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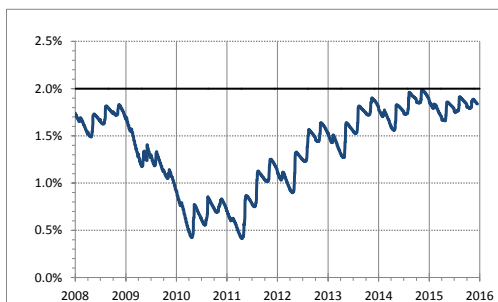
Iowa Workforce and Economy

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 3.4 percent in November. The current rate compares with 4.3 percent for November 2014.
- The number of unemployed Iowans decreased to 58,700 in November.
- The U.S. unemployment rate held at 5.0 percent in November.

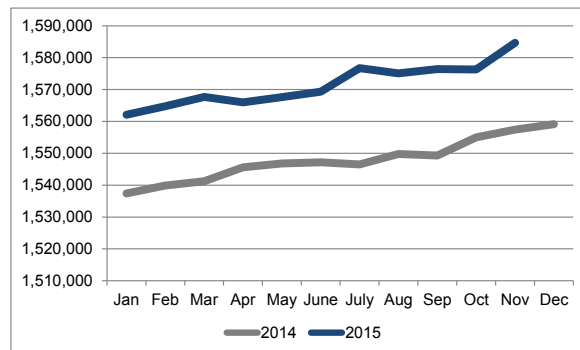
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance Funds Available to Pay UI Benefits as a Percentage of Covered Wages



Source: Iowa Workforce Development Labor Market Information Division

- The UI fund can be expressed as a percentage of covered wages in order to control for employment and wage growth. Using this method the fund has grown from 2011 through 2014.
- Iowa's new vehicle registrations are up 11.4 percent in November versus one year ago. The increase is primarily due to growth in the amount of trucks and multi-purpose vehicles being registered.
- The U.S. nonfarm employment added 211,000 jobs in November and follows an unusually large gain in October of 298,000. The largest increases were in construction, education and health services, and retail trade.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa November 2014 - November 2015



- Iowa's nonfarm employment surged ahead 8,400 jobs in November. This gain follows a slight decline last month following a downward revision.
- Construction is ending the year on a positive note and added 3,700 jobs. This sector leads all others with 7,200 jobs added annually.
- Leisure and hospitality rebounded from a loss last month and added 3,300 jobs. Virtually all gains were in hotels, motels, and restaurants.
- Following the large monthly gain, Iowa's nonfarm employment is now up 27,300 jobs versus one year ago.

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

| | | Average Employment | Percent Change from Prior Qtr |
|------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2013 | Qtr 4 | 1,534,800 | 0.8% |
| | Qtr 1 | 1,539,500 | 0.3% |
| 2014 | Qtr 2 | 1,546,500 | 0.5% |
| | Qtr 3 | 1,548,500 | 0.1% |
| | Qtr 4 | 1,557,200 | 0.6% |
| | Qtr 1 | 1,564,900 | 0.5% |
| 2015 | Qtr 2 | 1,567,600 | 0.2% |
| | Qtr 3 | 1,576,100 | 0.5% |

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