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JANUARY JOBLESS BENEFIT PAYMENTS INCREASE

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DES MOINES, IOWA – Total regular jobless benefits paid to Iowans in January increased by \$4.7 million from December, according to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) analysts. Benefits totaling \$40.4 million were paid to 51,993 claimants, compared to \$35.7 million paid to 42,823 jobless Iowans in December. Construction-related claims were higher as the arrival of colder weather resulted in a slowdown of outdoor activities. Jobless claims were generally stable in the remaining groups.

January 2004 benefit payments were \$11.4 million below the January 2003 total of \$51.8 million for 61,739 unemployed workers. Most of the decline was due to the loss of a processing Wednesday. The decrease in claims was concentrated in construction and manufacturing.

Payments to jobless Iowans under the Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program continued in January. TEUC benefits totaling \$4.1 million were paid to 5,484 claimants. This total is down from \$7.4 million in TEUC benefits paid to 8,875 jobless workers in December. This program pays up to 13 weeks of additional benefits to claimants who have exhausted their regular unemployment insurance benefits. By law, this program stopped taking new claimants in January and is scheduled to expire at the end of March 2004.

Iowa Workforce Development, in cooperation with its many partner organizations, operates 71 offices serving all 99 Iowa counties. Sixteen regional workforce centers offer a one-stop experience for accessing many programs, products and services for job seekers, employers, students, economic developers and other community stakeholders.

IWD's core services include job placement services for individuals; worker recruitment assistance to employers; training services to low-income and disadvantaged Iowans; worker protection and safety programs (inspections, consultation and education services); unemployment insurance programs and services; information regarding choices about careers, industries, labor availability and more; workers' compensation benefits/entitlement; and technical assistance for employers.

Services, in most instances, are provided at no charge or for a nominal charge to the customer.

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IOWA JOBLESS BENEFITS JANUARY 2004
WEEKS COMPENSATED, TOTAL PAYOUT, BY COUNTY
(STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS)

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
OUT OF STATE	5,681	5,737	1,958	1,972	1,485,702	1,502,404
ADAIR	473	475	169	170	122,859	123,481
ADAMS	264	272	80	81	60,625	62,144
ALLAMAKEE	1,556	1,582	567	570	388,641	394,453
APPANOOSE	901	909	350	351	215,155	217,386
AUDUBON	303	303	96	96	75,287	75,287
BENTON	1,365	1,375	435	437	359,979	362,542
BLACK HAWK	6,705	6,782	2,135	2,152	1,664,057	1,684,336
BOONE	893	910	279	282	220,688	225,776
BREMER	1,238	1,243	404	405	324,626	325,710
BUCHANAN	1,361	1,368	474	476	352,333	354,550
BUENA VISTA	742	752	275	276	179,422	181,954
BUTLER	1,082	1,094	361	363	279,276	282,896
CALHOUN	473	487	137	138	112,968	116,610
CARROLL	552	556	169	170	134,677	134,793
CASS	978	982	337	338	251,289	252,269
CEDAR	915	933	288	292	231,943	236,303
CERRO GORDO	2,668	2,680	936	939	629,484	633,061
CHEROKEE	582	582	233	233	152,157	152,157
CHICKASAW	1,283	1,287	434	434	318,173	319,297
CLARKE	858	868	290	291	237,861	239,968
CLAY	1,059	1,070	384	386	261,587	264,715
CLAYTON	1,895	1,928	667	675	511,941	521,586
CLINTON	2,908	2,924	933	937	680,874	685,400
CRAWFORD	697	713	214	218	171,985	176,448
DALLAS	1,440	1,460	448	454	394,674	400,356
DAVIS	488	492	174	174	118,750	118,946
DECATUR	455	460	157	159	114,743	115,819
DELAWARE	1,244	1,249	441	443	338,568	340,059
DES MOINES	2,454	2,477	786	791	610,446	616,078
DICKINSON	1,635	1,640	560	560	414,218	414,242
DUBUQUE	5,806	5,847	1,828	1,837	1,436,287	1,447,664
EMMET	887	903	310	312	224,393	227,990
FAYETTE	1,734	1,751	676	679	419,029	423,969
FLOYD	1,472	1,476	581	582	320,877	322,077
FRANKLIN	557	567	183	185	137,455	140,543
FREMONT	162	162	58	58	39,227	39,227
GREENE	432	432	170	170	113,609	113,609
GRUNDY	426	434	142	143	111,725	114,057
GUTHRIE	512	512	157	157	134,180	134,180
HAMILTON	597	597	179	179	148,568	148,568
HANCOCK	495	498	233	234	111,905	112,805
HARDIN	949	956	291	293	236,696	238,305
HARRISON	485	489	161	162	120,137	121,337
HENRY	1,217	1,221	401	401	328,893	329,257
HOWARD	482	495	139	142	128,785	132,157
HUMBOLDT	501	510	141	142	125,765	128,371
IDA	428	437	125	125	111,821	114,265
IOWA	839	843	259	259	208,408	209,557
JACKSON	1,700	1,731	536	541	422,146	430,981
JASPER	2,049	2,077	606	610	519,341	525,934
JEFFERSON	859	859	299	299	210,071	210,071
JOHNSON	3,798	3,859	1,246	1,258	922,173	937,774

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	1,286	1,300	411	414	333,455	336,881
KEOKUK	787	793	272	272	210,007	210,980
KOSSUTH	788	828	295	299	190,951	201,769
LEE	2,663	2,669	968	969	667,401	668,162
LINN	10,486	10,562	3,381	3,398	2,686,836	2,705,103
LOUISA	697	705	222	224	180,383	182,871
LUCAS	539	546	185	186	134,221	135,513
LYON	391	391	114	114	101,984	101,984
MADISON	963	967	305	306	275,269	276,513
MAHASKA	1,116	1,125	417	419	276,068	279,090
MARION	1,592	1,616	471	476	400,689	405,938
MARSHALL	2,030	2,050	658	662	528,698	534,196
MILLS	306	321	100	102	72,633	76,577
MITCHELL	408	412	157	157	99,507	99,995
MONONA	596	606	185	187	150,763	153,237
MONROE	427	431	133	134	113,844	115,044
MONTGOMERY	564	568	237	238	117,758	118,826
MUSCATINE	2,334	2,346	798	801	571,986	574,366
O BRIEN	626	637	196	197	164,710	168,087
OSCEOLA	221	221	75	75	53,237	53,237
PAGE	557	569	198	201	120,475	124,119
PALO ALTO	486	490	192	193	115,938	117,138
PLYMOUTH	1,233	1,243	376	379	320,764	322,755
POCAHONTAS	474	474	138	138	123,911	123,911
POLK	16,960	17,111	5,188	5,209	4,427,254	4,462,386
POTTAWATTAMIE	2,561	2,584	816	821	630,112	635,993
POWESHIEK	1,192	1,193	460	460	321,500	321,588
RINGGOLD	251	255	79	80	63,299	64,655
SAC	559	563	177	178	140,303	141,591
SCOTT	6,963	6,989	2,157	2,165	1,648,760	1,655,855
SHELBY	524	528	155	156	135,331	136,043
SIOUX	1,155	1,160	351	351	303,354	304,759
STORY	1,634	1,664	480	489	418,469	427,197
TAMA	989	997	336	339	275,660	277,551
TAYLOR	281	285	103	104	60,947	61,935
UNION	991	999	374	376	241,610	243,176
VAN BUREN	821	821	330	330	206,572	206,572
WAPELLO	2,283	2,293	719	720	535,879	538,119
WARREN	1,606	1,610	516	517	439,637	440,386
WASHINGTON	1,211	1,211	387	387	325,088	325,088
WAYNE	319	319	146	146	79,849	79,849
WEBSTER	1,771	1,806	530	532	452,523	461,385
WINNEBAGO	432	442	223	225	97,260	99,750
WINNESHIEK	1,830	1,843	548	550	491,524	494,403
WOODBURY	4,647	4,694	1,380	1,391	1,163,461	1,175,058
WORTH	419	419	165	165	101,328	101,328
WRIGHT	655	663	203	205	168,513	170,615
INTERSTATE	5,056	5,080	1,519	1,525	1,341,573	1,348,183
GRAND TOTAL	158,215	159,645	51,718	51,993	40,027,772	40,393,480

UI BENEFITS ARE PAID UNDER THE IOWA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM. FEDERAL BENEFITS ARE PAID UNDER THE PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SERVICE PERSONNEL. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UI VALUE AND THE TOTAL VALUE IS THE FEDERAL VALUE. OUT OF STATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN IOWA. INTERSTATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN OTHER STATES.

IOWA JOBLESS BENEFITS (TEUC) JANUARY 2004
WEEKS COMPENSATED, TOTAL PAYOUT, BY COUNTY
(STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS)

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
OUT OF STATE	784	789	244	246	196,688	198,192
ADAIR	38	38	13	13	8,195	8,195
ADAMS	18	18	6	6	4,528	4,528
ALLAMAKEE	87	87	27	27	18,568	18,568
APPANOOSE	84	84	23	23	18,229	18,229
AUDUBON	25	25	9	9	5,497	5,497
BENTON	194	194	59	59	47,946	47,946
BLACK HAWK	860	873	269	270	195,513	198,184
BOONE	102	102	32	32	22,445	22,445
BREMER	108	108	36	36	25,288	25,288
BUCHANAN	72	72	26	26	16,572	16,572
BUENA VISTA	67	67	20	20	15,601	15,601
BUTLER	90	90	34	34	21,073	21,073
CALHOUN	43	43	14	14	11,139	11,139
CARROLL	56	56	16	16	13,260	13,260
CASS	122	122	39	39	27,630	27,630
CEDAR	40	44	11	12	9,931	11,127
CERRO GORDO	266	269	92	93	56,695	57,685
CHEROKEE	52	52	16	16	12,876	12,876
CHICKASAW	77	77	24	24	17,340	17,340
CLARKE	111	120	46	47	28,391	30,313
CLAY	92	92	35	35	20,229	20,229
CLAYTON	102	102	31	31	26,998	26,998
CLINTON	350	350	110	110	81,030	81,030
CRAWFORD	35	35	12	12	7,328	7,328
DALLAS	135	135	40	40	35,478	35,478
DAVIS	51	51	16	16	13,037	13,037
DECATUR	46	46	18	18	11,398	11,398
DELAWARE	109	109	39	39	26,998	26,998
DES MOINES	301	305	94	95	69,270	70,157
DICKINSON	70	70	24	24	16,700	16,700
DUBUQUE	359	362	119	119	78,489	79,233
EMMET	57	57	17	17	12,294	12,294
FAYETTE	101	101	36	36	24,045	24,045
FLOYD	86	86	37	37	18,352	18,352
FRANKLIN	49	53	18	19	11,005	12,173
FREMONT	16	16	4	4	3,849	3,849
GREENE	35	35	12	12	7,271	7,271
GRUNDY	39	39	19	19	10,285	10,285
GUTHRIE	26	26	8	8	7,316	7,316
HAMILTON	65	65	22	22	15,046	15,046
HANCOCK	46	46	15	15	11,909	11,909
HARDIN	128	128	40	40	30,832	30,832
HARRISON	61	61	21	21	14,963	14,963
HENRY	92	92	28	28	22,624	22,624
HOWARD	49	49	14	14	10,902	10,902
HUMBOLDT	61	62	22	22	13,857	13,955
IDA	12	12	6	6	2,125	2,125
IOWA	76	85	23	24	18,787	19,959
JACKSON	153	153	54	54	37,325	37,325
JASPER	188	188	65	65	45,533	45,533
JEFFERSON	88	88	29	29	19,191	19,191
JOHNSON	488	504	149	152	114,512	118,263

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	158	158	45	45	36,328	36,328
KEOKUK	57	57	16	16	13,066	13,066
KOSSUTH	52	56	20	21	13,574	14,742
LEE	222	222	73	73	54,069	54,069
LINN	1,481	1,481	446	446	357,935	357,935
LOUISA	50	50	15	15	11,355	11,355
LUCAS	68	68	23	23	13,082	13,082
LYON	28	28	12	12	5,133	5,133
MADISON	59	59	18	18	15,046	15,046
MAHASKA	90	90	31	31	18,604	18,604
MARION	129	131	45	46	31,682	32,098
MARSHALL	321	326	131	131	75,780	76,049
MILLS	26	26	8	8	6,146	6,146
MITCHELL	38	39	12	13	9,243	9,473
MONONA	49	49	16	16	12,050	12,050
MONROE	37	37	14	14	7,092	7,092
MONTGOMERY	42	42	14	14	7,503	7,503
MUSCATINE	202	209	64	64	41,341	41,674
O BRIEN	45	45	17	17	10,777	10,777
OSCEOLA	7	7	3	3	1,691	1,691
PAGE	63	63	20	20	15,357	15,357
PALO ALTO	27	31	9	10	7,035	7,767
PLYMOUTH	94	103	31	33	22,626	25,298
POCAHONTAS	29	29	9	9	8,355	8,355
POLK	2,395	2,413	728	734	592,247	597,571
POTTAWATTAMIE	332	344	100	102	75,524	78,764
POWESHIEK	137	137	45	45	33,343	33,343
RINGGOLD	50	50	15	15	10,265	10,265
SAC	50	50	14	14	11,851	11,851
SCOTT	774	776	233	233	184,504	185,111
SHELBY	25	25	9	9	4,774	4,774
SIOUX	82	82	29	29	19,247	19,247
STORY	154	162	54	56	36,984	39,212
TAMA	250	254	122	123	62,105	63,273
TAYLOR	42	42	13	13	8,674	8,674
UNION	111	112	40	40	27,009	27,088
VAN BUREN	21	21	7	7	5,255	5,255
WAPELLO	268	268	88	88	55,908	55,908
WARREN	212	212	61	61	56,537	56,537
WASHINGTON	94	94	35	35	21,969	21,969
WAYNE	32	36	10	11	6,480	7,692
WEBSTER	170	174	54	55	36,913	38,081
WINNEBAGO	33	36	10	10	4,782	5,333
WINESHIEK	173	177	51	52	42,695	43,647
WOODBURY	628	637	188	190	146,215	148,153
WORTH	33	37	9	10	6,843	8,011
WRIGHT	68	68	18	18	14,330	14,330
INTERSTATE	660	660	191	191	173,195	173,195
GRAND TOTAL	17,030	17,206	5,449	5,484	4,044,903	4,086,462

EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION - UI PAYMENTS ARE PAID TO CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE IOWA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM AND APPLICABLE EXTENDED BENEFITS. FEDERAL BENEFITS ARE PAID TO CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE PROGRAMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SERVICE PERSONNEL. OUT OF STATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN IOWA. INTERSTATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN OTHER STATES.