

# IOWA'S LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEBSITE QUICK GUIDE



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## LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

The Labor Market Information (LMI) Division at Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) collects, analyzes and prepares economic statistics and information that describes geographies in Iowa in terms of their economic trends, industries, occupations, wages, and workforce.

Below are a collection of website pages related to IWD's LMI programs. They are organized by category of topic. Most pages include a home page that further describes the program and a data page, which provides the most current data related to the program.

## LABOR MARKET INDICATORS

### • [Current Employment Statistics \(CES\)](#)

Monthly estimates of employment, hours, and earnings for Iowa and metropolitan areas based on a business location survey. An estimate of total nonfarm employment is provided for rural counties. CES is considered a leading economic indicator.

[CES Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/ces](http://workforce.iowa.gov/ces) [CES Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/ces/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/ces/data)

### • [Local Area Unemployment Statistics \(LAUS\)](#)

Monthly estimates of the labor force, employment, unemployment and unemployment rates based on a household survey. The estimates are created for the state, local workforce development areas, metropolitan statistical areas, micropolitan areas, combined statistical areas, counties, and cities with populations of 25,000 residents or more.

[LAUS Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/laus](http://workforce.iowa.gov/laus) [LAUS Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/laus/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/laus/data)

### • [Unemployment Insurance Statistics & Characteristics of the Unemployed](#)

Unemployment insurance (UI) data analysis includes benefits paid and number of UI recipients by county and industry. Characteristics of the Unemployed includes age, sex, and race/ethnicity data of unemployment insurance claimants.

[UI Stats Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/uistats](http://workforce.iowa.gov/uistats) [UI Stats Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/uistats/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/uistats/data)

[UI Demographics Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/uidem](http://workforce.iowa.gov/uidem) [UI Demographics Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/uidem/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/uidem/data)

## INDUSTRY & EMPLOYERS

### • [Employer Database](#)

A searchable database of employers in Iowa. Searches can be conducted by industry, county, city, size, or employer name.

[Employer Database Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/edb](http://workforce.iowa.gov/edb) [Employer Database Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/edb/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/edb/data)

### • [Industry Profiles](#)

Publications on 20 major sectors that provides information on wages, employment, age and gender. The data compares the industry wages and employment over several years, by county, for the State, and the nation.

[Industry Profiles Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/iprof](http://workforce.iowa.gov/iprof)

### • [Industry Projections](#)

Long-term industry projections (or forecasts) are created every two years and provide numeric information on expected job growth, decline and percent change for a ten-year period. Information is available for the state and local workforce development areas. Two-year short-term projections are also available.

[Industry Projections Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/iproj](http://workforce.iowa.gov/iproj) [Industry Projections Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/iproj/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/iproj/data)

### • [Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages \(QCEW\)](#)

Quarterly data on industry employment and wages that includes the number of business locations by selected geographic areas.

[QCEW Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/qcew](http://workforce.iowa.gov/qcew) [QCEW Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/qcew/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/qcew/data)

### • [Staffing Patterns](#)

Staffing patterns provide detailed information on which occupations are employed in each industry sector/sub-sector.

[Staffing Patterns Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/staff](http://workforce.iowa.gov/staff) [Staffing Patterns Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/staff/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/staff/data)

### • [Workforce Needs Assessment \(WNA\) & Employment Benefit Analysis \(EBA\)](#)

Employer survey identifying the demand for workers, skills of applicants, and employers' future workforce plans. This survey also asks employers about the benefits they currently offer their employees; that data is part of the Employment Benefit Analysis (EBA).

[WNA Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/wna](http://workforce.iowa.gov/wna) [WNA Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/wna/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/wna/data)

[EBA Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/eba](http://workforce.iowa.gov/eba) [EBA Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/eba/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/eba/data)

## OCCUPATION: EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

### • [Iowa Licensed Occupations](#)

Provides information concerning occupations in Iowa that require a license, certificate, or commission issued by the State of Iowa. Licensing requirements, associated fees and examination information are available for each licensed occupation.

[Licensed Occupation Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/lic](http://workforce.iowa.gov/lic) [Licensed Occupation Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/lic/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/lic/data)

### • [Iowa Wage Report](#)

Data from the Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics (OWES) survey is used to provide annual wage estimates using the Employment Cost Index (ECI). Applying the ECI brings wage estimates to a more current level. Data is available for the state, metropolitan statistical areas, local workforce development areas, and balance of state areas (non-metropolitan).

[Iowa Wage Report Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/iawr](http://workforce.iowa.gov/iawr) [Iowa Wage Report Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/iawr/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/iawr/data)

### • [Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics \(OEWS\)](#)

Annual occupational employment and wage estimates by detailed occupation and major occupational groups for the state, metropolitan statistical areas and balance of state areas (non-metropolitan).

[OEWS Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/oews](http://workforce.iowa.gov/oews)

### • [Occupational Projections](#)

Ten-year outlook of occupations for the state and local workforce development areas in terms of employment, growth rate, type of openings, wage levels, education, work experience, job training, and top skills are created every two years. Short-term (two-year) projections are also available.

[Occupational Projections Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/oproj](http://workforce.iowa.gov/oproj) [Occupational Projections Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/oproj/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/oproj/data)

## LABOR SUPPLY & AVAILABILITY

### • [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#)

ACS data from the U.S. Census Bureau, specific to Iowa and its counties, micropolitan, and metropolitan areas. The data housed here relates to labor force participation, employment levels, and unemployment rate by various demographics including: age, gender, race, ethnicity, education level, disability, veterans, poverty status, and single women with children.

[ACS Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/acs](http://workforce.iowa.gov/acs) [ACS Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/acs/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/acs/data)

### • [Education Outcomes](#)

Custom research designed to assist colleges/universities in the determination of the effectiveness of their educational programming through education and wage record matching.

[Education Outcomes Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/eo](http://workforce.iowa.gov/eo)

### • [Iowa College Student Retention](#)

Survey and analysis of Iowa college students (community colleges, private colleges, public universities) consisting of questions pertaining to students' demographics, areas of study, future ambitions, opinions of the State of Iowa and factors which influence their decision to stay in Iowa or move elsewhere, following graduation.

[College Student Retention Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/cs](http://workforce.iowa.gov/cs)

### • [Job Openings & Labor Turnover Survey \(JOLTS\)](#)

The JOLTS survey is conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Data available relates to job openings, hires, and separations—reported on a monthly basis.

[JOLTS Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/jolts](http://workforce.iowa.gov/jolts) [JOLTS Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/jolts/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/jolts/data)

### • [Laborshed Studies](#)

Labor availability and workforce characteristic (education, wages, benefits, commuting, job search, etc.) study of people between the ages of 18 and 64 based on commuting patterns into a community.

[Laborshed Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed](http://workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed) [Laborshed Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed/data)

### • [Registered Apprenticeship](#)

Data collected through the Department of Labor for Registered Apprenticeships is summarized for Iowa on this page.

[Registered Apprenticeship Data Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/ra/data](http://workforce.iowa.gov/ra/data)

## CAREER EXPLORATION & INFORMATION

### • [Career Exploration & Information](#)

Career publications and guides: *Career Outlooks*, *Hot Jobs*, *Occupational Profiles* and more are available to assist people with making decisions about their future.

[Career Exploration Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/career](http://workforce.iowa.gov/career)

## ADDITIONAL LMI INFORMATION

### • [Area Profiles](#)

Multiple data source (IWD, BLS, U.S. Census) publication for Iowa's local workforce development areas as well as metropolitan areas which provides information about industries, occupations, wages, major employers, workforce indicators, worker demographics and the labor force.

[Area Profiles Home Page:](#) [workforce.iowa.gov/aprof](http://workforce.iowa.gov/aprof)