PLYMOUTH 2004 ANNUAL COUNTY PROFILE

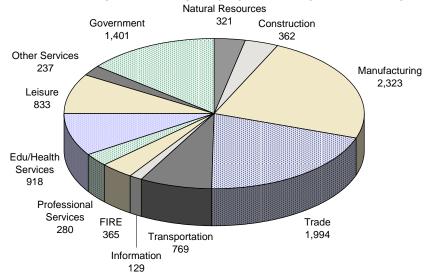
Executive Summary

As of 2003, Plymouth County's largest private sector was Manufacturing, representing 23.39 percent (2,323) of the county's total covered employment of 9,932. Over 90 percent of the employment in this sector was in the Food Manufacturing industry. The county's total employment increased by 2.16 percent since 2002, and the average annual wage increased by 0.43 percent to \$29,095 for all industries.

Plymouth County's average weekly wage for all industries was \$560 for 2003. This was an increase of just 0.54 percent since 2002. The highest average weekly wage was in the Manufacturing sector, averaging \$842 with gross total wages of \$101.7 million.



2003 Industry Breakout by Employment in Plymouth County



Note: Government includes public education and health institutions

Ten Largest Employers by Employment Based on Annual 2003 Employment by Private Industry

Rank	Name of Company	Industry
1	Wells Dairy	Manufacturing
2	Harkers Distribution	Wholesale Trade
3	Wal-Mart Stores	Retail Trade
4	Schuster Grain Co	Transport./Warehousing
5	Heyl Truck Lines	Transport./Warehousing
6	Hy-Vee Food Stores	Retail Trade
7	Schuster Leasing Co	Transport./Warehousing
8	Good Samaritan Society	Health Services
9	Happy Siesta Nursing Home	Health Services
10	Plymouth Manor	Health Services

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Covered Employment (2003)

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Total Employment	9,932	0.711
Average Weekly Wage	\$560	94.82
Largest Private Sector: Manufacturing	2,323	1.06³

- ¹ Percent is based on statewide covered employment of 1,404,476
- ² Percent is based on statewide average weekly wage of \$591
- ³ Percent is based on statewide covered sector employment

Census Statistics

	Rank						
24,719	25						
5.7%	19						
3.7%	76						
\$27,979	17						
\$41,638	13						
	5.7% 3.7% \$27,979						

Ranking based on Iowa's 99 counties

2004 QUARTERLY CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES PROFILE

2003 Covered Employment and Reporting Units by Industry in Plymouth County

Reporting Units		its		Employment				
2002	2003	% Change		2002	2003	% Change		
714	723	1.26%	Total All Industries	9,722	9,932	2.16%		
668	677	1.35%	Private Business	8,344	8,531	2.24%		
38	36	-5.26%	Ag/Natural Resources & Mining	310	321	3.55%		
83	83	0.00%	Construction	385	362	-5.97%		
27	32	18.52%	Manufacturing	2,244	2,323	3.52%		
150	158	5.33%	Trade	1,860	1,994	7.20%		
41	44	7.32%	Wholesale Trade	784	778	-0.77%		
109	114	4.59%	Retail Trade	1,076	1,216	13.01%		
47	46	-2.13%	Transportation & Utilities	775	769	-0.77%		
10	13	30.00%	Information	118	129	9.32%		
70	65	-7.14%	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	372	365	-1.88%		
59	63	6.78%	Professional & Business Services	273	280	2.56%		
68	66	-2.94%	Education & Health Services	961	918	-4.47%		
62	63	1.61%	Leisure & Hospitality	824	833	1.09%		
54	54	0.00%	Other Services	223	237	6.28%		
46	46	0.00%	Government	1,378	1,401	1.67%		
7	8	14.29%	State	42	47	11.90%		
30	30	0.00%	Local	1,255	1,275	1.59%		
9	8	-11.11%	Federal	81	79	-2.47%		

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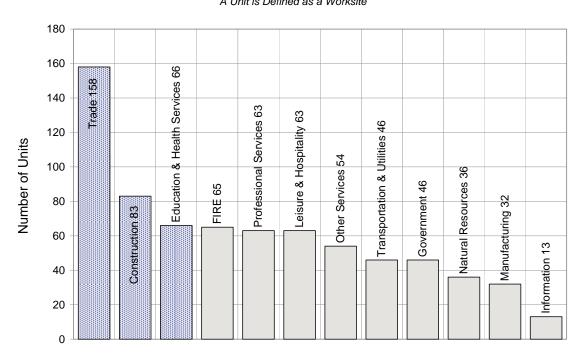
Plymouth County's Largest Industries by Worksites

Wholesale & Retail Trade 158

Construction 83

Education & Health Services 66

Reporting Units by Industry in 2003 in Plymouth County A Unit is Defined as a Worksite



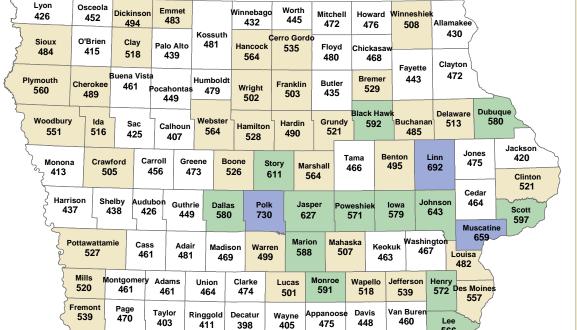
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2003 Average Annual and Weekly Wage by Industry in Plymouth County

Average Annual Wage			Annual Wag	е		Average Weekly Wage				Wage
	2002		2003	% Change		2002		2003		% Change
\$	28,971	\$	29,095	0.43%	Total All Industries	\$	557	\$	560	0.54%
\$	29,295	\$	29,367	0.24%	Private Business	\$	563	\$	565	0.36%
\$	19,929	\$	20,783	4.29%	Ag/Natural Resources & Mining	\$	383	\$	400	4.44%
\$	28,381	\$	29,260	3.10%	Construction	\$	546	\$	563	3.11%
\$	44,855	\$	43,799	-2.36%	Manufacturing	\$	863	\$	842	-2.43%
\$	24,200	\$	24,306	0.44%	Trade	\$	465	\$	467	0.43%
\$	33,881	\$	34,437	1.64%	Wholesale Trade	\$	652	\$	662	1.53%
\$	17,146	\$	17,824	3.96%	Retail Trade	\$	330	\$	343	3.94%
\$	41,201	\$	41,955	1.83%	Transportation & Utilities	\$	792	\$	807	1.89%
\$	27,093	\$	25,838	-4.63%	Information	\$	521	\$	497	-4.61%
\$	30,984	\$	32,315	4.29%	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	\$	596	\$	621	4.19%
\$	24,820	\$	25,174	1.43%	Professional & Business Services	\$	477	\$	484	1.47%
\$	20,065	\$	21,065	4.98%	Education & Health Services	\$	386	\$	405	4.92%
\$	6,872	\$	6,907	0.51%	Leisure & Hospitality	\$	132	\$	133	0.76%
\$	14,776	\$	14,858	0.56%	Other Services	\$	284	\$	286	0.70%
\$	27,008	\$	27,442	1.61%	Government	\$	519	\$	528	1.73%
\$	35,716	\$	36,991	3.57%	State	\$	687	\$	711	3.49%
\$	26,137	\$	26,549	1.58%	Local	\$	503	\$	511	1.59%
\$	35,986	\$	36,171	0.51%	Federal	\$	692	\$	696	0.58%



Legend

\$398 - \$481

\$482 - \$564

\$565 - \$647

\$648 - \$730

2003 Average Weekly Wage for All Industries by County

QUICK FACTS Average Weekly Wage Comparisons Plymouth \$560 Rank Among All 99 lowa Counties -20 Statewide \$591 Nation* \$726 * preliminary data

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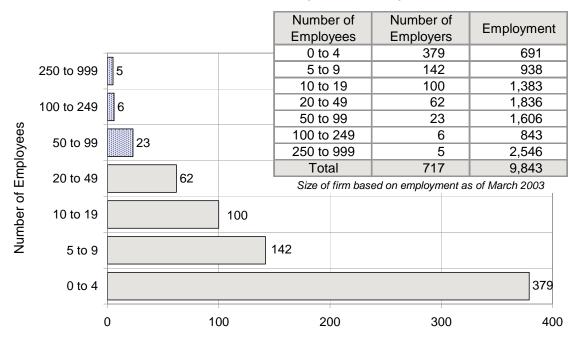
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2003 Size of Firm in Plymouth County



Number of Employers



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