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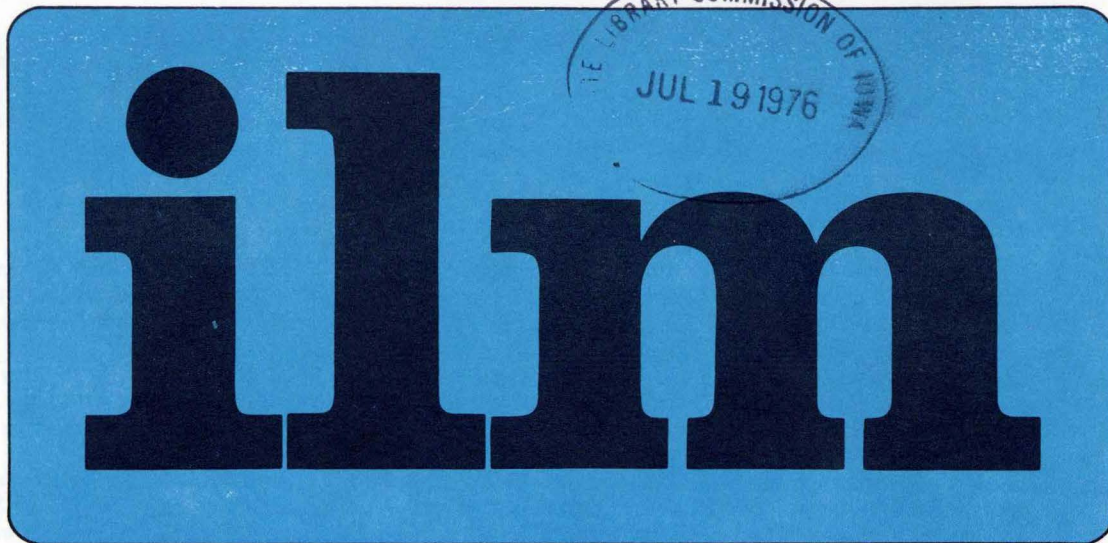
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In its closing hours, the 1976 General Assembly of Iowa enacted significant legislation affecting the Iowa Employment Security Commission, Iowa employers, and Iowa workers. Here is a brief summary of the legislative changes, all effective July 1, 1976:

Agency Name Change

The name of Iowa Employment Security Commission was changed to Iowa Department of Job Service, and the three-member commission system was abolished. A single director will be named by the governor to head the agency. In addition, a three-member appeal board will be appointed by the governor to decide unemployment insurance appeals. The appointment is subject to approval by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

Tax Addition

The temporary emergency tax of 7/10 of 1%, enacted by the 1975 General Assembly, was increased to 9/10 of 1%. (This tax is added to the contribution rate assigned each employer.) The \$6,000 wage base was also extended to the same date. The action delayed until January 1, 1978 the "trigger" contained in the law which calls for emergency tax of 2.7% in the event the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund reaches a dangerously low level as determined by formula.

The new law also provided for a contingent emergency 25/100 of 1% add-on tax to be applied for 1977, in the event the first emergency tax was insufficient. The necessity for the add-on tax will be determined according to the formula set out in the law. (The tax would be in addition to both the contribution rate and the emergency tax.)

Eligibility and Benefits

The new law increased the benefit eligibility requirement on wages for insured work to \$400—double the previous

amount—for the base period quarter in which the claimant's wages were the highest. The law also upped to \$200 the previous requirement for wages paid in a calendar quarter other than the highest-wage calendar quarter, again double the previous amount, and increased from \$100 to \$200, the wage requirement for claimants who have drawn benefits during the previous benefit year.

A change was made in income deducted from unemployment insurance benefits. Although still fully deductible usually, a vacation pay exception is now allowable: In the case of a worker not scheduled to return to work within four weeks, only the first week of vacation pay is deducted.

An amendment to the law, effective March 1, 1977, eliminated from eligibility all public school employees who are under contract for the following year.

Eligibility for workers who voluntarily quit their jobs without good cause attributable to the employer now requires that the worker must subsequently be employed in insured employment for at least 6 consecutive weeks and be otherwise eligible.

At this issue of the Iowa Labor Market goes to press, Iowa Governor Robert Ray has not yet announced his selections for Job Service director and appeal board members. However, all other changes made by the legislature will be implemented on the effective date.

In a second bill passed during the 1976 legislative session, changes were made in the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), a division of the Iowa Department of Job Service. The contribution rates for employers will increase to 5.25% (from 4.75%) of the employee's covered wages, and for employees to 3.6% (from 3.5%) of wages up to \$20,000. The effective date for contribution increases is July 1, 1977. The legislature also voted to review the actuarial evaluation of IPERS to determine whether the percent used in computing monthly benefits can be increased.

Labor Market Briefs

Total **EMPLOYMENT** in Iowa climbed to 1,284,100 in May . . . up 36,500 from the April level of 1,247,600 . . . and 32,000 above the May 1975 tally of 1,252,100. Nonagricultural wage and salary workers showed a 7,100 gain between April and May . . . one of the largest nonag increases for that period in the past decade. Manufacturing industries remained mostly unchanged, noting an overall hike of only 100 workers. A combination of recalls and new hires brought boosts to the sector . . . the largest upturn of 900 appearing in electrical equipment . . . but these were offset by a substantial rubber and plastics labor-management dispute. In nonmanufacturing, seasonal industries continued an upward trend . . . services (amusement and recreation) and trade (eating and drinking) as leaders . . . closely trailed by contract construction. Minor losses were reported by government and transportation. Over the year, manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries both occupy stronger employment positions.

UNEMPLOYMENT declined in May to 60,600 . . . a drop of 4,500 over the month . . . not as much as had been expected. At this season of the year, an unemployment dip of 13% was anticipated . . . but the actual decrease was only 6.9%. As a result, Iowa's seasonally adjusted **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** of 5.2% was slightly higher than the April adjusted rate of 4.7%. In contrast, the national adjusted rate for May was 7.3%. The state's unadjusted rate for May was 4.5% compared to 5.0% computed for April.

The civilian **LABOR FORCE** count was 1,344,700 for the current month . . . 1,312,600 for April . . . 1,318,700 for May of last year.

JOB INSURANCE payments to the unemployed fell to \$6,709,123 . . . down \$2,111,085 from April's payments . . . \$1,084,984 less than the year ago mark. The average payment in May was \$83.01 . . . in April, \$84.77 . . . in May 1975, \$68.97. During the May survey week, 22,592 Job Insurance claims were filed . . . 4,563 fewer than in the preceding month . . . 7,266 under last May's count.

Employment changes of varying kinds acted to counterbalance actions in the **HOURS and EARNINGS** series. In manufacturing the rubber and plastics labor-management dispute lowered hourly earnings by 12¢ . . . stone, clay and glass used increased overtime to raise earnings by 19¢ . . . while primary metals dropped 2 hours a week. In nonmanufacturing, seasonal employment gains in construction pushed hours and earnings down, as expected.

LABOR TURNOVER: The demand for Iowa manufacturing labor was up from April . . . much improved from a year ago. Total separations were increased slightly from last month—and the important thing here is that the increase came from a higher rate of quits—an indicator of the availability of job openings—instead of layoffs. New hires showed gains and total accessions easily topped year ago rates.

WHAT'S UP AHEAD? . . . Normal is the watchword—the economy pretty much on even keel across the state . . . with three exceptions. Slight deviations in expected hiring patterns are noted in agriculture, manufacturing and construction. Cooperating weather has enabled farmers to work straight through the spring months . . . most crops are planted and cultivation has started on schedule. Manufacturers are still hiring in small numbers—both new hires and recalls. Construction is lagging, behind expectations . . . with an upswing looked for soon. Optimism continues to grow . . . cautiously.

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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
May 1976								
Iowa.....	1,344,700	60,600	5.2	4.5	1,284,100	970,100	138,200	175,800
Cedar Rapids.....	77,900	3,600	*	4.6	74,300	66,100	5,400	2,800
Council Bluffs 5/.....	40,200	2,400	*	5.9	37,800	31,500	3,400	3,000
Davenport 5/.....	69,500	3,900	*	5.6	65,600	58,600	5,100	1,900
Des Moines.....	160,900	8,300	*	5.2	152,600	136,800	12,400	3,400
Dubuque.....	40,900	2,600	*	6.3	38,300	32,800	2,900	2,700
Sioux City.....	55,500	2,300	*	4.1	53,200	44,800	5,600	2,800
Waterloo.....	61,500	4,600	*	7.5	56,900	50,300	4,700	2,000
April 1976								
Iowa.....	1,312,600	65,100	4.7	5.0	1,247,600	960,500	131,400	155,600
Cedar Rapids.....	77,000	3,900	*	5.1	73,100	65,500	5,200	2,500
Council Bluffs 5/.....	39,500	2,400	*	6.1	37,000	31,200	3,200	2,600
Davenport 5/.....	68,700	4,000	*	5.9	64,700	58,200	4,900	1,700
Des Moines.....	158,900	8,600	*	5.4	150,400	135,500	11,800	3,000
Dubuque.....	40,200	2,700	*	6.6	37,500	32,500	2,700	2,300
Sioux City.....	54,400	2,600	*	4.8	51,800	44,000	5,300	2,500
Waterloo.....	60,900	4,700	*	7.7	56,200	50,000	4,500	1,700
May 1975								
Iowa.....	1,318,700	66,500	5.9	5.0	1,252,100	938,100	138,200	175,800
Cedar Rapids.....	76,000	3,700	*	4.8	72,300	64,100	5,500	2,800
Council Bluffs 5/.....	39,200	2,600	*	6.7	36,600	30,300	3,300	3,000
Davenport 5/.....	68,700	3,500	*	5.0	65,200	58,200	5,200	1,900
Des Moines.....	157,500	8,300	*	5.3	149,200	133,300	12,500	3,400
Dubuque.....	41,500	3,200	*	7.8	38,200	32,600	3,000	2,700
Sioux City.....	55,200	3,000	*	5.4	52,200	43,800	5,700	2,800
Waterloo.....	60,300	4,200	*	7.0	56,000	49,300	4,800	2,000

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	Total	Quits	Layoffs	Total	Quits	Layoffs	Total	Quits	Layoffs	Total	Quits	Layoffs
	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
MANUFACTURING.....	4.4	3.4	3.4	3.0	2.0	1.8	1.1	1.2	NA	3.1	3.0	4.0	1.8	1.6	1.4	0.7	0.7	2.0
Durable Goods.....	4.0	3.5	2.7	2.7	1.9	1.4	0.9	1.3	NA	2.7	2.8	4.0	1.5	1.4	1.1	0.5	0.7	2.4
Stone, clay & glass products.....	6.7	4.8	6.4	5.7	3.2	4.8	0.8	1.7	NA	3.2	2.9	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.5	0.4	0.2	0.3
Primary metal industries.....	5.0	4.0	3.4	2.8	2.1	0.8	2.2	1.9	NA	4.4	2.3	6.1	1.7	1.1	0.8	2.0	0.6	4.7
Fabricated metal products.....	4.6	3.5	5.1	2.1	1.7	2.9	2.4	1.7	NA	2.4	4.0	5.0	1.6	1.9	1.8	0.3	1.6	2.9
Machinery except electrical.....	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	NA	2.3	2.1	4.1	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	2.6
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	3.5	5.7	2.1	2.4	2.5	1.3	0.6	2.7	NA	2.4	3.0	2.8	1.7	1.3	0.8	0.1	1.2	1.6
Other durable goods.....	5.5	3.8	3.4	4.8	3.0	1.8	0.5	0.8	NA	3.3	3.4	3.9	2.1	2.0	1.5	0.5	0.8	2.0
Nondurable Goods.....	5.0	3.3	4.6	3.4	2.1	2.5	1.5	1.0	NA	3.7	3.3	3.9	2.3	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.8	1.5
Food & kindred products.....	5.8	3.7	5.4	3.6	1.9	2.7	2.0	1.7	NA	4.1	3.1	4.3	2.4	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.0	2.1
Meat products.....	6.0	4.8	6.0	4.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.6	NA	4.5	3.1	6.0	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.4	0.9	4.0
Printing & publishing.....	3.4	1.9	2.1	2.3	1.4	1.5	1.0	0.4	NA	2.3	3.1	2.5	1.6	1.9	1.6	0.4	0.5	0.6
Rubber, plastics & leather prod.....	5.0	3.9	5.2	3.3	3.0	1.9	1.3	0.5	NA	2.9	3.6	3.9	2.4	1.9	2.1	*	*	0.6
Other nondurable goods.....	4.0	2.9	3.7	3.4	2.6	3.1	0.5	0.1	NA	4.0	3.7	3.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	0.7	0.8	0.8

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

Table III - Iowa Labor Force Summary
May 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	1,344,700	60,600	4.5	1,284,100	970,100	138,200	175,800
Cedar Rapids SMSA	77,900	3,600	4.6	74,300	66,100	5,400	2,800
Davenport - RI - Moline SMSA	174,300	10,500	6.1	163,700			
Des Moines SMSA	160,900	8,300	5.2	152,600	136,800	12,400	3,400
Dubuque SMSA	40,900	2,600	6.3	38,300	32,800	2,900	2,700
Omaha - Council Bluffs SMSA	252,100	18,300	7.3	233,800			
Sioux City SMSA	55,500	2,300	4.1	53,200	44,800	5,600	2,800
Waterloo - Cedar Falls SMSA	61,500	4,600	7.5	56,900	50,300	4,700	2,000
Adair - Greenfield	4,830	160	3.3	4,670	2,180	540	1,950
Adams - Corning	2,650	60	2.3	2,590	1,240	390	970
Allamakee - Waukon	7,060	300	4.3	6,760	3,740	1,060	1,960
Appanoose - Centerville	6,230	380	6.0	5,850	3,900	980	970
Audubon - Audubon	4,300	150	3.6	4,150	2,040	620	1,500
Benton - Vinton	10,670	210	2.0	10,460	6,780	1,290	2,390
Black Hawk							
(Waterloo - Cedar Falls SMSA)	61,500	4,600	7.5	56,900	50,300	4,700	2,000
Boone - Boone	12,110	450	3.7	11,660	8,830	1,250	1,590
Bremer - Waverly	10,260	430	4.2	9,830	7,060	990	1,780
Buchanan - Independence	9,860	380	3.8	9,490	6,320	1,040	2,140
Buena Vista - Storm Lake	9,710	290	3.0	9,420	6,470	1,070	1,880
Butler - Allison	7,670	270	3.5	7,400	4,430	1,030	1,950
Calhoun - Rockwell City	6,180	170	2.8	6,010	3,610	840	1,550
Carroll - Carroll	10,420	370	3.6	10,050	5,950	1,800	2,300
Cass - Atlantic	8,680	240	2.7	8,450	5,070	1,320	2,060
Cedar - Tipton	8,120	200	2.5	7,920	4,760	1,090	2,070
Cerro Gordo - Mason City	22,990	1,400	6.1	21,590	18,170	2,000	1,410
Cherokee - Cherokee	7,750	190	2.4	7,570	4,820	960	1,790
Chickasaw - New Hampton	7,190	410	5.8	6,770	3,980	1,010	1,790
Clarke - Osceola	4,420	210	4.7	4,210	2,410	540	1,260
Clay - Spencer	9,270	200	2.2	9,070	6,360	1,110	1,600
Clayton - Guttenberg	10,260	520	5.1	9,740	5,130	1,640	2,980
Clinton - Clinton	25,790	1,310	5.1	24,490	19,600	2,330	2,570
Crawford - Denison	9,340	290	3.1	9,050	5,470	1,130	2,440
Dallas - Perry	13,770	530	3.8	13,240	10,060	1,400	1,780
Davis - Bloomfield	3,650	180	4.9	3,470	1,960	610	910
Decatur - Leon	4,250	90	2.0	4,170	2,630	530	1,010
Delaware - Manchester	8,370	330	4.0	8,040	4,380	1,250	2,410
Des Moines - Burlington	19,050	1,660	8.7	17,390	14,940	1,390	1,050
Dickinson - Spirit Lake	6,820	200	3.0	6,620	4,310	1,070	1,230
Dubuque - Dubuque SMSA	40,900	2,600	6.3	38,300	32,800	2,900	2,700
Emmet - Estherville	6,340	200	3.2	6,140	4,440	740	960
Fayette - Oelwein	11,270	470	4.1	10,810	6,900	1,360	2,550
Floyd - Charles City	8,790	580	6.6	8,220	5,840	1,020	1,350
Franklin - Hampton	6,490	190	2.9	6,310	3,270	890	2,150
Freemont - Sidney	4,770	230	4.9	4,540	2,440	580	1,510
Greene - Jefferson	5,690	190	3.4	5,500	3,110	830	1,560
Grundy - Grundy Center	6,420	180	2.7	6,250	3,770	590	1,890
Guthrie - Guthrie Center	5,650	230	4.0	5,420	2,890	810	1,720
Hamilton - Webster City	8,520	340	3.9	8,190	5,250	1,180	1,760
Hancock - Garner	6,260	170	2.7	6,090	3,610	730	1,750
Hardin - Iowa Falls	10,550	220	2.1	10,340	7,090	1,400	1,850
Harrison - Missouri Valley	7,300	390	5.3	6,910	4,020	1,050	1,840
Henry - Mount Pleasant	9,470	370	3.9	9,110	6,720	1,120	1,270
Howard - Cresco	5,330	320	6.0	5,010	2,560	810	1,640
Humboldt - Humboldt	5,900	150	2.6	5,750	3,590	850	1,310

Note: Footnotes identical to Table I

Table III - Continued

County - Labor Area	1/Labor Force	Unemployed	Unadjusted Rate	2/Employment	3/ Nonag Wage and Salary	4/ Self-Employed, Unpaid Family, Domestic	Agriculture
Ida - Ida Grove	4,380	100	2.3	4,280	2,060	740	1,490
Iowa - Marengo	9,170	130	1.4	9,040	5,840	1,200	2,000
Jackson - Maquoketa	10,250	470	4.6	9,780	6,180	1,270	2,330
Jasper	16,800	910	5.4	15,890	11,750	1,850	2,290
Jefferson - Fairfield	6,960	250	3.6	6,710	4,730	900	1,080
Johnson - Iowa City	39,420	1,020	2.6	38,410	33,190	2,970	2,240
Jones - Anamosa	9,280	240	2.6	9,030	5,750	1,160	2,120
Keokuk - Sigourney	5,450	190	3.6	5,260	2,660	700	1,900
Kossuth - Algona	10,540	260	2.4	10,280	5,600	1,610	3,080
Lee - Ft. Madison - Keokuk	19,430	1,260	6.5	18,170	15,080	1,930	1,160
Linn - Cedar Rapids SMSA	77,900	3,600	4.6	74,300	66,100	5,400	2,800
Louisa - Wapello	4,980	160	3.2	4,830	3,540	480	800
Lucas - Chariton	4,470	170	3.7	4,310	2,870	510	920
Lyon - Rock Rapids	6,340	160	2.5	6,180	3,210	940	2,030
Madison - Winterset	5,820	220	3.7	5,610	3,500	650	1,450
Mahaska - Oskaloosa	9,380	310	3.3	9,070	6,140	1,210	1,720
Marion - Knoxville	13,720	300	2.2	13,420	10,480	1,460	1,480
Marshall - Marshalltown	18,470	680	3.7	17,790	13,760	1,990	2,050
Mills - Glenwood	5,920	200	3.4	5,720	3,960	520	1,240
Mitchell - Osage	5,810	260	4.5	5,550	2,960	880	1,710
Monona - Onawa	5,460	210	3.8	5,250	2,910	840	1,500
Monroe - Albia	4,490	240	5.3	4,250	3,030	560	670
Montgomery - Red Oak	6,460	260	4.0	6,210	4,050	800	1,350
Muscatine - Muscatine	19,020	740	3.9	18,280	15,090	1,730	1,450
O'Brien - Sheldon	7,600	190	2.4	7,420	4,360	1,240	1,820
Osceola - Sibley	3,720	150	4.1	3,570	1,870	550	1,150
Page - Shenandoah	9,960	420	4.2	9,550	6,330	1,120	2,110
Palo Alto - Emmetsburg	5,590	330	5.8	5,260	3,020	840	1,400
Plymouth - Le Mars	11,100	320	2.9	10,770	6,710	1,100	2,970
Pocahontas - Pocahontas	5,170	300	5.8	4,870	2,550	690	1,620
Polk - (Part of Des Moines SMSA)	148,100	7,800	5.3	140,200			
Pottawattamie - (Part - Omaha SMSA) 5/	40,200	2,400	5.9	37,800	31,500	3,400	3,000
Poweshiek - Grinnell	9,990	310	3.1	9,680	6,570	1,060	2,040
Ringgold - Mount Ayr	3,440	120	3.6	3,320	1,460	500	1,360
Sac - Sac City	6,980	150	2.1	6,830	3,590	1,010	2,230
Scott - (Part of DRIM SMSA) 5/	69,500	3,900	5.6	65,600	58,600	5,100	1,900
Shelby - Harlan	6,520	350	5.3	6,170	3,320	890	1,960
Sioux - Orange City	14,020	310	2.2	13,710	8,280	1,980	3,450
Story - Ames	34,840	800	2.3	34,050	28,180	3,160	2,700
Tama - Tama-Toledo	9,780	270	2.7	9,520	5,730	1,290	2,500
Taylor	4,000	160	4.1	3,840	1,680	620	1,540
Union - Creston	6,530	450	6.9	6,080	4,250	840	990
Van Buren - Koesauqua	3,870	150	3.9	3,720	2,300	540	880
Wapello - Ottumwa	15,320	1,240	8.1	14,070	11,790	1,400	890
Warren - (Part of Des Moines SMSA)	12,800	500	3.7	12,300			
Washington - Washington	9,220	330	3.6	8,890	5,830	1,310	1,750
Wayne - Corydon	3,750	110	2.9	3,640	1,880	490	1,270
Webster - Fort Dodge	21,750	790	3.6	20,950	17,030	2,090	1,840
Winnebago - Forest City	7,330	280	3.8	7,050	4,850	1,080	1,120
Winneshiek - Decorah	11,960	560	4.7	11,400	6,910	1,510	2,980
Woodbury - (Part of Sioux City SMSA)	49,400	2,100	4.3	47,300			
Worth - Northwood	4,110	190	4.6	3,920	2,340	420	1,150
Wright - Clarion	7,310	160	2.2	7,150	4,440	950	1,760

Data for CETA programs in these areas are based on a "BLS census share" method and are not technically comparable to figures published here.

Note: All data based on place of residence.

Table IV - Iowa Nonagricultural Employment 1/

(By Place of Work)

	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	Change From:	
				Apr. 1976 to May 1976	May 1975 to May 1976
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL.....	1,021,200	1,014,100	992,200	7,100	29,000
MANUFACTURING.....	231,100	231,000	226,600	100	4,500
DURABLE GOODS.....	142,100	140,900	138,600	1,200	3,500
Lumber & furniture.....	8,600	8,600	7,900	0	700
Stone, clay & glass products.....	6,100	6,000	6,200	100	- 100
Primary metal industries.....	7,300	7,300	7,600	0	- 300
Fabricated metal products.....	15,800*	16,000	15,700	- 200	100
Machinery except electrical.....	59,400	59,100	58,600*	300	800
Farm machinery.....	28,100	28,100	27,500	0	600
Construction & related machinery.....	18,400	18,200	18,800	200	- 400
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	25,500	24,600	24,000	900	1,500
Transportation equipment.....	8,600*	8,500*	7,700	100	900
Other durable goods 2/.....	10,900	10,900	10,900	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS.....	89,000	90,000	88,000	- 1,000	1,000
Food & kindred products.....	48,300*	47,700*	47,300	600	1,000
Meat products.....	24,900	24,300	23,600*	600	1,300
Grain mill products.....	11,000	10,900	10,900	100	100
Bakery products.....	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Apparel & other textile products.....	4,300	4,300	3,900	0	400
Paper & allied products.....	3,900	3,900	3,400	0	500
Printing & publishing.....	14,800	14,800	14,600	0	200
Newspapers.....	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0
Chemicals & allied products.....	7,300	7,100*	7,200	200	100
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	8,400*	10,300	9,800	- 1,900	- 1,400
Other nondurable goods 3/.....	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	100
NONMANUFACTURING.....	790,100	783,200	765,600	6,900	24,500
Nonmetallic mining.....	2,800	2,700	2,800	100	0
Contract construction.....	46,400*	44,800	45,200*	1,600	1,200
Transportation & public utilities.....	54,500*	54,600	54,700	- 100	- 200
Railroad transportation.....	8,800	8,800	9,000	0	- 200
Communication.....	13,100	13,200	13,400	- 100	- 300
Electric, gas & sanitary services.....	10,800	10,900	10,800	- 100	0
Wholesale & retail trade.....	253,700	250,400	244,800	3,300	8,900
Wholesale trade.....	52,100	51,300	49,900*	800	2,200
Retail trade.....	201,600	199,100	194,800	2,500	6,800
Retail, general merchandise.....	28,300	28,300	27,900	0	400
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	47,400	47,000	47,200	400	200
Banking.....	15,900	15,900	15,500	0	400
Insurance carriers & agents.....	18,500	18,400	18,900	100	- 400
Services.....	184,600	182,900	178,500	1,700	6,100
Medical & other health services.....	59,200	59,100	56,500	100	2,700
Government.....	200,500	200,700	192,400	- 200	8,100
Federal government.....	19,100	19,000	19,500	100	- 400
State government.....	50,100	50,400	47,400	- 300	2,700
Local government.....	131,400	131,300	125,600	100	5,800
Persons Involved in					
Labor-Management Disputes.....	3,300	300	1,700	3,000	1,600

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.

*Strike

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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/		
	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$167.54	\$167.54	\$154.30	35.8	35.8	35.8	\$4.68	\$4.68	\$4.31	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING.....	230.80	227.88	208.26	40.0	39.7	39.0	5.77	5.74	5.34	2.8	2.5	2.3
Durable Goods.....	234.77	231.42	215.17	40.2	39.9	39.7	5.84	5.80	5.42	2.5	2.0	1.9
Lumber & furniture.....	193.68	191.84	165.50	40.1	39.8	37.7	4.83	4.82	4.39	2.6	2.1	1.0
Stone, clay & glass products.....	250.49	234.42	210.58	44.1	42.7	42.8	5.68	5.49	4.92	6.2	5.0	4.7
Primary metal industries.....	243.21	267.54	233.13	40.4	42.4	40.9	6.02	6.31	5.70	4.9	4.8	3.6
Fabricated metal products.....	209.32	200.07	195.50	40.1	39.0	40.9	5.22	5.13	4.78	2.3	1.1	1.5
Machinery except electrical.....	277.55	272.28	255.33	40.4	40.1	40.4	6.87	6.79	6.32	2.4	2.0	2.1
Farm machinery.....	291.53	290.32	273.64	40.1	40.1	40.3	7.27	7.24	6.79	2.4	2.3	2.5
Construction & related machinery.....	297.19	285.73	264.21	40.6	40.3	40.9	7.32	7.09	6.46	2.5	1.7	1.8
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	187.21	186.53	166.13	38.6	38.7	37.0	4.85	4.82	4.49	1.2	1.1	1.1
Transportation equipment.....	175.91	175.89	168.49	41.1	41.0	40.6	4.28	4.29	4.15	2.6	2.2	1.4
Other durable goods.....	171.88	166.99	158.15	38.8	38.3	37.3	4.43	4.36	4.24	1.3	0.8	0.8
Nondurable Goods.....	224.31	222.61	197.46	39.7	39.4	37.9	5.65	5.65	5.21	3.3	3.3	3.0
Food & kindred products.....	251.53	251.10	217.70	40.7	40.5	38.6	6.18	6.20	5.64	4.0	4.0	3.9
Meat products.....	267.92	272.74	235.21	39.4	39.7	37.1	6.80	6.87	6.34	3.5	3.5	3.5
Grain mill products.....	276.38	268.08	225.60	43.8	43.1	40.0	6.31	6.22	5.64	4.9	5.2	4.1
Apparel & other textile products.....	108.28	110.93	100.04	35.5	35.9	35.6	3.05	3.09	2.81	0.5	0.3	0.7
Paper & allied products.....	182.02	173.20	173.76	38.0	37.9	38.7	4.79	4.57	4.49	2.3	2.2	2.7
Printing & publishing.....	203.79	204.38	173.95	37.6	37.5	35.0	5.42	5.45	4.97	2.7	2.5	1.0
Newspapers.....	177.87	177.97	167.97	33.0	32.3	33.0	5.39	5.51	5.09	2.6	2.3	1.8
Chemicals & allied products.....	232.70	236.39	218.28	40.4	41.4	40.8	5.76	5.71	5.35	2.6	2.4	3.0
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	206.06	202.13	191.36	39.1	37.5	36.8	5.27	5.39	5.20	3.5	3.5	3.0
Other nondurable goods.....	114.37	110.11	95.00	38.9	38.5	36.4	2.94	2.86	2.61	1.1	1.4	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING.....	148.35	149.56	137.81	34.5	34.7	34.8	4.30	4.31	3.96	*	*	*
Mining.....	229.89	228.44	231.83	47.4	47.1	48.5	4.85	4.85	4.78	*	*	*
Contract construction.....	296.44	308.89	275.08	38.3	39.1	38.1	7.74	7.90	7.22	*	*	*
Transportation & public utilities.....	243.76	243.60	219.91	39.7	40.0	40.8	6.14	6.09	5.39	*	*	*
Wholesale & retail trade.....	130.70	131.77	121.04	33.6	33.7	34.0	3.89	3.91	3.56	*	*	*
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	124.86	123.91	121.20	38.3	38.6	38.6	3.26	3.21	3.14	*	*	*
Services.....	114.70	114.37	104.33	32.4	32.4	32.2	3.54	3.53	3.24	*	*	*

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					
	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	Worker With No Dependents			Married Worker With Three Dependents		
				May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$167.54	\$167.54	\$154.30	\$133.56	\$133.56	\$122.36	\$145.78	\$145.78	\$135.15
MANUFACTURING.....	230.80	227.88	208.26	176.99	175.01	158.82	190.39	188.36	173.68
Durable Goods.....	234.77	231.42	215.17	179.67	177.41	163.58	193.18	190.82	178.49
Nondurable Goods.....	224.31	222.61	197.46	172.60	171.42	151.36	185.88	184.70	166.03
NONMANUFACTURING.....	148.35	149.56	137.81	119.98	120.84	110.88	132.25	133.03	124.52
Mining.....	229.89	228.44	231.83	176.37	175.39	175.00	189.76	188.75	190.17
Contract Construction.....	296.44	308.89	275.08	220.31	228.53	204.02	237.04	246.48	221.13
Transportation & Public Utilities.....	243.76	243.60	219.91	185.75	185.64	166.84	199.60	199.48	181.78
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	130.70	131.77	121.04	107.36	108.12	99.18	120.44	121.40	111.78
Finance & Real Estate.....	124.86	123.91	121.20	103.18	102.50	99.29	115.21	114.36	111.93
Services.....	114.70	114.37	104.33	95.74	95.49	87.23	106.10	105.80	96.80

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/		
	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$167.54	\$167.54	\$154.30	35.8	35.8	35.8	\$4.68	\$4.68	\$4.31	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING.....	230.80	227.88	208.26	40.0	39.7	39.0	5.77	5.74	5.34	2.8	2.5	2.3
Durable Goods.....	234.77	231.42	215.17	40.2	39.9	39.7	5.84	5.80	5.42	2.5	2.0	1.9
Lumber & furniture.....	193.68	191.84	165.50	40.1	39.8	37.7	4.83	4.82	4.39	2.6	2.1	1.0
Stone, clay & glass products.....	250.49	234.42	210.58	44.1	42.7	42.8	5.68	5.49	4.92	6.2	5.0	4.7
Primary metal industries.....	243.21	267.54	233.13	40.4	42.4	40.9	6.02	6.31	5.70	4.9	4.8	3.6
Fabricated metal products.....	209.32	200.07	195.50	40.1	39.0	40.9	5.22	5.13	4.78	2.3	1.1	1.5
Machinery except electrical.....	277.55	272.28	255.33	40.4	40.1	40.4	6.87	6.79	6.32	2.4	2.0	2.1
Farm machinery.....	291.53	290.32	273.64	40.1	40.1	40.3	7.27	7.24	6.79	2.4	2.3	2.5
Construction & related machinery.....	297.19	285.73	264.21	40.6	40.3	40.9	7.32	7.09	6.46	2.5	1.7	1.8
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	187.21	186.53	166.13	38.6	38.7	37.0	4.85	4.82	4.49	1.2	1.1	1.1
Transportation equipment.....	175.91	175.89	168.49	41.1	41.0	40.6	4.28	4.29	4.15	2.6	2.2	1.4
Other durable goods.....	171.88	166.99	158.15	38.8	38.3	37.3	4.43	4.36	4.24	1.3	0.8	0.8
Nondurable Goods.....	224.31	222.61	197.46	39.7	39.4	37.9	5.65	5.65	5.21	3.3	3.3	3.0
Food & kindred products.....	251.53	251.10	217.70	40.7	40.5	38.6	6.18	6.20	5.64	4.0	4.0	3.9
Meat products.....	267.92	272.74	235.21	39.4	39.7	37.1	6.80	6.87	6.34	3.5	3.5	3.5
Grain mill products.....	276.38	268.08	225.60	43.8	43.1	40.0	6.31	6.22	5.64	4.9	5.2	4.1
Apparel & other textile products.....	108.28	110.93	100.04	35.5	35.9	35.6	3.05	3.09	2.81	0.5	0.3	0.7
Paper & allied products.....	182.02	173.20	173.76	38.0	37.9	38.7	4.79	4.57	4.49	2.3	2.2	2.7
Printing & publishing.....	203.79	204.38	173.95	37.6	37.5	35.0	5.42	5.45	4.97	2.7	2.5	1.0
Newspapers.....	177.87	177.97	167.97	33.0	32.3	33.0	5.39	5.51	5.09	2.6	2.3	1.8
Chemicals & allied products.....	232.70	236.39	218.28	40.4	41.4	40.8	5.76	5.71	5.35	2.6	2.4	3.0
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	206.06	202.13	191.36	39.1	37.5	36.8	5.27	5.39	5.20	3.5	3.5	3.0
Other nondurable goods.....	114.37	110.11	95.00	38.9	38.5	36.4	2.94	2.86	2.61	1.1	1.4	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING.....	148.35	149.56	137.81	34.5	34.7	34.8	4.30	4.31	3.96	*	*	*
Mining.....	229.89	228.44	231.83	47.4	47.1	48.5	4.85	4.85	4.78	*	*	*
Contract construction.....	296.44	308.89	275.08	38.3	39.1	38.1	7.74	7.90	7.22	*	*	*
Transportation & public utilities.....	243.76	243.60	219.91	39.7	40.0	40.8	6.14	6.09	5.39	*	*	*
Wholesale & retail trade.....	130.70	131.77	121.04	33.6	33.7	34.0	3.89	3.91	3.56	*	*	*
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	124.86	123.91	121.20	38.3	38.6	38.6	3.26	3.21	3.14	*	*	*
Services.....	114.70	114.37	104.33	32.4	32.4	32.2	3.54	3.53	3.24	*	*	*

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

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				May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$167.54	\$167.54	\$154.30	\$133.56	\$133.56	\$122.36	\$145.78	\$145.78	\$135.15
MANUFACTURING.....	230.80	227.88	208.26	176.99	175.01	158.82	190.39	188.36	173.68
Durable Goods.....	234.77	231.42	215.17	179.67	177.41	163.58	193.18	190.82	178.49
Nondurable Goods.....	224.31	222.61	197.46	172.60	171.42	151.36	185.88	184.70	166.03
NONMANUFACTURING.....	148.35	149.56	137.81	119.98	120.84	110.88	132.25	133.03	124.52
Mining.....	229.89	228.44	231.83	176.37	175.39	175.00	189.76	188.75	190.17
Contract Construction.....	296.44	308.89	275.08	220.31	228.53	204.02	237.04	246.48	221.13
Transportation & Public Utilities.....	243.76	243.60	219.91	185.75	185.64	166.84	199.60	199.48	181.78
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	130.70	131.77	121.04	107.36	108.12	99.18	120.44	121.40	111.78
Finance & Real Estate.....	124.86	123.91	121.20	103.18	102.50	99.29	115.21	114.36	111.93
Services.....	114.70	114.37	104.33	95.74	95.49	87.23	106.10	105.80	96.80

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

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
Cedar Rapids.....	\$236.47	\$228.40	\$211.33	40.7	40.0	39.5	\$5.81	\$5.71	\$5.35
Council Bluffs.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Davenport.....	277.29	268.73	260.60	39.5	38.5	41.3	7.02	6.98	6.31
Des Moines.....	235.56	229.88	216.03	39.0	37.5	38.1	6.04	6.13	5.67
Dubuque.....	283.97	277.09	243.08	40.8	40.1	38.1	6.96	6.91	6.38
Sioux City.....	212.86	214.73	190.51	39.2	39.4	39.2	5.43	5.45	4.86
Waterloo.....	281.06	281.06	253.33	39.2	39.2	38.5	7.17	7.17	6.58

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

Table VIII - Job Service of Iowa Activities

	May 1976		April 1976		May 1975	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
JOB PLACEMENT						
New applicants.....	16,638	7,906	13,667	6,560	12,047	*
Total placements.....	6,601	2,331	6,825	2,321	5,976	*
Nonagricultural.....	6,444	2,321	6,631	2,307	5,620	*
Agricultural.....	157	10	194	14	331	*
New job openings 1/.....	9,820	*	10,394	*	8,856	*
Active applicants.....	67,871	33,691	64,975	31,916	63,834	29,410
JOB INSURANCE						
Initial claims.....	7,897	3,138	9,646	3,703	11,384	3,959
Continued claims.....	82,762	30,847	104,783	34,568	112,013	38,586
First payments issued.....	4,233	1,665	5,196	1,988	6,775	2,332
Total weeks paid.....	80,822	29,338	104,051	32,796	113,015	38,517
Total payments.....	\$6,709,123	\$1,968,924	\$8,820,208	\$2,235,725	\$7,794,107	\$2,335,022
Average weekly payment.....	\$83.01	\$67.11	\$84.77	\$68.17	\$68.97	\$60.62
Average weekly payment - total unemployment.....	\$84.89	\$68.79	\$86.53	\$69.84	\$71.06	\$63.49

1/ Limited to nonagricultural activities.

*Data not available.

Table IX - Iowans Receiving Job Insurance 1/

	Total			Women			Unemployed 5 Weeks or Longer		
	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
Total.....	22,592	27,155	29,858	8,435	9,281	10,699	15,711	19,866	21,244
Contract Construction.....	4,021	5,737	3,982	119	143	135	2,909	4,706	2,812
Manufacturing.....	8,070	10,080	15,363	3,061	3,801	5,836	5,776	7,000	11,165
Durable Goods.....	5,019	6,517	10,098	1,672	2,191	3,630	3,639	4,501	7,488
Nondurable Goods.....	3,041	3,563	5,265	1,389	1,610	2,206	2,137	2,499	3,677
Trade.....	5,719	5,916	5,724	2,787	2,746	2,446	3,879	4,286	3,897
Services.....	3,010	3,336	2,677	1,827	1,982	1,575	1,943	2,332	1,825
All Other Industries.....	1,775	2,086	2,111	641	609	707	1,204	1,542	1,545

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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