

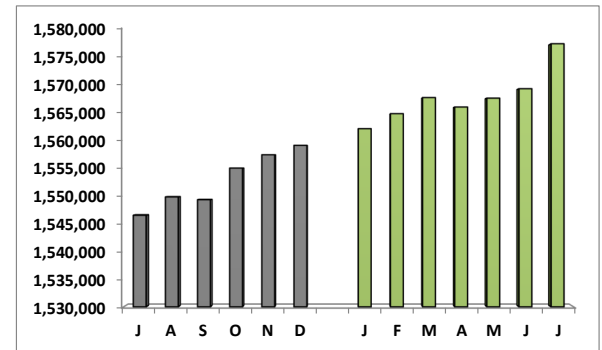
# Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

## 2015 Statewide News Release Schedule

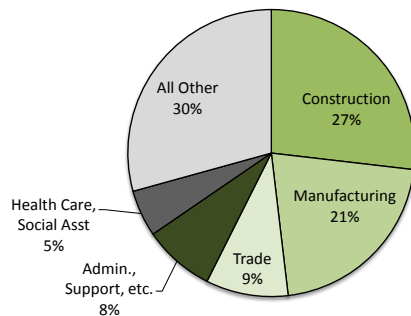
Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 17	Mar 20
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 27
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 21
Apr	May 27	May 27
May	June 19	June 23
June	July 21	July 21
<b>July</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Aug 25</b>
Aug	Sept 18	Sept 22
Sept	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased to 3.8 percent in July. The current rate compares with 4.3 percent for July 2014.
- The number of unemployed Iowans remained at 63,900 in July.
- The U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.3 percent in July.

## Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa July 2014 - July 2015



## Regular UI Benefits by Industry July 2014 Through July 2015



Source: Unemployment Insurance Data Summary U.S. Department of Labor

- Weekly UI continued claims averaged 18,930 during July 2015, slightly higher than 18,720 during July 2014.
- The construction industry accounted for 27 percent of UI benefits paid during the most recent fiscal year. Manufacturing followed, accounting for 21 percent of benefits.
- The U.S. nonfarm employment increased by 215,000 jobs in July, slightly lower than the average over the previous twelve months. The largest over the month gains occurred in professional and business services, retail trade and health care services.

- Iowa's nonfarm employment advanced 8,100 jobs in July and has now added jobs in three consecutive months. The state is up 30,900 jobs versus last year's level.
- Education and health services rebounded from a large seasonal decrease last month and gained 3,700 jobs in July.
- Both manufacturing and construction added jobs in consecutive month, climbing a combined 2,200 jobs.
- Despite the drop this month, trade and transportation has added the most jobs annually (+6,700).

## Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2013	Qtr 3	1,536,000	0.8%
	Qtr 4	1,534,800	-0.1%
2014	Qtr 1	1,539,500	0.3%
	Qtr 2	1,546,500	0.5%
	Qtr 3	1,548,500	0.1%
	Qtr 4	1,557,200	0.6%
2015	Qtr 1	1,564,900	0.5%
	Qtr 2	1,567,600	0.2%

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## Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2015

