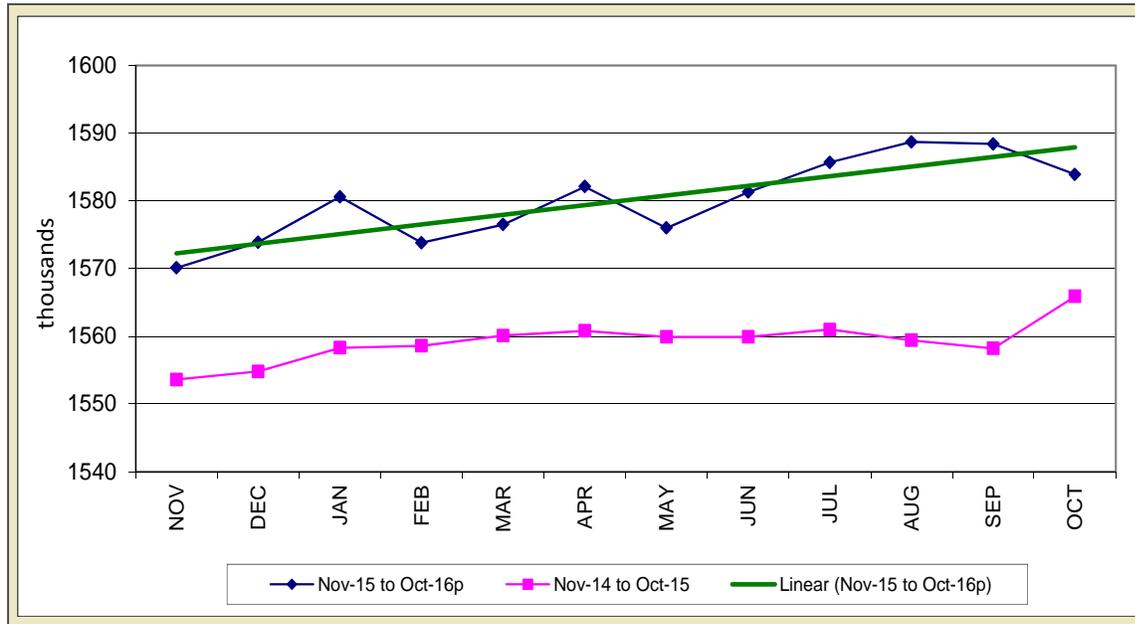


STATE OF IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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SMALL JOBS LOSS ENDS THREE CONSECUTIVE MONTH INCREASE



Iowa businesses shed 4,500 jobs in October and total employment now rests at 1,583,900 jobs. This is the second loss in the last two months and largely due to declines in manufacturing and construction. Service sectors were down 700 jobs due to sluggish seasonal hiring in local government education. Government combined is down just 500 jobs versus last year's level. Despite the monthly drop, over half of the state's sectors added jobs this month.

Employment in education services had the largest drop this month (-2,400). The low showing in education is partially due to the shift in seasonal hiring and may level off as the school year progresses. The education sector remains up 900 jobs annually. The construction sector pared jobs again this month (-2,200) as the summer project season begins to wind down. This past year was nonetheless rewarding for construction workers evidenced by the annual job growth versus last year (+13.2 percent). Manufacturing lost jobs at the

nondurable goods level (-1,300) and shed a combined 1,700 jobs this month. While durable goods has been showing recent signs of recovery, nondurable goods factories have shown some signs of weakness lately with jobs being shed in four of the last five months. The last monthly increase for nondurable goods was in May. Job gains this month were led by other services (+2,200). This month's gain snaps a two month losing streak for this sector. Other advances in October occurred in leisure and hospitality (+1,200) and trade and transportation (+1,100).

The annual growth rate trended down this month with the state now up just 1.1 percent of last year's mark (+18,000 jobs). The construction sector has generally retained the employment built up over the past year and thus leads all sectors in job growth (+10,400). Despite the monthly drop, the education and health services sector is up 4,900 jobs annually, followed by leisure and hospitality (+4,000) and financial

activities (+3,500). Job losses continue to be led by manufacturing (-5,200) with both durable and nondurable goods factories paring employment now. Professional and business services also lags annually (-3,600) due mostly to cutbacks within administration, support, and waste management services (-3,200). The only other sector posting annual losses was information services (-1,200) which has steadily trended down over the last several years due to changes in consumer and business print and media preferences.

Nationally, nonfarm employment continued to trend upward and added 161,000 jobs. The largest monthly gains were in health care, professional and business services, and finance. The annual growth rate for the U.S. remains higher than Iowa (1.7 percent versus 1.1 percent, respectively).

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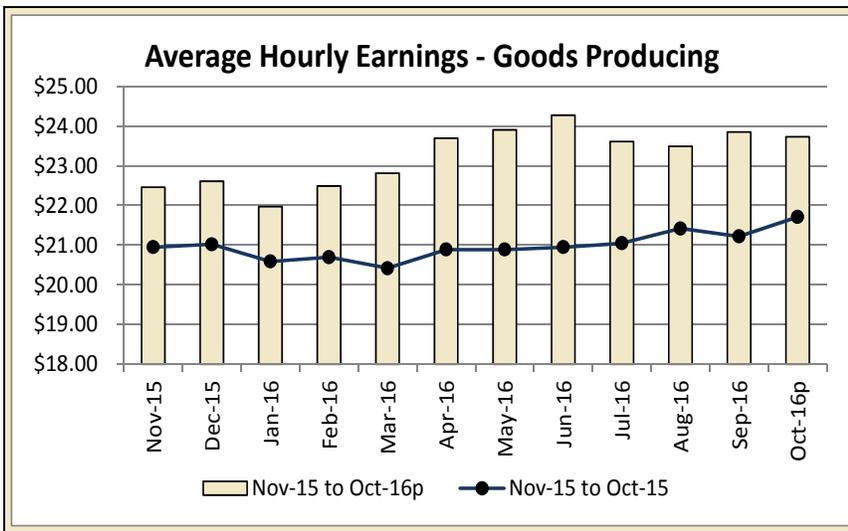
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**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (TOTAL NONFARM)**

MSA	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16p
AMES	52.8	52.8	52.8	53.1	53.2	52.7	53.6	53.4	53.5	53.5	53.2	53.1	53.2
CEDAR RAPIDS	142.7	143.0	143.1	144.9	144.0	144.5	144.1	143.4	145.0	144.2	144.5	143.9	144.8
DES MOINES/W. DES MOINES	349.2	349.8	350.0	352.0	349.6	349.0	352.1	354.8	357.0	356.5	357.0	353.7	352.3
DUBUQUE	60.2	60.1	60.3	60.5	60.3	60.6	60.4	60.6	61.1	60.6	60.7	60.9	60.9
IOWA CITY	98.9	98.9	99.2	99.1	99.4	99.6	99.9	98.6	100.9	101.5	101.3	102.2	102.0
SIOUX CITY *													
WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS	90.5	90.6	90.7	91.4	90.7	90.7	90.9	90.4	90.6	90.1	90.3	89.7	89.6

* 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

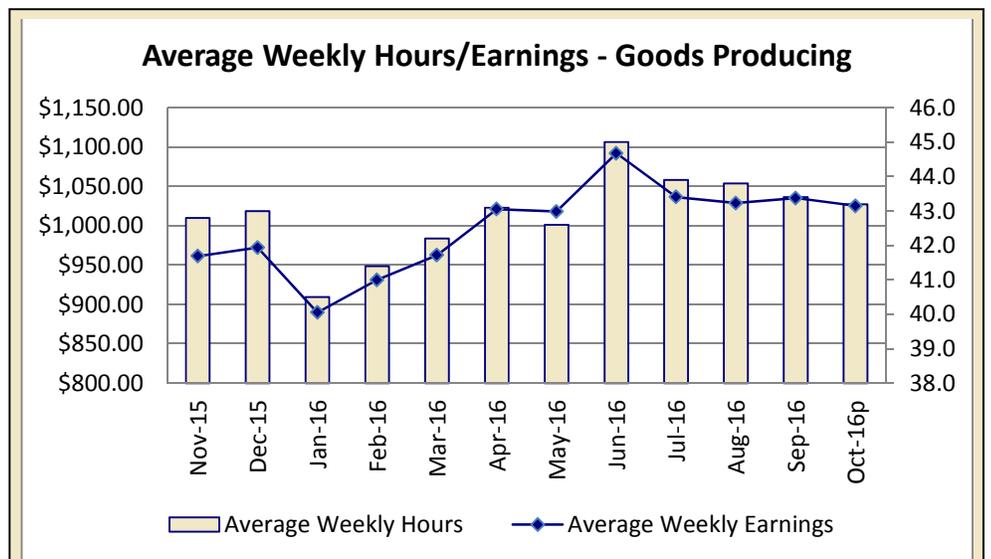


Goods-producing Hours & Earnings	
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,025.14
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.73
Average Weekly Hours	43.2

Production workers in Iowa's goods-producing sector averaged \$1,025.14 in October, down \$9.95 compared to last month and \$89.44 more than one year ago. The increase in weekly wages is due to the continued overtime hours being worked in the construction sector. Construction wages averaged \$1,341.82 per week in October. Manufacturing production workers averaged \$783.52 per week, down \$26.53 versus one year ago.

Unlike construction, manufacturing has seen a decline in overtime hours worked compared to last year.

Workers in Iowa's retail sector averaged \$363.91 in October, up \$9.66 versus last year as production workers added 42 minutes to their average weekly schedules. Workers in Iowa's finance sector have added \$47.95 to their weekly pay, boosting wages to \$936.32 on average.



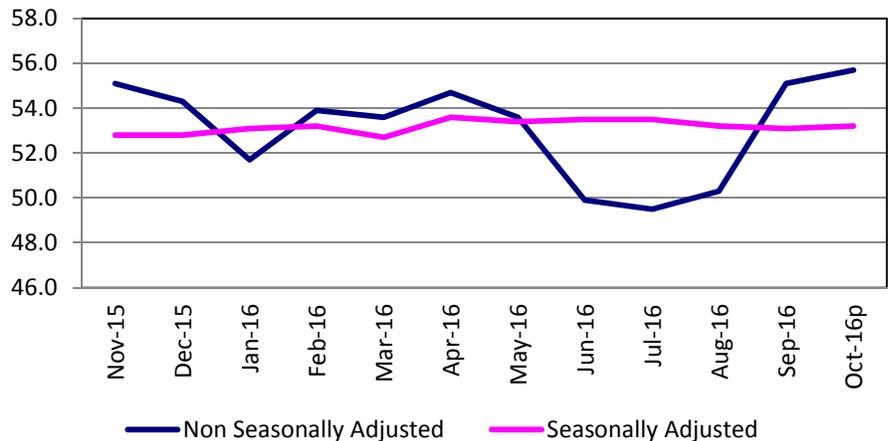
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Ames MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15 ^p	55,700
Total Nonfarm 14	55,100
% Change 1 Yr	1.09%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Goods Producing	2.94%
Government	0.00%

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Ames - Nonfarm Employment



The Ames Metro area increased to 55,700 jobs in October, a gain of 600 jobs. This month's gain exactly matches that of the prior four years and was due to seasonal hiring in government (+400) and expansion within private services (+200).

Since last October, the Ames area is up 600 jobs due to hiring in private services (+400) and goods producing industries (+200). Government has remained unchanged with a loss of 100 jobs being exactly offset by a gain in local government.

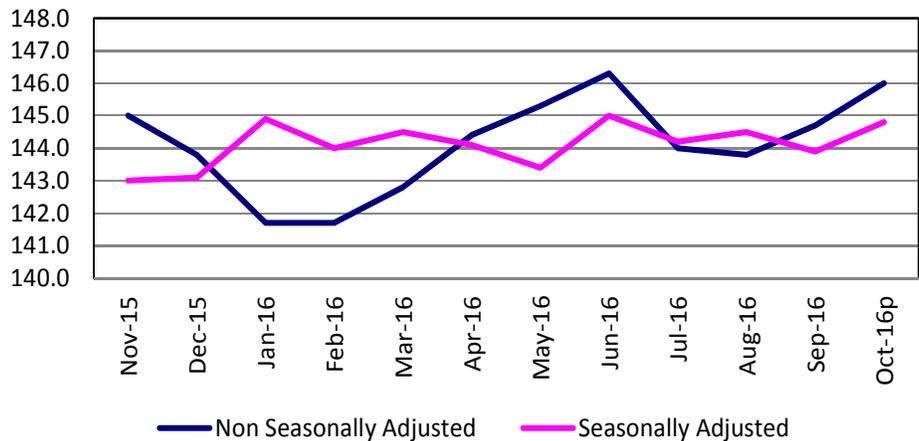
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Cedar Rapids MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15 ^p	146,000
Total Nonfarm 14	144,300
% Change 1 Yr	1.18%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Prof & Bus Services	7.41%
Information	-4.65%

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Cedar Rapids - Nonfarm Employment



The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 1,300 nonfarm jobs from September, and now stands at 146,000. Total nonfarm employment in the metro area is 1,700 above one year ago.

Educational and health services and government each gained 400 jobs this month to lead all sectors. Professional and business services added 300 jobs from last month, continuing an upward trend through the year thus far, resulting in a gain of 1,200 from December 2015. Retail trade also added 300 jobs, contributing to a gain of 500 in trade and transportation. Retail trade, however, remains 100 below one year ago.

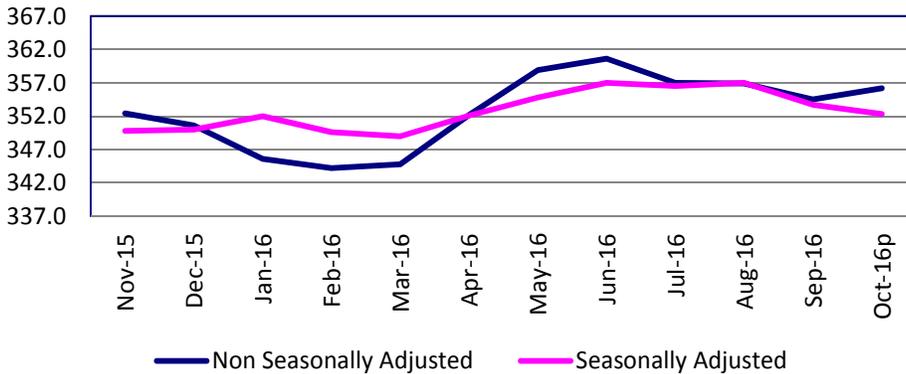
Only two sectors experienced job losses this month. Information shed 100 jobs, continuing a downward trend that began in spring of 2015 and leisure and hospitality had a seasonal decline of 300 jobs.

Information and manufacturing are the only sectors with job losses from one year ago, paring 200 and 300 jobs, respectively.

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Des Moines/West Des Moines - Nonfarm Employment



Des Moines MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	356,200
Total Nonfarm 14	351,900
% Change 1 Yr	1.22%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Mining & Construct	6.99%
Government	-3.27%

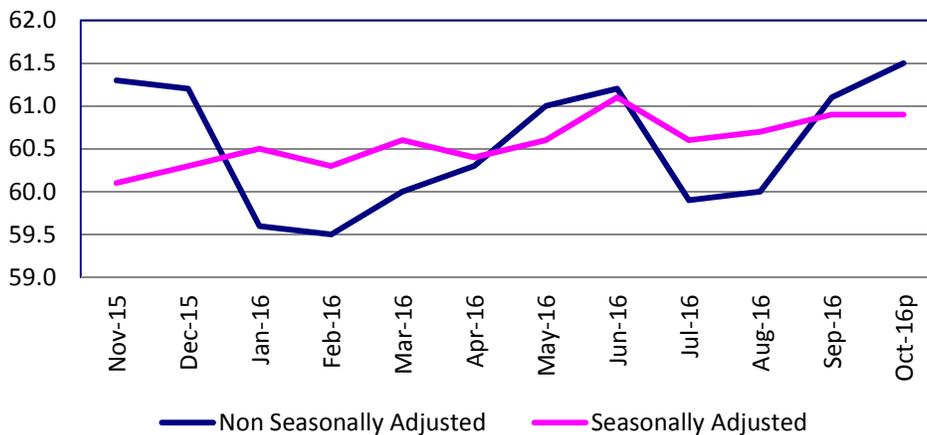
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The Des Moines metro area gained 1,700 in October, lifting nonfarm employment to 356,200 jobs. The monthly gain is modest for this month and follows the prior four year average of 1,500 jobs. The largest monthly increase occurred in education and health services (+700) and was partially fueled by a seasonal increase in education services. Professional and business services also advanced this month (+600) with gains being heaviest in administrative support and waste management (+400). Early seasonal hiring in retail boosted trade, transportation and utilities to a gain of 500 jobs as establishments started preparation for the holiday season. Other gains this month included construction, other services, and manufacturing. Losses this month were limited to government (-300) and financial activities (-300).

Annually, total nonfarm employment in Des Moines is up 4,300 jobs (+1.2 percent). Financial activities leads all sectors in growth (+2,100) followed by gains of 1,300 in construction and trade, transportation, and utilities. Losses have been limited to government (-1,300), professional and business services (-100), and manufacturing (-100).

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Dubuque - Nonfarm Employment



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Dubuque MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	61,500
Total Nonfarm 14	61,100
% Change 1 Yr	0.65%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Pvt Service Provide	0.90%
Retail Trade	-1.45%

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The Dubuque Metro added 400 jobs in October and now rests at 61,500 jobs. The October monthly gain is average and includes some seasonality related to private educational services. Private services combined added 500 jobs and was pushed by a gain of 200 in trade and transportation. Goods producing industries pared 100 jobs due to construction winding down. Government added 100 jobs in October.

Annually, Dubuque is up 400 jobs due entirely to gains in private services. Goods producing industries and government are unchanged versus last October.

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Iowa City MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	103,200
Total Nonfarm 14	100,400
% Change 1 Yr	2.79%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Leisure & Hospitality	3.96%
Retail Trade	-1.89%

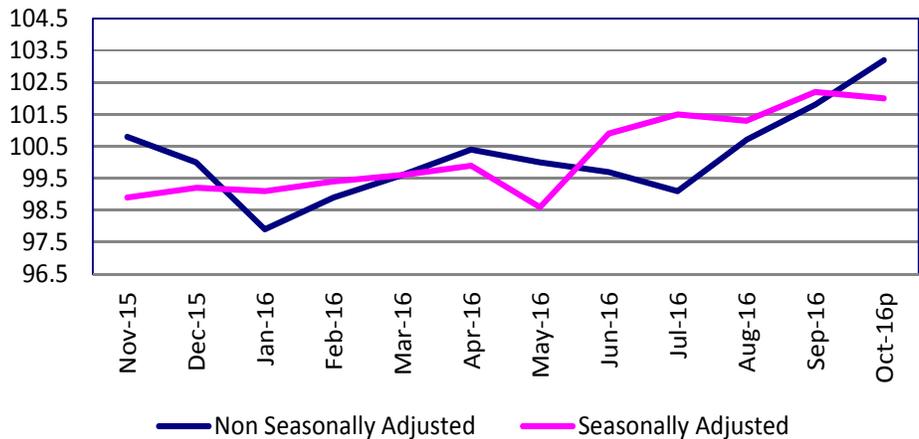
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Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area gained 1,400 jobs from last month. The majority of the jobs gains were in private service-providing sectors, however government also added 300 jobs. Goods producing sectors pared 100 jobs. Leisure and hospitality shed 200 jobs in an expected seasonal shift.

The metro area has added 2,800 jobs from one year ago with gains in nearly every sector. The only exceptions are professional and business services (-100) and goods producing which is unchanged.

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Iowa City - Nonfarm Employment



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Sioux City MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	87,900
Total Nonfarm 14	89,100
% Change 1 Yr	-1.35%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Retail Trade	3.77%
Goods Producing	-6.33%

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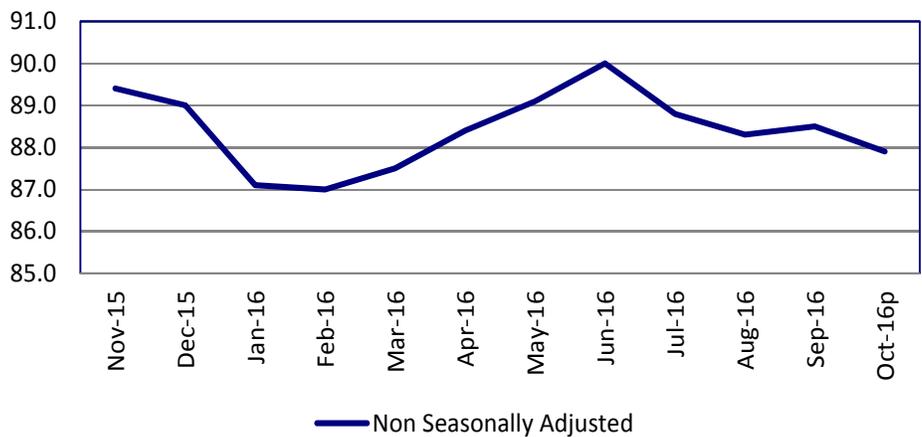
The Sioux City MSA has been redefined. It now includes: Dixon and Dakota Counties in Nebraska, Union County in South Dakota, and Woodbury and Plymouth Counties in Iowa.

Employment in the Sioux City MSA trimmed 600 jobs from September. Goods producing shed 900 jobs with just 100 jobs pared from manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality had a seasonal loss of 300 jobs. Professional and business services added 200 jobs and trade, transportation and warehousing gained 300 jobs. Government also added 200 jobs, all in local government.

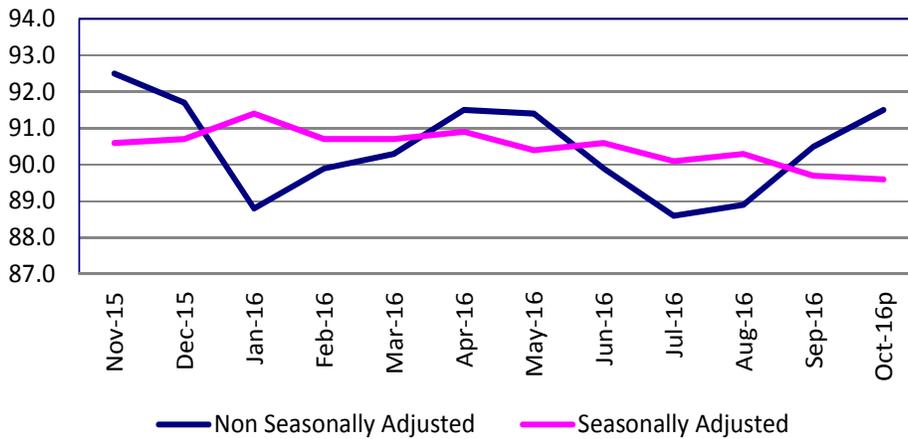
Overall, the area has 1,200 fewer jobs from one year ago. Goods producing has pared 1,400 jobs, including 400 from manufacturing. Professional and business services (-300) and government (-200) have also shed jobs. Gains in trade, transportation and warehousing (700), and leisure and hospitality (300) have partially offset those losses. This is the first October over-the-year jobs decline since 2010.

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Sioux City - Nonfarm Employment



Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Nonfarm Employment



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Waterloo/Cedar Falls MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	91,500
Total Nonfarm 14	92,400
% Change 1 Yr	-0.97%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Financial Activities	2.08%
Retail Trade	-2.78%

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The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area's total nonfarm employment is up 1,000 jobs from the previous month and stands at 91,500. Gains in nearly every sector boosted employment. Notable gains included 800 additional jobs in government and 300 in trade, transportation and warehousing. Losses occurred in leisure and hospitality (-200) and manufacturing (-300).

Over the year, employment is down 900 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing has pared 300 jobs from one year ago, all in retail trade. Government has 200 fewer jobs with a drop of 400 in state government that was partially offset by a gain of 200 in local government.

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