

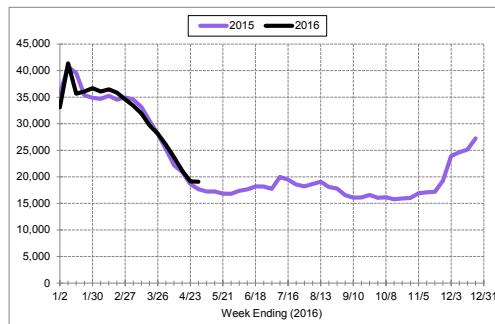
Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2016 Statewide News Release Schedule

| Reference Month | Statewide News Release | Local Area News Release |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan | Mar 14 | Mar 14 |
| Feb | Mar 25 | Mar 25 |
| Mar | Apr 15 | Apr 19 |
| Apr | May 20 | May 25 |
| May | June 17 | June 21 |
| June | July 22 | July 26 |
| July | Aug 19 | Aug 23 |
| Aug | Sept 20 | Sept 20 |
| Sept | Oct 21 | Oct 25 |
| Oct | Nov 18 | Nov 22 |
| Nov | Dec 16 | Dec 20 |
| Dec | Jan 20 | Jan 24 |

- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased to 3.9 percent in April from 3.8 percent in March. The rate stood at 3.7 percent one year ago.
- The total number of working Iowans decreased to 1,647,200 in April. This is 2,300 lower than last month and 10,200 higher than one year ago.
- The U.S. jobless rate remained at 5.0 percent in April.

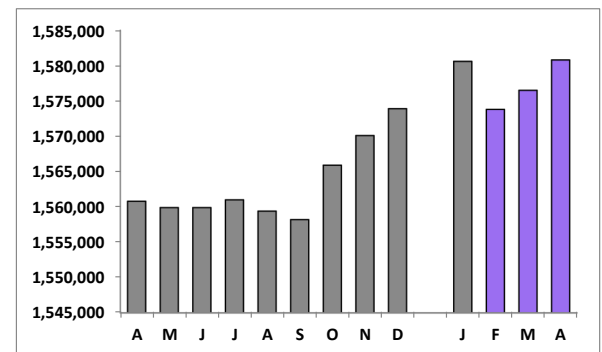
Continued Weeks Claimed For Unemployment Insurance Regular State UI Program



Source: Iowa Workforce Development

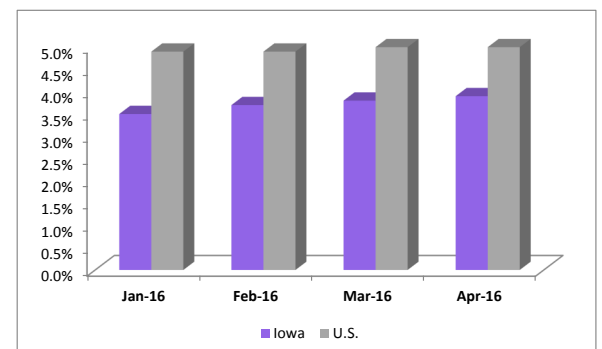
- UI continued claims averaged 20,768 per week during April 2016. This is five percent higher than the April 2015 average of 19,852. Continued claims have declined seasonally from March 2016 to April 2016 due to increased construction employment.
- Production workers in Iowa's goods producing sectors averaged \$1,021.04 in April, up \$141.57 compared to last year. Wage gains have been fueled by a large increase in overtime hours in construction.
- U.S. nonfarm employment grew by 160,000 jobs. This gain was below the prior twelve month average of 232,000 jobs.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa April 2015 - April 2016



- Iowa's nonfarm employment gained 4,300 jobs in April. This is the second consecutive gain following a drop in February.
- Construction continues to prosper in Iowa and was up 3,300 jobs. This sector is now up 10,600 jobs annually—more than half of all statewide annual job gains.
- Manufacturing added jobs for the first time in 2016 (+1,000). Despite the gain, this sector remains down 4,200 jobs. The annual loss is the most of any sector.
- Iowa's nonfarm employment is up 20,000 jobs versus one year ago. Aside from February, jobs have been added in seven consecutive months. Six of the ten super sectors have posted annual gains.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2016



Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

| | | Average Employment | Percent Change from Prior Qtr |
|------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2014 | Qtr 2 | 1,546,200 | 0.5% |
| | Qtr 3 | 1,549,800 | 0.2% |
| | Qtr 4 | 1,553,300 | 0.2% |
| 2015 | Qtr 1 | 1,559,000 | 0.4% |
| | Qtr 2 | 1,560,200 | 0.1% |
| | Qtr 3 | 1,559,500 | 0.0% |
| | Qtr 4 | 1,570,000 | 0.7% |
| 2016 | Qtr 1 | 1,577,000 | 0.4% |

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