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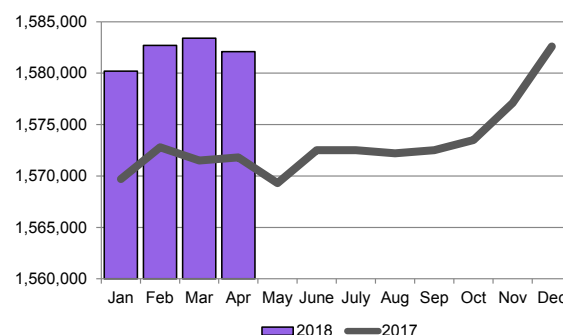
Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2018 News Release Schedule

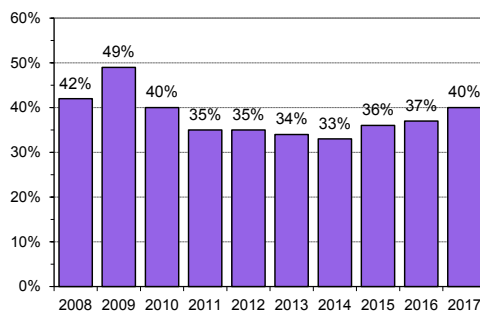
Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 12	Mar 12
Feb	Mar 23	Mar 27
Mar	Apr 20	Apr 24
Apr	May 18	May 22
May	Jun 15	Jun 19
Jun	Jul 20	Jul 24
Jul	Aug 17	Aug 21
Aug	Sep 21	Sep 25
Sep	Oct 19	Oct 23
Oct	Nov 16	Nov 20
Nov	Dec 21	Dec 27
Dec	Jan 18	Jan 23

- Iowa's unemployment rate remained at 2.8 percent in April. The state's jobless rate was 3.3 percent one year ago.
- The number of employed Iowans increased to 1,627,200 in April from 1,626,200 in March.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 3.9 percent in April.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2017 - April 2018



Iowa Unemployment Insurance Replacement Rate (Insured Unemployed as a Percentage of Total Unemployed)



Source: Iowa Workforce Development
Excludes Special Extensions (EB, EUC, etc.)

- The UI reciprocity rate has gradually increased from 33 percent in 2014 to 40 percent in 2017.
- Both total unemployment and insured unemployment have decreased since 2014. The reciprocity rate has risen because total unemployment is decreasing at a faster rate.
- Private sector workers in Iowa averaged 34.2 hours per week in April, down slightly versus last year. The average weekly earnings were \$820.46 in April versus \$812.06 for last year.
- U.S. total nonfarm payroll added 164,000 jobs in April.

- Total nonfarm employment shed 1,300 jobs this month, all due to private sector losses. The state remains 10,300 jobs higher than last year's mark.
- Iowa's retail sector again trended down in April (-200) and has shed jobs in six of the last seven months.
- The largest over-the-month losses occurred in wholesale trade (-1,100) and health services (-900).
- Monthly gains were generally small and led by accommodations and food services (+400). Finance and insurance expanded for the third consecutive month (+200).
- Manufacturing continued to lead all sectors in annual job gains (+10,100). Retail trade continues to show signs of shrinking (-4,500).

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Total Nonfarm Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2017	Sep	1,572,500	217,000
	Oct	1,573,500	218,800
	Nov	1,577,100	220,400
	Dec	1,582,600	223,000
2018	Jan	1,580,200	223,400
	Feb	1,582,700	224,000
	Mar	1,583,400	224,900
	Apr	1,582,100	224,900

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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates for 2018

