**Ames**

Total nonfarm employment in Ames seasonally shed 3,500 jobs in June and now rests at 50,700 jobs. This loss is seasonally expected due to government education dropping for the summer vacation (-3,600). Private services decreased slightly (-100), but was offset by hiring in goods producing industries (+200).

Annually, 1,600 jobs have been added in the metropolitan statistical area. The growth rate of 3.26 percent trails only Des Moines for the most jobs added by percentage. Private services have advanced by 900 jobs; goods producing industries are up 500 jobs. Government has increased by 200 versus last June.

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 1,300 jobs in June, with the bulk of the gain occurring in service-providing industries. Total nonfarm now stands at 147,200 jobs.

Local government added 700 mostly seasonal jobs to lead all sectors. Leisure and hospitality contributed an additional 300 jobs as did trade, transportation and warehousing. Smaller gains were seen in natural resources and construction, manufacturing, financial activities, and other services. Professional and business services pared 300 jobs and educational and health services shed 200 jobs.

Over the year the area added 800 jobs with the largest gains in leisure and hospitality (+600) and financial activities (+200). Job losses were restricted to information and professional and business services (-100 each).

**Des Moines/West Des Moines**

# In June, the Des Moines Metro increased by 6,300 jobs. This increase is the third-consecutive large monthly increase compared to the prior ten years and was due to hiring in both service and goods-producing sectors. Government decreased slightly in June (-200) and trails last year’s mark by a slight 100 jobs.

# The single largest monthly movement occurred in leisure and hospitality (+2,400). Much of the growth was due to recreational activities continuing to hire temporary, seasonal employment, and this month marks the third-consecutive month with unusually large hiring in recreational activities. Fueled by hiring within specialty trades, construction added 2,100 jobs in June. This sector has added the most jobs by percentage annually versus last year (+11.0 percent). Other sectors adding jobs this month included professional and business services (+900); trade, transportation, and utilities (+700); and financial activities (+500). Private sector losses were limited to just education and healthcare services (-300).

# Annually, the Des Moines Metro has grown at a faster pace than all other metropolitan areas and the state (+3.5 percent). By sector, leisure and hospitality has gained the most jobs (+3,300). Much of this increase has been due to unusually large amounts of seasonal hires in recreational industries. Professional and business services has also posted strong annual gains (+3,200) due to growth in both scientific and technical industries and administrative and support services. Other sectors faring well since last June include mining, logging and construction and education and healthcare services, both of which have advanced by 2,300 jobs.

# Dubuque

The Dubuque Metro shed a slight 200 jobs in June, lowering the total number of jobs to 60,400. Although some seasonal loss is expected this month due to schools breaking for the summer, this monthly loss is small compared to the prior 10 years. Private industries pared 400 jobs, but were partially offset by a moderate gain in goods producing sectors of 200 jobs. Government had little movement since last month.

Annually, the Dubuque area is up 300 jobs since last June. Goods producing sectors are up 400 jobs while government trails last year’s mark by 100 jobs. Private services are unchanged.

**Iowa City**

Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area pared 700 jobs from last month, with the a loss of 900 in state government being partially offset by a gain of 400 in local government. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 600 jobs, 400 of which were in retail trade. Goods producing industries added 200 jobs.

The metro area has added 1,500 jobs from one year ago, with 400 additional jobs in government and 900 in leisure and hospitality. Trade, transportation and warehousing is unchanged from one year ago.

**Sioux City**

Employment in the Sioux City MSA is up 500 jobs from May. Goods-producing industries are responsible for only 100 of those jobs, although manufacturing added 200 jobs. Leisure and hospitality added 300 jobs and professional and business services and government each gained 100 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing pared 100 jobs in the industry’s first jobs loss since January.

Overall, area employment is 1,200 above one year ago. Goods producing industries have added 1,300 jobs, all in manufacturing (1,100 in non-durable goods). Professional and business services added 400 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing shed 200 jobs and government trimmed 100 jobs.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area’s total nonfarm employment decreased 1,300 jobs from the previous month and stands at 90,200. The dominant factor in the area’s jobs decline is a seasonal paring of 2,000 jobs in state government. Educational and health services trimmed 200 jobs, also the result of a seasonal change. Trade, transportation and warehousing gained 200 jobs, although retail trade shed 100 jobs. Leisure and hospitality enjoyed a seasonal gain of 300 jobs. Manufacturing was unchanged.

Over the year, the area has gained 100 jobs with a gain of 300 in goods-producing industries and 200 fewer jobs in service-providing industries. Manufacturing added 400 jobs from one year ago. Professional and business services increased 200 jobs. Leisure and hospitality and financial activities each added 100 jobs. A jobs loss in retail trade resulted in 200 fewer jobs in trade, transportation and warehousing.