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September Jobless Benefit Payments Increase

DES MOINES, IOWA -- Iowa jobless benefit payments for September 2004 totaled \$20.7 million for 23,393 claimants, analysts at the Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) said today.

The September 2004 total represented an increase of \$1.5 million from the August value of \$19.2 million for 25,516 jobless Iowans. An extra processing Wednesday accounted for the increase.

Current September benefit payments were slightly below the September 2003 total of \$20.9 million for 27,155 Jobless workers. Changes were small in all areas.

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 SEPTEMBER 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 | 2,817 | 2,872 | 860 | 872 | 733,766 | 749,903 |
| ADAIR | 206 | 206 | 59 | 59 | 45,204 | 45,204 |
| ADAMS | 75 | 75 | 22 | 22 | 17,174 | 17,174 |
| ALLAMAKEE | 302 | 311 | 86 | 87 | 71,626 | 74,449 |
| APPANOOSE | 412 | 427 | 118 | 122 | 95,548 | 99,942 |
| AUDUBON | 135 | 135 | 36 | 36 | 31,528 | 31,528 |
| BENTON | 639 | 645 | 177 | 177 | 167,279 | 168,545 |
| BLACK HAWK | 3,956 | 4,043 | 1,099 | 1,113 | 901,225 | 926,731 |
| BOONE | 437 | 452 | 139 | 140 | 99,428 | 102,562 |
| BREMER | 449 | 472 | 131 | 135 | 107,766 | 114,658 |
| BUCHANAN | 494 | 501 | 139 | 141 | 120,154 | 122,313 |
| BUENA VISTA | 398 | 407 | 122 | 125 | 90,087 | 92,494 |
| BUTLER | 324 | 324 | 85 | 85 | 71,798 | 71,798 |
| CALHOUN | 160 | 160 | 47 | 47 | 33,168 | 33,168 |
| CARROLL | 321 | 327 | 90 | 90 | 70,643 | 72,028 |
| CASS | 275 | 275 | 76 | 76 | 67,503 | 67,503 |
| CEDAR | 396 | 400 | 114 | 114 | 101,165 | 101,990 |
| CERRO GORDO | 1,290 | 1,322 | 359 | 365 | 290,257 | 300,033 |
| CHEROKEE | 344 | 354 | 93 | 95 | 86,025 | 89,164 |
| CHICKASAW | 327 | 345 | 91 | 95 | 72,086 | 77,435 |
| CLARKE | 280 | 292 | 70 | 73 | 69,499 | 72,113 |
| CLAY | 389 | 395 | 113 | 113 | 90,532 | 91,810 |
| CLAYTON | 984 | 1,006 | 266 | 270 | 238,565 | 244,606 |
| CLINTON | 1,762 | 1,781 | 528 | 532 | 389,905 | 396,298 |
| CRAWFORD | 246 | 246 | 78 | 78 | 60,976 | 60,976 |
| DALLAS | 767 | 775 | 198 | 200 | 195,871 | 198,403 |
| DAVIS | 331 | 334 | 105 | 106 | 86,882 | 87,577 |
| DECATUR | 175 | 179 | 53 | 53 | 39,882 | 40,337 |
| DELAWARE | 431 | 450 | 117 | 121 | 105,023 | 110,813 |
| DES MOINES | 1,582 | 1,598 | 491 | 494 | 376,852 | 379,500 |
| DICKINSON | 265 | 267 | 86 | 86 | 64,667 | 64,915 |
| DUBUQUE | 2,145 | 2,233 | 634 | 647 | 509,873 | 535,012 |
| EMMET | 232 | 232 | 67 | 67 | 53,532 | 53,532 |
| FAYETTE | 630 | 640 | 181 | 183 | 149,791 | 152,636 |
| FLOYD | 343 | 361 | 104 | 108 | 65,969 | 71,781 |
| FRANKLIN | 279 | 295 | 65 | 68 | 67,451 | 72,681 |
| FREMONT | 120 | 120 | 33 | 33 | 27,645 | 27,645 |
| GREENE | 211 | 212 | 65 | 66 | 45,655 | 45,823 |
| GRUNDY | 229 | 229 | 63 | 63 | 61,212 | 61,212 |
| GUTHRIE | 162 | 171 | 55 | 57 | 40,175 | 42,480 |
| HAMILTON | 426 | 436 | 104 | 106 | 102,653 | 105,958 |
| HANCOCK | 154 | 165 | 59 | 62 | 38,367 | 41,862 |
| HARDIN | 698 | 709 | 165 | 167 | 152,992 | 155,153 |
| HARRISON | 283 | 283 | 84 | 84 | 69,265 | 69,265 |
| HENRY | 664 | 664 | 202 | 202 | 163,938 | 163,938 |
| HOWARD | 158 | 173 | 46 | 48 | 34,678 | 39,235 |
| HUMBOLDT | 140 | 143 | 39 | 40 | 29,836 | 30,582 |
| IDA | 142 | 151 | 37 | 38 | 35,236 | 37,731 |
| IOWA | 314 | 324 | 86 | 87 | 79,580 | 82,625 |
| JACKSON | 663 | 678 | 206 | 207 | 151,587 | 156,122 |
| JASPER | 1,340 | 1,353 | 364 | 364 | 360,969 | 363,606 |
| JEFFERSON | 682 | 687 | 209 | 209 | 170,372 | 170,682 |
| JOHNSON | 2,570 | 2,721 | 697 | 723 | 622,623 | 666,785 |

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|----------------|---------|--------|--------------|--------|-----------------|------------|
| | UI | TOTAL | UI | TOTAL | UI | TOTAL |
| JONES | 525 | 540 | 137 | 139 | 135,261 | 138,382 |
| KEOKUK | 369 | 369 | 115 | 115 | 94,363 | 94,363 |
| KOSSUTH | 314 | 322 | 93 | 94 | 77,834 | 79,732 |
| LEE | 1,859 | 1,879 | 560 | 564 | 440,338 | 445,434 |
| LINN | 6,701 | 6,847 | 1,803 | 1,821 | 1,669,669 | 1,708,219 |
| LOUISA | 313 | 314 | 83 | 84 | 75,188 | 75,498 |
| LUCAS | 404 | 408 | 104 | 105 | 97,263 | 98,332 |
| LYON | 102 | 102 | 29 | 29 | 22,135 | 22,135 |
| MADISON | 303 | 303 | 93 | 93 | 79,094 | 79,094 |
| MAHASKA | 614 | 636 | 175 | 177 | 139,941 | 146,072 |
| MARION | 614 | 637 | 185 | 188 | 157,295 | 163,264 |
| MARSHALL | 1,476 | 1,491 | 357 | 359 | 377,938 | 380,990 |
| MILLS | 254 | 259 | 64 | 64 | 59,476 | 60,642 |
| MITCHELL | 168 | 177 | 46 | 48 | 40,170 | 42,880 |
| MONONA | 259 | 271 | 73 | 75 | 60,161 | 63,693 |
| MONROE | 391 | 408 | 103 | 105 | 86,824 | 91,405 |
| MONTGOMERY | 252 | 253 | 80 | 80 | 55,742 | 55,876 |
| MUSCATINE | 1,051 | 1,094 | 281 | 287 | 249,725 | 262,266 |
| O BRIEN | 237 | 242 | 70 | 71 | 56,542 | 58,042 |
| OSCEOLA | 72 | 76 | 24 | 25 | 11,843 | 13,087 |
| PAGE | 283 | 297 | 85 | 86 | 61,958 | 64,157 |
| PALO ALTO | 112 | 115 | 35 | 35 | 28,466 | 29,003 |
| PLYMOUTH | 534 | 539 | 153 | 154 | 141,577 | 142,478 |
| POCAHONTAS | 173 | 173 | 44 | 44 | 41,358 | 41,358 |
| POLK | 10,580 | 10,774 | 2,834 | 2,862 | 2,715,914 | 2,764,626 |
| POTTAWATTAMIE | 1,383 | 1,402 | 383 | 388 | 333,452 | 339,224 |
| POWESHIEK | 582 | 596 | 160 | 162 | 140,292 | 143,912 |
| RINGGOLD | 109 | 109 | 31 | 31 | 25,710 | 25,710 |
| SAC | 210 | 215 | 56 | 58 | 48,879 | 50,409 |
| SCOTT | 3,904 | 3,972 | 1,111 | 1,123 | 951,655 | 967,539 |
| SHELBY | 202 | 204 | 57 | 58 | 43,388 | 44,122 |
| SIOUX | 265 | 265 | 75 | 75 | 59,754 | 59,754 |
| STORY | 1,026 | 1,091 | 274 | 285 | 261,980 | 280,696 |
| TAMA | 884 | 897 | 217 | 218 | 241,683 | 245,840 |
| TAYLOR | 121 | 126 | 37 | 37 | 25,729 | 27,364 |
| UNION | 548 | 557 | 184 | 185 | 121,405 | 123,472 |
| VAN BUREN | 230 | 231 | 73 | 74 | 55,096 | 55,348 |
| WAPELLO | 1,963 | 2,016 | 612 | 620 | 490,474 | 505,570 |
| WARREN | 761 | 766 | 225 | 226 | 205,392 | 206,856 |
| WASHINGTON | 766 | 766 | 196 | 196 | 202,328 | 202,328 |
| WAYNE | 127 | 145 | 33 | 35 | 29,582 | 33,158 |
| WEBSTER | 885 | 901 | 227 | 231 | 203,370 | 208,447 |
| WINNEBAGO | 98 | 98 | 30 | 30 | 24,299 | 24,299 |
| WINNESHIEK | 296 | 297 | 91 | 92 | 65,284 | 65,595 |
| WOODBURY | 3,372 | 3,419 | 887 | 894 | 795,927 | 808,680 |
| WORTH | 187 | 192 | 49 | 50 | 44,439 | 46,049 |
| WRIGHT | 396 | 396 | 102 | 102 | 92,462 | 92,462 |
| INTERSTATE | 2,842 | 2,897 | 759 | 768 | 759,598 | 773,335 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 82,671 | 84,440 | 23,108 | 23,393 | 20,223,736 | 20,703,515 |

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