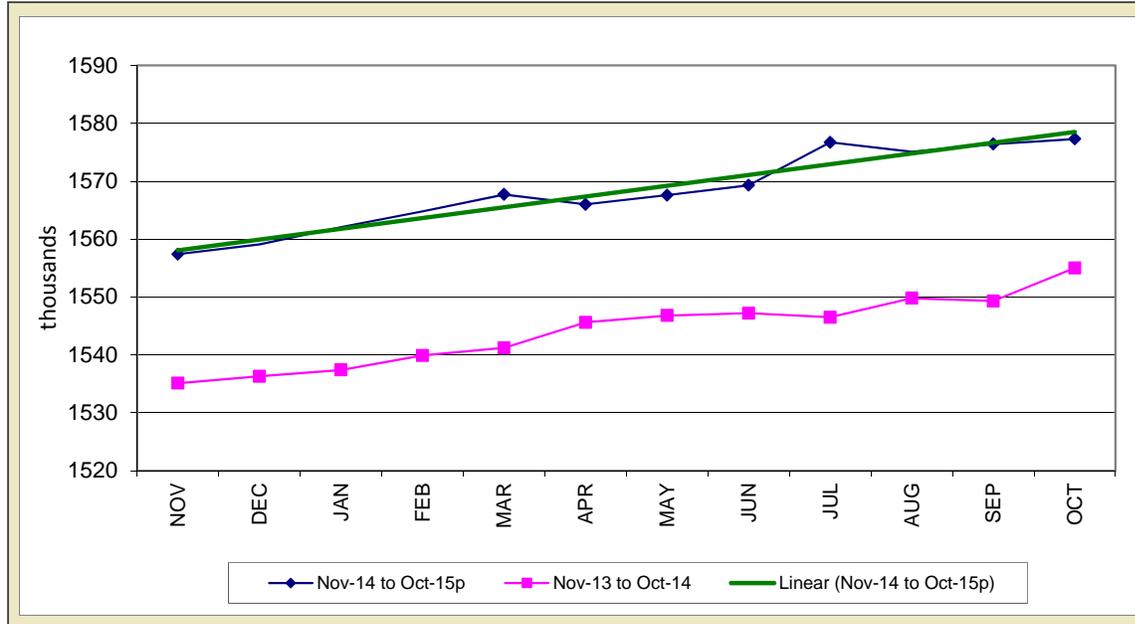


STATE OF IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO EXPAND WITH HELP OF PRIVATE SERVICE SECTORS



For the second straight month, total nonfarm employment added jobs and now rests at 1,577,300 jobs. The gain was primarily fueled by private services and isolated to only two super sectors, while goods producing industries pared a combined 1,600 jobs. Government advanced this month due to larger-than-expected seasonal hiring in local government education and is little changed versus one year ago (-100).

Professional and business services surged ahead in October thanks primarily to hiring in administrative and waste management. This is the third consecutive month of growth for this sector which has added 4,500 jobs since July. The only other gain this month occurred in other services. This sector has gained jobs in three of the last four months. Alternatively, losses this month were small, but evident in most sectors this month; the two exceptions were leisure and

hospitality (-1,900) and manufacturing (-1,000). Leisure and hospitality was hampered this month by a decrease in accommodations and food services staffing and was larger than seasonally expected. Manufacturing pared jobs evenly in both durable and nondurable goods factories and shed employment for the third straight month. Smaller drops included education and health services (-700), construction (-500), and trade and transportation (-400).

Annually, nonfarm employment remains up 22,300 jobs (+1.4 percent). Following this month's surge, professional and business services has now added the most jobs since last October (+6,500) followed by education and health services (+5,800) then construction (+3,700) and other services (+3,700). Iowa's financial sector has remained strong over the past twelve months and is up 2,500 jobs annually. Annual losses

are limited to manufacturing (-1,300), information services (-900) and mining (-100).

Nationally, nonfarm employment gained 271,000 jobs in October. The monthly increase was the largest of the year. The largest increases were in retail trade, education and health services, and professional and business services. This month's increase pushes the nation up 2.8 million jobs compared to one year ago (+2.0 percent).

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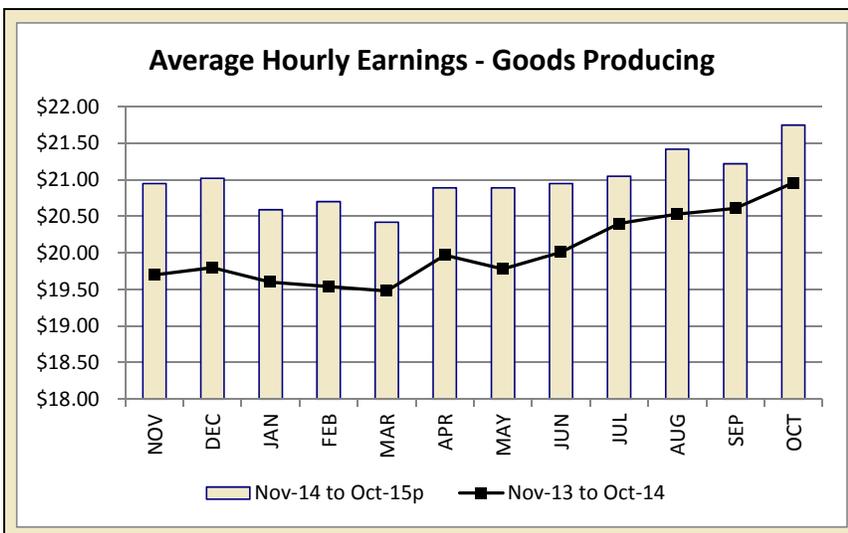
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**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (TOTAL NONFARM)**

MSA	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15p
AMES	52.3	52.9	52.8	52.7	53.0	53.4	52.8	52.9	51.9	52.4	52.2	53.0	53.3
CEDAR RAPIDS	141.1	140.6	140.5	141.1	141.3	140.7	141.2	141.7	141.3	141.1	142.2	141.4	142.1
DES MOINES/W. DES MOINES	345.2	346.0	347.1	348.0	348.2	348.5	348.5	350.4	351.5	352.4	354.5	357.6	355.3
DUBUQUE	59.5	59.8	59.8	60.1	59.9	60.3	60.2	60.2	59.1	60.2	60.2	59.7	59.4
IOWA CITY	98.0	98.0	98.0	99.3	98.9	98.3	98.6	96.5	99.6	101.7	101.4	99.1	99.7
SIoux CITY *													
WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS	92.1	92.2	92.2	93.9	93.1	92.6	92.3	92.2	91.5	92.4	91.6	91.9	91.6

* Seasonally adjusted data for the Sioux City MSA is not available due to redefinition of the metropolitan area to now include Plymouth County

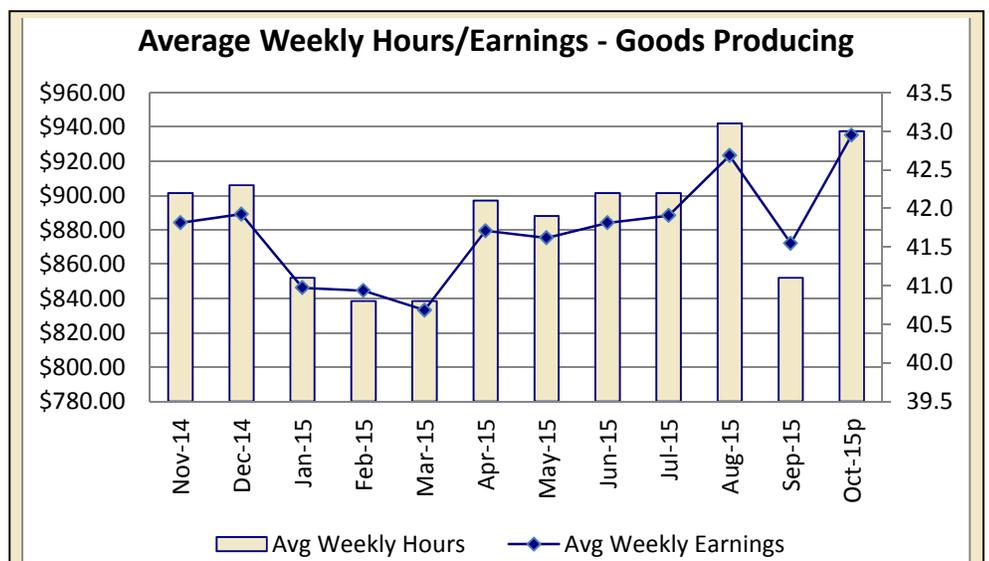
IOWA'S HOURS & EARNINGS



Goods-producing Hours & Earnings	
Average Weekly Earnings	\$935.25
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.75
Average Weekly Hours	43.0

Production workers in Iowa's goods-producing sectors averaged \$935.25 in October, \$63.11 more than last month and \$42.35 more than last year. The annual gain is due primarily to an increase in hourly earnings, particularly with Iowa's construction workers. Following a drop in hours worked last month, construction workers resumed overtime this month leading to an increase of \$143.59 in weekly pay.

Production and non-supervisory workers in retail shed \$3.59 in October and averaged \$360.70 a week in wages. Financial workers averaged \$874.37, down \$14.50 compared to September and little changed versus one year ago.



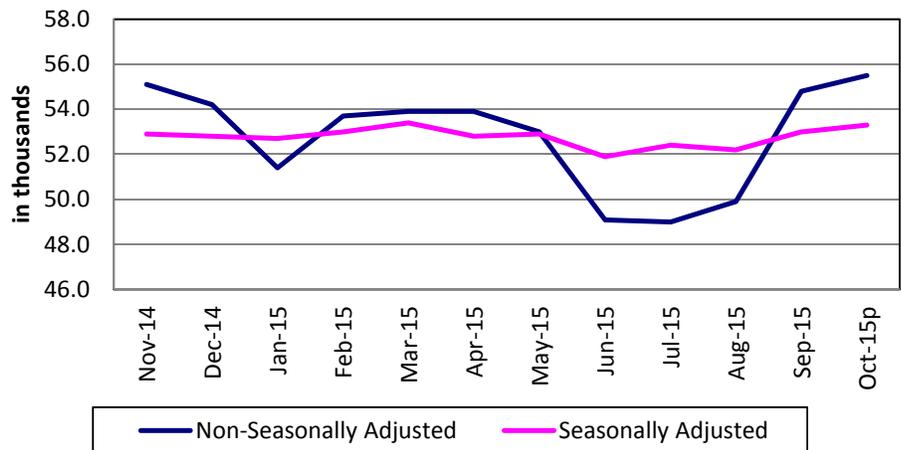
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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Ames MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15 ^p	55,500
Total Nonfarm 14	54,500
% Change 1 Yr	1.83%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Pvt Service Provide	4.94%
Goods Producing	-5.48%

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Ames - Nonfarm Employment



The Ames Metro area advanced by 700 jobs in October and boosted employment to 55,500 jobs. The monthly gain is higher than average and was due primarily to hiring in private services (+400). Government advanced by 300 jobs and was seasonally expected. Good producing industries were unchanged compared to September.

Annually, nonfarm employment hovers 1,000 jobs above last October's level. Private services have advanced steadily and are up 1,200 jobs. Government is up 200 jobs due to increased staffing in education, while goods producing industries trail last year's level by 400 jobs.

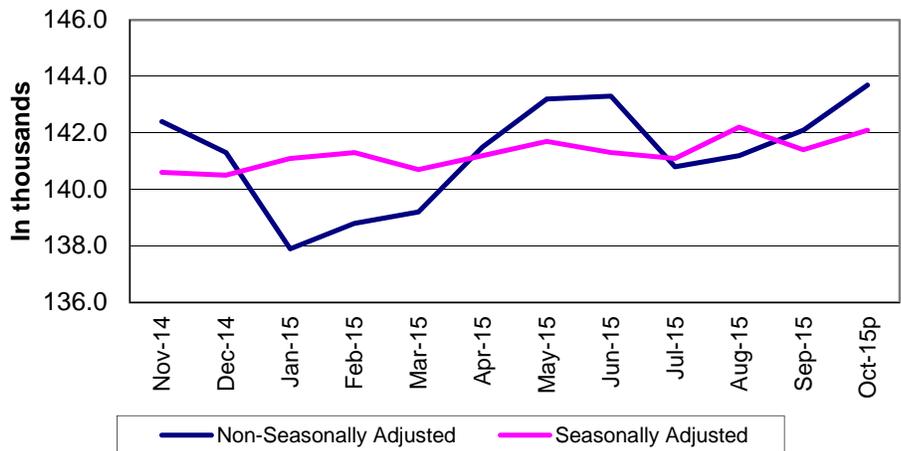
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Cedar Rapids MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15 ^p	143,700
Total Nonfarm 14	142,700
% Change 1 Yr	0.70%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Other Services	3.85%
Information	-4.26%

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Cedar Rapids - Nonfarm Employment



The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 1,600 nonfarm jobs from September, bringing employment to 143,700. Total nonfarm employment in the metro area has added 1,000 jobs from one year ago.

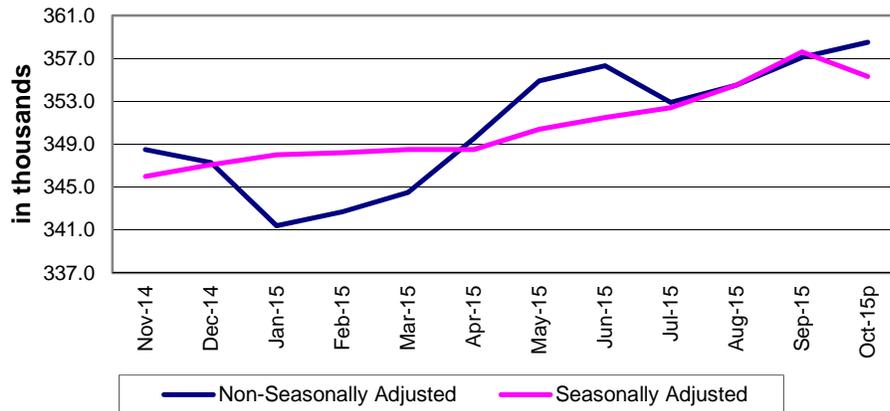
Educational and health services led all sectors, adding 1,000 jobs from last month. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 400 jobs, with 300 of those in retail trade. Professional and business services gained 300 jobs. Smaller gains occurred in natural resources and construction, other services and government.

Leisure and hospitality and financial activities were the only sectors where employment was pared, shedding 300 and 100 jobs, respectively.

Over the year, manufacturing has reduced employment by 400 jobs, information and government each pared 200 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing and educational and health services have each added 400 jobs.

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**Des Moines/West Des Moines -
Nonfarm Employment**



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Des Moines MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	358,500
Total Nonfarm 14	348,400
% Change 1 Yr	2.90%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Prof & Business	11.43%
Information	-6.06%

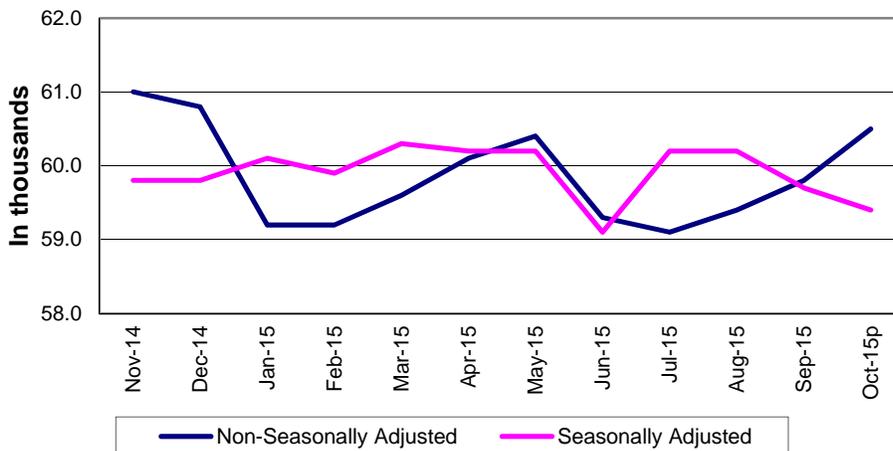
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The Des Moines Metropolitan added 1,400 jobs in October, raising nonfarm employment 358,500 jobs. The month's increase is moderate for the metro area, yet follows an unseasonably large increase in September. The biggest gains this month were in professional and business services (+1,600), education and health services (+800), and trade and transportation (+300). Losses this month were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-1,100) and were expected as colder weather started to impede foot traffic. Government shed employment this month due to reductions in state government.

Annually, Des Moines has added 10,100 jobs. By percentage, the metro has added jobs at a faster pace than the state and all other metropolitan areas. Professional and business services has seen the largest increase of any super sector by jobs added (+5,200) and percentage (+11.4 percent). Jobs have been gained in both professional and administrative industries. Leisure and hospitality remains marked up (+2,300) even with this month's decrease. Financial activities are up 1,600 jobs although much of the hiring took place earlier in the year. Sector losses over the year have been limited to trade and transportation (-600) and information services (-400).

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Dubuque - Nonfarm Employment



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Dubuque MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	60,500
Total Nonfarm 14	60,600
% Change 1 Yr	1.17%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Trade & Transport	3.28%
Pvt Service Provide	-0.93%

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The Dubuque Metro gained 700 jobs in October and now rests at 60,500 jobs. The monthly gain is average for the area and follows a relatively weak September for seasonal hiring. The gain this month leaves the Dubuque area down 100 jobs versus last October.

Private services added 700 jobs this month but still trail last year's level by 400 jobs. Fueled by retail hiring, trade and transportation added 200 jobs this month and is 400 over last October's level. Goods producing industries pared 100 jobs this month but remain up 300 jobs annually. The government sector added a slight 100 jobs since September and exactly matched last year's level for employment.

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Iowa City MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	101,600
Total Nonfarm 14	99,800
% Change 1 Yr	1.80%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Prof & Business	2.78%
Trade & Transport	-0.61%

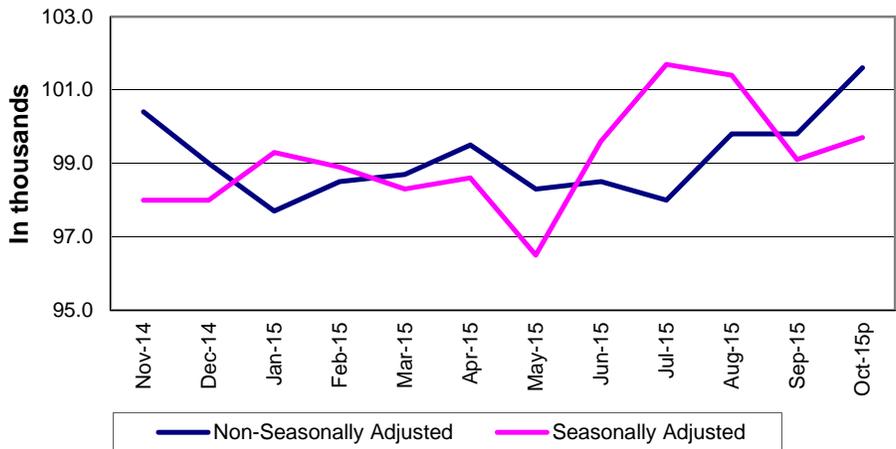
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Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area is 1,800 above last month as a result of gains in government (+800) and private service (+1,000) sectors. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 300 jobs, but remains 100 below one year ago. Goods producing industries remain 200 above one year ago.

Gains from one year ago also totaled 1,800 jobs and were largely fueled by employment increases in service-providing industries (+1,600). Goods producing industries also increased, adding 200 jobs.

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Iowa City - Nonfarm Employment



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Sioux City MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	89,300
Total Nonfarm 14	88,800
% Change 1 Yr	0.56%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Leisure & Hospitality	9.52%
Local Government	-6.32%

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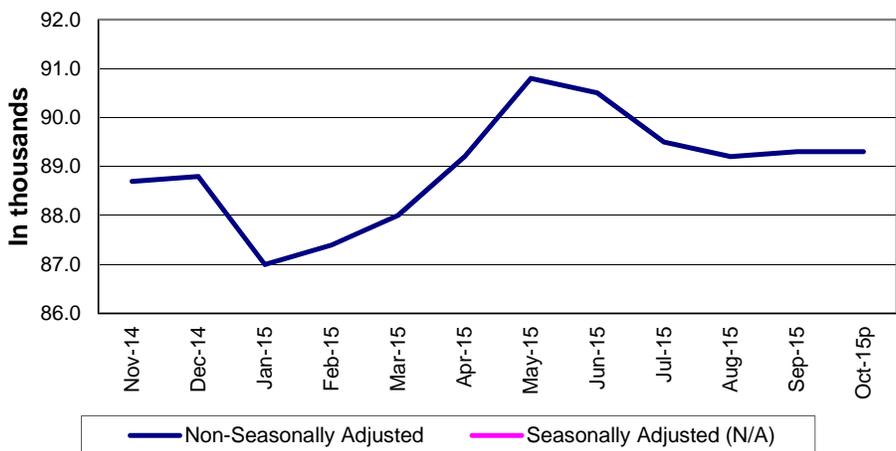
The Sioux City MSA has been redefined. It now includes: Dixon and Dakota Counties in Nebraska, Union County in South Dakota, and Woodbury and Plymouth Counties in Iowa.

Employment in the Sioux City MSA is unchanged from September. Gains in professional and business services, government and retail trade were offset by losses in manufacturing and private service providing industries. Manufacturing has shed employment for three consecutive months.

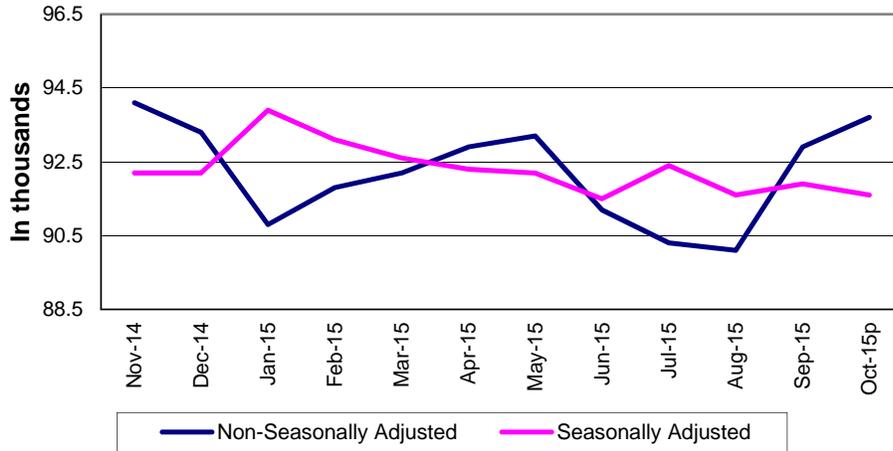
Overall, the area has added 500 jobs from one year ago. Leisure and hospitality has enjoyed the greatest employment gain, adding 800 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 400 jobs, and professional and business services gained 200 jobs. Government (-600) and manufacturing (-200) are the only two sectors with employment losses over the year.

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Sioux City - Nonfarm Employment



Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Nonfarm Employment



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Waterloo/Cedar Falls MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 15p	93,700
Total Nonfarm 14	94,300
% Change 1 Yr	-0.64%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Retail Trade	5.61%
Goods Producing	-5.66%

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The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area's total nonfarm employment gained 800 jobs from the previous month. The gain is boosted by increases of 700 in government, an additional 400 jobs in trade, transportation and warehousing, and small gains in professional and business services and financial activities. Those gains were partially offset by losses of 300 jobs in leisure and hospitality and 100 in educational and health services and goods producing.

The over-the-year employment change is -600 with a mixture of gains and losses in various industries. Most notably, manufacturing pared 400 jobs and government shed 200 jobs.

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