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Jobless Benefits Lower in 2005

DES MOINES, IOWA – Iowa unemployment insurance benefits payments made to eligible Iowans decreased by about \$16 million between 2005 and 2004, analysts at the Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) said today.

Jobless benefits for 2005 totaled \$301.7 Million for 116,398 claimants and 1,166,350 weeks of unemployment. This compares to \$317.6 Million for 118,828 claimants and 1,278,310 weeks of unemployment in 2004. The stronger economy in the state allowed most groups to report lower benefit payouts during the year. However stormy weather in December pushed construction claims upward and 4th quarter softness in the financial sectors caused this area to inch higher.

The average weekly benefit amount for a regular unemployment insurance claimant in 2005 was \$259.57, which compares to \$249.39 in 2004.

The maximum duration of UI benefits in Iowa is 26 weeks. In the case of a plant closing, maximum duration is extended to 39 weeks. The average duration for 2005 was about 12.5 weeks.

STATE OF IOWA BENEFITS BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY	2005	2004	2005 - 2004	
			Number	% Change
AGRICULTURE	\$1,725,085	\$2,313,985	-\$588,900	-25.4%
MINING	2,025,733	2,318,574	-292,841	-12.6%
UTILITIES	896,609	883,196	13,413	1.5%
CONSTRUCTION	71,714,601	70,871,455	843,146	1.2%
MANUFACTURING	70,717,922	74,149,083	-3,431,161	-4.6%
WHOLESALE TRADE	11,209,685	13,209,876	-2,000,191	-15.1%
RETAIL TRADE	22,399,421	26,214,985	-3,815,564	-14.6%
TRANSPORTATION	8,608,275	9,112,203	-503,928	-5.5%
INFORMATION	6,306,811	8,034,031	-1,727,220	-21.5%
FINANCE-INSURANCE-REAL ESTATE	12,882,988	12,641,286	241,702	1.9%
PROFESS., SCIENTIFIC & TECH	9,055,471	10,697,108	-1,641,637	-15.3%
ADMINISTRATIVE & WASTE MGMT	20,389,952	20,957,050	-567,098	-2.7%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3,750,771	4,301,555	-550,784	-12.8%
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSIST	13,333,575	14,027,329	-693,754	-4.9%
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & REC.	3,797,710	4,590,138	-792,428	-17.3%
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERV	9,261,139	9,970,919	-709,780	-7.1%
OTHER SERVICES	6,357,673	6,886,621	-528,948	-7.7%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	4,163,526	4,926,455	-762,929	-15.5%
NEC	17,715,407	16,386,958	1,328,449	8.1%
FEDERAL	5,371,218	5,099,070	272,148	5.3%
TOTAL	\$301,686,345	\$317,591,876	-\$15,905,531	-5.0%

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IOWA JOBLESS BENEFITS CALENDAR YEAR 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	43,365	44,113	4,525	4,573	11,699,404	11,922,939
ADAIR	2,566	2,578	282	284	665,890	669,648
ADAMS	1,403	1,460	134	137	339,921	357,385
ALLAMAKEE	6,044	6,186	670	677	1,573,055	1,610,314
APPANOOSE	5,463	5,534	559	563	1,363,445	1,383,234
AUDUBON	2,599	2,619	236	237	626,292	631,954
BENTON	11,434	11,601	1,211	1,218	3,107,605	3,154,576
BLACK HAWK	51,782	52,586	5,984	6,033	12,860,988	13,088,059
BOONE	6,994	7,172	662	671	1,808,189	1,864,108
BREMER	7,375	7,494	907	917	1,954,782	1,992,084
BUCHANAN	8,559	8,696	1,041	1,051	2,336,163	2,376,973
BUENA VISTA	5,328	5,429	629	633	1,312,493	1,339,977
BUTLER	6,901	6,981	788	790	1,809,233	1,828,547
CALHOUN	2,416	2,417	212	212	593,086	593,377
CARROLL	4,408	4,488	374	381	1,092,018	1,118,905
CASS	6,718	6,747	747	750	1,764,886	1,772,807
CEDAR	5,530	5,741	548	559	1,476,698	1,539,394
CERRO GORDO	21,535	21,789	2,156	2,173	5,279,582	5,348,818
CHEROKEE	4,891	4,940	576	579	1,280,205	1,290,949
CHICKASAW	6,412	6,484	649	653	1,694,821	1,714,831
CLARKE	4,306	4,347	445	449	1,147,090	1,152,108
CLAY	6,980	7,132	701	712	1,740,060	1,778,740
CLAYTON	11,326	11,617	1,053	1,071	2,989,227	3,072,072
CLINTON	19,320	19,598	1,833	1,847	4,501,829	4,585,835
CRAWFORD	4,815	4,869	534	537	1,237,460	1,251,562
DALLAS	12,306	12,565	1,178	1,195	3,444,161	3,511,644
DAVIS	3,961	3,988	403	406	1,071,640	1,079,862
DECATUR	2,667	2,736	279	283	650,581	664,388
DELAWARE	7,776	7,889	861	868	2,027,417	2,060,915
DES MOINES	20,629	20,780	2,092	2,101	5,118,864	5,163,131
DICKINSON	9,828	9,856	1,105	1,108	2,461,573	2,465,359
DUBUQUE	40,729	41,190	4,284	4,312	10,379,848	10,508,927
EMMET	4,651	4,675	488	488	1,198,725	1,205,357
FAYETTE	9,522	9,738	1,158	1,172	2,387,588	2,453,011
FLOYD	9,015	9,165	1,088	1,092	2,207,750	2,244,343
FRANKLIN	4,289	4,356	459	463	1,140,795	1,160,099
FREMONT	1,564	1,622	136	140	410,125	428,320
GREENE	3,410	3,430	348	348	889,297	892,236
GRUNDY	3,421	3,467	436	437	898,695	909,119
GUTHRIE	3,437	3,517	314	319	956,910	984,156
HAMILTON	4,593	4,704	472	479	1,124,660	1,158,390
HANCOCK	5,765	5,826	1,007	1,012	1,500,212	1,521,209
HARDIN	6,303	6,443	606	612	1,547,389	1,585,341
HARRISON	3,997	4,058	322	327	956,862	977,129
HENRY	8,820	9,013	959	969	2,339,864	2,388,331
HOWARD	3,055	3,095	256	259	772,576	784,926
HUMBOLDT	2,421	2,464	217	220	621,973	635,709
IDA	2,225	2,248	190	192	585,506	591,458
IOWA	7,011	7,042	841	843	1,826,632	1,835,682
JACKSON	10,839	10,959	1,082	1,089	2,673,125	2,706,238
JASPER	18,603	18,730	1,854	1,861	5,128,793	5,163,543
JEFFERSON	5,826	5,880	616	617	1,449,703	1,459,041
JOHNSON	27,462	28,432	2,793	2,851	6,841,174	7,126,491

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	7,823	8,054	824	835	2,031,360	2,090,349
KEOKUK	4,885	4,966	514	517	1,301,375	1,319,661
KOSSUTH	5,878	6,002	875	883	1,509,832	1,538,603
LEE	21,122	21,301	2,054	2,065	5,209,230	5,263,689
LINN	83,427	84,816	8,073	8,148	21,687,925	22,076,268
LOUISA	3,806	3,935	398	405	990,965	1,022,581
LUCAS	3,765	3,836	355	359	953,910	974,229
LYON	1,463	1,479	119	120	381,129	386,313
MADISON	5,669	5,806	583	590	1,603,970	1,640,960
MAHASKA	7,713	7,764	830	836	1,946,365	1,960,732
MARION	9,650	9,943	916	928	2,566,397	2,639,368
MARSHALL	15,880	16,045	1,370	1,379	4,305,737	4,350,038
MILLS	2,635	2,732	247	254	656,913	687,857
MITCHELL	3,041	3,092	368	372	783,024	798,667
MONONA	3,888	3,965	348	353	1,021,637	1,043,258
MONROE	3,579	3,654	304	307	894,427	909,472
MONTGOMERY	4,884	4,929	638	641	1,129,049	1,138,790
MUSCATINE	13,542	13,884	1,386	1,405	3,373,470	3,467,872
O BRIEN	4,195	4,299	376	382	1,068,053	1,096,592
OSCEOLA	1,999	2,007	198	199	545,696	547,185
PAGE	4,120	4,146	457	459	978,191	987,433
PALO ALTO	3,174	3,233	344	347	755,574	774,577
PLYMOUTH	6,940	7,053	735	742	1,784,748	1,819,495
POCAHONTAS	1,722	1,821	161	166	401,289	426,277
POLK	143,631	146,382	12,964	13,105	38,675,019	39,417,101
POTTAWATTAMIE	20,290	20,745	1,827	1,861	4,977,132	5,116,831
POWESHIEK	8,442	8,634	924	936	2,243,646	2,302,117
RINGGOLD	1,392	1,398	135	136	352,901	354,617
SAC	3,332	3,344	328	330	812,129	815,837
SCOTT	53,329	54,135	4,677	4,717	13,083,568	13,297,438
SHELBY	3,647	3,680	326	327	899,469	909,888
SIOUX	6,815	6,878	597	601	1,767,239	1,787,191
STORY	13,525	14,158	1,273	1,314	3,497,891	3,689,717
TAMA	8,051	8,137	767	771	2,253,720	2,278,055
TAYLOR	1,438	1,473	177	180	368,814	378,480
UNION	5,730	5,766	681	685	1,408,073	1,418,982
VAN BUREN	3,175	3,175	442	443	854,330	854,410
WAPELLO	18,496	18,733	1,748	1,765	4,802,939	4,875,195
WARREN	12,022	12,302	1,140	1,155	3,359,582	3,445,409
WASHINGTON	6,696	6,845	717	723	1,792,074	1,834,718
WAYNE	1,825	1,832	193	193	438,863	440,501
WEBSTER	11,826	12,136	1,068	1,085	2,964,200	3,052,716
WINNEBAGO	6,289	6,362	1,227	1,229	1,638,026	1,660,856
WINNESHIEK	8,500	8,525	713	714	2,172,344	2,178,974
WOODBURY	38,748	39,401	3,359	3,399	9,774,817	9,969,262
WORTH	3,882	3,942	457	461	1,050,892	1,069,700
WRIGHT	4,569	4,579	495	496	1,108,462	1,109,668
INTERSTATE	34,238	34,540	3,292	3,310	9,278,334	9,364,870
GRAND TOTAL	1,147,283	1,166,350	115,300	116,398	296,321,592	301,686,345

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