

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2013 Statewide News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Dec	Jan 18	Jan 22
Jan	Mar 18	Mar 18
Feb	Mar 29	Mar 29
Mar	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr	May 17	May 21
May	June 21	June 25
June	July 19	July 23
July	Aug 19	Aug 20
Aug	Sept 20	Sept 24
Sept	Nov 22	Nov 26
Oct	Nov 22	Nov 26
Nov	Dec 20	Dec 23
Dec	Jan 28	Jan 28

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

	Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2012 - Qtr 1	1,502,600	0.6%
Qtr 2	1,505,800	0.2%
Qtr 3	1,510,300	0.3%
Qtr 4	1,516,200	0.4%
2013 - Qtr 1	1,520,200	0.3%
Qtr 2	1,524,000	0.3%
Qtr 3	1,530,200	0.4%
Qtr 4	1,529,000	0.0%

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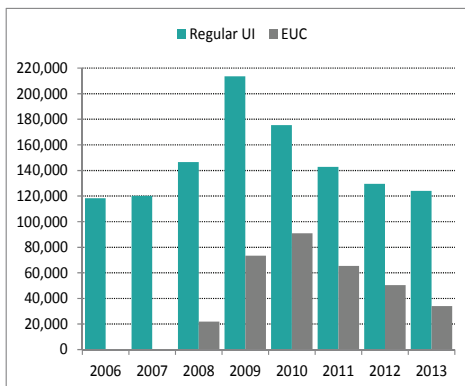
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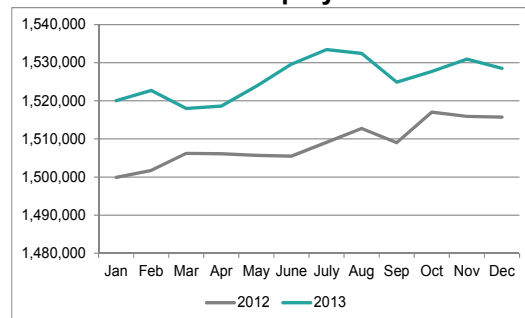
- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell to a post-recession low of 4.2 percent in December from a revised November rate of 4.3 percent. The current rate is down from the year ago figure of 5.0 percent.
- The U.S. unemployment rate for December fell to a new post-recession low of 6.7 percent from 7.0 percent in November. The decline was due to a contraction of 347,000 in the nation's labor force.

Iowa Unemployment Insurance Benefit Recipients



- The number of persons receiving regular UI benefit payments has declined from a high of 213,661 in 2009 to 124,005 in 2013.
- Three states—Florida, Georgia and Texas—accounted for about 80 percent of the nation's job growth in 2013.
- The preliminary data for 2013 show the U.S. economy added an average of 182,000 jobs each month last year, which is roughly equal to the pace maintained in 2012. All the gains took place in the private sector.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa



- The state's total nonfarm employment decreased by 2,400 jobs in December, falling to a level of 1,528,500. The drop was due primarily to seasonal declines in leisure and hospitality (-2,600) and construction (-1,900).
- Nonfarm jobs were up 12,800 from last December. Trade and transportation and professional and business services added the most jobs, up 5,000 and 4,900, respectively.
- Iowa's manufacturing employment rebounded in fourth quarter, and 2014 is expected to be a stronger year for the industry. Surveys conducted by the Chicago Fed and Institute of Supply Management indicate that sentiment among manufacturers is improving.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates - 2013

