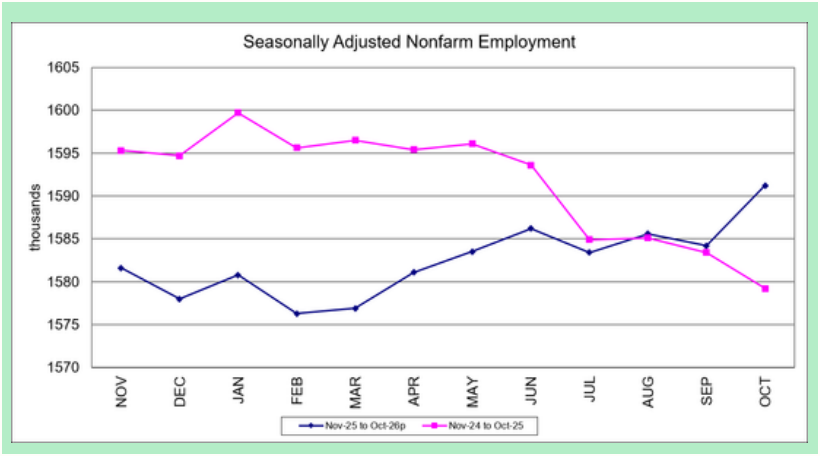
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Year-to-Year Comparison



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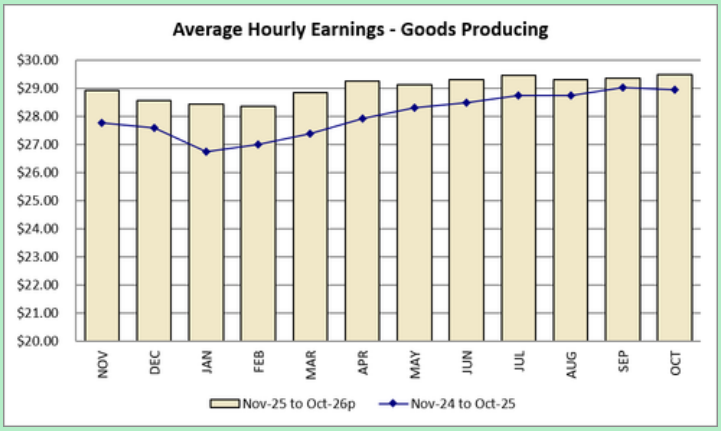
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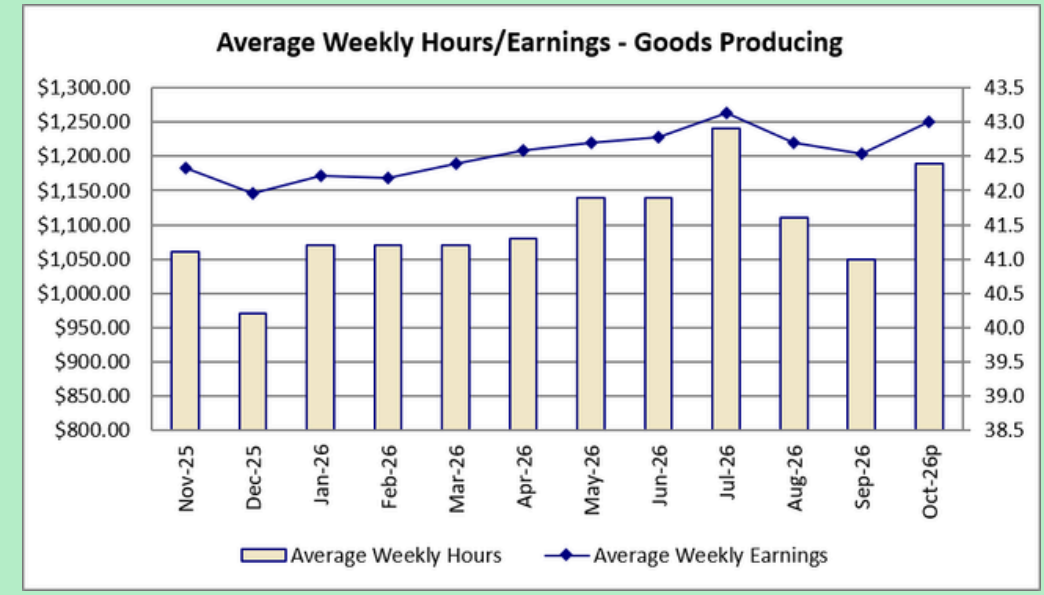
Iowa's Hours & Earnings

Production and non-supervisory workers in Iowa's construction sector earned $1,500.31 in October, down $21.05 compared to last year's wages. The annual decrease in earnings stems from approximately one hour in overtime lost; however, this loss was partially offset by a gain of 39 cents in hourly earnings. Manufacturing production workers have gained $67.12 over the past twelve months due to an increase in hourly wages of $1.24. These workers averaged $1,140.57 per week in earnings.

Among the service industries, hourly and non-supervisory workers in retail trade averaged $593.17 per week, a gain of $77.84 compared to last October. This gain is fueled by almost two hours added by per week coupled with a gain of $1.44 per hour in wages. Finance workers have added $108.40 per week on average as $3.35 was added to their average hourly wages. These workers averaged $1,399.10 per week.

Goods-Producing Hours & Earnings	
Avg Weekly Earnings	$1,250.38
Avg Hourly Earnings	$29.49
Avg Weekly Hours	42.4





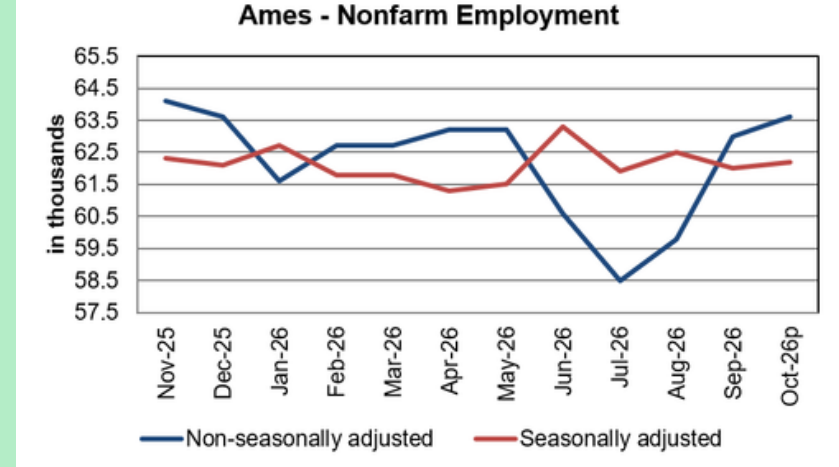
Metropolitan Statistical Area - Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

MSA	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26p
AMES	62.7	62.3	62.1	62.7	61.8	61.8	61.3	61.5	63.3	61.9	62.5	62.0	62.2
CEDAR RAPIDS	138.1	137.7	137.0	137.6	136.8	137.1	137.3	137.4	137.2	137.1	136.9	136.9	137.0
DAVENPORT-MOLINE-ROCK ISLA	183.0	183.3	183.1	184.9	183.2	184.0	184.0	183.5	182.9	182.6	181.9	181.1	181.1
DES MOINES/W. DES MOINES	409.3	409.5	408.4	409.1	409.3	409.9	411.3	412.1	412.2	410.4	409.7	409.9	410.5
DUBUQUE	59.1	59.2	59.1	58.9	58.7	58.9	59.0	58.7	58.6	58.9	58.8	58.8	58.8
IOWA CITY	103.5	103.9	103.4	103.7	103.5	103.2	103.4	103.5	103.2	103.3	103.1	103.0	103.8
SIOUX CITY	75.1	75.3	75.3	75.4	75.1	75.3	75.0	74.9	74.9	75.1	75.0	75.0	75.2
WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS	85.2	85.5	85.0	84.7	84.9	84.8	84.5	84.3	83.9	84.0	83.9	84.1	84.2

Ames MSA			
Total Nonfarm 2026 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2025		% Change - 1 Year
63,600	64,100		-0.78%
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 Year Change)			
Construction	7.41%	Information	-12.50%

Following an October gain of 600 jobs, total nonfarm employment in the Ames Metropolitan Statistical Area is 63,600. Gains were sparse in private industries which contributed just 200 jobs to the overall gain. The entire gain in private industry occurred in professional and business services (+200). Employment in goods-producing sectors was unchanged. Government sectors gained an additional 400 jobs, with state government employment up by 300 jobs and local government adding 100 jobs.

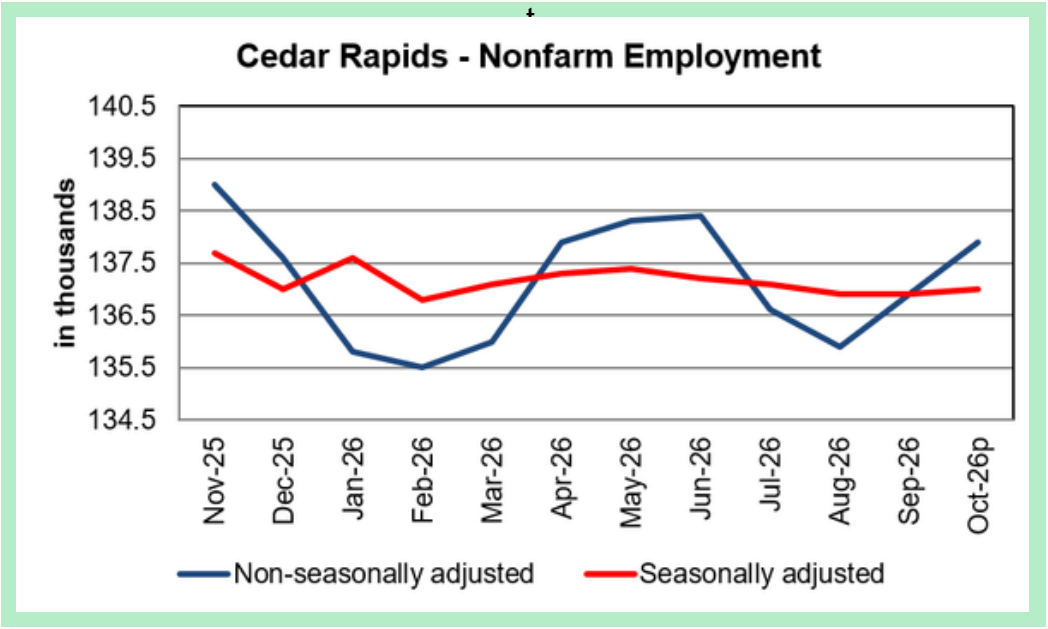
Over the year, employment is down 500 jobs with small losses occurring in a multitude of sectors. Trade, transportation and warehousing trimmed 200, exceeding the losses experienced by manufacturing, information, professional and business services, private education and health services, and other services which each pared 100 jobs. Government employment was unchanged overall with a loss of 100 jobs in federal government offsetting a gain of 100 jobs in local government. Construction is the only other sector with an over-the-year gain, adding 200 jobs to the rolls.



Cedar Rapids MSA			
Total Nonfarm 2026 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2025		% Change - 1 Year
137,900	139,000		-0.79%
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 Year Change)			
Mining, logging & construction	5.49%	Information	-4.00%

Employment in the Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area is up 1,000 jobs from last month, boosted by 300-job gains in professional and business services and government combined with smaller gains in multiple sectors. Trade, transportation and warehousing and private education and health services each added 200 jobs. Sectors adding 100 jobs include information and other services. Leisure and hospitality (-300) is the only sector with an employment loss from last month however manufacturing and financial activities saw no change in employment.

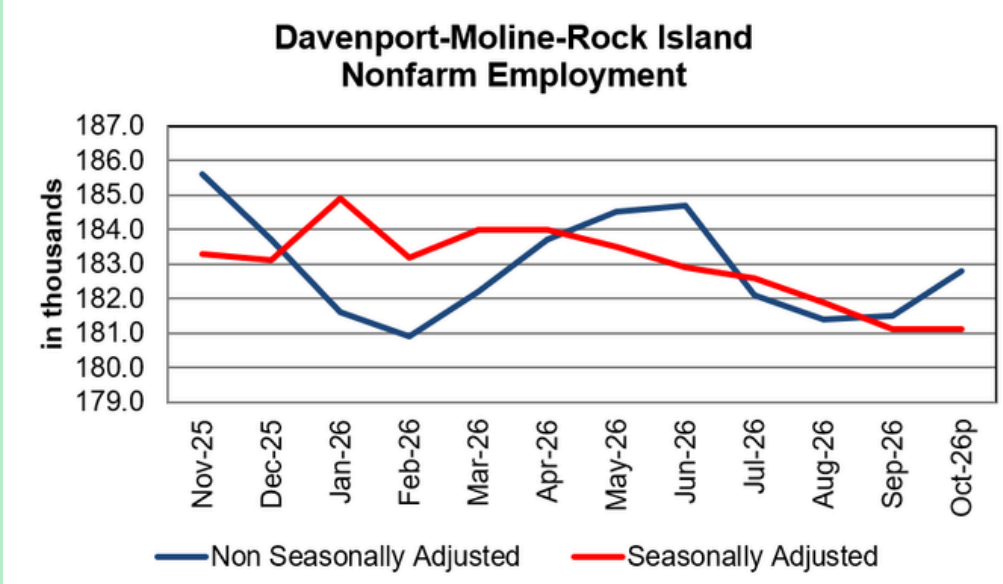
Despite the monthly gains in nearly every sector, employment in the area has decreased 1,100 jobs over the year. Trade, transportation and warehousing employment is down 400 jobs from one year ago. The majority of the loss was in the transportation, warehousing and utilities sub-sector (-400). Manufacturing has shed 300 jobs with no change in durable goods manufacturing. The mining, logging and construction industry enjoyed the only over-the-year employment gain for the area, adding 500 jobs.



Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA			
Total Nonfarm 2026 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2025		% Change - 1 Year
182,800	185,000		-1.19%
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 Year Change)			
Mining, logging & construction	16.96%	Non-durable goods mfg	-17.14%

The Davenport, Rock Island, Moline Metro area added 1,300 jobs, lifting total nonfarm employment to 182,800 jobs. This is slightly more than average, following a small gain last month. Government gained the most jobs (+600). Most of this increase was within education. Professional and business services added 400 jobs. Within private industries, professional and business services gained the most jobs since last month (+400). Smaller gains included mining, logging, and construction (+200), retail trade (+200), health care and social assistance (+200), and other services (+200). Job losses were limited to manufacturing (-400) and leisure and hospitality (-400).

Since last October, the Davenport Metro has shed 2,200 jobs. Government has shed 1,900 jobs annually. Most of this drop is within local government entities. Manufacturing is also markedly down (-1,300). Virtually all this drop is within non-durable goods factories. Other losses include other services (-400) and wholesale trade (-300). Conversely, job gains have been highest in mining, logging, and construction (+1,900). This super sector has benefitted from accommodating weather, allowing this industry to work later in the year than usual. Health care and social assistance continues to expand and has added 400 jobs. Financial activities posted the only other increase, adding 200 jobs over the past twelve months.



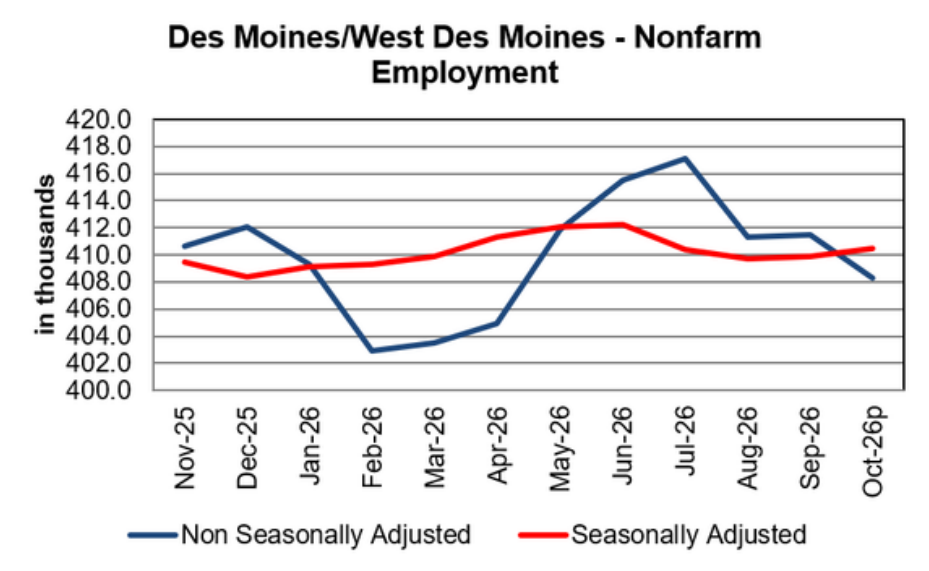
Des Moines - West Des Moines MSA			
Total Nonfarm 2026 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2025		% Change - 1 Year
412,200	410,600		0.39%
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 Year Change)			
Leisure & hospitality	6.20%	Wholesale trade	-5.15%

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Within private sectors, professional and business services added the most jobs since September (+1,200). The primary drivers were administrative support and waste management (+600) and professional, scientific, and technical services (+500). Construction added 800 jobs over-the-month. This increase is large historically and may have been fueled by good weather allowing workers to continue projects later than usual. Health care and social assistance added 600 jobs and continues to grow regardless of economic conditions. Smaller increases included retail trade (+400) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+300). Job losses were limited and mainly within leisure and hospitality (-600). These losses are typical as fall weather limits demand for services.

Since last October, the Des Moines Metro is up 1,600 jobs. Health care and social assistance has been a driving force and has gained 2,700 jobs. Leisure and hospitality are up 2,300 jobs. Construction has gained 1,000 jobs. Virtually all this increase is within specialty trade contractors. As far as losses go, professional and business services are down 1,100 jobs.

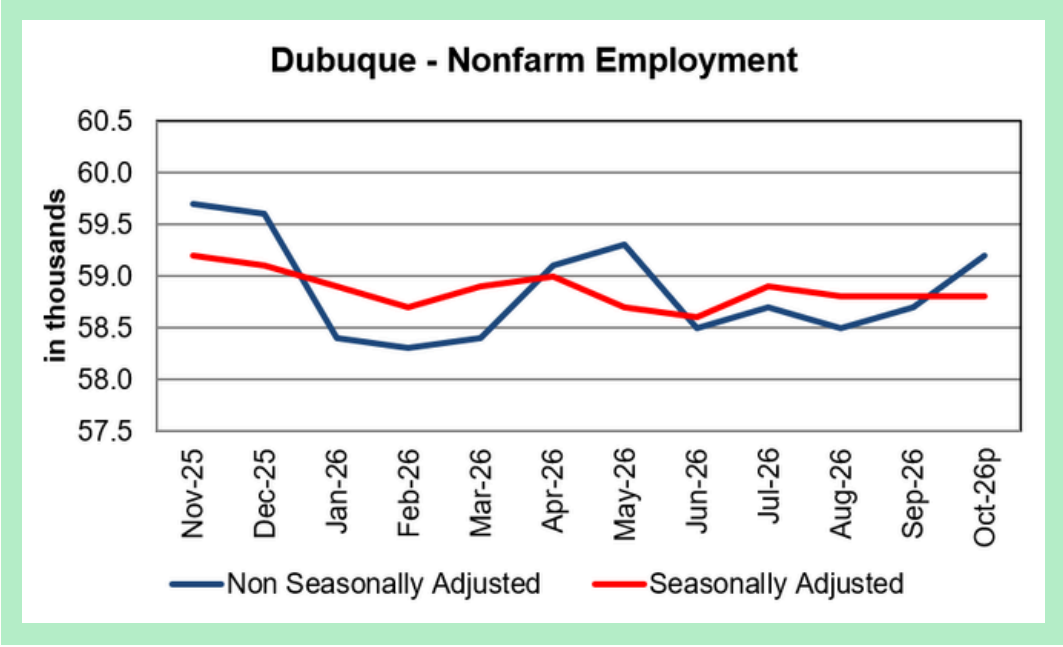
Administrative support and waste management shed most of the jobs (-600). Employment service firms are down 400 jobs. Wholesale and retail trade has shed 1,500 jobs combined. Wholesale losses were double those of retail. Smaller losses include other services (+600) and manufacturing (-400).



Dubuque MSA			
Total Nonfarm 2026 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2025		% Change - 1 Year
59,200	59,500		-0.50%
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 Year Change)			
Trade, transport & whsing	2.42%	Local government	-13.64%

The Dubuque Metropolitan area added 500 in October, raising the total number of jobs to 59,200 jobs. This month's increase is below the ten-year average for October. Private service industries added 400 jobs and government gained 100 at the local level. Goods-producing sectors were unchanged.

Annually, the Dubuque Metro has shed 300 jobs over the past twelve months. Private service industries added 400 jobs with most of those jobs in trade and transportation (+300). Government shed 600 jobs at the local level.

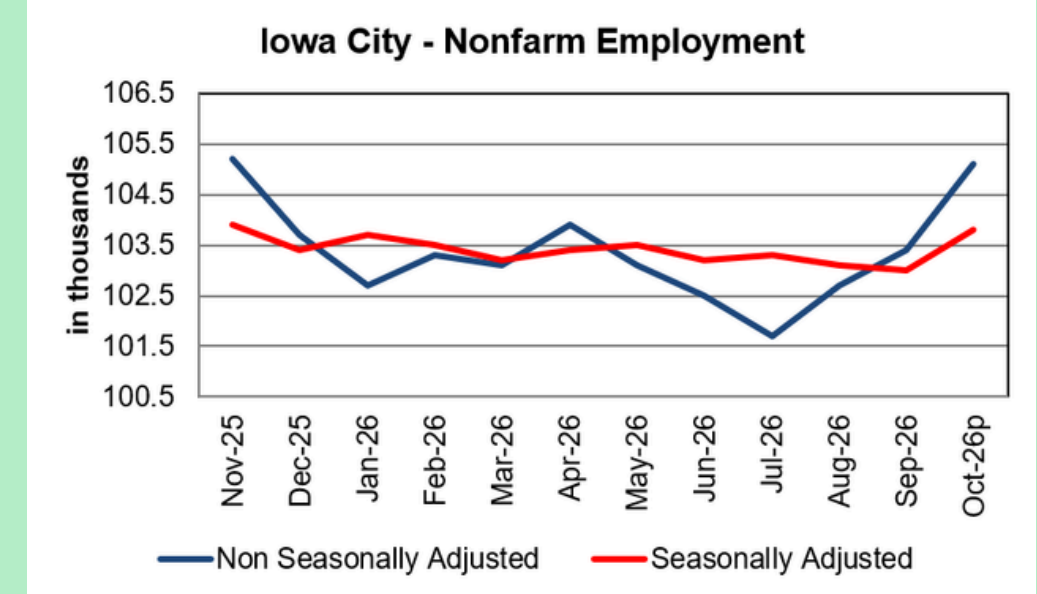


Iowa City MSA			
Total Nonfarm 2026 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2025		% Change - 1 Year
105,100	104,800		0.29%
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 Year Change)			
Mining, logging & construction	10.81%	Wholesale trade	-4.55%

Employers in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) added 1,700 jobs from September bringing total nonfarm employment to 105,100. The increase was largely driven by seasonal gains in both state (+700) and local (+500) governments. Trade, transportation and warehousing (+200) led the remaining sectors in employment gains, followed by mining, logging and construction, manufacturing, professional and business services, and other services (+100 each).

Leisure and hospitality is the only sector with an employment loss from September, trimming 100 jobs, all in accommodations and food services.

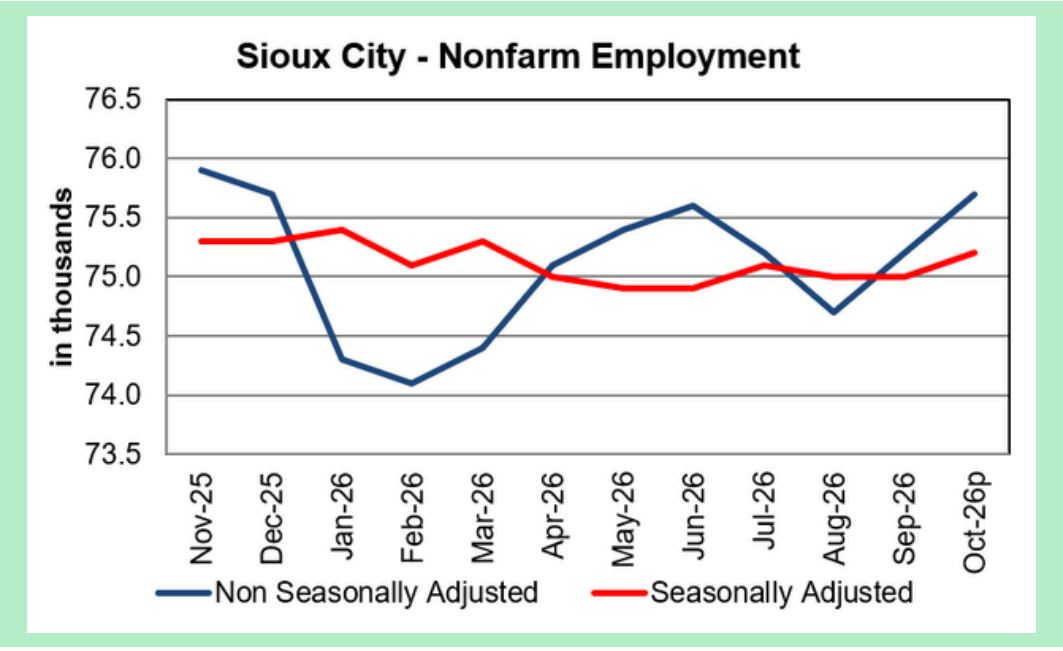
Metro area employment is up 300 jobs from one year ago. Gains in government (+500), mining, logging and construction (+400) and trade, transportation and warehousing (+200) were partially offset by losses in multiple sectors. Manufacturing, professional and business services, and private education and health services each pared 200 jobs. Smaller losses were seen in leisure and hospitality and other services (-100 each).



Sioux City MSA			
Total Nonfarm 2026 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2025		% Change - 1 Year
75,700	75,600		0.13%
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 Year Change)			
Local government	2.60%	Prof & bus services	-3.33%

Employment in the Sioux City MSA gained 500 jobs from September and is currently at 75,700. The jobs gain for the month is slightly above the mean September-to-October change over the past ten years. Private service-providing industries are responsible for the gains, adding 500 jobs with 300 of the additional jobs in trade, transportation and warehousing. Government contributed another 100 jobs to the area, all in local government. Goods producing industries had a slight decrease of 100 jobs, due to a drop in construction.

Overall, area employment is up just 100 jobs from one year ago. Goods-producing firms have seen a loss of 200 jobs annually. Government is up 200 jobs at the local level compared to last year. Retail and leisure and hospitality remain unchanged from a year ago.

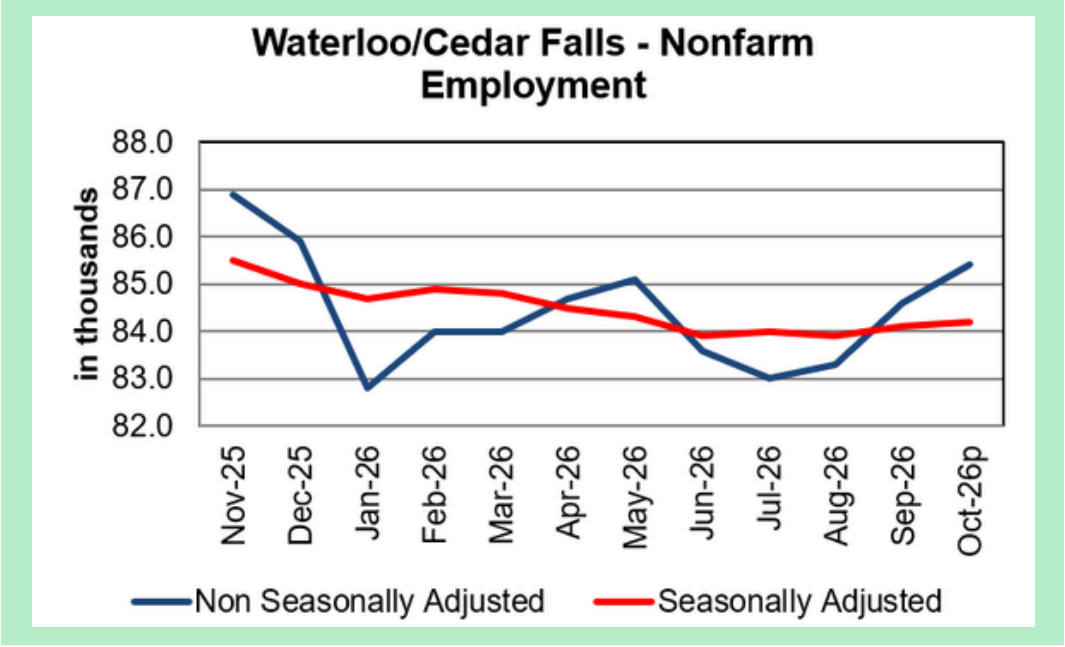


Waterloo-Cedar Falls MSA			
Total Nonfarm 2026 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2025		% Change - 1 Year
85,400	86,400		-1.16%
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 Year Change)			
Leisure & hospitality	2.70%	Prof & bus svcs	-3.03%

Employment in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area is 85,400, up 800 jobs from September with gains in all but two sectors. Gains were all attributable to service-providing industries and led by trade, transportation and warehousing which added 400 jobs.

Government added 200 jobs, split among local and state governments. Financial activities, professional and business services and educational and health services each added 100 jobs. The meager gain in educational and health services is despite a gain of 200 jobs in health care and social assistance. Manufacturing is the only sector experiencing a jobs loss this month, trimming 100 jobs.

The metro area has shed 1,000 jobs from one year ago. Leisure and hospitality added 200 jobs and trade, transportation and warehousing employment is up 100 jobs. These are the only sectors with employment gains from one year ago.Conversely, manufacturing is the only sector with an over-the-year employment loss, cutting 200 jobs from their roles.



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