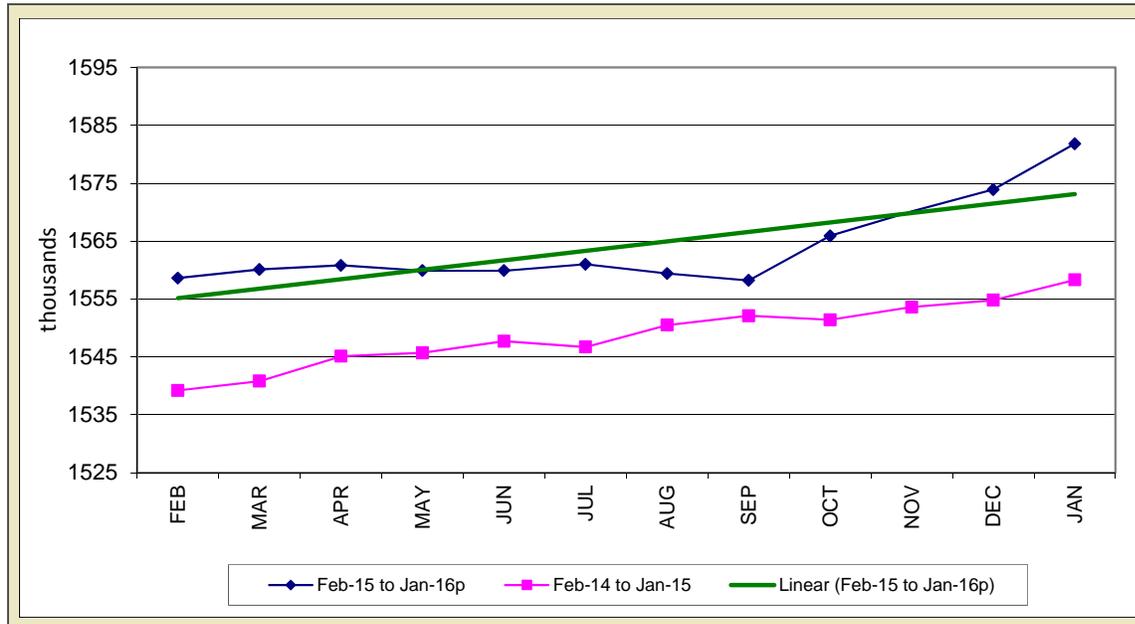


# STATE OF IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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LMR MONTHLY

**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT LEVEL ENDS YEAR WITH SMALL GAIN**



Iowa's nonfarm employment added 1,100 jobs in December, expanding Iowa's total nonfarm employment to 1,584,700 jobs. The monthly gain was the second-consecutive and helped cement a year that was generally positive for nonfarm employment. Overall, the state averaged 2,100 jobs added per month during the year. Private sectors fueled the job growth this month with government paring jobs (-1,100) due to early release of local government workers. With this loss, government is down slightly compared to last year (-1,400). Since last year, the state is now up 25,600 jobs—a gain of 1.6 percent versus last December.

Job gains in December were led by gains in construction (+2,400), and may be partially attributed to fair weather to end the year allowing firms to continue working late into the year. Other services also had a large gain (+1,400). The growth was an

expansion on an already prosperous year that saw 4,500 jobs added. The education and health services sector increased in December (+1,100) due primarily to hiring in private education (+900). Smaller gains this month included manufacturing (+300), financial activities (+200), and mining (+100). Alternatively, trade and transportation led all sectors in jobs lost this month (-2,500). Much of this loss stemmed from a disappointing retail season (-2,000). Professional and business services shed jobs (-800) with losses being fueled by administrative support and waste management occupations.

Annually, construction has added 10,000 jobs since last December—the most of any sector in terms of jobs gained and percentage (+12.9 percent). However, some of these gains may wane some in 2016 as large-scale projects come to an end. Education and health services are

markedly up (+6,700), followed by other services (+4,500) then financial activities (+3,200). Annual losses were slight in those industries that are down annually with the exception of manufacturing (-1,700) and information services (-700).

Nationally, nonfarm employment surged ahead 292,000 jobs in December. The largest gains were in professional and business services, education and health services, and construction.

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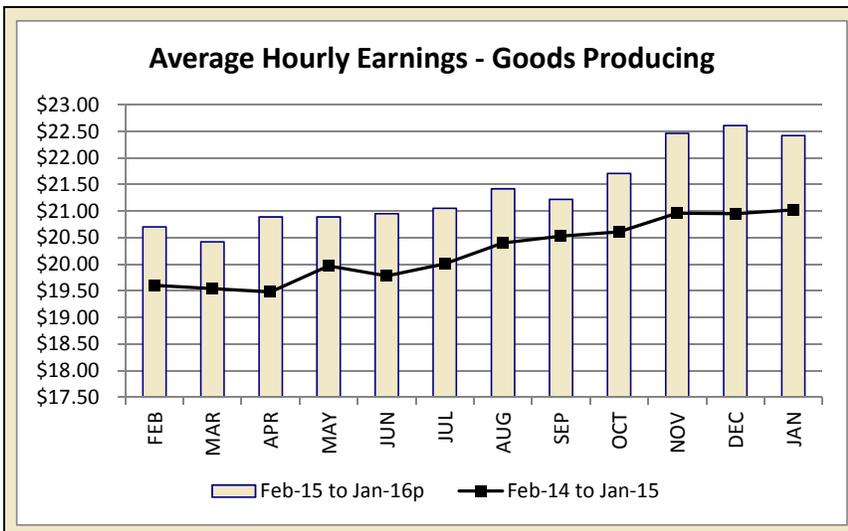
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**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (TOTAL NONFARM)**

MSA	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16p
AMES	52.7	52.6	52.5	52.7	52.7	52.1	52.1	52.6	52.8	52.8	52.8	52.8	53.1
CEDAR RAPIDS	143.9	143.5	143.4	142.8	143.1	143.2	143.5	144.0	143.1	142.7	143.0	143.1	144.7
DES MOINES/W. DES MOINES	346.2	347.0	347.5	347.2	348.5	349.3	350.6	350.1	349.2	349.2	349.8	350.0	352.1
DUBUQUE	59.5	59.3	59.8	59.7	59.8	59.5	59.8	59.8	60.1	60.2	60.1	60.3	60.4
IOWA CITY	98.3	98.4	98.5	98.6	98.2	98.4	98.6	98.6	98.4	98.9	98.9	99.2	99.2
SIoux CITY *													
WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS	92.2	91.8	91.8	91.3	91.1	91.1	91.1	91.1	90.7	90.5	90.6	90.7	91.3

\* Seasonally adjusted data for the Sioux City MSA is not available due to redefinition of the metropolitan area to now include Plymouth County

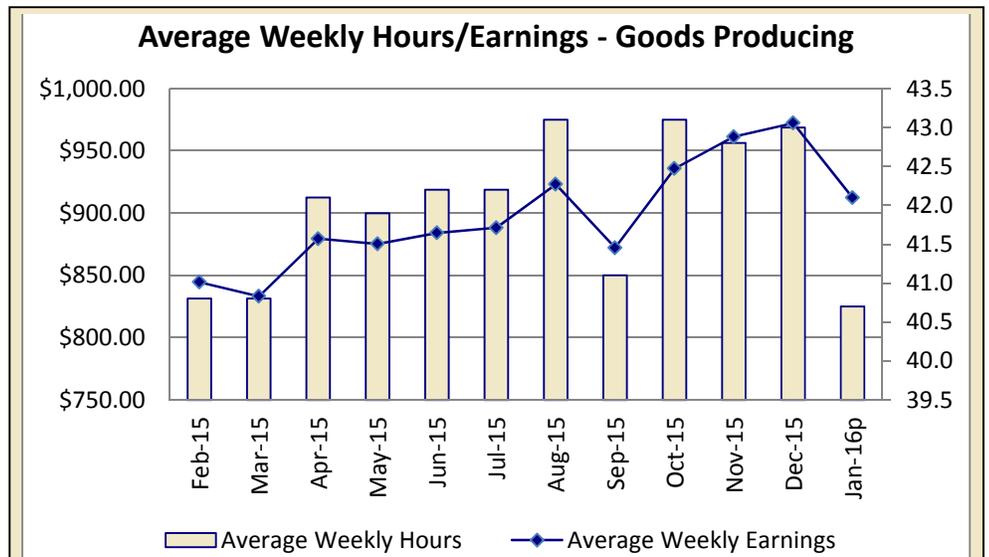
**IOWA'S HOURS & EARNINGS**



Goods-producing Hours & Earnings	
Average Weekly Earnings	\$912.49
Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.42
Average Weekly Hours	40.7

Production workers in Iowa's goods-producing sectors averaged \$912.49 in January, \$59.74 less than December, but \$66.24 more than one year ago. The drop this month primarily stemmed from a reduction in the overtime hours worked. Construction workers pared several hours as firms finally seemed to regress back to typical winter schedules. Manufacturing workers experienced a decrease of almost two hours for those in durable goods factories.

Among service sectors, production workers in Iowa's retail sector averaged \$356.23 in January, up \$3.05 for the month and \$29.18 versus one year ago. Financial services production workers averaged \$24.69 more in January, lifting their average weekly wage to \$906.30.



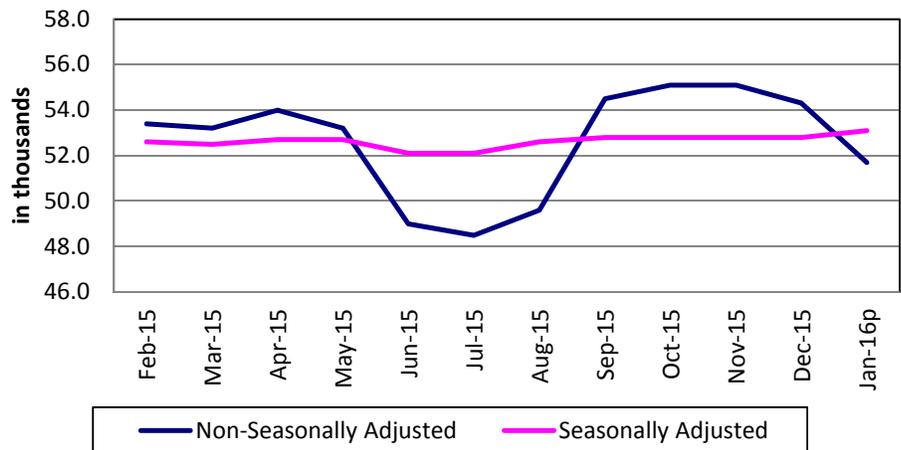
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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Ames MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15 <sup>p</sup>	51,700
Total Nonfarm 14	51,200
% Change 1 Yr	0.98%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Pvt Service Provide	2.99%
Goods Producing	-7.25%

*p - preliminary data*

Ames - Nonfarm Employment



The Ames Metro pared 1,100 jobs in December and now rests at 54,400 jobs. Losses were experienced in both public sectors (-400) and private industries (-700). Goods-producing industries shed 300 jobs due mainly to seasonal drops in construction. Private services were down 400 this month. Losses are expected in December, although this month's decline is large, historically.

Compared to last year, Ames remains slightly positive (+200). Growth in private services (+600) and government (+300) have helped offset a slumping goods-producing sector (-700).

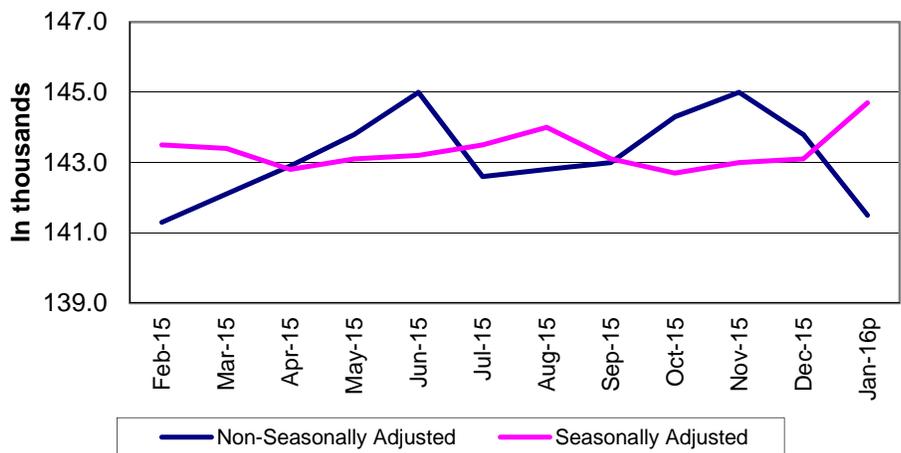
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Cedar Rapids MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15 <sup>p</sup>	141,500
Total Nonfarm 14	141,500
% Change 1 Yr	0.00%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Other Services	3.85%
Information	-4.44%

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Cedar Rapids - Nonfarm Employment



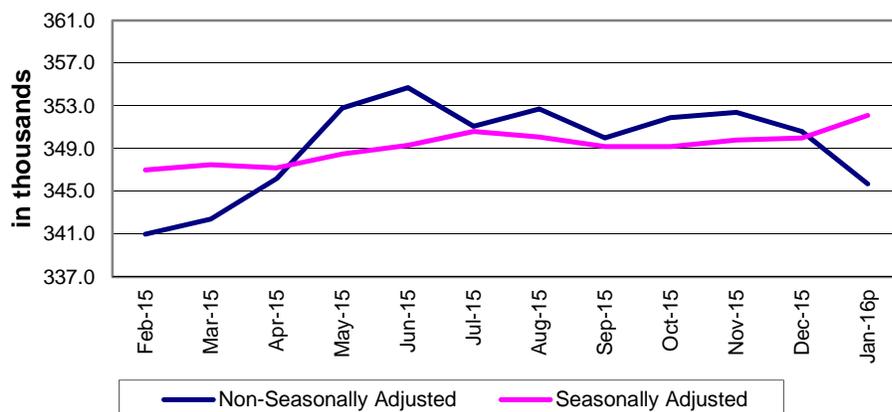
The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area shed 2,300 nonfarm jobs from December, bringing employment to 141,500. Total nonfarm employment in the metro area is unchanged from one year ago.

Professional and business services is the only sector with an employment gain over the month, adding 300 jobs. Natural resources and construction experienced a seasonal decline of 800 jobs and was followed closely by trade, transportation and warehousing which shed 700 jobs. Manufacturing, information and other services employment levels were unchanged.

Over the year, government is down 300 jobs and information has pared 200 jobs. On the positive side, manufacturing has added 100 jobs, boosted by non-durable goods manufacturing and educational and health services and other services have each added 200 jobs.

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**Des Moines/West Des Moines -  
Nonfarm Employment**



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Des Moines MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	345,700
Total Nonfarm 14	339,500
% Change 1 Yr	1.83%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Financial Activities	6.05%
State Government	-6.33%

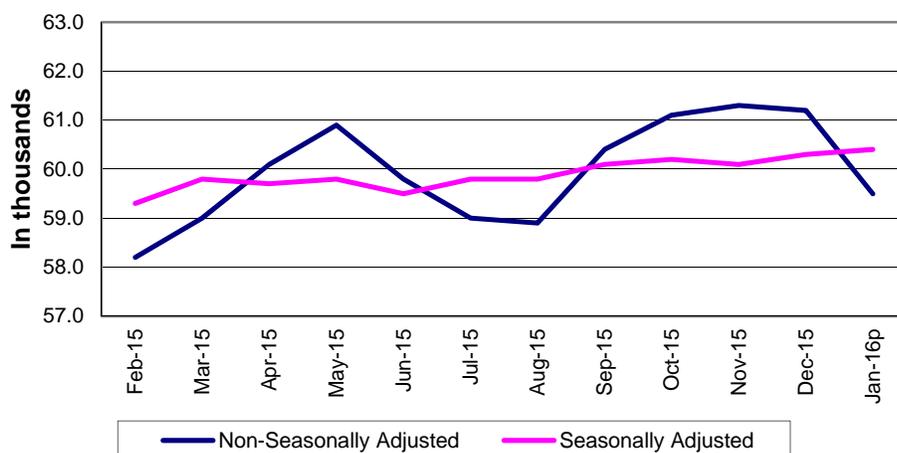
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The Des Moines Metropolitan pared 1,900 jobs in December, lowering employment down to 357,300 jobs. This month's drop is moderate for the metro area which typically sees reductions in construction, leisure and recreation, and professional and business industries this time of year. Education also pared employment as the winter break ensued. Government pared 100 jobs due to seasonal losses in state and local governments, and a non-seasonal decreased occurred in manufacturing (-100). Finance experienced an unexpected increase this month (+800), while retail trade fueled a gain of 400 jobs in trade and transportation.

Annually, the metro area is up 10,000 jobs, or 1.6 percent. Professional and business services had added the most jobs during that span (+3,600), followed by financial activities (+2,700), and leisure and hospitality (+2,500). Only two sectors are down since last year: information and education and health services, down 300 and 100 jobs, respectively.

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**Dubuque - Nonfarm Employment**



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Dubuque MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	59,500
Total Nonfarm 14	58,400
% Change 1 Yr	-2.78%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Pvt Service Provide	2.59%
Government	0.00%

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Total nonfarm employment unchanged for the second straight month in December for the Dubuque Metro, which remained at 60,600 jobs. Slight declines in goods-producing industries were matched by small gains in private service industries. Government was unchanged compared to last month. November and December aren't typically seasonal months, so little movement in nonfarm employment to end the year isn't too surprising.

Annually, the Dubuque area is down a slight 200 jobs. While 900 jobs have been shed in private services, combined gains of 700 in goods-producing sectors and government have mitigated these losses.

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Iowa City MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	98,000
Total Nonfarm 14	96,600
% Change 1 Yr	1.45%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Retail Trade	7.14%
Prof & Business	5.63%

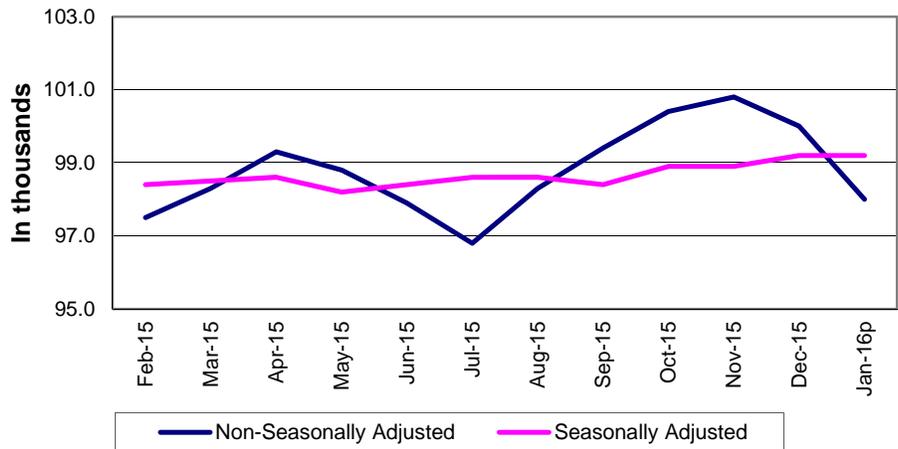
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Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area is down 2,000 jobs from last month as a result of declines in private service-providing sector employment. Leisure and hospitality contributed 400 to the jobs decline. Trade, transportation and warehousing pared 200 jobs, nearly all of which were in retail trade.

In spite of the over-the-month decline, the area remains 1,400 jobs above one year ago. Professional and business services and leisure and hospitality each pared jobs (400 and 100, respectively). Government added 500 jobs and trade, transportation and warehousing is up 5.7% (900 jobs).

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### Iowa City - Nonfarm Employment



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Sioux City MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	87,100
Total Nonfarm 14	85,700
% Change 1 Yr	1.63%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Goods Producing	4.46%
Leisure & Hospitality	-1.27%

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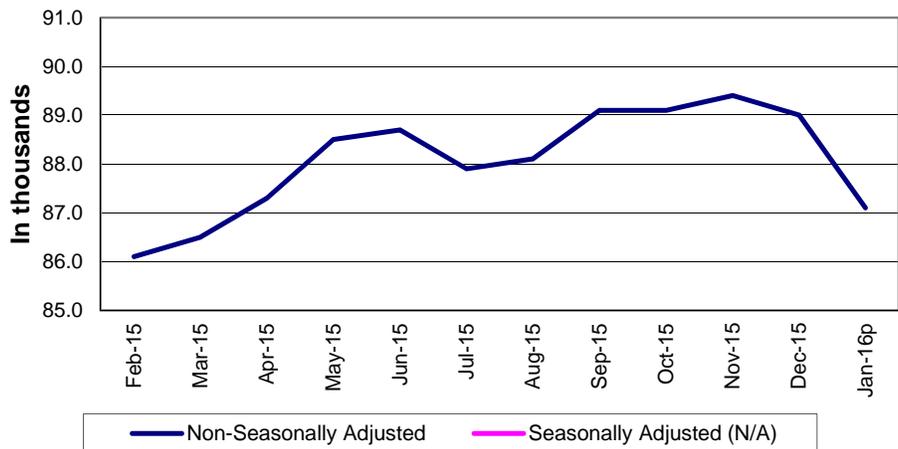
The Sioux City MSA has been redefined. It now includes: Dixon and Dakota Counties in Nebraska, Union County in South Dakota, and Woodbury and Plymouth Counties in Iowa.

Employment in the Sioux City MSA shed 1,900 jobs from December. Private service-providing sectors were responsible for the bulk of the job losses with 600 fewer jobs in trade, transportation and warehousing, and 200 less in professional and business services. Manufacturing offered the only employment gain this month, adding 100 jobs.

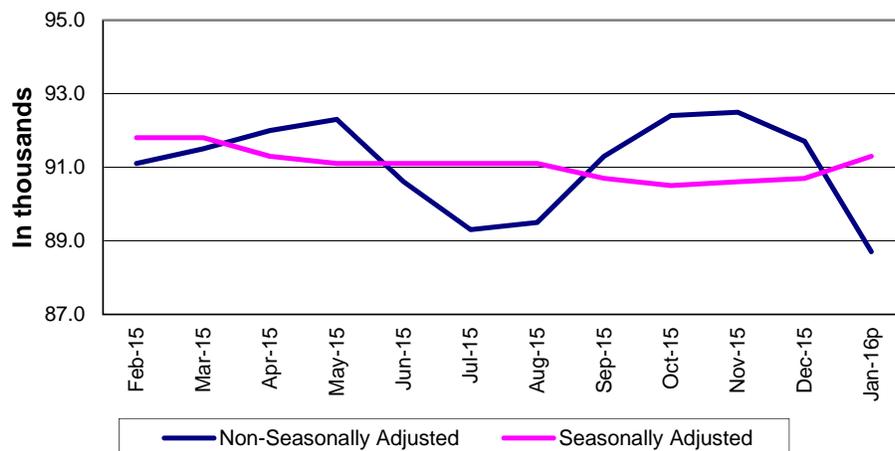
Overall, the area has added 1,400 jobs from one year ago. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 800 jobs, only 200 of which were in retail trade. Goods producing sectors have added 900 jobs, although manufacturing remains 100 below the January 2015 level.

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### Sioux City - Nonfarm Employment



**Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Nonfarm Employment**



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<b>Waterloo/Cedar Falls MSA Employment</b>	
Total Nonfarm 15p	88,700
Total Nonfarm 14	90,000
% Change 1 Yr	-1.44%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Prof & Business	1.33%
Manufacturing	-4.19%

*p - preliminary data*

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area's total nonfarm employment pared 3,000 jobs from the previous month and stands at 88,700. Job losses were distributed among nearly all sectors and included seasonal drops in government (-1,400), goods producing (-500) and leisure and hospitality (-200). Trade, transportation and warehousing also shed 400 jobs.

Over the year, employment is down 1,300 jobs, with manufacturing experiencing the greatest loss, shedding 700 jobs, all in durable goods manufacturing. Trade, transportation and warehousing and professional and business services were the only sectors with employment gains, adding 200 and 100 jobs, respectively.

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