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January Jobless Claims Seasonally Higher

DES MOINES, IOWA – Iowa unemployment insurance benefit payments for January 2005 totaled \$38.8 million for 52,148 claimants, analysts at the Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) said today.

The January 2005 total represented an increase of \$9.3 million from the December 2004 value of \$29.5 million for 34,459 jobless Iowans. Construction was higher as outdoor activity slowed for the winter. Jobless claims were generally stable in the remaining groups.

The current January 2005 benefit payments were below the January 2004 total of \$40.4 million for 51,993 unemployed workers. There were small changes in many of the groups.

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 JANUARY 2005

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	5,291	5,383	1,838	1,857	1,428,563	1,454,952
ADAIR	447	447	175	175	114,338	114,338
ADAMS	220	230	79	82	50,710	53,460
ALLAMAKEE	1,174	1,201	488	493	320,527	327,157
APPANOOSE	704	704	269	269	171,779	171,779
AUDUBON	309	315	112	113	79,236	80,898
BENTON	1,660	1,679	629	631	434,365	439,000
BLACK HAWK	6,963	7,039	2,869	2,884	1,776,538	1,796,567
BOONE	931	958	286	291	244,180	252,492
BREMER	1,086	1,093	416	418	288,022	290,152
BUCHANAN	1,359	1,381	570	574	370,587	376,909
BUENA VISTA	675	681	275	278	171,294	172,940
BUTLER	1,160	1,167	440	442	307,014	308,985
CALHOUN	341	341	101	101	85,794	85,794
CARROLL	436	446	131	133	113,442	115,611
CASS	1,076	1,081	438	439	285,541	287,091
CEDAR	716	732	236	240	191,747	195,758
CERRO GORDO	2,410	2,427	938	942	594,406	599,628
CHEROKEE	915	917	355	356	255,663	256,170
CHICKASAW	1,017	1,024	397	401	275,082	277,070
CLARKE	693	702	241	243	188,225	189,837
CLAY	880	897	320	322	224,881	227,660
CLAYTON	2,069	2,115	693	699	557,125	569,803
CLINTON	2,350	2,392	776	785	557,451	571,273
CRAWFORD	808	814	332	332	218,752	219,908
DALLAS	1,390	1,416	443	446	393,561	400,393
DAVIS	395	395	150	150	105,790	105,790
DECATUR	384	391	133	133	99,550	99,901
DELAWARE	1,231	1,256	442	447	334,581	342,229
DES MOINES	2,505	2,512	807	809	642,395	644,275
DICKINSON	1,794	1,802	646	647	467,687	468,464
DUBUQUE	5,716	5,769	1,940	1,950	1,506,214	1,520,833
EMMET	791	795	283	283	214,391	215,591
FAYETTE	1,682	1,700	677	681	426,809	431,823
FLOYD	1,297	1,312	615	618	329,748	334,113
FRANKLIN	592	592	244	244	158,636	158,636
FREMONT	202	205	64	65	51,842	52,687
GREENE	428	432	139	139	112,178	112,910
GRUNDY	445	452	166	167	121,528	122,914
GUTHRIE	413	413	133	133	117,851	117,851
HAMILTON	587	609	188	192	140,915	147,106
HANCOCK	972	978	635	638	263,197	265,210
HARDIN	888	889	274	275	221,909	222,243
HARRISON	574	578	177	178	143,141	144,429
HENRY	862	871	328	330	227,454	229,432
HOWARD	466	474	138	140	128,082	130,522
HUMBOLDT	339	339	105	105	92,332	92,332
IDA	331	332	105	106	92,507	92,752
IOWA	1,121	1,123	476	477	280,124	280,460
JACKSON	1,561	1,579	522	526	399,498	404,207
JASPER	1,867	1,878	611	613	499,823	502,873
JEFFERSON	610	610	221	221	151,404	151,404
JOHNSON	3,129	3,225	1,115	1,139	793,748	819,909

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	1,171	1,189	410	414	313,633	317,590
KEOKUK	715	718	264	265	190,333	190,540
KOSSUTH	986	995	478	481	262,540	265,330
LEE	2,058	2,071	744	747	499,722	503,084
LINN	9,702	9,815	3,434	3,458	2,493,161	2,522,584
LOUISA	588	601	208	210	152,846	156,327
LUCAS	568	572	186	187	144,536	145,776
LYON	240	240	69	69	65,811	65,811
MADISON	948	953	312	314	278,296	278,975
MAHASKA	957	974	372	376	245,814	250,029
MARION	1,267	1,300	403	409	341,975	351,366
MARSHALL	2,375	2,384	715	717	669,895	672,605
MILLS	286	286	100	100	76,650	76,650
MITCHELL	440	450	192	195	116,989	120,065
MONONA	506	514	163	164	137,016	138,918
MONROE	349	356	120	121	93,615	94,972
MONTGOMERY	535	537	241	241	121,164	121,551
MUSCATINE	1,631	1,681	560	570	398,540	412,093
O BRIEN	618	626	199	199	162,702	164,446
OSCEOLA	287	287	97	97	76,248	76,248
PAGE	401	401	161	161	92,183	92,183
PALO ALTO	419	421	181	182	104,880	105,240
PLYMOUTH	810	830	308	310	207,095	212,967
POCAHONTAS	221	225	70	71	55,013	56,253
POLK	16,136	16,357	5,127	5,167	4,342,216	4,396,823
POTTAWATTAMIE	2,299	2,329	771	778	567,032	575,169
POWESHIEK	1,300	1,311	483	486	342,218	345,672
RINGGOLD	241	241	76	76	63,380	63,380
SAC	469	478	144	146	126,085	128,875
SCOTT	5,935	6,012	1,840	1,854	1,460,105	1,480,781
SHELBY	543	548	168	168	147,417	149,105
SIOUX	1,052	1,052	328	328	281,078	281,078
STORY	1,535	1,607	490	501	397,080	418,503
TAMA	1,409	1,417	439	440	408,253	410,681
TAYLOR	204	210	100	102	47,093	49,097
UNION	915	919	403	404	233,187	234,424
VAN BUREN	523	523	230	231	144,193	144,233
WAPELLO	1,824	1,845	576	584	461,273	468,326
WARREN	1,558	1,571	508	509	438,463	442,121
WASHINGTON	1,016	1,028	364	365	278,595	281,521
WAYNE	283	287	113	113	69,642	70,170
WEBSTER	1,431	1,458	437	444	363,742	371,725
WINNEBAGO	690	693	555	556	185,946	186,704
WINNESHIEK	1,517	1,518	461	461	416,737	417,420
WOODBURY	4,331	4,398	1,326	1,337	1,095,132	1,113,204
WORTH	475	481	216	217	124,428	126,274
WRIGHT	661	661	252	252	166,290	166,290
INTERSTATE	4,005	4,044	1,211	1,219	1,065,804	1,077,070
GRAND TOTAL	146,692	148,507	51,786	52,148	38,348,200	38,836,768

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