

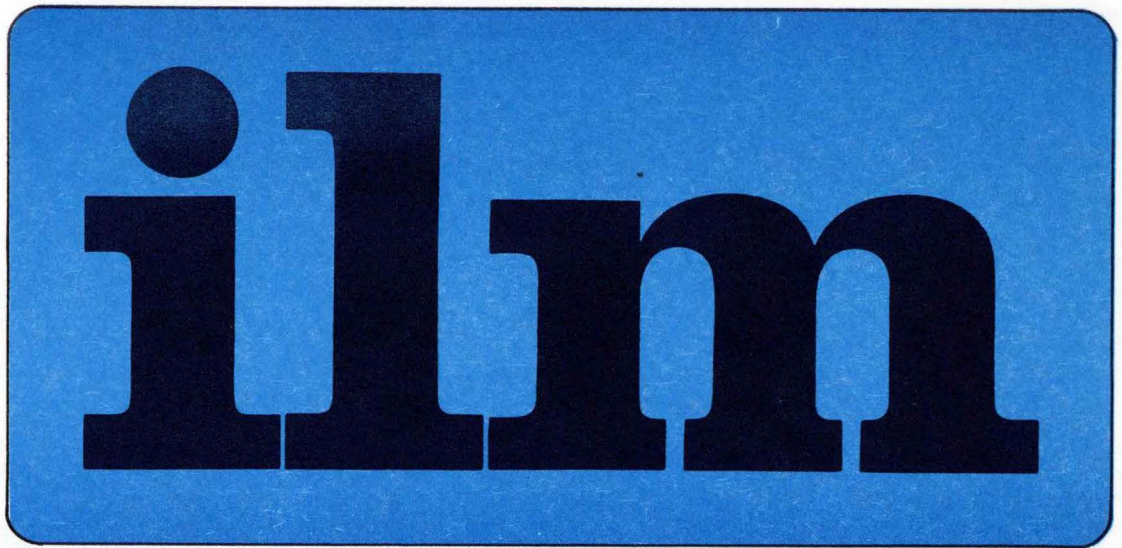
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IN PRAISE OF OLDER WORKERS

March 14-18 will be observed nationwide as Older Worker Week.

Iowa's role in the observance will emphasize that older workers are one of the state's most valuable sources of manpower.

Iowa residents 40 years of age and older make up 38.3% of the state's total population, so it isn't surprising that they form a large segment of the labor force. In fact, 61.2% of the men in Iowa's labor force are past 40, as are 50% of the women.

These older workers are in every level of employment—from management to labor—and are highly praised by their employers for their experience, skills, dependability, good judgment and productivity.

Take away these workers and Iowa's economy would be in trouble. Their preponderance in Iowa's business and industry presents a basic truth: they're extremely important to the economic well being of the state.

The Image Change

However, when they lose their jobs—for whatever reason—and go looking for work, older workers face above average difficulty. Although almost universally lauded on the job, a sudden transformation takes place when they become unemployed. A change of image—from workers warmly praised to employment risks. And this can happen overnight!

There's no reason for it—this change of image between employment and unemployment—but it's there, all too apparent. Even when protected by the Age Discrimination in Employment Act—prohibiting hiring practices that discriminate on the basis of age—workers age 40 and older still experience long periods of looking for work once they're unemployed.

Unrealistic

The attitude that workers 40 years of age and older have had it in the labor market is entirely unrealistic.

Take our nation's leaders, for example . . .

From George Washington to Jimmy Carter—all of our Presidents were over 40 when they took office. A significant 81% were in their 50s and 18% were past 60. When we choose a President, we demand the experience and judgment that comes with age. Aren't these characteristics as important to other jobs as they are to the nation's highest position?

Of course you agree that they are.

The primary purpose of Older Worker Week is to remind employers that these men and women are conscientious, loyal, skilled and productive on the job. They show less absenteeism than other age groups and tend to remain longer in their jobs. Contrary to popular belief, older workers are readily retrainable, learning new job skills easily and quickly.

These are characteristics no employer can afford to overlook.

Year Round Program

To help older workers find jobs and to provide employers with a constant source of older employees, Job Service of Iowa carries out a year round program of special services. These services include counseling, directives to retraining, job development and placement.

In addition, a Retired Iowan Community Employment Program (RICEP) is active in 23 Job Service offices statewide to encourage and promote gainful employment of workers 55 years of age and beyond.

The RICEP project's in its second year of funding by the Iowa General Assembly and is jointly administered by the Iowa Commission on Aging and the Department of Job Service. The program is operative in Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Clinton, Council Bluffs, Dubuque, Marshalltown, Iowa City, Fort Dodge, Des Moines, Mason City, Shenandoah, Sioux City, Waterloo, Carroll, Davenport, Muscatine, Albia, Chariton, Perry, Keokuk, Creston and Ames.

Practicing what it preaches, each RICEP operation is

headed by one or more older worker specialists who are over 55 years old. In its first 15 months of activity, the program has found jobs for 2,264 older workers . . . with 2,264 satisfied employers!

And to bring into sharper focus the importance of older

workers to the state's economy, take a look at these startling figures: Out of a total labor force of 1.1 million workers, 236,792 are 55 years of age and older. That's 21%!

Iowa's business and industry could not function without them!

LABOR MARKET BRIEFS

Decreases in nonmanufacturing dominated **EMPLOYMENT** activity in the nonagricultural wage and salary sector during January. Compared to December employment, retail trade registered a 9,100 loss . . . while contract construction continued its seasonal downward slide with a drop of 5,300. However, retail trade showed a gain of 4,900 workers over the year ago tally. Services recorded 181,400 employed in January . . . the lowest number since March 1976 . . . when there were 179,500 working. The industries responsible for the services downturn were hotels and lodging, down 500 . . . business services, down 400 . . . amusement and recreation, down 900 . . . and private education, down 1,100. Food and kindred hiring scored low also, reporting 49,200 employees . . . near the bottom for January, compared to the past 10 years . . . but not as low as in January 1976 when services employment sank to 47,100. The two January labor-management disputes, involving 22 workers, were resolved. You may find it interesting that the total nonagricultural employment count of 1,009,600 for January was 20,800 below the December level of 1,030,400 . . . but was 20,300 higher than the January 1976 mark of 989,300 . . . an indicator of over the year economic improvement in the state.

UNEMPLOYMENT grew from 49,900 in December to 63,000 in January . . . an increase of 13,100 over the month. But joblessness in January 1976 was 3,300 greater than during the current January. Iowa's seasonally adjusted **JOBLESS RATE** registered at 3.7% of the state's labor force . . . one-tenth of a percentage point under the December tabulation of 3.8% . . . two-tenths under the year ago level of 3.9%. The state's unadjusted rate for January was 4.9% . . . for December, 3.8% . . . and for January 1976, 5.2%. The unadjusted rate estimates the percent of unemployed . . . with no seasonal factors included.

The Iowa civilian **LABOR FORCE** total was 1,287,800 in the current month . . . 1,306,900 in December . . . and 1,271,200 in January of last year.

JOB INSURANCE payments increased by \$2,467,907 from December . . . reaching \$11,077,291 . . . which was \$543,931 less than the January 1976 payments total of \$11,621,222. The average weekly payment was larger in January, \$93.10 . . . compared to \$91.20 in the preceding month . . . and \$84.21 a year ago. During the survey week, 33,645 Job Insurance claims were filed . . . as opposed to 25,346 in December . . . 37,475 last January.

In **HOURS and EARNINGS**, very little change was noted in the total private average weekly wage over the month. Average weekly hours decreased 24 minutes . . . while average hourly earnings went up 3¢. One industry—rubber and plastics—stepped out of line with average weekly hours increasing 4 hours and 18 minutes, bringing average weekly earnings in the industry to \$252.35 . . . higher than any month in 1976. Worth noting is the climb of average hourly earnings in construction and related machinery over the past year . . . from \$6.87 to \$7.90.

January's **LABOR TURNOVER** activities showed total accessions to be higher than in December . . . primarily due to greater movement in fabricated metal and other durable goods . . . with meat products registering the most significant rate change of any published level. Total separations in meat products sharply dropped from 68 per 1,000 in December to the current 33 per 1,000 . . . due mainly to decreased layoffs. Electrical equipment and supplies experience recalls of 20 per 1,000 in contrast to 5 per 1,000 in

IMPORTANT

Beginning in January 1977, new procedures were used to estimate Iowa's seasonally adjusted and unadjusted rates. The procedures called for the utilization of additional data derived from a household survey conducted in the state by the U. S. Department of Labor. The resulting rate estimates are more in line with national estimates and are no longer comparable to past published rates.

The Job Service of Iowa Research and Statistics Department has refigured Iowa's adjusted and unadjusted rates back through 1970. The above **JOBLESS RATE** estimates are taken from these findings, as will be all future rates appearing in this publication.

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
January 1977								
Iowa.....	1,287,800	63,000	3.7	4.9	1,224,800	981,300	133,500	110,000
Cedar Rapids.....	77,300	3,400	*	4.4	73,900	66,900	5,300	1,700
Council Bluffs 5/.....	39,800	2,400	*	6.1	37,400	32,200	3,300	1,900
Davenport 5/.....	70,000	3,300	*	4.7	66,700	60,500	5,000	1,200
Des Moines.....	161,300	7,900	*	4.9	153,500	139,300	12,100	2,100
Dubuque.....	40,900	2,600	*	6.4	38,200	33,800	2,800	1,700
Sioux City.....	54,800	2,800	*	5.1	52,000	44,800	5,400	1,800
Waterloo.....	59,900	3,000	*	5.0	56,800	51,000	4,600	1,200
December 1976								
Iowa.....	1,306,900	49,900	3.8	3.8	1,257,000	1,002,000	139,200	115,800
Cedar Rapids.....	78,100	2,800	*	3.6	75,300	68,000	5,500	1,800
Council Bluffs 5/.....	40,000	1,800	*	4.4	38,200	32,800	3,400	2,000
Davenport 5/.....	70,500	2,600	*	3.7	67,900	61,500	5,200	1,200
Des Moines.....	162,400	6,200	*	3.8	156,300	141,500	12,500	2,200
Dubuque.....	40,900	1,800	*	4.4	39,100	34,400	2,900	1,700
Sioux City.....	55,000	2,300	*	4.3	52,600	45,200	5,500	1,900
Waterloo.....	61,000	2,600	*	4.3	58,400	52,300	4,800	1,300
January 1976								
Iowa.....	1,271,200	66,300	3.9	5.2	1,205,000	962,200	132,700	110,000
Cedar Rapids.....	76,500	3,700	*	4.8	72,800	65,800	5,200	1,700
Council Bluffs 5/.....	38,400	2,400	*	6.2	36,000	30,900	3,200	1,900
Davenport 5/.....	68,400	3,700	*	5.5	64,600	58,500	4,900	1,200
Des Moines.....	160,200	8,000	*	5.0	152,300	138,000	12,100	2,100
Dubuque.....	40,500	2,600	*	6.4	37,900	33,400	2,800	1,700
Sioux City.....	54,500	2,700	*	5.0	51,700	44,500	5,400	1,800
Waterloo.....	60,200	3,900	*	6.5	56,200	50,400	4,600	1,200

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		
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976
MANUFACTURING.....	3.0	2.0	3.1	2.0	1.4	1.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	2.5	2.8	3.0	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.1
Durable Goods.....	3.2	1.7	3.0	2.0	1.2	1.6	1.0	0.4	1.1	2.2	2.0	2.6	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.0
Stone, clay & glass products.....	2.0	1.3	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.1	1.1	4.2	5.0	3.0	1.2	0.7	1.1	2.5	3.8	1.6
Primary metal industries.....	2.8	1.9	2.3	2.3	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.7
Fabricated metal products.....	3.4	1.9	5.7	2.6	1.6	3.0	0.6	0.2	2.7	2.7	1.9	2.5	1.4	0.9	1.8	0.6	0.5	0.2
Machinery except electrical.....	2.5	1.5	2.7	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.7	1.3	2.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	1.0
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	4.0	1.4	1.9	1.9	0.8	1.1	2.0	0.5	0.6	2.0	1.7	3.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.7	2.2
Other durable goods.....	4.2	2.5	3.2	3.0	2.0	2.4	1.2	0.5	0.7	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.7	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.4
Nondurable Goods.....	2.6	2.5	3.3	2.0	1.8	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.8	2.8	4.1	3.5	1.4	1.4	1.6	0.9	1.9	1.2
Food & kindred products.....	2.6	2.2	3.4	1.8	1.3	2.2	0.6	0.8	1.2	2.7	4.5	3.7	1.3	1.1	1.6	0.9	2.7	1.6
Meat products.....	2.5	2.9	4.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	0.5	1.3	2.0	3.3	6.8	4.1	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	4.7	2.1
Printing & publishing.....	2.6	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.7	2.1	0.6	0.2	0.6	3.4	5.1	2.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.1	2.2	0.4
Rubber, plastics & leather prod.....	2.8	3.5	2.6	2.0	2.6	1.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	1.9	2.5	3.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.6	1.0
Other nondurable goods.....	2.8	3.2	3.7	2.5	3.1	3.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	3.4	3.2	3.6	1.8	2.3	1.8	1.1	0.3	1.0

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

Table III - Iowa Labor Force Summary

January 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	1,287,800	63,000	4.9	1,224,800	981,300	133,500	110,000
Cedar Rapids SMSA	77,300	3,400	4.4	73,900	66,900	5,300	1,700
Davenport - RI - Moline SMSA							
Des Moines SMSA	161,300	7,900	4.9	153,500	139,300	12,100	2,100
Dubuque SMSA	40,900	2,600	6.4	38,200	33,800	2,800	1,700
Omaha - Council Bluffs SMSA							
Sioux City SMSA							
Waterloo - Cedar Falls SMSA	59,900	3,000	5.0	56,800	51,000	4,600	1,200
Adair - Greenfield	4,030	230	5.6	3,800	2,090	490	1,220
Adams - Corning	2,330	140	6.0	2,190	1,230	360	600
Allamakee - Waukon	6,480	420	6.4	6,060	3,810	1,020	1,230
Appanoose - Centerville	5,790	540	9.2	5,260	3,750	900	610
Audubon - Audubon	3,690	130	3.6	3,560	2,030	590	940
Benton - Vinton	9,950	310	3.1	9,640	6,890	1,260	1,500
Black Hawk							
(Waterloo - Cedar Falls SMSA)	59,900	3,000	5.0	56,800	51,000	4,600	1,200
Boone - Boone	11,580	460	4.0	11,120	8,920	1,210	990
Bremer - Waverly	9,450	410	4.4	9,040	6,980	940	1,110
Buchanan - Independence	9,120	400	4.4	8,720	6,380	1,000	1,340
Buena Vista - Storm Lake	9,040	290	3.2	8,750	6,540	1,030	1,180
Butler - Allison	7,000	370	5.3	6,630	4,420	990	1,220
Calhoun - Rockwell City	5,690	260	4.5	5,440	3,650	810	970
Carroll - Carroll	9,620	530	5.5	9,090	5,940	1,710	1,440
Cass - Atlantic	7,920	440	5.6	7,480	4,960	1,230	1,290
Cedar - Tipton	7,300	210	2.8	7,090	4,750	1,040	1,300
Cerro Gordo - Mason City	22,790	1,370	6.0	21,420	18,580	1,950	880
Cherokee - Cherokee	7,240	260	3.6	6,970	4,920	930	1,120
Chickasaw - New Hampton	6,280	400	6.3	5,880	3,840	920	1,120
Clarke - Osceola	4,000	300	7.4	3,700	2,400	510	790
Clay - Spencer	8,730	300	3.5	8,430	6,360	1,060	1,000
Clayton - Guttenberg	9,040	620	6.8	8,420	5,020	1,530	1,860
Clinton - Clinton	24,900	1,330	5.4	23,560	19,720	2,240	1,610
Crawford - Denison	8,690	390	4.5	8,300	5,660	1,120	1,530
Dallas - Perry	13,130	620	4.7	12,510	10,060	1,340	1,120
Davis - Bloomfield	3,350	230	6.8	3,130	1,970	580	570
Decatur - Leon	3,710	80	2.3	3,630	2,510	490	630
Delaware - Manchester	7,620	420	5.6	7,190	4,450	1,240	1,510
Des Moines - Burlington	18,510	1,080	5.8	17,430	15,400	1,370	660
Dickinson - Spirit Lake	6,410	280	4.3	6,130	4,330	1,030	770
Dubuque - Dubuque SMSA	40,900	2,600	6.4	38,200	33,800	2,800	1,700
Emmet - Estherville	6,030	280	4.7	5,740	4,430	710	600
Fayette - Oelwein	10,940	600	5.5	10,340	7,340	1,410	1,600
Floyd - Charles City	8,100	570	7.0	7,530	5,730	960	850
Franklin - Hampton	5,800	290	5.1	5,510	3,300	860	1,350
Fremont - Sidney	4,210	190	4.6	4,020	2,500	570	950
Greene - Jefferson	5,170	280	5.4	4,890	3,120	790	980
Grundy - Grundy Center	5,720	160	2.8	5,560	3,810	570	1,180
Guthrie - Guthrie Center	5,100	250	4.8	4,850	2,980	800	1,080
Hamilton - Webster City	7,970	500	6.3	7,470	5,240	1,120	1,100
Hancock - Garner	5,810	280	4.8	5,530	3,710	720	1,100
Hardin - Iowa Falls	9,850	320	3.2	9,530	7,040	1,330	1,160
Harrison - Missouri Valley	6,370	350	5.5	6,010	3,890	980	1,150
Henry - Mount Pleasant	8,840	400	4.5	8,440	6,600	1,050	790
Howard - Cresco	4,660	280	5.9	4,390	2,580	780	1,030
Humboldt - Humboldt	5,640	290	5.1	5,360	3,700	830	820

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	3,770	140	3.6	3,630	2,010	690	930
Iowa - Marengo	8,390	150	1.8	8,240	5,840	1,140	1,250
Jackson - Maquoketa	9,400	640	6.8	8,770	6,110	1,200	1,460
Jasper	15,860	1,040	6.5	14,820	11,640	1,750	1,430
Jefferson - Fairfield	6,480	340	5.2	6,150	4,630	840	680
Johnson - Iowa City	38,230	920	2.4	37,300	33,070	2,830	1,400
Jones - Anamosa	8,730	470	5.4	8,270	5,820	1,120	1,320
Keokuk - Sigourney	4,950	410	8.3	4,540	2,680	670	1,190
Kossuth - Algona	9,760	450	4.6	9,310	5,790	1,590	1,930
Lee - Ft. Madison - Keokuk	18,900	880	4.6	18,020	15,420	1,880	730
Linn - Cedar Rapids SMSA	77,300	3,400	4.4	73,900	66,900	5,300	1,700
Louisa - Wapello	4,650	150	3.1	4,500	3,540	460	500
Lucas - Chariton	4,320	220	5.1	4,100	3,010	510	580
Lyon - Rock Rapids	5,610	200	3.5	5,410	3,240	900	1,270
Madison - Winterset	5,490	390	7.2	5,090	3,550	630	910
Mahaska - Oskaloosa	8,920	430	4.8	8,490	6,240	1,170	1,080
Marion - Knoxville	13,170	510	3.9	12,660	10,350	1,380	930
Marshall - Marshalltown	18,260	720	3.9	17,550	14,290	1,980	1,280
Mills - Glenwood	5,560	220	4.0	5,340	4,050	510	770
Mitchell - Osage	5,220	360	6.9	4,860	2,950	840	1,070
Monona - Onawa	4,980	340	6.8	4,640	2,900	800	940
Monroe - Albia	4,410	270	6.1	4,140	3,170	550	420
Montgomery - Red Oak	6,080	290	4.8	5,790	4,150	790	850
Muscatine - Muscatine	18,060	880	4.9	17,180	14,660	1,610	910
O'Brien - Sheldon	6,960	230	3.3	6,730	4,400	1,200	1,140
Osceola - Sibley	3,320	240	7.2	3,080	1,840	520	720
Page - Shenandoah	9,000	320	3.6	8,670	6,290	1,060	1,320
Palo Alto - Emmetsburg	5,010	260	5.1	4,750	3,060	820	870
Plymouth - Le Mars	10,170	460	4.6	9,710	6,780	1,060	1,860
Pocahontas - Pocahontas	4,550	200	4.5	4,350	2,650	680	1,020
Polk - (Part of Des Moines SMSA)	148,500	7,400	5.0	141,100			
Pottawattamie - (Part - Omaha SMSA)5/	39,600	2,400	6.0	37,200			
Poweshiek - Grinnell	9,380	470	5.0	8,910	6,610	1,020	1,280
Ringgold - Mount Ayr	2,900	80	2.8	2,820	1,480	490	850
Sac - Sac City	6,300	330	5.3	5,960	3,600	970	1,400
Scott - (Part of DRIM SMSA)5/	64,600	2,900	4.5	61,700			
Shelby - Harlan	5,950	400	6.7	5,550	3,440	880	1,230
Sioux - Orange City	12,720	500	3.9	12,230	8,190	1,870	2,160
Story - Ames	34,910	830	2.4	34,090	29,250	3,140	1,690
Tama - Tama-Toledo	8,830	290	3.3	8,540	5,730	1,240	1,570
Taylor	3,460	150	4.4	3,300	1,730	610	960
Union - Creston	5,900	250	4.2	5,650	4,240	800	620
Van Buren - Koesauqua	3,660	200	5.3	3,470	2,390	530	550
Wapello - Ottumwa	15,370	1,250	8.1	14,130	12,200	1,380	560
Warren - (Part of Des Moines SMSA)	12,800	500	3.5	12,400			
Washington - Washington	8,570	400	4.7	8,170	5,830	1,250	1,100
Wayne - Corydon	3,340	200	6.0	3,140	1,880	470	800
Webster - Fort Dodge	20,850	970	4.6	19,880	16,770	1,960	1,150
Winnebago - Forest City	7,040	260	3.6	6,790	5,020	1,070	700
Winneshiek - Decorah	10,640	950	8.9	9,690	6,470	1,350	1,870
Woodbury - (Part of Sioux City SMSA)	47,600	2,700	5.8	44,900			
Worth - Northwood	3,570	250	7.1	3,310	2,210	380	720
Wright - Clarion	6,900	370	5.3	6,530	4,510	920	1,100

Table IV - Iowa Nonagricultural Employment 1/

(By Place of Work)

	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Change From:	
				Dec. 1976 to Jan. 1977	Jan. 1976 to Jan. 1977
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL.....	1,009,600	1,030,400	989,300	- 20,800	20,300
MANUFACTURING.....	236,600	237,600	228,600	- 1,000	8,000
DURABLE GOODS.....	144,600	144,600	139,600	0	5,000
Lumber & furniture.....	8,600	8,700	8,300	- 100	300
Stone, clay & glass products.....	5,500	6,000	5,500	- 500	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.....	60,000	59,800	59,100	200	900
Farm machinery.....	27,600	27,600	28,100	0	- 500
Construction & related machinery.....	19,200	19,100	18,200	100	1,000
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	25,300	25,000	24,800	300	500
Transportation equipment.....	9,600	9,500*	8,200*	100	1,400
Other durable goods 2/.....	10,800	10,800	10,900	0	- 100
NONDURABLE GOODS.....	92,000	93,000	89,000	- 1,000	3,000
Food & kindred products.....	49,200	49,800	47,100	- 600	2,100
Meat products.....	25,500	26,200	23,300*	- 700	2,200
Grain mill products.....	11,100	11,100	11,000	0	100
Bakery products.....	2,900	3,000	2,900	- 100	0
Apparel & other textile products.....	4,400	4,500	4,300	- 100	100
Paper & allied products.....	3,800	3,900	3,800	- 100	0
Printing & publishing.....	15,000*	15,200*	14,700	- 200	300
Newspapers.....	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	100
Chemicals & allied products.....	7,000	7,000	7,100*	0	- 100
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	10,800	10,700	10,100*	100	700
Other nondurable goods 3/.....	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING.....	773,000	792,800	760,700	- 19,800	12,300
Nonmetallic mining.....	2,300	2,600	2,300	- 300	0
Contract construction.....	38,800	44,100	38,900	- 5,300	- 100
Transportation & public utilities.....	53,800*	54,500*	53,900	- 700	- 100
Railroad transportation.....	8,600	8,700	8,500	- 100	100
Communication.....	12,900	12,900	13,200	0	- 300
Electric, gas & sanitary services.....	10,800	10,800	10,800	0	0
Wholesale & retail trade.....	250,300	259,400	244,300	- 9,100	6,000
Wholesale trade.....	52,400	52,300	51,200	100	1,200
Retail trade.....	198,000	207,100	193,100	- 9,100	4,900
Retail, general merchandise.....	29,200	32,500	29,000	- 3,300	200
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	47,800	47,800	46,800	0	1,000
Banking.....	16,600	16,500	15,900	100	700
Insurance carriers & agents.....	18,700	18,500	18,600	200	100
Services.....	181,400	185,000	177,200	- 3,600	4,200
Medical & other health services.....	60,800	60,700	58,500	100	2,300
Government.....	198,500	199,500	197,400	- 1,000	1,100
Federal government.....	18,700	18,900	19,400	- 200	- 700
State government.....	49,500	49,300	49,300	200	200
Local government.....	130,400	131,300	128,700	- 900	1,700
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes.....	0	0	600	0	- 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/		
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976
	TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$179.14	\$180.05	\$164.52	35.9	36.3	36.0	\$4.99	\$4.96	\$4.57	*	*
MANUFACTURING.....	254.38	256.66	226.33	40.7	41.0	40.2	6.25	6.26	5.63	3.5	3.9	2.7
Durable Goods.....	260.35	266.05	228.50	41.0	41.7	40.3	6.35	6.38	5.67	3.4	4.0	2.0
Lumber & furniture.....	190.24	198.20	179.41	38.2	39.8	38.5	4.98	4.98	4.66	1.3	2.2	1.3
Stone, clay & glass products.....	243.76	249.98	223.34	42.1	43.1	42.3	5.79	5.80	5.28	5.5	5.2	5.1
Primary metal industries.....	293.57	296.04	254.79	43.3	43.6	41.7	6.78	6.79	6.11	5.3	5.6	3.4
Fabricated metal products.....	222.07	222.19	203.00	41.2	41.3	40.6	5.39	5.38	5.00	2.5	2.5	1.8
Machinery except electrical.....	316.26	325.28	269.12	42.0	42.8	40.9	7.53	7.60	6.58	4.5	5.4	2.2
Farm machinery.....	333.75	346.18	280.50	42.3	43.6	39.9	7.89	7.94	7.03	6.2	7.8	2.4
Construction & related machinery.....	327.85	329.80	285.79	41.5	41.8	41.6	7.90	7.89	6.87	2.7	2.7	1.6
Electrical equipment & supplies.....	211.20	209.86	190.90	39.7	39.3	39.2	5.32	5.34	4.87	1.9	2.1	1.2
Transportation equipment.....	179.99	186.91	171.37	39.3	40.9	40.9	4.58	4.57	4.19	2.0	2.9	2.0
Other durable goods.....	177.02	183.48	163.11	38.4	39.8	38.2	4.67	4.61	4.27	1.4	2.1	1.0
Nondurable Goods.....	245.22	242.80	222.96	40.2	40.0	40.1	6.10	6.07	5.56	3.7	3.7	3.7
Food & kindred products.....	270.76	272.33	247.46	40.9	41.2	40.7	6.62	6.61	6.08	4.4	4.6	4.5
Meat products.....	293.30	288.72	277.67	40.4	40.1	40.3	7.26	7.20	6.89	4.1	4.1	4.8
Grain mill products.....	275.15	298.79	240.51	41.5	44.2	41.9	6.63	6.76	5.74	5.3	6.4	4.0
Apparel & other textile products.....	121.99	121.58	104.30	36.2	36.4	35.0	3.37	3.34	2.98	0.8	1.3	0.5
Paper & allied products.....	210.22	233.30	196.82	41.3	45.3	41.7	5.09	5.15	4.72	3.2	3.8	3.8
Printing & publishing.....	217.53	214.14	211.45	37.7	37.7	40.2	5.77	5.68	5.26	3.0	2.9	3.1
Newspapers.....	170.54	173.43	170.35	32.3	32.6	33.6	5.28	5.32	5.07	1.3	1.5	1.7
Chemicals & allied products.....	248.40	245.37	225.89	41.4	41.1	40.7	6.00	5.97	5.55	2.0	2.0	2.4
Rubber & plastics products, nec.....	252.35	224.48	216.96	41.1	36.8	38.4	6.14	6.10	5.65	4.7	3.3	3.2
Other nondurable goods.....	137.94	139.13	107.87	38.0	37.4	40.1	3.63	3.72	2.69	1.7	2.1	1.4
NONMANUFACTURING.....	155.49	156.25	145.74	34.4	34.8	34.7	4.52	4.49	4.20	*	*	*
Mining.....	229.49	235.56	222.16	43.3	45.3	44.7	5.30	5.20	4.97	*	*	*
Contract construction.....	301.20	311.27	296.16	35.9	37.1	37.3	8.39	8.39	7.94	*	*	*
Transportation & public utilities.....	267.03	267.71	242.35	41.4	41.7	40.8	6.45	6.42	5.94	*	*	*
Wholesale & retail trade.....	137.23	136.91	128.44	33.8	34.4	33.8	4.06	3.98	3.80	*	*	*
Finance, insurance & real estate.....	133.38	132.55	125.71	38.0	38.2	38.8	3.51	3.47	3.24	*	*	*
Services.....	123.20	122.36	113.80	32.0	32.2	32.7	3.85	3.80	3.48	*	*	*

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					
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Worker With No Dependents			Married Worker With Three Dependents		
				Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$179.14	\$180.05	\$164.52	\$141.45	\$142.07	\$131.49	\$154.13	\$154.77	\$143.58
MANUFACTURING.....	254.38	256.66	226.33	192.81	194.31	173.96	207.17	208.80	187.28
Durable Goods.....	260.35	266.05	228.50	196.75	200.52	175.43	211.44	215.51	188.79
Nondurable Goods.....	245.22	242.80	222.96	186.74	185.10	171.67	200.64	198.91	184.94
NONMANUFACTURING.....	155.49	156.25	145.74	125.08	125.63	118.11	137.02	137.57	130.57
Mining.....	229.49	235.56	222.16	176.10	180.21	171.10	189.48	193.75	184.39
Contract Construction.....	301.20	311.27	296.16	223.04	230.10	220.12	240.24	248.29	236.83
Transportation & Public Utilities.....	267.03	267.71	242.35	201.16	201.61	184.80	216.22	216.70	198.59
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	137.23	136.91	128.44	112.03	111.80	105.74	125.09	124.89	118.42
Finance & Real Estate.....	133.38	132.55	125.71	109.27	108.68	103.79	122.59	122.05	115.97
Services.....	123.20	122.36	113.80	101.98	101.36	95.08	113.72	112.97	105.29

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

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.
	1977	1976	1976	1977	1976	1976	1977	1976	1976
Cedar Rapids.....	\$251.53	\$250.92	\$236.02	41.1	41.0	41.7	\$6.12	\$6.12	\$5.66
Council Bluffs.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Davenport.....	304.71	316.76	276.62	40.9	41.9	40.5	7.45	7.56	6.83
Des Moines.....	271.48	257.28	235.01	40.1	39.1	39.3	6.77	6.58	5.98
Dubuque.....	309.97	308.33	271.26	40.1	40.2	39.6	7.73	7.67	6.85
Sioux City.....	229.04	227.53	205.41	40.9	40.2	39.2	5.60	5.66	5.24
Waterloo.....	325.92	349.27	281.99	42.0	44.1	40.4	7.76	7.92	6.98

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

Table VIII - Job Service of Iowa Activities

	January 1977		December 1976		January 1976	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
JOB PLACEMENT						
New applicants.....	14,269	*	12,258	*	15,307	*
Total placements.....	5,274	2,159	5,485	1,850	5,015	2,224
Nonagricultural.....	5,227	2,147	5,425	1,842	4,955	2,217
Agricultural.....	47	12	60	8	60	7
New job openings 1/.....	7,245	*	6,705 2/	*	7,881	*
Active applicants.....	74,651	33,785	71,500	32,725	57,083	27,180
JOB INSURANCE						
Initial claims.....	19,093	4,831	20,851	6,199	20,315	5,164
Continued claims.....	122,998	31,118	91,876	27,316	132,964	38,173
First payments issued.....	13,367	3,363	10,347	2,624	13,332	3,429
Total weeks paid.....	118,983	30,108	94,395	28,065	137,995	36,639
Total payments.....	\$11,077,291	\$2,175,363	\$8,609,384	\$2,048,436	\$11,621,222	\$2,503,489
Average weekly payment.....	\$93.10	\$72.25	\$91.21	\$72.99	\$84.21	\$68.33
Average weekly payment - total unemployment.....	\$96.06	\$73.57	\$93.26	\$75.02	\$86.48	\$72.56

1/ Limited to nonagricultural activities. *Data not available.
2/ Corrects small error in December.

Table IX - Iowans Receiving Job Insurance 1/

	Total			Women			Unemployed 5 Weeks or Longer		
	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Jan. 1977	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976
Total.....	33,645	25,340	37,475	8,567	7,682	10,245	17,938	12,590	22,231
Contract Construction.....	10,809	6,853	10,285	210*	172*	154*	4,930	1,879	5,191
Manufacturing.....	9,645	8,069	12,928	3,292	2,919	4,104	5,522	4,483	8,309
Durable Goods.....	6,152	5,582	8,786	1,798	1,918	2,488	3,717	3,108	5,915
Nondurable Goods.....	3,493	2,487	4,142	1,494*	1,001*	1,616*	1,805	1,375	2,394
Trade.....	6,650	5,120	6,727	2,576	2,155	2,886	3,865	3,176	4,195
Services.....	3,500	3,062	3,493	1,921	1,777	2,074	2,208	1,971	2,237
All Other Industries.....	2,679	2,018	4,042	568*	658*	1,027*	1,413*	1,084*	2,299

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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