

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2020 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 16	Mar 16
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 31
Mar	Apr 17	Apr 21
Apr	May 22	May 27
May	Jun 19	Jun 23
Jun	Jul 17	Jul 21
Jul	Aug 21	Aug 25
Aug	Sep 18	Sep 22
Sep	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Leisure & Hospitality Employment
2019	Sep	1,584,900	144,300
	Oct	1,587,900	146,200
	Nov	1,586,000	145,500
	Dec	1,585,400	147,500
2020	Jan	1,585,000	146,500
	Feb	1,581,300	146,300
	Mar	1,572,400	142,200
	Apr	1,395,300	73,700

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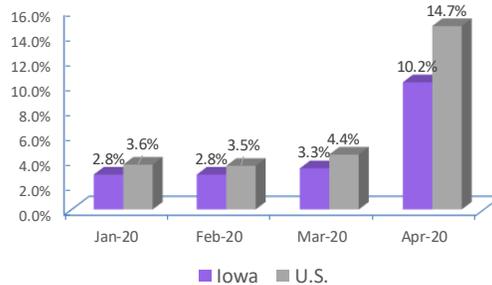
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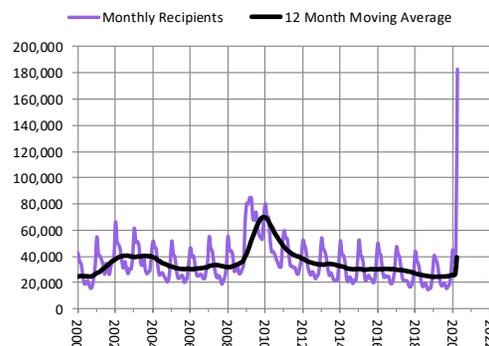
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates - 2020



- Iowa's unemployment rate jumped to 10.2 percent in April. The state's jobless rate was 2.7 percent one year ago.
- The state's total unemployment level increased to 175,300 in April from 56,600 in March.
- The U.S. unemployment rate increased to 14.7 percent in April.

Unemployment Insurance Recipients* Regular UI Only



*Recipients represents the number of persons receiving at least one UI payment during the month.

- Pandemic related layoffs caused the number of persons receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits to increase from 46,298 in March to 182,659 in April.
- Industries with the most weeks of UI benefits paid during April were: accommodations and food services, health care and social assistance, manufacturing, and trade.

- Total nonfarm employment dropped to 1,395,300 jobs (-177,100) due to efforts to stop the spread of the coronavirus. This was a loss of 11.3 percent.
- Leisure and hospitality shed 68,500 jobs in April, which is slightly less than half of all employment. Accommodations and food services alone lost 56,400 jobs.
- Government shed 24,500 jobs due to public education firms reducing payrolls down to summer levels.
- Retail trade declined by 22,300 jobs as many stores either furloughed employees and/or operated with reduced staff if deemed essential.
- Professional and business services shed 13,900 jobs with temporary staffing firms contributing greatly to this loss.
- Manufacturing shed 10,600 jobs in April and has now trended down for six consecutive months.
- Iowa's financial sector shed 3,000 jobs in April, which amounted to just 2.7 percent of all jobs in that sector. Only information shed less by percentage (-2.0 percent).
- Total nonfarm employment is now down 12.1 percent versus last year (-191,200 jobs).

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment Sector Job Losses by Percentage

