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Jobless Benefit Payments Down in August

DES MOINES, IOWA – Total jobless benefits paid to Iowans in August decreased by \$1.1 million from July according to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) analysts.

Benefits totaling \$19.2 million were paid to 25,516 claimants compared to \$20.3 million paid to 27,984 jobless Iowans in July. Fewer layoffs resulting from vacation shutdowns accounted for much of the downward trend.

August 2004 benefit payments were \$4.0 million below the August 2003 total of \$23.2 million for 30,835 unemployed workers. The decrease occurred mainly in manufacturing and entertainment unemployment 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.

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IOWA JOBLESS BENEFITS AUGUST 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	2,669	2,707	924	935	692,734	704,645
ADAIR	200	200	56	56	47,086	47,086
ADAMS	76	76	28	28	16,591	16,591
ALLAMAKEE	390	405	107	109	92,642	96,594
APPANOOSE	366	385	130	135	83,727	88,991
AUDUBON	127	127	37	37	28,784	28,784
BENTON	586	605	185	186	151,145	155,400
BLACK HAWK	3,875	3,949	1,404	1,417	892,730	913,214
BOONE	458	479	160	161	105,904	112,173
BREMER	481	503	212	216	119,982	126,566
BUCHANAN	492	502	177	179	118,861	121,981
BUENA VISTA	521	549	159	164	115,197	121,871
BUTLER	338	338	123	123	77,722	77,722
CALHOUN	152	152	48	48	32,696	32,696
CARROLL	379	383	114	114	76,032	76,739
CASS	313	318	99	100	76,076	77,629
CEDAR	431	431	134	134	110,520	110,520
CERRO GORDO	1,295	1,327	410	417	282,423	292,290
CHEROKEE	272	278	83	85	65,483	67,445
CHICKASAW	348	371	126	130	81,002	87,625
CLARKE	249	262	78	82	58,253	61,461
CLAY	386	396	123	126	89,102	92,287
CLAYTON	866	887	263	267	208,811	213,871
CLINTON	1,666	1,694	524	529	359,738	368,699
CRAWFORD	279	279	77	77	58,843	58,843
DALLAS	714	729	223	226	177,799	182,337
DAVIS	239	243	97	98	59,657	60,697
DECATUR	217	217	60	60	43,632	43,632
DELAWARE	472	485	157	160	117,185	121,135
DES MOINES	1,401	1,405	471	472	342,918	344,118
DICKINSON	247	251	86	87	64,256	65,456
DUBUQUE	2,250	2,329	817	833	519,739	542,624
EMMET	225	225	69	69	51,820	51,820
FAYETTE	805	816	284	286	189,258	191,541
FLOYD	389	400	129	131	78,871	82,160
FRANKLIN	240	260	71	75	57,906	64,672
FREMONT	106	106	37	37	25,348	25,348
GREENE	254	258	76	76	55,622	56,602
GRUNDY	195	195	66	66	51,278	51,278
GUTHRIE	163	170	51	53	35,061	36,989
HAMILTON	410	413	117	119	97,424	98,395
HANCOCK	146	162	44	48	35,537	40,413
HARDIN	666	677	193	194	143,774	144,901
HARRISON	241	241	66	66	55,082	55,082
HENRY	664	666	206	206	160,022	160,180
HOWARD	129	142	41	42	28,099	31,909
HUMBOLDT	154	173	43	45	30,798	32,585
IDA	97	107	28	29	22,037	24,645
IOWA	369	377	113	114	92,089	94,511
JACKSON	705	719	235	236	156,828	161,156
JASPER	1,401	1,420	395	396	376,252	380,520
JEFFERSON	699	703	265	265	177,975	178,223
JOHNSON	2,678	2,762	831	847	619,590	644,503

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	474	486	149	150	115,758	118,598
KEOKUK	322	322	117	117	76,610	76,610
KOSSUTH	298	306	86	87	74,407	76,469
LEE	1,745	1,760	563	568	438,290	442,049
LINN	6,137	6,246	1,988	2,005	1,519,949	1,549,338
LOUISA	260	260	80	80	67,032	67,032
LUCAS	340	344	119	120	76,361	77,434
LYON	82	82	23	23	17,598	17,598
MADISON	279	279	88	88	73,007	73,007
MAHASKA	596	619	195	197	125,363	132,205
MARION	565	603	180	185	138,911	149,141
MARSHALL	995	1,009	313	315	240,780	243,819
MILLS	229	235	66	66	49,291	50,887
MITCHELL	106	107	33	34	25,380	25,680
MONONA	267	277	80	82	61,023	63,809
MONROE	326	344	104	106	72,388	77,621
MONTGOMERY	272	276	119	119	58,762	59,678
MUSCATINE	843	881	274	285	203,593	214,608
O BRIEN	226	234	66	68	52,720	55,120
OSCEOLA	87	91	25	26	16,185	17,429
PAGE	276	295	92	93	63,264	66,914
PALO ALTO	152	152	52	52	35,450	35,450
PLYMOUTH	475	486	130	131	117,828	120,483
POCAHONTAS	162	170	50	52	37,888	39,524
POLK	9,566	9,751	2,935	2,968	2,431,852	2,479,935
POTTAWATTAMIE	1,533	1,553	444	450	347,608	353,917
POWESHIEK	415	419	122	123	98,948	99,797
RINGGOLD	122	122	40	40	28,769	28,769
SAC	189	193	57	58	40,270	41,470
SCOTT	3,987	4,031	1,201	1,211	931,025	946,316
SHELBY	225	225	61	61	43,948	43,948
SIOUX	402	406	116	116	79,833	80,758
STORY	997	1,048	312	318	238,534	251,735
TAMA	360	364	142	143	86,107	87,235
TAYLOR	84	90	29	30	17,079	18,987
UNION	387	396	111	112	90,598	93,044
VAN BUREN	198	202	81	82	48,499	49,507
WAPELLO	1,614	1,656	620	627	370,674	383,003
WARREN	718	728	234	235	179,136	181,392
WASHINGTON	676	676	218	218	183,562	183,562
WAYNE	119	134	37	39	28,542	31,594
WEBSTER	927	941	287	290	202,681	206,584
WINNEBAGO	111	111	36	36	25,520	25,520
WINNESHIEK	356	360	115	116	77,995	79,239
WOODBURY	3,010	3,076	941	952	700,854	718,533
WORTH	167	171	55	56	40,317	41,605
WRIGHT	371	371	111	111	86,323	86,323
INTERSTATE	2,827	2,856	879	884	743,176	750,098
GRAND TOTAL	78,366	79,998	25,228	25,516	18,787,630	19,232,530

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