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JOBLESS BENEFIT PAYMENTS DOWN IN JULY

DES MOINES, IOWA – Total jobless benefits paid to Iowans in July decreased by \$3.1 million from June, according to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) analysts.

Benefits totaling \$20.4 million were paid to 27,984 claimants compared to \$23.5 million paid to 26,985 jobless workers in June. One less processing Wednesday and a decline in manufacturing, construction, and trade-related claims accounted for most of the decrease.

July 2004 benefit payments were \$11.4 million below the July 2003 total of \$31.8 million for 40,689 jobless workers. Most of the decrease was due to one less processing Wednesday and a decline in manufacturing, construction, and entertainment-related claims.

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 JULY 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	2,752	2,809	937	950	709,099	726,120
ADAIR	196	196	60	60	44,250	44,250
ADAMS	113	113	48	48	26,108	26,108
ALLAMAKEE	443	459	135	138	103,020	107,285
APPANOOSE	422	443	135	140	94,635	101,129
AUDUBON	127	127	39	39	27,796	27,796
BENTON	619	644	193	195	150,025	156,563
BLACK HAWK	3,653	3,731	1,069	1,081	820,215	842,382
BOONE	467	477	153	154	100,442	102,750
BREMER	443	465	156	159	102,925	109,676
BUCHANAN	438	460	136	139	103,088	109,804
BUENA VISTA	600	617	166	170	128,211	132,860
BUTLER	346	346	144	144	75,555	75,555
CALHOUN	190	190	58	58	43,480	43,480
CARROLL	373	378	114	115	77,991	79,491
CASS	350	350	125	125	80,941	80,941
CEDAR	419	419	141	142	106,837	106,868
CERRO GORDO	1,679	1,722	684	694	363,042	375,554
CHEROKEE	290	298	78	79	69,651	72,063
CHICKASAW	472	496	237	241	106,087	112,456
CLARKE	304	320	110	114	68,540	72,950
CLAY	531	542	188	190	127,800	131,180
CLAYTON	916	930	322	324	221,878	225,138
CLINTON	1,729	1,754	566	571	364,933	373,492
CRAWFORD	344	352	100	100	71,400	73,224
DALLAS	698	714	207	209	173,690	178,595
DAVIS	279	283	112	113	71,474	72,514
DECATUR	239	239	69	69	47,917	47,917
DELAWARE	558	566	185	187	130,298	132,698
DES MOINES	1,542	1,547	496	497	366,971	368,471
DICKINSON	727	733	316	318	194,420	196,242
DUBUQUE	2,222	2,288	706	719	490,882	509,236
EMMET	453	453	188	188	111,578	111,578
FAYETTE	833	843	319	321	191,608	193,234
FLOYD	680	701	390	393	134,284	140,663
FRANKLIN	305	319	122	125	72,208	76,604
FREMONT	146	146	42	42	33,870	33,870
GREENE	263	268	81	81	59,937	60,903
GRUNDY	199	199	70	70	48,772	48,772
GUTHRIE	186	196	60	63	42,049	44,851
HAMILTON	457	457	168	168	104,580	104,580
HANCOCK	373	391	255	260	83,428	88,446
HARDIN	794	799	226	226	182,635	182,648
HARRISON	234	234	70	70	55,451	55,451
HENRY	728	732	221	221	179,556	179,920
HOWARD	174	188	62	63	37,578	41,702
HUMBOLDT	189	200	54	55	37,963	39,954
IDA	124	144	37	38	27,296	32,447
IOWA	372	380	126	127	90,397	92,833
JACKSON	658	674	265	266	148,779	153,668
JASPER	1,659	1,674	460	462	458,566	462,894
JEFFERSON	690	694	252	252	173,954	174,670
JOHNSON	2,453	2,528	850	862	579,271	599,455

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	501	508	184	185	121,170	122,745
KEOKUK	330	334	137	138	79,689	80,831
KOSSUTH	388	395	171	171	90,040	91,683
LEE	1,733	1,745	619	623	424,399	427,713
LINN	6,192	6,298	1,911	1,927	1,537,683	1,565,356
LOUISA	292	292	96	96	76,286	76,286
LUCAS	296	305	94	95	66,486	69,135
LYON	84	84	24	24	18,516	18,516
MADISON	296	297	115	116	75,096	75,407
MAHASKA	649	662	239	240	135,861	139,257
MARION	641	707	197	205	152,925	172,602
MARSHALL	1,044	1,065	299	302	248,996	253,896
MILLS	192	199	62	62	41,561	43,461
MITCHELL	144	152	64	65	32,816	35,061
MONONA	300	317	87	90	68,224	72,991
MONROE	312	323	102	104	72,810	75,754
MONTGOMERY	411	414	236	236	94,360	95,047
MUSCATINE	1,056	1,101	422	431	261,895	274,834
O BRIEN	262	270	78	80	63,237	65,637
OSCEOLA	145	149	49	50	30,315	31,559
PAGE	326	330	133	133	76,306	77,270
PALO ALTO	251	254	129	129	53,212	54,013
PLYMOUTH	462	466	133	134	110,276	110,930
POCAHONTAS	190	202	60	62	43,989	46,517
POLK	9,749	9,914	2,867	2,893	2,457,709	2,502,580
POTTAWATTAMIE	1,607	1,622	459	463	363,691	368,051
POWESHIEK	547	562	240	243	126,047	130,404
RINGGOLD	147	147	43	43	35,367	35,367
SAC	198	203	61	62	41,695	43,195
SCOTT	4,036	4,087	1,202	1,209	945,996	960,980
SHELBY	295	295	105	105	62,136	62,136
SIOUX	429	432	121	121	85,831	86,533
STORY	939	988	284	292	216,327	228,550
TAMA	294	300	101	102	65,582	67,266
TAYLOR	103	111	33	34	20,833	23,341
UNION	448	459	161	163	99,817	102,703
VAN BUREN	183	187	71	72	42,349	43,357
WAPELLO	1,801	1,848	650	659	433,952	448,155
WARREN	746	756	221	222	182,851	185,427
WASHINGTON	805	805	264	264	217,945	217,945
WAYNE	119	126	39	41	26,743	28,974
WEBSTER	1,095	1,111	355	358	244,387	249,083
WINNEBAGO	238	239	165	166	44,412	44,689
WINNESHIEK	324	328	125	126	76,469	77,713
WOODBURY	2,978	3,032	874	886	692,855	706,578
WORTH	163	167	82	83	37,030	38,055
WRIGHT	434	434	155	155	93,847	93,847
INTERSTATE	3,010	3,032	884	889	786,884	791,138
GRAND TOTAL	83,636	85,282	27,706	27,984	19,894,260	20,346,498

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