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October Jobless Claims Lower

DES MOINES, IOWA – Iowa jobless benefit payments for October 2004 totaled \$16.5 million for 21,050 claimants, analysts at the Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) said today.

The October 2004 total represented a decrease of \$4.2 million from the September value of \$20.7 million for 23,393 jobless Iowans. The loss of a processing Wednesday accounted for the decrease.

Current October benefit payments were down from the October 2003 value of \$24.1 million for 28,481 jobless workers. The decline over the year occurred mainly in the manufacturing and entertainment sectors.

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 OCTOBER 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	2,196	2,236	683	695	568,210	579,900
ADAIR	156	156	47	47	34,214	34,214
ADAMS	27	27	10	10	6,315	6,315
ALLAMAKEE	190	201	58	59	41,696	44,332
APPANOOSE	310	314	105	106	69,668	70,868
AUDUBON	97	97	31	31	24,388	24,388
BENTON	604	613	205	206	161,691	164,187
BLACK HAWK	3,020	3,093	933	949	696,053	716,739
BOONE	357	372	117	119	84,581	89,273
BREMER	347	364	105	110	87,039	92,095
BUCHANAN	341	353	117	119	80,621	84,313
BUENA VISTA	228	246	74	78	52,072	57,700
BUTLER	227	227	78	78	50,841	50,841
CALHOUN	117	119	38	39	26,287	26,989
CARROLL	162	169	46	48	37,287	39,747
CASS	197	197	62	62	50,890	50,890
CEDAR	363	370	115	116	94,495	95,935
CERRO GORDO	1,149	1,172	340	345	262,436	269,512
CHEROKEE	264	273	86	88	64,551	66,961
CHICKASAW	259	274	85	89	61,110	65,528
CLARKE	249	258	83	85	62,336	64,433
CLAY	343	365	117	118	77,875	80,777
CLAYTON	704	717	206	208	171,325	174,279
CLINTON	1,262	1,283	429	433	280,522	286,889
CRAWFORD	144	144	48	48	37,802	37,802
DALLAS	621	626	191	192	166,000	167,624
DAVIS	162	162	50	50	40,032	40,032
DECATUR	138	142	39	39	29,771	30,179
DELAWARE	344	364	117	121	82,704	88,499
DES MOINES	1,111	1,119	347	350	256,174	258,788
DICKINSON	338	343	114	115	76,031	77,126
DUBUQUE	1,712	1,791	557	569	402,758	425,547
EMMET	171	171	67	67	38,061	38,061
FAYETTE	455	463	144	146	109,405	111,845
FLOYD	256	270	79	83	54,183	58,423
FRANKLIN	236	244	76	78	60,164	62,924
FREMONT	81	81	23	23	17,292	17,292
GREENE	136	139	47	47	30,393	31,284
GRUNDY	160	160	48	48	43,207	43,207
GUTHRIE	117	125	42	45	29,982	32,360
HAMILTON	406	415	144	146	97,378	100,332
HANCOCK	255	263	68	70	70,362	72,784
HARDIN	514	520	154	156	113,445	114,856
HARRISON	248	249	76	77	59,989	60,370
HENRY	465	465	164	164	110,594	110,594
HOWARD	122	135	33	35	27,882	31,858
HUMBOLDT	138	143	48	49	30,884	32,057
IDA	124	130	36	36	31,058	32,845
IOWA	380	385	128	129	103,396	104,971
JACKSON	523	538	182	184	116,746	121,390
JASPER	1,520	1,534	457	457	416,824	418,492
JEFFERSON	398	402	134	134	97,358	97,606
JOHNSON	2,040	2,183	677	707	499,540	541,211

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	407	417	161	163	100,185	102,124
KEOKUK	213	224	70	71	49,496	50,255
KOSSUTH	572	574	277	277	165,297	165,590
LEE	1,035	1,051	334	337	227,911	233,910
LINN	6,154	6,278	1,868	1,888	1,590,961	1,624,490
LOUISA	189	196	60	61	46,776	48,401
LUCAS	353	359	104	105	88,180	90,040
LYON	73	73	26	26	16,091	16,091
MADISON	252	257	86	87	68,016	68,521
MAHASKA	463	479	139	141	103,542	108,014
MARION	526	538	161	162	134,229	137,573
MARSHALL	1,173	1,184	349	352	294,995	297,803
MILLS	218	222	60	60	55,294	56,282
MITCHELL	111	123	32	36	27,175	31,078
MONONA	192	198	60	62	46,056	48,496
MONROE	206	218	75	76	45,133	47,973
MONTGOMERY	172	172	51	51	39,939	39,939
MUSCATINE	758	800	258	267	179,684	192,176
O BRIEN	169	173	54	55	38,234	39,434
OSCEOLA	56	60	16	17	10,923	12,167
PAGE	174	181	51	52	37,806	38,824
PALO ALTO	130	134	43	43	32,483	33,199
PLYMOUTH	464	468	146	147	125,866	126,684
POCAHONTAS	133	133	39	39	32,350	32,350
POLK	8,535	8,683	2,698	2,726	2,187,581	2,227,044
POTTAWATTAMIE	1,101	1,119	317	322	267,796	273,170
POWESHIEK	496	507	156	157	121,541	123,837
RINGGOLD	77	77	24	24	18,124	18,124
SAC	138	143	44	45	30,931	32,481
SCOTT	3,088	3,143	970	979	762,891	775,854
SHELBY	104	108	32	33	24,858	26,382
SIOUX	192	194	62	62	43,264	43,920
STORY	780	843	245	258	194,167	212,655
TAMA	730	734	211	211	206,749	207,937
TAYLOR	82	82	25	25	18,965	18,965
UNION	297	304	97	98	70,557	72,563
VAN BUREN	140	140	48	48	32,207	32,207
WAPELLO	1,089	1,113	359	366	255,516	262,954
WARREN	686	688	229	230	180,285	180,719
WASHINGTON	550	555	177	178	143,838	145,433
WAYNE	214	228	86	88	51,193	54,062
WEBSTER	779	799	281	286	184,346	190,625
WINNEBAGO	95	97	30	30	21,121	21,735
WINNESHIEK	251	251	80	80	55,868	55,868
WOODBURY	2,529	2,574	765	774	603,922	616,992
WORTH	156	160	49	50	37,090	38,378
WRIGHT	235	239	87	87	54,037	55,125
INTERSTATE	2,270	2,315	704	715	609,907	622,001
GRAND TOTAL	65,291	66,810	20,756	21,050	16,129,294	16,547,910

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