**Ames**

The Ames Metro area seasonally gained 4,800 jobs in September and now stands at 55,100 jobs. State government fueled a gain of 4,300 jobs in government. Private services increased by 500 jobs and was also seasonally expected. Goods producing industries were unchanged since August.

The Ames area has added 600 jobs versus last year. Private services have added 400 jobs and goods producing industries have gained 200. Despite the large monthly gain, government is unchanged versus twelve months ago.

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 900 nonfarm jobs from August, and now stands at 144,700. Total nonfarm employment in the metro area is 1,700 above one year ago.

Seasonal increases carried the load this month with gains in education pushing employment up in two sectors, educational and health services and government. There were no other sectors with job gains.

A loss of 400 jobs in leisure and hospitality as well as smaller decreases in professional and business services and manufacturing (-200 each), and trade, transportation and warehousing, financial activities and other services (-100 each) offset a good portion of the seasonal gains in education.

Government, manufacturing and information are the only sectors with over-the-year employment losses, paring 300, 100 and 100 jobs, respectively. Professional and business services led all sectors with a gain of 900 jobs, accompanied by several smaller gains.

**Des Moines MSA**

The Des Moines metro area shed 2,500 jobs in September, lowering total nonfarm employment down to 354,400 jobs. Jobs are typically pared this time of year due to seasonal recreational industries releasing temporary summer staff. Virtually all sectors contracted this month and were led by a drop of 2,700 in leisure and hospitality. Both professional and business services and trade and transportation experienced seasonal decreases of 800 jobs. Financial activities pared 600 jobs due to cutbacks in insurance and related services. Smaller losses included construction, manufacturing, and information. Job gains were focused in government (+2,700) and primarily due to schools boosting staffing levels in preparation for the new school year. Private education also fueled a gain of 200 in education and health care services.

Annually, the Des Moines metro area has added 4,400 jobs (+1.3 percent). Financial activities has added the most jobs (+2,400) followed by trade and transportation (+1,400) then construction (+1,300). Losses have been limited to government (-1,500), information (-200) and manufacturing (-100).

# Dubuque

The Dubuque Metro gained 900 jobs in September and now rests at 60,900 jobs. This month’s gain is average for the Dubuque area and keeps the MSA up 500 jobs versus one year ago.

The largest monthly gain was in local government (+600) and was related to local schools resuming, following the summer break. Government is unchanged versus one year ago. Private services added 500 jobs this month and is now up 600 jobs annually. Goods producing industries shed 200 jobs in September and trail last year’s level by 100 jobs.

**Iowa City**

Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area gained 1,000 jobs from last month. Government enjoyed the greatest gain, adding 1,000 jobs, in a mix of state and local government. Goods producing shed 100 jobs, but was offset by an equal gain in private service providing jobs.

The metro area has added 2,300 jobs from one year ago with gains in nearly every sector. The only exceptions are trade, transportation and warehousing (-100), professional and business services (-100) and goods producing which is unchanged.

**Sioux City**

*The Sioux City MSA has been redefined. It now includes: Dixon and Dakota Counties in Nebraska, Union County in South Dakota, and Woodbury and Plymouth Counties in Iowa.*

# Employment in the Sioux City MSA trimmed 700 jobs from August. Goods producing shed 600 jobs with just 100 jobs pared from manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality had a seasonal loss of 300 jobs. Professional and business services and trade, transportation and warehousing each pared 100 jobs. Government is the only sector with a jobs gain this month, adding 900 jobs.

# Overall, the area has 1,500 fewer jobs from one year ago. Goods producing is responsible for 1,000 of those jobs, with the remaining 500 in the service providing sectors. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 500 jobs and leisure and hospitality enjoyed a gain of 300. No other sectors had a gain in jobs.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area’s total nonfarm employment is up 1,700 jobs from the previous month and stands at 90,600. Gains in nearly every sector, largely seasonal in nature, helped boost employment. Losses occurred in leisure and hospitality (-400) and professional and business services (-100). Financial activities is unchanged.

Over the year, employment is down 700 jobs, with manufacturing and government each experiencing a loss of 300. Other sectors paring jobs include; trade, transportation and warehousing (-100), and professional and business services (-100). Manufacturing has added 300 jobs from one year ago, all in the durable goods segment.