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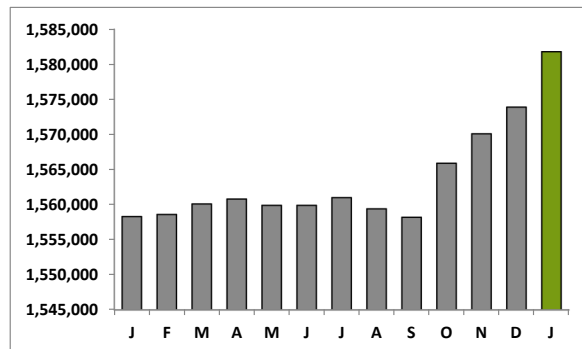
Iowa Workforce and Economy

2016 Statewide News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 14	Mar 14
Feb	Mar 25	Mar 25
Mar	Apr 15	Apr 19
Apr	May 20	May 25
May	June 17	June 21
June	July 22	July 26
July	Aug 19	Aug 23
Aug	Sept 20	Sept 20
Sept	Oct 21	Oct 25
Oct	Nov 18	Nov 22
Nov	Dec 16	Dec 20
Dec	Jan 20	Jan 24

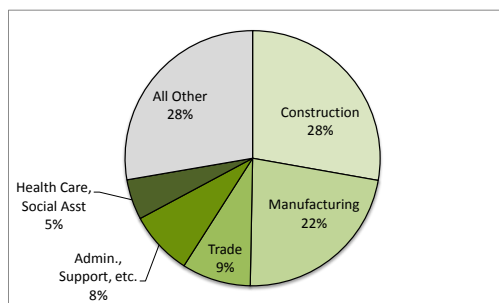
- Iowa's unemployment rate remained at 3.5 percent in January. The state's jobless rate was 3.8 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level continued to trend upward in January, reaching 1,649,400.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped slightly to 4.9 percent in January from 5.0 percent in December.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa January 2015 - January 2016



- Iowa's nonfarm employment added 7,900 jobs in January. Both government and private sectors added jobs this month.
- Trade and transportation was fueled by hiring in retail this month and added 2,200 jobs in January.
- Leisure and hospitality increased by 2,100 jobs with much of the job gains in accommodations and food services.
- Iowa nonfarm employment was sluggish during the late summer of 2015, but ended on a high note by adding jobs in four consecutive months. Nonfarm employment is now 23,500 jobs higher than last January.

Regular UI Benefits by Industry Calendar Year 2015



Source: Iowa Workforce Development Labor Market Information Division

- Construction accounted for 28% of UI benefits paid during 2015. Manufacturing followed, accounting for 22% of benefits.
- Manufacturing's share of benefits rose from 18% in 2014 to 22% in 2015.
- Production workers in Iowa averaged \$912.49 in January, up \$66.24 compared to one year ago. The largest annual increases have been for construction workers, up \$131.40 annually to \$1,076.09.
- U.S. nonfarm employment increased by 172,000 jobs in January.

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2014	Qtr 1	1,539,000	0.2%
	Qtr 2	1,546,200	0.5%
	Qtr 3	1,549,800	0.2%
	Qtr 4	1,553,300	0.2%
2015	Qtr 1	1,559,000	0.4%
	Qtr 2	1,560,200	0.1%
	Qtr 3	1,559,500	0.0%
	Qtr 4	1,570,000	0.7%

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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2011-2016

