

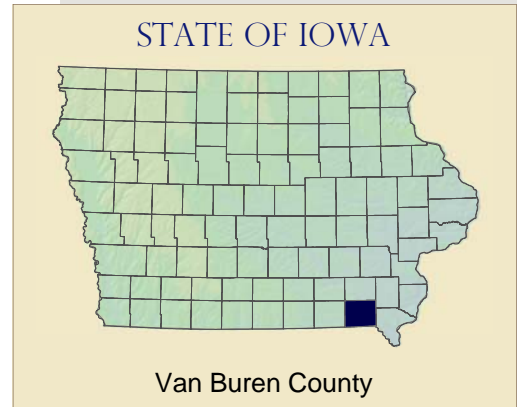
VAN BUREN

2004 ANNUAL COUNTY PROFILE

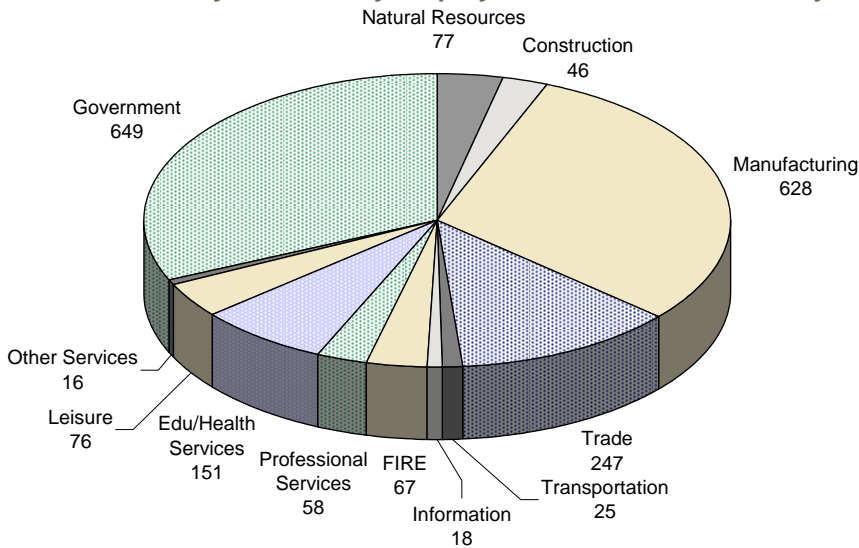
Executive Summary

As of 2003, Van Buren County's largest private sector was Manufacturing, representing 30.52 percent (628) of the county's total covered employment of 2,058. The county's total employment decreased by 0.68 percent since 2002, but the average annual wage increased by 5.15 percent to \$23,907 for all industries.

Van Buren County's average weekly wage for all industries was \$460 for 2003. This was an increase of 5.26 percent since 2002. The highest average weekly wage for a private sector was Transportation & Utilities, averaging \$677 with gross total wages of \$0.87 million. The Other Services sector had the largest percentage increase in average weekly wage of 41.89 percent (\$124) between 2002 and 2003.



2003 Industry Breakout by Employment in Van Buren 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	Barker Company	Manufacturing
2	Good Samaritan Society	Health Services
3	Riverside Plastics	Manufacturing
4	Barker Wire Products	Manufacturing
5	Midstates Engr & Mfg	Manufacturing
6	Blackjack Pork	Agriculture
7	Community First Bank	Finance & Insurance
8	Center Village	Health Services
9	Eagle Plastics	Manufacturing
10	Cole Construction Co	Construction

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Covered Employment (2003)

		%
Total Employment	2,058	0.15 ¹
Average Weekly Wage	\$460	77.8 ²
Largest Private Sector: Manufacturing	628	0.29 ³

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
2003 Population	7,777	91
Growth % since 1990	1.3%	43
2003 Unemployment Rate	5.9%	15
2002 Per Capita Personal Income	\$20,472	98
2000 Median Household Income	\$31,094	93

Ranking based on Iowa's 99 counties

2004 QUARTERLY CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES PROFILE

2003 Covered Employment and Reporting Units by Industry in Van Buren County

Reporting Units				Employment		
2002	2003	% Change		2002	2003	% Change
191	192	0.52%	Total All Industries	2,072	2,058	-0.68%
145	146	0.69%	Private Business	1,416	1,409	-0.49%
6	7	16.67%	Ag/Natural Resources & Mining	78	77	-1.28%
14	12	-14.29%	Construction	51	46	-9.80%
12	12	0.00%	Manufacturing	621	628	1.13%
37	38	2.70%	Trade	239	247	3.35%
8	9	12.50%	<i>Wholesale Trade</i>	58	63	8.62%
29	29	0.00%	<i>Retail Trade</i>	181	183	1.10%
6	5	-16.67%	Transportation & Utilities	28	25	-10.71%
4	5	25.00%	Information	13	18	38.46%
14	14	0.00%	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	69	67	-2.90%
16	16	0.00%	Professional & Business Services	58	58	0.00%
13	14	7.69%	Education & Health Services	163	151	-7.36%
14	14	0.00%	Leisure & Hospitality	75	76	1.33%
9	9	0.00%	Other Services	21	16	-23.81%
47	46	-2.13%	Government	656	649	-1.07%
5	6	20.00%	<i>State</i>	14	15	7.14%
34	33	-2.94%	<i>Local</i>	595	588	-1.18%
8	7	-12.50%	<i>Federal</i>	47	46	-2.13%

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Van Buren County's Largest Industries by Worksites

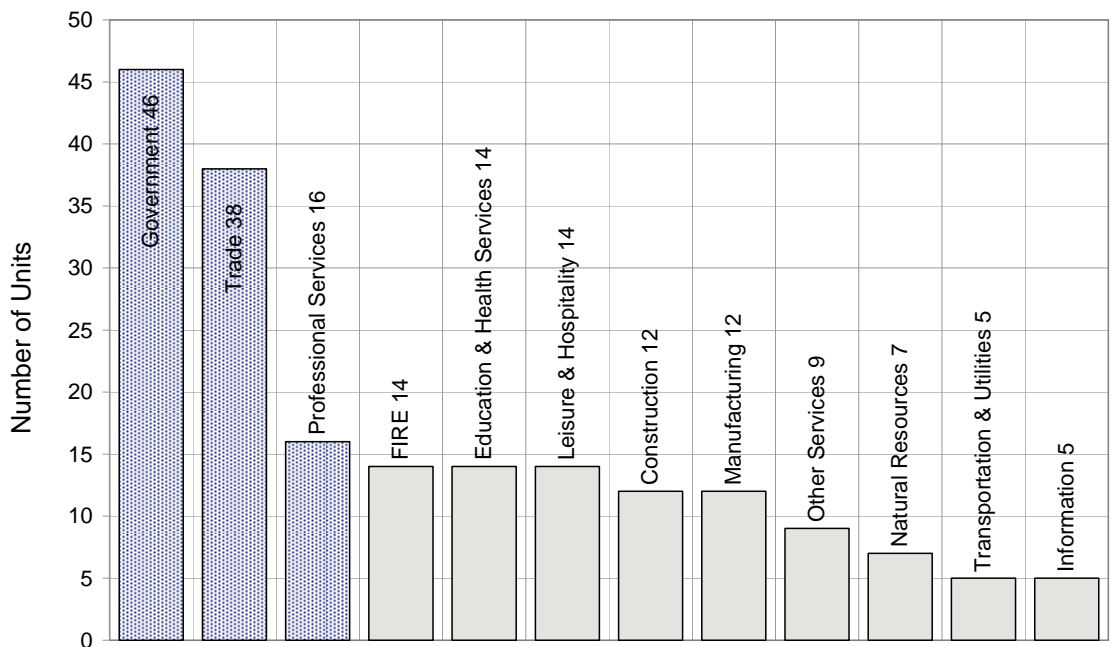
Government
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Wholesale & Retail
Trade
38

Professional
Services
16

Reporting Units by Industry in 2003 in Van Buren County

A Unit is Defined as a Worksite



Trade - Wholesale & Retail Trade
F.I.R.E. - Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate;

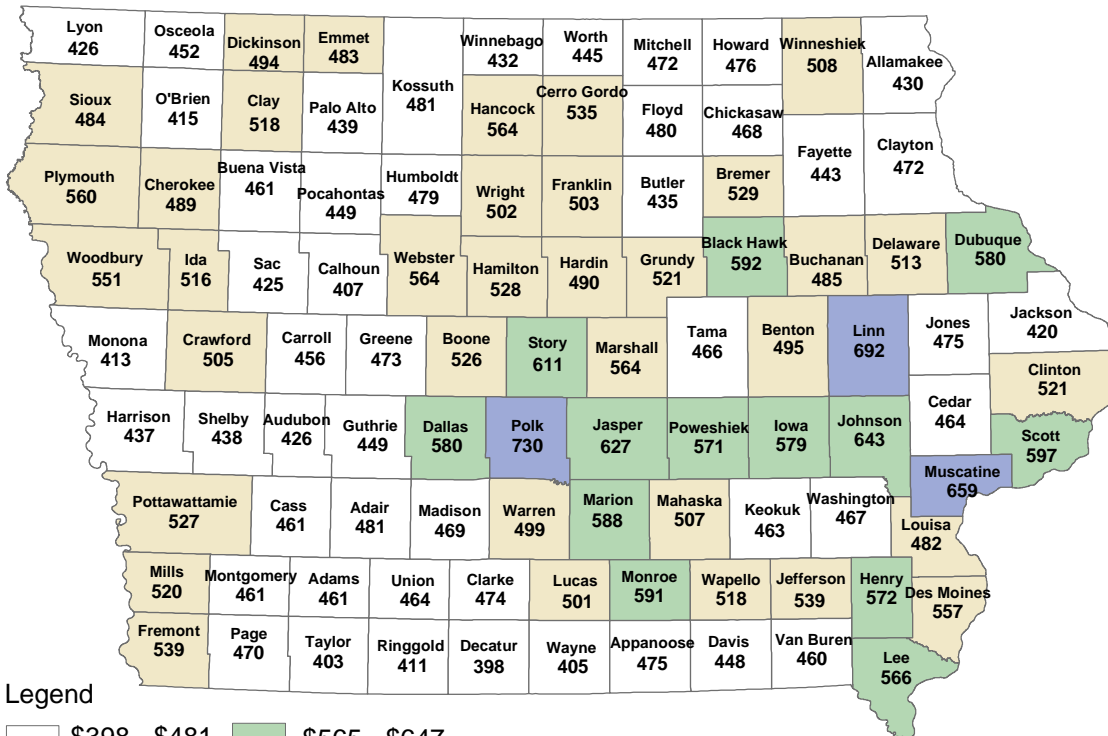
Natural Resources - Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Mining.

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2003 Average Annual and Weekly Wage by Industry in Van Buren County

Average Annual Wage				Average Weekly Wage		
2002	2003	% Change		2002	2003	% Change
\$ 22,737	\$ 23,907	5.15%	Total All Industries	\$ 437	\$ 460	5.26%
\$ 22,723	\$ 24,532	7.96%	Private Business	\$ 437	\$ 472	8.01%
\$ 25,998	\$ 24,089	-7.34%	Ag/Natural Resources & Mining	\$ 500	\$ 463	-7.40%
\$ 28,629	\$ 29,741	3.88%	Construction	\$ 551	\$ 572	3.81%
\$ 28,928	\$ 31,637	9.36%	Manufacturing	\$ 556	\$ 608	9.35%
\$ 14,183	\$ 14,916	5.17%	Trade	\$ 273	\$ 287	5.13%
\$ 18,914	\$ 21,903	15.80%	Wholesale Trade	\$ 364	\$ 421	15.66%
\$ 12,667	\$ 12,592	-0.59%	Retail Trade	\$ 244	\$ 242	-0.82%
\$ 29,416	\$ 35,184	19.61%	Transportation & Utilities	\$ 566	\$ 677	19.61%
\$ 17,387	\$ 24,033	38.22%	Information	\$ 334	\$ 462	38.32%
\$ 23,811	\$ 25,814	8.41%	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	\$ 458	\$ 496	8.30%
\$ 25,178	\$ 26,446	5.04%	Professional & Business Services	\$ 484	\$ 509	5.17%
\$ 14,440	\$ 15,559	7.75%	Education & Health Services	\$ 278	\$ 299	7.55%
\$ 6,721	\$ 6,786	0.96%	Leisure & Hospitality	\$ 129	\$ 130	0.78%
\$ 15,367	\$ 21,844	42.15%	Other Services	\$ 296	\$ 420	41.89%
\$ 22,766	\$ 22,552	-0.94%	Government	\$ 438	\$ 434	-0.91%
\$ 33,355	\$ 33,501	0.44%	State	\$ 641	\$ 644	0.47%
\$ 21,882	\$ 21,662	-1.01%	Local	\$ 421	\$ 417	-0.95%
\$ 30,802	\$ 30,351	-1.46%	Federal	\$ 592	\$ 584	-1.35%

2003 Average Weekly Wage for All Industries by County



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Average Weekly Wage Comparisons

Van Buren
\$460

Rank
Among All 99
Iowa Counties
-75-

Statewide
\$591

Nation*
\$726

* preliminary data

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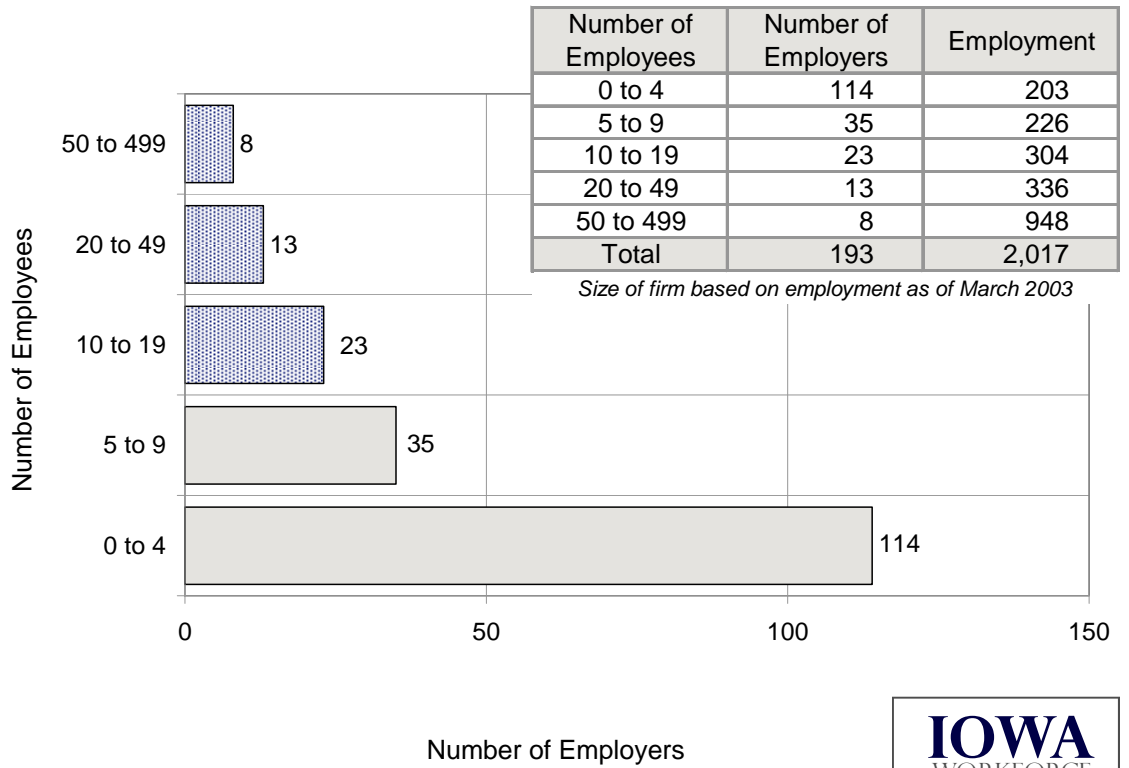
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2003 Size of Firm in Van Buren County



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