

# PROFILE OF IOWA'S UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT RECIPIENTS

## November 2024



The characteristics data used in this report is based on claimants who filed a regular UI continued weeks claim during the week including the 19th of the month. This data is prone to seasonality.



Iowa Workforce  
Development

### GENDER



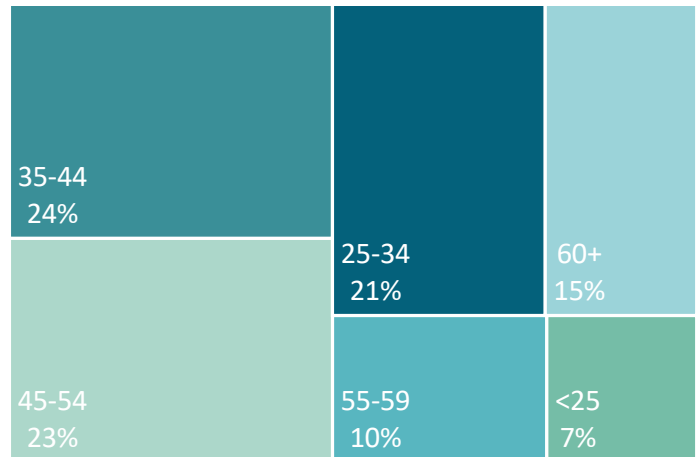
**62%** of claimants were **MALE**



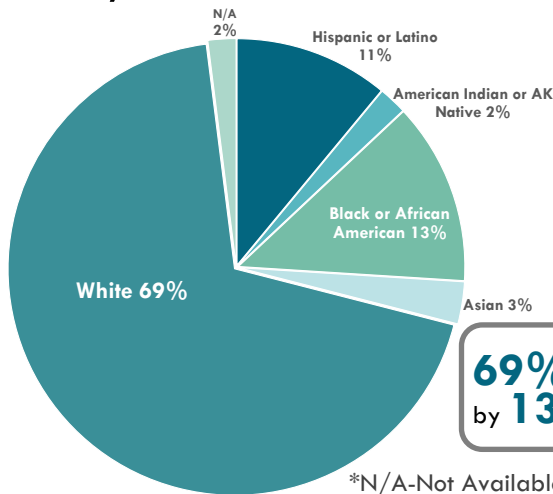
**37%** of claimants were **FEMALE**

1% of gender responses, N/A

### AGE



### RACE/ETHNICITY

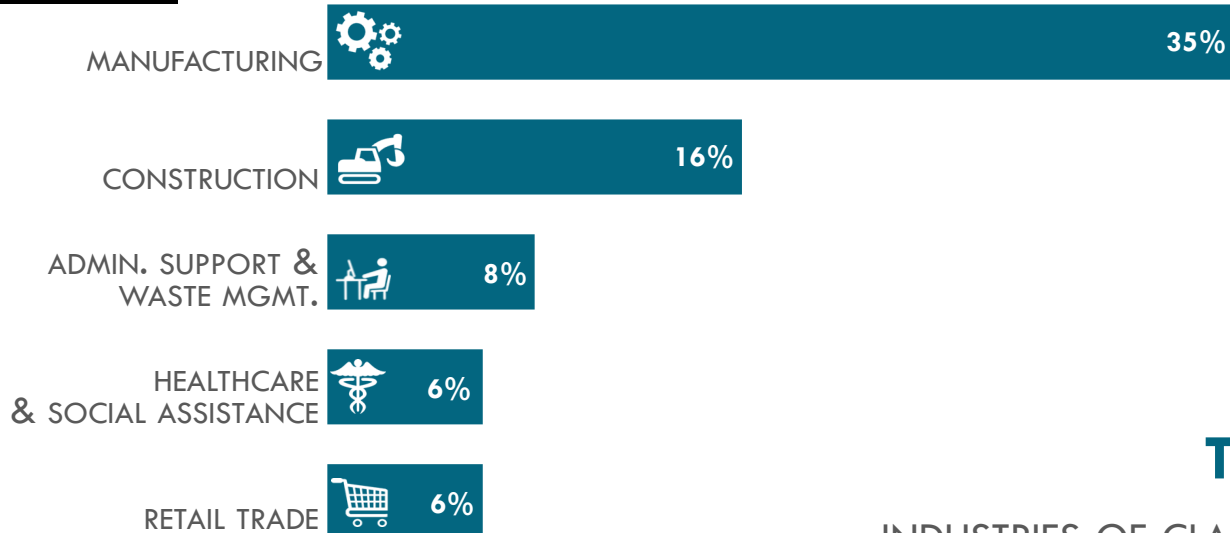


**68%** of all claimants were between the ages of **25 & 54.**

**69%** of all claimants were White followed by **13%** Black or African American

\*N/A-Not Available

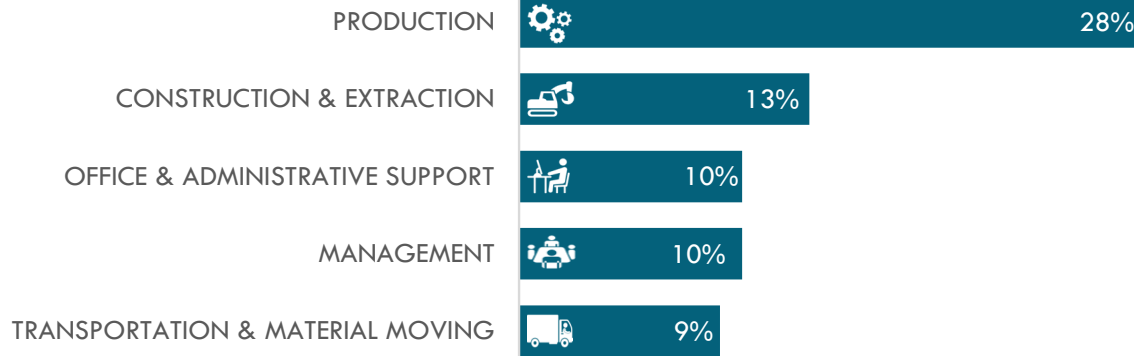
### INDUSTRY



**TOP 5**  
INDUSTRIES OF CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES OF CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION



CHANGE

| Gender | Nov-24 | Oct-24 | % Change | Nov-23 | % Change |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Male   | 6,081  | 327    | 5.7%     | 1,773  | 41.2%    |
| Female | 3,646  | -42    | -1.1%    | 693    | 23.5%    |
| INA    | 143    | 25     | 21.2%    | 61     | 74.4%    |

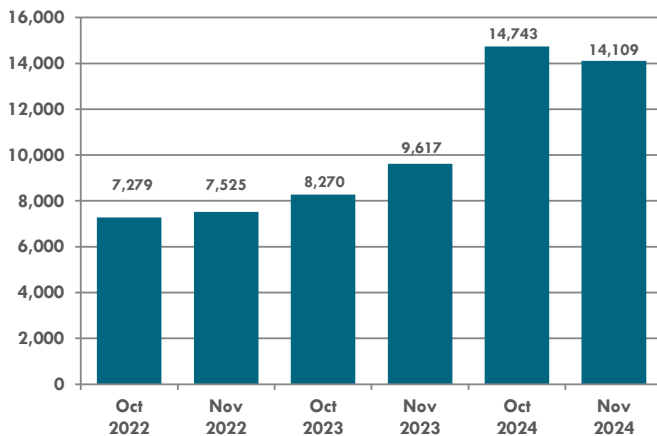
| Industry                       | Nov-24 | Oct-24 | % Change | Nov-23 | % Change |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Manufacturing                  | 3,516  | -919   | -20.7%   | 1,660  | 89.4%    |
| Construction                   | 1,577  | 606    | 62.4%    | 389    | 32.7%    |
| Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.   | 766    | 245    | 47.0%    | 77     | 11.2%    |
| Healthcare & Social Assistance | 590    | 9      | 1.5%     | 68     | 13.0%    |
| Retail Trade                   | 548    | 33     | 6.4%     | 46     | 9.2%     |

| Age   | Nov-24 | Oct-24 | % Change | Nov-23 | % Change |
|-------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| <25   | 701    | 122    | 21.1%    | 147    | 26.5%    |
| 25-34 | 2,056  | 135    | 7.0%     | 537    | 35.4%    |
| 35-44 | 2,415  | -50    | -2.0%    | 526    | 27.8%    |
| 45-54 | 2,253  | -3     | -0.1%    | 679    | 43.1%    |
| 55-59 | 992    | 12     | 1.2%     | 250    | 33.7%    |
| 60+   | 1,453  | 94     | 6.9%     | 388    | 36.4%    |
| INA   | 0      | 0      | 0.0%     | 0      | 0.0%     |

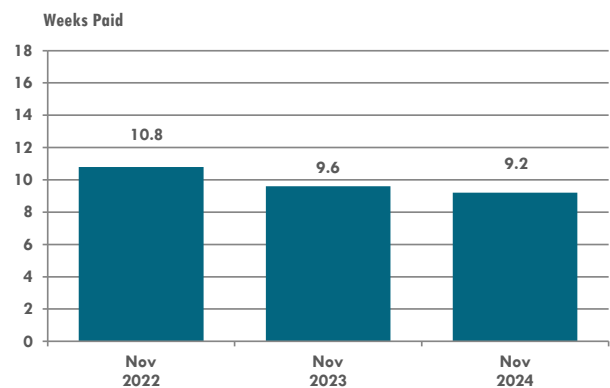
| Occupation                       | Nov-24 | Oct-24 | % Change | Nov-23 | % Change |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Production                       | 2,723  | -667   | -19.7%   | 1,210  | 80.0%    |
| Construction & Extaction         | 1,283  | 402    | 45.6%    | 308    | 31.6%    |
| Office & Administrative Support  | 937    | 21     | 2.3%     | 149    | 18.9%    |
| Management                       | 936    | 136    | 17.0%    | 125    | 15.4%    |
| Transportation & Material Moving | 915    | 54     | 6.3%     | 324    | 54.8%    |

\*INA-Information Not Provided

NUMBER OF UI RECIPIENTS



DURATION OF UI BENEFITS



- Recipients represent the number of persons receiving at least one UI benefit payment during the month.
- The number of UI recipients for November 2024 (14,109) decreased by 634 from the recipient number in October 2024 (14,743) and increased by 4,492 when compared to November 2023, (9,617). Most claims coming from layoffs in manufacturing and seasonal layoffs in construction.

- The maximum duration of UI benefits for most UI claimants is 16 weeks, (26 weeks maximum for plant closing). Duration measures the 12 month average of regular UI benefits only.
- The duration of benefits for November 2024 increased slightly to 9.2 weeks from October 2024 (9.1 weeks). The duration of benefits was 9.6 weeks in November 2023.

Source: Iowa Unemployment Insurance Statistics. Note: The UI system was primarily designed to serve people who lost their last job. These characteristics do not necessarily reflect job leavers, new entrants, reentrants, and benefit exhaustees. Only regular UI claims are represented here. Typically about 30% to 40% of unemployed persons are receiving UI benefits in Iowa. This may be higher during recessions.