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Unemployment Insurance Benefits Total \$317.6 Million in 2004

DES MOINES, IOWA – Unemployment Insurance (UI) payments made to eligible Iowans decreased by nearly \$70 million between 2004 and 2003, Iowa Workforce Development reported today.

Benefits for 2004 totaled \$317.6 million for 118,828 claimants and 1,278,310 weeks of unemployment.

Benefits for 2003 totaled \$385.8 million for 142,978 claimants and 1,571,540 weeks of unemployment. The reduction in claims that began in the fourth quarter of 2003 continued throughout all of 2004. The sharpest declines occurred in construction, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality.

The average weekly benefit amount for regular UI increased slightly from \$248.94 for 2003 to \$249.39 for 2004. This represents the smallest increase in over fifteen years.

The Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program was phased out during 2004. This program provided up to 13 weeks of additional benefits to claimants who exhausted their regular unemployment insurance benefits. Since March 2002, the TEUC program provided 60,499 workers and their families with \$148.5 million in benefits.

“Iowans have relied on the Unemployment Insurance program to sustain them through this long and difficult recovery following the 2001 recession.” states Richard Running, Director of Iowa Workforce Development. “The UI program also helps to retain a trained and skilled workforce in Iowa and to stimulate the state’s economy,” he said.

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IOWA JOBLESS BENEFITS CALENDER YEAR 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	43,469	44,170	4,605	4,654	11,405,762	11,615,663
ADAIR	3,243	3,250	312	313	783,998	785,767
ADAMS	1,677	1,708	163	165	398,707	407,158
ALLAMAKEE	8,438	8,691	779	788	2,097,133	2,157,873
APPANOOSE	6,199	6,321	633	639	1,464,211	1,496,714
AUDUBON	2,346	2,352	208	209	559,035	560,895
BENTON	11,270	11,426	1,080	1,087	2,927,662	2,967,067
BLACK HAWK	56,123	57,105	5,104	5,149	13,325,751	13,595,004
BOONE	7,662	7,939	839	852	1,794,097	1,870,392
BREMER	8,391	8,515	825	833	2,123,600	2,159,148
BUCHANAN	8,736	8,887	885	892	2,207,024	2,251,894
BUENA VISTA	6,231	6,399	657	664	1,458,183	1,502,489
BUTLER	6,526	6,586	700	704	1,608,178	1,626,007
CALHOUN	3,111	3,145	273	275	754,153	763,472
CARROLL	4,777	4,845	421	423	1,113,386	1,131,013
CASS	6,566	6,585	661	665	1,651,044	1,656,012
CEDAR	6,937	7,051	602	608	1,784,282	1,812,176
CERRO GORDO	21,454	21,760	2,103	2,120	4,880,068	4,972,948
CHEROKEE	4,795	4,839	528	530	1,210,297	1,223,373
CHICKASAW	8,336	8,498	751	758	2,043,984	2,088,892
CLARKE	5,561	5,700	534	539	1,440,377	1,474,260
CLAY	7,128	7,278	729	736	1,706,361	1,742,070
CLAYTON	14,167	14,418	1,189	1,201	3,619,995	3,687,399
CLINTON	23,864	24,092	2,161	2,178	5,399,592	5,470,511
CRAWFORD	4,735	4,815	435	440	1,162,252	1,182,096
DALLAS	11,495	11,640	1,092	1,101	3,054,256	3,094,944
DAVIS	3,790	3,868	426	429	954,196	971,068
DECATUR	3,395	3,423	294	295	791,377	794,423
DELAWARE	9,139	9,268	979	990	2,366,340	2,405,320
DES MOINES	22,181	22,328	2,112	2,119	5,458,496	5,492,094
DICKINSON	8,398	8,459	985	987	2,045,662	2,054,537
DUBUQUE	40,159	40,906	4,119	4,152	9,709,776	9,916,206
EMMET	4,692	4,767	546	548	1,117,984	1,134,232
FAYETTE	11,387	11,571	1,128	1,140	2,717,855	2,760,943
FLOYD	9,077	9,246	1,025	1,032	1,973,531	2,025,109
FRANKLIN	4,232	4,363	403	410	1,037,344	1,077,321
FREMONT	1,517	1,522	141	142	355,547	356,969
GREENE	3,615	3,663	371	371	884,565	895,743
GRUNDY	3,413	3,453	358	359	879,498	887,070
GUTHRIE	3,420	3,483	328	332	860,005	876,552
HAMILTON	5,897	5,962	566	570	1,422,846	1,441,833
HANCOCK	3,237	3,368	574	581	803,870	842,786
HARDIN	9,461	9,547	744	750	2,222,779	2,240,494
HARRISON	4,142	4,171	370	373	1,000,915	1,010,083
HENRY	10,796	10,837	1,105	1,105	2,796,658	2,801,397
HOWARD	3,116	3,246	274	280	790,630	828,331
HUMBOLDT	3,037	3,125	265	269	722,628	740,932
IDA	2,682	2,790	219	220	693,742	720,940
IOWA	6,512	6,577	694	697	1,591,743	1,610,666
JACKSON	12,757	12,914	1,259	1,269	3,017,777	3,065,472
JASPER	20,589	20,832	1,617	1,627	5,471,792	5,525,591
JEFFERSON	7,533	7,570	753	754	1,853,061	1,857,359
JOHNSON	33,527	34,691	3,151	3,203	8,114,587	8,436,665

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	9,540	9,669	919	925	2,420,150	2,448,395
KEOKUK	5,294	5,374	543	545	1,349,581	1,363,962
KOSSUTH	6,401	6,563	818	824	1,634,132	1,677,534
LEE	22,114	22,261	2,135	2,144	5,414,491	5,449,789
LINN	96,705	97,993	8,609	8,667	24,456,595	24,794,039
LOUISA	4,888	4,955	472	475	1,272,793	1,291,121
LUCAS	5,017	5,099	392	395	1,193,807	1,215,241
LYON	2,126	2,126	182	182	532,508	532,508
MADISON	5,859	5,907	597	600	1,606,595	1,618,220
MAHASKA	8,623	8,794	893	900	2,013,657	2,061,739
MARION	11,272	11,624	960	976	2,805,086	2,900,786
MARSHALL	17,329	17,547	1,527	1,536	4,439,138	4,494,902
MILLS	2,954	3,028	277	279	697,118	717,690
MITCHELL	2,547	2,639	277	282	614,810	639,610
MONONA	4,680	4,805	372	377	1,160,795	1,196,301
MONROE	3,816	3,929	322	326	932,468	962,883
MONTGOMERY	4,727	4,743	614	616	1,019,720	1,023,387
MUSCATINE	16,652	17,003	1,608	1,624	4,089,866	4,190,208
O BRIEN	3,962	4,034	384	387	988,560	1,009,910
OSCEOLA	1,623	1,663	163	164	362,220	372,929
PAGE	4,212	4,330	453	457	940,342	969,036
PALO ALTO	2,962	3,023	394	397	702,454	719,430
PLYMOUTH	8,341	8,449	741	745	2,087,904	2,114,506
POCAHONTAS	3,197	3,268	238	241	806,313	821,138
POLK	149,370	151,201	13,190	13,288	38,470,650	38,946,552
POTTAWATTAMIE	21,462	21,754	1,895	1,916	5,164,521	5,249,642
POWESHIEK	8,816	8,930	926	931	2,254,458	2,281,948
RINGGOLD	2,067	2,086	157	158	528,173	534,614
SAC	3,725	3,774	361	364	893,415	907,909
SCOTT	58,644	59,187	4,870	4,902	13,999,765	14,145,361
SHELBY	4,099	4,132	353	357	981,187	992,147
SIoux	7,282	7,312	610	612	1,780,236	1,788,349
STORY	13,734	14,370	1,311	1,346	3,430,179	3,606,666
TAMA	8,436	8,527	810	818	2,305,583	2,331,496
TAYLOR	2,103	2,176	217	219	479,740	501,245
UNION	7,257	7,363	685	692	1,731,383	1,757,816
VAN BUREN	3,734	3,764	521	523	944,357	952,237
WAPELLO	20,723	21,056	1,936	1,951	4,826,133	4,923,860
WARREN	12,724	12,855	1,195	1,203	3,381,387	3,414,490
WASHINGTON	10,869	10,885	897	898	2,924,774	2,929,818
WAYNE	2,159	2,250	242	244	515,927	535,747
WEBSTER	15,013	15,274	1,338	1,349	3,652,399	3,727,219
WINNEBAGO	2,348	2,403	479	482	539,901	549,453
WINNESHIEK	9,635	9,708	804	808	2,455,493	2,474,112
WOODBURY	43,258	43,940	3,585	3,622	10,475,454	10,658,367
WORTH	3,005	3,044	340	342	730,482	742,569
WRIGHT	5,402	5,443	496	498	1,297,986	1,308,070
INTERSTATE	43,602	44,085	3,693	3,714	11,561,241	11,681,555
GRAND TOTAL	1,259,246	1,278,310	117,876	118,828	312,494,523	317,591,876

UI BENEFITS ARE PAID UNDER THE IOWA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM. FEDERAL BENEFITS ARE PAID UNDER THE PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SERVICE PERSONNEL. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UI VALUE AND THE TOTAL VALUE IS THE FEDERAL VALUE. OUT OF STATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN IOWA. INTERSTATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN OTHER STATES.

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NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
OUT OF STATE	27,632	28,226	2,849	2,896	6,782,722	6,937,053
ADAIR	1,236	1,236	123	123	292,712	292,712
ADAMS	897	915	86	87	209,094	210,568
ALLAMAKEE	2,438	2,465	241	243	535,934	541,459
APPANOOSE	3,016	3,032	310	312	670,736	674,480
AUDUBON	742	742	74	74	161,887	161,887
BENTON	6,009	6,035	562	563	1,525,627	1,529,895
BLACK HAWK	28,001	28,299	2,751	2,765	6,279,562	6,346,724
BOONE	3,560	3,583	354	356	862,564	869,265
BREMER	3,197	3,252	316	320	760,870	772,744
BUCHANAN	3,885	3,912	393	395	910,960	919,116
BUENA VISTA	2,208	2,225	221	223	508,779	512,067
BUTLER	3,082	3,102	310	310	697,071	700,108
CALHOUN	1,366	1,369	137	137	331,130	331,787
CARROLL	2,438	2,464	230	232	580,427	588,045
CASS	3,252	3,252	317	317	747,840	747,840
CEDAR	2,363	2,400	233	237	583,082	591,778
CERRO GORDO	9,940	10,064	923	928	2,170,604	2,195,617
CHEROKEE	2,074	2,116	193	193	464,285	469,975
CHICKASAW	3,028	3,045	304	306	707,250	712,126
CLARKE	4,006	4,053	347	348	1,050,507	1,060,383
CLAY	3,522	3,537	342	343	789,202	792,715
CLAYTON	3,736	3,776	376	380	826,221	834,898
CLINTON	13,517	13,636	1,273	1,279	3,036,510	3,059,670
CRAWFORD	2,582	2,598	259	260	610,928	612,449
DALLAS	5,249	5,281	518	521	1,353,491	1,360,173
DAVIS	1,687	1,707	160	161	377,207	381,384
DECATUR	1,930	1,961	183	185	484,148	491,757
DELAWARE	5,518	5,527	413	413	1,362,027	1,362,203
DES MOINES	13,996	14,095	1,313	1,315	3,251,286	3,267,199
DICKINSON	2,505	2,518	293	294	567,229	571,168
DUBUQUE	15,513	15,674	1,507	1,515	3,482,273	3,520,304
EMMET	2,066	2,079	211	212	453,137	455,516
FAYETTE	4,476	4,538	456	461	999,038	1,012,665
FLOYD	3,532	3,556	364	364	735,810	738,426
FRANKLIN	1,929	1,955	197	199	456,746	463,742
FREMONT	623	623	68	68	148,832	148,832
GREENE	1,167	1,167	126	126	270,402	270,402
GRUNDY	1,275	1,298	143	144	314,385	318,741
GUTHRIE	1,760	1,760	179	179	437,658	437,658
HAMILTON	2,910	2,945	278	280	643,280	652,841
HANCOCK	1,310	1,310	134	134	304,637	304,637
HARDIN	4,232	4,252	403	404	1,008,397	1,013,130
HARRISON	2,190	2,224	220	222	480,364	489,433
HENRY	5,696	5,722	528	530	1,454,114	1,458,902
HOWARD	1,232	1,243	131	132	278,011	281,075
HUMBOLDT	1,597	1,610	157	157	355,148	356,296
IDA	821	846	90	93	187,636	191,657
IOWA	2,013	2,046	192	194	492,817	498,794
JACKSON	6,577	6,627	579	583	1,474,273	1,488,871
JASPER	8,517	8,557	808	811	2,086,802	2,090,352
JEFFERSON	5,354	5,365	499	500	1,307,581	1,310,694
JOHNSON	12,867	13,232	1,253	1,276	3,086,156	3,171,484

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	4,640	4,673	458	460	1,120,260	1,126,980
KEOKUK	1,965	1,965	199	199	457,879	457,879
KOSSUTH	2,232	2,258	236	238	482,753	490,345
LEE	14,503	14,586	1,375	1,380	3,286,500	3,305,852
LINN	55,504	55,849	4,964	4,984	13,825,300	13,902,508
LOUISA	2,091	2,124	226	229	504,233	514,741
LUCAS	2,543	2,550	231	231	568,982	569,668
LYON	1,920	1,920	172	172	414,084	414,084
MADISON	2,388	2,392	234	235	618,700	619,868
MAHASKA	4,913	4,953	489	492	1,141,601	1,152,953
MARION	6,699	6,810	658	663	1,562,886	1,587,800
MARSHALL	8,963	9,018	988	991	2,152,723	2,161,754
MILLS	1,106	1,126	123	124	244,421	248,859
MITCHELL	1,241	1,263	110	113	280,776	286,099
MONONA	1,536	1,556	158	159	352,801	355,432
MONROE	1,692	1,718	168	170	383,162	391,118
MONTGOMERY	2,549	2,575	264	265	518,953	523,080
MUSCATINE	7,552	7,643	758	764	1,715,349	1,730,072
O BRIEN	1,826	1,838	180	181	433,414	434,574
OSCEOLA	614	614	63	63	144,700	144,700
PAGE	3,316	3,338	311	313	689,959	697,051
PALO ALTO	1,225	1,247	125	127	274,472	280,399
PLYMOUTH	3,571	3,640	359	364	804,141	823,845
POCAHONTAS	1,755	1,755	180	180	410,436	410,436
POLK	80,265	81,129	7,609	7,653	19,936,185	20,127,985
POTTAWATTAMIE	9,752	9,911	951	964	2,251,029	2,289,416
POWESHIEK	3,652	3,674	367	367	885,907	886,178
RINGGOLD	927	927	78	78	210,065	210,065
SAC	1,517	1,524	156	157	333,380	333,855
SCOTT	29,800	30,005	2,862	2,874	6,831,812	6,874,285
SHELBY	1,194	1,212	131	132	253,948	256,883
SIOUX	2,967	2,984	283	284	658,350	662,608
STORY	6,705	6,882	671	681	1,626,578	1,667,832
TAMA	4,661	4,681	678	680	1,122,481	1,127,811
TAYLOR	1,243	1,266	114	116	284,002	289,765
UNION	3,446	3,483	304	307	825,317	835,176
VAN BUREN	1,924	1,924	190	190	483,252	483,252
WAPELLO	11,159	11,206	1,066	1,069	2,537,228	2,548,650
WARREN	6,331	6,352	594	596	1,639,080	1,643,157
WASHINGTON	2,990	3,003	299	300	702,707	706,256
WAYNE	1,063	1,076	106	107	224,643	228,582
WEBSTER	7,671	7,774	769	776	1,697,339	1,714,702
WINNEBAGO	1,380	1,412	144	145	289,832	295,848
WINESHIEK	3,714	3,758	292	295	857,875	867,404
WOODBURY	19,208	19,391	1,892	1,903	4,516,219	4,554,541
WORTH	1,463	1,477	142	143	334,573	338,369
WRIGHT	2,525	2,580	255	258	550,312	560,042
INTERSTATE	22,679	22,865	2,213	2,226	5,717,314	5,761,713
GRAND TOTAL	620,849	626,959	60,122	60,498	147,107,303	148,468,171

EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION - UI PAYMENTS ARE PAID TO CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE IOWA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM AND APPLICABLE EXTENDED BENEFITS. FEDERAL BENEFITS ARE PAID TO CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE PROGRAMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SERVICE PERSONNEL. OUT OF STATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN IOWA. INTERSTATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN OTHER STATES.