Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Highlights

LAUS employment data is published by Area.

LAUS is a count of People.

The Current Population Survey (CPS) that is used to calculate LAUS is a Household Survey.

The Current Population Survey is based on Place of Residence.

The Current Population Survey is based on an interview of approximately 700 Iowa households.

The LAUS reference week is the Calendar Week that includes the 12th of the month.

A person on unpaid leave Is Counted as employed in LAUS because they will return to their job.

LAUS Does Count self-employed workers.

LAUS Includes both agricultural and nonagricultural workers.

LAUS Counts unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business or family farm during the reference week.

LAUS Does Count workers on strike during the reference week as being employed.

LAUS EMPLOYMENT IS NOT COMPARABLE WITH CES TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT.