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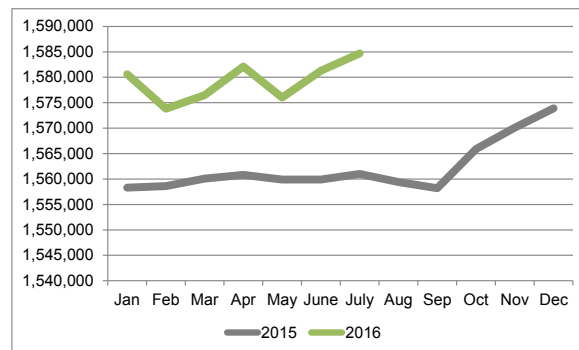
Iowa Workforce and Economy

2016 Statewide News Release Schedule

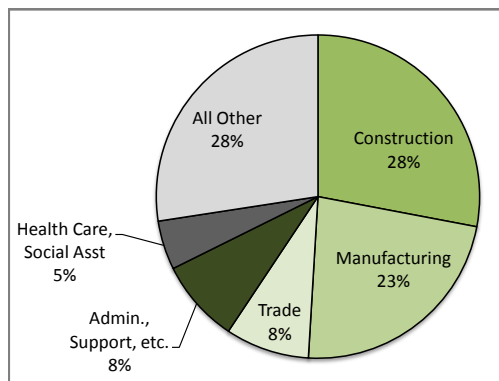
Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 14	Mar 14
Feb	Mar 25	Mar 25
Mar	Apr 15	Apr 19
Apr	May 20	May 25
May	June 17	June 21
June	July 22	July 26
July	Aug 19	Aug 23
Aug	Sept 20	Sept 20
Sept	Oct 21	Oct 25
Oct	Nov 18	Nov 22
Nov	Dec 16	Dec 20
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 24

- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased slightly to 4.1 percent in July. The rate stood at 3.6 percent one year ago.
- The total number of working Iowans decreased to 1,640,500 in June. This is 2,300 lower than last month and 3,200 higher than one year ago.
- The U.S. jobless rate remained at 4.9 percent in July.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa July 2015 - July 2016



Unemployment Insurance Benefits by Industry July 2015 through June 2016



- Iowa's nonfarm employment expanded for the second-consecutive month, adding 3,400 jobs in July and 5,300 in June. Nonfarm employment has only pared jobs twice so far in 2016.
- Job gains in health care fueled much of the gain in the education and health care super sector (+1,700). This sector has gained 4,800 jobs compared to last July, second only to construction (+12,800).
- Professional and business services added 1,500 jobs this month but remains down 1,900 due to cutbacks.
- Iowa's nonfarm employment is up 23,700 jobs versus last July. The annual growth rate of Iowa (1.5 percent) is slightly less than the U.S. growth rate (1.7 percent).

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2014	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	1,576,700	0.4%
	Qtr 2	1,579,800	0.2%

- Weekly UI initial claims averaged 2,706 during July 2016, slightly higher than 2,608 during July 2015.
- The construction industry accounted for 28 percent of UI benefits paid during the most recent fiscal year. Manufacturing followed, with 23 percent of benefits.
- U.S. nonfarm employment added 255,000 jobs in July following a large gain of 292,000 jobs in June. The U.S. has averaged a monthly gain of 204,000 jobs per month over the past twelve months and is now 2.4 million jobs higher than one year ago.

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