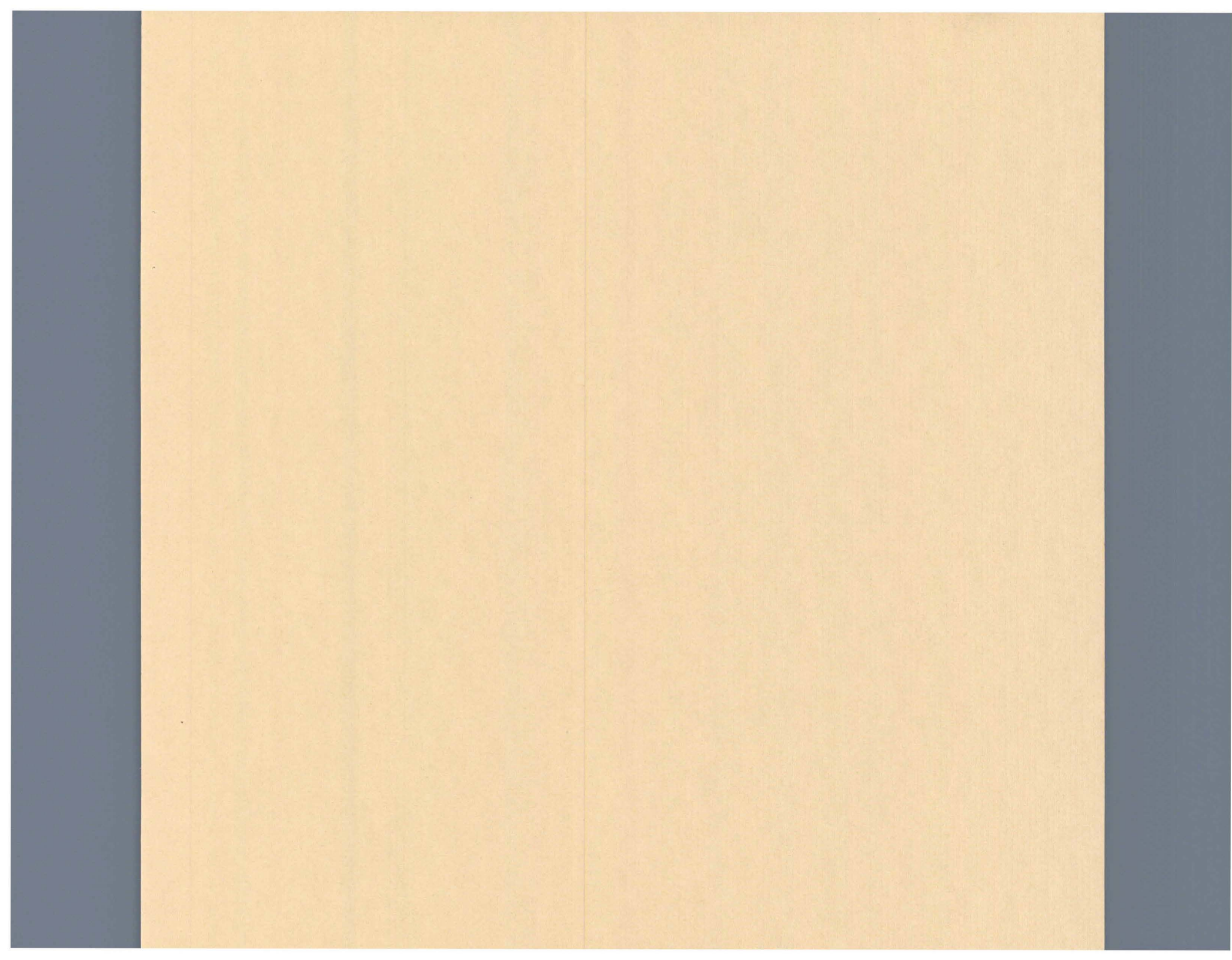


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This quarterly publication is designed to disseminate information on the characteristics of the insured unemployed to manpower planners, public officials and other users of labor market information concerned with the problems of the unemployed. An unemployment insurance (U.I.) claimant is an individual who has been determined monetarily eligible for benefit payments under one or more of the Federal or State U.I. programs and whose benefit year or compensation, by reason of an extended duration period, has not ended and who has not exhausted his benefit right. Additional claimant groups include those receiving benefit payments under Federal U.I. programs. The publication is concerned primarily with those under the state U.I. programs.

Since this publication is directed toward planners we would appreciate any suggestions you may have that would be useful in providing the most useful and complete information available. Any questions or suggestions should be directed to the:

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April and May, employment totals increased and unemployment decreased with the levels generally better than one year ago for the same period. June normally shows a higher unemployment rate and this was the case in 1977. The June increase is caused primarily by new entrants and re-entrants into the labor market. New entrants include students and recent high school and college graduates. Re-entrants are people who left the market for various reasons and are now looking for work.

The new entrants and re-entrants are usually not eligible for unemployment insurance. They lack the qualifying earnings which must be made during the Iowa base period. The minimum qualifying earning is \$400 and \$200 in at least two separate quarters. The quarters used are the first four of the last five completed quarters.

The Sioux City economy has had its high and low points during the quarter. Good weather in northwest Iowa allowed early starts in construction during the period. New building starts totaled 119 for the three month period in Sioux City. There was a two week labor dispute among the building trades, but most unions settled after one day.

Manufacturing including electrical was strong and above 1976 levels. The Iowa Beef Processing Plant remained idle. The dispute began February 26, 1977. Secondary effects of a prolonged labor dispute are lay-offs in related industries such as transportation and a loss of manpower and earnings for the entire area economy. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven workers are involved.

The Iowa economy continued to show strength during the three month period. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 3.0% of the labor force compared to 3.5% for the first three months of 1977. A major concern in Iowa is the continued drought condition in many parts of the state. The effect of the drought will be adverse to agriculture and eventually may have a bearing on the rest of the economy.



period. The next highest group of all claimants was the Under 22 group. This group averaged 17.0% of the total. Overall, 55.0% of all claimants were 34 years old or younger.

The majority of Insured Unemployed tend to be younger because these people are the last hired and the first laid off. They lack experience and to some extent switch jobs more frequently looking for a better kind of job or more pay.

SEX. The male claimant group made up 63% of the total. The largest group among men was the 25-34 group, averaging 25% of the total. The 45-54 age group showed the largest percentage drop from April to June reflecting the seniority of these people. Fifty-eight percent of all male claimants were 34 years old or younger.

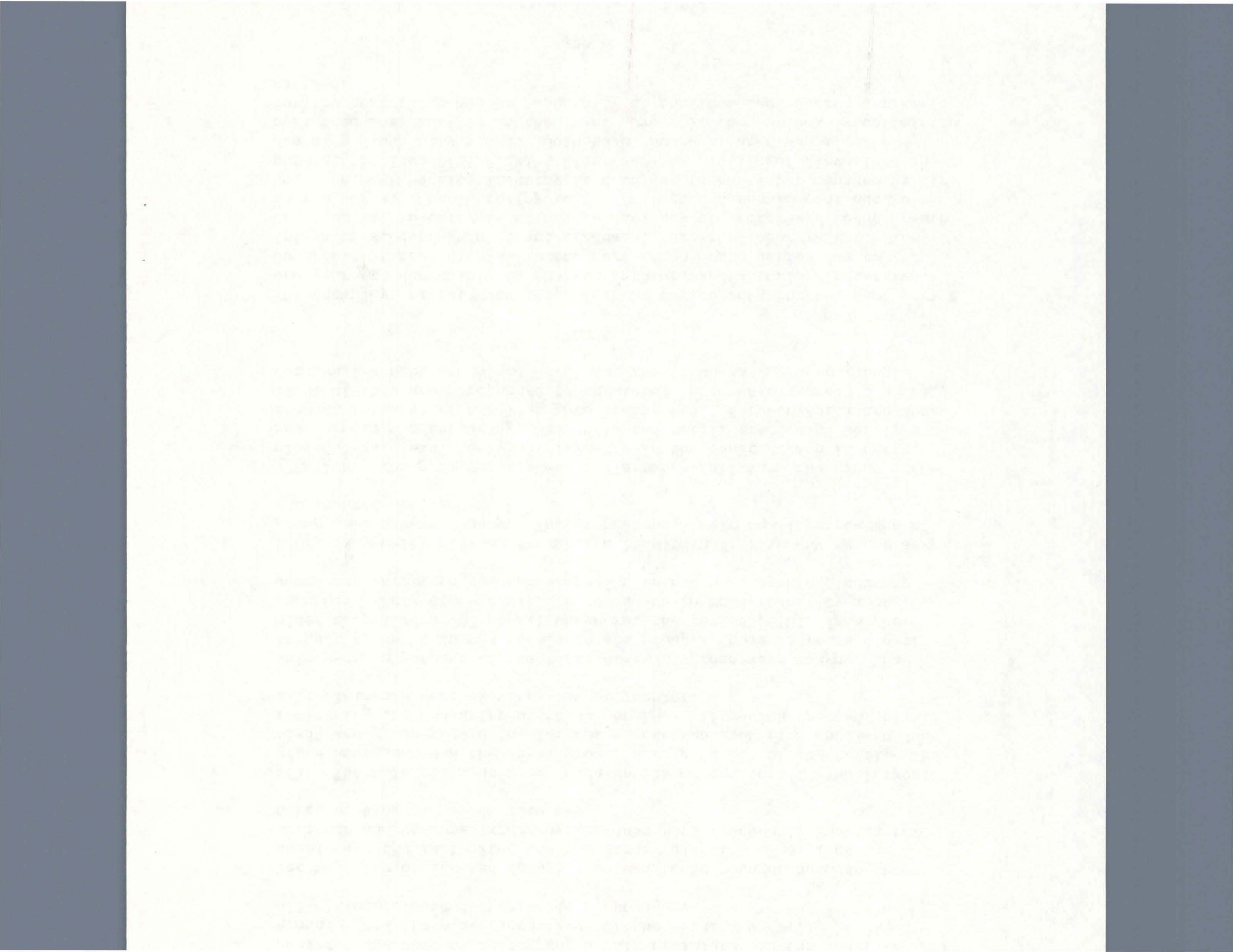
Thirty-seven percent of the total claimant group were women. The largest group again was the 25-34 age group. Those 35 years old or older comprised 49.0% of all women for the period. This is higher than men. Part of this difference is due to more stability among women and partly to seasonal lay offs in the meat packing industry.

RACE. Non-white claimants numbered less than five in any age or sex group in Woodbury County. They represent a very small percentage of the insured unemployed.

DURATION. The greatest number of claimants fall into the group unemployed 5-14 weeks. Seasonal lay offs in the construction industry, non-durable manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, and services account for most of the long term unemployed. Between April and June, 55.0% of this group returned to the labor force as compared to 35.0% for the 1-4 week group and 36.0% for the 15 weeks and over group.

#### OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate was lower for the period than for the same period one year ago due mainly to the strength of manufacturing industries. Unemployment should raise in the next three month period due to the influx of students and recent graduates into the labor market. The construction industry is strong as many new projects have begun or are in the works. Manufacturing remains strong and should continue to be so. The meat packing industry is down due to the labor management dispute at the Iowa Beef Packing Plant and the closing of Flavorland Industries Sioux City plant. Both have caused a large supply of experienced meat cutters in the area. Overall, the outlook is optimistic for the next three months especially if the Iowa Beef Packer strike is settled.





#### TECHNICAL NOTES

The data in this report represents characteristics of claimants for unemployment insurance (U.I.). These were people who filed a claim during the week of the 12th of the month in Iowa. A U.I. claimant has established a benefit year and is receiving compensation of a regular or extended benefit duration. He has neither exhausted all benefits nor had his benefit year expire, or been disqualified.

#### SUPPORTING STATISTICAL TABLES

Tables 1-6 have data on the insured unemployed for April, May and June, 1977. Data were compiled as part of a cooperative program with the Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

TABLE 1. Age by Sex of the Insured Unemployed in Woodbury County 1/

Age and Sex	Number			Net Change		P M JUN
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APRIL- JUNE 1977	
TOTAL.....	587	688	1117	-101	-530	-1
Under 22.....	103	112	196	-9	-93	-
22-24.....	83	97	160	-14	-77	-1
25-34.....	138	166	273	-28	-135	-1
35-44.....	99	106	156	-7	-57	-
45-54.....	77	105	189	-28	-112	-2
55-59.....	49	57	77	-8	-28	-1
60-64.....	32	36	52	-4	-20	-1
65 and over.....	6	9	14	-3	-8	-3
 MEN CLAIMANT TOTAL.....	 360	 435	 709	 -77	 -349	 -1
Under 22.....	65	73	125	-8	-60	-1
22-24.....	54	71	102	-17	-48	-2
25-34.....	87	115	181	-28	-94	-2
35-44.....	61	60	98	+1	-37	+1
45-54.....	44	61	118	-17	-74	-2
55-59.....	32	36	47	-4	-15	-1
60-64.....	12	13	26	-1	-14	-7
65 and over.....	5	6	12	-1	-7	-16
 WOMEN CLAIMANT TOTAL....	 227	 253	 408	 -26	 -181	 +10
Under 22.....	38	39	71	-1	-33	-2
22-24.....	29	26	58	+3	-29	+11
25-34.....	51	51	92	0	-41	-17
35-44.....	38	46	58	-8	-20	-17
45-54.....	33	44	71	-11	-38	-25
55-59.....	17	21	30	-4	-13	-19
60-64.....	20	23	26	-3	-6	-13
65 and over.....	1	3	2	-2	-1	-66

1/ Data is for the week including the 12th of the month.



TABLE 2. SEX AND RACE OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED FOR WOODBURY COUNTY 1

SEX AND RACE	Number			Net Change		F MA JUNE
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APRIL- JUNE 1977	
TOTAL.....	587	688	1117	530	101	-47
SEX						
Male.....	360	435	709	349	75	-49
Female.....	227	253	408	181	26	-44
RACE						
White.....	583	686	1116	533	103	-47
Non-white.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>			

1/ Data are for the week including the 12th of the month.

2/ Less than 5 claimants.

TABLE 3. Industry Attachment of the Insured Unemployed in Woodbury Cou

Industry Attachment	Number			Net Change		JULY 1977
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	MAY-JUNE 1977	APRIL-JUNE 1977	
TOTAL.....	587	688	1117	101	530	
Contract Construction....	47	91	221	-44	-174	-
Manufacturing Total.....	210	236	422	-26	-212	-
Durable Goods.....	81	83	235	-2	-154	-
Stone, Clay, & Glass.....	*	*	7	**	**	-
Primary & Fabricated Metals.....	*	5	7	**	**	-
Machinery, Including Electrical.....	68	69	209	-1	-141	-
All Other Durable Goods..	9	6	12	+3	-3	+
Non-durable Goods.....	129	153	187	-24	-58	-
Food & Kindred Prod.....	104	131	152	-27	-48	-
All Other Non-durable....	25	22	35	+3	-9	+
Public Utilities.....	39	46	72	-7	-33	-
Wholesale & Retail Trade.	175	201	264	-26	-89	-
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate.....	21	16	17	+5	+4	+
Services & Mining.....	63	66	58	-3	+5	-
State & Local Government.	*	*	*	**	**	-
Information Not Available	22	24	43	-2	-21	-

1/ Data are for the week including the 12th of the month.

\* Less than 5 Claimants

\*\* Not Computed



TABLE 4. Duration of Unemployment by Sex of the Insured Unemployed 1/

Duration By Sex	Number			Net Change		Per CENT MAY JUNE
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APRIL- JUNE 1977	
TOTAL.....	587	688	1117	-101	-530	-14
1-4 Weeks.....	66	84	101	-18	-35	-2
5-14 Weeks.....	306	321	681	-15	-375	-4
15 Weeks and over....	215	283	335	-68	-120	-2
SEX BY WEEKS UNEMPLOYED						
Men Claimants.....	360	435	709	-75	-349	-1
1-4 Weeks.....	40	52	52	-12	-12	-2
5-14 Weeks.....	172	191	442	-19	-270	-
15 Weeks and over....	148	192	215	-44	-67	-2
Women Claimants.....	227	253	408	-26	-181	-1
1-4 Weeks.....	26	32	49	-6	-23	-1
5-14 Weeks.....	134	130	239	+4	-105	+
15 Weeks and over....	67	91	120	-24	-53	-2

1/ Data are for the week including the 12th of the month.

TABLE 5. Occupational Attachment of the Insured Unemployed 1/

Occupational Attachment	Number			Net Change		MAY-JUNE 1977
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	APRIL-JUNE 1977		
TOTAL.....	587	688	1117	101	530	-
Prof./Tech./ Managerial	11	8	11	+3	0	+3
Clerical / Sales.....	32	30	38	+2	-6	-
Service.....	11	13	22	-2	-11	-1
<b>Industrial Categories:</b>						
By Type of Work						
Processing.....	17	42	50	-25	-33	-5
Machine Trades.....	11	10	10	+1	+1	+1
Bench Work.....	9	14	42	-5	-34	-3
Structural Work.....	21	16	46	+5	-25	+3
Miscellaneous.....	17	22	40	-4	-23	-1
By Complexity <u>2/</u>						
High.....	6	10	NA	-4		-4
Medium.....	5	3	NA	+2		+6
Low.....	64	89	NA	-25		-2
Information Not Available	458	533	858	-75	-400	-1

1/ Data are for the week including the 12th of the month.

2/ Only industrial occupational categories are arranged by degree of complexity. Indicated on the basis of the fourth digit of the occupation code.

NA...Information not available



TABLE 6. Selected Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed by Industry and Occupation in V

MONTH: APRIL, 1977

Industry and Occupation	TOTAL	NONWHITE	MALE	Age Group	
				Under 25	Over 54
<b>INDUSTRY:</b>					
TOTAL.....	1117	1	709	402	159
Contract Construction.....	221	0	216	71	43
Manufacturing.....	422	0	210	162	44
Durable Goods.....	235	0	71	93	24
Nondurable Goods.....	187	0	139	69	20
Public Utilities.....	72	0	66	22	6
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	264	1	137	91	53
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate...	17	0	8	7	3
Services & Mining.....	58	0	27	16	6
State & Local Government.....	0	0	1	1	0
Information Not Available.....	43				
<b>OCCUPATION:</b>					
TOTAL.....	1117				
Prof./Tech./Managerial.....	11	0	9	3	0
Clerical/Sales.....	38	0	12	11	11
Service.....	22	0	5	4	5
Industrial Categories:					
By Type of Work					
Processing.....	50	0	30	10	10
Machine Trades.....	10	0	9	2	5
Bench Work.....	42	0	10	14	6
Structural Work.....	46	0	46	6	13
Miscellaneous.....	40	0	33	12	8
By Complexity					
High.....	0	0	0	0	0
Medium.....	0	0	0	0	0
Low.....	0	0	0	0	0
Information not available.....	858	1	555	340	101

1/ Data are for the week including the 12th of the month.

TABLE 6. Selected Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed by Industry and Occupation in

MONTH: MAY, 1977

Industry and Occupation	TOTAL	NONWHITE	MALE	Age Group	
				Under 25	Over 54
<b>INDUSTRY:</b>					
TOTAL.....	688	2	435	232	108
Contract Construction.....	91	0	87	38	20
Manufacturing.....	236	2	150	72	28
Durable Goods.....	83	1	47	29	11
Nondurable Goods.....	153	1	103	43	17
Public Utilities.....	46	0	43	12	5
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	201	0	92	72	39
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate...	16	0	7	6	2
Services & Mining.....	66	0	31	12	11
State & Local Government.....	0	0	1	1	1
Information Not Available.....	24				
<b>OCCUPATION:</b>					
TOTAL.....	688				
Prof./Tech./Managerial.....	8	0	6	3	1
Clerical/Sales.....	30	0	7	9	8
Service.....	13	0	4	2	3
Industrial Categories:					
By Type of Work					
Processing.....	42	0	31	12	8
Machine Trades.....	10	0	9	1	4
Bench Work.....	14	0	5	2	7
Structural Work.....	16	0	16	1	6
Miscellaneous.....	22	0	16	8	4
By Complexity					
High.....	10	0	8	0	3
Medium.....	3	0	3	0	1
Low.....	89	0	64	24	23
Information not available.....	533	0	341	194	67

1/ Data are for the week including the 12th of the month.



TABLE 6. Selected Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed by Industry and Occupation in Work

MONTH: JUNE 1977

Industry and Occupation	TOTAL	NONWHITE	MALE	Age Group	
				Under 25	Over 50
<b>INDUSTRY:</b>					
TOTAL.....	587	4	360	199	92
Contract Construction.....	47	1	44	14	9
Manufacturing.....	210	1	134	67	26
Durable Goods.....	81	0	46	27	13
Nondurable Goods.....	129	1	88	40	13
Public Utilities.....	39	0	35	10	3
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	175	2	87	75	37
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate...	21	0	10	6	2
Services.....	63	0	27	11	13
State & Local Government.....	0	0	1	1	1
Information Not Available.....	22				
<b>OCCUPATION:</b>					
TOTAL.....	587				
Prof./Tech./Managerial.....	11	0	8	2	3
Clerical/Sales.....	32	0	12	10	8
Service.....	11	1	2	5	2
Industrial Categories:					
By Type of Work					
Processing.....	17	0	13	5	3
Machine Trades,.....	11	0	11	2	4
Bench Work.....	9	0	3	2	3
Structural Work.....	21	0	20	2	3
Miscellaneous.....	17	0	14	8	2
By Complexity					
High.....	6	0	6	0	1
Medium.....	5	0	5	0	1
Low.....	64	0	50	19	13
Information not available.....	458	3	277	163	64

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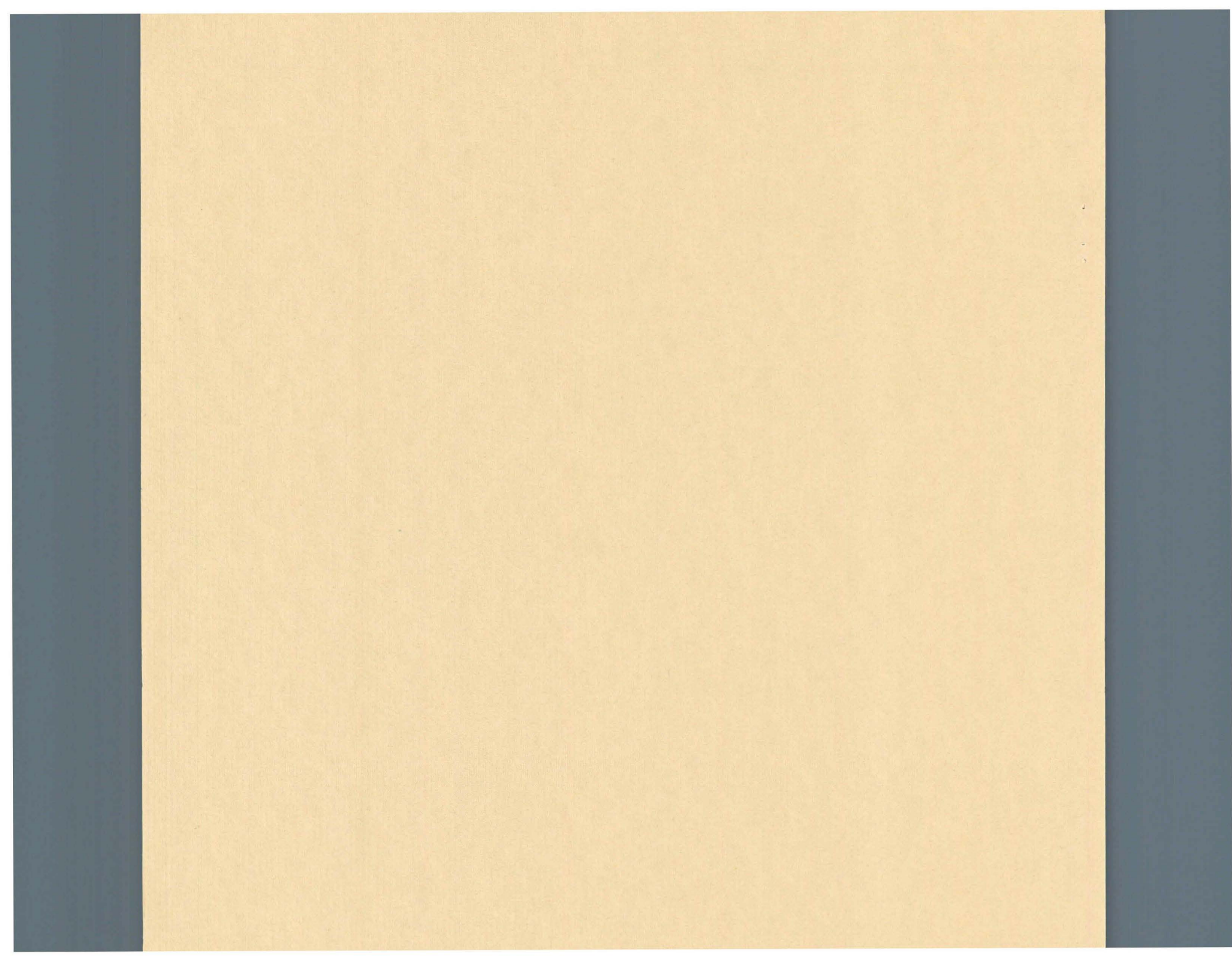
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