**Ames**

The Ames Metro area added 1,200 jobs in April and is now up to 54,800 jobs. This month’s gain is somewhat large and due to expansion most segments of the economy. Private services added 400 jobs and goods producing industries gained 200 jobs. Government gained 600 primarily at the state level.

Annually, Ames is up 800 jobs. Private services have more than offset a decline of 400 jobs in goods producing industries. Government is up 500 jobs due to expansion in state government education.

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 1,400 nonfarm jobs from March, bringing employment to 144,200. Total nonfarm employment in the metro area is 1,300 above one year ago.

Natural resources and construction led all sectors, adding 600 jobs (8.45%) from the previous month. Leisure and hospitality added 500 jobs with the third consecutive jobs gain. Professional and business services added 400 jobs and is now at its highest since November 2014. Trade, transportation and warehousing and government each pared 100 jobs.

Over the year, natural resources and constructions lags behind the April 2015 level (-300). Information, which has not seen an over-the-year increase since September 2013, shed 400 jobs from April 2015. On a more positive note, trade, transportation and warehousing has added 600 jobs (5.45%) from one year ago and educational and health services has added 300 jobs (1.49%). Manufacturing has added 200 jobs (1.00%).

**Des Moines MSA**

# In April, the Des Moines metro area experienced a seasonal increase of 6,200 jobs (+1.8 percent). This month’s gain is somewhat large historically, but it also follows relatively weak hiring in February and March. Construction understandably added the most jobs this month (+2,000) and is now up 400 versus last year. Leisure and hospitality also seasonally increased in April (+1,500), as did professional and business services (+1,200). Financial activities advanced this month (+600) as this sector continues to trend upward in Iowa. Virtually all sectors gained employment in April with the exception being trade and transportation (-100).

# Annually, Des Moines is up 4,800 jobs. Not surprisingly, financial activities has lead the increase (+2,600), followed by education and health care (+1,100) then professional and business services (+1,000). Those sectors trailing last year’s level are limited to government (-400), leisure and hospitality (-400), and information (-200).

# Dubuque

The Dubuque Metro added a slight 100 jobs in April and now rests at 60,100 jobs. This month’s increase is somewhat low and partially the result of lower-than-expected seasonal hiring in private services (-200). Goods producing industries were bolstered by seasonal gains in construction and added 400 jobs. Government pared a slight 100 jobs.

Annually, nonfarm employment remains unchanged as gains of 300 in private services have been exactly offset by declines in goods producing services. Government remains unmoved versus one year ago.

**Iowa City**

Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area is up 400 jobs from last month, boosted by gains of 300 jobs in leisure and hospitality and 200 jobs in professional and business services.

The metro area has added 700 jobs from one year ago with gains in government and trade, transportation and warehousing. Goods-producing sectors shed 200 jobs and professional and business services pared 100 jobs.

**Sioux City**

*The Sioux City MSA has been redefined. It now includes: Dixon and Dakota Counties in Nebraska, Union County in South Dakota, and Woodbury and Plymouth Counties in Iowa.*

# Employment in the Sioux City MSA added 700 jobs from March, driven by additions in trade, transportation and warehousing (+400), leisure and hospitality (+300) and professional and business services (+200). Government experienced a smaller gain. Manufacturing was the only industry with a jobs loss (-100) for the month.

# Overall, the area has added 900 jobs from one year ago. Manufacturing is down 100 jobs, while trade, transportation and warehousing, leisure and hospitality and government each added jobs.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area’s total nonfarm employment added 1,300 jobs from the previous month and stands at 91,600. Job gains were distributed across many sectors with the largest gains in leisure and hospitality (+300) and trade, transportation and warehousing (+200). Professional and business services, financial activities and government each added 100 jobs. Manufacturing was unchanged, although goods-producing industries, overall, added 700 jobs.

Over the year, employment is down 400 jobs, with government experiencing the greatest loss, shedding 200 jobs. Educational and health services is the only sector with a gain in the number of jobs from one year ago, adding 100 jobs.