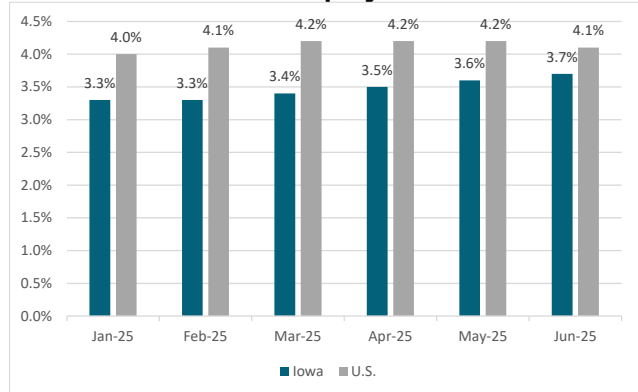


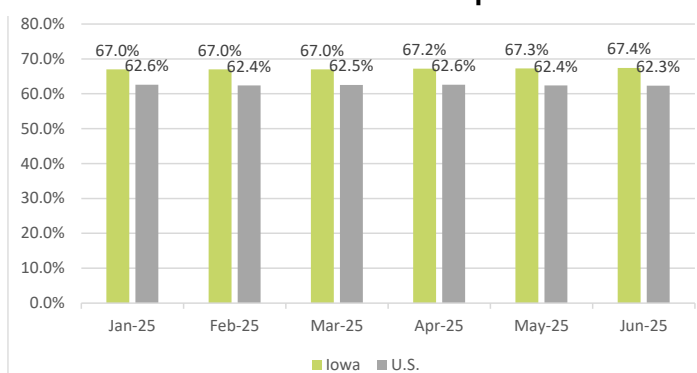
Labor Force & Unemployment

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2025



- Iowa's unemployment rate increased to 3.7 percent in June. The state's jobless rate was 3.0 percent one year ago.
- The U.S. unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent in June.

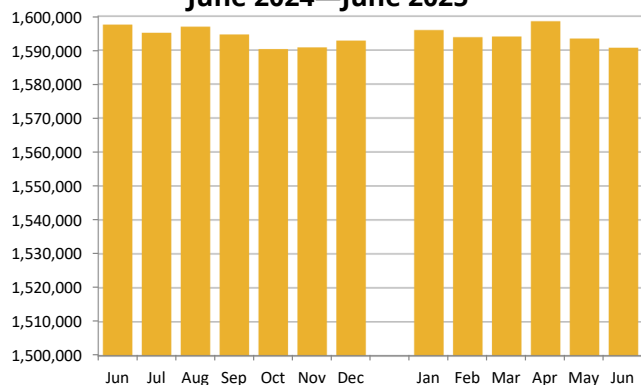
Iowa and U.S. Labor Force Participation Rates



- The state's total employment level increased to 1,671,800 in June from 1,669,100 in May.
- Iowa's labor force participation rate rose to 67.4 percent in June. The increase in labor force participation was due to those 35 years and older.

Nonfarm Employment

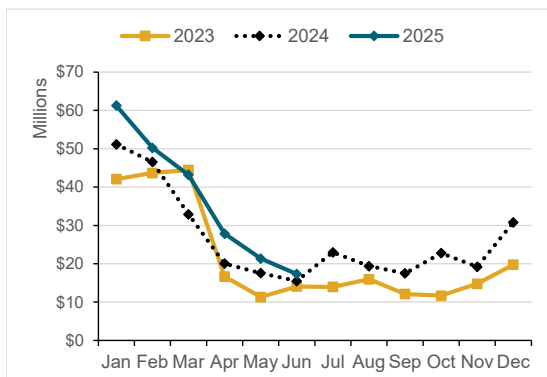
**Total Nonfarm Employment
June 2024—June 2025**



- Firms in Iowa shed 2,700 jobs in June, lowering total nonfarm employment to 1,590,700. Private service industries were responsible for most of the loss.

- Leisure and hospitality shed 5,200 jobs since May. Firms related to arts, entertainment, and recreational industries dropped 2,800 jobs. Accommodations and food service industries also lost jobs compared to May (-2,400).
- Health care and social assistance continued to hire and added 2,800 jobs in June to lead all sectors.
- Construction continued to hire and gained 1,000 jobs. This is the fifth-consecutive increase stretching back to January.
- Manufacturing pared jobs for the third time since March (-800). Losses were evenly split between durable and nondurable goods factories.
- Over the past twelve months, Iowa establishments have shed 6,800 jobs. Health care and social assistance has gained the most jobs (+7,500) while manufacturing has lost the most (-9,100).

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits Paid



- Unemployment benefits paid fell from \$21 million in May 2025 to \$17 million in June 2025. June 2024 benefits paid totaled \$15 million.
- Benefits paid during the first half of 2025 totaled \$221 million. This is higher than \$184 million first half of 2024. Temporary and permanent manufacturing layoffs contributed to this increase.
- Benefits paid still remain lower than the first half of 2021 which totaled \$292 million.

Upcoming Monthly News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
June	July 17, 2025	July 22, 2025
July	August 14, 2025	August 19, 2025
August	September 18, 2025	September 23, 2025

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