

2015 IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE

UTILITIES

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Executive Summary

In 2014, the **utilities** sector comprised 0.5 percent of all employment in Iowa. Although this sector is one of the smallest industries, with 8,140 workers, it reported an average annual wage of \$80,913. This wage is 90.2 percent higher than the state average wage of \$42,536.

Since the peak in 2008, employment in this sector has been steadily regressing, although there was a slight uptick in employment between 2013 and 2014. Overall, this sector has shed 804 jobs since its peak in 2008, a 9.0 percent decline.

Wages are generally higher than other industries in Iowa because this sector requires a higher level of specialized skills and generally require substantial overtime. The wages paid in this industry in Iowa are fairly in line with the region. Iowa's wages are a bit lower than the national level, which, at 98,149, is 13.7 percent higher than Iowa's wages in the private sector.

Men dominate this industry, holding 76.3 percent of the jobs in the state.





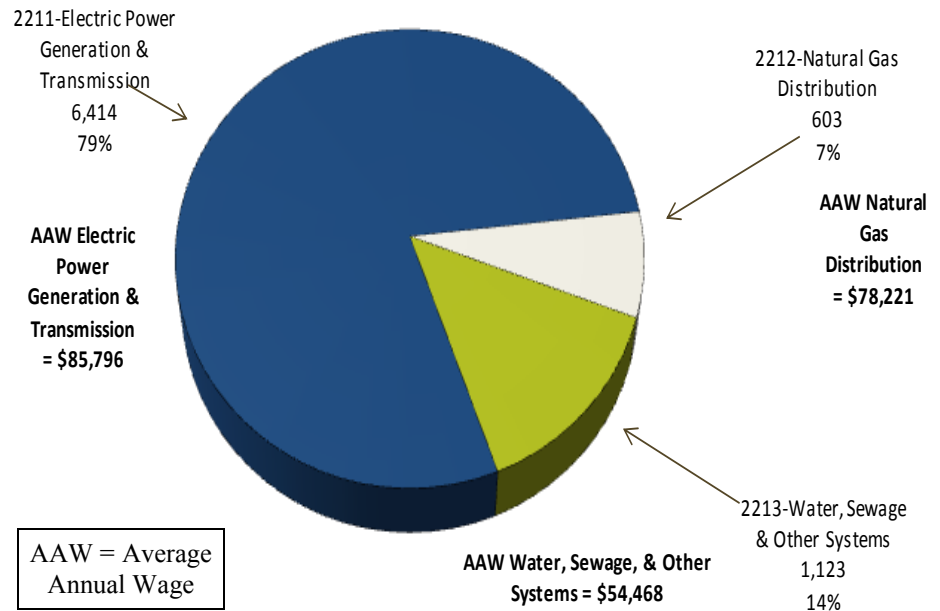
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What is Utilities?

The **utilities** sector comprises firms engaged in the provision of the following utility services: electric power, natural gas, steam supply, water supply and sewage removal. Within this sector, the specific activities associated with the utility services provided vary by utility: electric power includes generation, transmission and distribution; natural gas includes distribution; steam supply includes provision and/or distribution; water supply includes treatment and distribution; and sewage removal includes collection, treatment, and disposal of waste through sewer systems and sewage treatment facilities.

2014 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa

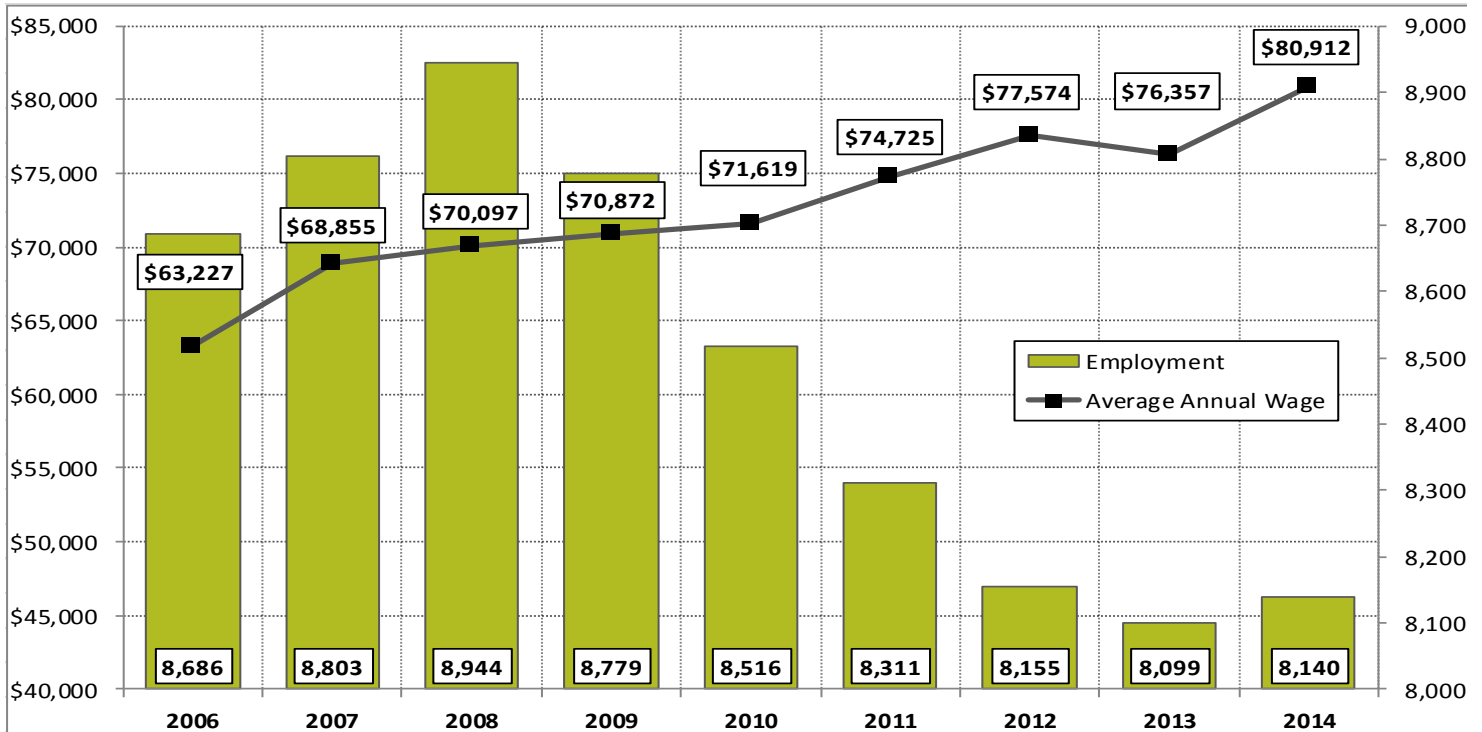
Utilities NAICS Industry Coding
Percentage Employed by Sub-Sector



Source: www.census.gov/naics

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Bureau of Labor Statistics

2006-2014 Employment in Utilities in Iowa



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Examples of Major Utilities Industry Employers

Name of Company	Industry
Cedar Falls Utilities	Electric Power Generation & Distribution
Central Iowa Power Co-Op	Electric Power Generation & Distribution
Corn Belt Power COOP	Electric Power Generation & Distribution
Des Moines Water Works	Water, Sewage & Other Systems
Duane Arnold Energy Center	Electric Power Generation & Distribution
Interstate Power & Light Co	Electric Power Generation & Distribution
ITC Midwest, LLC	Electric Power Generation & Distribution
MidAmerican Energy Co	Electric Power Generation & Distribution
Muscatine Power & Water	Electric Power Generation & Distribution
Roquette America Inc	Electric Power Generation & Distribution

Source: Infogroup USA

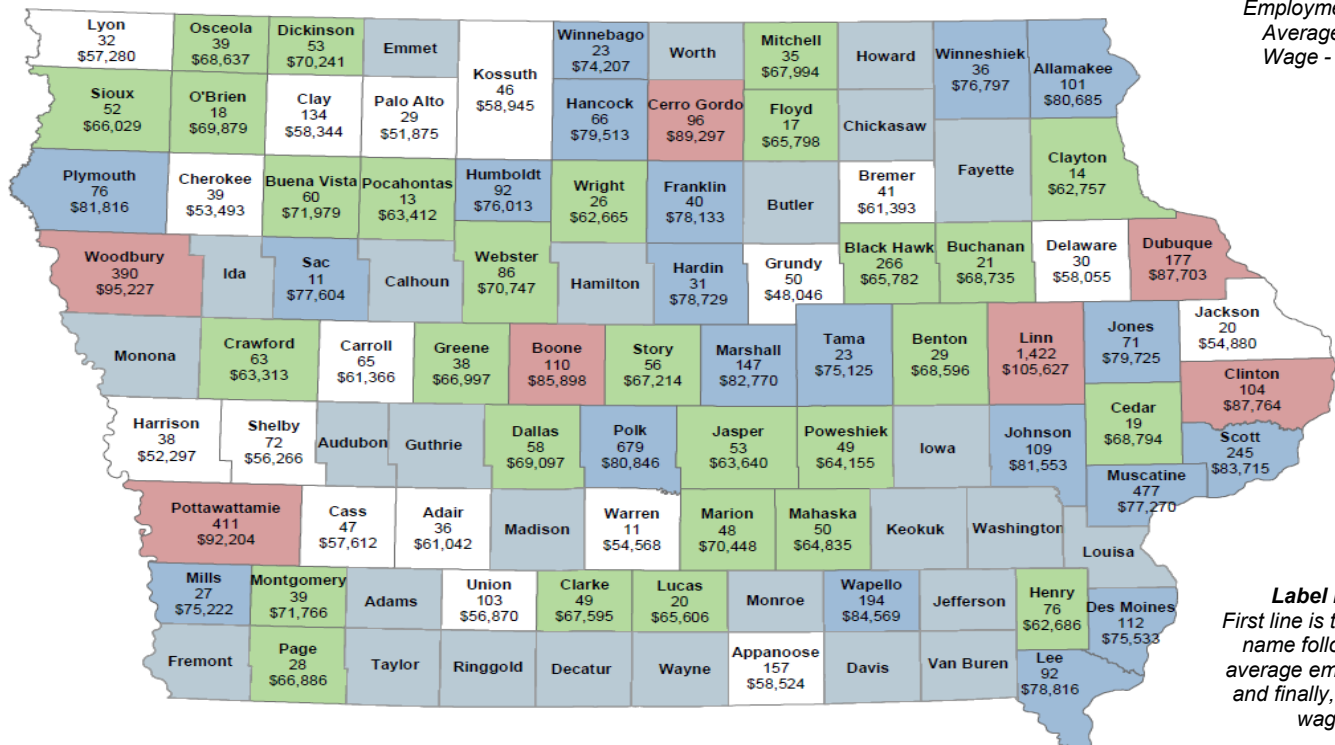
Employers

In 2014 Iowa averaged 428 utility sector locations across Iowa, employing 8,140 people.

Electric power generation & transmission is by far the largest subsector, accounting for 78.8 percent of total employment in the sector and 69.2 percent of the locations. This sector's employees are also the most well compensated at \$85,796 a year on average. This is 57.5 percent higher than the subsector with the lowest compensation, **water, sewage & other systems**, where employees make a respectable \$54,468 per year.

2014 Covered Employment in Utilities by County

Average Annual Wage:
 Less than \$61,393
 \$61,394 to \$71,979
 \$71,980 to \$84,569
 Greater than \$84,570



Sector Statewide:
Employment - 8,140
Average Annual Wage - \$80,912

Label Key:
First line is the county name followed by average employment and finally, average wage.

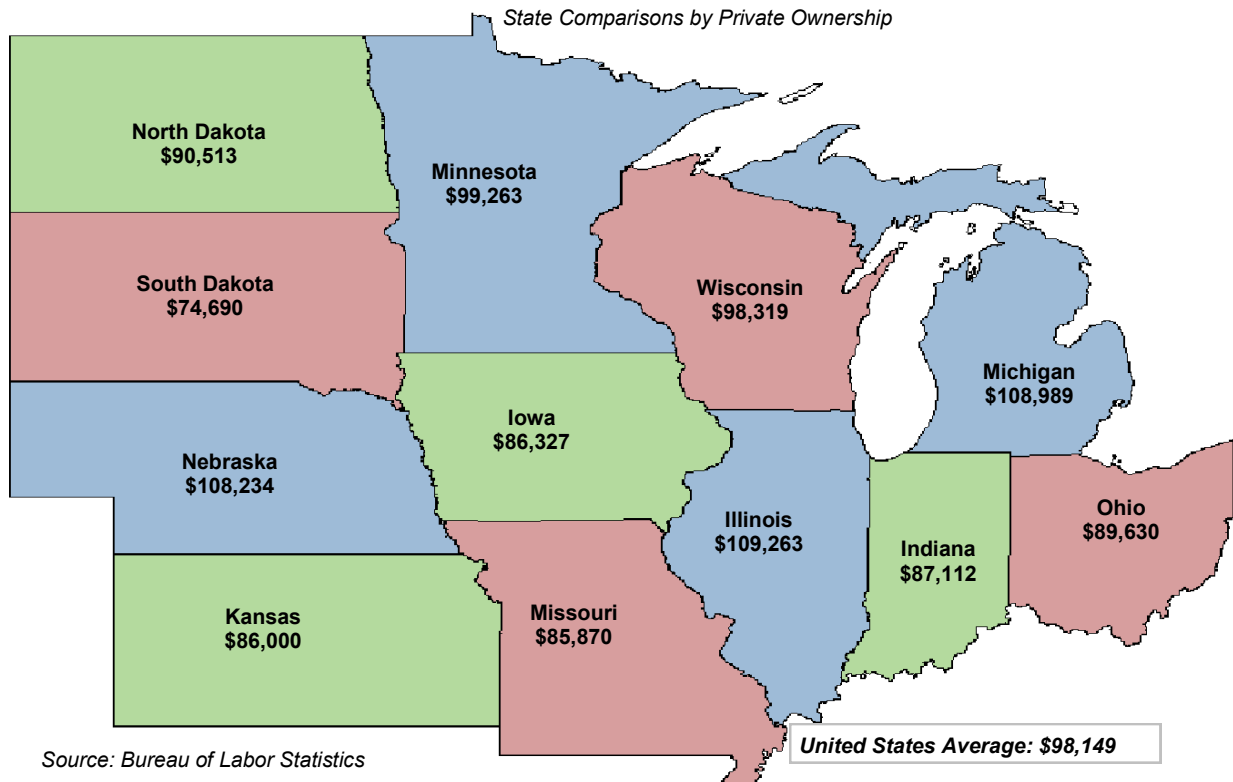
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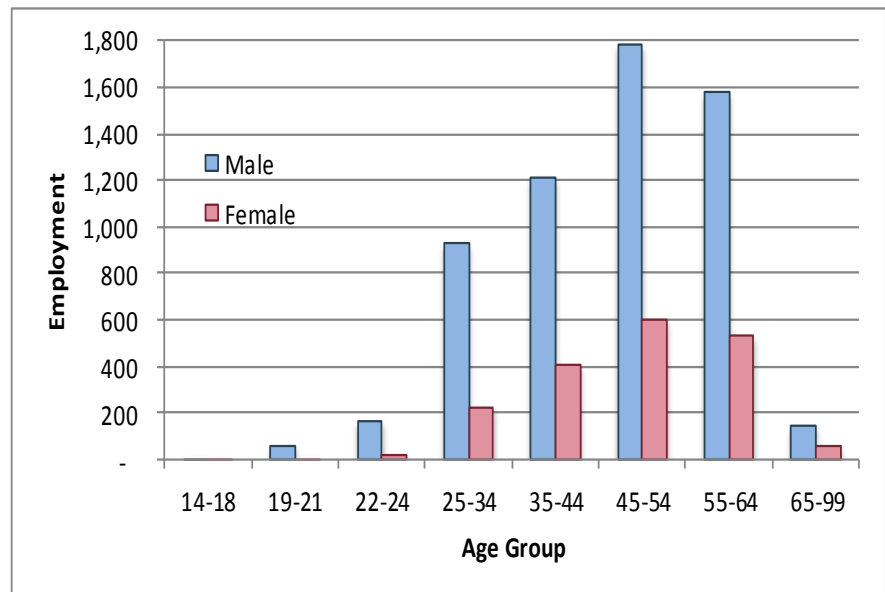


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2014 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Utilities



Industry Distribution by Age and Gender 2013 Average Annual



Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau
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