

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Highlights

LAUS employment data is published by **Area**

LAUS is a count of **People**

The Current Population Survey (CPS) that is used to calculate LAUS is a **Household Survey**

The Current Population Survey is based on **Place of Residence**

The Current Population Survey is based on an interview of approximately **700 Iowa households**

The LAUS reference week is the **Calendar Week** that includes the 12th of the month

A person on unpaid leave **Is Counted** as employed in LAUS because they will return to their job

LAUS **Does Count** self-employed workers

LAUS **Includes** both agricultural and nonagricultural workers

LAUS **Counts** unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business or family farm during the reference week

LAUS **Does Count** workers on strike during the reference week as being employed

**LAUS EMPLOYMENT IS NOT COMPARABLE WITH CES TOTAL NONFARM
EMPLOYMENT**