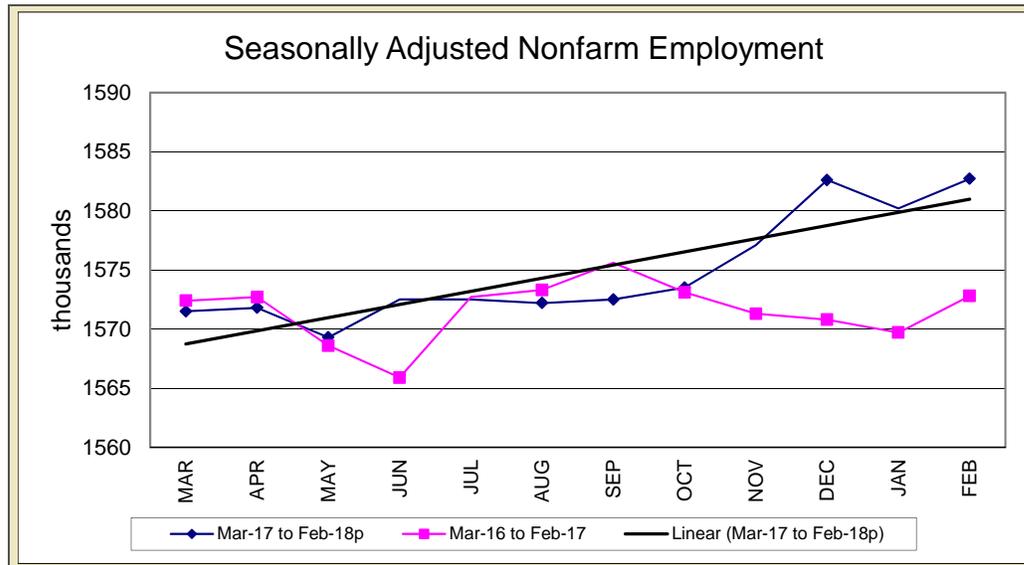


STATE OF IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING INDUSTRIES FUEL GROWTH



In February, Iowa establishments added 2,500 jobs to their payrolls, lifting total nonfarm employment up to 1,582,700 jobs. The monthly gain follows a downward revision in January in which 2,400 jobs were pared. Private industries were responsible for all of the growth in February; government lost jobs in several segments and shed 1,000 jobs combined. Overall, government has added a slight 500 jobs versus last February.

Administrative support and waste management businesses added the most jobs in February (+1,000). Much of the monthly gain could be attributed to hiring in temporary staffing agencies, although janitorial services also showed some promise and expanded payrolls in February. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities also fared well due to expansion within trucking industries (+900). Durable goods factories continued to trend upward and added 600 jobs. Some of these added jobs

were in machinery and fabricated metal product shops. Manufacturing's other component, nondurable goods, didn't fare as well and was down slightly versus January. Other gains this month included healthcare and social assistance, accommodations and food services, and professional, scientific and technical services. Alternatively, construction again shed jobs in February, now marking the fourth-consecutive loss stretching back to October. Although declines were evident in several industries, commercial building construction experienced larger-than-expected layoffs this month. Other losses were small in magnitude and included other services and retail trade.

Compared to last February, total nonfarm employment has shown some improvement with 9,900 jobs added. Growth has mostly been concentrated within private service sectors (+5,700), although goods-producing industries have also trended up (+3,700) thanks entirely to

Iowa's rapidly expanding manufacturing facilities (+7,500). This super sector has now added jobs in thirteen-consecutive months spanning back to last February. Healthcare and social assistance has also shown consistent growth and is up 3,100 jobs. Accommodations and food services are up 2,900 jobs following an unusually prosperous fourth quarter. Conversely, losses have been dominated by construction, now down 6,700 jobs, annually. Private education lags behind last February by 3,200 jobs, and retail continues to post weaker payroll counts as time progresses and is trailing last year's mark by 3,100 jobs.

Nationally, business establishments added 313,000 jobs in February. This month's gain was substantial compared to the prior twelve months and is the largest since July, 2016. This month's increase was fueled by hiring in construction, retail trade, and professional and business services.

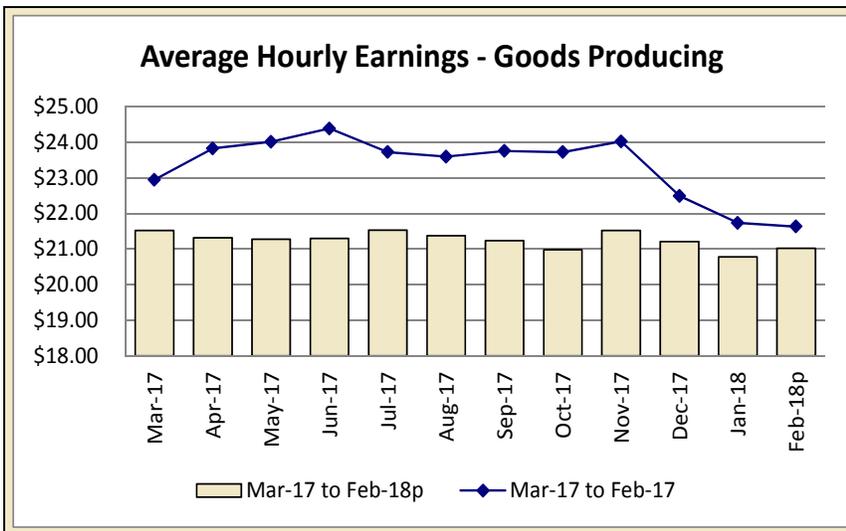
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**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (TOTAL NONFARM)**

MSA	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18p
AMES	52.9	52.9	52.9	52.5	52.9	53.3	53.5	53.6	53.9	54.0	54.1	54.1	54.0
CEDAR RAPIDS	143.8	143.9	144.1	143.7	144.5	144.1	144.1	143.9	143.9	144.0	144.5	144.8	145.1
DES MOINES/W. DES MOINES	363.8	363.6	364.4	363.8	364.5	365.1	364.6	364.4	364.9	366.3	367.6	367.2	367.5
DUBUQUE	59.8	59.8	59.9	59.8	59.8	59.9	60.0	59.7	59.8	59.9	59.7	59.6	59.8
IOWA CITY	101.2	101.4	101.7	101.4	101.3	101.5	101.6	101.6	101.5	101.7	101.7	101.8	102.4
SIOUX CITY	87.0	87.1	86.6	86.6	86.9	86.3	86.6	87.0	87.1	87.2	87.3	87.5	87.5
WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS	90.6	90.4	90.6	90.3	90.6	90.7	90.4	90.3	89.7	90.0	90.2	90.6	90.7

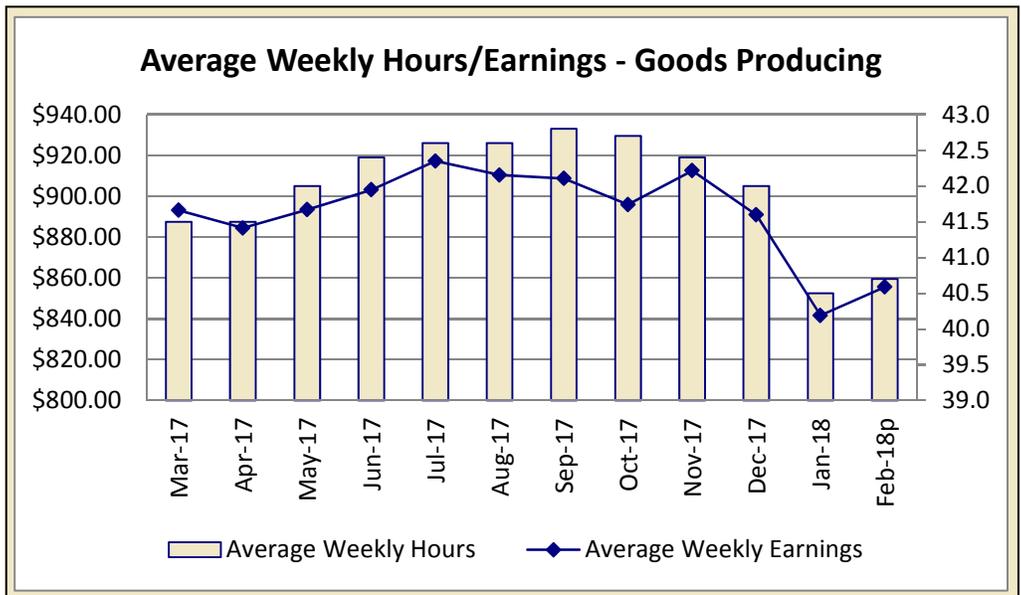
IOWA'S HOURS & EARNINGS



Goods-producing Hours & Earnings	
Average Weekly Earnings	\$855.51
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.02
Average Weekly Hours	40.7

Production workers in Iowa's goods-producing sector averaged \$855.51 per week in February, up \$13.92 compared to last month, but down almost \$40 versus one year ago. The decline in weekly earnings versus last year was due to the reduced schedules for production workers in Iowa's construction sector. Overall, construction workers averaged \$864.83 per week in February. In contrast, manufacturing workers averaged \$823.75 per week on average.

Within service industries, retail workers are up \$14.76 compared to last February and averaged \$381.61 per week in pay. Production workers in financial sectors averaged \$891.89 in February, up \$14.79 versus last year.



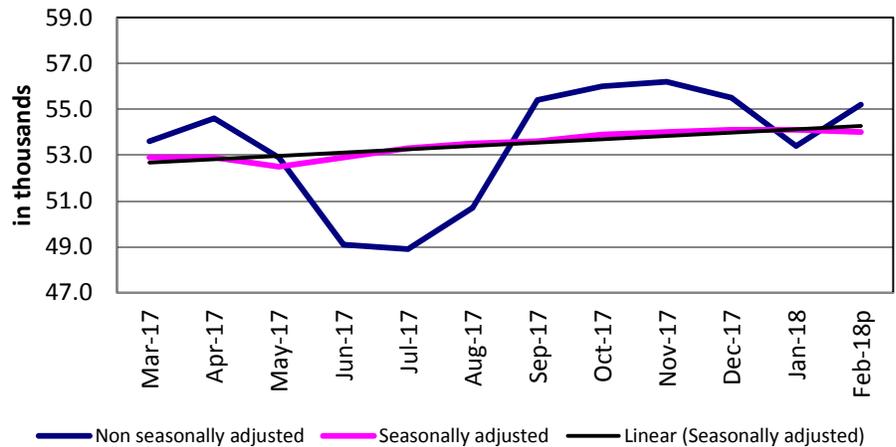
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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Ames MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 18p	55,200
Total Nonfarm 17	54,200
% Change 1 Yr	1.85%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Goods Producing	6.25%
Local Government	0.00%

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Ames - Nonfarm Employment



Total nonfarm employment in the Ames Metropolitan grew to 55,200 jobs this month following a seasonal gain of 1,800 jobs. The monthly gain is on-par with the ten-year history and mostly due to the seasonal gain in state government education (+1,500). Private services increased slightly (+200) and goods producing industries changed little since January.

Over the past twelve months, 1,000 jobs have been added in the Ames area. Both goods-producing industries and private services are up 400 jobs. Government is up 200 jobs.

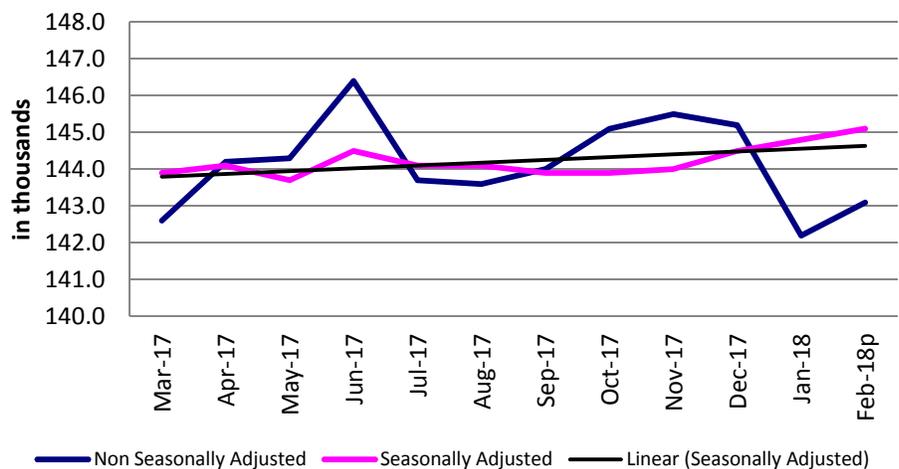
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Cedar Rapids MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 18p	143,100
Total Nonfarm 17	141,600
% Change 1 Yr	1.06%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Prof & Business	7.19%
Information	-4.88%

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Cedar Rapids - Nonfarm Employment



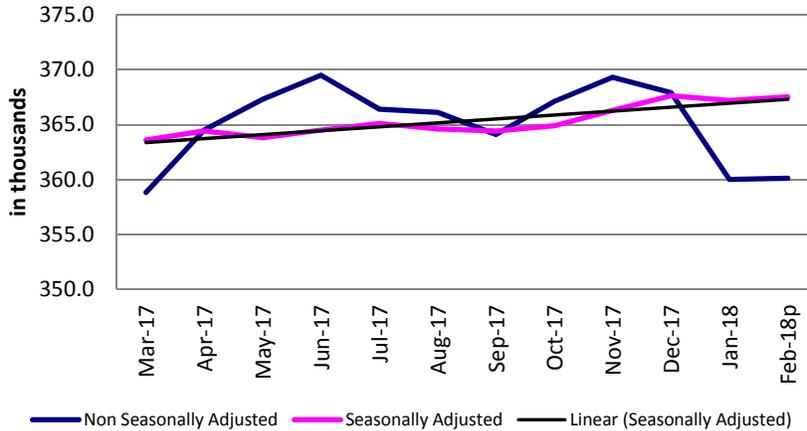
The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area added 900 jobs in February as a result of gains in service-providing industries. Total nonfarm now stands at 143,100 jobs.

Educational and health services added 500 jobs to lead all sectors. Professional and business services rebounded from an employment dip in January, adding 400 jobs this month. Government added 200 jobs, all in local government and leisure and hospitality gained 100 jobs. Deducting from the month's gains were a loss of 200 in trade, transportation and warehousing and 100 in financial activities, which hasn't fluctuated more than 100 jobs over the month since May 2016.

Over the year the area added 1,500 jobs with the largest gains in professional and business services (+1,000), trade, transportation and warehousing (+500) and manufacturing (+400). The gain in manufacturing employment is entirely in the durable goods industries. The only sectors with over-the-year losses were natural resources and construction (-300), information (-200), and educational and health services and other services, each trimming 100 jobs.

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Des Moines/West Des Moines - Nonfarm Employment



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Des Moines MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 18 ^p	360,100
Total Nonfarm 17	357,900
% Change 1 Yr	0.61%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Manufacturing	3.02%
State Government	-3.80%

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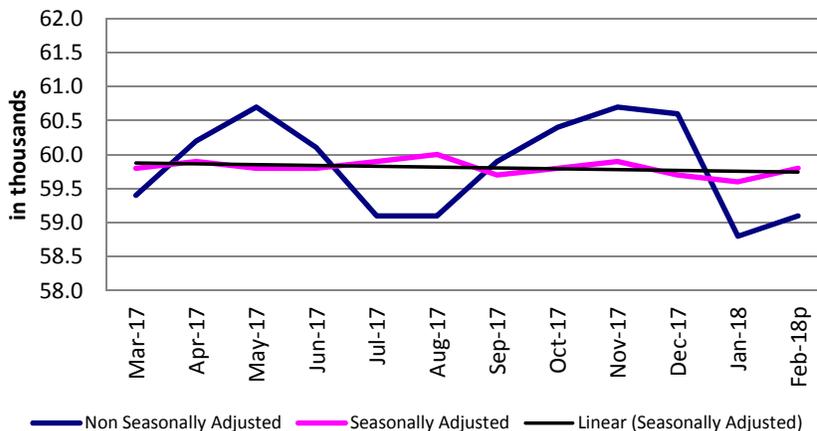
The Des Moines Metropolitan area added 100 jobs in February, leaving the metro area at 360,100 jobs. This month's gain is anemic versus the prior few years. Private service industries showed smaller-than-expected gains this month. Government shed 100 jobs in the local level and displayed little movement over the past twelve months. Compared to last year, the Des Moines area is up 2,200 jobs (+0.6 percent).

The largest monthly gain occurred in leisure and hospitality (+900). This month's gain is large compared to the prior ten years and follows an unusually large seasonal paring in January. Education and healthcare services gained 500 due to seasonal gains in private education services. Losses were evident in several sectors including retail trade (-800) due to a final seasonal paring of boosted holiday staff. Financial activities shed 400 jobs and construction lost 200 jobs. Other services, professional and business services, and information changed little compared to January.

Annually, no super sector has added more jobs than trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,100). Gains in this super sector have been fueled by expansion within retail trade (+800) and transportation industries (+400). Manufacturing is up 600 jobs with hiring being equal within both durable and nondurable goods shops. Professional and business services is up (+600), as is leisure and hospitality (+400). The only sectors down versus one year ago are financial services (-200) and education and health services (-100).

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Dubuque - Nonfarm Employment



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Dubuque MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 18 ^p	59,100
Total Nonfarm 17	58,900
% Change 1 Yr	0.51%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries (1 yr)	
Goods Producing	5.56%
Retail Trade	-4.29%

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Businesses in the Dubuque Metro area added 300 jobs in February, raising the total number of nonfarm jobs to 59,100 jobs. This month's increase is larger than the ten-year average and was fueled by modest gains in both goods producing industries and private services. Government added 100 jobs and is also up 100 jobs compared to last February.

Since last February, 200 jobs have been added in the Dubuque area. Goods producing industries have added 600 jobs to outpace losses of 500 in private services. Retail trade has been struggling throughout the country and is also down in Dubuque (-300). Government is up 100 jobs due to hiring in local government.

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Iowa City MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 18p	102,100
Total Nonfarm 17	100,600
% Change 1 Yr	1.49%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Leisure & Hospitality	4.00%
Retail Trade	-5.83%

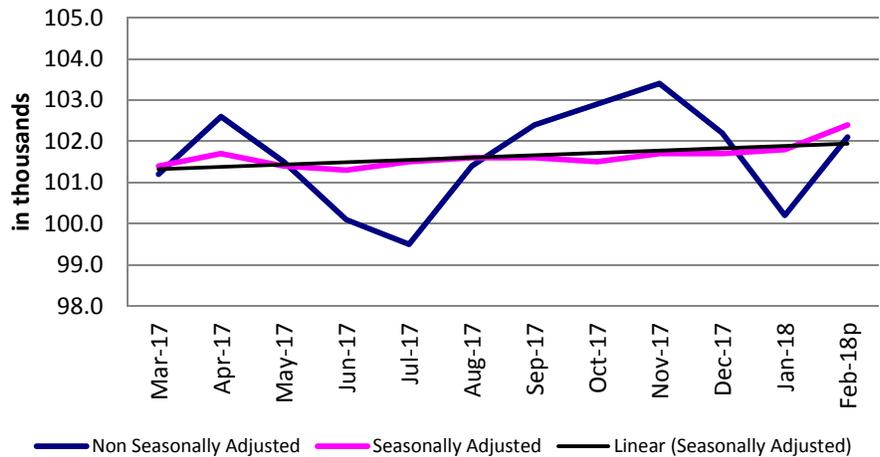
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Nonfarm employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area added 1,900 jobs from last month, all of which is attributable to the service providing sectors. Government added 700 jobs, likely due to the return of students following winter break. Leisure and hospitality rebounded with a gain of 300 jobs, reclaiming nearly all of the 400 jobs trimmed the previous month. Professional and business services which has seen minimal movement over the past several months, added 100 jobs.

The metro area has added 1,500 jobs from one year ago, boosted by gains of 600 in government and 700 in private service-providing sectors. Leisure and hospitality added 400 jobs. Goods-producing sectors added 200 jobs and trade, transportation and warehousing shed 700 jobs.

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Iowa City - Nonfarm Employment



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Sioux City MSA Employment	
Total Nonfarm 18p	86,100
Total Nonfarm 17	85,600
% Change 1 Yr	0.58%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Manufacturing	7.64%
Leisure & Hospitality	-2.47%

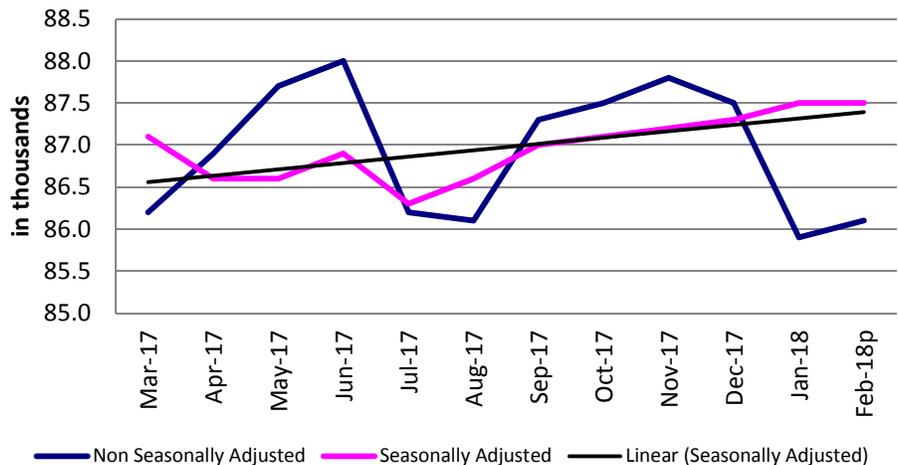
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Employment in the Sioux City MSA is up 200 jobs from January. Trade, transportation and warehousing and government each added 100 jobs. Manufacturing, leisure and hospitality and professional and business services were all unchanged.

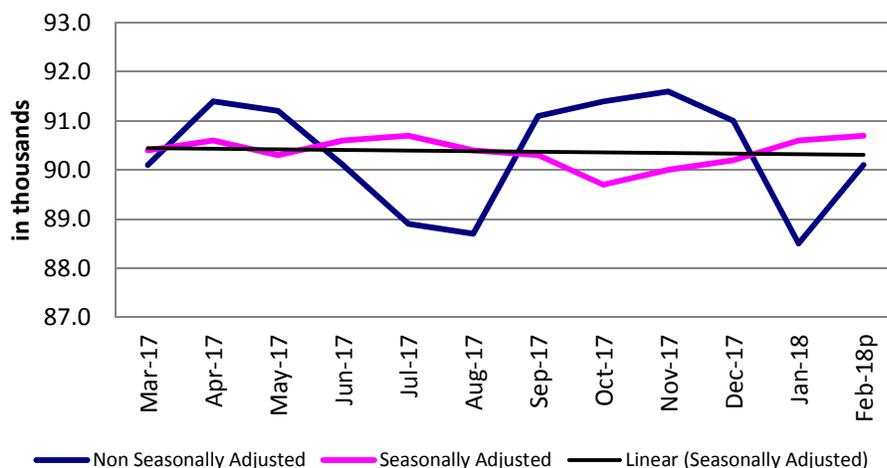
Overall, area employment is 500 above one year ago. Goods producing industries have added 1,300 jobs, with all but 100 of those jobs in manufacturing. Professional and business services gained 200 jobs. Trade, transportation and warehousing and leisure and hospitality each pared 200 jobs. Government shed 100 jobs.

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Sioux City - Nonfarm Employment



Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Nonfarm Employment



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Waterloo/Cedar Falls MSA Employment

Total Nonfarm 18p	90,100
Total Nonfarm 17	90,100
% Change 1 Yr	0.00%
Noteworthy Expanding and Contracting Industries	
Non-durable Mfg	6.00%
Retail Trade	-5.41%

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The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area's total nonfarm employment increased 1,600 jobs from the previous month and stands at 90,100. Trade, transportation and warehousing is the only sector with an employment loss this month, shedding 100 jobs. Government added 900 jobs as a result of the educational winter break coming to an end. Educational and health services gained 200 jobs while manufacturing and professional and business services each added 100 jobs. Leisure and hospitality and financial activities employment levels were unchanged.

Over the year, employment is unchanged with only two industries adding jobs, manufacturing (+500) and financial activities (+100). Retail trade was responsible for 600 of the 800 jobs pared from trade, transportation and warehousing. Educational and health services trimmed 200 jobs.

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