**Ames**

Employment in the Ames metropolitan statistical area (MSA) increased by 100 between October and November, an expansion of 0.2 percent over-the-month. Employment in the private service-providing sector grew by 100 positions, while employment in the goods-producing sector was unchanged. Likewise, there was no month-over-month movement in employment for any of the three government sectors.

Employment in the MSA decreased by 1,400 year-over-year, a contraction of 2.5 percent. In the private sector, service-providing establishments pared 500 positions from payrolls; employment within the goods-producing sector was stable. In the public sector, losses were significant among state government establishments: employment in the sector fell by 900 positions, a decline of 5.6 percent annually. Employment among federal and local government establishments was unchanged.

**Cedar Rapids**

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 800 jobs from October, bringing total nonfarm employment to 145,700. A seasonal boost of 500 additional jobs in retail trade helped push employment in trade, transportation and warehousing up 800 jobs for the month. Smaller gains in transportation, warehousing and utilities (+200) and wholesale trade (+100) were included in the sector total.

A gain of 200 in professional and business services and 100 in educational and health services were the only other jobs gains at the sector level. Local government added 100 jobs but those jobs were offset by a loss of 100 in federal government, leaving government, overall, unchanged.

Over the year the metro area has gained 1,900 jobs, boosted by gains of 1,100 in professional and business services as well as gains of 700 in both manufacturing and educational and health services. The jobs gain in manufacturing are entirely attributable to gains in durable goods manufacturing. Trade, transportation and warehousing trimmed 600 jobs and information and financial activities each pared 100 jobs.

**Des Moines/West Des Moines**

# The Des Moines Metro added 1,400 jobs in November, lifting total nonfarm employment to 393,000 jobs. This monthly increase is average given the past ten years and largely the result of hiring in trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,400). Retail trade fueled most of the increase (+1,100) as firms prepared for increased holiday shopping. Elsewhere, health care and social assistance was responsible for most of the gain in education and health care industries which added a combined 800 jobs. Smaller increases this month included construction and government, each adding 200 jobs. Conversely, job losses were heaviest in professional and business services, down 1,100 jobs since October. Administrative support and waste management is responsible for all the jobs pared. The only other major decline was a seasonal drop in leisure and hospitality which shed 400 jobs.

# Annually, establishments in the Des Moines Metro have gained 1,900 jobs over the past twelve months. Education and health care industries have added the most jobs over the past twelve months (+4,200). Health care and social assistance has been responsible for most of the increase (+3,600). Government is second in terms of jobs added (+1,800). Local government establishments have fueled much of this increase (+1,100). Finally, trade, both wholesale and retail, helped trade and transportation add 900 jobs over the past twelve months, offsetting a loss of 600 in transportation and warehousing. Alternatively, professional and business services are down 3,000 jobs to lead all sectors. Administrative support and waste management is responsible for most of the jobs shed (-3,000) although losses have also been evident in professional, scientific, and technical services (-600) and management of companies (-500). Financial activities have also trended down since last November and have shed 1,700 jobs. Credit intermediation and related activities fueled this annual loss.

# Dubuque

Total nonfarm employment in the Dubuque Metro saw little change since October, holding at 60,800 jobs. Jobs were added in trade and transportation (+500) and were partially the result of hiring in retail establishments as firms prepare for increased holiday sales. Overall, private services gained 200 jobs. Goods producing industries and government each seasonally shed 100 jobs in November.

Annually, the Dubuque Metro has shed 300 jobs over the past twelve months. Private service industries have fueled the loss (-500). Goods producing industries and government each gained 100 jobs since last November.

**Iowa City**

Employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) decreased by 200 between October and November, a reduction of 0.2 percent month-over-month. In the private sector, goods-producing employment fell by 200 positions, whereas service-providing employment rose by 100 positions. Among private service-providing sectors, notable changes occurred in retail trade (+100 positions) and leisure and hospitality (-100 positions). In the public sector, local government employment contracted by 100 positions over-the-month; federal and state government employment were unchanged.

Employment in the MSA increased by 100 year-over-year, an expansion of 0.1 percent. Employment in the private service-providing and goods-producing sectors declined by 400 and 300 positions, respectively. Much of the loss in employment within the private service-providing sector is attributable to losses in trade, transportation, and utilities (-400 positions). However, retail trade employment rose by 200 positions, as did employment in accommodation and food services. Employment growth was strong in the public sector, with state government employers adding 600 positions annually; federal and local government employers each added 100 positions.

**Sioux City**

# Employment in the Sioux City MSA was unchanged from October, remaining at 90,300 jobs. The gain is in spite of a 600-jobs gain in trade, transportation and warehousing, half of which are in retail trade.

# Offsetting the gains in trade, transportation and warehousing were losses of 300 in government and 100 in each, manufacturing and leisure and hospitality.

# Overall, area employment is up just 200 jobs (+0.22%) from one year ago. Gains were led by manufacturing which added 700 jobs, entirely due to an additional 700 jobs in non-durable goods manufacturing. Government added 200 jobs, with a gain in local government (+300) partially offset by a loss of 100 in federal government. Trade, transportation and warehousing dropped 600 jobs, with 100 of those jobs in retail trade. Leisure and hospitality pared 200 jobs.

# Waterloo/Cedar Falls

Total nonfarm employment in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area increased by 200 jobs from October as a result of gains in multiple industries, including: trade, transportation and warehousing (+400), and gains of 100 each in manufacturing and educational and health services.

Over the year the area added 600 jobs (+0.67%), aided by jobs increases in several sectors. The employment increase was led by a gain of 600 in educational and health services. Manufacturing has added 500 jobs from one year ago, with 400 of those jobs in durable goods manufacturing. Trade, transportation and warehousing and government each trimmed 100 jobs.