

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			2004			2005			2000-05 Change
	Labor Force	Unemployed	Percentage	Labor Force	Unemployed	Percentage	Labor Force	Unemployed	Percentage	
Adair	4,530	110	2.4%	4,090	190	4.6%	4,490	190	4.2%	74.3%
Adams	2,130	90	4.2%	2,010	120	6.0%	2,040	110	5.4%	27.6%
Allamakee	7,420	290	3.9%	7,550	510	6.8%	8,120	450	5.5%	41.8%
Appanoose	6,550	280	4.3%	6,140	380	6.2%	6,580	360	5.5%	28.0%
Audubon	3,350	100	3.0%	3,150	140	4.4%	3,430	170	5.0%	66.0%
Benton	11,790	290	2.5%	14,400	700	4.9%	14,600	700	4.8%	94.9%
Black Hawk	68,200	2,000	2.9%	79,600	3,500	4.4%	72,900	3,400	4.7%	59.0%
Boone	13,720	310	2.3%	14,740	570	3.9%	15,600	570	3.7%	61.7%
Bremer	12,600	300	2.4%	15,000	500	3.3%	13,800	500	3.6%	52.2%
Buchanan	10,890	340	3.1%	10,840	540	5.0%	11,450	570	5.0%	59.4%
Buena Vista	10,820	230	2.1%	9,910	440	4.4%	10,390	430	4.1%	94.7%
Butler	7,340	270	3.7%	8,160	400	4.9%	8,330	420	5.0%	37.1%
Calhoun	4,730	140	3.0%	4,850	230	4.7%	5,260	220	4.2%	41.3%
Carroll	12,390	290	2.3%	11,680	390	3.3%	12,470	400	3.2%	37.0%
Cass	7,310	310	4.2%	7,060	390	5.5%	7,780	380	4.9%	15.2%
Cedar	9,440	220	2.3%	10,440	450	4.3%	10,790	430	4.0%	71.0%
Cerro Gordo	25,790	780	3.0%	26,660	1,230	4.6%	26,820	1,250	4.7%	54.1%
Cherokee	6,850	150	2.2%	6,280	310	4.9%	6,670	340	5.1%	132.8%
Chickasaw	7,160	560	7.8%	6,100	400	6.6%	6,370	360	5.7%	-27.7%
Clarke	5,190	160	3.1%	4,520	320	7.1%	4,730	260	5.5%	78.3%
Clay	10,330	250	2.4%	9,260	410	4.4%	9,720	420	4.3%	78.5%
Clayton	10,190	400	3.9%	9,170	710	7.7%	9,730	670	6.9%	75.4%
Clinton	26,490	920	3.5%	24,710	1,490	6.0%	27,360	1,400	5.1%	47.3%
Crawford	8,830	200	2.3%	8,430	350	4.2%	9,320	380	4.1%	80.0%
Dallas	21,900	300	1.4%	26,200	900	3.4%	29,200	1,000	3.4%	150.0%
Davis	4,150	110	2.7%	4,120	220	5.3%	4,190	240	5.7%	116.1%
Decatur	3,570	160	4.5%	4,030	230	5.7%	4,220	220	5.2%	16.3%
Delaware	9,500	340	3.6%	9,550	520	5.4%	10,690	510	4.8%	33.3%
Des Moines	23,430	780	3.3%	21,220	1,330	6.3%	21,230	1,250	5.9%	76.9%
Dickinson	9,900	230	2.3%	9,920	430	4.3%	10,460	460	4.4%	89.3%
Dubuque	49,100	1,600	3.3%	47,800	2,300	4.8%	51,300	2,400	4.7%	43.6%
Emmet	5,540	170	3.1%	5,520	280	5.1%	6,060	290	4.8%	56.0%
Fayette	10,990	450	4.1%	10,700	620	5.8%	11,290	600	5.3%	29.8%
Floyd	7,790	340	4.4%	8,490	470	5.5%	9,040	480	5.3%	21.7%
Franklin	5,740	150	2.6%	5,280	280	5.3%	5,770	290	5.0%	92.3%
Fremont	4,000	90	2.3%	3,830	170	4.4%	4,050	170	4.2%	86.6%
Greene	4,870	170	3.5%	4,800	220	4.6%	5,150	250	4.9%	39.1%
Grundy	6,110	120	2.0%	7,600	300	3.9%	7,000	300	4.3%	118.2%
Guthrie	5,900	140	2.4%	6,100	300	4.9%	6,400	300	4.7%	97.5%
Hamilton	8,620	190	2.2%	8,300	390	4.7%	8,840	370	4.2%	89.9%
Hancock	7,000	140	2.0%	6,200	250	4.0%	6,440	310	4.8%	140.7%
Hardin	9,030	260	2.9%	8,720	510	5.8%	9,120	460	5.0%	75.2%
Harrison	7,850	210	2.7%	8,160	440	5.4%	8,290	410	4.9%	84.9%
Henry	10,910	290	2.7%	10,210	670	6.6%	10,660	570	5.3%	101.2%
Howard	5,580	170	3.0%	4,940	250	5.1%	5,330	250	4.7%	54.0%
Humboldt	5,410	120	2.2%	4,940	220	4.5%	5,310	210	4.0%	78.3%
Ida	3,950	90	2.3%	3,740	180	4.8%	3,990	170	4.3%	87.0%
Iowa	9,290	170	1.8%	8,930	390	4.4%	8,940	420	4.7%	156.7%
Jackson	10,370	450	4.3%	10,470	670	6.4%	11,440	640	5.6%	28.9%
Jasper	19,360	410	2.1%	18,770	1,180	6.3%	19,110	1,190	6.2%	194.0%
Jefferson	9,440	260	2.8%	7,870	460	5.8%	8,470	420	5.0%	80.0%
Johnson	69,400	1,400	2.0%	88,900	2,600	2.9%	75,200	2,500	3.3%	64.8%
Jones	9,630	240	2.5%	10,700	600	5.6%	10,800	500	4.6%	85.8%
Keokuk	5,020	200	4.0%	5,790	300	5.2%	5,920	300	5.1%	27.2%

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Kossuth	8,410	230	2.7%	8,440	410	4.9%	9,000	390	4.3%	58.4%
Lee	18,710	870	4.6%	16,970	1,320	7.8%	17,720	1,260	7.1%	52.9%
Linn	116,900	2,100	1.8%	115,500	5,700	4.9%	115,300	5,300	4.6%	155.9%
Louisa	5,420	190	3.5%	6,850	310	4.5%	6,530	310	4.7%	35.4%
Lucas	4,050	110	2.7%	4,720	280	5.9%	4,920	270	5.5%	102.1%
Lyon	5,460	130	2.4%	5,900	220	3.7%	6,550	210	3.2%	34.7%
Madison	7,330	260	3.5%	7,800	400	5.1%	8,300	400	4.8%	35.9%
Mahaska	11,220	240	2.1%	10,990	550	5.0%	11,900	540	4.5%	112.1%
Marion	19,020	400	2.1%	16,740	770	4.6%	18,040	740	4.1%	95.0%
Marshall	20,220	500	2.5%	19,800	1,150	5.8%	20,850	1,070	5.1%	107.5%
Mills	6,380	120	1.9%	8,150	360	4.4%	8,300	360	4.3%	130.6%
Mitchell	5,380	140	2.6%	5,150	210	4.1%	5,490	240	4.4%	68.0%
Monona	4,880	160	3.3%	4,710	290	6.2%	4,840	290	6.0%	82.7%
Monroe	4,200	120	2.9%	3,230	210	6.5%	3,600	210	5.8%	104.2%
Montgomery	5,820	190	3.3%	5,460	260	4.8%	5,900	280	4.7%	45.4%
Muscatine	21,950	600	2.7%	24,490	1,030	4.2%	23,720	1,000	4.2%	54.2%
O'Brien	7,720	160	2.1%	7,120	310	4.4%	7,750	320	4.1%	99.2%
Osceola	3,690	90	2.4%	3,290	140	4.3%	3,490	150	4.3%	76.2%
Page	9,030	240	2.7%	7,360	350	4.8%	8,270	340	4.1%	54.7%
Palo Alto	5,180	100	1.9%	4,810	210	4.4%	5,220	220	4.2%	118.3%
Plymouth	13,290	370	2.8%	13,440	570	4.2%	14,320	540	3.8%	35.4%
Pocahontas	3,760	100	2.7%	3,660	210	5.7%	3,920	180	4.6%	72.7%
Polk	216,100	4,400	2.0%	222,100	10,800	4.9%	232,200	9,900	4.3%	109.4%
Pottawattamie	48,500	1,200	2.5%	49,080	2,640	5.4%	49,960	2,620	5.2%	112.0%
Poweshiek	10,350	310	3.0%	9,790	510	5.2%	10,440	500	4.8%	59.9%
Ringgold	2,580	70	2.7%	2,360	130	5.5%	2,450	120	4.9%	80.5%
Sac	5,790	150	2.6%	5,560	250	4.5%	5,900	250	4.2%	63.6%
Scott	85,300	2,400	2.8%	83,710	4,510	5.4%	89,740	4,250	4.7%	68.3%
Shelby	6,780	160	2.4%	6,580	280	4.3%	7,160	290	4.1%	71.6%
Sioux	17,760	410	2.3%	17,460	580	3.3%	19,110	580	3.0%	31.5%
Story	47,280	950	2.0%	45,700	1,500	3.3%	47,600	1,500	3.2%	56.8%
Tama	8,740	320	3.7%	9,270	660	7.1%	9,120	540	5.9%	61.7%
Taylor	3,410	120	3.5%	3,080	150	4.9%	3,440	140	4.1%	15.6%
Union	6,430	220	3.4%	6,250	380	6.1%	6,500	340	5.2%	52.9%
Van Buren	4,180	140	3.3%	3,650	220	6.0%	3,910	210	5.4%	60.4%
Wapello	17,510	600	3.4%	19,020	1,150	6.0%	19,890	1,130	5.7%	65.8%
Warren	22,900	400	1.7%	24,100	1,000	4.1%	25,300	1,000	4.0%	126.3%
Washington	11,140	220	2.0%	14,900	600	4.0%	12,500	500	4.0%	102.5%
Wayne	2,900	80	2.8%	2,920	150	5.1%	3,200	160	5.0%	81.3%
Webster	20,030	570	2.8%	19,100	1,000	5.2%	20,180	920	4.6%	60.2%
Winnebago	6,460	130	2.0%	5,670	220	3.9%	6,090	290	4.8%	136.6%
Winneshiek	12,310	380	3.1%	11,660	560	4.8%	12,310	550	4.5%	44.7%
Woodbury	53,200	1,400	2.6%	59,300	2,900	4.9%	54,500	2,900	5.3%	102.2%
Worth	4,090	130	3.2%	4,640	200	4.3%	4,660	230	4.9%	55.3%
Wright	6,930	160	2.3%	6,830	360	5.3%	7,260	330	4.5%	96.9%
State	1,586,080	41,080	2.6%	1,623,860	78,360	4.8%	1,660,010	75,730	4.6%	76.1%
Rural	251,970	7,470	3.0%	249,640	12,780	5.1%	261,390	12,650	4.8%	63.2%
Small Urban	580,130	16,160	2.8%	582,530	29,130	5.0%	609,920	28,310	4.6%	66.6%
Metropolitan	753,980	17,450	2.3%	791,690	36,450	4.6%	788,700	34,770	4.4%	90.5%
United States	142,583,000	5,692,000	4.0%	147,401,000	8,149,000	5.5%	149,320,000	7,591,000	5.1%	27.3%