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## JOBLESS BENEFIT PAYMENTS UP IN MARCH

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**DES MOINES, IOWA** – Total regular jobless benefits paid to Iowans in March increased by \$3.1 million from February, according to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) analysts.

Benefits totaling \$44.1 million were paid to 46,323 claimants in March compared to \$41.0 million paid to 47,641 jobless Iowans in February. An extra processing Wednesday accounted for most of the increase.

March 2004 benefit payments were \$1.7 million above the March 2003 total of \$42.4 million for 51,851 unemployed workers. The increase resulted from an extra processing Wednesday.

Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) benefits continued in March. TEUC benefits totaling \$0.8 million were paid to 1,317 claimants. This total is down from \$2.0 million paid to 2,832 jobless workers in February. This program paid up to 13 weeks of additional benefits to claimants who had exhausted their regular unemployment insurance benefits. By law, this program stopped taking new claimants in January and expired 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 MARCH 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	5,624	5,700	1,531	1,545	1,485,674	1,507,590
ADAIR	420	420	122	122	108,499	108,499
ADAMS	271	276	75	76	68,125	69,625
ALLAMAKEE	1,542	1,579	363	367	399,195	407,832
APPANOOSE	882	886	246	247	214,507	215,103
AUDUBON	376	376	96	96	90,300	90,300
BENTON	1,676	1,692	440	442	444,992	449,273
BLACK HAWK	7,519	7,625	1,982	1,997	1,845,387	1,873,313
BOONE	1,088	1,125	298	305	251,542	262,256
BREMER	1,357	1,365	361	363	354,401	356,057
BUCHANAN	1,398	1,416	370	373	369,068	374,073
BUENA VISTA	703	712	185	188	171,451	173,581
BUTLER	1,076	1,090	288	291	281,560	285,452
CALHOUN	492	497	121	122	128,585	130,085
CARROLL	694	699	183	184	171,090	172,590
CASS	1,051	1,056	277	278	266,774	267,999
CEDAR	995	1,017	270	275	262,534	267,883
CERRO GORDO	2,805	2,813	698	700	641,094	643,582
CHEROKEE	570	570	146	146	147,940	147,940
CHICKASAW	1,423	1,435	354	356	359,768	363,124
CLARKE	770	780	205	207	217,091	219,696
CLAY	972	985	279	281	238,536	242,379
CLAYTON	2,095	2,129	553	559	562,817	572,665
CLINTON	2,866	2,882	768	770	669,997	674,426
CRAWFORD	734	750	189	192	188,752	193,338
DALLAS	1,662	1,680	447	449	446,769	451,339
DAVIS	499	512	143	145	127,887	130,598
DECATUR	463	463	123	123	118,577	118,577
DELAWARE	1,555	1,569	440	443	421,868	426,185
DES MOINES	2,732	2,745	736	737	694,288	696,307
DICKINSON	1,243	1,250	406	406	303,082	303,808
DUBUQUE	6,039	6,087	1,776	1,784	1,519,421	1,531,394
EMMET	704	721	214	216	164,027	168,097
FAYETTE	1,652	1,688	435	442	408,933	418,052
FLOYD	1,496	1,514	406	410	341,602	346,612
FRANKLIN	630	643	157	159	155,816	159,039
FREMONT	194	197	46	47	46,859	47,792
GREENE	514	518	133	133	139,736	140,716
GRUNDY	486	491	135	135	127,482	128,567
GUTHRIE	584	584	156	156	149,850	149,850
HAMILTON	695	700	173	173	170,635	171,900
HANCOCK	374	388	92	95	95,956	100,156
HARDIN	1,222	1,240	304	307	302,763	307,220
HARRISON	557	565	128	130	140,802	143,438
HENRY	1,463	1,467	426	426	400,247	400,649
HOWARD	527	541	132	135	141,885	145,628
HUMBOLDT	523	531	137	138	130,568	132,764
IDA	453	459	106	107	124,825	126,739
IOWA	820	823	216	216	196,378	197,087
JACKSON	1,854	1,867	523	526	447,728	450,965
JASPER	2,468	2,506	673	676	646,174	654,578
JEFFERSON	839	839	235	235	201,889	201,889
JOHNSON	4,042	4,121	1,099	1,108	980,299	1,002,029

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	1,604	1,613	430	431	426,795	427,492
KEOKUK	820	829	211	212	219,361	221,248
KOSSUTH	830	867	217	221	206,736	217,172
LEE	2,611	2,621	702	703	645,272	646,078
LINN	12,641	12,726	3,450	3,468	3,231,320	3,253,153
LOUISA	745	751	197	199	202,824	204,501
LUCAS	629	634	154	155	148,683	149,798
LYON	373	373	89	89	98,006	98,006
MADISON	952	963	280	282	266,231	269,487
MAHASKA	1,156	1,170	308	310	281,703	285,597
MARION	1,842	1,859	461	462	464,327	467,581
MARSHALL	2,006	2,025	496	500	519,075	524,643
MILLS	354	363	92	94	87,972	90,867
MITCHELL	390	400	102	102	97,238	99,262
MONONA	799	810	197	199	211,447	214,767
MONROE	478	488	126	128	121,045	123,837
MONTGOMERY	578	578	183	184	124,801	124,808
MUSCATINE	2,322	2,334	664	667	591,340	594,675
O BRIEN	618	624	157	158	160,938	162,721
OSCEOLA	220	224	69	69	50,991	51,751
PAGE	589	599	166	169	133,546	136,404
PALO ALTO	450	460	129	131	110,809	113,877
PLYMOUTH	1,188	1,197	300	301	294,267	296,312
POCAHONTAS	535	540	129	129	142,838	143,270
POLK	19,862	20,017	5,392	5,417	5,176,525	5,214,256
POTTAWATTAMIE	2,807	2,830	691	696	703,874	709,987
POWESHIEK	1,308	1,315	363	364	346,843	348,078
RINGGOLD	344	349	83	84	91,660	93,355
SAC	627	632	181	182	154,550	156,160
SCOTT	7,354	7,391	1,970	1,976	1,752,953	1,762,568
SHELBY	641	643	155	156	166,064	166,664
SIOUX	1,405	1,410	364	364	370,895	372,300
STORY	1,795	1,842	475	484	456,772	469,118
TAMA	1,023	1,038	267	269	289,488	293,362
TAYLOR	339	349	99	101	84,444	87,232
UNION	1,083	1,089	330	331	272,669	274,093
VAN BUREN	518	522	183	184	137,520	138,528
WAPELLO	2,402	2,416	648	649	532,924	536,126
WARREN	1,902	1,923	530	532	513,074	518,702
WASHINGTON	1,494	1,494	401	401	411,518	411,518
WAYNE	234	234	67	67	56,085	56,085
WEBSTER	2,055	2,092	507	511	510,830	520,639
WINNEBAGO	278	289	75	75	68,210	69,462
WINNESHIEK	1,740	1,755	433	435	461,449	464,909
WOODBURY	5,468	5,547	1,394	1,403	1,358,004	1,378,396
WORTH	436	436	107	107	108,346	108,346
WRIGHT	672	679	184	185	166,720	167,923
INTERSTATE	5,521	5,588	1,438	1,448	1,482,198	1,497,203
GRAND TOTAL	171,727	173,512	46,043	46,323	43,597,205	44,052,952

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) MARCH 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	190	190	65	65	47,752	47,752
ADAIR	7	7	2	2	1,368	1,368
ADAMS	5	5	2	2	1,352	1,352
ALLAMAKEE	17	17	5	5	4,521	4,521
APPANOOSE	16	16	6	6	3,880	3,880
AUDUBON	6	6	3	3	990	990
BENTON	33	33	13	13	8,631	8,631
BLACK HAWK	180	180	59	59	36,271	36,271
BOONE	8	8	4	4	1,998	1,998
BREMER	12	12	5	5	2,973	2,973
BUCHANAN	17	17	9	9	3,370	3,370
BUENA VISTA	20	20	6	6	5,558	5,558
BUTLER	21	21	7	7	5,036	5,036
CALHOUN	9	9	3	3	1,369	1,369
CARROLL	8	8	4	4	1,926	1,926
CASS	23	23	8	8	4,494	4,494
CEDAR	15	15	6	6	3,973	3,973
CERRO GORDO	41	43	16	17	8,182	8,842
CHEROKEE	24	24	6	6	5,601	5,601
CHICKASAW	12	12	3	3	2,057	2,057
CLARKE	12	12	4	4	2,636	2,636
CLAY	24	24	9	9	4,958	4,958
CLAYTON	25	25	6	6	6,135	6,135
CLINTON	92	92	35	35	18,760	18,760
CRAWFORD	8	8	4	4	1,056	1,056
DALLAS	34	34	11	11	8,817	8,817
DAVIS	8	8	4	4	2,055	2,055
DELAWARE	32	32	9	9	7,886	7,886
DES MOINES	60	60	25	25	15,414	15,414
DICKINSON	17	17	8	8	4,275	4,275
DUBUQUE	59	59	21	21	11,386	11,386
EMMET	11	11	5	5	2,057	2,057
FAYETTE	26	26	12	12	5,471	5,471
FLOYD	12	12	3	3	3,152	3,152
FRANKLIN	9	10	2	3	3,094	3,386
FREMONT	2	2	1	1	455	455
GREENE	14	14	3	3	2,529	2,529
GRUNDY	7	7	2	2	1,686	1,686
GUTHRIE	7	7	4	4	1,995	1,995
HAMILTON	8	8	3	3	1,447	1,447
HANCOCK	14	14	3	3	3,520	3,520
HARDIN	20	20	8	8	4,336	4,336
HARRISON	3	4	2	3	718	1,017
HENRY	22	22	8	8	5,415	5,415
HOWARD	7	7	3	3	1,644	1,644
HUMBOLDT	24	24	6	6	5,898	5,898
IDA	3	3	1	1	678	678
IOWA	10	10	4	4	2,482	2,482
JACKSON	35	35	11	11	7,253	7,253
JASPER	31	31	12	12	8,344	8,344
JEFFERSON	18	18	6	6	3,693	3,693
JOHNSON	124	129	50	51	29,382	30,642
JONES	37	37	13	13	8,235	8,235

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
KEOKUK	8	8	4	4	1,483	1,483
KOSSUTH	9	10	3	4	1,443	1,735
LEE	38	38	13	13	8,888	8,888
LINN	334	334	124	124	81,529	81,529
LOUISA	8	8	3	3	1,806	1,806
LUCAS	12	12	4	4	1,941	1,941
LYON	13	13	4	4	1,437	1,437
MADISON	12	12	3	3	3,801	3,801
MAHASKA	11	11	4	4	1,458	1,458
MARION	23	23	9	9	5,115	5,115
MARSHALL	40	40	19	19	8,082	8,082
MILLS	9	9	3	3	2,368	2,368
MITCHELL	13	13	4	4	3,240	3,240
MONONA	24	24	7	7	6,095	6,095
MONROE	6	6	3	3	1,364	1,364
MONTGOMERY	6	6	3	3	1,229	1,229
MUSCATINE	63	67	21	21	10,689	11,341
O BRIEN	6	6	2	2	911	911
PAGE	7	7	3	3	1,142	1,142
PALO ALTO	3	5	2	3	589	955
PLYMOUTH	13	13	4	4	3,140	3,140
POCAHONTAS	11	11	4	4	3,079	3,079
POLK	577	583	196	198	144,471	146,311
POTTAWATTAMIE	81	82	30	30	18,257	18,417
POWESHIEK	19	19	8	8	5,177	5,177
RINGGOLD	13	13	5	5	2,838	2,838
SAC	7	7	3	3	1,473	1,473
SCOTT	160	162	56	56	34,785	35,363
SHELBY	3	3	1	1	699	699
SIOUX	14	14	6	6	4,545	4,545
STORY	19	20	10	11	4,515	4,807
TAMA	43	43	17	17	10,693	10,693
TAYLOR	11	11	3	3	1,989	1,989
UNION	26	26	9	9	5,180	5,180
VAN BUREN	3	3	1	1	795	795
WAPELLO	63	63	25	25	12,038	12,038
WARREN	49	49	19	19	13,267	13,267
WASHINGTON	13	13	6	6	3,154	3,154
WAYNE	5	5	2	2	1,493	1,493
WEBSTER	45	45	15	15	9,347	9,347
WINNEBAGO	6	8	3	3	670	947
WINESHIEK	37	37	12	12	10,091	10,091
WOODBURY	119	124	42	44	24,981	26,035
WORTH	4	5	2	3	848	882
WRIGHT	22	22	7	7	5,266	5,266
INTERSTATE	121	122	50	51	30,680	30,972
GRAND TOTAL	3,608	3,643	1,304	1,317	836,239	844,586

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.