

Labor Force				
Labor Market (1 & 3)	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	% Unemployed
2005	86,404	82,388	4,118	4.8%
2006	84,382	81,089	3,293	3.9%
2007	84,730	81,255	3,475	4.1%
2008	84,634	81,010	3,624	4.3%
2009	85,130	79,419	5,711	6.7%
2010	90,800	85,001	5,932	6.5%
2011	89,583	80,849	4,948	5.5%
Employment by Industry (2)- Data for 4 Counties only				
	2005	2010	2011	
Total All Industries	70,958	71,858	73,498	
Goods Producing	16,546	14,685	15,344	
Construction	3,202	3,380	3,428	
Manufacturing	12,846	10,777	11,377	
Service	46,298	48,835	49,928	
Information	2,136	1,633	1,598	
Financial Activities	3,842	4,142	4,322	
Professional & Business Services	4,060	5,743	6,071	
Education & health services	11,326	12,086	12,217	
Leisure & hospitality	7,184	7,173	7,330	
Other services	1,965	2,090	2,158	
Avg. Starting Wage by Occupation (4)				
	2011			
Architecture & Engineering	\$20.22			
Management	\$18.10			
Community & Social Science	\$17.32			
Computer & Mathematical Science	\$16.00			
Construction & Extraction	\$15.54			
Protective Service	\$15.17			
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$14.38			
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	\$14.30			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$14.05			
Production	\$13.62			
Business & Financial Operations	\$13.44			
Sales & Related	\$13.00			
Transportation & Material Moving	\$12.24			
Healthcare Support	\$10.38			
Office & Administrative Support	\$10.24			
Personal Care & Service	\$9.06			
Education, Training & Library	\$8.75			
Building & Grounds/Cleaning & Maintenance	\$8.72			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$7.66			
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Related	\$7.65			

Notes & Sources

(1) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm

(2) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW), www.bls.gov/cew/home.htm

(3) State Data Center, www.iowadatacenter.org

(4) Iowa Workforce Development, Regional Workforce Needs Assessment, August 2012