

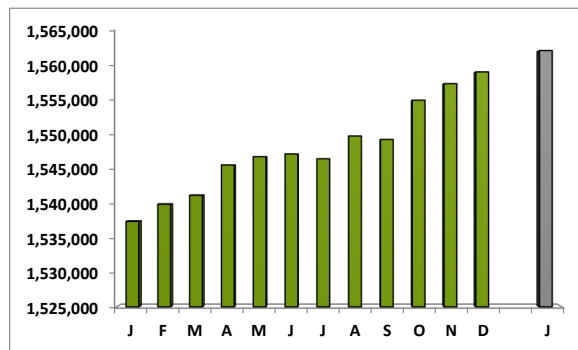
Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2015 Statewide News Release Schedule

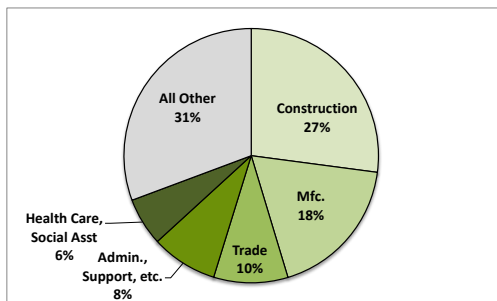
Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 17	Mar 20
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 27
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 21
Apr	May 27	May 27
May	June 19	June 23
June	July 21	July 21
July	Aug 21	Aug 25
Aug	Sept 18	Sept 22
Sept	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

- Iowa's unemployment rate dropped slightly to 4.2 percent in January from 4.3 percent in December. The state's jobless rate was 4.4 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level continued to trend upward in January, reaching 1,645,000.
- The U.S. unemployment rate edged up slightly to 5.7 percent in January from 5.6 percent in December.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa January 2014 - January 2015



Regular UI Benefits by Industry January 2014 - December 2014



- The construction industry accounted for 27 percent of UI benefits paid during 2014. Manufacturing followed with 18 percent while trade comprised 10 percent. These values were on par with the previous two years.
- The consumer price index for the nation decreased by 0.7 percent in January and was the third-consecutive loss. The decline was heaviest in energy indexes.
- Job openings and separations have increased versus one year ago as the economy expands in activity.
- The U.S. economy added 239,000 jobs in January and is up 3.2 million jobs versus one year ago.

- Iowa nonfarm employment added 3,100 jobs in January, raising the monthly total to 1,562,200. The January figure was 24,800 jobs higher than one year ago.
- Trade and transportation added the most jobs in January (+2,200) and was fueled by growth in the retail sector. Professional and business services also posted a strong gain this month (+1,800).
- Construction posted a small loss this month, but was booming throughout 2014, adding the most jobs compared to last January (+6,500).

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

	Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2013 - Qtr 1	1,519,500	0.4%
Qtr 2	1,523,300	0.3%
Qtr 3	1,536,000	0.8%
Qtr 4	1,534,800	-0.1%
2014 - Qtr 1	1,539,500	0.3%
Qtr 2	1,546,500	0.5%
Qtr 3	1,548,500	0.1%
Qtr 4	1,557,200	0.6%

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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates for January 2010 - 2014

