

Unemployment

Unemployment measures the number and percentage of individuals age 16 and over who are in the labor force but unemployed during the year.

Source: Iowa Workforce Development

County	2000			2008			2000-2008 Change
	Labor Force	Unemployed	Percentage	Labor Force	Unemployed	Percentage	
Adair	4,530	110	2.4%	4,430	180	4.1%	67.3%
Adams	2,130	90	4.2%	2,130	90	4.2%	0.0%
Allamakee	7,420	290	3.9%	7,940	500	6.3%	61.1%
Appanoose	6,550	280	4.3%	5,990	330	5.5%	28.9%
Audubon	3,350	100	3.0%	3,230	140	4.3%	45.2%
Benton	11,790	290	2.5%	14,500	600	4.1%	68.2%
Black Hawk	68,200	2,000	2.9%	73,400	3,000	4.1%	39.4%
Boone	13,720	310	2.3%	15,670	560	3.6%	58.2%
Bremer	12,600	300	2.4%	14,000	500	3.6%	50.0%
Buchanan	10,890	340	3.1%	11,150	450	4.0%	29.3%
Buena Vista	10,820	230	2.1%	10,560	380	3.6%	69.3%
Butler	7,340	270	3.7%	8,490	390	4.6%	24.9%
Calhoun	4,730	140	3.0%	5,290	180	3.4%	15.0%
Carroll	12,390	290	2.3%	12,350	350	2.8%	21.1%
Cass	7,310	310	4.2%	7,650	350	4.6%	7.9%
Cedar	9,440	220	2.3%	11,290	410	3.6%	55.8%
Cerro Gordo	25,790	780	3.0%	25,810	1,220	4.7%	56.3%
Cherokee	6,850	150	2.2%	6,450	230	3.6%	62.8%
Chickasaw	7,160	560	7.8%	6,840	340	5.0%	-36.4%
Clarke	5,190	160	3.1%	4,870	220	4.5%	46.5%
Clay	10,330	250	2.4%	9,850	330	3.4%	38.4%
Clayton	10,190	400	3.9%	10,000	540	5.4%	37.6%
Clinton	26,490	920	3.5%	28,100	1,170	4.2%	19.9%
Crawford	8,830	200	2.3%	9,420	310	3.3%	45.3%
Dallas	21,900	300	1.4%	32,900	1,100	3.3%	144.1%
Davis	4,150	110	2.7%	4,080	200	4.9%	84.9%
Decatur	3,570	160	4.5%	4,270	160	3.7%	-16.4%
Delaware	9,500	340	3.6%	10,840	420	3.9%	8.3%
Des Moines	23,430	780	3.3%	20,810	1,210	5.8%	74.7%
Dickinson	9,900	230	2.3%	9,840	420	4.3%	83.7%
Dubuque	49,100	1,600	3.3%	52,100	2,200	4.2%	29.6%
Emmet	5,540	170	3.1%	5,960	230	3.9%	25.8%
Fayette	10,990	450	4.1%	10,940	580	5.3%	29.5%
Floyd	7,790	340	4.4%	8,580	500	5.8%	33.5%
Franklin	5,740	150	2.6%	5,850	260	4.4%	70.1%
Fremont	4,000	90	2.3%	3,900	180	4.6%	105.1%
Greene	4,870	170	3.5%	5,040	200	4.0%	13.7%
Grundy	6,110	120	2.0%	6,900	200	2.9%	47.6%
Guthrie	5,900	140	2.4%	5,900	300	5.1%	114.3%
Hamilton	8,620	190	2.2%	8,560	330	3.9%	74.9%
Hancock	7,000	140	2.0%	6,090	380	6.2%	212.0%
Hardin	9,030	260	2.9%	9,330	390	4.2%	45.2%
Harrison	7,850	210	2.7%	7,880	320	4.1%	51.8%
Henry	10,910	290	2.7%	10,180	540	5.3%	99.6%
Howard	5,580	170	3.0%	5,190	240	4.6%	51.8%
Humboldt	5,410	120	2.2%	5,140	190	3.7%	66.7%
Ida	3,950	90	2.3%	4,240	160	3.8%	65.6%
Iowa	9,290	170	1.8%	8,710	360	4.1%	125.9%
Jackson	10,370	450	4.3%	11,320	580	5.1%	18.1%
Jasper	19,360	410	2.1%	17,690	1,350	7.6%	260.4%
Jefferson	9,440	260	2.8%	8,460	380	4.5%	63.1%
Johnson	69,400	1,400	2.0%	78,700	2,300	2.9%	44.9%
Jones	9,630	240	2.5%	10,600	500	4.7%	89.3%
Keokuk	5,020	200	4.0%	5,630	250	4.4%	11.5%

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Kossuth	8,410	230	2.7%	9,070	360	4.0%	45.1%
Lee	18,710	870	4.6%	17,370	1,140	6.6%	41.1%
Linn	116,900	2,100	1.8%	120,200	4,800	4.0%	122.3%
Louisa	5,420	190	3.5%	6,410	300	4.7%	33.5%
Lucas	4,050	110	2.7%	4,660	190	4.1%	50.1%
Lyon	5,460	130	2.4%	6,800	180	2.6%	11.2%
Madison	7,330	260	3.5%	8,400	400	4.8%	34.2%
Mahaska	11,220	240	2.1%	11,790	530	4.5%	110.2%
Marion	19,020	400	2.1%	17,850	710	4.0%	89.1%
Marshall	20,220	500	2.5%	20,410	1,040	5.1%	106.1%
Mills	6,380	120	1.9%	8,180	290	3.5%	88.5%
Mitchell	5,380	140	2.6%	5,630	230	4.1%	57.0%
Monona	4,880	160	3.3%	4,610	250	5.4%	65.4%
Monroe	4,200	120	2.9%	4,200	190	4.5%	58.3%
Montgomery	5,820	190	3.3%	5,440	310	5.7%	74.6%
Muscatine	21,950	600	2.7%	23,880	1,030	4.3%	57.8%
O'Brien	7,720	160	2.1%	7,790	260	3.3%	61.0%
Osceola	3,690	90	2.4%	3,410	130	3.8%	56.3%
Page	9,030	240	2.7%	8,110	390	4.8%	80.9%
Palo Alto	5,180	100	1.9%	5,440	230	4.2%	119.0%
Plymouth	13,290	370	2.8%	14,270	470	3.3%	18.3%
Pocahontas	3,760	100	2.7%	4,260	130	3.1%	14.7%
Polk	216,100	4,400	2.0%	240,600	9,600	4.0%	96.0%
Pottawattamie	48,500	1,200	2.5%	48,710	2,030	4.2%	68.4%
Poweshiek	10,350	310	3.0%	10,360	470	4.5%	51.5%
Ringgold	2,580	70	2.7%	2,420	110	4.5%	67.5%
Sac	5,790	150	2.6%	5,780	210	3.6%	40.2%
Scott	85,300	2,400	2.8%	89,860	3,740	4.2%	47.9%
Shelby	6,780	160	2.4%	7,640	230	3.0%	27.6%
Sioux	17,760	410	2.3%	19,680	550	2.8%	21.1%
Story	47,280	950	2.0%	48,700	1,500	3.1%	53.3%
Tama	8,740	320	3.7%	8,890	470	5.3%	44.4%
Taylor	3,410	120	3.5%	3,360	130	3.9%	9.9%
Union	6,430	220	3.4%	6,700	300	4.5%	30.9%
Van Buren	4,180	140	3.3%	3,990	190	4.8%	42.2%
Wapello	17,510	600	3.4%	18,880	930	4.9%	43.8%
Warren	22,900	400	1.7%	25,800	1,000	3.9%	121.9%
Washington	11,140	220	2.0%	12,200	500	4.1%	107.5%
Wayne	2,900	80	2.8%	3,250	130	4.0%	45.0%
Webster	20,030	570	2.8%	20,040	860	4.3%	50.8%
Winnebago	6,460	130	2.0%	5,940	380	6.4%	217.9%
Winneshiek	12,310	380	3.1%	12,330	530	4.3%	39.2%
Woodbury	53,200	1,400	2.6%	55,900	2,100	3.8%	42.8%
Worth	4,090	130	3.2%	4,580	240	5.2%	64.9%
Wright	6,930	160	2.3%	7,080	310	4.4%	89.6%
State	1,586,080	41,080	2.6%	1,675,910	69,270	4.1%	59.6%
Rural	251,970	7,470	3.0%	260,070	11,470	4.4%	48.8%
Small Urban	580,130	16,160	2.8%	607,670	26,530	4.4%	56.7%
Metropolitan	753,980	17,450	2.3%	808,170	31,270	3.9%	67.2%
United States	142,583,000	5,692,000	4.0%	154,287,000	8,924,000	5.8%	44.9%