

# 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        |            |            | 2006        |            |            | 2000-2006 Change |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------------|
|             | Labor Force | Unemployed | Percentage | Labor Force | Unemployed | Percentage |                  |
| Adair       | 4,530       | 110        | 2.4%       | 4,480       | 150        | 3.3%       | 37.9%            |
| Adams       | 2,130       | 90         | 4.2%       | 2,080       | 100        | 4.8%       | 13.8%            |
| Allamakee   | 7,420       | 290        | 3.9%       | 8,230       | 380        | 4.6%       | 18.1%            |
| Appanoose   | 6,550       | 280        | 4.3%       | 6,450       | 350        | 5.4%       | 26.9%            |
| Audubon     | 3,350       | 100        | 3.0%       | 3,270       | 130        | 4.0%       | 33.2%            |
| Benton      | 11,790      | 290        | 2.5%       | 14,800      | 600        | 4.1%       | 64.8%            |
| Black Hawk  | 68,200      | 2,000      | 2.9%       | 72,400      | 2,800      | 3.9%       | 31.9%            |
| Boone       | 13,720      | 310        | 2.3%       | 15,620      | 460        | 2.9%       | 30.3%            |
| Bremer      | 12,600      | 300        | 2.4%       | 13,900      | 500        | 3.6%       | 51.1%            |
| Buchanan    | 10,890      | 340        | 3.1%       | 11,390      | 480        | 4.2%       | 35.0%            |
| Buena Vista | 10,820      | 230        | 2.1%       | 10,490      | 350        | 3.3%       | 57.0%            |
| Butler      | 7,340       | 270        | 3.7%       | 8,350       | 340        | 4.1%       | 10.7%            |
| Calhoun     | 4,730       | 140        | 3.0%       | 5,280       | 180        | 3.4%       | 15.2%            |
| Carroll     | 12,390      | 290        | 2.3%       | 12,480      | 330        | 2.6%       | 13.0%            |
| Cass        | 7,310       | 310        | 4.2%       | 7,670       | 330        | 4.3%       | 1.5%             |
| Cedar       | 9,440       | 220        | 2.3%       | 10,820      | 350        | 3.2%       | 38.8%            |
| Cerro Gordo | 25,790      | 780        | 3.0%       | 26,420      | 1,030      | 3.9%       | 28.9%            |
| Cherokee    | 6,850       | 150        | 2.2%       | 6,570       | 280        | 4.3%       | 94.6%            |
| Chickasaw   | 7,160       | 560        | 7.8%       | 6,500       | 300        | 4.6%       | -41.0%           |
| Clarke      | 5,190       | 160        | 3.1%       | 4,740       | 200        | 4.2%       | 36.9%            |
| Clay        | 10,330      | 250        | 2.4%       | 9,920       | 330        | 3.3%       | 37.5%            |
| Clayton     | 10,190      | 400        | 3.9%       | 9,690       | 490        | 5.1%       | 28.8%            |
| Clinton     | 26,490      | 920        | 3.5%       | 27,240      | 1,080      | 4.0%       | 14.2%            |
| Crawford    | 8,830       | 200        | 2.3%       | 9,340       | 290        | 3.1%       | 37.1%            |
| Dallas      | 21,900      | 300        | 1.4%       | 30,400      | 900        | 3.0%       | 116.1%           |
| Davis       | 4,150       | 110        | 2.7%       | 4,150       | 200        | 4.8%       | 81.8%            |
| Decatur     | 3,570       | 160        | 4.5%       | 4,230       | 170        | 4.0%       | -10.3%           |
| Delaware    | 9,500       | 340        | 3.6%       | 10,820      | 400        | 3.7%       | 3.3%             |
| Des Moines  | 23,430      | 780        | 3.3%       | 21,130      | 1,000      | 4.7%       | 42.2%            |
| Dickinson   | 9,900       | 230        | 2.3%       | 10,190      | 410        | 4.0%       | 73.2%            |
| Dubuque     | 49,100      | 1,600      | 3.3%       | 52,700      | 1,900      | 3.6%       | 10.6%            |
| Emmet       | 5,540       | 170        | 3.1%       | 6,090       | 250        | 4.1%       | 33.8%            |
| Fayette     | 10,990      | 450        | 4.1%       | 11,110      | 510        | 4.6%       | 12.1%            |
| Floyd       | 7,790       | 340        | 4.4%       | 8,860       | 420        | 4.7%       | 8.6%             |
| Franklin    | 5,740       | 150        | 2.6%       | 5,860       | 230        | 3.9%       | 50.2%            |
| Fremont     | 4,000       | 90         | 2.3%       | 3,960       | 150        | 3.8%       | 68.4%            |
| Greene      | 4,870       | 170        | 3.5%       | 5,070       | 200        | 3.9%       | 13.0%            |
| Grundy      | 6,110       | 120        | 2.0%       | 6,900       | 200        | 2.9%       | 47.6%            |
| Guthrie     | 5,900       | 140        | 2.4%       | 6,300       | 200        | 3.2%       | 33.8%            |
| Hamilton    | 8,620       | 190        | 2.2%       | 8,850       | 320        | 3.6%       | 64.0%            |
| Hancock     | 7,000       | 140        | 2.0%       | 6,160       | 230        | 3.7%       | 86.7%            |
| Hardin      | 9,030       | 260        | 2.9%       | 9,210       | 350        | 3.8%       | 32.0%            |
| Harrison    | 7,850       | 210        | 2.7%       | 8,250       | 340        | 4.1%       | 54.1%            |
| Henry       | 10,910      | 290        | 2.7%       | 10,630      | 560        | 5.3%       | 98.2%            |
| Howard      | 5,580       | 170        | 3.0%       | 5,290       | 190        | 3.6%       | 17.9%            |
| Humboldt    | 5,410       | 120        | 2.2%       | 5,220       | 180        | 3.4%       | 55.5%            |
| Ida         | 3,950       | 90         | 2.3%       | 3,990       | 140        | 3.5%       | 54.0%            |
| Iowa        | 9,290       | 170        | 1.8%       | 8,970       | 330        | 3.7%       | 101.0%           |
| Jackson     | 10,370      | 450        | 4.3%       | 11,350      | 540        | 4.8%       | 9.6%             |
| Jasper      | 19,360      | 410        | 2.1%       | 18,430      | 940        | 5.1%       | 140.8%           |
| Jefferson   | 9,440       | 260        | 2.8%       | 8,270       | 350        | 4.2%       | 53.7%            |
| Johnson     | 69,400      | 1,400      | 2.0%       | 76,100      | 2,000      | 2.6%       | 30.3%            |
| Jones       | 9,630       | 240        | 2.5%       | 10,700      | 400        | 3.7%       | 50.0%            |
| Keokuk      | 5,020       | 200        | 4.0%       | 5,890       | 240        | 4.1%       | 2.3%             |

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| Kossuth       | 8,410       | 230        | 2.7%       | 9,080       | 300        | 3.3%       | 20.8%            |
| Lee           | 18,710      | 870        | 4.6%       | 17,530      | 1,090      | 6.2%       | 33.7%            |
| Linn          | 116,900     | 2,100      | 1.8%       | 116,100     | 4,200      | 3.6%       | 101.4%           |
| Louisa        | 5,420       | 190        | 3.5%       | 6,480       | 250        | 3.9%       | 10.1%            |
| Lucas         | 4,050       | 110        | 2.7%       | 4,980       | 210        | 4.2%       | 55.3%            |
| Lyon          | 5,460       | 130        | 2.4%       | 6,680       | 160        | 2.4%       | 0.6%             |
| Madison       | 7,330       | 260        | 3.5%       | 8,400       | 300        | 3.6%       | 0.7%             |
| Mahaska       | 11,220      | 240        | 2.1%       | 11,910      | 440        | 3.7%       | 72.7%            |
| Marion        | 19,020      | 400        | 2.1%       | 18,020      | 630        | 3.5%       | 66.2%            |
| Marshall      | 20,220      | 500        | 2.5%       | 20,930      | 790        | 3.8%       | 52.6%            |
| Mills         | 6,380       | 120        | 1.9%       | 8,370       | 310        | 3.7%       | 96.9%            |
| Mitchell      | 5,380       | 140        | 2.6%       | 5,470       | 190        | 3.5%       | 33.5%            |
| Monona        | 4,880       | 160        | 3.3%       | 4,710       | 260        | 5.5%       | 68.4%            |
| Monroe        | 4,200       | 120        | 2.9%       | 4,170       | 170        | 4.1%       | 42.7%            |
| Montgomery    | 5,820       | 190        | 3.3%       | 5,910       | 320        | 5.4%       | 65.9%            |
| Muscatine     | 21,950      | 600        | 2.7%       | 24,190      | 780        | 3.2%       | 18.0%            |
| O'Brien       | 7,720       | 160        | 2.1%       | 7,830       | 240        | 3.1%       | 47.9%            |
| Osceola       | 3,690       | 90         | 2.4%       | 3,440       | 120        | 3.5%       | 43.0%            |
| Page          | 9,030       | 240        | 2.7%       | 8,400       | 330        | 3.9%       | 47.8%            |
| Palo Alto     | 5,180       | 100        | 1.9%       | 5,400       | 180        | 3.3%       | 72.7%            |
| Plymouth      | 13,290      | 370        | 2.8%       | 14,420      | 460        | 3.2%       | 14.6%            |
| Pocahontas    | 3,760       | 100        | 2.7%       | 4,100       | 130        | 3.2%       | 19.2%            |
| Polk          | 216,100     | 4,400      | 2.0%       | 234,900     | 8,000      | 3.4%       | 67.3%            |
| Pottawattamie | 48,500      | 1,200      | 2.5%       | 49,690      | 2,110      | 4.2%       | 71.6%            |
| Poweshiek     | 10,350      | 310        | 3.0%       | 10,690      | 410        | 3.8%       | 28.1%            |
| Ringgold      | 2,580       | 70         | 2.7%       | 2,470       | 100        | 4.0%       | 49.2%            |
| Sac           | 5,790       | 150        | 2.6%       | 5,890       | 200        | 3.4%       | 31.1%            |
| Scott         | 85,300      | 2,400      | 2.8%       | 88,810      | 3,340      | 3.8%       | 33.7%            |
| Shelby        | 6,780       | 160        | 2.4%       | 7,380       | 240        | 3.3%       | 37.8%            |
| Sioux         | 17,760      | 410        | 2.3%       | 19,380      | 480        | 2.5%       | 7.3%             |
| Story         | 47,280      | 950        | 2.0%       | 48,100      | 1,300      | 2.7%       | 34.5%            |
| Tama          | 8,740       | 320        | 3.7%       | 8,990       | 380        | 4.2%       | 15.4%            |
| Taylor        | 3,410       | 120        | 3.5%       | 3,430       | 130        | 3.8%       | 7.7%             |
| Union         | 6,430       | 220        | 3.4%       | 6,490       | 260        | 4.0%       | 17.1%            |
| Van Buren     | 4,180       | 140        | 3.3%       | 3,940       | 170        | 4.3%       | 28.8%            |
| Wapello       | 17,510      | 600        | 3.4%       | 18,870      | 850        | 4.5%       | 31.5%            |
| Warren        | 22,900      | 400        | 1.7%       | 25,400      | 800        | 3.1%       | 80.3%            |
| Washington    | 11,140      | 220        | 2.0%       | 12,600      | 400        | 3.2%       | 60.8%            |
| Wayne         | 2,900       | 80         | 2.8%       | 3,200       | 130        | 4.1%       | 47.3%            |
| Webster       | 20,030      | 570        | 2.8%       | 19,980      | 780        | 3.9%       | 37.2%            |
| Winnebago     | 6,460       | 130        | 2.0%       | 5,850       | 210        | 3.6%       | 78.4%            |
| Winneshiek    | 12,310      | 380        | 3.1%       | 12,300      | 460        | 3.7%       | 21.2%            |
| Woodbury      | 53,200      | 1,400      | 2.6%       | 54,400      | 2,300      | 4.2%       | 60.7%            |
| Worth         | 4,090       | 130        | 3.2%       | 4,650       | 180        | 3.9%       | 21.8%            |
| Wright        | 6,930       | 160        | 2.3%       | 7,200       | 270        | 3.8%       | 62.4%            |
| State         | 1,586,080   | 41,080     | 2.6%       | 1,664,340   | 61,440     | 3.7%       | 42.5%            |
| Rural         | 251,970     | 7,470      | 3.0%       | 261,150     | 10,010     | 3.8%       | 29.3%            |
| Small Urban   | 580,130     | 16,160     | 2.8%       | 609,990     | 23,480     | 3.8%       | 38.2%            |
| Metropolitan  | 753,980     | 17,450     | 2.3%       | 793,200     | 27,950     | 3.5%       | 52.3%            |
| United States | 142,583,000 | 5,692,000  | 4.0%       | 151,428,000 | 7,001,000  | 4.6%       | 15.8%            |