

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2014 Statewide News Release Schedule

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

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

	Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2013 - Qtr 1	1,519,900	0.4%
Qtr 2	1,523,800	0.3%
Qtr 3	1,534,400	0.7%
Qtr 4	1,542,900	0.6%
2014 - Qtr 1	1,538,700	-0.3%
Qtr 2	1,546,400	0.5%

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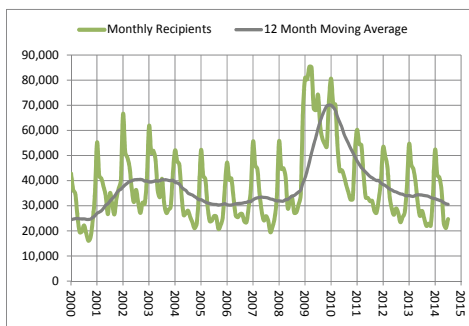
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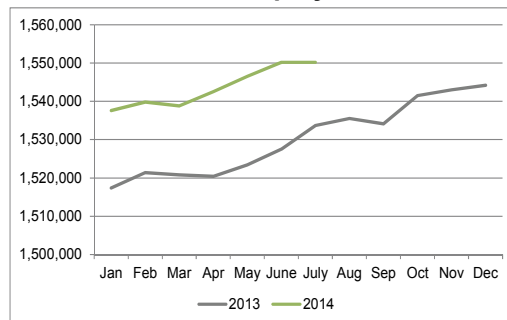
- Iowa's unemployment rate rose slightly to 4.5 percent in July from 4.4 percent in June. The rate stood at 4.8 percent one year ago.
- The statewide labor force grew to 1,700,700 in July, surpassing the 1.7 million-mark for the first time.
- The U.S. unemployment rate edged up to 6.2 percent in July from 6.1 percent in June. U.S. employers added over 200,000 jobs for the sixth straight month.

Iowa Unemployment Insurance (UI) Recipients - Regular Program



- The average monthly count of UI benefit recipients for the twelve months ending July 2014 fell to 30,548. This is the lowest twelve-month average since March 2006.
- Most recently, job gains have been making a recovery in the middle-range positions. This trend is expected to continue given the rebound in construction and hiring by state and local governments.
- An analysis of the nation's four regions shows the West is creating the largest share of high-wage jobs—those that pay greater than \$80,000 per year.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa



- Iowa's nonfarm employment remained at 1,550,200 in July, but was 16,500 higher than July 2013.
- Education and health services added the most jobs in July (+2,800) due to gains in both private education services and health care services. Trade and transportation and leisure and hospitality lost the most jobs (-2,300 jobs each).
- Education and health also added the most jobs since last July (+4,000). Construction was a close second with a gain of 3,900.
- Tyson Foods recently announced plans to close its deli foods plant in Cherokee, Iowa, eliminating 450 jobs. The plant closing is scheduled to take effect on September 27, 2014.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates - 2014

