

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	May	1,585,000	224,700
	Jun	1,592,200	225,600
	Jul	1,591,000	226,500
	Aug	1,593,500	226,500
	Sep	1,591,400	226,700
	Oct	1,593,800	227,900
	Nov	1,594,200	229,400
	Dec	1,598,100	230,600

Iowa Workforce Development

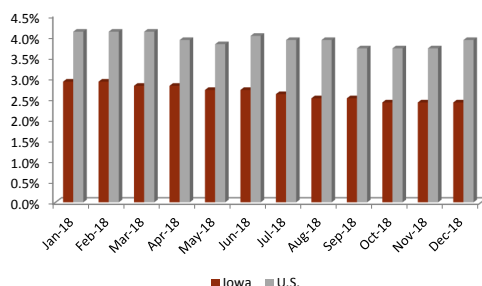
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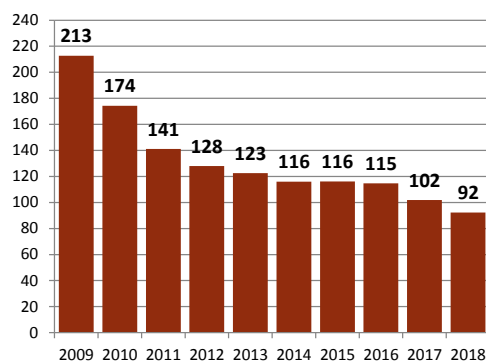
Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates for 2018



- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 2.4 percent in December. The state's jobless rate was 2.9 percent one year ago.
- The number of employed Iowans increased to 1,651,300 in December from 1,649,000 in November.
- The U.S. unemployment rate rose to 3.9 percent in December.

- Following an upward revision in November, Iowa establishments have now added jobs in three consecutive months. In December, 3,900 jobs were added.
- Private sectors added jobs for the fifth consecutive month and is now up 9,100 jobs since July.
- Health care and social assistance gained 1,800 jobs in December. The gain follows two months of little movement.
- Leisure and hospitality rebounded from a loss last month and added 1,300 jobs. Accommodations and food services added jobs for the first time since July.
- Manufacturing ended the year by gaining 1,200 jobs. Durable goods factories have been slightly more prosperous.
- Iowa establishments are up 15,500 jobs annually. Gains in manufacturing and construction have accounted for over four in every five jobs gained in 2018.
- U.S. total nonfarm employment advanced by 312,000 in December. The monthly gain was far more than expected. The largest increases were in health care and food services and drinking establishments.

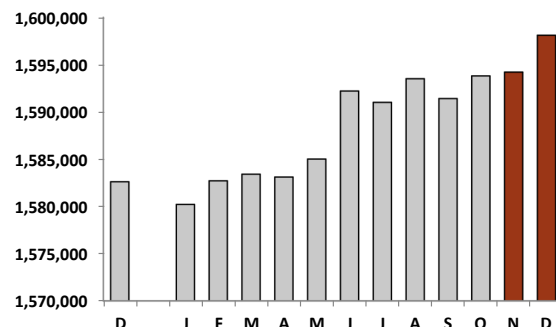
Unemployment Insurance Recipients* Regular UI Only (Thousands)



*Recipients represent the number of persons receiving at least one UI benefit payment during the calendar year.

- The number of UI benefit recipients declined from 101,825 in 2017 to 92,344 in 2018. This is the first year benefit recipients fell below 100,000 since 1998.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2017 - December 2018



Source: Labor Market Information (LMI) Division, Iowa Workforce Development and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) unless otherwise noted. (Reference: December 2018)