**Ames**

The Ames metropolitan statistical area seasonally shed 1,600 jobs in May. The updated total nonfarm employment level of 53,500 jobs is 500 more than last year’s mark. As expected, state government was down 1,400 jobs due to education employment breaking for the summer. Private services also shed jobs (-200), while goods producing industries were unchanged compared to April.

Annually, private services have gained 600 jobs and government is up 100 jobs at the state level. Conversely, goods producing industries have pared 200 jobs during that span.

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added jobs for the fourth consecutive month, bringing total nonfarm employment to 145,700 jobs. With the exceptions of seasonal increases in natural resources and construction (+500) and leisure and hospitality (+400), individual industry gains were relatively small. All but three industries added employment.

Financial activities was unchanged, professional and business services pared 200 jobs and educational and health services shed 400 jobs. Job losses in educational and health services were largely seasonal in nature and the smallest April-to-May drop since 2004.

Over the year the area added 1,900 jobs, led by professional and business services and natural resources and construction, each adding 800 jobs. Information has pared 300 jobs from one year ago and educational and health services shed 200 jobs.

**Des Moines MSA**

# Total nonfarm employment in the Des Moines Metropolitan Statistical Area added 3,300 jobs in May and now rests at 368,800 jobs. This month’s increase in modest for the metro area, but does follow an unusually high increase last month. The largest increases this month were understandably in leisure and hospitality (+2,200) and related to recreational activities. Professional and business services also advanced again this month (+700) due in part to hiring in landscaping and lawn services. Construction was fueled by expansion within specialty trade contracting and gained 600 jobs in May. Virtually all sectors showed some improvement versus April, with the exceptions being education and health services (-300) and financial activities (-700).

# Annually, total nonfarm employment has added 9,200 jobs. Private services have been responsible for nearly all of the gain; government is up a slight 200 jobs. Professional and business services have added the most jobs of any sector and are up 3,600 jobs versus last May. This month’s increase marks the fourth-straight month for jobs being added in this sector. Construction has also fared well in the Des Moines area and is up 2,600 jobs. Specialty trade contractors alone are up 1,200 jobs. After this month’s large gain, leisure and hospitality is up 2,200 jobs. The only sectors trending down over the last twelve months are information services (-400) and trade, transportation, and utilities (-200).

# Dubuque

The Dubuque metro total nonfarm employment advanced by 600 jobs in May, lifting nonfarm employment up to 60,500 jobs. This month’s gain is average by historical standards and leaves the metro area up 100 jobs versus last year.

Private services were partially fueled by hiring in retail and added 300 jobs in May. This month’s increase follows a drop in April and leaves this segment of the Dubuque economy down 100 jobs annually. Goods producing industries added 100 jobs this month and are also up 100 jobs versus last May. Government added 200 jobs at the local level for summer projects and now rests up 100 jobs annually.

**Iowa City**

Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area dropped 100 jobs from last month due to a seasonal decline in state government employment (-900). Several industries added jobs, partially offsetting the loss in state government. The larger of those gains include 200 additional jobs in trade, transportation and warehousing, 200 jobs in leisure and hospitality, and 200 jobs in goods producing industries.

The metro area has added 3,300 jobs from one year ago, boosted by gains of 2,000 in government and 1,200 in private service-providing sectors. Professional and business services and trade, transportation and warehousing each added 300 jobs. Goods producing industries added only 100 jobs.

**Sioux City**

# Employment in the Sioux City MSA is up 1,500 jobs from April. Leisure and hospitality and manufacturing each added 300 jobs. The employment increase in manufacturing was due to a gain of 400 in non-durable goods manufacturing and was partially offset by a decline of 100 jobs in durable goods. Government, and trade, transportation and warehousing each added 200 jobs.

# Overall, the area has 900 fewer jobs from one year ago. Goods producing sectors have pared 600 jobs, although manufacturing has added 100 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 500 jobs and professional and business services added 200 jobs. Leisure and hospitality shed 500 jobs and government is unchanged.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area’s total nonfarm employment gained 300 jobs from the previous month and stands at 91,800. The over-the-month change is slightly below the 10-year average April-to-May change.

Employment levels changed in every sector except professional and business services. Goods producing industries added 300 jobs, with 100 of those jobs in manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality added 200 seasonal jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing endured the greatest jobs loss, paring 400 jobs. Government, educational and health services and financial activities each shed 100 jobs.

Over the year, employment is up 300 jobs. Government and trade, transportation and warehousing each added 400 jobs. However, losses in manufacturing (-300), financial activities (-100) and leisure and hospitality (-100) offset the bulk of those gains.