

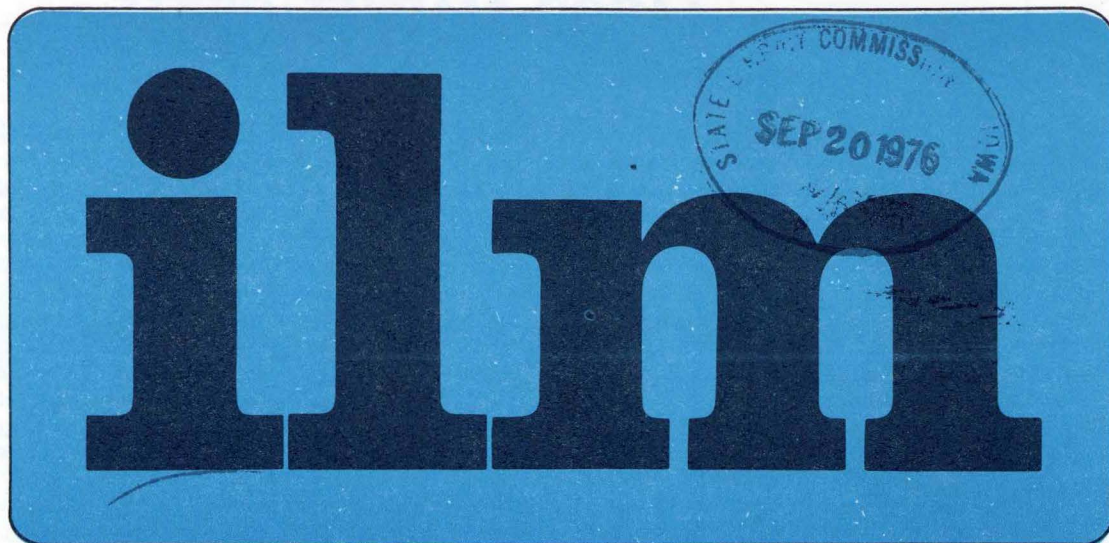
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INDICATORS SHOW OVER THE YEAR UPTURN

Economists around the nation are cautiously projecting a continued upswing in the business and industrial sectors. Nothing spectacular, not a boom, they say—but a sustained, gradual growth. The upturn is expected to keep going into 1977 . . . maybe beyond.

The forecast suggests that the rise in the economy will be slower than expected, but movement upward will be noted.

And what of Iowa? Is there evidence of an economic upturn here . . . actual, concrete evidence?

We're frequently asked this. When compared to the year ago economic situation, certain labor force indicators show a moderate improvement. Nothing big. Unemployment is still higher in the state than anticipated—holding steady at an average of 5.0%. Employment is below its expected level. But all is not gloom.

As evidence, here are some current July economic indicators which, when compared to their counterparts of July 1975, point toward improved conditions.

The Employment Picture

The current employment count for the state this July shows 1,297,200 workers on the job. That's an increase of 42,000 over last July's figure when 1,255,200 were working. As a matter of fact, the present employment tally is the second largest in the past 21 months—the highest occurring a month ago in June with 1,307,100 holding jobs.

Most of the state's industries reported employee gains over July 1975. Nonmanufacturing firms' employment level was 18,600 higher over the year and the manufacturing sector chalked up an 8,200 increase over last July. Business slow-downs during last year's recession period show evidence of diminishing significantly.

The 70 Job Service offices serving urban and rural Iowa found 11,997 jobs for workers this July as opposed to 10,265 placements accomplished last July, strongly indicating the number of jobs available has advanced. Another indicator of job availability stems from the rate workers

quit their jobs to take other employment. The quit rate during July was 19 per 1,000 workers compared to 16 per 1,000 in the same month a year ago.

Layoffs during the current month fell considerably below last July's level of 12 per 1,000 to 4 per 1,000, pointing to a strengthened labor market. And a stronger economy.

The Jobless Scene

Unemployment has declined from a year ago. Jobless workers in Iowa numbered 67,200 this July, 7,200 fewer than last July's count of 74,400. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate reflected this drop. This July, the adjusted rate was 5.0% of the labor force, down six-tenths of a percentage point from the 5.6% registered in July 1975. The Iowa unadjusted rate depicts pretty much the same economic hike—4.9% this July compared to 5.6% last year at this time—a seven-tenths of a percentage point dip.

Job Insurance payments to eligible jobless workers were \$1.3 million under the payments made to the unemployed in July 1975. The jobless payments for the current month totaled \$5,935,411 in contrast to \$7,256,191 a year ago.

In addition, initial claims filed by the unemployed for Job Insurance payments also fell below the July 1975 level.

Upturn Should Continue

Most of the above economic indicators, based on labor force figures, are estimates . . . but estimates that have proven to be reliable.

They serve as a finger on the pulse of the state's business and industrial fronts, finding there a stronger beat, a healthier condition when compared to a year ago.

Economic stability is the current watchword, showing little up or down fluctuation. Suggesting that if the predictions for a gradual upturn in the national economy holds true, Iowa's upward trend over a year ago should continue.

Still, we strongly encourage that a close watch be kept on future lead trends.

LABOR MARKET BRIEFS

Mixed activities in manufacturing raised **EMPLOYMENT** in the sector over the previous month. On the other hand, non-manufacturing industries fell sharply over the month under the influence of expected seasonal changes. With the summer closing of public schools, local government work declined . . . carrying with it government as a whole. Also noted was a downward movement in the trade industries. Both are expected to fully recover come fall. Construction gains continued with the excellence of the weather . . . up 2,400. Another major nonmanufacturing division showing an upturn for the month was services.

Labor-management disputes affected manufacturing employment . . . the number of workers involved totaling over 4,000. The situation was give-and-take . . . on the one hand, the end of one dispute helped raise electrical equipment by 3,800 workers . . . while on the other, the addition of another rubber and plastics dispute raised the total of striking workers to almost 3,000. The outcome for the month was a 900 manufacturing upswing.

The July count of jobless workers in the state netted an over the month **UNEMPLOYMENT** decrease . . . dipping from the June mark of 74,400 to 67,200 . . . down 7,200. The downturn was seasonal. July's seasonally adjusted **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** registered at 5.0% . . . 5.0% the month before. By comparison, the national adjusted rate for July was 7.8% . . . two and eight-tenths percentage points higher than Iowa's. The state's unadjusted rate was 4.9% for July. . . 5.2% for June.

The civilian **LABOR FORCE**—the combined totals of employed and unemployed workers in Iowa—numbered 1,364,400 in the current month . . . 1,378,900 in June.

For the month, eligible jobless workers were paid a total of \$5,935,411 in **JOB INSURANCE** benefits . . . \$820,147 less than the \$6,755,558 paid in June. July's average weekly payment was \$82.31 . . . 35¢ more than the preceding month. During the survey week, 20,885 Job Insurance claims were filed . . . 122 more than in June . . . but 3,561 under the year ago tally of 24,446.

HOURS and EARNINGS: Total hourly earnings increased 4¢ from June . . . due primarily to nonmanufacturing factors. Manufacturing rose only 1¢ an hour . . . while work time declined 6 minutes a week. Within the manufacturing sector, offsetting changes were numerous: more overtime in lumber and furniture, construction machinery, transportation equipment and grain mill products . . . less overtime in meat products, newspapers and rubber and plastics. There was a strike settlement in electrical equipment and supplies and scattered wage hikes in stone, clay and glass and fabricated metal products. Several new labor-management disputes helped push hours and earnings up in chemical and allied products . . . down in rubber and plastics products.

In nonmanufacturing, hourly earnings rose 3¢ to 4¢ in contract construction, transportation and public utilities and wholesale and retail trade . . . with no corresponding increase in average weekly hours.

Under **LABOR TURNOVER**, the demand for manufacturing workers was off compared to the month before . . . stemming mainly from a drop in new hires, following a June upward spurt. Fewer layoffs were responsible for the over the month decline in separations. And the number of quits picked up . . . normally a sign of an increasing availability of job openings.

WHAT'S UP AHEAD? . . . Most business activity reported by Job Service statewide points toward stable, slightly favorable conditions . . . a slow gradual upturn. The hiring patterns of manufacturers and construction contractors are the exceptions . . . both of these economic segments slightly off their expected performance for July. Manufacturing hiring patterns varied throughout the state . . . layoffs here . . . hirings there . . . practically even—Steven . . . the overall picture for manufacturing in the state appearing relatively stable. Construction hiring is still below normal . . . been that way since the beginning of the year . . . projected to climb very little during the remainder of 1976. However, the overall view is not gloomy by any means. The developing trends should be watched closely . . . but favorable conditions appear to be in the forecast for the immediate future.

Q: Where do we get the data?

A: From YOU!

That's right! Labor market information compiled by the research and statistics department of Job Service of Iowa comes from you . . . if you're an employer. National statistics on the labor force are based on household surveys, utilizing the most modern methods of sampling. But the cost for such surveys is too prohibitive for the states at the present time.

In Iowa we have been fortunate; our Iowa employers have been most cooperative in filling out those survey forms we send them. And that's so important, because the more data we collect, the more accurate our analyses. So thank you, Iowa employers, and please keep up the good work!

Table I - Civilian Labor Force by Place of Residence

	Resident Civilian Labor Force 1/	Resident Unemployed	Seasonally Adjusted Rate	Percent Unemployed	Resident Total Employment 2/	Nonagricultural Wage and Salary 3/	Self-employed, Unpaid Family & Domestic Workers 4/	Agriculture
July 1976								
Iowa.....	1,364,400	67,200	5.0	4.9	1,297,200	963,600	140,500	193,200
Cedar Rapids.....	77,400	3,200	*	4.2	74,100	65,600	5,500	3,000
Council Bluffs 5/.....	40,400	2,400	*	6.0	38,000	31,300	3,400	3,300
Davenport 5/.....	70,300	4,000	*	5.7	66,300	59,000	5,300	2,000
Des Moines.....	162,900	9,800	*	6.0	153,100	136,700	12,700	3,700
Dubuque.....	41,000	2,800	*	6.8	38,200	32,400	2,900	2,900
Sioux City.....	56,400	3,200	*	5.6	53,200	44,400	5,700	3,100
Waterloo.....	60,400	4,300	*	7.2	56,000	49,200	4,700	2,100
June 1976								
Iowa.....	1,378,900	71,800	5.0	5.2	1,307,100	972,600	139,300	195,100
Cedar Rapids.....	79,100	3,900	*	5.0	75,200	66,600	5,500	3,100
Council Bluffs 5/.....	41,600	3,200	*	7.7	38,400	31,700	3,400	3,300
Davenport 5/.....	70,800	4,400	*	6.2	66,300	59,100	5,200	2,100
Des Moines.....	164,000	9,700	*	5.9	154,300	137,900	12,600	3,700
Dubuque.....	41,900	2,800	*	6.7	39,100	33,200	2,900	2,900
Sioux City.....	56,500	2,800	*	4.9	53,700	45,000	5,700	3,100
Waterloo.....	61,500	4,900	*	8.0	56,500	49,700	4,700	2,200
July 1975								
Iowa.....	1,329,700	74,400	5.6	5.6	1,255,200	924,000	138,100	193,200
Cedar Rapids.....	75,600	3,400	*	4.5	72,200	63,600	5,500	3,000
Council Bluffs 5/.....	39,900	2,800	*	6.9	37,100	30,400	3,400	3,300
Davenport 5/.....	68,200	3,800	*	5.6	64,300	57,100	5,200	2,000
Des Moines.....	160,300	10,500	*	6.5	149,900	133,400	12,700	3,700
Dubuque.....	41,000	3,200	*	7.9	37,700	31,900	2,900	2,900
Sioux City.....	55,000	3,100	*	5.6	52,000	43,200	5,700	3,100
Waterloo.....	59,200	4,600	*	7.8	54,600	47,700	4,700	2,100

Latest month's data is preliminary. Detail may not add up to total due to rounding. Council Bluffs and Davenport areas include Iowa portions only. *Data not available in time of publication. (March, 1975 benchmark levels)

- 1/ Includes unemployed and employed individuals. Establishment employment data is adjusted to commuting, multiple job holding, and unpaid absence patterns.
- 2/ Includes nonagricultural wage and salary, self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers; and agriculture.
- 3/ Includes all full and part-time wage and salary workers, excluding domestics, who were employed or involved in a labor-management dispute during the week including the 12th of the month.
- 4/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
- 5/ Data for CETA programs in these areas are based on a "BLS census share" method and are not technically comparable to figures published here.

Table II - Iowa Manufacturing Labor Turnover Rates 1/

	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975
MANUFACTURING.....	4.0	5.1	4.4	3.1	4.0	2.5	0.7	0.9	NA	3.0	2.9	3.4	1.9	1.8	1.6	0.4	0.5	1.2
Durable Goods.....	3.5	5.0	3.9	2.6	3.7	2.0	0.7	1.0	NA	2.7	2.7	3.5	1.7	1.6	1.3	0.3	0.4	1.5
Stone, clay & glass products.....	3.6	5.5	5.0	2.9	4.8	3.6	0.5	0.6	NA	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.0	1.9	1.9	*	0.1	*
Primary metal industries.....	3.3	4.6	1.8	1.3	2.6	0.8	1.9	1.9	NA	1.9	2.2	3.1	1.5	1.6	1.1	*	*	1.2
Fabricated metal products.....	4.4	6.6	5.2	4.0	5.4	3.1	0.4	1.0	NA	3.5	3.2	7.6	2.6	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	4.9
Machinery except electrical.....	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.3	1.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	NA	2.3	2.3	2.6	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.4
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	3.3	7.6	6.5	2.7	5.5	2.1	0.3	1.8	NA	2.2	2.9	2.4	1.3	1.7	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.2
Other durable goods.....	5.2	5.9	4.8	4.6	4.9	3.4	0.5	0.8	NA	3.6	3.4	4.1	2.6	2.4	1.9	0.3	0.5	1.3
Nondurable Goods.....	4.7	5.4	5.1	3.8	4.4	3.3	0.8	0.8	NA	3.3	3.2	3.4	2.3	2.2	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.7
Food & kindred products.....	5.2	6.1	6.2	4.2	4.8	3.9	0.9	1.1	NA	3.4	3.2	4.0	2.2	2.0	2.3	0.7	0.7	1.0
Meat products.....	5.5	6.4	7.4	3.8	4.6	3.5	1.6	1.6	NA	4.3	3.7	4.8	2.5	2.0	2.2	1.3	1.1	2.0
Printing & publishing.....	4.4	4.6	3.2	3.2	4.1	2.2	1.0	0.3	NA	2.5	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.3	0.1	0.3	0.4
Rubber, plastics & leather prod.....	3.5	4.9	3.9	3.0	4.2	2.0	0.1	0.4	NA	3.1	3.4	3.0	2.4	2.6	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.3
Other nondurable goods.....	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.1	0.5	0.2	NA	4.1	3.7	2.8	3.4	2.8	2.1	0.3	0.4	0.1

1/ Figures presented are expressed as a rate per 100 employees. * Less than .05.

**Table III - Iowa Labor Force Summary
July 1976**

County - Labor Area	1/ Labor Force	Unemployed	Unadjusted Rate	2/ Employment	3/ Nonag Wage and Salary	4/ Self-Employed, Unpaid Family, Domestics	Agriculture
Iowa - Statewide	1,364,400	67,200	4.9	1,297,200	963,600	140,500	193,200
Cedar Rapids SMSA	77,400	3,200	4.2	74,100	65,600	5,500	3,000
Davenport - RI - Moline SMSA	175,300	11,400	6.5	163,900			
Des Moines SMSA	162,900	9,800	6.0	153,100	136,700	12,700	3,700
Dubuque SMSA	41,000	2,800	6.8	38,200	32,400	2,900	2,900
Omaha - Council Bluffs SMSA	256,500	19,500	7.6	237,000			
Sioux City SMSA	56,400	3,200	5.6	53,200	44,400	5,700	3,100
Waterloo - Cedar Falls SMSA	60,400	4,300	7.2	56,000	49,200	4,700	2,100
Adair - Greenfield	5,010	160	3.1	4,850	2,170	540	2,140
Adams - Corning	2,820	120	4.3	2,700	1,240	400	1,060
Allamakee - Waukon	7,330	260	3.5	7,070	3,820	1,100	2,150
Appanoose - Centerville	6,340	360	5.6	5,980	3,910	1,000	1,070
Audubon - Audubon	4,410	110	2.5	4,300	2,030	630	1,640
Benton - Vinton	10,880	270	2.5	10,610	6,710	1,280	2,630
Black Hawk (Waterloo - Cedar Falls SMSA)	60,400	4,300	7.2	56,000	49,200	4,700	2,100
Boone - Boone	12,710	610	4.8	12,090	9,050	1,300	1,750
Bremer - Waverly	9,950	490	4.9	9,460	6,560	950	1,950
Buchanan - Independence	10,110	390	3.8	9,730	6,330	1,060	2,350
Buena Vista - Storm Lake	10,110	230	2.3	9,880	6,680	1,130	2,070
Butler - Allison	7,970	370	4.6	7,600	4,420	1,040	2,140
Calhoun - Rockwell City	6,360	190	3.0	6,170	3,610	850	1,710
Carroll - Carroll	10,680	470	4.4	10,210	5,860	1,810	2,530
Cass - Atlantic	9,010	290	3.3	8,710	5,100	1,350	2,260
Cedar - Tipton	8,210	190	2.4	8,020	4,660	1,090	2,280
Cerro Gordo - Mason City	23,640	1,480	6.2	22,160	18,520	2,090	1,550
Cherokee - Cherokee	8,020	290	3.6	7,730	4,790	980	1,970
Chickasaw - New Hampton	7,380	460	6.3	6,920	3,940	1,020	1,970
Clarke - Osceola	4,560	250	5.5	4,310	2,390	540	1,390
Clay - Spencer	9,660	290	3.0	9,370	6,460	1,150	1,760
Clayton - Guttenberg	10,800	570	5.2	10,230	5,260	1,700	3,270
Clinton - Clinton	26,530	1,220	4.6	25,310	20,050	2,440	2,820
Crawford - Denison	9,570	280	3.0	9,280	5,450	1,150	2,690
Dallas - Perry	13,740	710	5.1	13,030	9,690	1,380	1,960
Davis - Bloomfield	3,800	230	6.1	3,560	1,950	610	1,000
Decatur - Leon	3,780	90	2.4	3,690	2,130	440	1,110
Delaware - Manchester	8,800	390	4.5	8,410	4,450	1,310	2,650
Des Moines - Burlington	19,700	1,960	10.0	17,740	15,130	1,450	1,160
Dickinson - Spirit Lake	6,950	210	3.0	6,740	4,290	1,090	1,360
Dubuque - Dubuque SMSA	41,000	2,800	6.8	38,200	32,400	2,900	2,900
Emmet - Estherville	6,390	220	3.4	6,180	4,380	740	1,060
Fayette - Oelwein	12,150	510	4.2	11,640	7,340	1,500	2,800
Floyd - Charles City	8,870	660	7.4	8,220	5,710	1,020	1,490
Franklin - Hampton	6,830	280	4.1	6,550	3,270	910	2,360
Fremont - Sidney	4,870	200	4.1	4,670	2,420	590	1,660
Greene - Jefferson	5,930	320	5.3	5,610	3,070	830	1,720
Grundy - Grundy Center	6,640	190	2.9	6,450	3,780	600	2,080
Guthrie - Guthrie Center	5,970	290	4.9	5,680	2,960	830	1,890
Hamilton - Webster City	8,910	310	3.5	8,600	5,420	1,240	1,940
Hancock - Garner	6,640	190	2.8	6,450	3,750	770	1,920
Hardin - Iowa Falls	10,850	440	4.0	10,410	6,980	1,390	2,030
Harrison - Missouri Valley	7,460	310	4.2	7,150	4,050	1,080	2,020
Henry - Mount Pleasant	9,400	410	4.3	8,990	6,490	1,110	1,390
Howard - Cresco	5,470	310	5.7	5,160	2,550	810	1,800
Humboldt - Humboldt	6,120	240	4.0	5,880	3,580	860	1,440

Note: Footnotes identical to Table I.

Note: All data based on place of residence.

Table III - Continued

County - Labor Area	Labor Force	Unemployed	Unadjusted Rate	Employment	Nonag Wage and Salary	Self-Employed, Unpaid Family, Domestic	Agriculture
Ida - Ida Grove	4,560	90	1.9	4,480	2,080	760	1,640
Iowa - Marengo	9,490	190	1.9	9,310	5,870	1,230	2,200
Jackson - Maquoketa	11,030	850	7.7	10,180	6,300	1,320	2,560
Jasper	17,140	890	5.2	16,250	12,220	1,520	2,510
Jefferson - Fairfield	7,280	470	6.5	6,810	4,700	920	1,190
Johnson - Iowa City	37,600	1,210	3.2	36,380	31,090	2,820	2,470
Jones - Anamosa	9,520	270	2.8	9,250	5,740	1,180	2,330
Keokuk - Sigourney	5,870	230	4.0	5,640	2,810	750	2,080
Kossuth - Algona	11,010	300	2.7	10,710	5,670	1,660	3,380
Lee - Ft. Madison - Keokuk	19,810	1,260	6.4	18,550	15,270	2,000	1,270
Linn - Cedar Rapids SMSA	77,400	3,200	4.2	74,100	65,600	5,500	3,000
Louisa - Wapello	5,050	160	3.2	4,890	3,520	490	880
Lucas - Chariton	4,700	260	5.6	4,440	2,890	530	1,020
Lyon - Rock Rapids	6,510	210	3.2	6,300	3,150	920	2,230
Madison - Winterset	5,970	270	4.6	5,700	3,450	650	1,600
Mahaska - Oskaloosa	9,120	330	3.6	8,790	5,740	1,160	1,890
Marion - Knoxville	13,600	360	2.7	13,240	10,460	1,150	1,630
Marshall - Marshalltown	19,050	760	4.0	18,290	13,970	2,070	2,250
Mills - Glenwood	5,970	220	3.6	5,750	3,870	520	1,360
Mitchell - Osage	6,070	310	5.1	5,760	2,980	900	1,880
Monona - Onawa	5,620	210	3.8	5,400	2,900	850	1,650
Monroe - Albia	4,680	190	4.0	4,490	3,170	590	730
Montgomery - Red Oak	6,650	190	2.9	6,460	4,130	840	1,490
Muscatine - Muscatine	19,520	760	3.9	18,760	15,350	1,810	1,600
O'Brien - Sheldon	7,790	220	2.8	7,570	4,320	1,250	2,000
Osceola - Sibley	3,840	150	4.0	3,690	1,860	560	1,260
Page - Shenandoah	10,020	420	4.2	9,600	6,170	1,110	2,310
Palo Alto - Emmetsburg	5,620	290	5.2	5,330	2,960	830	1,530
Plymouth - Le Mars	11,120	420	3.8	10,700	6,370	1,070	3,270
Pocahontas - Pocahontas	5,280	230	4.3	5,060	2,570	700	1,790
Polk - (Part of Des Moines SMSA)	150,000	9,300	6.2	140,700			
Pottawattamie - (Part - Omaha SMSA) 5/	40,400	2,400	6.0	38,000	31,300	3,400	3,300
Poweshiek - Grinnell	10,040	340	3.4	9,700	6,390	1,060	2,240
Ringgold - Mount Ayr	3,540	110	3.1	3,430	1,430	500	1,490
Sac - Sac City	7,300	190	2.6	7,110	3,620	1,040	2,460
Scott - (Part of DRIM SMSA) 5/	70,300	4,000	5.7	66,300	59,000	5,300	2,000
Shelby - Harlan	6,680	360	5.4	6,330	3,280	890	2,160
Sioux - Orange City	14,080	410	2.9	13,670	7,930	1,950	3,790
Story - Ames	34,480	1,030	3.0	33,450	27,350	3,120	2,970
Tama - Tama-Toledo	10,030	230	2.3	9,800	5,740	1,310	2,750
Taylor	4,070	120	2.9	3,950	1,640	620	1,690
Union - Creston	6,610	440	6.7	6,170	4,230	850	1,090
Van Buren - Koesauqua	3,900	200	5.2	3,700	2,210	520	960
Wapello - Ottumwa	15,630	1,210	7.8	14,410	11,980	1,450	980
Warren - (Part of Des Moines SMSA)	12,900	600	4.4	12,400			
Washington - Washington	9,930	370	3.7	9,560	6,210	1,430	1,920
Wayne - Corydon	3,850	110	2.8	3,740	1,850	500	1,400
Webster - Fort Dodge	22,240	1,070	4.8	21,170	17,010	2,140	2,020
Winnebago - Forest City	7,210	310	4.2	6,910	4,630	1,050	1,230
Winneshiek - Decorah	11,270	510	4.5	10,760	6,120	1,370	3,280
Woodbury - (Part of Sioux City SMSA)	50,300	3,000	5.9	47,300			
Worth - Northwood	4,330	220	5.1	4,110	2,410	440	1,270
Wright - Clarion	7,580	220	2.9	7,360	4,450	980	1,930

Table IV - Iowa Nonagricultural Employment 1/

(By Place of Work)

	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	Change From:	
				June 1976 to July 1976	July 1975 to July 1976
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL.....	1,011,400	1,019,600	984,600	- 8,200	26,800
MANUFACTURING.....	232,300	231,400	224,100	900	8,200
DURABLE GOODS.....	143,800	140,400	134,400	3,400	9,400
Lumber & furniture.....	8,800	8,900	8,300	- 100	500
Stone, clay & glass products.....	6,500	6,400	6,600	100	- 100
Primary metal industries.....	7,400	7,400	7,300	0	100
Fabricated metal products.....	16,400*	16,500	15,300*	- 100	1,100
Machinery except electrical.....	59,500	59,700	54,100*	- 200	5,400
Farm machinery.....	28,200	28,100	24,600	100	3,600
Construction & related machinery.....	18,400	18,600	17,800	- 200	600
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	25,500*	21,700*	24,300	3,800	1,200
Transportation equipment.....	8,900*	8,800*	7,400	100	1,500
Other durable goods 2/.....	10,900	10,900	11,300	0	- 400
NONDURABLE GOODS.....	88,400	90,900	89,700	- 2,500	- 1,300
Food & kindred products.....	49,100	50,000	48,900	- 900	200
Meat products.....	25,200	26,100	24,400*	- 900	800
Grain mill products.....	11,200	11,000	11,100	200	100
Bakery products.....	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	- 100
Apparel & other textile products.....	4,200	4,300	3,800	- 100	400
Paper & allied products.....	3,800	3,900	3,500	- 100	300
Printing & publishing.....	15,000	15,000	14,800	0	200
Newspapers.....	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	0
Chemicals & allied products.....	6,800*	7,200	7,000	- 400	- 200
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	7,600*	8,700*	9,800	- 1,100	- 2,200
Other nondurable goods 3/.....	1,800*	1,900	1,900	- 100	- 100
NONMANUFACTURING.....	779,100	788,200	760,500	- 9,100	18,600
Nonmetallic mining.....	3,000	2,900	3,000	100	0
Contract construction.....	53,000	50,600*	53,100	2,400	- 100
Transportation & public utilities.....	55,600*	55,900	55,100	- 300	500
Railroad transportation.....	9,100	9,100	9,000	0	100
Communication.....	13,300	13,300	13,400	0	- 100
Electric, gas & sanitary services.....	11,200	11,200	11,100	0	100
Wholesale & retail trade.....	252,400	254,200	245,400	- 1,800	7,000
Wholesale trade.....	52,300*	52,400	51,000	- 100	1,300
Retail trade.....	200,100	201,800	194,400	- 1,700	5,700
Retail, general merchandise.....	28,000	28,200	27,400	- 200	600
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	48,300	48,300	48,100	0	200
Banking.....	16,300	16,300	15,800	0	500
Insurance carriers & agents.....	18,700	18,700	19,200	0	- 500
Services.....	183,400	181,900	176,500	1,500	6,900
Medical & other health services.....	60,200	59,900	57,400	300	2,800
Government.....	183,400	194,500	179,300	- 11,100	4,100
Federal government.....	19,300	19,200	19,800	100	- 500
State government.....	46,000	46,400	46,100	- 400	- 100
Local government.....	118,100	128,900	113,400	- 10,800	4,700
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes.....	4,000	6,900	600	- 2,900	3,400

1/ Revised to most current information available at publication. Data include all full and part-time wage and salary workers employed during the week containing the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employed, domestic workers and the armed forces are excluded. Detail may not add up to total due to rounding. (March, 1975 benchmark levels)

2/ Includes ordnance & accessories, instruments & related products and miscellaneous manufacturing.

3/ Includes textile mill products, petroleum & coal products and leather & leather products.

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Table V - Hours and Earnings of Iowa Production or Nonsupervisory Workers 1/

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Overtime Hours 1/		
	July	June	July	July	June	July	July	June	July	July	June	July
	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	1975
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$ 171.92	\$ 170.46	\$ 160.24	36.5	36.5	36.5	\$ 4.71	\$ 4.67	\$ 4.39	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING.....	233.96	234.14	211.14	40.2	40.3	39.1	5.82	5.81	5.40	3.0	3.0	2.8
Durable Goods.....	240.94	241.54	213.40	40.7	40.8	39.3	5.92	5.92	5.43	2.9	2.8	2.2
Lumber & furniture.....	192.98	188.97	175.03	40.8	39.7	39.6	4.73	4.76	4.42	3.9	3.3	2.8
Stone, clay & glass products.....	256.66	254.41	217.07	44.1	44.4	42.9	5.82	5.73	5.06	6.7	6.6	5.4
Primary metal industries.....	271.28	273.06	241.90	41.8	42.4	41.0	6.49	6.44	5.90	4.9	4.9	3.3
Fabricated metal products.....	216.11	213.62	185.57	41.4	41.4	38.8	5.22	5.16	4.86	2.6	2.5	1.7
Machinery except electrical.....	284.26	281.39	252.25	40.9	40.9	39.6	6.95	6.88	6.37	2.7	2.6	2.4
Farm machinery.....	295.16	294.76	263.96	40.6	40.6	38.2	7.27	7.26	6.91	2.5	2.5	3.1
Construction & related machinery.....	315.00	301.43	264.31	42.0	40.9	40.6	7.50	7.37	6.51	3.2	2.9	1.5
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	191.18	192.47	173.42	38.7	39.2	37.7	4.94	4.91	4.60	1.5	1.5	1.0
Transportation equipment.....	181.81	180.56	169.68	41.7	41.7	40.4	4.36	4.33	4.20	2.5	1.8	1.7
Other durable goods.....	173.25	173.70	153.04	38.5	38.6	36.7	4.50	4.50	4.17	1.4	1.5	1.0
Nondurable Goods.....	222.61	222.61	206.66	39.4	39.4	38.7	5.65	5.65	5.34	3.3	3.4	3.6
Food & kindred products.....	248.03	247.42	225.22	40.2	40.1	39.1	6.17	6.17	5.76	4.1	4.0	4.7
Meat products.....	255.61	255.23	240.86	37.7	37.7	37.4	6.78	6.77	6.44	3.3	3.4	4.2
Grain mill products.....	276.05	274.34	244.19	43.2	43.0	41.6	6.39	6.38	5.87	5.4	4.9	5.5
Apparel & other textile products.....	111.20	111.90	102.21	36.7	37.3	36.9	3.03	3.00	2.77	0.7	0.7	0.8
Paper & allied products.....	198.85	201.28	184.40	41.0	41.5	40.0	4.85	4.85	4.61	3.2	3.1	4.2
Printing & publishing.....	199.76	200.84	185.24	37.2	37.4	36.9	5.37	5.37	5.02	2.4	2.4	1.7
Newspapers.....	168.54	168.96	170.18	31.8	32.0	33.5	5.30	5.28	5.08	1.9	2.1	1.8
Chemicals & allied products.....	237.05	225.82	224.68	40.8	38.8	41.0	5.81	5.82	5.48	2.2	2.2	2.4
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	188.49	204.91	213.36	36.6	38.3	38.1	5.15	5.35	5.60	2.9	4.2	2.6
Other nondurable goods.....	123.80	120.78	95.63	39.3	39.6	36.5	3.15	3.05	2.62	1.2	1.2	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING.....	153.64	151.44	144.94	35.4	35.3	35.7	4.34	4.29	4.06	*	*	*
Mining.....	235.67	241.08	243.89	47.9	49.0	50.6	4.92	4.92	4.82	*	*	*
Contract construction.....	306.93	303.41	297.86	39.0	38.7	39.4	7.87	7.84	7.56	*	*	*
Transportation & public utilities.....	250.50	249.28	227.97	40.6	40.6	41.6	6.17	6.14	5.48	*	*	*
Wholesale & retail trade.....	133.94	132.55	124.24	34.7	34.7	34.8	3.86	3.82	3.57	*	*	*
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	127.71	128.64	121.06	38.7	39.1	38.8	3.30	3.29	3.12	*	*	*
Services.....	114.82	113.80	106.58	32.9	32.7	33.1	3.49	3.48	3.22	*	*	*

1/ Estimates are based upon a sample of full and part-time production and related employees, who worked during or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Besides changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, average hourly earnings reflect such variable factors as overtime premium pay, late shift work, and changes in output of workers paid on an incentive basis. They also reflect changing employment of workers between relatively high-paid and low-paid work, and full-time and part-time status. Revised to most current information available at publication. (March, 1975 benchmark levels) *Data not available **Not Comparable

Table VI - Gross and Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Iowa Production or Nonsupervisory Workers

	Gross Average Weekly Earnings			Spendable Average Weekly Earnings					
	July	June	July	Worker With No Dependents			Married Worker With Three Dependents		
				July	June	July	July	June	July
	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	1975
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$171.92	\$170.46	\$160.24	\$136.55	\$135.56	\$126.49	\$148.96	\$147.90	\$139.48
MANUFACTURING.....	233.96	234.14	211.14	179.12	179.25	160.80	192.61	192.74	175.69
Durable Goods.....	240.94	241.54	213.40	183.84	184.25	162.36	197.59	198.01	177.26
Nondurable Goods.....	222.61	222.61	206.66	171.42	171.42	157.72	184.70	184.70	172.55
NONMANUFACTURING.....	153.64	151.44	144.94	123.76	122.19	115.84	135.66	134.24	129.11
Mining.....	235.67	241.08	243.89	180.28	183.94	183.16	193.83	197.69	198.89
Contract Construction.....	306.93	303.41	297.86	227.24	224.91	219.39	245.00	242.33	238.40
Transportation & Public Utilities	250.50	249.28	227.97	190.25	189.44	172.39	204.41	203.54	187.38
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	133.94	132.55	124.24	109.67	108.68	101.43	122.96	122.05	114.65
Finance & Real Estate.....	127.71	128.64	121.06	105.22	105.88	99.19	117.76	118.60	111.80
Services.....	114.82	113.80	106.58	95.83	95.08	88.84	106.21	105.29	98.82

Table VII - Hours and Earnings for Manufacturing Production Workers in Selected Iowa Areas 1/

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July	June	July	July	June	July	July	June	July
	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	1975	1976	1976	1975
Cedar Rapids.....	\$ 234.77	\$ 254.59	\$ 217.56	40.2	41.6	39.7	\$ 5.84	\$ 6.12	\$ 5.48
Council Bluffs.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Davenport.....	285.02	288.23	265.51	40.2	41.0	41.1	7.09	7.03	6.46
Des Moines.....	243.58	244.42	207.43	39.8	40.2	36.2	6.12	6.08	5.73
Dubuque.....	290.19	277.11	240.41	40.7	39.7	38.1	7.13	6.98	6.31
Sioux City.....	201.11	208.54	178.60	38.9	39.2	36.9	5.17	5.32	4.84
Waterloo.....	281.39	281.78	265.10	39.3	39.3	39.1	7.16	7.17	6.78

1/ See footnote - Table V *Data not available.

Table VIII - Job Service of Iowa Activities

	July 1976		June 1976		July 1975	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
JOB PLACEMENT						
New applicants.....	22,004	10,312	25,728	13,429	14,195	6,490
Total placements.....	11,997	4,775	9,311	3,373	10,265	4,259
Nonagricultural.....	10,674	4,316	8,778	3,336	8,983	3,873
Agricultural.....	1,323	459	533	37	1,282	386
New job openings 1/.....	14,528	*	11,380	*	18,347	*
Active applicants.....	86,844	44,406	81,665	41,648	71,410	35,157
JOB INSURANCE						
Initial claims.....	13,092	3,790	8,974	3,267	13,615	4,233
Continued claims.....	71,887	29,763	89,086	36,319	99,633	36,138
First payments issued.....	6,241	2,010	4,129	1,842	4,824	1,748
Total weeks paid.....	72,108	29,024	82,421	32,560	104,139	38,254
Total payments.....	\$5,935,411	\$1,926,138	\$6,755,558	\$2,154,705	\$7,256,191	\$2,357,878
Average weekly payment.....	\$82.31	\$66.36	\$81.96	\$66.18	\$69.68	\$61.64
Average weekly payment - total unemployment.....	\$84.17	\$67.95	\$83.75	\$67.67	\$70.96	\$63.08

1/ Limited to nonagricultural activities. *Data not available.

Table IX - Iowans Receiving Job Insurance 1/

	Total			Women			Unemployed 5 Weeks or Longer		
	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975
Total.....	20,885	20,763	24,446	8,319	8,314	9,047	12,231	14,005	16,749
Contract Construction.....	2,349	3,244	2,220	106*	105*	140*	1,511	2,210	1,444
Manufacturing.....	8,130	7,169	12,655	2,599	2,584	4,342	3,988	5,023	8,484
Durable Goods.....	5,047	4,695	8,854	1,407	1,422	3,009	2,361	3,329	5,725
Nondurable Goods.....	3,083	2,474	3,801	1,192	1,162	1,333	1,626	1,694	2,759
Trade.....	5,109	5,399	5,122	2,677	2,855	2,328	3,352	3,575	3,694
Services.....	3,426	3,143	2,635	2,199	2,041	1,624	2,252	2,051	1,819
All Other Industries.....	1,862	1,809	1,812	738*	729*	713*	1,129	1,146	1,308*

1/ The insured unemployed are counted during 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.



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