**Ames**

The Ames Metro area pared 400 jobs in July and now rests at 49,500 jobs. Government drove most of the movement this month with 400 jobs seasonally pared in state government and 200 jobs shed in local government. In both cases, these losses were primarily related to education. Goods-producing industries were unmoved since June.

Annually, nonfarm employment in the Ames area has added 1,000 jobs. Private services fueled most of the gain (+800), although gains of 100 jobs were found in both goods-producing industries and government.

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area shed 2,000 nonfarm jobs from June, and now stands at 144,300. Total nonfarm employment in the metro area is 1,700 above one year ago.

Employment increases this month were few and far between with only two sectors realizing employment increases. Natural resources and construction added 300 jobs and manufacturing gained 200 jobs, all in non-durable goods manufacturing. Employment losses were largely centered around education-related services with the bulk of the losses in local government, which experienced a seasonal paring of 2,100 jobs. Educational and health services shed 100 jobs and trade, transportation and warehousing trimmed 200 jobs.

Over the year, government and information are the only two sectors with employment losses, each paring 200 jobs. Professional and business services has added 1,000 jobs, accompanied by several smaller gains of 300 or less.

**Des Moines MSA**

# The Des Moines metro area pared 2,300 jobs in July and now rests at 358,300 jobs. Seasonal declines are not unexpected in July and this month’s drop is smaller than average. Local government education fueled most of the decline this month as schools released employees for the summer. In total, government pared 2,700 jobs in the Des Moines area. Private education also fueled a drop of 400 in the education and health services sector. Other losses this month included trade and transportation and leisure and hospitality. Monthly gains were concentrated in professional and business services (+700) and mostly due to hiring in professional, scientific, and technical services. The only other sectors to gain jobs this month were mining, logging, and construction (+400) and financial activities (+200).

# Compared to last July, the Des Moines metro area has added 7,200 jobs. The largest gains have been in financial activities (+3,000), followed by leisure and hospitality (+2,000) and construction (+1,300). The only private sectors to shed employment annually were manufacturing (-300) and information (-200).

# Dubuque

The Dubuque Metro seasonally shed 1,100 jobs in July, lowering the total to 60,100 jobs. Most of the movement this month stemmed from government education shedding 1,100 jobs for the summer break. Private sectors were unmoved as private service losses (-300) were exactly offset by goods-producing gains (+300).

Annually, nonfarm employment is up 1,100 jobs (+1.9 percent). Private services have accounted for all of the growth annually as both goods producing sectors and government are unchanged versus one year ago.

**Iowa City**

Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area is down 200 jobs from last month. Overall, government shed just 100 jobs, with a loss of 800 in local government and state government adding 700 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 200 jobs. Goods producing industries increased employment by 100.

The metro area has added 2,700 jobs from one year ago with gains in nearly every sector. Goods producing added 600 jobs from one year ago, the best over-the-year increase the industry has seen since late 2013.

**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 trimmed 1,700 jobs from June, driven by seasonal declines in local government. There were no sectors with a jobs gain. Goods producing shed 500 jobs, with 200 of those jobs in the manufacturing sector. Leisure and hospitality is unchanged from one year ago.

# Overall, the area has added 400 jobs from one year ago. Manufacturing has pared 400 jobs from one year ago and is the only sector with an over-the-year loss. Leisure and hospitality added 600 jobs and trade, transportation and warehousing and government are unchanged.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area’s total nonfarm employment is down 1,600 jobs from the previous month and stands at 88,300. The only two sectors not affected by the jobs losses were leisure and hospitality and financial activities. The bulk of the jobs pared were education related with a loss of 600 in local government and 300 in educational and health services.

Over the year, employment is down 1,000 jobs, with manufacturing experiencing the greatest loss (-700). Other sectors paring jobs include; trade, transportation and warehousing (-400), and government (-300).