

STATE OF IOWA WORKNET WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

THIRD QUARTER 2009

Effects of Recession Ease in Third Quarter

Iowa's unemployment rate continued to rise in recent months, peaking at 6.7 percent in August, and averaging 6.6 percent for third quarter 2009. However, there was growing evidence that the worst of the recession was over, and that the Iowa economy was slowly taking a turn for the better. The volume of layoffs decreased during the quarter, and some businesses had restored workers' hours that had been reduced earlier in the year. The federal government's Cash-for-Clunkers program encouraged consumers to buy vehicles, while the \$8,000 federal tax credit for first-time home buyers helped revive housing sales.

However, due to the sluggish job market, persistent and long-term unemployment has increased in Iowa. Although layoffs have shown signs of moderating, thousands of unemployed workers are facing longer periods of unemployment. During third quarter, 25 percent of Iowa's unemployed workers had been unemployed for 27 weeks or longer. Compounding the problem, a mismatch exists between the skills of the state's unemployed and the required skills of the job openings that are available. The large number of workers laid off from the manufacturing sector are unable to transition into jobs in health care and the technology-related fields without formal training.

Iowa's total nonfarm employment averaged 1,477,500 for third quarter, marking the likely bottom for the current recession. Compared to third quarter 2008, the state has lost 47,100 jobs. More than one-half (57 percent) of the job loss has occurred in the manufacturing sector, which has serious consequences for the state. Manufacturing accounts for a substantial share of the state's exports, and also has a higher "multiplier effect" than other sectors of the economy. Each job in manufacturing leads to the creation of two to five additional jobs in other industries.

During third quarter, Iowa received an economic boost from the opening of a new IBM technology services delivery center in Dubuque. The new facility joins an extensive network of more than 80 IBM delivery centers worldwide where employees maintain, monitor and support computer hardware, software and manage information technology services for thousands of IBM clients. The center is expected to employ up to 1,300 by the end of 2010.

Economic Outlook 2010

As the economy continues to improve, the recovery will most likely be U-shaped. Recognizing the fragile state of the current economy, the administration and Congress are working on a jobs package that could provide more benefits for jobless individuals, more aid to financially-strapped state and local governments, and more funding for small businesses. During the second half of 2010, businesses will begin to respond to a more favorable profit margin by increasing hiring and investment.

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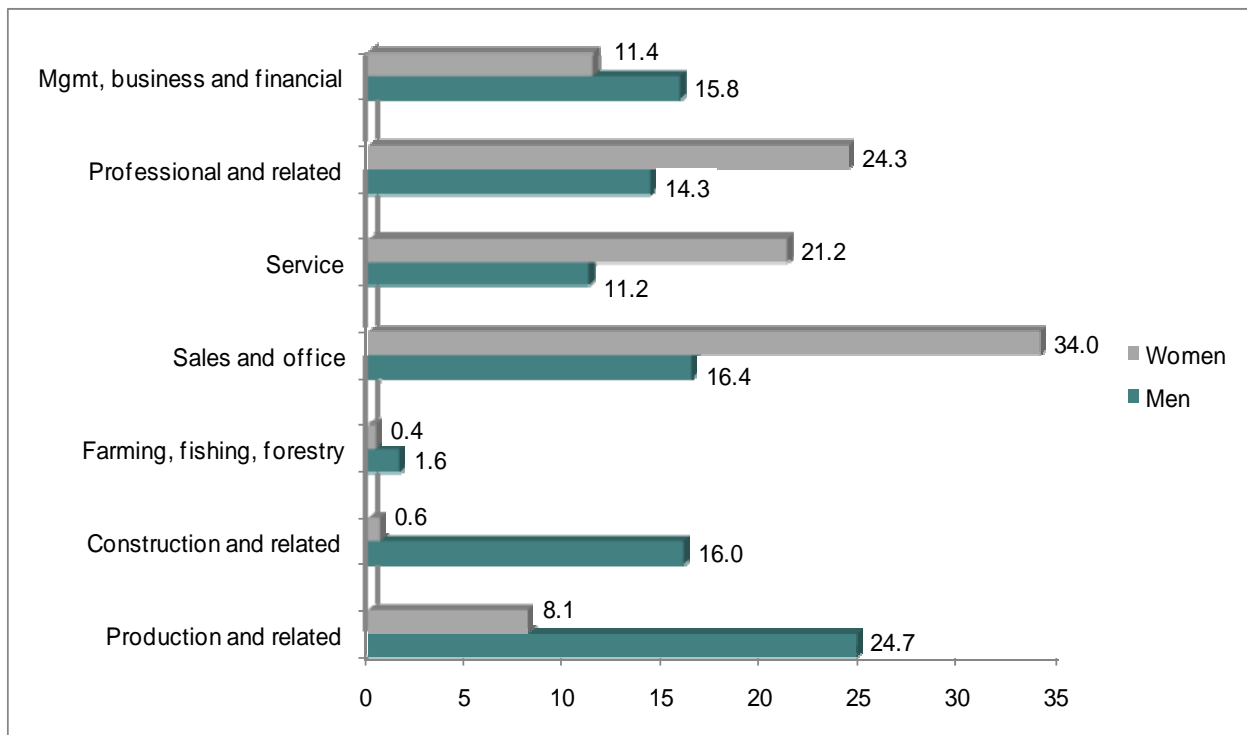
Iowa Women at Work

As Iowa begins the long and difficult process of recovering from the recession, the participation of women in the labor force and their increasing role as the family “breadwinner” is taking on a new importance. Iowa’s preliminary unemployment data for 2009 underscores the toll the recession took on men, as they were disproportionately affected by the job losses that occurred across the state. During the deepest period of the recession in early 2009, the male unemployment rate in Iowa rose to a level about twice as high as the female equivalent, 8.1 percent for males compared to 4.1 percent for females.

The recession has played out differently by gender since men and women tend to work in very different industries and occupations. Men are heavily represented in manufacturing and construction, the sectors that have been hardest hit by the downturn. The accompanying chart shows that women are predominate in the professional, service and sales and office occupations, while men are predominate in management, construction and the production occupations.

The difficult economic times, along with changes in family structure, have resulted in more women assuming the role of primary family “breadwinner.” In the typical dual-earner family, a woman brings home a little over a third (35.6 percent) of the total family income. Also, national statistics show that nearly 4 in 10 mothers (39.3 percent) were the primary breadwinner in the family in 2008. Adding to lowans’ financial woes over the past year is the fact that many of the jobs that men have lost in construction and manufacturing were union-affiliated jobs with great benefits. On the other hand, many of the jobs that women are employed in—and are supporting their families with—are part-time jobs without health insurance or Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Statewide Occupational Employment by Gender



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates.



Iowa Women at Work

One thing is very clear. The added earnings of women have made all the difference for families and households. Since the recession began in December 2007, men have accounted for a majority of the job losses, which has resulted in more women having to support their families while their unemployed husbands seek work. Also, having a working wife can make the difference between being middle class, or falling into the lower class. Research conducted by the Boston Federal Reserve showed that over the 1980s and 1990s the families that moved up the income ladder were those who had a working wife. In fact, a growing number of women are earning as much, if not more, than their husbands or partners. In 2007, 25.9 percent of wives were earning more than their husbands in households where both spouses work, according to the most recent data available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The gender pay gap has real implications for workers and their families. Even in full-time jobs, women in Iowa currently earn 77 cents for each dollar of their male counterparts' income. Equal opportunity legislation has opened doors for women, and made it possible for them to hold almost any job. Women in Iowa account for close to half of the state's workers, but they do not make up half of every kind of job. Sex segregation in employment is one of the primary factors explaining the wage gap between men and women.

The table below shows the percentage of each major industry group in Iowa that is comprised of women. It also provides the average monthly earnings for both women and men in the industry, along with the gender gap in earnings.

Women's Proportion of Employment and Earnings by Industry

Industry	Women's Proportion of Employment	Average Monthly Earnings		Gender Gap in Earnings
		Women	Men	
Agriculture, forestry and related	28.0%	\$2,203.75	\$3,014.00	73.1%
Mining	10.7%	\$3,022.25	\$4,409.50	68.5%
Utilities	24.2%	\$3,999.50	\$6,060.50	66.0%
Construction	11.6%	\$2,678.25	\$3,902.75	68.6%
Manufacturing	28.4%	\$3,112.50	\$4,380.50	71.1%
Wholesale trade	25.0%	\$3,250.25	\$4,584.00	70.9%
Retail trade	52.7%	\$1,518.00	\$2,505.50	60.6%
Transportation and warehousing	22.1%	\$2,405.25	\$3,338.00	72.0%
Information	51.6%	\$3,078.75	\$4,341.00	70.9%
Finance and insurance	34.9%	\$3,528.00	\$6,549.25	53.9%
Real estate, rental, leasing	48.2%	\$2,321.25	\$3,390.00	68.5%
Professional, scientific, technical services	54.7%	\$2,908.00	\$5,917.25	49.1%
Management of companies and enterprises	48.5%	\$2,851.00	\$5,632.75	50.6%
Administrative, support, waste management	44.8%	\$2,034.00	\$2,708.00	75.1%
Educational services	68.7%	\$2,778.50	\$3,907.25	71.1%
Health care and social assistance	83.3%	\$2,635.00	\$6,192.50	42.6%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	51.7%	\$1,427.25	\$2,120.75	67.3%
Accommodations and food services	58.8%	\$1,032.00	\$1,312.25	78.6%
Other services	52.7%	\$1,684.50	\$2,891.50	58.3%
Public administration	44.4%	\$3,013.50	\$3,924.00	76.8%

Source: Local Employment Dynamics for Iowa in 2008, Iowa Workforce Development.

U.S. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Labor Force Data (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Sep-08
Civilian Labor Force	154,504,000	154,577,000	154,006,000	154,621,000
Employed	140,041,000	139,649,000	138,864,000	145,029,000
Unemployed	14,462,000	14,928,000	15,142,000	9,592,000
Unemployment Rate	9.4%	9.7%	9.8%	6.2%

Historical Labor Force Series

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Civilian Labor Force	147,401,000	149,320,000	151,428,000	153,124,000	154,287,000
Employed	139,252,000	141,730,000	144,427,000	146,047,000	145,362,000
Unemployed	8,149,000	7,591,000	7,001,000	7,078,000	8,924,000
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	5.8%

Consumer Price Indexes (All Items)*

	US City Average	Sep-09	Aug-09	Sep-08	% Chg Sept 2008 to Sept 2009
CPI-U	1967 = 100	646.948	646.544	655.376	-1.3%
	1982-84 = 100	215.969	215.834	218.783	
CPI-W	1967 = 100	629.462	628.970	640.226	-1.7%
	1982-84 = 100	211.322	211.156	214.935	

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

*The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) extends coverage to such groups as salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed. The index covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population of the United States. The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) represents about one-half of the population covered by the CIP for All urban Consumers.



IOWA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

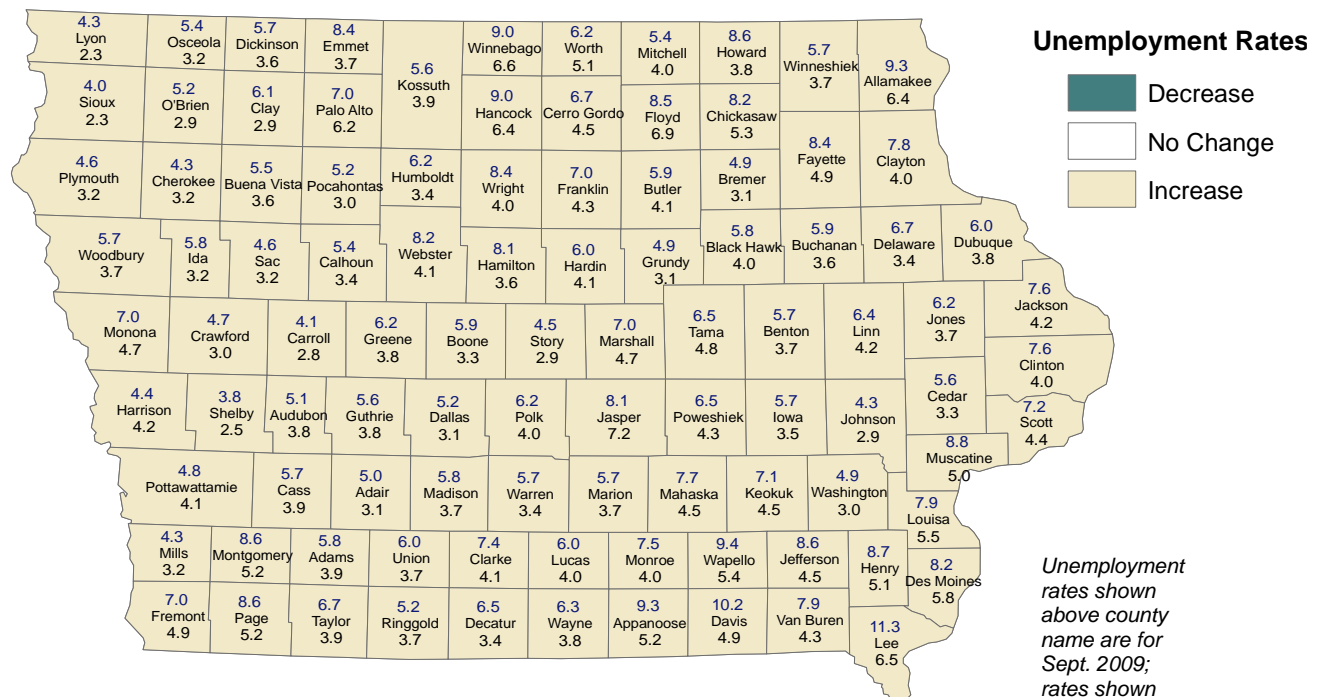
Unemployment Rates for Iowa and Neighboring States Sept 2009

State	Rank in Nation	Rate
South Dakota	2	4.8%
Nebraska	3	4.9%
IOWA	5	6.6%
Minnesota	15	7.4%
Wisconsin	22	8.4%
Missouri	34	9.5%
Illinois	38	10.5%

Statewide and Local Labor Force Data

State of Iowa	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Sep-08
Labor Force	1,677,900	1,685,700	1,691,800	1,677,500
Unemployed	108,300	113,100	112,300	71,000
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.7%	6.6%	4.2%
Employed	1,569,500	1,572,500	1,579,600	1,606,500

Unemployment Rates for Iowa Counties - Sept 2009 and Sept 2008



Source: Labor Market and Workforce Information Division, Iowa Workforce Development.

LOCAL LABOR FORCE DATA

Metropolitan Statistical Area Data - Sept 2009

MSA		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
	Ames	50,200	47,900	2,300	4.5
	Cedar Rapids	148,300	139,000	9,400	6.3
	Des Moines-West Des Moines	319,000	229,600	19,300	6.1
	Dubuque	52,700	49,500	3,200	6.0
	Iowa City	94,200	90,100	4,200	4.4
	Sioux City	79,300	74,900	4,400	5.5
	Waterloo-Cedar Falls	95,800	90,500	5,400	5.6
	*Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	210,100	192,600	17,600	8.4
	**Omaha-Council Bluffs	449,600	427,600	22,000	4.9

* Prepared by Illinois Department of Employment Security

** Prepared by Nebraska Workforce Development, Department of Labor

Micropolitan Statistical Area Data - Sept 2009

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Boone, IA	15,970	15,030	940	5.9
Burlington, IA-IL	24,260	22,230	2,020	8.3
Clinton, IA	27,840	25,720	2,120	7.6
Fort Dodge, IA	19,160	17,590	1,570	8.2
Ft. Madison-Keokuk, IA	21,380	18,960	2,420	11.3
Marshalltown, IA	20,450	19,020	1,420	7.0
Mason City, IA	30,430	28,420	2,010	6.6
Muscatine, IA	30,260	27,660	2,600	8.6
Newton, IA	17,750	16,320	1,430	8.1
Oskaloosa, IA	11,670	10,780	890	7.7
Ottumwa, IA	20,050	18,170	1,880	9.4
Pella, IA	17,560	16,560	1,000	5.7
Spencer, IA	9,990	9,380	610	6.1
Spirit Lake, IA	9,490	8,940	550	5.7
Storm Lake, IA	10,550	9,970	580	5.5

IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Statewide Nonfarm Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	3rd QTR 09 Avg	3rd QTR 08 Avg	OTY Change
Total Nonfarm	1,476,000	1,479,500	1,476,900	1,477,500	1,524,600	-47,100
Natural Resources & Mining	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,200	-100
Construction	66,000	65,300	65,200	65,500	74,300	-8,800
Manufacturing	196,000	201,100	202,900	200,000	227,000	-27,000
Trade and Transportation	309,700	310,800	306,500	309,000	309,600	-600
Information	32,500	32,700	32,600	32,600	33,300	-700
Financial Activities	103,100	103,300	102,600	103,000	102,800	200
Professional and Business Services	113,400	112,500	112,200	112,700	122,900	-10,200
Education and Health Services	209,200	208,700	210,300	209,400	206,800	2,600
Leisure and Hospitality	133,500	133,200	134,400	133,700	135,000	-1,300
Other Services	56,600	55,600	55,200	55,800	57,700	-1,900
Government	253,900	254,200	252,900	253,700	253,000	700

Source: Workforce Data and Business Development Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development.

47,100 jobs were shed in Iowa compared to last year.

Manufacturing led all sectors in terms of losses by paring 27,000.

Education and health services experienced the most growth—up 2,600 jobs.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

- Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment in Iowa averaged 1,477,500 during third quarter 2009; 47,100 less than in third quarter 2008. Goods-producing super sectors shed a combined 35,900 since last October.
- Manufacturing has pared 27,000 jobs to lead all sectors. The majority of these losses were in durable goods product manufacturing. Professional and business services led all service sectors in terms of losses—down 10,200 compared to last year.
- The largest single increase over the past year occurred in education and health services, which grew by 2,600 from third quarter 2008. Most of the increases were in the health services sector.
- Financial activities posted the only other private sector gain over the last twelve months—up a slight 200 jobs. Public sectors added 700. The gain is primarily due to increases in local government education.

AMES MSA

Ames MSA Nonfarm Employment (Story County)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	3rd QTR 09 Avg	3rd QTR 08 Avg	QTY Change
Total Nonfarm	45,100	45,700	48,400	46,400	46,500	-100
Total Private	28,000	27,900	28,100	28,000	28,500	-500
Goods Producing	6,700	6,700	6,700	6,700	6,900	-200
Service-Providing	38,400	39,000	41,700	39,700	39,500	200
Private Service Providing	21,300	21,200	21,400	21,300	21,600	-300
Government	17,100	17,800	20,300	18,400	17,900	500
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0
State Government	11,300	12,100	14,500	12,600	12,400	200
Local Government	4,700	4,600	4,700	4,700	4,400	300

Source: Workforce Data and Business Development Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development.

Note: Data not seasonally adjusted.

The Goods-Producing industries dropped 200 jobs over the year.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

What's New In The Ames MSA?

- Nonfarm employment in the Ames MSA averaged 46,400 during third quarter 2009, 100 fewer than in third quarter 2006. Gains in the service-providing sectors were offset by losses in the goods-producing sector.
- State and local government experienced increases from third quarter 2008, offsetting the majority of the losses.



CEDAR RAPIDS MSA

Cedar Rapids MSA Nonfarm Employment (Benton, Jones, and Linn Counties)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	3rd QTR 09 Avg	3rd QTR 08 Avg	OTY Change
Total Nonfarm	137,000	136,100	138,100	137,100	139,100	-2,000
Total Private	122,200	121,900	121,500	121,900	124,300	-2,400
Goods Producing	30,600	30,600	30,500	30,600	32,300	-1,700
Service-Providing	106,400	105,500	107,600	106,500	106,800	-300
Private Service Providing	91,600	91,300	91,000	91,300	92,100	-800
Manufacturing	21,600	21,700	21,800	21,700	22,600	-900
Trade, Transportation	30,200	30,200	30,000	30,100	29,900	200
Information	5,200	5,300	5,200	5,200	5,400	-200
Financial Activities	10,600	10,600	10,500	10,600	10,500	100
Professional and Business Services	12,500	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,900	-500
Educational and Health Services	17,200	17,100	17,400	17,200	17,300	-100
Leisure and Hospitality	10,900	10,800	10,700	10,800	11,100	-300
Government	14,800	14,200	16,600	15,200	14,700	500

Source: Workforce Data and Business Development Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development.
Note: Data not seasonally adjusted.

What's New In The Cedar Rapids MSA?

- Total nonfarm employment in the Cedar Rapids MSA was down 2,000 jobs from third quarter 2008 to third quarter 2009, with job losses spread among multiple industries.
- Manufacturing represented the bulk of the loss, dropping 900 jobs from one year ago.
- Professional and business services employment shed 500 jobs, while leisure and hospitality decreased by 300 jobs.
- Government, trade, transportation and warehousing and financial activities have all increased employment since third quarter 2008.

**The Cedar Rapids
MSA dropped 2,000
jobs since third
quarter 2008.**

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

DES MOINES-WEST DES MOINES MSA

Des Moines-West Des Moines MSA Nonfarm Employment (Dallas, Guthrie, Madison, Polk, and Warren Counties)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	3rd QTR 09 Avg	3rd QTR 08 Avg	OTY Change
Total Nonfarm	320,700	320,000	319,100	319,900	325,300	-5,400
Total Private	281,100	280,800	277,800	279,900	285,400	-5,500
Goods Producing	35,500	35,400	34,400	35,100	37,400	-2,300
Service-Providing	285,200	284,600	284,700	284,800	287,900	-3,100
Private Service Providing	245,600	245,400	243,400	244,800	248,000	-3,200
Manufacturing	18,500	18,700	18,700	18,600	19,700	-1,100
Trade, Transportation	64,900	65,300	64,000	64,700	65,300	-600
Information	9,300	9,300	9,200	9,300	9,700	-400
Financial Activities	51,900	51,700	51,100	51,600	51,600	0
Professional and Business Services	37,200	37,300	37,200	37,200	38,200	-1,000
Educational and Health Services	39,200	39,100	39,800	39,400	38,900	500
Leisure and Hospitality	30,200	30,000	29,500	29,900	31,300	-1,400
Government	39,600	39,200	41,300	40,000	39,900	100

Source: Workforce Data and Business Development Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development.
Note: Data not seasonally adjusted.

Private service providing sectors dropped a combined 3,100 jobs.

Education and health services posted the only gain among private industries—up 500 jobs year-over-year.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

What's New In The Des Moines-West Des Moines MSA?

- The Des Moines MSA's third-quarter average employment contracted by 5,400 jobs—a drop of 1.67 percent from third quarter 2008.
- Construction composed the majority of the losses in the goods-producing sectors—decreasing by 1,200; manufacturing was close behind with 1,100 jobs shed.
- Leisure and hospitality lost the most jobs of any private service sector, decreasing by 1,400.
- Education and health services gained 500 compared to last year; government added 100. The increases were primarily related to local government education.
- Other service sector losses were in trade and transportation and information, down 600 and 400, respectively.



DUBUQUE MSA

Dubuque MSA Nonfarm Employment (Dubuque County)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	3rd QTR 09 Avg	3rd QTR 08 Avg	OTY Change
Total Nonfarm	53,300	53,400	54,700	53,800	55,100	-1,300
Total Private	49,500	49,600	50,100	49,700	51,000	-1,300
Goods Producing	10,300	10,400	10,400	10,400	11,800	-1,400
Service-Providing	43,000	43,000	44,300	43,400	43,300	100
Private Service Providing	39,200	39,200	39,700	39,400	39,200	200
Trade, Transportation	11,900	11,900	11,800	11,900	11,900	0
Retail Trade	7,100	7,100	7,000	7,100	7,100	0
Government	3,800	3,800	4,600	4,100	4,100	0
Federal Government	300	300	300	300	300	0
State Government	300	300	300	300	300	0
Local Government	3,200	3,200	4,000	3,500	3,500	0

Source: Workforce Data and Business Development Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development.
Note: Data not seasonally adjusted.

What's New In The Dubuque MSA?

- Total nonfarm employment decreased by 1,300 jobs, or 2.4 percent compared to third quarter 2008.
- The goods-producing sectors were responsible for all of the losses in the Dubuque Metro area, shedding 1,400 jobs. The majority of these losses were in factories producing durable goods.
- Private service providing sectors gained a slight 200 jobs. Much of the increase was in health care. Public sectors were unchanged compared to last year.

The Goods-Producing sector shed the most jobs compared to last year.

Private service sectors gained 200 jobs.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

IOWA CITY MSA

Iowa City MSA Nonfarm Employment (Johnson and Washington Counties)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	3rd QTR 09 Avg	3rd QTR 08 Avg	OTY Change
Total Nonfarm	86,700	89,000	92,300	89,300	89,600	-300
Total Private	56,300	57,500	57,900	57,200	57,600	-400
Goods Producing	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,500	-400
Service-Providing	76,600	78,900	82,200	79,200	79,100	100
Private Service Providing	46,200	47,400	47,800	47,100	47,100	0
Trade, Transportation	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,100	-100
Retail trade	9,700	9,700	9,600	9,700	9,700	0
Professional and Business Services	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	5,400	-600
Leisure and Hospitality	8,900	9,000	9,100	9,000	8,800	200
Government	30,400	31,500	34,400	32,100	32,000	100
Federal Government	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,500	200
State Government	24,000	24,900	26,800	25,200	25,300	-100
Local Government	4,700	4,900	5,900	5,200	5,200	0

Source: Workforce Data and Business Development Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development.
Note: Data not seasonally adjusted.

**Nonfarm
employment
decreased by 300
jobs over the year,
largely due to losses
in the professional
and business
services sector.**

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

What's New In The Iowa City MSA?

- Total nonfarm employment for third quarter was down 300 from the same quarter one year ago. The goods-producing sector and professional and business services posted the largest job losses, down 400 and 600, respectively.
- Leisure and hospitality and federal government are the only sectors with employment gains, adding 200 each.

SIoux CITY MSA

Sioux City MSA Nonfarm Employment (Woodbury County IA, Dakota and Dixon Counties, NE, and Union County SD)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	3rd QTR 09 Avg	3rd QTR 08 Avg	OTY Change
Total Nonfarm	75,400	75,200	75,500	75,400	76,500	-1,100
Total Private	66,600	66,500	66,100	66,400	67,700	-1,300
Goods Producing	16,100	16,200	16,300	16,200	17,500	-1,300
Service-Providing	59,300	59,000	59,200	59,200	59,000	200
Private Service Providing	50,500	50,300	49,800	50,200	50,200	0
Manufacturing	12,100	12,300	12,400	12,300	13,600	-1,300
Non-Durable Goods	10,700	10,700	10,800	10,700	10,900	-200
Trade, Transportation	16,000	16,000	15,900	16,000	15,900	100
Retail Trade	9,100	9,100	8,900	9,000	8,900	100
Professional and Business Services	8,400	8,500	8,400	8,400	8,600	-200
Leisure and Hospitality	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,400	-400
Government	8,800	8,700	9,400	9,000	8,800	200
Federal Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
State Government	700	700	700	700	700	0
Local Government	7,100	7,000	7,700	7,300	7,100	200
Local Government Education	3,900	3,800	4,600	4,100	4,000	100

Source: Workforce Data and Business Development Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development.

Note: Data not seasonally adjusted.

What's New In The Sioux City IA-NE-SD MSA?

- Sioux City MSA employment shed 1,100 jobs or 1.4 percent from third quarter 2008 to third quarter 2009.
- The goods-producing sector lost 1,300 jobs compared to last year. This loss was spurred by a 9.6 percent decrease in manufacturing (-1,300 jobs).
- Leisure and hospitality dropped 400 jobs. However, private service-providing remained neutral at 50,200 jobs.
- Small gains in employment occurred in local government, up 200, with most of those gains related to education, and retail trade posted a minor gain of 100 compared to last year.

**Nonfarm
employment posted
a decrease of 1,100
from third quarter
2008, manufacturing
reflected large loss.**

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

WATERLOO MSA

Waterloo MSA Nonfarm Employment (Black Hawk, Bremer, and Grundy Counties)

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	3rd QTR 09 Avg	3rd QTR 08 Avg	OTY Change
Total Nonfarm	85,500	86,300	89,000	86,900	89,600	-2,700
Total Private	73,300	73,800	73,900	73,700	76,200	-2,500
Goods Producing	19,200	19,600	19,700	19,500	21,600	-2,100
Service-Providing	66,300	66,700	69,300	67,400	68,000	-600
Private Service Providing	54,100	54,200	54,200	54,200	54,600	-400
Manufacturing	15,200	15,400	15,600	15,400	17,200	-1,800
Trade, Transportation	16,600	16,600	16,400	16,500	16,500	0
Financial Activities	5,000	5,000	4,900	5,000	5,000	0
Professional and Business Services	6,700	6,700	6,700	6,700	7,000	-300
Educational and Health Services	12,700	12,700	13,100	12,800	13,000	-200
Leisure and Hospitality	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,400	-400
Government	12,200	12,500	15,100	13,300	13,400	-100

Source: Workforce Data and Business Development Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development.
Note: Data not seasonally adjusted.

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

What's New In The Waterloo/Cedar Falls MSA?

- Total nonfarm employment for third quarter 2009 averaged 86,900; 2,700 less than the same quarter one year ago.
- Manufacturing experienced the greatest loss, dropping 1,800 jobs from third quarter 2008.
- Leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, educational and health services and government employment all declined from one year ago.
- Financial activities and trade, transportation and warehousing held steady.



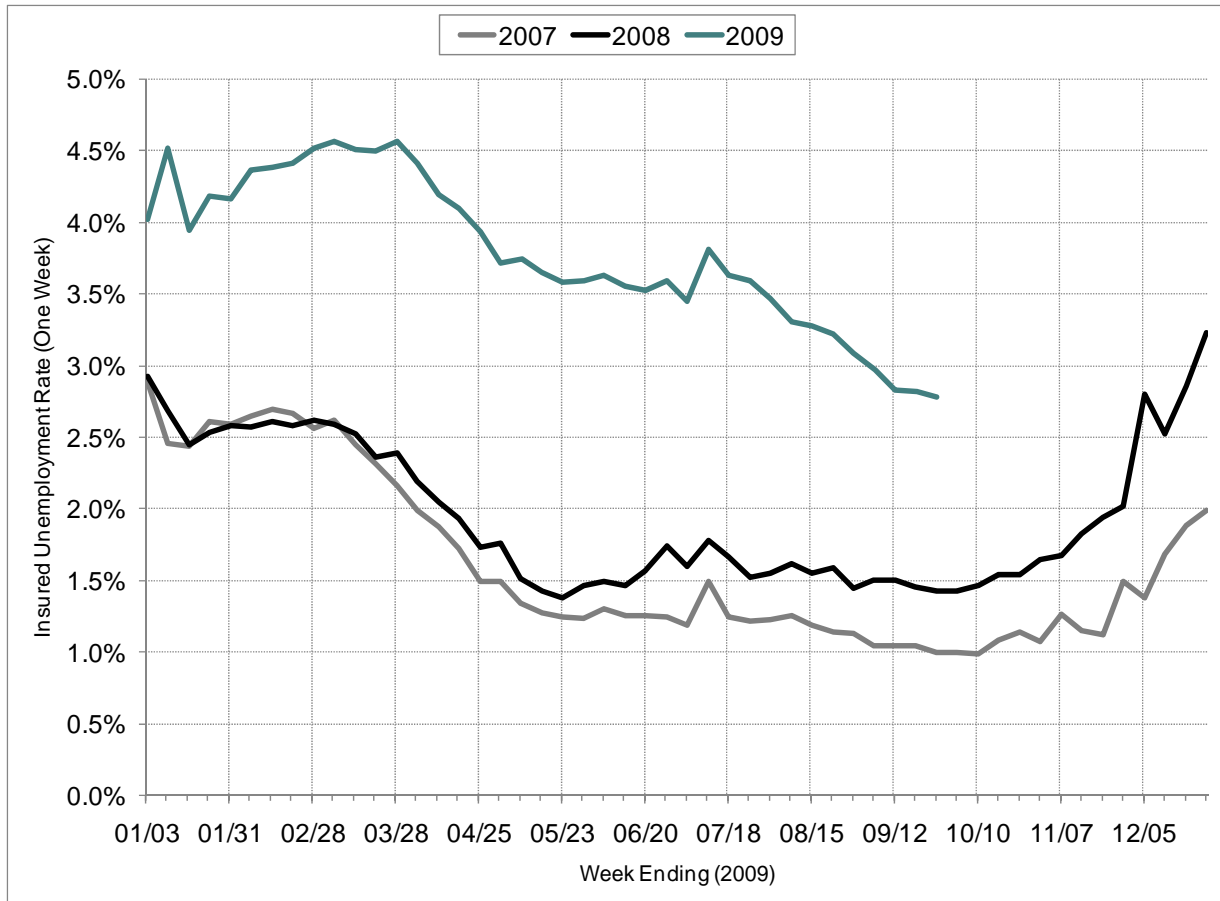
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Unemployment Insurance Financial Activity

Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI)				
Item	Quarter Ending:		Twelve Months Ending:	
	September 2009	September 2008	September 2009	September 2008
Benefits Paid (\$)	185,510,745	76,157,411	743,341,328	368,759,738
Weeks Compensated	609,622	273,533	2,443,966	1,286,810
First Payments	33,488	20,910	172,224	104,775
Final Payments	19,632	5,472	54,525	23,032
Average Benefit per First Payment (\$)	-----	-----	4,316.13	3,519.54
Average Weekly Benefit (\$)	304.30	278.42	304.15	286.57
Average Duration	-----	-----	14.2	12.3
Exhaustion Rate	-----	-----	37.3%	24.5%

Source: ETA-5159

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Central Iowa

Ames - *As reported by the Tribune*—An unexpected drop in demand for its products has led to 17 layoffs at Ames-based Ag Leader Technology, company president and founder Al Myers announced. The reduction leaves Ag Leader with a workforce of 187 employees, a company release said. Myers said the layoffs were made only in the company's production and shipping areas, and all are hourly, shop floor positions, none of which require qualifications beyond that of a high school degree or specific previous work experience, he said.

Boone - *As reported by the Dayton Review*—Gates Corporation announced it would be closing its Boone Facility, leaving 110 employees without a job. Gates, which has had a facility in Boone since 1977, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of industrial and automotive products, systems, and components. The closure of the Boone facility is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

Des Moines - *As reported by the Des Moines Register*—The Des Moines Register plans to lay off 36 people, as the economy continues to hurt advertising revenue. The cut represents six percent of the company's workforce. Affected employees will receive a transitional pay plan based on their years of service. "I remain optimistic that the economy will improve. Unfortunately, as a company we must scale ourselves to the current environment," said Laura Hollingsworth, president and publisher of The Des Moines Register. "I understand the financial and emotional impact of this decision, and my thoughts are with these employees and their families." The layoff will involve employees from various departments including: advertising, production, circulation, marketing, information technology, finance and the news staff. Gannett Co., the Register's parent company, will cut 1,400 jobs nationally.

Des Moines - *As reported by the Des Moines Register*—Gannett Co. will consolidate all advertising production for its newspapers at two sites, creating up to 91 jobs in Des Moines, the publisher announced. The company will create production centers in Des Moines and Indianapolis. Those centers will house both ad production and toning centers for 83 Gannett newspapers, including the Des Moines Register and Iowa City Press-Citizen. When the Des Moines center is at full capacity in 2011, it is expected to employ between 80 and 100 production artists, including the nine artist positions that now exist in Des Moines.

Ft. Dodge - *As reported by the Messenger*—A \$3.1 million project announced by C&S Products Co. Inc., will enable the Fort Dodge maker of wild bird feed to expand its merchandise line, and hire five new employees. "Its an exciting time with C&S Products," said Tim O'Tool, the company's vice president of operations. The creation of a new fully automated line specifically designed for what the company calls its Delight products, will increase the company's output capacity by 30 percent.

Grinnell - *As reported by the Creston News Advertiser*—A company that serves the direct marketing needs of Fortune 500 companies plans to open a call center in Grinnell. Thomas L. Cardella & Associates announced that it's expanding its operations in Grinnell and Iowa because of the strong work ethic and core values of its residents. In the past two years, the company has opened four call centers in Iowa, including Cedar Rapids, Coralville, Keokuk and Marshalltown. The company currently employs about 700 people in Iowa. The Grinnell call center, which will employ up to 100 people, was expected to open by Sept. 1, 2009.

Humboldt - *As reported by the Humboldt Independent*—Liguria Foods (formerly Humboldt Sausage Company) has begun construction of a \$7.5 million expansion, which will result in 18 to 25 new jobs. This comes after \$2.9 million in upgrades to the plant were completed this past year. Liguria Foods currently employs 92 people.

Source: The Quarterly Industry Review is a compendium of excerpts from public announcements, newspapers and periodicals. Iowa Workforce Development does not verify the accuracy of the excerpted information.

Central Iowa (continued)

Lake Mills - As reported by the *Times-Republican*—Cummins Filtration has announced plans to move 400 jobs at its Lake Mills plant to a factory in Mexico. The division of diesel engine manufacturer Cummins Inc., announced its oil and fuel filter assembly operations in Lake Mills will be moved to San Luis Potosi, Mexico, beginning in November 2009. Cummins executive, Rich Freeland, said the decision to move the jobs came as a result of the filtration industry becoming increasingly price sensitive and a recent reduction in demand. According to the company, demand for Cummins filtration products declined 37 percent during the second quarter. Officials say 400 workers at the plant in Winnebago County will lose their jobs between November 2009 and March 2010. Other operations at the Iowa plant, and about 110 people that run those operations, will remain.

Newton - As reported by the *Newton Daily News*—TPI announced the company will slow its production schedule of wind turbine blades by cutting employees and shortening its manufacturing schedule from seven to five days. The move will keep 80 temporary employees from becoming full time, according to a company statement. The facility will continue to employ about 320 full-time and temporary employees.

Eastern Iowa

Belle Plaine - As reported by the *Star Press Union*—Workers at Belle Plaine's Benco Manufacturing received word on June 25, 2009 that the plant would be closing in December. Magna International Inc. spokesperson, Tracy Fuerst, told the *Star Press Union* in an e-mail: The difficult decision to close and consolidate the facility came after a careful evaluation of vehicle volumes in the Midwest and available capacity in Iowa. Those factors, combined with the difficult economic conditions facing the North American auto industry, have made the operations at Benco no longer viable. Benco manufactures a variety of car parts for several manufacturers, as well as tube forming and cutting. It has been a major Belle Plaine industry for 33 years. Fuerst said the closing will be completed in phases, and the company intends to transfer many of Benco's approximately 160 employees to other Cosma facilities.

Cedar Rapids - As reported by the *Telegraph Herald*—A company that develops enzymes for use in grain processing and laundry products has expanded its manufacturing plant in Cedar Rapids, and has opened a new applied research center to test products in real-world situations. Glenn Nedwin, vice president of technical enzymes for Genencor International, a division of Denmark-based Danisco, said the \$52 million facility will allow the company to keep pace with the growing grain processing and bio-fuels industry.

Cedar Rapids - As reported by the *Gazette*—The closing of the Midland Forge factory in Cedar Rapids was scheduled to begin with layoffs on Sept. 25, 2009 and be complete by the holidays. In a notice sent to the city, Columbus McKinnon Corp. officials said 138 workers will be affected. This number is in addition to 27 employees already on temporary layoff. The plant manufactures metal products for securing and moving loads, such as shackles and hoists. Production will be moved from Cedar Rapids to Columbus McKinnon's Dixie Industries plant in Chattanooga, Tenn.



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Eastern Iowa (continued)

Cedar Rapids - As reported by the Daily News—Terex Corp. is closing an eastern Iowa factory that makes rock crushing and paving equipment. About 170 workers will lose their jobs when the plant closes in 2010. Approximately 50 Terex workers will remain in Cedar Rapids in engineering, sales and service jobs. The Westport, Conn.-based company plans to consolidate operations at plants in Durand, Mich.; Oklahoma City, Okla, and elsewhere.

Dubuque - As reported by the Telegraph Herald—Eagle Window & Door cut about 10 percent of its workforce on July 15, 2009, which was part of a series of job cuts by the Dubuque manufacturer's parent company in a summer construction season that failed to produce expected business surges. David Beeken, president and chief executive officer of Eagle Window & Door, confirmed that jobs were cut in the office and in the plant, including manufacturing jobs on first and second shift. Beeken pegged the overall number of job cuts at about 10 percent of the local workforce. The reductions were part of the elimination of about 250 people at Andersen Corp., which was also announced on July 15. Eagle Window & Door is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bayport, Minn.-based company. "There is mounting evidence that housing demand will not recover until late 2010 or 2011 as a result of rising unemployment, escalating foreclosures, falling home prices, limited credit and weak consumer confidence," Jay Lund, president of Andersen Window and Door Group, said in a statement. There are about 500 employees at Eagle Window & Door, according to Beeken, who said the company weathered 2008 fairly well, but was hit harder over the past 10 months.

Dubuque - As reported by the Telegraph Herald—After several rounds of job cuts, including a deep slice in March, John Deere Dubuque Works has recalled nearly 40 employees. However, a Deere & Co. official said the callback was not indicative of an improving business climate for the Moline, Ill.-based heavy equipment maker. Effective Aug. 10, 2009, Dubuque Works brought back 38 hourly employees who had been placed on indefinite layoff, spokesman Ken Golden told the Telegraph Herald. "The recalls will reduce overtime for current employees, and therefore do not indicate any significant change in retail market conditions," he said. Similar recalls have taken place since April, Golden said, with approximately 150 wage earners called back to the assembly lines at Dubuque Works and Deere's Davenport, IA plant. In early March, Deere announced plans to cut 220 jobs in Dubuque.

Dubuque - As reported by the Telegraph Herald—Officials estimated that about 400 people gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 25, 2009 to mark the opening of the new IBM technology services delivery center located in the historic Roshek Building in downtown Dubuque. IBM has promised to create 1,300 high-tech jobs in its Dubuque global delivery service center. It is an economic development project that some local leaders have said is unparalleled in the area's history. Mike Daniels, senior vice president for IBM, said the company is "well on the way" to filling the 600 jobs promised by the end of 2009.

Dubuque - As reported by the Telegraph Herald—Prudential Retirement has cut about 20 positions from its Dubuque operation, a move that partly resulted from a series of company initiatives to improve overall efficiency. Spokesman Simon Locke said the reductions were in the service and technology department, and were part of a long-term approach to improving business operations.

Dubuque - As reported by the Telegraph Herald—A Dubuque company plans to bring up to 50 new jobs to downtown. WS Live officials said an additional 25 jobs will be added to the Dubuque-based call center operation to handle customer sales and support for a new Fortune 1000 technology client. The company said the expanding business could bring up to 50 jobs to the renovated Interstate Power & Light Co. building by the end of 2009.

QUARTERLY INDUSTRY REVIEW

Eastern Iowa (continued)

Iowa City - *As reported by the Des Moines Register*—The University of Iowa Hospitals said it will cut its workforce through layoffs, retirements and attrition. The hospital, a 680-bed facility with an annual budget of about \$860 million, has already trimmed its expenses by \$23 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 officials said. "It has not been enough," said Jean Robillard, vice president for medical affairs. "The hospital must cut \$45 million by June 30, 2010, in order to have a one percent profit margin," Robillard said. Reducing the 6,600-person workforce will be part of the \$45 million cut, but hospital officials won't comment on how many positions will be eliminated, or how much will be saved. "We are still in discussions with the Board of Regents about the number of positions," Robillard said.

Mt. Pleasant - *As reported by the Des Moines Register*—Iowa economic development officials agreed to give Hearth & Home Technologies a \$445,000 grant to help the company retool its Mount Pleasant plant. The move, though, will save only 148 of the company's 290 jobs in southeast Iowa, leaders say. The company, struggling with slumping revenues caused by the housing crisis, plans to shift production of its gas-burning fireplaces from Iowa to Minnesota to cut costs. The move will eliminate about 140 jobs in Mount Pleasant, said Kiley Miller, executive vice president of the Mount Pleasant Chamber Alliance. Hearth & Home will continue to make its wood-burning fireplaces in Mount Pleasant, as well as consolidate its distribution centers in Illinois and Minnesota in Mount Pleasant, Miller said. The Hearth & Home jobs pay an average of \$15.08 an hour, state records show. Iowa has lost nearly 31,000 manufacturing jobs over the past year. "Mount Pleasant has endured significant job losses over the last several months and several years because it leans heavily toward manufacturing," Miller said. "It's been difficult for the community and the families losing jobs." The city lost about 350 Blue Bird bus manufacturing jobs in 2002 and another 340 jobs in 2005 when electronics manufacturer, Celestica, closed. Among more recent losses, Ceco Building Systems said in April it would close and cut 120 jobs. Hearth & Home is a subsidiary of HNI Corp., the Muscatine manufacturer of office furniture.

Muscatine - *As reported by the Muscatine Journal*—A reduction in project contracts has led to layoffs at Muscatine's Stanley Consultants. Stanley officials announced that the company laid off staff members on July 28, 2009. The company would not say exactly how many people were laid off, but that it was fewer than 20. Following the layoffs, the company employed about 330 full and part-time workers locally and 1,700 staff members altogether in its national and international locations. Stanley Consultants provides engineering, environmental and construction services worldwide. Dale Sweery, director of human resources for the company, said the positions ranged from administrative and clerical to engineering and design professionals. Most of the people who were laid off were newer members of the Stanley team, said Sweery, but the layoffs were directly related to the type of work those employees perform. The contract work that is experiencing the greatest reduction is related to the design of power plants, as well as generating stations for college campuses, hospitals, schools and other public facilities.

Ottumwa - *As reported by the Omaha World-Herald*—A market research company has announced it will close its office in Ottumwa, eliminating 81 jobs. Synovate officials announced the decision to employees September 16, saying the last day of operations for the Ottumwa site will be November 15, 2009. Kelly Henry, the company's director of operations in North America, said the decision was based on economic factors. Henry said the 80 part-time workers and one full-time employee will be given the opportunity to stay with the company, and work from home. Synovate opened in Ottumwa in 2007. The company handles after-sales consumer research for major corporations, and employs nearly 6,000 people with locations in 62 countries.

Eastern Iowa (continued)

Waterloo - As reported by the *Daily Register*—A Waterloo spice company closed its Iowa location on Sept. 7, 2009, and will relocate to Omaha, Neb. The food processor blends, ships and supplies spices. The Palmer family opened the company in 1982.

Waterloo - As reported by the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier*—More than 70 jobs for First American Corp.'s Waterloo operations will move to Texas. The company shared office space with GMAC according to GMAC spokeswoman, Jeannine Bruin. First American Corp. issued a notification stating that 34 positions would be moved out of Waterloo by Nov. 16, 2009. The company also planned to eliminate another 38 jobs through the month of January 2010—21 positions on Jan. 21, and 17 on Jan. 29. Bruin said that First American Corp. provided field services for GMAC, and will still provide those services to GMAC. The space First American Corp. occupied will be turned into office space, as GMAC expands its loss mitigation operations in Waterloo. Bruin said GMAC will have about 30 job openings, and that the First American Corp. employees are “welcome to apply for any openings.”

Western Iowa

Onawa - As reported by the *Des Moines Register*—The Omaha tribe indefinitely shut down Casino Omaha, a tribal-owned gambling facility near Onawa in western Iowa. The suspension of operations forced the layoffs of 185 casino employees, about 95 percent of whom are Omaha tribal members, officials said. The Omaha tribe is based in Macy, Neb., but the casino is on tribal land on the Iowa side of the Missouri River. The casino, about 50 miles north of Omaha-Council Bluffs near Interstate Highway 29, had experienced solid business after opening in 1992, averaging about 18,000 customers per week. But it was hurt badly when three casinos opened in Council Bluffs in the mid-1990s, and it has struggled recently because of the economic recession, said Jim Hunt, the casino's general manager.

Sioux Center - As reported by the *Dubuque Telegraph Herald*—Pella Corp. is cutting jobs at its window manufacturing plant in Sioux Center. The Pella-based company said it will eliminate 37 full-time jobs due to the continued slump in the construction industry. The plant currently has 338 employees.

Sioux City - As reported by the *Sioux City Journal*—Marty Howard, vice president of Jacobson Companies, said that 20 to 25 office jobs will be lost in Sioux City as the company consolidates its information technology and human resources jobs to corporate headquarters in Des Moines. A few positions could go to a company facility in Camp Hill, Penn. More than 50 jobs in Jacobson's Sioux City warehouse and transportation services will remain here. Howard said the company is not cutting the office jobs, but has offered a "relocation opportunity" to most of the affected workers. "For personal reasons or whatever, not many want to take us up on that." He said just a few had visited Des Moines to look at corporate headquarters, and at homes in various neighborhoods there. The company plans to complete the consolidation by the end of March 2010.

Sioux City - As reported by the *Chronicle Times*—Qwest Communications has announced it will add 100 jobs at its call center in western Iowa. Qwest says the jobs will be in sales and customer service for the company's residential products and services. Qwest is adding the new jobs at its Sioux City call center after announcing it would add an additional 80 jobs in April.

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