

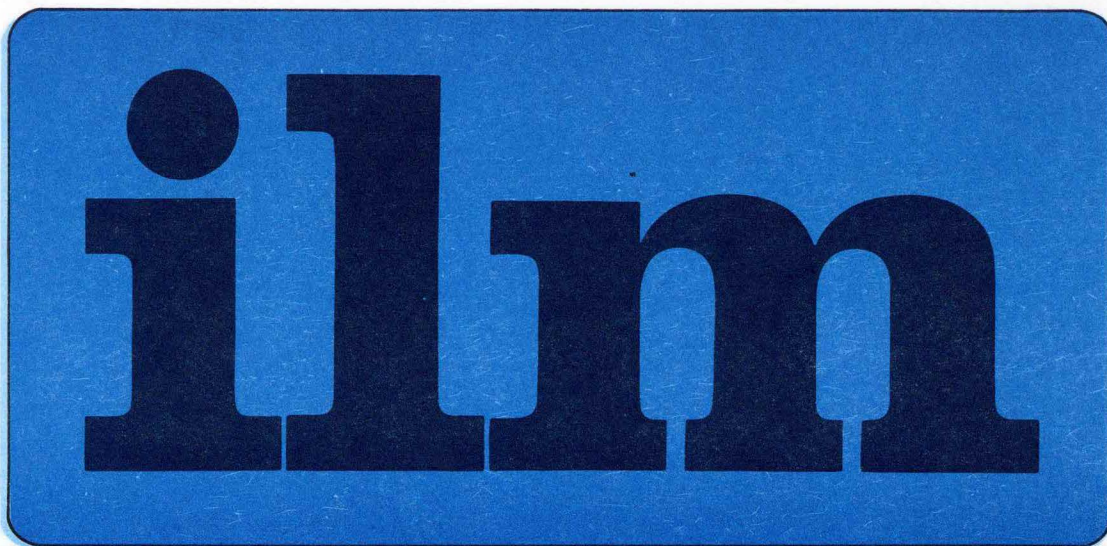
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## QUICK ACTION PLACES 8,334 JOB INSURANCE CLAIMANTS



The woman entered the Job Insurance section of the Iowa Job Service office. A claims taker came forward to the counter to assist her. The woman explained that she'd lost her job and wanted to apply for Job Insurance benefits.

The necessary questions were asked and answered, the blank spaces on the woman's initial claim application were appropriately filled in and when they were finished the claims taker nodded approvingly.

"Everything seems to be in order," he said. "However, there's one more thing you need to do. The Iowa Employment Security Law requires you to register for work with our Job Placement division to be eligible for Job Insurance. It's a simple procedure that doesn't take long. If you'll go through that door"—he pointed—"an interviewer will see you. And who knows?—you may be lucky. There may be a job waiting for you."

A few minutes later—in the Job Placement section of the office—the woman sat down with an interviewer. He took her name and address and asked about her work background. When she told him she was trained as a clerk-typist and had considerable experience in the field, he put down his pen and turned to the Job Bank viewer on his desk.

He adjusted the microfiche and when the screen readout suited him, he turned back to his client.

"Thought I remembered," he grinned. "I think maybe we have the very job for you. An employer here"—he indicated the Job Bank screen—"is looking for a clerk-typist. I'm sure he'd be glad to talk to you about the job."

The woman said she'd like that. The interviewer checked his files for the employer's name and address, gave it to her and wished her success. She thanked the interviewer and left.

An hour later, she was hired—no longer eligible for Job Insurance.

### Immediate Action

All across Iowa, similar scenes occurred during fiscal year 1976. Quick action by the Job Placement division of the Iowa Department of Job Service found jobs for 8,334 Job Insurance claimants, either at the time they initially filed for benefits or soon thereafter.

As a result, 8,334 Iowans were taken off the unemployment rolls.

During the 1976 fiscal year, the average weekly benefit amount paid to eligible workers by the Iowa Job Insurance trust fund was \$81. This benefit amount was paid for an average duration of 15 weeks. Based on these two averages, approximately \$10 million in additional jobless payments would have been disbursed to the above 8,334 workers if they hadn't been quickly reemployed.

Instead, an approximate \$10 million savings to the trust fund was made possible.

And because of the early placement of these workers, employers shared in the savings by not having their Job Insurance tax accounts affected.

### Eligibility

To have been eligible to receive the average weekly benefit amount of \$81 in fiscal year 1976, Iowans must have earned a weekly gross income of \$125.

By assuming that the 8,334 claimants were immediately reemployed in jobs paying \$125, we would know that each would pay taxes on his earnings, including the state income tax. A worker with a spouse and two children, for example, would pay at this wage level the sum of \$2.28 weekly as state income tax withholding.



Even at this payment rate, the total income tax paid to the state by the 8,334 reemployed claimants would amount to approximately \$19,000 weekly.

It should be stressed that with the exception of the number of claimants reemployed (8,334), all figures used above are based on averages and may differ from those based on

actual claim-by-claim accounting.

But it is obvious that the advantages in finding jobs for claimants as quickly as possible after they apply for Job Insurance benefits are numerous. Employers gain. The Job Insurance trust fund gains. The state gains. But most of all the claimants gain.

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## LABOR MARKET BRIEFS

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Iowa's total nonagricultural **EMPLOYMENT** picture was unchanged from January . . . registering at 1,009,600 workers. A seasonal decrease of 2,300 in wholesale and retail trade was counterbalanced by a like seasonal increase in government . . . mainly in public schools and colleges. Four new labor-management disputes affected 400 workers . . . the largest involving 200 food and kindred products employees. This February's strike activity was under a year ago . . . when 800 were off the job . . . 300 of these in food and kindred products. A look at the annual averages for finance, insurance and real estate over the past 20 years shows a steady increase . . . varying from a 200 upswing in 1958 to 2,200 in 1972. Also, employment in services and miscellaneous has more than doubled in the 20-year period. Compared to February a year ago, the current nonag employment total shows a gain of 18,900 workers.

**UNEMPLOYMENT** declined over the month . . . dropping from 62,900 in January to 61,200 . . . a 1,700 dip. The jobless tally for February 1976 was 65,900 . . . a count of 4,700 more than in this February. The seasonally adjusted **JOBLESS RATE** for Iowa duplicated the January rate of 3.7% . . . unchanged over the month . . . but was three-tenths of a percentage point lower than the February 1976 adjusted rate of 4.0%. The state's unadjusted rate for February chalked at 4.7% . . . for January, 4.9% . . . for February 1976, 5.2% . . . indicating an economic upturn.

The civilian **LABOR FORCE** total for February was 1,291,000 . . . up 6,200 from the January mark of 1,284,800 . . . and 13,800 more than the last February count of 1,277,200.

Iowa's **JOB INSURANCE** program paid \$11,804,573 in benefits to eligible unemployed workers during February . . . an increase of \$727,282 over the January payments level of \$11,077,291. In February of last year, Job Insurance payments tallied \$11,891,358 . . . \$86,785 more than the current payments. The average weekly February payment was \$93.57 . . . compared to \$93.10 in January . . . and \$85.46 in February 1976. During the February survey week, a total of 34,714 Job Insurance claims were filed . . . as opposed to 33,645 in January . . . and 37,532 in February of last year.

In **HOURS and EARNINGS**, total private wages held steady in February . . . only rubber and plastic products reporting noticeable change, where average weekly earnings decreased \$23.22 . . . the result of a shorter workweek. Construction and related machinery continued a wage increase . . . with average hourly earnings up 3¢ to \$7.93. A drop of 12¢ was recorded in contract construction average hourly earnings . . . but was offset by a longer workweek . . . adding an hour and 54 minutes . . . and upping the average weekly earnings to \$312.61.

Manufacturing **LABOR TURNOVER** activities were less in February than during the preceding month . . . with 27 out of every 1,000 employees either hired or recalled to the job . . . compared to 33 out of every 1,000 in January. Too, 24 out of every 1,000 workers quit or were laid off in the current count . . . in contrast to 31 out of every 1,000 during January. Food and kindred products was the most active published industry . . . where an accessions rate of 43 per 1,000 was experienced . . . including a recall rate of 26 per 1,000. Stone, clay and glass had a higher recall rate—27 per 1,000—but a layoff rate of 21 per 1,000. In 1976, the highest quit rate was in August, 36 per 1,000 . . . the lowest was in February and December, 11 per 1,000. The quit rate for February 1977 was also 11 per 1,000.



**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
<b>February 1977</b>								
Iowa.....	1,291,000	61,200	3.7	4.7	1,229,800	981,400	134,000	114,300
Cedar Rapids.....	77,400	3,300	*	4.2	74,100	67,000	5,300	1,800
Council Bluffs 5/.....	39,600	2,200	*	5.6	37,400	32,200	3,300	1,900
Davenport 5/.....	70,000	3,400	*	4.8	66,600	60,400	5,000	1,200
Des Moines.....	160,500	7,400	*	4.6	153,100	138,900	12,100	2,200
Dubuque.....	40,500	2,300	*	5.8	38,200	33,600	2,800	1,700
Sioux City.....	56,100	2,900	*	5.2	53,200	*	*	*
Waterloo.....	60,300	3,100	*	5.1	57,200	51,400	4,600	1,300
<b>January 1977</b>								
Iowa.....	1,284,800	62,900	3.7	4.9	1,221,900	981,300	132,900	107,700
Cedar Rapids.....	77,400	3,400	*	4.4	74,000	67,000	5,300	1,700
Council Bluffs 5/.....	39,700	2,400	*	6.1	37,300	32,200	3,300	1,800
Davenport 5/.....	70,100	3,500	*	5.0	66,600	60,500	5,000	1,100
Des Moines.....	161,400	7,800	*	4.9	153,500	139,400	12,000	2,100
Dubuque.....	40,700	2,600	*	6.4	38,000	33,600	2,800	1,600
Sioux City.....	56,100	2,900	*	5.3	53,100	*	*	*
Waterloo.....	60,100	3,000	*	5.0	57,100	51,300	4,600	1,200
<b>February 1976</b>								
Iowa.....	1,277,200	65,900	4.0	5.2	1,211,300	963,400	131,100	116,800
Cedar Rapids.....	76,700	3,700	*	4.8	73,100	66,100	5,200	1,800
Council Bluffs 5/.....	38,400	2,300	*	5.9	36,100	31,000	3,200	2,000
Davenport 5/.....	68,400	3,700	*	5.4	64,700	58,600	4,900	1,200
Des Moines.....	160,000	8,100	*	5.1	151,800	137,700	11,900	2,200
Dubuque.....	40,400	2,400	*	6.0	38,000	33,400	2,800	1,800
Sioux City.....	55,900	3,000	*	5.3	52,900	*	*	*
Waterloo.....	60,400	3,900	*	6.5	56,400	50,600	4,500	1,300

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		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976
MANUFACTURING.....	2.7	3.3	2.5	1.7	2.1	1.5	0.8	1.1	0.8	2.4	3.1	2.4	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.7
Durable Goods.....	2.4	3.3	2.5	1.7	2.0	1.5	0.6	1.0	0.9	2.2	2.6	1.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.5
Stone, clay & glass products.....	3.4	1.9	1.6	0.6	1.4	1.1	2.7	0.4	0.2	3.1	8.5	2.5	0.8	1.2	0.8	2.1	6.8	0.7
Primary metal industries.....	3.9	3.0	2.1	3.5	2.5	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.9	2.3	2.0	1.3	1.1	1.4	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.4
Fabricated metal products.....	2.7	3.5	3.9	2.3	2.5	2.5	0.4	0.8	1.4	3.3	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.3	0.6	0.2
Machinery except electrical.....	2.3	2.5	2.2	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.7	2.0	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.4
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	1.2	4.0	2.4	0.6	1.8	1.5	0.5	2.2	0.8	1.6	2.4	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.2	0.7
Other durable goods.....	3.1	4.4	2.7	2.2	3.2	2.2	0.6	1.1	0.4	2.6	3.2	2.7	1.4	2.0	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Nondurable Goods.....	3.0	3.4	2.6	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.1	1.1	0.7	2.7	3.9	3.0	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.0
Food & kindred products.....	3.1	3.3	2.2	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.6	0.9	2.7	4.0	3.1	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.2	2.2	1.5
Meat products.....	4.3	4.0	2.6	1.5	1.4	1.0	2.6	2.5	1.6	3.2	5.8	3.6	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.6	4.0	2.1
Printing & publishing.....	2.4	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.6	0.4	0.8	0.3	2.2	3.3	2.5	1.3	2.0	1.5	0.5	0.9	0.4
Rubber, plastics & leather prod.....	3.3	3.5	2.2	2.5	2.8	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	3.2	2.9	2.1	1.6	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.3
Other nondurable goods.....	3.2	4.1	4.2	2.5	3.6	3.2	0.6	0.4	0.9	3.1	5.2	3.7	1.8	2.8	2.3	0.8	1.7	0.8

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

**Table III - Iowa Labor Force Summary**  
**February 1977**

County - Labor Area	Labor Force 1/	Unemployed	Unadjusted Rate	Employment 2/	Nonag Wage and Salary 3/	Self-Employed, Unpaid Family, Domestic 4/	Agriculture
Iowa - Statewide	1,291,000	61,200	4.7	1,229,800	981,400	134,000	114,300
Cedar Rapids SMSA	77,400	3,300	4.2	74,100	67,000	5,300	1,800
Davenport - RI - Moline SMSA							
Des Moines SMSA	160,500	7,400	4.6	153,100	138,900	12,100	2,200
Dubuque SMSA	40,500	2,300	5.8	38,200	33,600	2,800	1,700
Omaha - Council Bluffs SMSA							
Sioux City SMSA	56,100	2,900	5.2	53,200			
Waterloo - Cedar Falls SMSA	60,300	3,100	5.1	57,200	51,400	4,600	1,300
Adair - Greenfield	4,030	200	5.0	3,830	2,070	490	1,270
Adams - Corning	2,350	120	4.9	2,240	1,240	370	630
Allamakee - Waukon	6,460	450	7.0	6,010	3,730	1,010	1,270
Appanoose - Centerville	5,800	630	10.9	5,170	3,660	880	630
Audubon - Audubon	3,770	160	4.2	3,610	2,040	600	970
Benton - Vinton	10,070	310	3.0	9,760	6,940	1,270	1,560
Black Hawk							
(Waterloo - Cedar Falls SMSA)	60,300	3,100	5.1	57,200	51,400	4,600	1,300
Boone - Boone	11,620	430	3.7	11,190	8,950	1,210	1,030
Bremer - Waverly	9,580	470	4.9	9,110	7,000	950	1,160
Buchanan - Independence	9,240	410	4.4	8,830	6,430	1,020	1,390
Buena Vista - Storm Lake	9,100	250	2.8	8,840	6,580	1,040	1,220
Butler - Allison	7,070	370	5.2	6,710	4,440	1,000	1,270
Calhoun - Rockwell City	5,710	220	3.9	5,490	3,670	820	1,010
Carroll - Carroll	9,640	480	5.0	9,160	5,950	1,720	1,500
Cass - Atlantic	7,920	390	4.9	7,530	4,960	1,240	1,340
Cedar - Tipton	7,400	220	3.0	7,180	4,780	1,050	1,350
Cerro Gordo - Mason City	22,840	1,380	6.0	21,460	18,580	1,960	920
Cherokee - Cherokee	7,320	240	3.3	7,080	4,970	950	1,160
Chickasaw - New Hampton	6,340	390	6.1	5,950	3,850	930	1,170
Clarke - Osceola	4,020	260	6.4	3,760	2,430	520	820
Clay - Spencer	8,720	250	2.9	8,470	6,360	1,070	1,040
Clayton - Guttenberg	9,180	630	6.9	8,550	5,060	1,550	1,940
Clinton - Clinton	25,100	1,360	5.4	23,740	19,820	2,250	1,670
Crawford - Denison	8,720	370	4.2	8,360	5,650	1,120	1,590
Dallas - Perry	13,080	640	4.9	12,440	9,960	1,330	1,160
Davis - Bloomfield	3,350	220	6.5	3,130	1,960	580	590
Decatur - Leon	4,120	220	5.4	3,900	2,720	530	660
Delaware - Manchester	7,630	390	5.1	7,240	4,440	1,240	1,570
Des Moines - Burlington	18,740	1,120	6.0	17,620	15,550	1,390	690
Dickinson - Spirit Lake	6,440	250	3.9	6,190	4,350	1,040	800
Dubuque - Dubuque SMSA	40,500	2,300	5.8	38,200	33,600	2,800	1,700
Emmet - Estherville	6,130	260	4.2	5,870	4,530	720	630
Fayette - Oelwein	11,040	580	5.3	10,460	7,380	1,420	1,660
Floyd - Charles City	8,190	530	6.5	7,660	5,810	970	880
Franklin - Hampton	5,830	280	4.8	5,550	3,290	860	1,400
Freemont - Sidney	4,230	160	3.8	4,070	2,510	580	980
Greene - Jefferson	5,220	290	5.5	4,940	3,130	800	1,020
Grundy - Grundy Center	5,810	180	3.1	5,630	3,830	570	1,230
Guthrie - Guthrie Center	5,160	240	4.7	4,920	2,990	810	1,120
Hamilton - Webster City	7,920	430	5.4	7,490	5,220	1,120	1,150
Hancock - Garner	5,840	250	4.2	5,590	3,720	730	1,140
Hardin - Iowa Falls	9,910	310	3.1	9,600	7,060	1,340	1,200
Harrison - Missouri Valley	6,490	380	5.9	6,110	3,920	990	1,200
Henry - Mount Pleasant	9,100	410	4.5	8,690	6,780	1,080	830
Howard - Cresco	4,740	290	6.0	4,450	2,600	780	1,070
Humboldt - Humboldt	5,630	250	4.4	5,390	3,700	840	850

Note. Footnotes identical to Table I.

Note: All data based on place of residence.

Iowa's Adjusted Rate- 3.7%



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	3,800	110	3.0	3,690	2,020	700	970
Iowa - Marengo	8,490	160	1.9	8,330	5,870	1,150	1,300
Jackson - Maquoketa	9,410	590	6.3	8,820	6,100	1,210	1,520
Jasper	15,750	950	6.0	14,800	11,570	1,750	1,490
Jefferson - Fairfield	6,660	270	4.0	6,400	4,820	880	700
Johnson - Iowa City	38,890	970	2.5	37,920	33,570	2,890	1,460
Jones - Anamosa	8,800	470	5.4	8,330	5,820	1,130	1,380
Keokuk - Sigourney	4,950	450	9.2	4,500	2,600	660	1,230
Kossuth - Algona	9,980	520	5.2	9,450	5,840	1,610	2,000
Lee - Ft. Madison - Keokuk	19,080	810	4.2	18,270	15,610	1,910	750
Linn - Cedar Rapids SMSA	77,400	3,300	4.2	74,100	67,000	5,300	1,800
Louisa - Wapello	4,650	120	2.5	4,530	3,550	470	520
Lucas - Chariton	4,340	210	4.7	4,140	3,020	520	600
Lyon - Rock Rapids	5,690	200	3.4	5,500	3,260	920	1,320
Madison - Winterset	5,460	330	5.9	5,140	3,560	640	940
Mahaska - Oskaloosa	9,040	440	4.9	8,600	6,290	1,190	1,120
Marion - Knoxville	13,380	440	3.3	12,940	10,560	1,420	960
Marshall - Marshalltown	18,320	630	3.4	17,690	14,370	1,990	1,330
Mills - Glenwood	5,670	220	3.8	5,450	4,130	520	800
Mitchell - Osage	5,280	380	7.1	4,910	2,950	840	1,110
Monona - Onawa	5,370	350	6.5	5,020	3,160	880	980
Monroe - Albia	4,460	330	7.3	4,140	3,150	550	430
Montgomery - Red Oak	6,070	210	3.5	5,860	4,180	800	880
Muscatine - Muscatine	18,160	880	4.8	17,290	14,720	1,620	950
O'Brien - Sheldon	7,000	190	2.7	6,810	4,420	1,210	1,190
Osceola - Sibley	3,360	250	7.4	3,110	1,840	520	750
Page - Shenandoah	9,000	260	2.9	8,750	6,310	1,070	1,370
Palo Alto - Emmetsburg	5,060	260	5.1	4,810	3,070	830	910
Plymouth - Le Mars	10,270	440	4.3	9,820	6,820	1,070	1,930
Pocahontas - Pocahontas	4,570	160	3.4	4,410	2,670	690	1,060
Polk - (Part of Des Moines SMSA)	147,700	6,900	4.7	140,800			
Pottawattamie - (Part - Omaha SMSA) 5/	39,600	2,200	5.6	37,400	32,200	3,300	1,900
Poweshiek - Grinnell	9,380	310	3.3	9,080	6,710	1,040	1,330
Ringgold - Mount Ayr	3,000	130	4.3	2,870	1,490	500	880
Sac - Sac City	6,320	280	4.4	6,040	3,610	980	1,450
Scott - (Part of DRIM SMSA) 5/	70,000	3,400	4.8	66,600	60,400	5,000	1,200
Shelby - Harlan	5,960	330	5.5	5,630	3,460	890	1,280
Sioux - Orange City	12,810	470	3.7	12,340	8,210	1,890	2,240
Story - Ames	35,070	790	2.2	34,280	29,360	3,170	1,760
Tama - Tama-Toledo	8,890	270	3.0	8,620	5,750	1,250	1,630
Taylor	3,520	160	4.5	3,360	1,740	620	1,000
Union - Creston	6,060	370	6.0	5,690	4,240	800	650
Van Buren - Koesauqua	3,700	210	5.6	3,500	2,390	540	570
Wapello - Ottumwa	15,420	1,170	7.6	14,250	12,280	1,390	580
Warren - (Part of Des Moines SMSA)	12,800	400	3.3	12,400			
Washington - Washington	8,740	390	4.5	8,340	5,930	1,280	1,140
Wayne - Corydon	3,370	180	5.4	3,190	1,880	480	830
Webster - Fort Dodge	21,050	920	4.4	20,130	16,950	1,990	1,190
Winnebago - Forest City	7,110	260	3.7	6,840	5,040	1,080	730
Winneshiek - Decorah	10,750	870	8.1	9,880	6,560	1,380	1,940
Woodbury - (Part of Sioux City SMSA)	47,800	2,700	5.6	45,100			
Worth - Northwood	3,610	210	5.9	3,390	2,250	390	750
Wright - Clarion	6,970	360	5.2	6,610	4,530	930	1,140

Table IV - Iowa Nonagricultural Employment 1/

(By Place of Work)

	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Change From:	
				Jan. 1977 to Feb. 1977	Feb. 1976 to Feb. 1977
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL.....	1,009,600	1,009,600	990,700	0	18,900
MANUFACTURING.....	236,800	236,600	228,800	200	8,000
DURABLE GOODS.....	145,000	144,600	139,600	400	5,400
Lumber & furniture.....	8,700	8,600	8,300	100	400
Stone, clay & glass products.....	5,400	5,500	5,400	- 100	0
Primary metal industries.....	7,600	7,600	7,100	0	500
Fabricated metal products.....	17,200	17,200	15,700*	0	1,500
Machinery except electrical.....	60,200*	60,000	59,300	200	900
Farm machinery.....	27,700	27,600	28,100	100	- 400
Construction & related machinery.....	19,400	19,200	18,300	200	1,100
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	25,400	25,300	24,600	100	800
Transportation equipment.....	9,700	9,600	8,200*	100	1,500
Other durable goods 2/.....	10,800	10,800	11,000	0	- 200
NONDURABLE GOODS.....	91,800	92,000	89,300	- 200	2,500
Food & kindred products.....	48,900	49,200	47,300*	- 300	1,600
Meat products.....	25,200*	25,500	23,700*	- 300	1,500
Grain mill products.....	11,100	11,100	11,000	0	100
Bakery products.....	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Apparel & other textile products.....	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	200
Paper & allied products.....	3,900	3,800	3,900	100	0
Printing & publishing.....	14,900*	15,000*	14,700	- 100	200
Newspapers.....	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	100
Chemicals & allied products.....	7,100	7,000	7,100*	100	0
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	10,700*	10,800	10,200	- 100	500
Other nondurable goods 3/.....	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING.....	772,800	773,000	761,900	- 200	10,900
Nonmetallic mining.....	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Contract construction.....	38,200	38,800	38,200	- 600	0
Transportation & public utilities.....	53,500*	53,800*	53,800	- 300	- 300
Railroad transportation.....	8,500	8,600	8,500	- 100	0
Communication.....	12,900	12,900	13,200	0	- 300
Electric, gas & sanitary services.....	10,800	10,800	10,800	0	0
Wholesale & retail trade.....	248,000	250,300	242,900	- 2,300	5,100
Wholesale trade.....	52,000*	52,400	51,000	- 400	1,000
Retail trade.....	196,000	198,000	191,800	- 2,000	4,200
Retail, general merchandise.....	28,100	29,200	27,900	- 1,100	200
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	47,700	47,800	46,700	- 100	1,000
Banking.....	16,400	16,600	15,800	- 200	600
Insurance carriers & agents.....	18,800	18,700	18,400	100	400
Services.....	182,200	181,400	178,000	800	4,200
Medical & other health services.....	60,600	60,800	58,600	- 200	2,000
Government.....	200,800	198,500	200,000	2,300	800
Federal government.....	18,700	18,700	19,200	0	- 500
State government.....	50,300	49,500	49,700	800	600
Local government.....	131,800	130,400	131,100	1,400	700
Persons Involved in					
Labor-Management Disputes.....	400	0	800	400	- 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/		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$179.72	\$179.14	\$163.76	35.8	35.9	35.6	\$5.02	\$4.99	\$4.60	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING.....	252.90	254.38	225.10	40.4	40.7	39.7	6.26	6.25	5.67	3.3	3.5	2.5
Durable Goods.....	259.72	260.35	228.80	40.9	41.0	40.0	6.35	6.35	5.72	3.2	3.4	2.0
Lumber & furniture.....	189.50	190.24	181.06	37.9	38.2	37.8	5.00	4.98	4.79	1.1	1.3	1.4
Stone, clay & glass products.....	252.68	243.76	233.93	42.9	42.1	43.4	5.89	5.79	5.39	5.4	5.5	5.9
Primary metal industries.....	297.29	293.57	247.42	43.4	43.3	41.1	6.85	6.78	6.02	5.4	5.3	3.1
Fabricated metal products.....	222.07	222.07	198.07	41.2	41.2	39.3	5.39	5.39	5.04	2.5	2.5	1.3
Machinery except electrical.....	315.09	316.26	271.73	41.9	42.0	40.8	7.52	7.53	6.66	4.1	4.5	2.1
Farm machinery.....	327.71	333.75	289.48	41.8	42.3	40.6	7.84	7.89	7.13	5.4	6.2	2.5
Construction & related machinery.....	331.47	327.85	283.68	41.8	41.5	40.7	7.93	7.90	6.97	2.8	2.7	1.5
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	205.78	211.20	186.53	38.9	39.7	38.7	5.29	5.32	4.82	1.6	1.9	1.0
Transportation equipment.....	183.88	179.99	176.36	39.8	39.3	41.4	4.62	4.58	4.26	2.3	2.0	2.5
Other durable goods.....	184.32	179.33	164.05	39.3	38.4	37.8	4.69	4.67	4.34	1.9	1.4	0.9
Nondurable Goods.....	241.96	245.22	219.29	39.6	40.2	39.3	6.11	6.10	5.58	3.3	3.7	3.5
Food & kindred products.....	270.40	270.76	243.39	40.6	40.9	39.9	6.66	6.62	6.10	4.0	4.4	4.2
Meat products.....	293.20	293.30	269.10	40.0	40.4	39.0	7.33	7.26	6.90	3.7	4.1	4.0
Grain mill products.....	276.72	275.15	242.78	41.8	41.5	41.5	6.62	6.63	5.85	4.8	5.3	4.5
Apparel & other textile products.....	119.91	121.99	105.00	35.9	36.2	35.0	3.34	3.37	3.00	0.7	0.8	0.5
Paper & allied products.....	204.50	210.22	188.65	40.9	41.3	41.1	5.00	5.09	4.59	3.4	3.2	3.8
Printing & publishing.....	216.00	217.53	206.36	37.5	37.7	38.5	5.76	5.77	5.36	2.9	3.0	3.4
Newspapers.....	172.13	170.54	175.39	32.6	32.3	33.6	5.28	5.28	5.22	1.2	1.3	2.6
Chemicals & allied products.....	252.89	248.40	223.20	41.8	41.4	40.0	6.05	6.00	5.58	2.7	2.0	1.8
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	229.13	252.35	210.92	37.5	41.1	37.8	6.11	6.14	5.58	2.6	4.7	3.0
Other nondurable goods.....	135.79	137.94	108.23	37.1	38.0	39.5	3.66	3.63	2.74	1.3	1.7	1.4
NONMANUFACTURING.....	156.41	155.49	144.40	34.3	34.4	34.3	4.56	4.52	4.21	*	*	*
Mining.....	231.02	229.49	219.74	43.1	43.3	45.4	5.36	5.30	4.84	*	*	*
Contract construction.....	312.61	301.20	291.61	37.8	35.9	37.1	8.27	8.39	7.86	*	*	*
Transportation & public utilities.....	267.80	267.03	242.13	41.2	41.4	40.9	6.50	6.45	5.92	*	*	*
Wholesale & retail trade.....	137.69	137.23	129.02	33.5	33.8	33.6	4.11	4.06	3.84	*	*	*
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	134.17	133.38	124.42	37.9	38.0	38.4	3.54	3.51	3.24	*	*	*
Services.....	123.45	123.20	111.27	31.9	32.0	31.7	3.87	3.85	3.51	*	*	*

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					
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Worker With No Dependents			Married Worker With Three Dependents		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$179.72	\$179.14	\$163.76	\$141.85	\$141.45	\$130.96	\$154.54	\$154.13	\$143.03
MANUFACTURING.....	252.90	254.38	225.10	191.83	192.81	173.13	206.11	207.17	186.43
Durable Goods.....	259.72	260.35	228.80	196.34	196.75	175.63	210.99	211.44	189.00
Nondurable Goods.....	241.96	245.22	219.29	184.53	186.74	169.08	198.31	200.64	182.39
NONMANUFACTURING.....	156.41	155.49	144.40	125.74	125.08	117.15	137.69	137.02	129.71
Mining.....	231.02	229.49	219.74	177.14	176.10	169.40	190.54	189.48	182.71
Contract Construction.....	312.61	301.20	291.61	229.91	223.04	217.27	248.22	240.24	233.53
Transportation & Public Utilities.....	267.80	267.03	242.13	201.67	201.16	184.65	216.77	216.22	198.44
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	137.69	137.23	129.02	112.36	112.03	106.16	125.39	125.09	119.02
Finance & Real Estate.....	134.17	133.38	124.42	109.84	109.27	102.87	123.11	122.59	114.86
Services.....	123.45	123.20	111.27	102.16	101.98	93.22	113.99	113.76	103.02



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

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976
Cedar Rapids.....	\$249.27	\$251.53	\$227.92	40.4	41.1	40.7	\$6.17	\$6.12	\$5.60
Council Bluffs.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Davenport.....	301.73	302.06	270.36	40.5	40.6	39.7	7.45	7.44	6.81
Des Moines.....	261.69	270.80	236.98	39.0	40.0	39.3	6.71	6.77	6.03
Dubuque.....	320.62	306.53	266.27	41.0	39.4	39.1	7.82	7.78	6.81
Sioux City.....	229.07	228.42	205.35	40.4	40.5	38.6	5.67	5.64	5.32
Waterloo.....	329.02	327.12	279.30	42.4	42.1	39.9	7.76	7.77	7.00

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

**Table VIII - Job Service of Iowa Activities**

	February 1977		January 1977		February 1976	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
<b>JOB PLACEMENT</b>						
New applicants.....	12,797	*	14,269	*	12,959	*
Total placements.....	4,695	1,840	5,274	2,159	4,394	1,844
Nonagricultural.....	4,637	1,832	5,227	2,147	4,344	1,833
Agricultural.....	58	8	47	12	50	11
New job openings 1/.....	7,375	*	7,245	*	6,839	*
Active applicants.....	76,556	35,120	74,651	33,785	62,137	29,627
<b>JOB INSURANCE</b>						
Initial claims.....	12,265	2,891	19,093	4,831	11,740	3,064
Continued claims.....	123,814	29,189	122,998	31,118	134,229	36,309
First payments issued.....	8,934	2,342	13,367	3,363	8,862	2,218
Total weeks paid.....	126,164	29,743	118,983	30,108	139,141	34,428
Total payments.....	\$11,804,573	\$2,124,121	\$11,077,291	\$2,175,363	\$11,891,358	\$2,350,806
Average weekly payment.....	\$93.57	\$71.42	\$93.10	\$72.25	\$85.46	\$67.30
Average weekly payment - total unemployment.....	\$95.51	\$73.22	\$96.06	\$73.57	\$86.76	\$68.77

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

**Table IX - Iowans Receiving Job Insurance 1/**

	Total			Women			Unemployed 5 Weeks or Longer		
	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1977	Jan. 1977	Feb. 1976
Total.....	34,714	33,645	37,532	9,028	8,567	10,060	23,751	17,938	26,169
Contract Construction.....	11,131	10,809	10,304	235*	210*	152*	8,055	4,930	7,666
Manufacturing.....	10,157	9,645	13,004	3,645	3,292	3,939	6,667	5,522	8,608
Durable Goods.....	6,545	6,152	8,001	2,061	1,798	1,980	4,308	3,717	5,677
Nondurable Goods.....	3,612	3,493	5,003	1,584*	1,494*	1,959*	2,360	1,805	2,931
Trade.....	6,754	6,650	6,904	2,578	2,576	2,920	4,456	3,856	4,774
Services.....	3,605	3,500	3,747	1,982	1,921	2,264	2,514	2,208	2,661
All Other Industries.....	3,066	2,679	3,573	588*	568*	785	2,058	1,413*	2,460

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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