

Iowa Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 5,875,000 jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 588,000 created each month.
- In the month of November, the latest for which national data are available, 210,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 4.2%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (4.0%), adult women (4.0%), white workers (3.7%), Asian workers (3.8%), Hispanic workers (5.2%) and Black workers (6.7%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 24,700 jobs have been created in Iowa.
- In the month of November, the latest for which state-level data are available, 1,000 jobs were lost in Iowa.

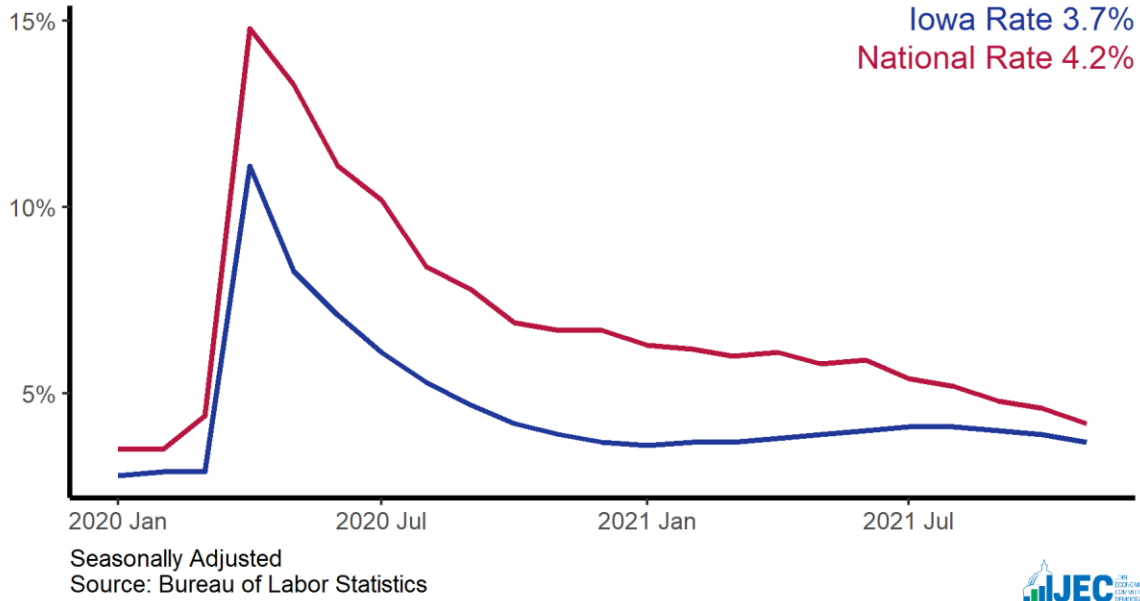
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in November	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January
Total Nonfarm, Iowa	-1,000	71%	24,700
Leisure and Hospitality, Iowa	2,000	86%	17,000
Professional and Business Services, Iowa	1,100	48%	-1,400
Construction, Iowa	600	29%	-4,400
Education and Health Services, Iowa	600	56%	3,100
Retail Trade, Iowa	0	105%	1,900
Government, Iowa	0	68%	5,800
Manufacturing, Iowa	-5,500	55%	300

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

Iowa Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Iowa Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

