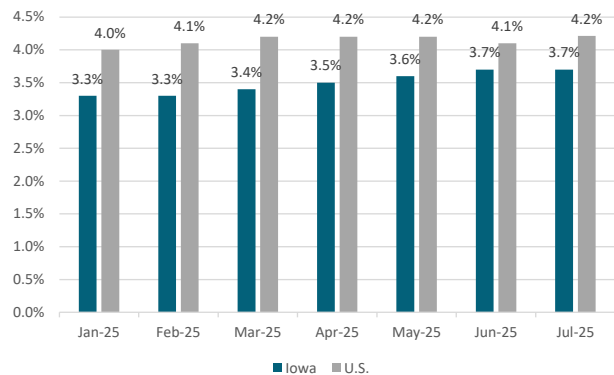


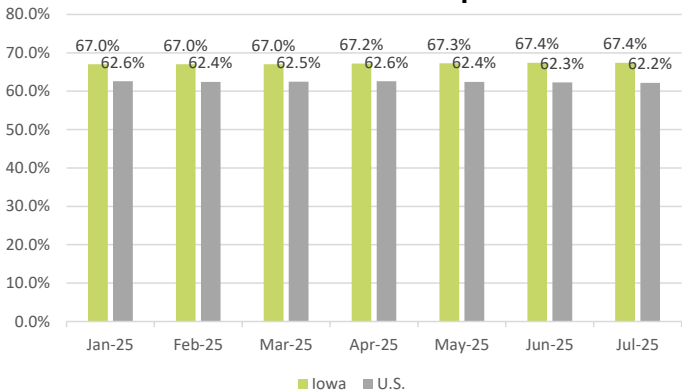
Labor Force & Unemployment

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2025



- Iowa's unemployment rate remained at 3.7 percent in July. The state's jobless rate was 3.1 percent one year ago.
- The U.S. unemployment rate increased to 4.2 percent in July.

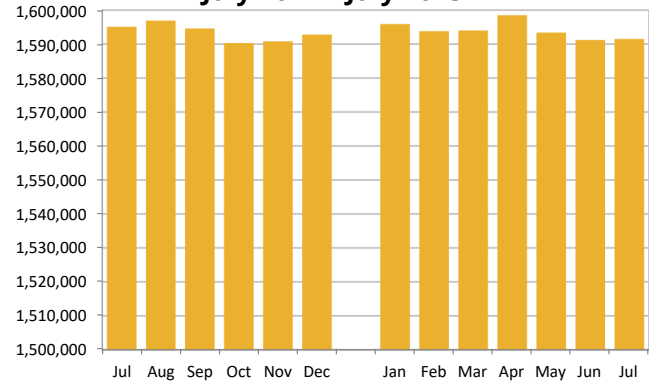
Iowa and U.S. Labor Force Participation Rates



- The state's total employment level increased to 1,672,600 in July from 1,672,000 in June.
- Iowa's labor force participation rate remained at 67.4 percent in July. 94.2 percent of those not in the labor force do not want a job.

Nonfarm Employment

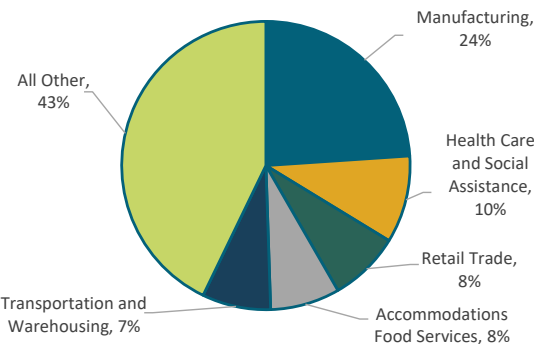
Total Nonfarm Employment
July 2024—July 2025



- Iowa establishments added 300 jobs in July. This monthly increase follows losses over the prior two months totaling 7,300 jobs. Private industry was responsible for all the hiring.

- Private education industries added 2,600 jobs to lead all sectors. Summer hiring in private K12 schools was responsible for much of those jobs gained.
- Leisure and hospitality added 1,400 jobs since June. This sector has been sluggish thus far this summer with losses over the prior two months totaling 4,800 jobs.
- Manufacturing added 600 jobs. This was the first monthly gain since March.
- Wholesale trade shed the most jobs over-the-month (-1,300). This sector has shed 3,800 jobs since February.
- Total nonfarm employment remains down compared to last July (-3,600). Manufacturing has shed the most jobs (-5,400) followed by professional and business services (-4,900). Health care and social assistance (+6,400) and construction (+4,700) have added the most jobs.

Continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) Paid by Industry



- Continued weeks claimed in manufacturing increased from an average of 1,650 per week in June to 2,282 per week in July. The increase was partially caused by seasonal inventory layoffs.
- Manufacturing accounted for 24% of continued weeks claimed in July followed by Health Care and Social Assistance with 10% of continued weeks claimed.
- A continued week claim represents one week of unemployment and is counted when a UI claimant files a weekly certification. This differs from the more widely reported initial claim which represents a new spell of unemployment

Upcoming Monthly News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
July	August 14, 2025	August 19, 2025
August	September 18, 2025	September 23, 2025
September	October 16, 2025	October 21, 2025

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