

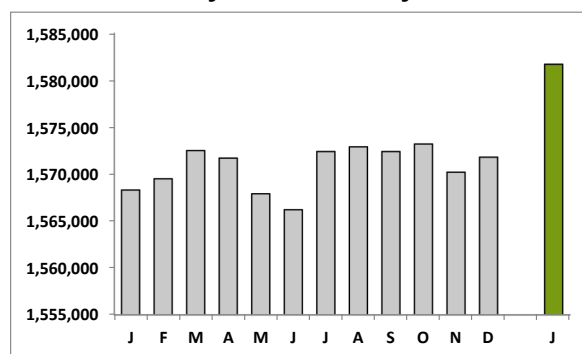
Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2017 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 13	Mar 13
Feb	Mar 24	Mar 24
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 25
Apr	May 19	May 23
May	June 16	June 20
June	July 21	July 25
July	Aug 18	Aug 22
Aug	Sep 15	Sep 19
Sept	Oct 20	Oct 24
Oct	Nov 17	Nov 21
Nov	Dec 22	Dec 27
Dec	Jan 23	Jan 23

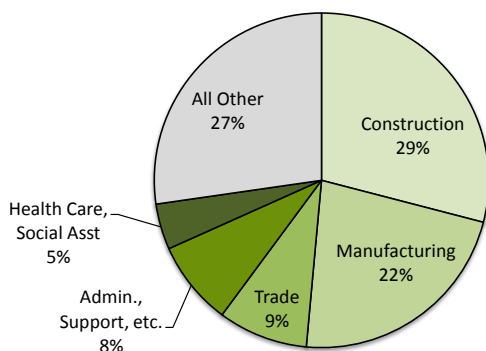
- Iowa's unemployment rate dropped to 3.3 percent in January from 3.5 percent in December. The state's jobless rate was 3.8 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level continued to trend upward in January, reaching 1,637,600.
- The U.S. unemployment rate edged up slightly to 4.8 percent in January from 4.7 percent in December.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa January 2016 - January 2017



- Iowa establishments added 9,900 jobs in January, pushing total nonfarm employment up to 13,400 jobs compared to last year.
- Professional and business services added 3,000 jobs due to strong hiring in professional and business services.
- Leisure and hospitality benefitted from warmer than usual conditions and were up 2,800 jobs in January.
- Trade and transportation was lifted by moderate hiring in Iowa's retail sector which is now up 1,600 jobs annually.
- Manufacturing was up 1,100 in January but remains down 3,500 jobs compared to one year ago.

Regular UI Benefits by Industry Calendar Year 2016



Source: Iowa Workforce Development

- Construction accounted for 29 percent of UI benefits paid during 2016. Manufacturing followed, accounting for 22 percent of benefits.
- The 2016 industry distribution was virtually unchanged from 2015.
- Iowa's home prices increased by 7.4 percent compared to one year ago but overall sales dropped by 3.7 percent.
- U.S. nonfarm employment added 227,000 jobs in January and were fueled by hiring in retail, construction and finance. The Nation has added 2.3 million jobs in the last twelve months.

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

Year	Quarter	Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
		Qtr 1	1,559,000
2015	Qtr 2	1,559,700	0.0%
	Qtr 3	1,561,400	0.1%
	Qtr 4	1,564,200	0.2%
	2016	Qtr 1	1,570,100
Qtr 2		1,568,600	-0.1%
Qtr 3		1,572,600	0.3%
Qtr 4		1,571,700	-0.1%

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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2012-2016

