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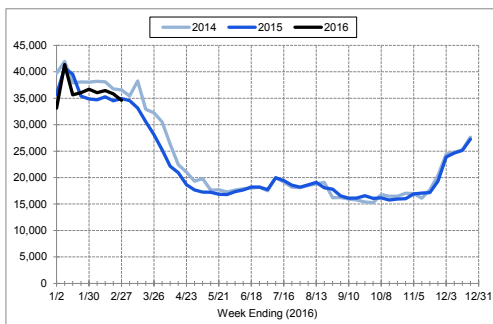
# Iowa Workforce and Economy

### 2016 Statewide News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 14	Mar 14
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>
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 seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased to 3.7 percent in February from 3.5 percent in January. The rate stood at 3.7 percent one year ago.
- The total number of working Iowans increased to 1,651,100 in February. This is 1,900 higher than last month and 13,700 higher than one year ago.
- The U.S. jobless rate remained at 4.9 percent in February.

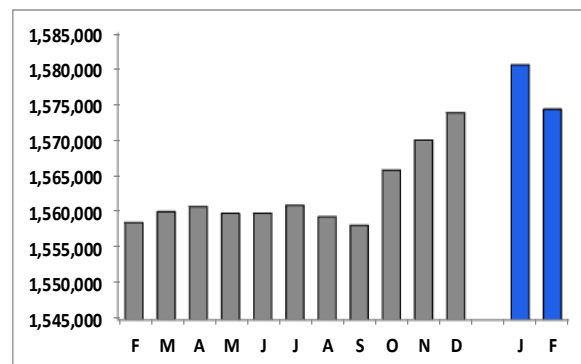
### Continued Weeks Claimed for Unemployment Insurance Iowa Regular State UI Program



Source: Iowa Workforce Development Labor Market Information Division

- Continued weeks claimed for unemployment insurance averaged 35,745 per week during February 2016. This is slightly higher than the February 2015 average of 34,862.
- Production workers in Iowa averaged \$921.98 in February, up \$77.42 compared to one year ago. The largest annual increases have been for construction workers, up \$259.33 annually to \$1,198.11.
- U.S. nonfarm employment gained 242,000 jobs in February. The largest gains were in health care and social assistance and retail trade.

### Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa February 2015 - February 2016



- Iowa's nonfarm employment shed 6,200 jobs in February following four consecutive months of job gains.
- Leisure and hospitality pared the most jobs this month (-3,100), with the majority of losses occurring in accommodations and food services (-2,600).
- Professional and business services trended down this month (-2,400). Administrative and support services were responsible for the majority of the decrease.
- Despite the drop, total nonfarm employment remains up 15,800 jobs compared to last year. Education and health services have added the most jobs.

### 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 2016

