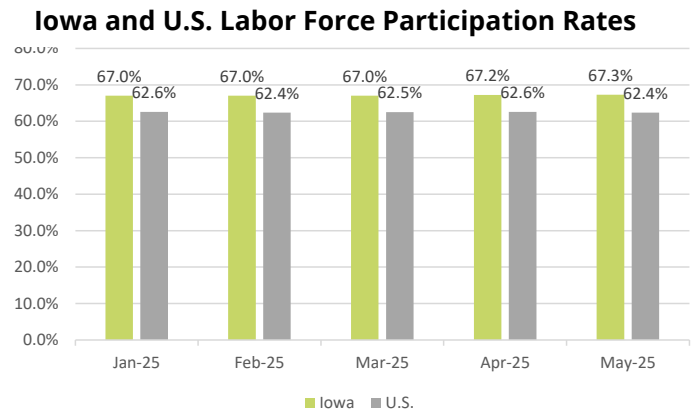
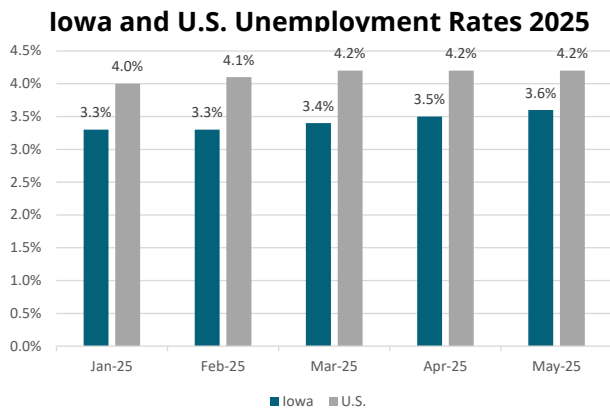


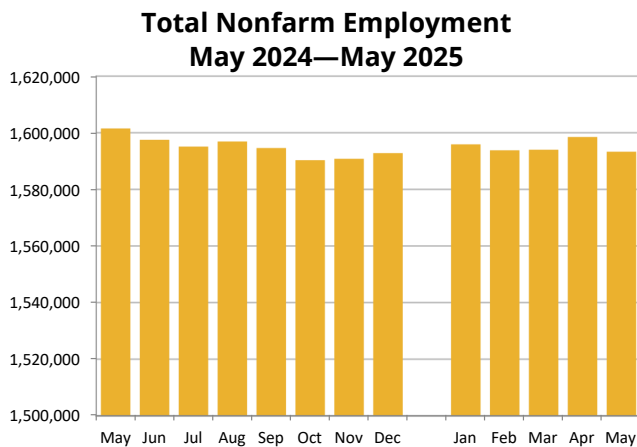
Labor Force & Unemployment



- Iowa's unemployment rate increased to 3.6 percent in May. The state's jobless rate was 2.9 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level increased to 1,669,100 in May from 1,667,000 in April.

- Iowa's labor force participation rate rose to 67.3 percent in May. Females were responsible for most of the increase in the labor force participation rate in May.
- The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 4.2 percent in May.

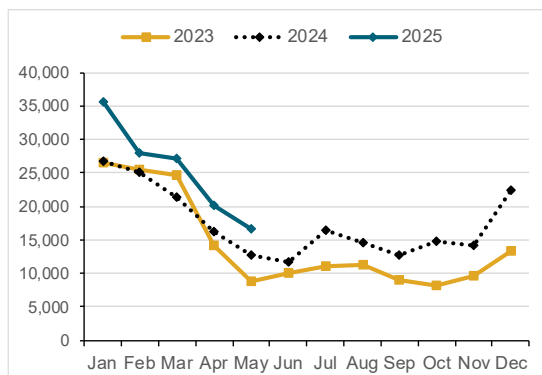
Nonfarm Employment



- Total nonfarm employment in Iowa decreased by 5,200 jobs in May and now rests at 1,593,300. This is 8,200 jobs lower than this time last year.

- Professional and business services shed 1,200 jobs since April. Administrative support and waste management industries fueled this loss.
- Financial activities continues to trend down and lost 1,200 jobs in May, lowering this sector to a level not seen since February 2015.
- Private education services decreased by 1,000 jobs, offsetting gains three of the prior four months.
- Over the past twelve months, manufacturing continues to lead all sectors in terms of jobs lost (-8,400), followed by professional and business services (-4,600).
- Health care and social assistance has added the most jobs annually (+4,600).
- Nationally, the U.S. gained 139,000 jobs in May. Health care and social assistance added the most jobs (+62,000).

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Recipients



- The number of persons who received at least one UI benefit payment fell by 3,525 from 20,248 in April 2025 to 16,723 in May 2025. The drop was primarily caused by a decrease in construction and manufacturing unemployment continued claims.
- The number of benefit recipients rose by 4,095 from 12,628 in May 2024 to 16,723 May 2025. Even though construction and manufacturing had the largest monthly decreases, they also had the largest over the year increases.

Upcoming Monthly News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
May	June 19, 2025	June 24, 2025
June	July 17, 2025	July 22, 2025
July	August 14, 2025	August 19, 2025

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