**Ames**

The Ames Metro area increased to 55,700 jobs in October, a gain of 600 jobs. This month’s gain exactly matches that of the prior four years and was due to seasonal hiring in government (+400) and expansion within private services (+200).

Since last October, the Ames area is up 600 jobs due to hiring in private services (+400) and goods producing industries (+200). Government has remained unchanged with a loss of 100 jobs being exactly offset by a gain in local government.

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 1,300 nonfarm jobs from September, and now stands at 146,000. Total nonfarm employment in the metro area is 1,700 above one year ago.

Educational and health services and government each gained 400 jobs this month to lead all sectors. Professional and business services added 300 jobs from last month, continuing an upward trend through the year thus far, resulting in a gain of 1,200 from December 2015. Retail trade also added 300 jobs, contributing to a gain of 500 in trade and transportation. Retail trade, however, remains 100 below one year ago.

Only two sectors experienced job losses this month. Information shed 100 jobs, continuing a downward trend that began in spring of 2015 and leisure and hospitality had a seasonal decline of 300 jobs.

Information and manufacturing are the only sectors with job losses from one year ago, paring 200 and 300 jobs, respectively.

**Des Moines MSA**

# The Des Moines metro area gained 1,700 in October, lifting nonfarm employment to 356,200 jobs. The monthly gain is modest for this month and follows the prior four year average of 1,500 jobs. The largest monthly increase occurred in education and health services (+700) and was partially fueled by a seasonal increase in education services. Professional and business services also advanced this month (+600) with gains being heaviest in administrative support and waste management (+400). Early seasonal hiring in retail boosted trade, transportation and utilities to a gain of 500 jobs as establishments started preparation for the holiday season. Other gains this month included construction, other services, and manufacturing. Losses this month were limited to government (-300) and financial activities (-300).

# Annually, total nonfarm employment in Des Moines is up 4,300 jobs (+1.2 percent). Financial activities leads all sectors in growth (+2,100) followed by gains of 1,300 in construction and trade, transportation, and utilities. Losses have been limited to government (-1,300), professional and business services (-100), and manufacturing (-100).

# Dubuque

The Dubuque Metro added 400 jobs in October and now rests at 61,500 jobs. The October monthly gain is average and includes some seasonality related to private educational services. Private services combined added 500 jobs and was pushed by a gain of 200 in trade and transportation. Goods producing industries pared 100 jobs due to construction winding down. Government added 100 jobs in October.

Annually, Dubuque is up 400 jobs due entirely to gains in private services. Goods producing industries and government are unchanged versus last October.

**Iowa City**

Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area gained 1,400 jobs from last month. The majority of the jobs gains were in private service-providing sectors, however government also added 300 jobs. Goods producing sectors pared 100 jobs. Leisure and hospitality shed 200 jobs in an expected seasonal shift.

The metro area has added 2,800 jobs from one year ago with gains in nearly every sector. The only exceptions are 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 600 jobs from September. Goods producing shed 900 jobs with just 100 jobs pared from manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality had a seasonal loss of 300 jobs. Professional and business services added 200 jobs and trade, transportation and warehousing gained 300 jobs. Government also added 200 jobs, all in local government.

# Overall, the area has 1,200 fewer jobs from one year ago. Goods producing has pared 1,400 jobs, including 400 from manufacturing. Professional and business services (-300) and government (-200) have also shed jobs. Gains in trade, transportation and warehousing (700), and leisure and hospitality (300) have partially offset those losses. This is the first October over-the-year jobs decline since 2010.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area’s total nonfarm employment is up 1,000 jobs from the previous month and stands at 91,500. Gains in nearly every sector boosted employment. Notable gains included 800 additional jobs in government and 300 in trade, transportation and warehousing. Losses occurred in leisure and hospitality (-200) and manufacturing (-300).

Over the year, employment is down 900 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing has pared 300 jobs from one year ago, all in retail trade. Government has 200 fewer jobs with a drop of 400 in state government that was partially offset by a gain of 200 in local government.