

FAIRFIELD, IOWA LABORSHED AREA



A STUDY IN LABOR AVAILABILITY AND WORKFORCE CHARACTERISTICS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ESTIMATED POPULATION
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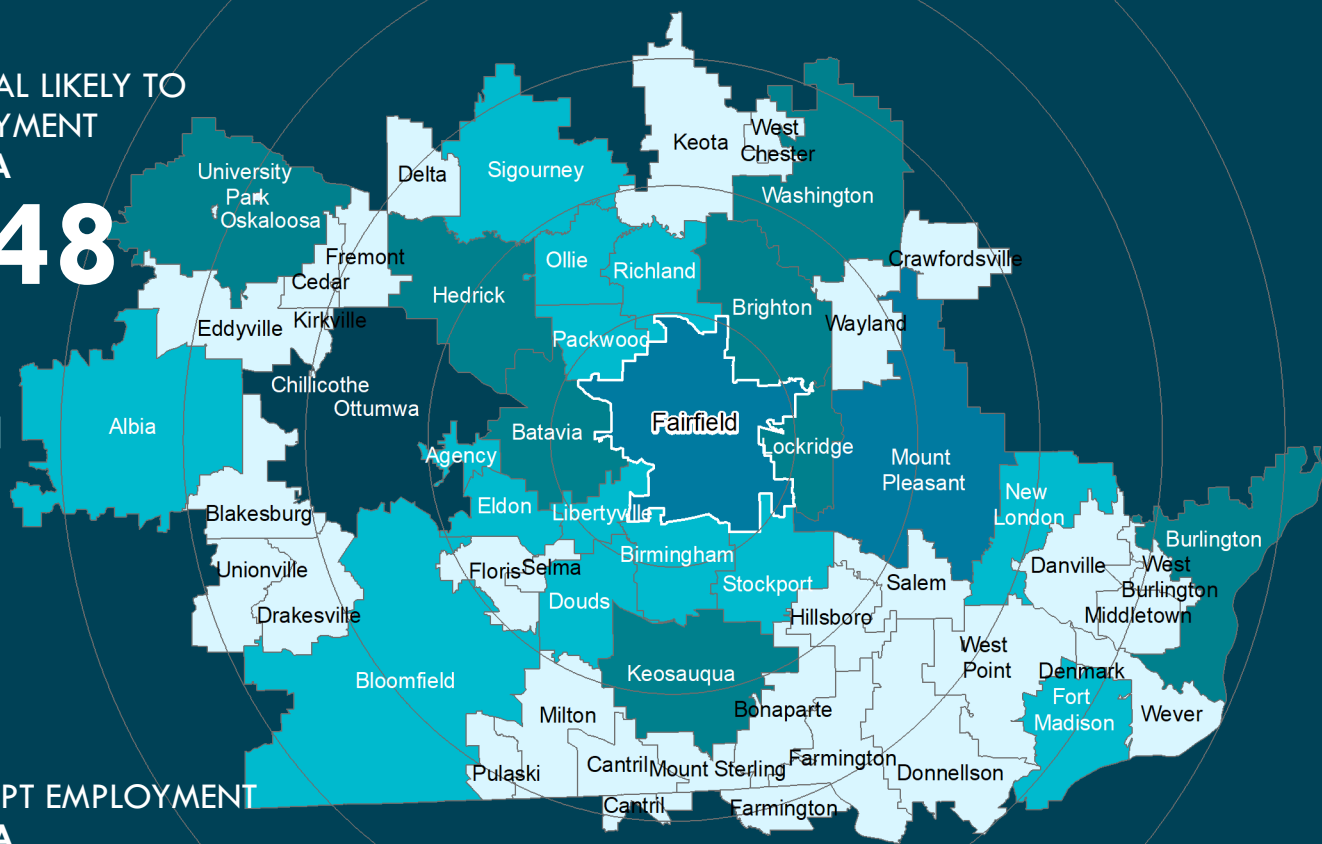
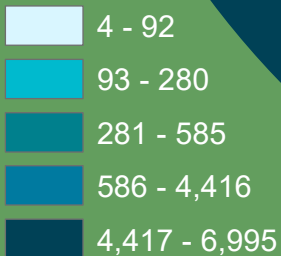
103,890

ESTIMATED TOTAL LIKELY TO
ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT
IN FAIRFIELD, IA

21,248



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



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FAIRFIELD LABORSHED ANALYSIS

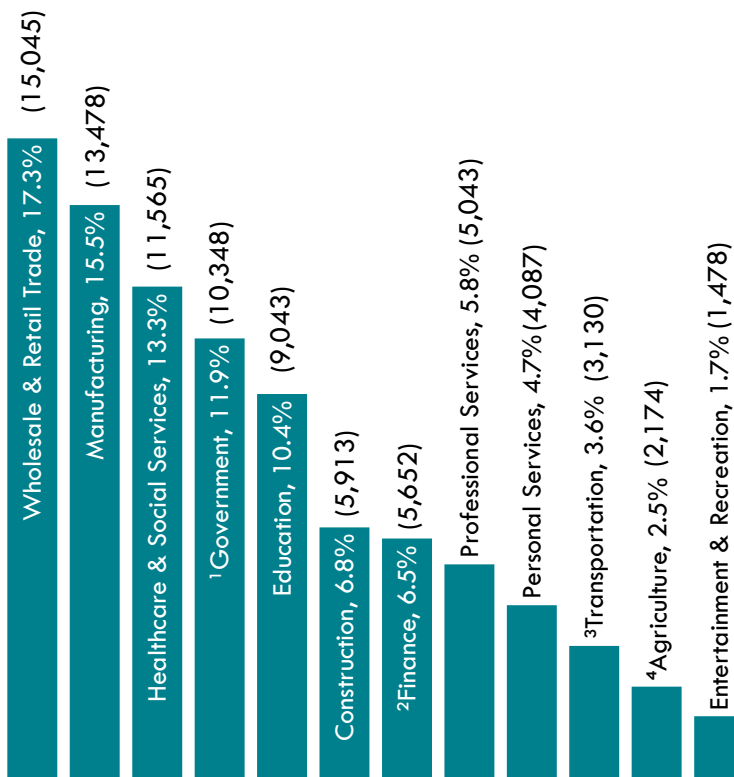
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (ESTIMATED TOTAL)*



*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.



BREAKOUT OF THE EMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY (ESTIMATED TOTAL)



¹Public Administration, Government
³Transportation, Communications, & Utilities

²Finance, Insurance & Real Estate
⁴Agriculture, Forestry, & Mining

TOP CURRENT BENEFITS OF THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYED

	Paid Sick Leave/PTO/ Vacation	97.2%
	Health/Medical Insurance	89.8%
	Paid Holiday	87.4%
	Pension/Retirement/401K	86.2%
	Dental Coverage	82.1%
	Life Insurance	76.4%
	Vision Coverage	76.4%
	Disability Insurance	71.5%
	Flex Spending Account	58.9%
	Prescription Drug Coverage	47.2%

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 Fairfield Laborshed area.

The employed are currently commuting an average of—



EMPLOYED: LIKELY TO CHANGE

• An estimated **18,373** employed individuals are likely to change their current employment situation for an opportunity in Fairfield

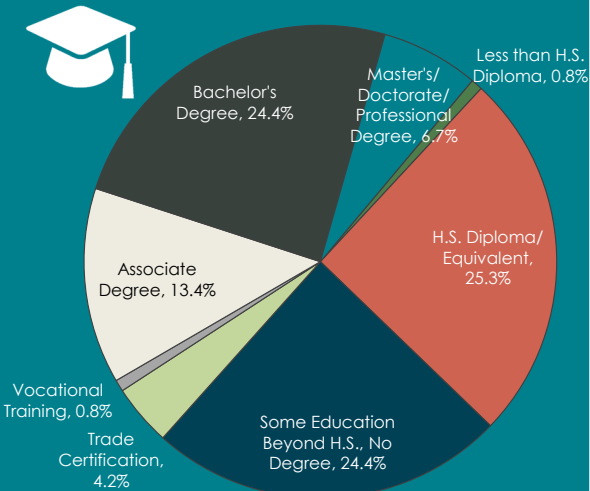
• Current occupational categories:

Production, Construction, Material Moving	29.7%
Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	28.8%
Managerial	13.6%
Service	13.6%
Clerical	7.6%
Sales	5.9%
Agricultural	0.8%

• Current median wages: \$

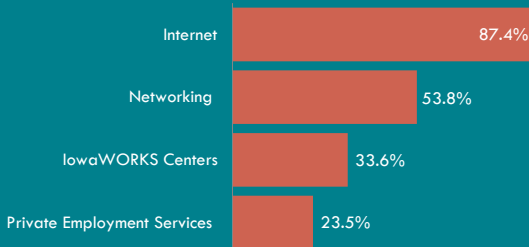
- \$18.87/hour and \$53,500/year
- \$24.00/hour - attracts 66%
- \$25.00/hour - attracts 75%

• 73.9% have an education beyond HS



• **30.3% are actively seeking employment**

• Most frequently identified job search resources:



• Top sites:



• Top newspapers:



• Commute:

- Currently commuting an average of **12 miles/16 minutes** (one-way) to work
- Willing to commute an average of **27 miles/34 minutes** (one-way) to work

UNEMPLOYED: LIKELY TO ACCEPT

• An estimated **977** unemployed individuals are likely to accept employment in Fairfield

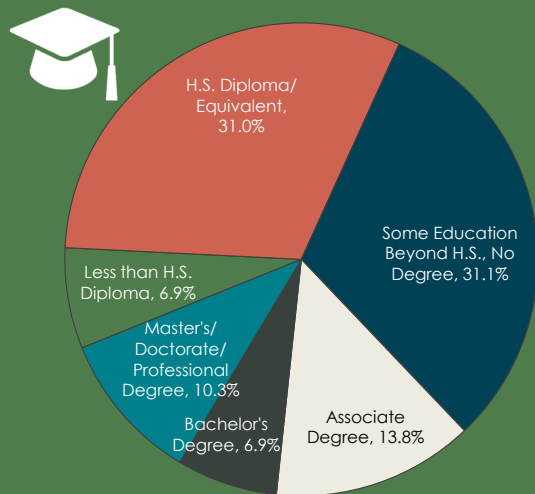
• Former occupational categories:

Production, Construction, Material Moving	25.9%
Service	22.2%
Sales	18.5%
Clerical	14.8%
Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	14.8%
Managerial	3.8%
Agricultural	0.0%

• Median wages: \$

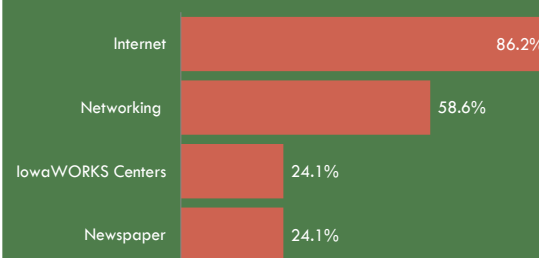
- \$14.50/hour - lowest willing to accept
- \$15.00/hour - attracts 66%
- \$16.25/hour - attracts 75%

• 62.1% have an education beyond HS



• **65.5% are actively seeking employment**

• Most frequently identified job search resources:



• Top sites:



• Top newspapers:



• Commute:

- Willing to commute an average of **23 miles/34 minutes** (one-way) to work



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

The **out commute** for Fairfield is estimated at 18.2 percent—approximately 1,169 people living in Fairfield work in other communities.

Most of those who are out commuting are working in Ottumwa, Mount Pleasant, and Keosauqua.

Half (50.0%) of out commuters are likely to change employment (approximately 584 people).

65.0% earn an hourly wage—median wage is **\$22.43/hour**
30.0% earn an annual salary—median salary is **\$71,000/year**



EDUCATION OF AVAILABLE LABOR BY INDUSTRY OF CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYMENT

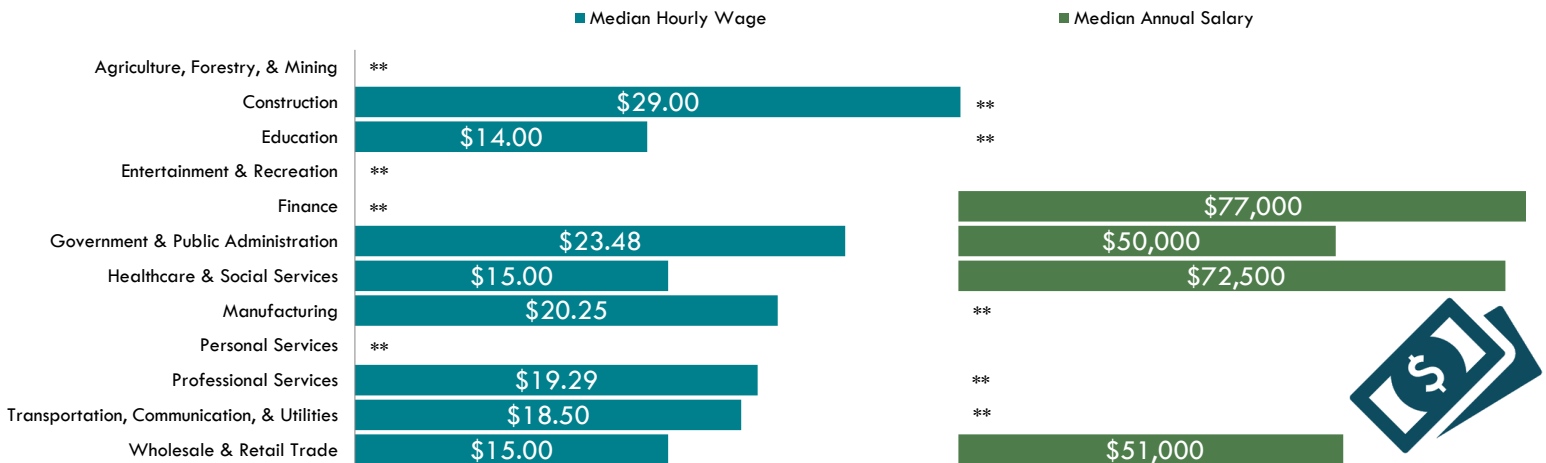
Data on this page is specific to only those survey respondents that reported they are likely to change or accept employment.



Industry	Education Beyond HS	Some Education Beyond HS, No	Trade Certification/Vocational Training	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Above
Agriculture, Forestry, & Mining	**	**	**	**	**
Construction	42.9%	0.0%	28.6%	14.3%	0.0%
Education	85.7%	28.6%	0.0%	0.0%	57.1%
Entertainment & Recreation	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	100%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	88.9%
Government & Public Administration	86.7%	20.0%	6.7%	13.3%	46.7%
Healthcare & Social Services	85.0%	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	45.0%
Manufacturing	65.3%	42.3%	3.8%	7.7%	11.5%
Personal Services	**	**	**	**	**
Professional Services	57.2%	28.6%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%
Transportation, Communication, & Utilities	37.5%	25.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%
Wholesale & Retail Trade	75.8%	33.3%	9.1%	15.2%	18.2%

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



**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%	312	Mismatch of Skills	9.9%	1,819
Low Income	0.5%	92	Σ †Total	10.9%	2,003

†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.

