

Status of the

Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2019 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 11	Mar 11
Feb	Mar 22	Mar 26
Mar	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr	May 17	May 21
May	Jun 21	Jun 25
Jun	Jul 19	Jul 23
Jul	Aug 16	Aug 20
Aug	Sep 20	Sep 24
Sep	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 19
Nov	Dec 20	Dec 24
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 28

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2018	Aug	1,582,600	222,700
	Sep	1,582,500	223,700
	Oct	1,588,300	225,800
	Nov	1,589,900	227,400
	Dec	1,593,400	228,100
2019	Jan	1,593,400	228,900
	Feb	1,587,300	228,500
	Mar	1,584,600	227,500

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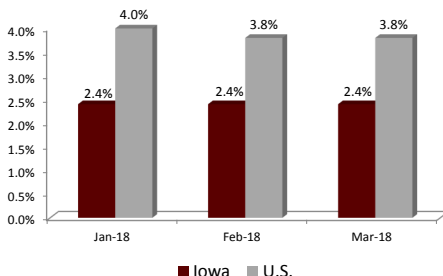
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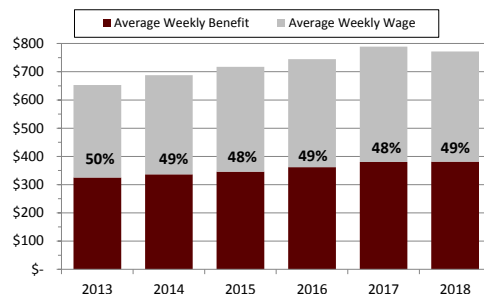
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2019



- Iowa's unemployment rate held steady at 2.4 percent in March. The state's jobless rate was 2.7 percent one year ago.
- The state's unemployment level increased to 40,500 in March from 40,000 in February.
- The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 3.8 percent in March.

Iowa Unemployment Insurance Replacement Rate



Source: U.S. Department of Labor
UI Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM)

- The UI replacement rate is the ratio of a claimant's weekly benefit amount to the claimant's average weekly wage. In Iowa, the weekly benefit amount covered about half of the claimant's average weekly wage.
- Workers in private industries averaged \$837.33 per week in wages, up \$28.48 compared to last year.

- Total nonfarm employment lost 2,700 jobs in March. This is the second consecutive monthly loss and follows a flat January.
- Transportation and warehousing was down 1,100 jobs. Much of this loss was due to drops in truck transportation.
- Durable goods factories shed 900 jobs, matching the loss in February. This sector remains up 4,200 jobs compared to last year.
- Wholesale trade was down this month (-900). Much of this decline was due to reduced payrolls in durable goods merchant wholesalers.
- Construction pared 800 jobs in March and has steadily trended down since October.
- Job gains were led by health care and social assistance (+1,500). This sector has added 2,000 jobs to its payroll compared to one year ago.
- Leisure and hospitality improved following a large decline in February (+1,000).
- Nationally, total nonfarm employment added 196,000 jobs this month following a weak February jobs report.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2018 - March 2019

