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Relief In Iowa's Unemployment Rise

Iowa Workforce and Unemployment: The number of jobless Iowans dropped in July ending 8 consecutive months of rising unemployment. The unemployment rate last month was 3.7 percent of the workforce, 1 percent below the 4.7 percent rate recorded in June. The number of Iowans out of work dropped 14,000 since mid-June to a mid-July total of 49,700. However, unemployment remained 10,400 higher than the July, 1969 level when the unemployment rate stood at 3.0 percent.

Iowa's civilian workforce numbered 1,329,700 in mid-July, 17,600 under the June level but 4,800 above July, 1969.

Total employment was down 3,500 from June bringing the July total to 1,280,100. Compared to July, 1969, total employment was down by 5,500 workers.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment: Nonfarm wage and salary workers in Iowa numbered 887,700 in mid-July, a 6,700 drop from June and a 4,100 increase from July, 1969.

Manufacturing employment edged upward 100 workers since June to a mid-July total of 212,500. However, total manufacturing employees remained 12,000 under the July, 1969 total. Durable goods manufacturing added 400 workers over the month as gains in nonelectrical machinery more than offset losses in various other durable goods indus-

tries. The nondurable goods segment lost 300 workers from June. Within nondurable goods, however, a strike in rubber and plastics products cancelled a seasonal gain of 1,200 workers in food and kindred products.

Nonmanufacturing employment fell 6,700 since mid-June, bringing the mid-July total to 675,200. The total recorded in July was 16,000 higher than in July 1969. Contract construction gained 2,100 workers since June even though the industry in some areas of the state continued to be plagued by strikes.

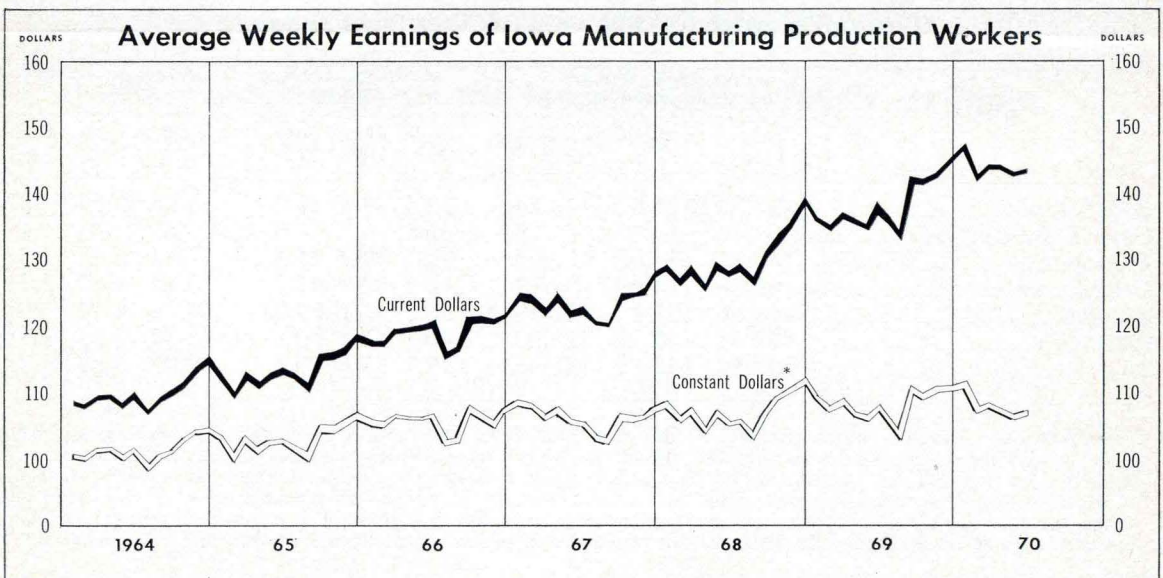
Retail trade lost 2,500 workers, half of whom were employed in eating and drinking establishments.

Services reported an employment dip of 2,700 workers. Most of these were in private educational services.

Decreases in state and local school employees were only partially offset by gains in non-school activities resulting in a government employment drop of 3,400 persons since June.

Average Weekly Earnings: Manufacturing production workers in Iowa earned an average of \$143.81 a week in June, 1970. This was \$6.05 more than the wage earned in June, 1969. After adjustments were made for price increases, the gross weekly earnings in June, 1970 were \$106.42, down \$1.58 from the June, 1969 figure of \$108.

In current dollars, the average weekly earnings between January, 1964 and June, 1970



* REAL DOLLARS (ADJUSTED FOR PRICE CHANGES, 1957-59 BASE).

Hours and Earnings of Production Workers By Industry In Iowa, July, 1970¹

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor)

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1970	June 1970	July 1969	July 1970	June 1970	July 1969	July 1970	June 1970	July 1969
	MANUFACTURING	\$143.50	\$143.81	\$135.49	39.1	39.4	39.5	\$3.67	\$3.65
Durable Goods	142.96	142.04	131.99	39.6	39.9	39.4	3.61	3.56	3.35
Lumber & furniture.....	114.36	114.84	98.89	39.3	39.6	37.6	2.91	2.90	2.63
Stone, clay & glass products.....	155.57	148.82	142.35	43.7	42.4	43.8	3.56	3.51	3.25
Primary metal industries.....	157.49	155.90	159.22	40.8	40.6	42.8	3.86	3.84	3.72
Fabricated metal products.....	135.63	139.44	127.31	41.1	42.0	41.2	3.30	3.32	3.09
Machinery except electrical.....	166.46	160.80	150.89	40.7	40.2	39.5	4.09	4.00	3.82
Farm machinery.....	176.69	168.73	163.17	40.9	39.7	39.7	4.32	4.25	4.11
Const. & related machinery.....	158.80	161.16	153.30	39.6	40.8	42.0	4.01	3.95	3.65
Electrical equip. & supplies.....	122.15	123.44	115.60	37.7	38.1	37.9	3.24	3.24	3.05
Transportation equipment.....	131.05	127.48	116.58	40.7	40.6	40.2	3.22	3.14	2.90
Other durable goods.....	103.35	119.14	110.21	32.5	37.0	35.9	3.18	3.22	3.07
Nondurable Goods	144.38	146.28	140.14	38.5	38.8	39.7	3.75	3.77	3.53
Food & kindred products.....	152.47	155.22	145.33	38.6	39.0	39.6	3.95	3.98	3.67
Meat products.....	160.38	166.70	156.21	35.8	36.8	38.1	4.48	4.53	4.10
Grain-mill products.....	162.19	158.67	145.67	43.6	43.0	41.5	3.72	3.69	3.51
Apparel & other textile prod.....	82.58	82.94	79.39	36.7	36.7	37.1	2.25	2.26	2.14
Paper & allied products.....	124.12	119.97	118.53	42.8	41.8	43.9	2.90	2.87	2.70
Printing & publishing.....	139.43	139.80	138.16	36.5	36.5	38.7	3.82	3.83	3.57
Newspapers.....	143.31	143.66	139.26	34.7	34.7	35.8	4.13	4.14	3.89
Chemicals & allied products.....	157.63	154.84	147.84	41.7	41.4	42.0	3.78	3.74	3.52
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	148.00	155.86	167.25	37.0	38.2	40.3	4.00	4.08	4.15
Other nondurable goods.....	81.09	80.08	76.18	38.8	38.5	36.8	2.09	2.08	2.07
SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING									
Nonmetallic mining.....	170.30	168.80	148.90	52.4	52.1	49.8	3.25	3.24	2.99
Comm., elec., gas & sanitary svcs...	140.89	139.39	140.22	39.8	39.6	41.0	3.54	3.52	3.42
Department stores.....	62.48	61.96	64.57	*	*	*	*	*	*
Banking.....	88.12	86.49	83.14	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance carriers & agents.....	96.79	96.91	100.80	*	*	*	*	*	*
Laundries & dry clean. plants.....	69.08	68.56	61.61	*	*	*	*	*	*

Hours and Earnings For Total Manufacturing in Selected Iowa Areas, July, 1970¹

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Council Bluffs.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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Sioux City.....	134.31	142.14	128.93	40.7	41.2	40.8	3.30	3.45	3.16
Waterloo.....	159.59	150.15	148.93	39.7	38.6	39.4	4.02	3.89	3.78

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Labor Turnover Rates For Selected Iowa Manufacturing Industries, July, 1970¹

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor)

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES				SEPARATION RATES					
	Total		New Hires		Total		Quits		Layoffs	
	July 1970 ²	June 1970	July 1970 ²	June 1970	July 1970 ²	June 1970	July 1970 ²	June 1970	July 1970 ²	June 1970
MANUFACTURING.....	3.5	5.0	2.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	1.5	1.8	1.3	1.4
Durable Goods	2.0	4.2	1.3	2.7	3.5	3.6	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	2.2	6.9	2.0	5.5	2.1	2.9	1.6	1.7	.2	.6
Primary Metal Industries.....	1.7	4.0	1.5	3.2	3.2	3.3	1.6	2.0	1.1	.6
Fabricated Metal Products.....	3.7	6.6	2.9	5.6	3.3	4.8	2.1	2.0	.3	2.1
Machinery Except Electrical.....	1.6	3.6	.8	2.0	3.7	3.5	.7	1.0	2.2	1.7
Electrical Equipment & Supplies.....	2.0	3.3	1.5	1.5	2.1	3.3	1.1	1.6	.5	1.3
Other Durable Goods.....	2.0	4.0	1.0	2.8	4.8	3.6	1.3	1.6	2.0	1.5
Nondurable Goods	5.4	6.1	3.4	4.4	3.7	4.1	2.0	2.3	1.2	1.2
Food & Kindred Products.....	7.1	8.5	4.2	6.0	4.3	5.1	1.9	2.6	1.9	1.9
Meat Products.....	9.1	8.5	3.8	4.9	5.2	5.7	1.9	2.2	2.8	2.8
Printing & Publishing.....	3.0	4.3	1.7	3.3	2.5	3.0	1.8	2.2	.3	.4
Rubber, Plastics & Leather Prod.....	3.8	5.5	2.8	3.2	2.9	3.9	1.7	2.1	.1	.5
Other Nondurable Goods.....	2.8	5.0	2.6	4.3	3.3	4.5	2.6	3.0	.3	1.1

¹ Figures presented are expressed as a rate per 100 employees.

² Preliminary figures.

* Less than .05

Average Weekly Overtime Hours of Production Workers In Iowa Manufacturing July, 1970¹

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor)

INDUSTRY	July 1970	June 1970	July 1969
MANUFACTURING	2.5	2.6	3.4
Durable Goods	2.1	2.0	2.8
Lumber & furniture	1.9	1.8	1.7
Stone, clay & glass products..	5.2	4.7	5.8
Primary metal industries	3.9	3.6	5.3
Fabricated metal products	1.8	1.8	2.5
Machinery except electrical ..	1.8	2.0	2.3
Farm machinery	1.0	1.5	1.4
Electrical equip. & supplies	1.9	1.2	2.1
Transportation equipment	2.2	2.2	2.3
Other durable goods5	.5	1.0
Nondurable Goods	3.1	3.4	4.1
Food & kindred products	3.6	3.8	4.6
Meat products	3.1	3.7	4.4
Apparel & other textile prod... ..	1.0	1.6	.7
Paper & allied products	4.3	3.6	5.1
Printing & publishing	1.5	1.5	2.3
Chemicals & allied products ..	2.9	3.0	3.6
Rubber & plastics products	3.7	4.7	6.5
Other nondurable goods	1.6	1.2	1.5

¹Estimates are based upon a sample of full and part-time production and related employees who worked in the above industry groups during the week containing the 12th of the month. Revised to most current information available at date of publication.

have increased 32 percent. However, the continued rise in consumer prices has eroded this gain to only 6 percent when it is expressed in constant 1957-59 dollars.

Iowa Manufacturing Hours and Earnings: The 153,900 manufacturing production workers in Iowa earned an average of \$143.50 a week in July compared to the \$143.81 a week in June. The slight dip in the weekly paycheck was attributed to an 18 minute decrease in the average workweek.

Factors responsible for these changes included a shorter workweek in the other durable goods category, where the weekly wage was down \$15.79. Offsetting this was the return of 1,500 highly paid farm machinery workers who were temporarily laid off in June. Their return tended to raise both hours and earnings. Another factor was the wage rate increases in such industries as stone, clay and glass, fabricated metals and construction machinery. These increases helped push the durable goods hourly wage up five cents an hour.

In the nondurable goods sector, meat products workers earned \$6.32 a week less than they did in June because of reduced overtime. On the plus side, grain mill production employees worked more overtime resulting in a \$3.52 a week wage increase in July. Weekly earnings for rubber and plastics workers dropped \$7.86 because of a labor-management dispute affecting about 1,400 production employees.

Labor Turnover in Iowa Manufacturing: Total accessions to manufacturing payrolls were down in July, occurring at a rate of 35 per 1,000 employees. June accessions were 50 per 1,000 while July, 1969 recorded a rate of 37 per 1,000 employees.

Workforce and Unemployment For State and Selected Areas

AREA	Workforce (000)	Number Unemployed (000)	Percent of Workforce Unemployed	Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment ¹ (000)	Manu- facturing Employment (000)
July 1970²					
IOWA	1,329.7	49.7	3.7	887.7	212.5
Cedar Rapids.....	76.9	3.0	3.8	64.5	25.0
Council Bluffs	*	*	*	*	*
Davenport	59.6	2.3	3.8	49.3	15.7
Des Moines.....	150.3	4.0	2.7	129.7	25.1
Dubuque.....	42.6	2.1	4.9	33.4	13.9
Sioux City.....	52.6	2.0	3.7	41.1	9.6
Waterloo.....	60.6	4.1	6.7	48.8	18.2
June 1970					
IOWA	1,347.3	63.7	4.7	894.4	212.4
Cedar Rapids.....	77.3	3.9	5.1	63.8	24.9
Council Bluffs	*	*	*	*	*
Davenport	60.8	2.9	4.8	50.0	15.8
Des Moines.....	152.6	5.7	3.7	132.0	26.6
Dubuque.....	43.2	2.5	5.7	33.7	14.1
Sioux City.....	53.7	2.8	5.3	41.4	9.9
Waterloo.....	61.7	5.6	9.1	48.5	17.2
July 1969					
IOWA	1,324.9	39.3	3.0	883.6	224.5
Cedar Rapids.....	79.5	1.6	2.1	66.9	27.7
Council Bluffs	*	*	*	*	*
Davenport	*	*	*	49.4	16.5
Des Moines.....	148.4	3.8	2.5	129.1	26.4
Dubuque.....	41.8	1.6	3.7	33.0	14.1
Sioux City.....	52.1	1.6	3.1	41.3	9.4
Waterloo.....	60.1	2.8	4.6	49.3	19.7

¹ Excludes self-employed, domestics, unpaid family workers and members of the armed forces.

² Preliminary data.

* Data not available at time of publication.

Council Bluffs and Davenport areas include Iowa portions only.

Employment Security Activities

Characteristics of Iowa's Insured Unemployed: Dropping to the lowest point this year, the number of weeks claimed by Iowa's insured unemployed decreased 15 percent from June during the July survey week. However, a 56 percent increase in weeks claimed occurred from July, 1969.

Men were responsible for the largest de-

crease in weeks claimed. They accounted for 55 percent of the total. All age groups except the 65 and older category contributed to July's decline. Each of the two age groups between 45 and 64 dropped more than 20 percent.

Industries participating in the decline were contract construction with a 30 percent drop and manufacturing with a 17 percent decrease.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed¹ in Iowa July, 1970

INDUSTRY	Total Insured Unemployed			Number of Women in Total Insured Unemployed			Number of Insured People Unemployed 5 Weeks or More		
	July 1970	June 1970	July 1969	July 1970	June 1970	July 1969	July 1970	June 1970	July 1969
Total.....	12,057	14,229	7,728	5,424	5,736	3,439	7,259	7,883	3,819
Contract const.....	1,106	1,582	682	*	*	*	626	1,014	*
Manufacturing.....	7,721	9,328	5,072	3,567	3,917	2,126	4,784	4,969	2,472
Durable Goods.....	6,404	7,695	3,916	2,771	3,007	1,266	4,002	4,103	1,931
Nondurable Goods..	1,317	1,633	1,156	796	910	860	782	866	541
Trade.....	2,044	1,942	1,222	1,255	1,147	816	1,147	1,048	732
All other.....	1,186	1,377	752	*	*	474	702	852	383

¹ The insured unemployed are for the week including the 12th and are based on a survey of claims filed during the week including the 19th.

* Less than 5 per cent of total insured unemployed.

Job Openings Rates For Selected Iowa Manufacturing Industries, July, 1970¹

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor)

INDUSTRY	CURRENT JOB OPENINGS						Openings With Future Starting Dates		
	TOTAL			LONG-TERM ²			July 1970 ³	June 1970	May 1970
	July 1970 ³	June 1970	May 1970	July 1970 ³	June 1970	May 1970			
MANUFACTURING	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Durable Goods	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	*	0.1	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.1	0.2
Primary Metal Industries	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.6	*	0.1	0.2
Machinery Except Electrical	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	0.1	0.1	*	0.1	0.1
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	*	*	0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.2	0.1	0.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.7	0.8	*	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.8
Printing & Publishing	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Rubber, Plastics & Leather Prod.	0.2	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	0.2	*	*
Other Nondurable Goods	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	*	0.1	0.3	0.1

¹ Computed by dividing the number of job vacancies by the sum of employment plus vacancies, and multiplying that quotient by 100.

² Openings which have continued unfilled for 30 days or more.

³ Preliminary figures. * Less than .05.

Job Openings in Iowa Manufacturing: July marks the first month that job opening rates for selected Iowa manufacturing industries are being released.

The Job Vacancy Program is a cooperative federal-state venture under which the Iowa Employment Security Commission collects data from a representative sample of employers for use in preparing national, state and local figures. The Department of Labor provides guidance and support through the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Manpower Administration.

Information on job vacancies is designed to help manpower programs be more responsive to current needs of both job seekers and employers in planning training programs and in identifying imbalances between manpower demand and supply.

Current job openings are defined as vacant

jobs that are immediately available for filling and for which a firm is actively trying to find or recruit a worker from outside the firm.

Long-term job openings indicate the number of current job vacancies which have remained unfilled for 30 days or more.

Openings with future starting dates refer to openings for which a firm is actively trying to find or recruit some workers from outside the firm but which relate to jobs that are currently occupied or unavailable for immediate occupancy by new workers for various reasons.

Job openings rates are computed by dividing the number of job vacancies by the sum of employment plus vacancies, and multiplying that quotient by 100. Thus, the vacancy rate is the number of vacancies expressed as a percentage of the number of jobs available (employment plus vacancies).

Summary of Employment Security Activities

ACTIVITY	July 1970		June 1970		July 1969	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
New applicants.....	8,103	*	9,914	*	6,831	3,145
Total placements.....	10,077	*	5,483	*	11,783	*
Nonagricultural.....	3,862	*	3,968	*	5,769	1,772
Agricultural.....	6,215	*	1,515	*	6,014	*
Job openings received ¹	5,975	*	5,225	*	8,028	*
Active applications.....	*	*	*	*	26,381	11,712
Initial claims.....	9,250	2,690	9,174	2,259	7,486	2,094
Continued claims.....	51,243	22,305	60,029	26,393	31,949	14,484
No. of first payments issued..	3,683	1,418	4,086	1,513	2,371	1,067
Total weeks compensated....	45,780	21,084	47,770	22,345	26,548	12,337
Amount of benefits paid.....	\$2,280,397	\$966,335	\$2,401,573	\$1,038,635	\$1,202,835	\$484,026
Average weekly benefit payment.....	\$49.81	\$45.83	\$50.27	\$46.48	\$45.31	\$39.23
Average weekly payment for total unemployment.....	\$51.37	\$47.61	\$51.79	\$48.34	\$47.23	\$41.65

¹ Limited to nonagricultural activities.

* Data not available.