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## FEBRUARY JOBLESS BENEFIT PAYMENTS UP

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DES MOINES, IOWA – Regular jobless benefits paid to Iowans in February totaled \$41.0 million for 47,641 unemployed workers, according to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) analysts. This is up slightly from the \$40.4 million paid to 51,993 jobless Iowans in January. A decline in manufacturing claims was countered by a gain in construction-related claims.

February 2004 benefit payments were \$2.7 million below the February 2003 total of \$43.7 million for 51,118 unemployed workers. Most of the decrease was in manufacturing.

Payments to jobless Iowans under the Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program continued in February. TEUC benefits totaling \$2.0 million were paid to 2,832 claimants. This is down from \$4.1 million in TEUC benefits paid to 5,484 jobless workers in January. This program pays up to 13 weeks of additional benefits to claimant 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 FEBRUARY 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	5,272	5,343	1,590	1,608	1,401,167	1,422,032
ADAIR	451	451	154	154	119,290	119,290
ADAMS	257	263	73	74	62,523	63,908
ALLAMAKEE	1,366	1,390	379	383	353,406	359,069
APPANOOSE	802	807	252	254	192,904	193,675
AUDUBON	316	316	98	98	75,287	75,287
BENTON	1,522	1,530	458	459	412,502	414,666
BLACK HAWK	6,705	6,780	1,926	1,942	1,675,906	1,696,129
BOONE	992	1,013	309	315	239,746	245,852
BREMER	1,267	1,271	375	376	334,535	335,532
BUCHANAN	1,312	1,322	397	399	350,365	353,090
BUENA VISTA	606	614	179	179	158,392	160,335
BUTLER	1,052	1,059	323	325	277,223	279,335
CALHOUN	500	511	141	142	126,844	129,719
CARROLL	606	607	191	192	150,978	151,278
CASS	959	959	307	307	246,739	246,739
CEDAR	936	954	276	282	246,204	251,263
CERRO GORDO	2,492	2,502	757	760	579,950	583,071
CHEROKEE	625	625	187	187	157,762	157,762
CHICKASAW	1,228	1,235	339	340	319,372	321,396
CLARKE	859	876	248	250	235,968	239,464
CLAY	972	984	275	276	238,519	242,003
CLAYTON	1,875	1,902	565	571	514,253	521,994
CLINTON	2,996	3,010	913	916	698,245	702,723
CRAWFORD	698	710	200	203	175,390	178,798
DALLAS	1,570	1,580	468	471	432,855	435,650
DAVIS	440	450	135	137	113,956	115,996
DECATUR	435	435	124	124	113,657	113,657
DELAWARE	1,485	1,489	471	472	405,614	406,794
DES MOINES	2,600	2,617	775	779	658,165	661,838
DICKINSON	1,163	1,168	356	357	275,813	276,502
DUBUQUE	5,780	5,820	1,822	1,830	1,465,980	1,476,903
EMMET	659	676	219	221	159,046	162,704
FAYETTE	1,513	1,536	451	456	380,639	387,426
FLOYD	1,438	1,443	433	434	323,281	324,691
FRANKLIN	578	590	167	169	150,899	153,100
FREMONT	160	160	48	48	40,996	40,996
GREENE	390	392	113	114	106,744	107,048
GRUNDY	471	477	147	148	127,311	128,884
GUTHRIE	567	567	169	169	146,081	146,081
HAMILTON	623	625	186	186	155,503	156,009
HANCOCK	313	322	86	89	80,949	83,649
HARDIN	1,125	1,142	349	353	281,295	285,592
HARRISON	516	521	145	147	131,792	133,314
HENRY	1,271	1,275	430	430	343,177	343,541
HOWARD	470	479	135	138	128,492	130,880
HUMBOLDT	520	525	138	139	131,718	133,773
IDA	408	418	113	114	112,136	114,340
IOWA	866	871	248	248	214,955	215,782
JACKSON	1,839	1,851	576	579	447,561	451,085
JASPER	2,046	2,075	601	604	509,280	514,848
JEFFERSON	811	811	257	257	196,653	196,653
JOHNSON	3,838	3,894	1,178	1,189	947,219	962,376

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	1,560	1,573	455	459	409,580	412,229
KEOKUK	810	815	252	253	217,246	218,212
KOSSUTH	726	762	211	215	180,924	190,657
LEE	2,541	2,543	771	771	646,706	646,866
LINN	11,567	11,672	3,428	3,445	2,981,686	3,007,597
LOUISA	678	686	209	211	185,208	187,696
LUCAS	551	558	158	160	139,047	140,916
LYON	370	370	102	102	98,724	98,724
MADISON	1,045	1,051	308	310	296,117	297,917
MAHASKA	1,083	1,097	312	315	270,246	274,575
MARION	1,630	1,649	471	475	410,504	415,018
MARSHALL	1,719	1,729	508	511	449,466	452,499
MILLS	329	337	89	91	81,131	83,687
MITCHELL	363	369	108	108	91,434	92,417
MONONA	685	694	197	199	179,587	181,656
MONROE	455	461	140	142	116,547	118,243
MONTGOMERY	492	496	156	157	112,375	113,230
MUSCATINE	2,035	2,048	624	628	533,389	536,903
O BRIEN	582	588	172	173	154,214	156,058
OSCEOLA	241	255	69	69	55,723	58,830
PAGE	557	569	167	170	128,257	131,901
PALO ALTO	376	388	112	114	91,993	95,693
PLYMOUTH	1,127	1,135	342	343	280,892	282,790
POCAHONTAS	450	451	120	120	119,105	119,286
POLK	18,119	18,280	5,384	5,410	4,754,000	4,791,329
POTTAWATTAMIE	2,538	2,561	705	711	638,141	644,660
POWESHIEK	1,169	1,178	353	355	311,337	312,398
RINGGOLD	268	272	75	76	71,362	72,718
SAC	656	660	209	210	169,296	170,584
SCOTT	6,915	6,933	2,009	2,014	1,648,392	1,653,792
SHELBY	571	576	153	155	150,414	151,878
SIOUX	1,275	1,282	353	354	341,541	343,574
STORY	1,628	1,667	512	521	422,909	434,286
TAMA	895	897	253	254	255,057	255,637
TAYLOR	335	342	115	116	77,699	79,469
UNION	938	944	278	279	241,775	242,953
VAN BUREN	518	518	186	186	139,371	139,371
WAPELLO	2,206	2,214	666	667	511,949	513,857
WARREN	1,859	1,871	558	560	505,665	508,947
WASHINGTON	1,409	1,409	431	431	381,001	381,001
WAYNE	252	252	92	92	59,500	59,500
WEBSTER	1,869	1,901	539	543	478,442	487,563
WINNEBAGO	272	288	87	88	66,146	68,997
WINNESHIEK	1,723	1,735	488	490	458,727	461,495
WOODBURY	4,797	4,847	1,403	1,413	1,191,946	1,202,950
WORTH	382	382	115	115	93,538	93,538
WRIGHT	653	657	187	188	165,034	166,234
INTERSTATE	5,131	5,173	1,470	1,478	1,365,507	1,375,822
GRAND TOTAL	158,911	160,378	47,354	47,641	40,654,081	41,030,672

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) FEBRUARY 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	451	452	146	147	112,277	112,580
ADAIR	17	17	5	5	3,362	3,362
ADAMS	12	12	4	4	2,765	2,765
ALLAMAKEE	48	48	17	17	11,349	11,349
APPANOOSE	42	42	15	15	9,784	9,784
AUDUBON	16	16	4	4	4,179	4,179
BENTON	89	89	29	29	23,355	23,355
BLACK HAWK	426	431	144	145	93,822	94,824
BOONE	41	41	13	13	10,547	10,547
BREMER	57	57	18	18	11,713	11,713
BUCHANAN	39	39	12	12	8,460	8,460
BUENA VISTA	34	34	11	11	8,625	8,625
BUTLER	34	34	13	13	7,784	7,784
CALHOUN	27	27	7	7	6,794	6,794
CARROLL	29	29	9	9	6,484	6,484
CASS	76	76	23	23	16,181	16,181
CEDAR	31	35	8	9	7,641	8,648
CERRO GORDO	126	130	43	44	27,227	28,547
CHEROKEE	25	25	9	9	5,518	5,518
CHICKASAW	41	41	13	13	8,143	8,143
CLARKE	43	43	20	20	10,538	10,538
CLAY	50	50	16	16	10,815	10,815
CLAYTON	56	56	20	20	14,874	14,874
CLINTON	200	200	65	65	43,626	43,626
CRAWFORD	19	19	6	6	3,465	3,465
DALLAS	66	66	22	22	17,112	17,112
DAVIS	22	22	9	9	5,815	5,815
DECATUR	9	9	6	6	1,401	1,401
DELAWARE	65	65	19	19	16,608	16,608
DES MOINES	132	132	42	42	33,021	33,021
DICKINSON	32	32	11	11	8,473	8,473
DUBUQUE	149	149	54	54	32,780	32,780
EMMET	31	31	10	10	6,933	6,933
FAYETTE	61	61	19	19	14,321	14,321
FLOYD	22	22	9	9	4,784	4,784
FRANKLIN	22	25	7	8	3,984	4,860
FREMONT	2	2	1	1	584	584
GREENE	13	13	5	5	2,776	2,776
GRUNDY	7	7	3	3	2,065	2,065
GUTHRIE	19	19	6	6	5,325	5,325
HAMILTON	31	31	12	12	7,254	7,254
HANCOCK	22	22	8	8	5,591	5,591
HARDIN	52	52	16	16	11,739	11,739
HARRISON	26	26	9	9	6,591	6,591
HENRY	48	48	16	16	11,834	11,834
HOWARD	17	17	7	7	3,828	3,828
HUMBOLDT	20	20	6	6	5,175	5,175
IDA	8	8	2	2	1,306	1,306
IOWA	38	38	13	13	9,401	9,401
JACKSON	86	86	24	24	21,718	21,718
JASPER	71	71	23	23	18,329	18,329
JEFFERSON	38	38	11	11	9,265	9,265
JOHNSON	280	291	95	97	66,442	68,722

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	75	75	28	28	16,323	16,323
KEOKUK	31	31	9	9	7,020	7,020
KOSSUTH	25	29	8	9	6,368	7,536
LEE	94	94	34	34	21,874	21,874
LINN	801	801	251	251	195,937	195,937
LOUISA	16	16	5	5	3,794	3,794
LUCAS	28	28	12	12	4,844	4,844
LYON	16	16	5	5	2,277	2,277
MADISON	28	28	7	7	8,089	8,089
MAHASKA	42	42	15	15	8,131	8,131
MARION	78	78	27	27	18,502	18,502
MARSHALL	134	134	44	44	30,410	30,410
MILLS	15	15	5	5	3,735	3,735
MITCHELL	27	27	8	8	5,989	5,989
MONONA	30	30	10	10	7,099	7,099
MONROE	15	15	4	4	2,780	2,780
MONTGOMERY	30	30	8	8	6,350	6,350
MUSCATINE	116	123	36	36	20,456	20,959
O BRIEN	17	17	6	6	3,279	3,279
OSCEOLA	2	2	1	1	460	460
PAGE	24	24	10	10	5,426	5,426
PALO ALTO	10	11	4	5	2,136	2,309
PLYMOUTH	41	45	16	18	9,791	10,970
POCAHONTAS	18	18	7	7	5,214	5,214
POLK	1,239	1,257	404	408	308,241	313,313
POTTAWATTAMIE	163	168	52	53	37,225	38,421
POWESHIEK	60	60	20	20	15,347	15,347
RINGGOLD	36	36	10	10	7,804	7,804
SAC	23	23	8	8	5,790	5,790
SCOTT	383	383	123	123	87,240	87,240
SHELBY	5	5	2	2	918	918
SIOUX	26	26	12	12	5,715	5,715
STORY	79	86	26	28	19,884	21,756
TAMA	92	95	30	31	24,444	25,320
TAYLOR	21	21	7	7	3,705	3,705
UNION	42	42	14	14	10,823	10,823
VAN BUREN	12	12	5	5	2,473	2,473
WAPELLO	147	147	46	46	28,320	28,320
WARREN	119	119	38	38	31,065	31,065
WASHINGTON	41	41	13	13	9,086	9,086
WAYNE	15	16	7	8	2,532	2,835
WEBSTER	92	92	29	29	19,368	19,368
WINNEBAGO	19	23	7	7	2,408	3,169
WINESHIEK	95	95	31	31	24,479	24,479
WOODBURY	322	330	109	111	74,794	76,562
WORTH	21	25	7	8	3,610	4,778
WRIGHT	33	33	10	10	8,180	8,180
INTERSTATE	309	313	103	104	79,177	80,345
GRAND TOTAL	8,525	8,623	2,808	2,832	2,012,695	2,036,690

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.