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## **November Jobless Claims Inches Higher**

**DES MOINES, IOWA** – Iowa unemployment insurance benefit payments for November 2004 totaled \$17.3 million for 22,970 claimants, analysts at the Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) said today.

The November total represented an increase of \$0.8 million from the October 2004 value of \$16.5 million for 21,050 jobless Iowans. Construction claims were seasonally higher.

The current benefit payments are down from the November 2003 total of \$ 21.3 million for 29,530 unemployed workers. The decline was concentrated in the manufacturing and the 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.

Services, in most instances, are provided at no charge or for a nominal charge to the customer.

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## IOWA JOBLESS BENEFITS NOVEMBER 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	2,332	2,392	758	766	593,522	614,061
ADAIR	169	169	53	53	38,296	38,296
ADAMS	56	60	20	21	13,061	14,465
ALLAMAKEE	190	203	69	71	45,870	48,081
APPANOOSE	280	284	101	102	67,430	68,630
AUDUBON	116	118	39	40	29,518	30,138
BENTON	617	625	225	226	158,785	161,082
BLACK HAWK	3,277	3,341	1,028	1,040	753,230	770,788
BOONE	480	496	172	173	112,891	117,078
BREMER	416	422	138	140	104,263	106,063
BUCHANAN	449	461	146	148	105,526	109,232
BUENA VISTA	267	281	97	102	68,007	72,419
BUTLER	315	315	108	108	70,957	70,957
CALHOUN	134	134	47	47	32,308	32,308
CARROLL	160	168	56	58	36,284	38,414
CASS	295	295	90	90	74,119	74,119
CEDAR	360	373	123	125	90,231	93,250
CERRO GORDO	1,250	1,272	403	408	290,915	297,795
CHEROKEE	315	322	108	110	78,656	80,609
CHICKASAW	323	333	101	104	75,768	78,688
CLARKE	301	309	92	94	73,782	75,519
CLAY	381	397	156	157	89,765	92,376
CLAYTON	801	816	273	275	195,009	198,532
CLINTON	1,370	1,400	452	455	311,431	320,494
CRAWFORD	192	192	65	65	47,168	47,168
DALLAS	647	651	213	214	177,754	179,042
DAVIS	242	242	110	110	64,783	64,783
DECATUR	145	149	47	47	34,522	34,930
DELAWARE	386	400	164	168	94,967	99,118
DES MOINES	1,150	1,176	380	382	263,398	270,496
DICKINSON	505	509	231	231	113,449	114,109
DUBUQUE	2,003	2,062	746	755	484,052	500,992
EMMET	180	181	82	82	44,359	44,659
FAYETTE	515	524	167	169	117,734	120,273
FLOYD	305	320	101	104	66,999	71,515
FRANKLIN	207	215	59	61	53,528	56,288
FREMONT	88	88	27	27	20,147	20,147
GREENE	190	199	58	58	40,961	43,178
GRUNDY	193	199	65	65	49,047	49,678
GUTHRIE	126	127	44	45	34,464	34,616
HAMILTON	478	487	154	157	116,041	118,995
HANCOCK	245	247	75	77	67,246	67,885
HARDIN	470	471	147	148	106,833	107,167
HARRISON	268	272	74	75	61,811	63,335
HENRY	644	647	244	245	157,280	157,686
HOWARD	142	152	45	47	31,955	35,013
HUMBOLDT	111	113	34	35	26,722	27,342
IDA	128	132	45	45	29,513	30,693
IOWA	414	422	133	135	111,356	113,932
JACKSON	630	643	225	227	140,521	144,737
JASPER	1,320	1,328	441	441	357,605	359,164
JEFFERSON	391	395	146	146	98,738	98,986
JOHNSON	1,979	2,111	666	693	499,209	536,904

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	403	409	137	139	99,433	100,536
KEOKUK	261	265	94	95	63,442	63,718
KOSSUTH	232	232	83	83	57,124	57,124
LEE	1,006	1,016	343	345	228,946	231,636
LINN	5,644	5,790	1,889	1,912	1,430,094	1,469,623
LOUISA	263	278	94	96	63,273	67,118
LUCAS	342	346	110	111	82,364	83,604
LYON	100	100	27	27	22,657	22,657
MADISON	242	245	87	88	67,979	68,282
MAHASKA	448	458	151	154	105,677	108,208
MARION	559	578	184	187	141,483	147,110
MARSHALL	1,311	1,324	396	398	340,737	344,954
MILLS	190	194	59	59	47,661	48,650
MITCHELL	134	144	39	42	34,112	37,069
MONONA	176	186	59	61	41,594	43,738
MONROE	165	173	67	68	42,875	44,685
MONTGOMERY	163	163	56	56	35,657	35,657
MUSCATINE	788	832	263	272	183,791	197,314
O BRIEN	171	171	57	57	39,804	39,804
OSCEOLA	81	83	29	30	18,113	18,735
PAGE	183	187	56	57	41,773	42,422
PALO ALTO	125	126	49	50	30,679	30,803
PLYMOUTH	470	476	150	150	123,112	124,713
POCAHONTAS	126	132	37	38	29,731	31,561
POLK	8,780	8,915	2,835	2,862	2,250,527	2,286,144
POTTAWATTAMIE	1,096	1,152	325	333	265,779	282,195
POWESHIEK	515	526	160	161	129,298	131,690
RINGGOLD	66	66	21	21	15,202	15,202
SAC	140	145	44	45	32,841	33,982
SCOTT	3,195	3,243	991	1,001	781,681	793,169
SHELBY	164	173	51	52	41,035	44,379
SIOUX	206	206	68	68	49,214	49,214
STORY	821	887	250	262	202,659	222,191
TAMA	804	809	232	233	222,058	223,556
TAYLOR	99	102	31	32	25,073	26,075
UNION	324	329	107	108	77,889	79,308
VAN BUREN	177	180	73	74	44,785	45,751
WAPELLO	1,181	1,214	458	466	282,555	292,717
WARREN	690	690	234	234	179,944	179,944
WASHINGTON	525	531	197	198	133,914	135,818
WAYNE	163	175	69	70	39,690	41,786
WEBSTER	988	1,002	306	310	249,120	253,356
WINNEBAGO	101	103	35	35	23,473	24,087
WINNESHIEK	366	369	126	127	82,175	83,075
WOODBURY	2,562	2,627	804	812	610,998	629,668
WORTH	185	197	53	55	43,221	46,989
WRIGHT	267	271	87	87	67,640	68,728
INTERSTATE	2,501	2,548	768	782	656,567	669,310
GRAND TOTAL	68,447	70,008	22,684	22,970	16,901,233	17,334,278

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