

# Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

## Upcoming 2017 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 13	Mar 13
Feb	Mar 24	Mar 28
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 25
Apr	May 19	May 23
<b>May</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>June 20</b>
June	July 21	July 25
July	Aug 18	Aug 22
Aug	Sep 15	Sep 19
Sept	Oct 20	Oct 24
Oct	Nov 17	Nov 21
Nov	Dec 22	Dec 27
Dec	Jan 23	Jan 23

## Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2015	Qtr 2	1,559,700	0.0%
	Qtr 3	1,561,400	0.1%
	Qtr 4	1,564,200	0.2%
2016	Qtr 1	1,570,100	0.4%
	Qtr 2	1,568,600	-0.1%
	Qtr 3	1,572,600	0.3%
	Qtr 4	1,571,700	-0.1%
2017	Qtr 1	1,579,600	0.5%

## Iowa Workforce Development

Information Prepared by the Labor Market Information Division

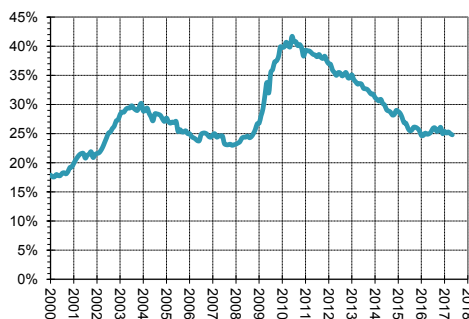
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- Iowa's unemployment rate remained at 3.1 percent in May. The state's jobless rate was 3.8 percent one year ago.
- The number of unemployed Iowans increased to 52,900 in May from 52,200 in April.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 4.3 percent in May from 4.4 percent in April.

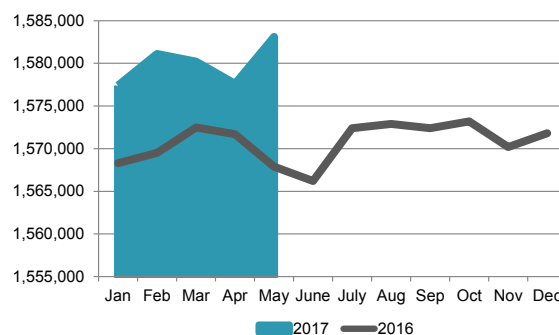
## Regular UI Exhaustion Rate



Source: Iowa Workforce Development

- About 25% of UI recipients drew the maximum number of weeks of benefits available to them. This exhaustion rate exceeded 40% during the recession in 2010, but has been around 25% for the last two years.
- The maximum number of weeks of regular UI benefits available ranges from 8 to 26 weeks per benefit year depending on an individual's earnings.
- Total U.S. job openings increased to 6.0 million in April, the highest level since the data series was started in December of 2000. Hiring, however, contracted since March to 5.1 million.
- U.S. nonfarm employment edged up 138,000 jobs in May.

## Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa Jan 2016 - May 2017



- Total nonfarm employment added 5,500 jobs in May ending a streak of consecutive months with jobs lost. Nonfarm employment is up 15,200 jobs versus one year ago.
- Trade and transportation added the most jobs in May (+2,400) with hiring being highest in retail trade establishments. In total, 7,100 jobs have been added in trade, transportation, and utilities versus last May.
- Manufacturing added 2,300 jobs due to hiring in both durable and nondurable goods factories. This sector still trails last year's levels by 1,600 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality got off to a slow start in May and shed 1,200 jobs. This sector is down 1,300 jobs versus last year's mark.

## Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2017

