

# STATE OF IOWA LABORSHED ANALYSIS



A STUDY OF WORKFORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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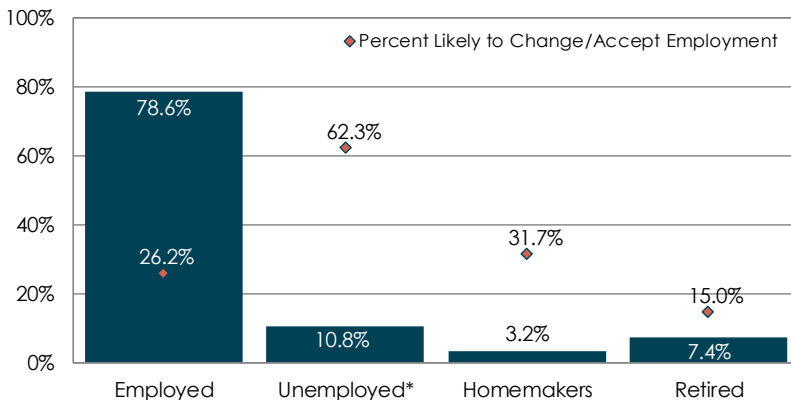
# STATE OF IOWA LABORSHED SURVEY ANALYSIS

A Laborshed is the area or region from which an employment center draws its commuting workers. Community Laborshed analyses are conducted across the State of Iowa and are used to determine the approximate boundaries of a Laborshed area and to measure the availability and characteristics of its workers. The following analysis is a summary of the data compiled from 6,000 survey responses provided by individuals between the ages of 18 and 64 years old residing in the State. These responses were extracted from the statewide Laborshed database of 11,261 surveys conducted between January 2020 and February 2021.

## OCCUPATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS IN IOWA

Survey respondents were asked to identify their current job title and the industry in which they are currently working. The largest concentration of workers are employed within the healthcare & social services; wholesale & retail trade; manufacturing; and education industries. In addition, the top reported occupations for respondents are in management and office & administrative support.

The chart below shows the percentage of respondents by employment status within the State.



Occupation	% within Iowa
Management	18.1%
Office & Administrative Support	14.1%
Business & Financial Operations	7.5%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	6.9%
Production	6.6%
Sales & Related	6.5%
Education, Training & Library	6.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	4.1%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	3.6%
Construction & Extraction	3.4%
Computer & Mathematical Science	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	2.6%
Community & Social Services	2.2%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2.2%
Healthcare Support	2.1%
Life, Physical & Social Science	2.0%
Personal Care & Service	2.0%
Building/Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	1.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Related	1.4%
Legal	1.3%
Protective Service	1.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0.7%
Military Specific	0.2%

## UNDEREMPLOYMENT



Reason	% within Iowa
Inadequate Hours	2.0%
Mismatch of Skills	4.4%
Low Income	0.5%
†Total Underemployment	5.9%

† Individuals may be underemployed for more than one reason, but are counted only once for total estimated underemployment.

The underemployed are individuals who are working fewer than 35 hours per week but desire more hours; are working in positions that do not meet their skill or education level, or worked for higher wages at previous employment; or are working 35 hours or more per week with wages equal to or less than the national poverty level.

## INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE EMPLOYED

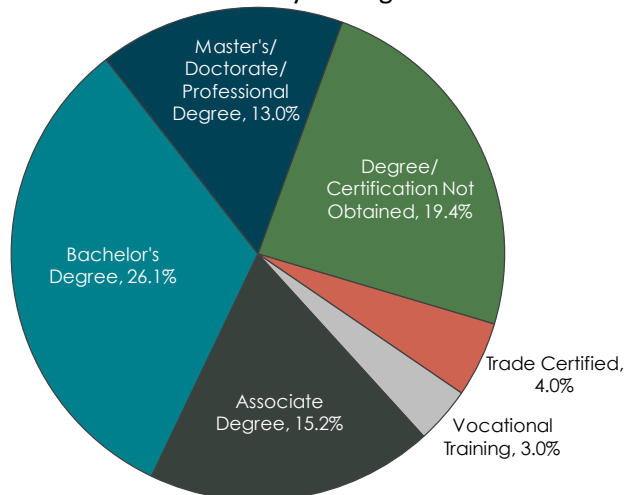


Industry	% within Iowa	% Employed within the Industry	% Likely to Change Employment	% Unemployed* within the Industry
Healthcare & Social Services	14.7%	84.3%	29.7%	8.4%
Wholesale & Retail Trade	14.0%	76.2%	36.3%	14.8%
Manufacturing	13.2%	82.0%	32.4%	10.4%
Education	10.8%	87.8%	28.0%	4.2%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	9.5%	90.1%	23.6%	4.5%
Professional Services	8.8%	85.2%	24.9%	9.4%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	7.0%	83.9%	25.6%	8.8%
Construction	6.5%	83.8%	15.8%	11.4%
Public Administration & Government	6.4%	89.4%	21.6%	3.9%
Personal Services	4.5%	80.5%	17.8%	12.5%
Agriculture, Forestry & Mining	3.6%	82.9%	11.7%	7.0%
Entertainment & Recreation	1.0%	63.6%	29.3%	27.3%

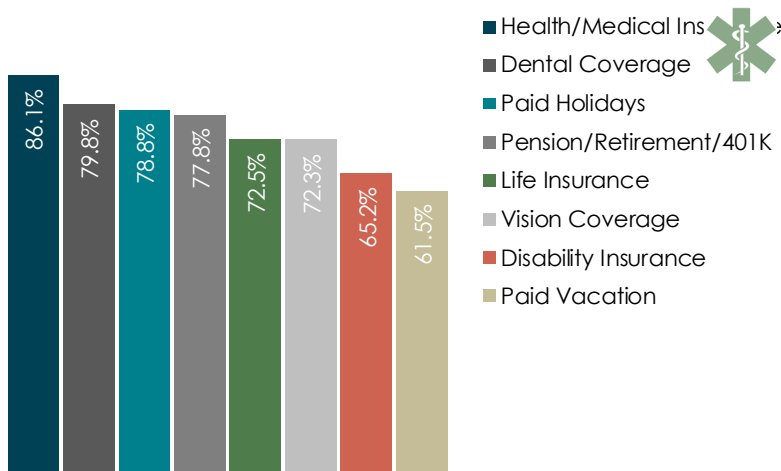
## EDUCATION OF THE EMPLOYED



80.7% have an education beyond high school



## CURRENT BENEFITS OF THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYED



The majority (83.5%) of respondents employed full-time state that they are currently sharing the cost of health/medical insurance premiums with their employer. However, 11.2 percent indicate their employer pays the entire cost of insurance premiums.

## EDUCATION AND MEDIAN WAGE BY INDUSTRY



Industry	Education Level			Annual Salary	Hourly Wage
	Some Level Beyond High School	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher		
<b>All Employed</b>	<b>80.7%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>\$69,000</b>	<b>\$18.50</b>
Agriculture, Forestry & Mining	68.2%	20.5%	21.0%	\$50,000	\$15.75
Construction	65.1%	10.3%	15.4%	\$65,000	\$23.38
Education	93.2%	8.6%	69.7%	\$58,195	\$14.63
Entertainment & Recreation	81.2%	12.5%	28.2%	\$52,500	\$12.00
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	87.5%	12.7%	55.0%	\$80,300	\$19.00
Healthcare & Social Services	87.4%	22.4%	36.4%	\$62,500	\$17.52
Manufacturing	71.3%	11.1%	30.3%	\$90,000	\$20.00
Personal Services	78.1%	11.6%	33.8%	\$52,000	\$15.00
Professional Services	87.9%	16.3%	42.0%	\$74,500	\$18.70
Public Administration & Government	87.4%	16.0%	46.6%	\$75,000	\$23.37
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	75.3%	14.2%	29.1%	\$62,000	\$18.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	63.0%	14.4%	19.1%	\$55,000	\$12.50

This table includes all respondents without consideration of employment status or willingness to change/enter employment.

## FIELDS OF STUDY



## EMPLOYED - LIKELY TO CHANGE EMPLOYMENT

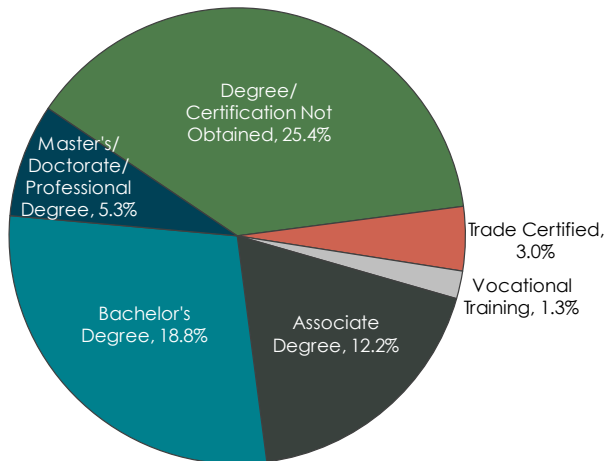
- 26.2% of employed are likely to change employment
- 27.8% are actively seeking new employment
- 17.3% are working multiple jobs
- Currently working an average of 41 hours per week
- Average age is 42 years old
- 33.2% currently working in the professional, paraprofessional & technical occupational category followed by 20.7% in the production, construction & material handling occupational category
- \$16.48 - median hourly wage
- \$65,000 - median annual salary
- Most frequently identified job search resources:
  - Internet - 54.4%
  - Private Employment Services - 44.6%
  - Networking through friends, family and acquaintances - 30.4%
  - IowaWORKS Centers - 26.2%
  - College/University Career Center - 24.5%

## UNEMPLOYED - LIKELY TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT

- 10.8% of the respondents are unemployed\*
- 65.0% are likely to accept employment
- 60.6% are actively seeking employment
- Average age is 42 years old
- 50.9% are female; 49.1% are male

### EDUCATION:

- 66.0% have some post high school education

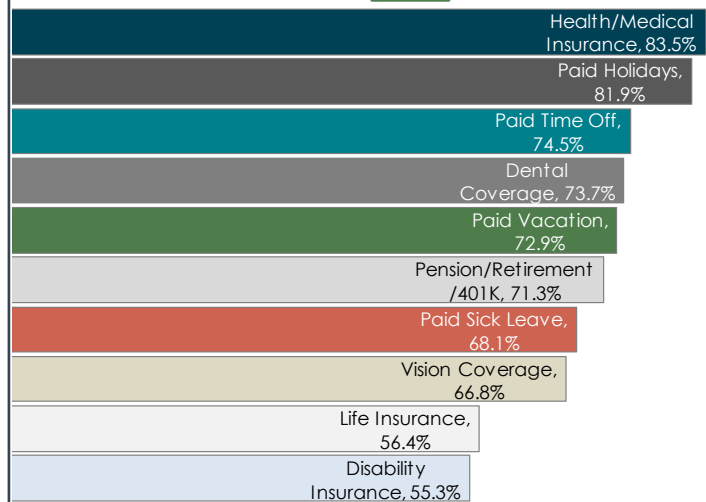


### WAGES:

- \$16.00/hr - to attract 66% of applicants
- \$17.40/hr - to attract 75% of applicants
- \$14.00/hr - lowest wage willing to accept (median)
- 45.7% expressed interest in seasonal and 45.3% expressed interest in temporary employment opportunities
- 49.4% expressed interest in working varied shifts
- Desired Occupational Categories:

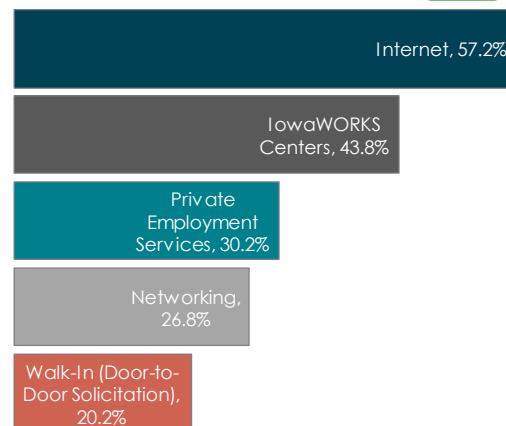
Occupational Category	% Unemployed Likely to Accept
Production, Construction & Material Handling	27.6%
Professional, Paraprofessional & Technical	22.7%
Clerical/Administrative Support	17.2%
Sales	13.8%
Service	12.3%
Managerial/Administrative	5.4%
Agriculture	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## TOP DESIRED BENEFITS



- 54.5% indicated they prefer employment offers where employer and employee share the cost of medical insurance premiums.

## TOP JOB SEARCH RESOURCES



\*Employment status is self-identified by the survey respondent. The unemployment percentage does not reflect the unemployment rate published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which applies a stricter definition.

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