

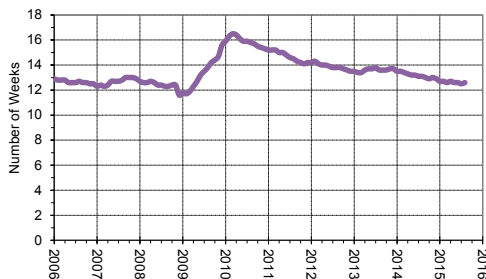
Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

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
July	Aug 21	Aug 25
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 dropped to 3.7 percent in August, compared with 4.3 percent for August 2014.
- The number of unemployed Iowans decreased to 62,400 in August.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 5.1 percent in August.

Regular Unemployment Insurance Average Duration Twelve Month Moving Average

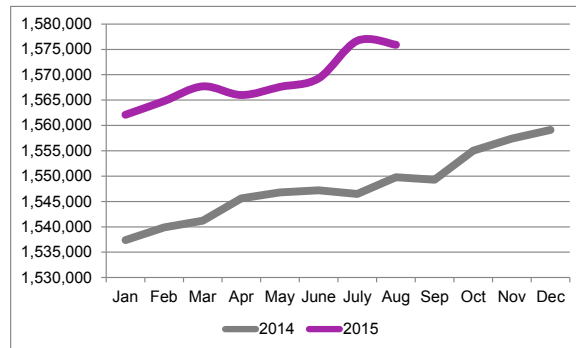


Average Duration: the number of weeks compensated for a twelve month period divided by the number of first payments for the same period.

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

- The twelve month average duration for unemployment benefits fell from 13.1 weeks for August 2014 to 12.6 weeks for August 2015. The highest average duration during the last ten years was 16.5 weeks for the twelve months ending March 2010.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa August 2014 - August 2015



- Iowa's nonfarm employment decreased by 800 jobs in August. This month's loss is the first since April and only the second loss in 2015. Total nonfarm employment remains up 26,100 jobs versus one year ago.
- Construction added 2,100 jobs this month to lead all sectors. This sector is now up 6,700 jobs since last August.
- Financial activities added jobs for the fourth consecutive month (+1,000) and is now up 3,400 jobs annually.
- Manufacturing shed 600 jobs this month due to cutbacks at the durable goods level.

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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- The U.S. gained 173,000 jobs in August, less than the 247,000 jobs gains averaged over the previous twelve months. The largest increases were in health care and professional and business services.
- New vehicle registrations have increased by 4.1 percent through July of 2015 in Iowa. U.S. car manufacturers have outpaced foreign carmakers 4.4 percent to 3.5 percent.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2015

