**Ames**

The Ames Metro area seasonally pared 1,000 jobs, reducing employment down to 53,700 jobs. The Ames area is heavily tied to education, so when the school year concludes employment is typically shed for the summer, so this month’s decline is somewhat expected. The metro area remains up 500 jobs versus last May.

As expected, government shed jobs this month (-1,100) due to the ending of the spring semester and is unchanged versus last year. Private services lost 200 jobs but remain up 600 compared to last May. Goods producing industries added jobs this month (+300) but are down slightly annually (-100).

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 1,000 nonfarm jobs from April, bringing employment to 145,400. Total nonfarm employment in the metro area is 1,600 above one year ago.

Leisure and hospitality led all sectors with an over-the-month gain of 400 jobs. This sector has enjoyed four consecutive months of gains, mostly seasonal in nature. Government added 300 jobs due to gains in local government as local entities gear up for more outdoor activities. Construction and trade, transportation and warehousing each added 200 jobs this month. The only sector to shed jobs this month was educational and health services which decreased 300.

Over the year, trade, transportation and warehousing, educational and health services and professional and business services have each added jobs (800, 500 and 400, respectively). Natural resources and construction has 200 fewer jobs than last year. Manufacturing has added 100 jobs, although durable goods manufacturing is down 300 jobs.

**Des Moines MSA**

# The Des Moines metro area added 5,400 jobs in May and now stands at 357,600 jobs. The increase is the third consecutive and isn’t too surprising as the spring months are typically a time when the MSA ramps up employment for the summer. The largest gains were in leisure and hospitality (+2,300) and largely related to recreational industries. Trade and transportation also had some seasonal expansion this month, as did construction and government. The only sector to shed jobs versus April was professional and business services (-100).

# Annually, nonfarm employment is up 4,800 jobs versus last May. Finance has steadily bolstered staffing levels over the past several months and is up 2,600 jobs annually. Trade and transportation is up 1,000 jobs due to hiring in transportation and retail. Construction is up 700 jobs due mostly to increased demand for specialty trade contracting. The only sectors not faring well over the past year are government (-300) and information services (-200).

# Dubuque

The Dubuque Metro gained 800 jobs in May, lifting total nonfarm employment to 61,100 jobs. For the past three months, the area has experienced only modest seasonal gains and now rests just 200 jobs over the mark set last May.

Private services added 400 jobs this month and were partially lifted by hiring in retail. This sector is now up 500 versus one year ago. Goods producing industries combined to add 200 jobs this month but trail the mark established last year by 400 jobs. Government seasonally gained 200 jobs this month and is up 100 versus last May.

**Iowa City**

Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area is down 500 jobs from last month due to job losses in both service-providing and government sectors. Government shed 1,000 jobs due to seasonal declines. Leisure and hospitality experienced a seasonal gain of 300 jobs.

The metro area has added 1,100 jobs from one year ago with gains in nearly every sector. Goods producing is the exception to the job increases seen in other sectors, with a decline of 200 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 800 jobs from April, driven by additions in leisure and hospitality (+400) and trade, transportation and warehousing (+300). Government also added 100 jobs. Manufacturing and professional and business services were unchanged.

Overall, the area has added 700 jobs from one year ago. Manufacturing is down 200 jobs, although non-durable goods manufacturing has added 300 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing has added 700 jobs and leisure and hospitality added 200 jobs.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area’s total nonfarm employment is unchanged from the previous month and stands at 91,500. Job gains were restricted to leisure and hospitality, which enjoyed an increase of 200 jobs. Manufacturing shed 200 jobs, all in durable goods manufacturing.

Over the year, employment is down 800 jobs, with trade, transportation and warehousing experiencing the greatest loss, shedding 500 jobs. Manufacturing and professional and business services each pared 200 jobs. Educational and health services is the only sector with a jobs gain from one year ago, adding 100 jobs.