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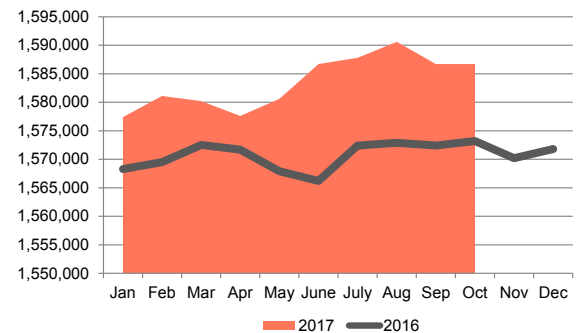
Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2017 News Release Schedule

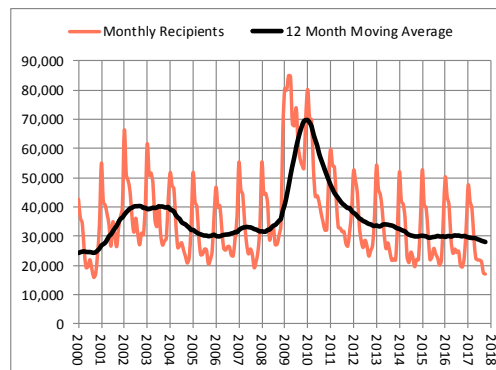
Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 13	Mar 13
Feb	Mar 24	Mar 28
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 25
Apr	May 19	May 23
May	Jun 16	Jun 20
Jun	Jul 21	Jul 25
Jul	Aug 18	Aug 22
Aug	Sep 15	Sep 19
Sep	Oct 20	Oct 24
Oct	Nov 17	Nov 21
Nov	Dec 22	Dec 27
Dec	Jan 23	Jan 23

- Iowa's unemployment rate decreased to 3.0 percent in October. The state's jobless rate was 3.6 percent one year ago.
- The number of employed Iowans increased to 1,635,700 in October from 1,632,300 in September.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 4.1 percent in October from 4.2 percent in September.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa Jan 2016 - October 2017



Unemployment Insurance Recipients* Regular UI Only



- Total nonfarm employment remained unchanged versus September, holding at 1,586,700.
- Manufacturing added 2,200 jobs in October to lead all sectors. This month's gain leaves this super sector up 6,000 jobs versus last year's mark.
- Leisure and hospitality gained 1,800 jobs. All of the increase was in accommodations and food services.
- Retail trade shed 1,000 jobs in October. This is the third-consecutive loss for this sector.
- Professional and business services decreased for the second straight month and was down 1,200 jobs.

*Recipients represents the number of persons receiving at least one UI payment during the month.

- The number of UI benefit recipients declined from 19,469 in October 2016 to 17,022 in October 2017. This represents the lowest number of UI recipients since September 2000.
- Iowa home sales dipped in September by 2.9 percent versus the same level one year ago, but the median sales price climbed 2.0 percent versus the prices last year.¹
- The average days on the market for homes being sold in Iowa was 71 days versus 73 last September.¹
- U.S. total nonfarm payroll added 261,000 in October following a slight gain of 18,000 in September.

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

Year	Quarter	Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2015	Qtr 4	1,564,200	0.2%
	Qtr 1	1,570,100	0.4%
2016	Qtr 2	1,568,600	-0.1%
	Qtr 3	1,572,600	0.3%
	Qtr 4	1,571,700	-0.1%
2017	Qtr 1	1,579,600	0.5%
	Qtr 2	1,581,600	0.1%
	Qtr 3	1,588,400	0.4%

Iowa Workforce Development

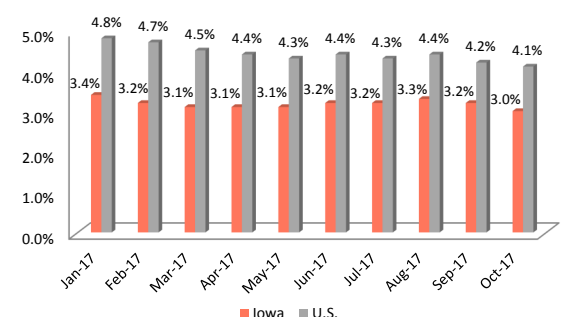
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