

Status of the

Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2022 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 14	Mar 14
Feb	Mar 25	Mar 25
Mar	Apr 15	Apr 15
Apr	May 20	May 24
May	Jun 16	Jun 21
Jun	Jul 21	Jul 26
Jul	Aug 18	Aug 23
Aug	Sep 15	Sep 20
Sep	Oct 20	Oct 25
Oct	Nov 17	Nov 22
Nov	Dec 15	Dec 20
Dec	Jan 20	Jan 24

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Leisure & Hospitality Employment
2022	Jan	1,556,400	137,900
	Feb	1,565,200	139,700
	Mar	1,562,400	137,300
	Apr	1,565,500	138,000
	May	1,567,700	140,100
	June	1,571,400	141,400
	July	1,574,400	141,500
	Aug	1,578,200	143,000

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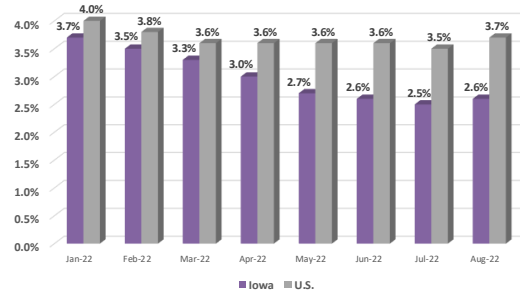
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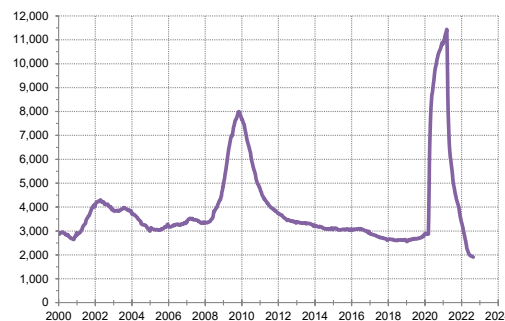
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates –2022



- Iowa's unemployment rate increased slightly to 2.6 percent in August. The state's jobless rate was 4.3 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level decreased to 1,664,500 in August from 1,667,100 in July.
- The U.S. unemployment rate rose to 3.7 percent in August.

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (UI) 52 Week Moving Average



- Initial claims for the 52 week moving average ending August 27, 2022 was 1,905. This was substantially lower than the similar period of 2021 of 4,574. A moving average is used to smooth peaks and reduce seasonal variation.
- Initial claims for the week of August 27, 2022 totaled 1,102. This represented the lowest initial claims count in over 30 years.

- Establishments in Iowa added 3,800 jobs in August, raising total nonfarm employment to 1,578,200 jobs. This is the fifth consecutive gain for the state.
- Following this month's increase, total nonfarm employment is now up 38,900 jobs versus one year ago.
- Retail trade added the most jobs this month (+1,700). This sector had previously shed jobs in each of the last five months.
- Leisure and hospitality added 1,500 jobs. Arts, entertainment, and recreation rose by 900 with much of the hiring related to performing arts and spectator sports.
- Manufacturing increased by 700 jobs. Much of this increase was in durable goods factories and related to animal slaughtering.
- Private sector losses were slight this month: education shed 400 jobs and transportation and warehousing pared 200 jobs.
- Government shed 1,100 jobs in August. Slightly over half the drop was in local government (-600). Despite the loss, government is up 5,700 jobs versus last year's mark.
- Nationally, the U.S. added 315,000 jobs in August.

Total Nonfarm Employment January 2021 to August 2022

