

# LE MARS, IOWA LABORSHED AREA



A STUDY IN LABOR AVAILABILITY AND WORKFORCE CHARACTERISTICS  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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ESTIMATED POPULATION  
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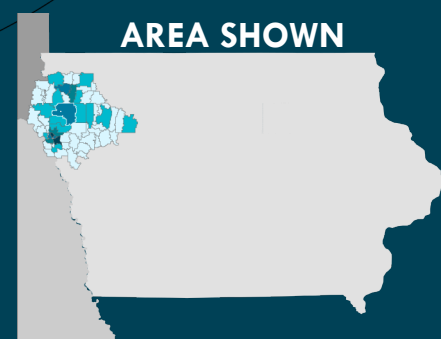
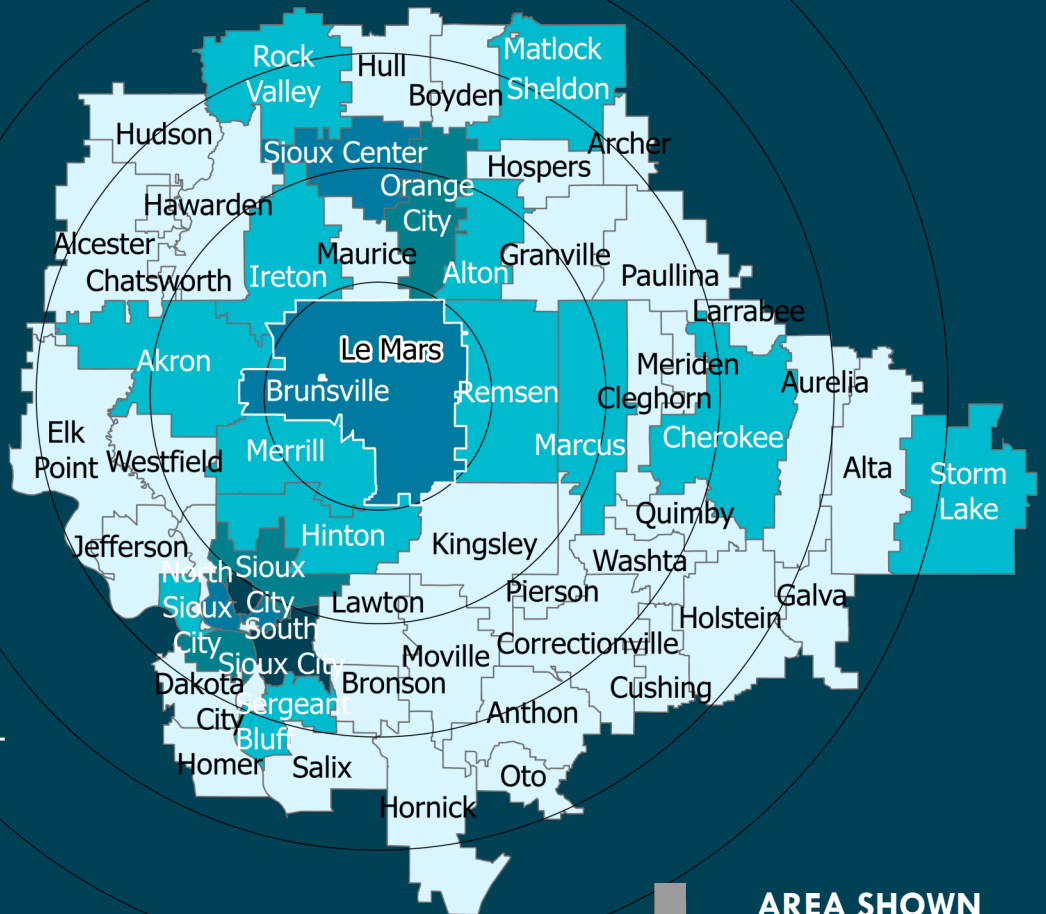
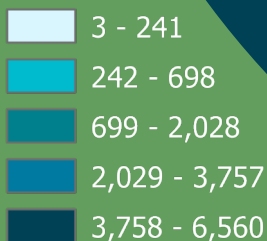
**136,060**

ESTIMATED TOTAL LIKELY TO  
ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT  
IN **LE MARS, IA**

**37,740**



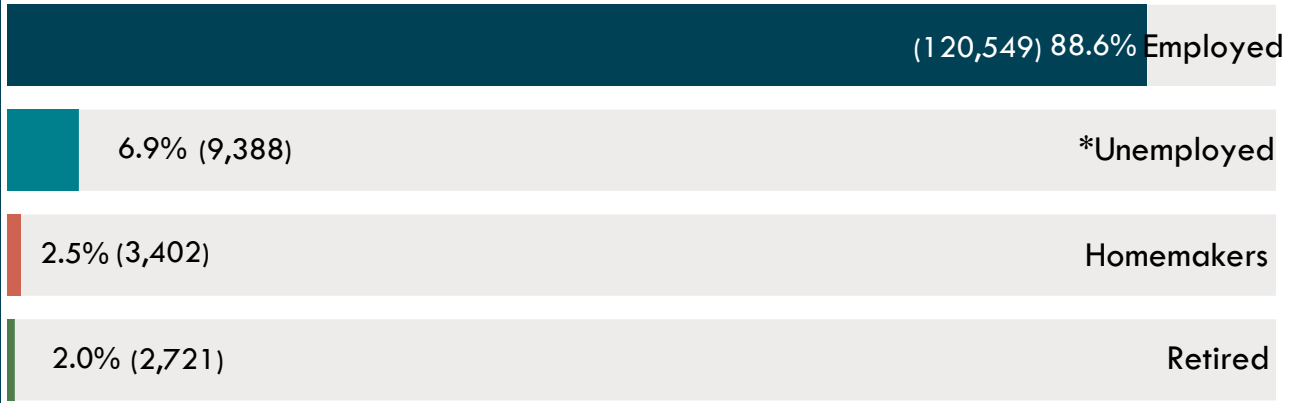
LIKELY TO  
CHANGE/ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT  
IN **LE MARS, IA**  
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(PER ZIP CODE)



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# LE MARS LABORSHED ANALYSIS

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS (ESTIMATED TOTAL)\*



\*Employment status is self-identified by the survey respondent. The unemployment percentage above does not reflect the unemployment rate published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which applies a stricter definition.

**Employed -**  
Likely to Change Employment **28.7%**



**Unemployed -**  
Likely to Accept Employment **78.6%**



**Homemakers -**  
Likely to Accept Employment **40.0%**

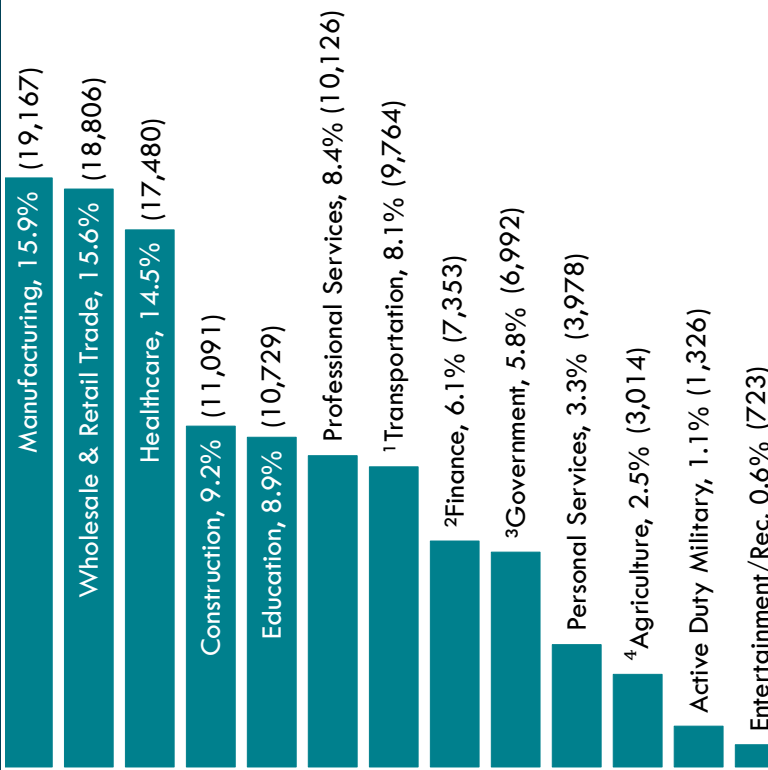


**Retired -**  
Likely to Accept Employment **37.5%**



## BREAKOUT OF THE EMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY (ESTIMATED TOTAL\*)

\*Totals may vary due to rounding.



<sup>1</sup>Transportation, Communications, & Utilities  
<sup>3</sup>Public Administration, Government

<sup>2</sup>Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate  
<sup>4</sup>Agriculture, Forestry, & Mining

## TOP CURRENT BENEFITS OF THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYED

	Paid Vacation/PTO/Sick Leave	<b>95.4%</b>
	Health/Medical Insurance	<b>90.7%</b>
	Pension/Retirement/401k	<b>88.9%</b>
	Dental Coverage	<b>86.4%</b>
	Paid Holiday	<b>85.7%</b>
	Life Insurance	<b>80.7%</b>
	Vision Coverage	<b>80.7%</b>
	Disability Insurance	<b>78.2%</b>
	Flex Spending Account	<b>62.1%</b>
	Prescription Drug Coverage	<b>61.8%</b>

A Laborshed area is defined by its commuting pattern and illustrates which communities contribute to an employment center's workforce and at what level. To determine the boundaries of a Laborshed area, local employers supply the residential ZIP codes of each of their employees. The data in this publication reflects characteristics specific to the workforce in the Le Mars Laborshed area.

The employed are currently commuting an average of—

**13**

miles one-way for an employment opportunity

&

**17**  
minutes

## EMPLOYED: LIKELY TO CHANGE

• An estimated **32,804** employed individuals are likely to change their current employment situation for an opportunity in Le Mars.

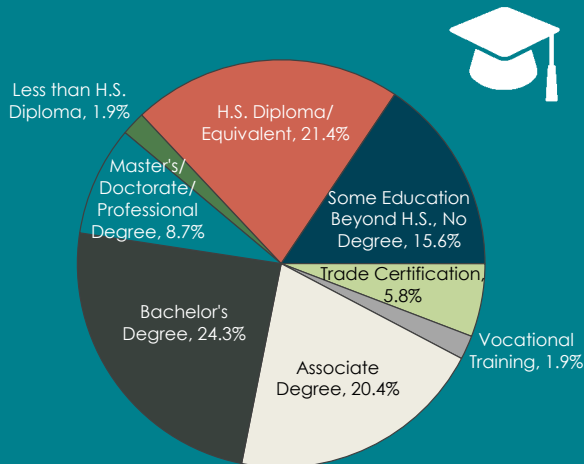
• Current occupational categories:

Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	35.3%
Production, Construction, Material Moving	23.5%
Services	12.7%
Managerial	11.8%
Sales	8.8%
Clerical	6.9%
Agricultural	1.0%

• Current median wages: \$

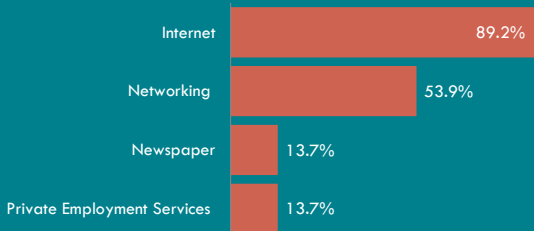
- \$22.13/hour and \$75,000/year
- \$26.54/hour - attracts 66%
- \$28.89/hour - attracts 75%

• 76.7% have an education beyond HS



• **32.0%** are actively seeking employment

• Most frequently identified job search resources:



• Top sites:



• Top newspapers:



• Commute:

- Currently commuting an average of **13 miles/17 minutes** (one-way) to work
- Willing to commute an average of **26 miles/34 minutes** (one-way) to work

## UNEMPLOYED: LIKELY TO ACCEPT

• An estimated **1,372** unemployed individuals are likely to accept employment in Le Mars.

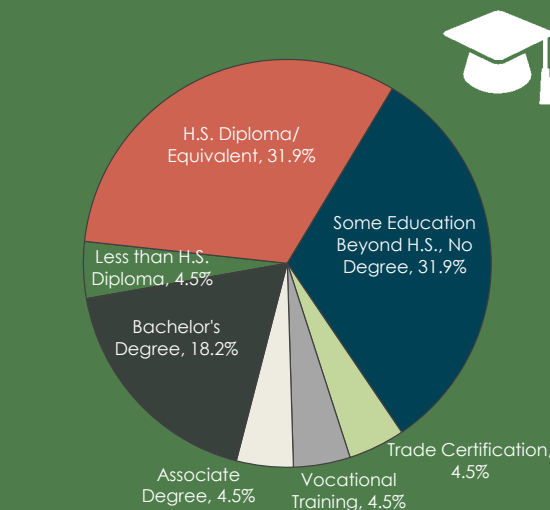
• Former occupational categories:

Production, Construction, Material Moving	33.3%
Services	23.8%
Sales	19.0%
Managerial	9.5%
Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	9.5%
Clerical	4.8%
Agricultural	0.0%

• Median wages: \$

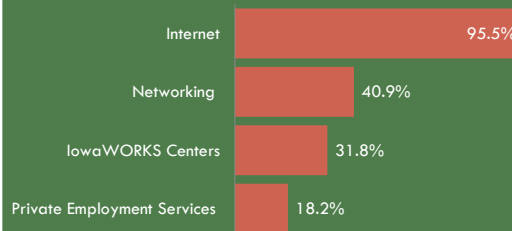
- \$16.50/hour - lowest willing to accept
- \$19.70/hour - attracts 66%
- \$20.00/hour - attracts 75%

• 63.6% have an education beyond HS



• **63.6%** are actively seeking employment

• Most frequently identified job search resources:



• Top sites:



• Top newspapers:



• Commute:

- Willing to commute an average of **20 miles/33 minutes** (one-way) to work



The Laborshed survey collects information regarding the **out commute** for an employment center.

The **out commute** for Le Mars is estimated at 34.2 percent—approximately 2,275 people living in Le Mars work in other communities.

Most of those who are out commuting are working in Sioux City, Sioux Center, and Sheldon, IA.

Over one-fourth (29.3%) of out commuters are likely to change employment (approximately 667 people).

43.9% earn an hourly wage—median wage is \$26.00/hour  
43.9% earn an annual salary—median salary is \$81,000/year.



## EDUCATION OF AVAILABLE LABOR BY INDUSTRY OF CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYMENT

Data on this page is specific to only those survey respondents that reported they are likely to change or accept employment.



Industry	Education Beyond HS	Some Education Beyond HS, No Degree Obtained	Trade Certification/Vocational Training	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Above
Agriculture, Forestry, & Mining	**	**	**	**	**
Construction	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Education	92.8%	7.1%	14.3%	7.1%	64.3%
Entertainment & Recreation	**	**	**	**	**
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	83.3%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	50.0%
Government & Public Administration	81.9%	9.1%	18.2%	18.2%	36.4%
Healthcare & Social Services	80.0%	10.0%	0.0%	25.0%	45.0%
Manufacturing	74.9%	25.0%	8.3%	20.8%	20.8%
Personal Services	**	**	**	**	**
Professional Services	57.2%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	28.6%
Transportation, Communication, & Utilities	71.5%	42.9%	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%
Wholesale & Retail Trade	68.0%	36.0%	8.0%	4.0%	20.0%

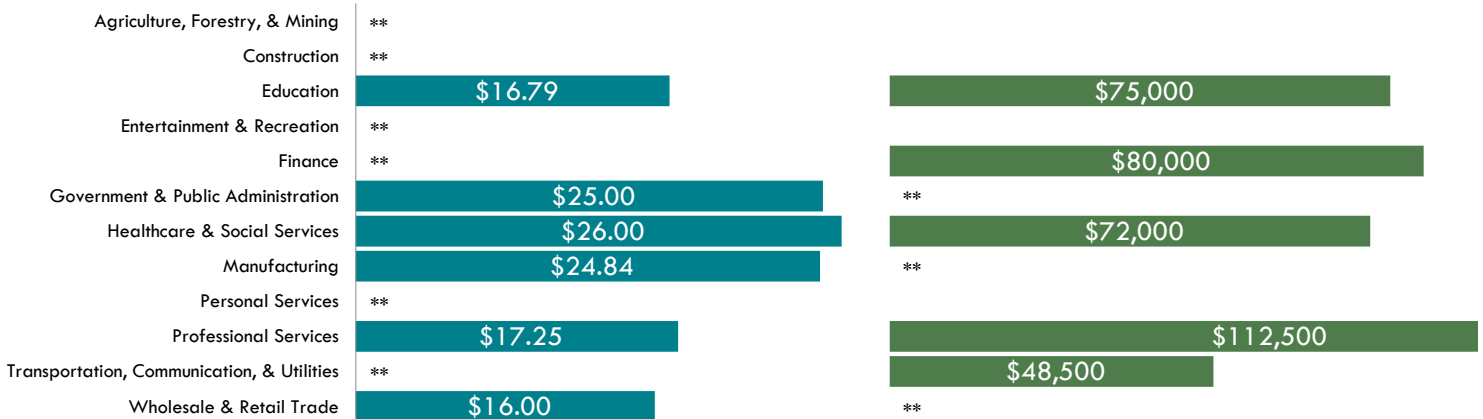
Top percentages among industries per education level are highlighted in the table. \*\*Insufficient survey data/refused



## WAGES OF AVAILABLE LABOR BY INDUSTRY OF CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYMENT

■ Median Hourly Wage

■ Median Annual Salary



\*\*Insufficient survey data/refused. A lack of data for a particular industry is not necessarily indicative that there were no (or few) individuals surveyed within that industry. Rather, it may be that there simply were no respondents within that industry that also reported that they are likely to change or accept employment.

Note: A wide variety of occupations are included within these industry categories. Industry classification is based upon the respondent's reported current or former employer. Two respondents that work for a manufacturer will be classified within the manufacturing industry even if, for example, one respondent is a custodian and the other is an accountant.

## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

The underemployed are working fewer than 35 hours per week but desire more hours (**inadequate hours**); in positions that do not meet their skill or education level, or have worked for higher wages at previous employment (**mismatch of skills**); or are earning wages equal to or less than the national poverty level and work 35 or more hours per week (**low income**).

	Percent Surveyed	Estimated Total		Percent Surveyed	Estimated Total
Inadequate Hours	1.7%	558	Mismatch of Skills	11.9%	3,904
Low Income	0.5%	164	$\Sigma$ †Total	13.6%	4,461

†Individuals may be underemployed for more than one reason but are counted only once for total estimated underemployment.

Note: To be counted as underemployed in any category an individual must be currently employed and likely to change their current employment situation.



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