**Ames**

The Ames metropolitan statistical area seasonally gained 4,300 jobs in September. This month’s increase is average compared to prior years and lifts total nonfarm employment to 55,500 jobs. Government was responsible for most of the gain (+4,200), although private services added 100 jobs. Goods-producing industries were unchanged since August.

Annually, nonfarm employment is up 1,200 jobs. Government has bolstered staffing in state and local government and rests 600 jobs over last September. Private services are up 400 and goods-producing industries have added 200 jobs.

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area experienced its second consecutive increase, adding 900 jobs. Total nonfarm employment is 145,300.

Local government and educational and health services were the only super-sectors with employment increases this month, with gains of 1,800 and 200, respectively. Goods producing sectors shed 300 jobs, all in manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality also shed 300 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing pared 200 jobs while information and professional and business services each pared 100 jobs.

Over the year the area added 1,700 jobs with the largest gain in professional and business services (+600). Trade, transportation and warehousing, financial activities and educational and health services have each gained 200 jobs from one year ago. Employment in the information sector has trimmed 200 jobs from one year ago.

**Des Moines/West Des Moines**

The Des Moines Metro area lost 4,300 jobs in September, lowering total nonfarm down to 366,200 jobs. This loss is large compared to the prior ten-year history and was entirely due to losses in private industries. September is generally a time when the economy starts to release summer employment, so job losses are common in most industries. This year was no exception, with all private sectors shedding jobs versus August’s levels. Goods-producing sectors shed 400 jobs while private services shed 5,600 jobs. Government seasonally added 1,700 jobs primarily at the local level yet remains down 900 jobs versus this time last year.

Leisure and hospitality decreased by 2,500 jobs in September to lead all sectors. This decline marks the second consecutive drop for this sector that added a larger than expected number of temporary summer employees this year. Professional and business services also decreased this month following several months gains (-1,500). The majority of the losses this month were in professional, scientific, and technical services. Trade, transportation, and utilities pared 900 jobs due to layoffs in retail trade.

Annually, the Des Moines metro remains up 6,500 jobs despite recent losses. No sector has fared better than professional and business services (+3,000). The majority of these gains has been in administrative and support services (+2,400). Leisure and hospitality has added 1,600 jobs despite the recent declines. Construction and education and health services each are up 1,200 jobs annually. Private sector losses have been limited to just information services and trade, transportation, and utilities, each down 400 jobs.

# Dubuque

Total nonfarm employment in Dubuque gained 1,200 jobs and now rests at 60,000 jobs. This month’s seasonal increase is average versus the prior ten-year history. Government added 900 jobs as local schools resumed classes following the summer reprieve. Private services added 500 jobs this month, slightly lower than seasonally expected for September. Goods-producing industries shed 200 jobs primarily within construction industries.

Annually, the Dubuque metro area remains up 100 jobs. Both goods-producing industries and government have added 200 and 100 jobs, respectively. Private services are down 200 jobs compared to last year.

**Iowa City**

Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area added 1,300 jobs from last month mostly due to seasonal gains in state and local government employment (+500 each). Leisure and hospitality also experienced a gain, adding 200 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing and professional and business services each pared 100 jobs. There are no sectors with a jobs decrease for the month.

The metro area has added 3,100 jobs from one year ago, boosted by gains of 1,600 in government and 1,600 in private service-providing sectors. Leisure and hospitality added 200 jobs and professional and business services added 100 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing pared 500 jobs and goods producing industries are down just 100 jobs.

**Sioux City**

Employment in the Sioux City MSA is up 500 jobs from August. The gain is attributed entirely to local government which added 900 jobs. Professional and business services and leisure and hospitality each pared 200 jobs. Manufacturing shed 100 jobs and trade, transportation and warehousing is unchanged.

Overall, area employment is 100 above one year ago. Goods producing industries have added 300 jobs, led by a gain of 200 in manufacturing. Trade, transportation and warehousing has added 700 jobs. Professional and business services shed 200 jobs. Government employment is down 100 jobs from one year ago.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area’s total nonfarm employment increased 2,600 jobs from the previous month and stands at 91,600. State government experienced a seasonal gain of 1,600 jobs while local government added 700 jobs. Educational and health services also added 500 jobs. Leisure and hospitality pared 200 jobs with an adjustment that is also seasonal in nature. Trade, transportation and warehousing and professional and business services each pared 100 jobs.

Over the year, employment is up 100 jobs due to a mixed bag of small gains and losses with the most significant being a gain of 400 jobs in government. Manufacturing is unchanged from one year ago.