines Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------|
| Total Nonfarm 2019 (prelim) | Total Nonfarm 2018 | % Change—1 Year | |
| 380,900 | 372,300 | 2.31% | |
| Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year) | | | |
| Leisure & hospitality | 7.24% | Local government | -4.17% |

Annually, the metro area is now up 8,600 jobs. By percentage, the Des Moines area's growth rate of 2.3 percent is easily outpacing that of the state (0.7 percent). Leisure and hospitality has added the most jobs annually (+2,800) and benefitted from larger than usual seasonal hiring during the summer months. This job count is expected to moderate some during the fall. Trade, transportation, and utilities has also fared well over the past twelve months (+2,200) and has been partially fueled by some expansion in retail trade (+500). Government is the only major sector of the area economy to be down annually (-1,200) and could be the result of local education faculty taking time off this summer. This yearly lag should moderate some as the fall school year begins.

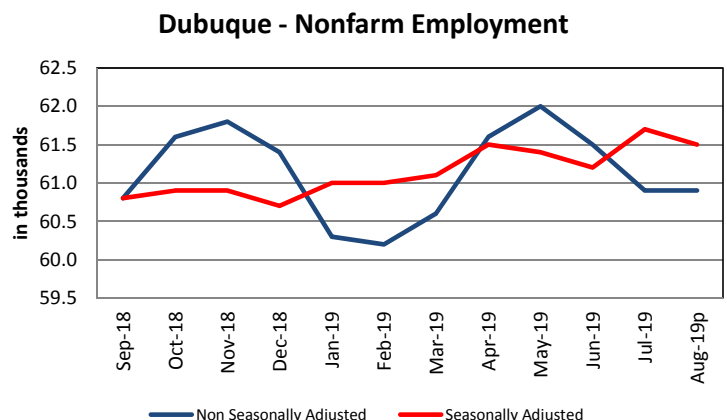


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Total nonfarm employment in the Dubuque MSA remained at 60,900 jobs in August, up 500 jobs versus last year's level. Seasonality can be light in August, having no change in total nonfarm employment is not unexpected. Government added 400 jobs at the local level mostly due to schools resuming. Private services shed 300 jobs with retail losing 100 jobs. Goods producing industries lost 100 jobs.

| Dubuque Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Total Nonfarm 2019 (prelim) | Total Nonfarm 2018 | % Change—1 Year | |
| 60,900 | 60,400 | 0.83% | |
| Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year) | | | |
| Goods producing | 2.34% | Retail trade | -5.88% |

Since last August, 500 jobs have been added in the Dubuque MSA. Both goods producing industries and private services have expanded by 300 jobs. These gains have been in spite of a struggling retail sector which is down 400 jobs. Government has shed 100 jobs annually.



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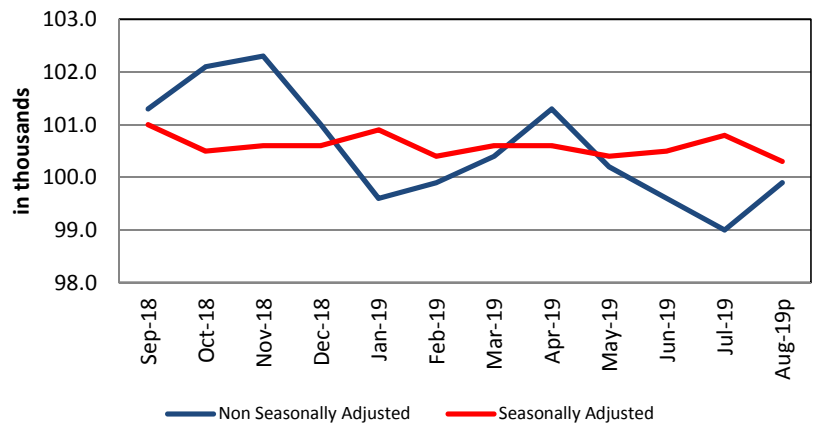
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Employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area increased 900 jobs from last month. The gain was entirely in the service-providing industries as employment in goods producing industries remained steady. Leisure and hospitality and state government boosted the gains, adding 100 and 1,500 jobs, respectively.

The metro area has pared 900 jobs from one year ago, although there were some notable gains. Namely, leisure and hospitality which added 300 jobs over the year, 200 additional jobs in government, and a gain of 100 jobs in professional and business services.

| Iowa City Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Total Nonfarm 2019 (prelim) | Total Nonfarm 2018 | % Change—1 Year | |
| 99,900 | 100,800 | -0.89% | |
| Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year) | | | |
| Local government | 6.15% | Pvt service providing | -1.92% |

Iowa City - Nonfarm Employment



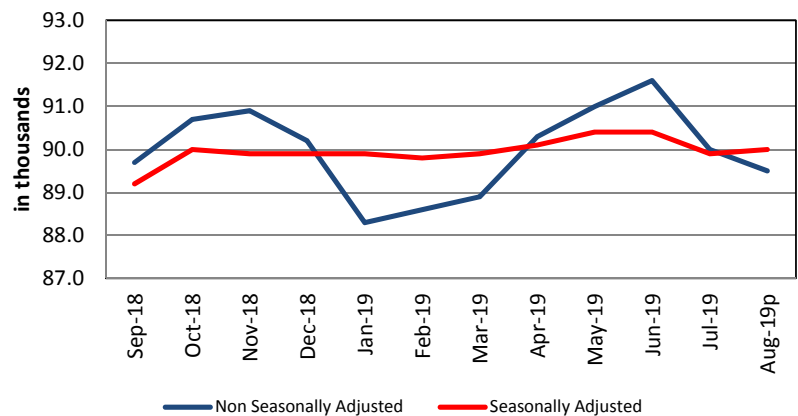
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Employment in the Sioux City MSA is down 500 jobs from July, with only one sector, trade, transportation and warehousing, experiencing an employment gain over the month (+500). All segments of government were unchanged. Manufacturing trimmed 200 jobs for the second consecutive month. This is the first time we have seen back-to-back declines in Sioux City MSA manufacturing since autumn of 2015.

Overall, area employment is 700 above one year ago. Trade, transportation and warehousing gets credit for the majority of the increase (+1,200) as employment continues to climb in the sector. Manufacturing added 500 jobs, the smallest over-the-year gain in the industry since January 2017. The additional jobs are all in non-durable goods manufacturing. Jobs were also gained in leisure and hospitality (+300), government (+200), and professional and business services (+100).

| Sioux City Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Total Nonfarm 2019 (prelim) | Total Nonfarm 2018 | % Change—1 Year | |
| 89,500 | 88,800 | 0.79% | |
| Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year) | | | |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3.53% | Goods producing | -0.44% |

Sioux City - Nonfarm Employment



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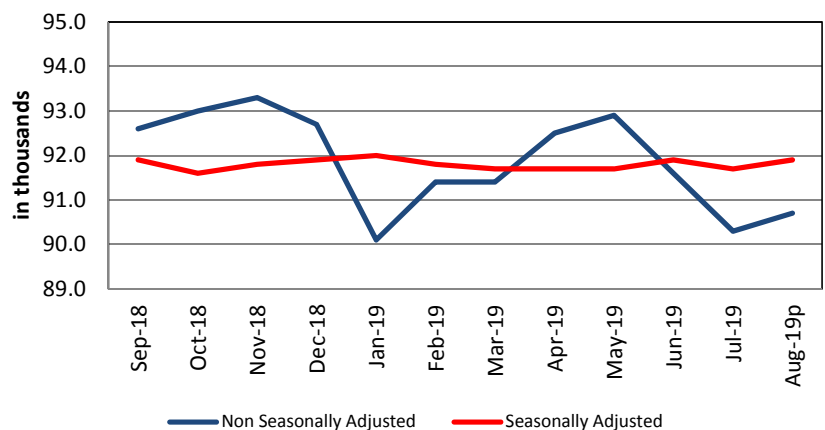
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The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area's total nonfarm employment gained 400 jobs from the previous month and stands at 90,700. State government is responsible for the bulk of the increase with an expected seasonal change (+600). Manufacturing trimmed 100 jobs with a loss of 100 in non-durable goods manufacturing and no change in durable goods manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality is the only other industry with a jobs loss this month.

Over the year, the area pared 100 jobs. Manufacturing pared 100 jobs as durable goods manufacturing shed 300 jobs and non-durable goods manufacturing added 200 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing trimmed 400 jobs. Financial activities, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality are unchanged from one year ago.

| Waterloo/Cedar Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------|
| Total Nonfarm 2019 (prelim) | Total Nonfarm 2018 | % Change—1 Year | |
| 90,700 | 90,800 | -0.11% | |
| Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year) | | | |
| Non-durable goods | 3.77% | State government | -2.86% |

Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Nonfarm Employment



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