

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2012 Statewide News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 24
Jan	Mar 13	Mar 13
Feb	Mar 30	Mar 30
Mar	Apr 20	Apr 24
Apr	May 18	May 22
May	June 15	June 19
June	July 20	July 24
July	Aug 17	Aug 21
Aug	Sept 21	Sept 25
Sept	Oct 19	Oct 23
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 20
Nov	Dec 21	Dec 28
Dec	Jan 18	Jan 22

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

	Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2011 - Qtr 1	1,476,200	0.2%
Qtr 2	1,476,300	0.0%
Qtr 3	1,480,000	0.3%
Qtr 4	1,481,300	0.1%
2012 - Qtr 1	1,489,100	0.5%
Qtr 2	1,493,400	0.3%
Qtr 3	1,492,300	-0.1%

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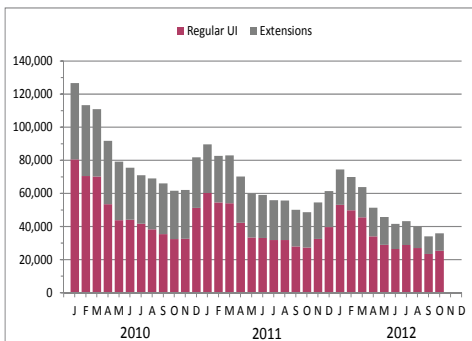
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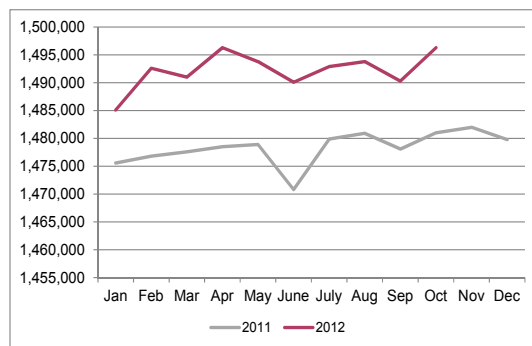
- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate edged down to 5.1 percent in October from 5.2 percent in September. The rate was reported at 5.8 percent one year ago. The current rate represents 83,800 unemployed persons statewide.
- The U.S. unemployment rate inched up to 7.9 percent in October from 7.8 percent in September, while 171,000 jobs were added during the month. Hiring numbers were also revised upward for August and September.

Unemployment Insurance Recipients 2010-2012



- The number of persons receiving at least one regular UI payment dropped from 27,253 in October 2011 to 25,418 in October 2012.
- The number of persons receiving at least one payment under a benefit extension program (EUC) dropped from 21,339 in October 2011 to 10,450 in October 2012. The decrease was primarily caused by a reduction in the number of weeks available under federal law.
- Look for an increase in consumer spending to help support growth for the rest of this year. Shoppers are expected to increase spending this holiday season in response to improved consumer sentiment.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa



- Iowa's nonfarm employment increased to 1,496,300 in October, which was 6,000 higher than September and 15,300 higher than one year ago.
- After three consecutive monthly losses, manufacturing added 1,500 jobs in October. Gains were fairly evenly divided between durable and nondurable goods factories.
- Average weekly earnings in Iowa's private sector were reported at \$726.47 in October, an increase of 2.5 percent from one year ago. Average weekly earnings ranged from a high of \$1,059.82 in financial activities to a low of \$295.20 in leisure and hospitality.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates - 2012

