

# 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: Bureau of Labor Statistics



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Iowa Kids Count

County	2000			2018			2000-2018 Change
	Labor Force	Unemployed	Percentage	Labor Force	Unemployed	Percentage	
Adair	4,530	110	2.4%	4,116	98	2.4%	-1.9%
Adams	2,130	90	4.2%	2,119	41	1.9%	-54.2%
Allamakee	7,420	290	3.9%	7,366	226	3.1%	-21.5%
Appanoose	6,550	280	4.3%	5,856	194	3.3%	-22.5%
Audubon	3,350	100	3.0%	3,116	76	2.4%	-18.3%
Benton	11,790	290	2.5%	13,356	361	2.7%	9.9%
Black Hawk	68,200	2,000	2.9%	68,953	1,909	2.8%	-5.6%
Boone	13,720	310	2.3%	14,816	317	2.1%	-5.3%
Bremer	12,600	300	2.4%	13,845	281	2.0%	-14.8%
Buchanan	10,890	340	3.1%	11,185	286	2.6%	-18.1%
Buena Vista	10,820	230	2.1%	11,349	241	2.1%	-0.1%
Butler	7,340	270	3.7%	7,833	215	2.7%	-25.4%
Calhoun	4,730	140	3.0%	4,290	108	2.5%	-14.9%
Carroll	12,390	290	2.3%	10,811	202	1.9%	-20.2%
Cass	7,310	310	4.2%	7,098	190	2.7%	-36.9%
Cedar	9,440	220	2.3%	10,759	260	2.4%	3.7%
Cerro Gordo	25,790	780	3.0%	23,298	607	2.6%	-13.9%
Cherokee	6,850	150	2.2%	5,943	128	2.2%	-1.6%
Chickasaw	7,160	560	7.8%	6,407	173	2.7%	-65.5%
Clarke	5,190	160	3.1%	4,801	136	2.8%	-8.1%
Clay	10,330	250	2.4%	8,583	273	3.2%	31.4%
Clayton	10,190	400	3.9%	10,133	321	3.2%	-19.3%
Clinton	26,490	920	3.5%	22,606	728	3.2%	-7.3%
Crawford	8,830	200	2.3%	8,122	276	3.4%	50.0%
Dallas	21,900	300	1.4%	47,653	818	1.7%	25.3%
Davis	4,150	110	2.7%	4,251	113	2.7%	0.3%
Decatur	3,570	160	4.5%	4,322	97	2.2%	-49.9%
Delaware	9,500	340	3.6%	10,411	215	2.1%	-42.3%
Des Moines	23,430	780	3.3%	19,450	634	3.3%	-2.1%
Dickinson	9,900	230	2.3%	9,865	311	3.2%	35.7%
Dubuque	49,100	1,600	3.3%	55,213	1,333	2.4%	-25.9%
Emmet	5,540	170	3.1%	5,292	145	2.7%	-10.7%
Fayette	10,990	450	4.1%	10,572	313	3.0%	-27.7%
Floyd	7,790	340	4.4%	8,806	237	2.7%	-38.3%
Franklin	5,740	150	2.6%	5,783	123	2.1%	-18.6%
Fremont	4,000	90	2.3%	3,704	69	1.9%	-17.2%
Greene	4,870	170	3.5%	5,400	122	2.3%	-35.3%
Grundy	6,110	120	2.0%	6,544	162	2.5%	26.0%
Guthrie	5,900	140	2.4%	5,570	144	2.6%	9.0%
Hamilton	8,620	190	2.2%	6,936	187	2.7%	22.3%
Hancock	7,000	140	2.0%	5,974	138	2.3%	15.5%
Hardin	9,030	260	2.9%	8,248	235	2.8%	-1.0%
Harrison	7,850	210	2.7%	7,291	161	2.2%	-17.5%
Henry	10,910	290	2.7%	9,580	237	2.5%	-6.9%
Howard	5,580	170	3.0%	5,180	131	2.5%	-17.0%
Humboldt	5,410	120	2.2%	5,180	130	2.5%	13.1%
Ida	3,950	90	2.3%	4,091	80	2.0%	-14.2%
Iowa	9,290	170	1.8%	10,407	215	2.1%	12.9%
Jackson	10,370	450	4.3%	10,932	301	2.8%	-36.5%
Jasper	19,360	410	2.1%	19,266	506	2.6%	24.0%
Jefferson	9,440	260	2.8%	9,203	219	2.4%	-13.6%
Johnson	69,400	1,400	2.0%	85,186	1,635	1.9%	-4.9%
Jones	9,630	240	2.5%	10,484	312	3.0%	19.4%
Keokuk	5,020	200	4.0%	5,088	147	2.9%	-27.5%

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Kossuth	8,410	230	2.7%	8,514	172	2.0%	-26.1%
Lee	18,710	870	4.6%	15,996	638	4.0%	-14.2%
Linn	116,900	2,100	1.8%	119,524	3,313	2.8%	54.3%
Louisa	5,420	190	3.5%	6,075	159	2.6%	-25.3%
Lucas	4,050	110	2.7%	4,467	89	2.0%	-26.6%
Lyon	5,460	130	2.4%	6,949	107	1.5%	-35.3%
Madison	7,330	260	3.5%	8,397	265	3.2%	-11.0%
Mahaska	11,220	240	2.1%	11,695	289	2.5%	15.5%
Marion	19,020	400	2.1%	17,849	363	2.0%	-3.3%
Marshall	20,220	500	2.5%	18,008	798	4.4%	79.2%
Mills	6,380	120	1.9%	7,307	151	2.1%	9.9%
Mitchell	5,380	140	2.6%	5,732	107	1.9%	-28.3%
Monona	4,880	160	3.3%	4,456	123	2.8%	-15.8%
Monroe	4,200	120	2.9%	3,898	114	2.9%	2.4%
Montgomery	5,820	190	3.3%	4,923	120	2.4%	-25.3%
Muscatine	21,950	600	2.7%	21,734	575	2.6%	-3.2%
O'Brien	7,720	160	2.1%	8,111	161	2.0%	-4.2%
Osceola	3,690	90	2.4%	3,512	68	1.9%	-20.6%
Page	9,030	240	2.7%	6,377	160	2.5%	-5.6%
Palo Alto	5,180	100	1.9%	4,895	107	2.2%	13.2%
Plymouth	13,290	370	2.8%	14,786	279	1.9%	-32.2%
Pocahontas	3,760	100	2.7%	4,311	79	1.8%	-31.1%
Polk	216,100	4,400	2.0%	264,356	6,706	2.5%	24.6%
Pottawattamie	48,500	1,200	2.5%	47,848	1,115	2.3%	-5.8%
Poweshiek	10,350	310	3.0%	10,435	242	2.3%	-22.6%
Ringgold	2,580	70	2.7%	2,524	70	2.8%	2.2%
Sac	5,790	150	2.6%	5,273	125	2.4%	-8.5%
Scott	85,300	2,400	2.8%	86,878	2,567	3.0%	5.0%
Shelby	6,780	160	2.4%	6,651	132	2.0%	-15.9%
Sioux	17,760	410	2.3%	20,433	364	1.8%	-22.8%
Story	47,280	950	2.0%	57,756	916	1.6%	-21.1%
Tama	8,740	320	3.7%	9,509	281	3.0%	-19.3%
Taylor	3,410	120	3.5%	3,227	64	2.0%	-43.6%
Union	6,430	220	3.4%	6,375	226	3.5%	3.6%
Van Buren	4,180	140	3.3%	3,666	99	2.7%	-19.4%
Wapello	17,510	600	3.4%	17,604	602	3.4%	-0.2%
Warren	22,900	400	1.7%	27,637	630	2.3%	30.5%
Washington	11,140	220	2.0%	12,123	283	2.3%	18.2%
Wayne	2,900	80	2.8%	2,769	76	2.7%	-0.5%
Webster	20,030	570	2.8%	19,109	622	3.3%	14.4%
Winnebago	6,460	130	2.0%	4,979	129	2.6%	28.7%
Winneshiek	12,310	380	3.1%	11,775	315	2.7%	-13.3%
Woodbury	53,200	1,400	2.6%	55,149	1,372	2.5%	-5.5%
Worth	4,090	130	3.2%	4,162	113	2.7%	-14.6%
Wright	6,930	160	2.3%	6,451	167	2.6%	12.1%
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>1,586,080</b>	<b>41,080</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>1,686,848</b>	<b>42,570</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
Rural	244,640	7,210	2.9%	244,556	6,035	2.5%	-16.3%
Small Urban	587,460	16,420	2.8%	601,429	15,669	2.6%	-6.8%
Metropolitan	753,980	17,450	2.3%	840,863	20,866	2.5%	7.2%
<b>United States</b>	<b>142,583,000</b>	<b>5,692,000</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>162,075,000</b>	<b>6,314,000</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>