

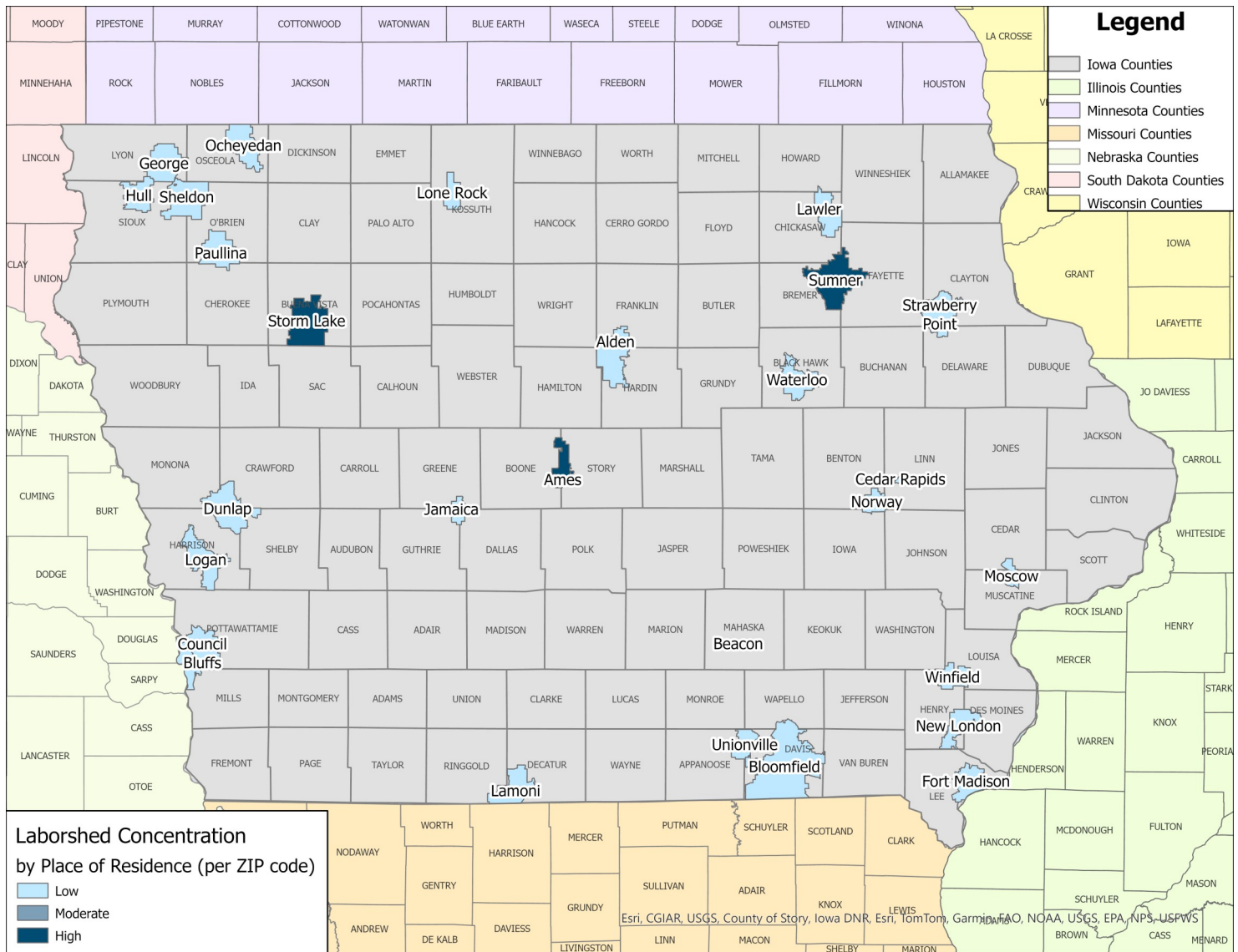
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## FARMING, FISHING, & FORESTRY

### STATE OF IOWA LABORSHED AREA

#### CONCENTRATION OF RESPONDENTS WITHIN THE LABORSHED AREA WITH TRANSFERABLE EXPERIENCE/SKILLS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE



Workers who have transferable experience/skills in the industry are currently commuting an average of 16 miles one way for work. Those who are likely to change/accept employment are willing to commute an average of 20 miles one way for the right employment opportunity.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATEWIDE REGIONAL LABORSHED, CONTACT:**



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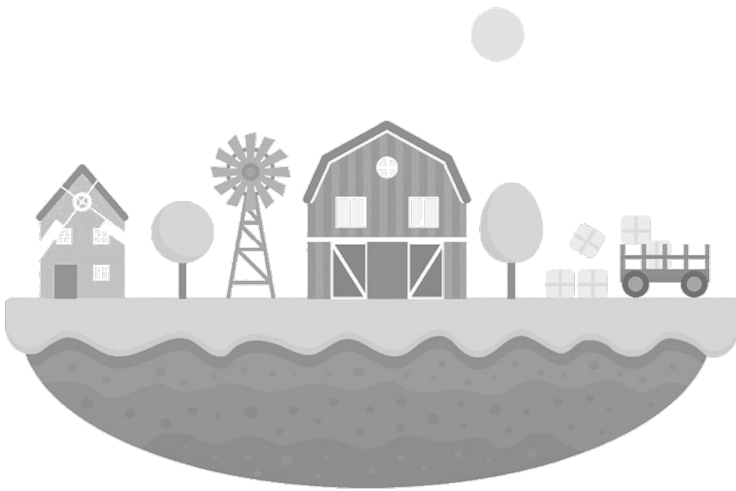
### ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR PER OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY:

- Agricultural Equipment Operators - 3.2%
- Agricultural Inspectors - 6.5%
- Agricultural Workers, All Other - 6.5%
- Animal Breeders - 3.2%
- Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse - 35.5%
- Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals - 12.9%
- First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers - 29%
- Logging Workers, All Other - 3.2%

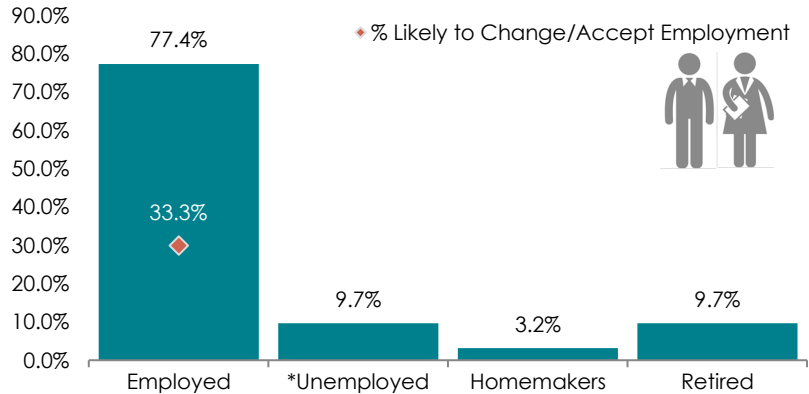
### UNDEREMPLOYMENT (ESTIMATED):

- Low hours - 0.0%
- Mismatch of skills - 9.7%
- Low income - 0.0%
- Total - 9.7%

(Individuals counted only once when estimating Total Underemployment.)



### ESTIMATED TOTAL BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (PERCENTAGE):



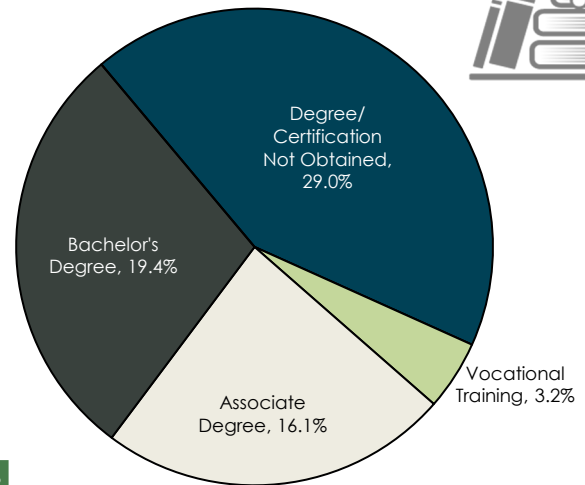
\*Employment status is self-identified by the survey respondent. The unemployment percentage does not reflect the unemployment rate published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which applies a stricter definition.

### EMPLOYMENT STATS:

- 64.5% paid an hourly wage
- 96.8% are/were employed full-time
- 3.2% are/were employed part-time
- 20.0% are/were self-employed
- 16.7% hold two or more jobs
- Currently working an average of 48 hours/week

### EDUCATIONAL LEVEL:

(67.7% HAVE AN EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL)



### CURRENT BENEFITS:



### DESIRED BENEFITS:



### TOP JOB SEARCH RESOURCES:

(For those seeking employment opportunities, by use.)

- Internet - 75.9%
  - [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
  - [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)
- Networking through friends, family or acquaintances - 34.5%
- IowaWORKS Centers - 17.2%
- Private Employment Services - 13.8%



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OCCUPATION	OCCUPATIONAL CODE	MEAN WAGE	MEDIAN WAGE	MEAN SALARY	MEDIAN SALARY
Agricultural Equipment Operators	45-2091	\$23.66	\$23.41	\$49,220.00	\$48,690.00
Agricultural Inspectors	45-2011	\$27.45	\$25.92	\$57,100.00	\$53,910.00
Agricultural Workers, All Other	45-2099	\$21.59	\$19.23	\$44,900.00	\$39,990.00
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	45-2092	\$17.13	\$16.32	\$35,630.00	\$33,950.00
Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	45-2093	\$18.20	\$16.70	\$37,850.00	\$34,740.00
First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers	45-1011	\$33.22	\$28.92	\$69,090.00	\$60,140.00
Forest and Conservation Workers	45-4011	\$17.16	\$14.56	\$35,690.00	\$30,290.00
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	45-2041	\$20.92	\$19.99	\$43,520.00	\$41,570.00

The 2024 Iowa Wage data for the Statewide Laborshed area was produced by the Labor Force & Occupational Analysis Bureau to provide communities local information on wages by occupation. Additional occupational wage and employment data for the Statewide Laborshed area can be found at [workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed/data](https://workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed/data). For more information regarding the 2024 OEWS estimates visit: [bls.gov/oes/2024/may/oes\\_tec.htm](https://bls.gov/oes/2024/may/oes_tec.htm)

Balance of data compiled by Iowa Workforce Development using Laborshed data released in 2025.

