



This report Reflects January-February 2020

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	January 2020	December 2019	January 2019
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	3.6%	3.5%	4.0%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	3.6%	2.9%	3.5%
Benton	3.9%	3.3%	3.9%
Cedar	3.6%	2.7%	3.4%
Iowa	3.4%	2.3%	3.2%
Johnson	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%
Jones	5.2%	3.7%	4.7%
Linn	3.6%	3.1%	3.5%
Washington	3.8%	2.6%	3.4%

Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

- US Census 7
- Sprint 2
- KCC
- DES
- ABM 4
- QPS
- Circle Computers
- Goodwill
- Boot Barn
- Weekly Grab a Job-Open Interviews with 4-6 employers at each
 - Promoting Grab A Job to employers more than open lobby time

Iowa City Recruiting Events:

- US Census 7
- 1st Class Security 2
- Amazon-9 informational meetings with 12 customers in each session (2/25-2/27)



Business Services activities:

January:

Jan 10: EIHR strategic Planning - 12 board members worked to plan the yearly goals (Kate).

Jan 16: Re-connect-8 employers and 57 job seekers in attendance (Curt)

Jan 23: Attended the State of City for Marion Iowa. Heard the info about the accomplishments and goals for Marion, IA (Kate)

Jan 29: Governor's Roundtable at Anamosa State Penitentiary-largest turnout according to Governor (Business Team)

February:

Feb 6: Moderator for the Fair Chance Hiring Panel. Co-hosted by Economic Alliance and the Linn County Board a Supervisors. 45 people in attendance. 6 panelists. (Kate)

Feb 12/13/14&26: Amazon recruiting activities to connect them to all workforce development organizations in the region and present to staff along with community workshops. (Kate)

Feb 13: Healthcare Career Pathway Tour-Mercy of Iowa City and 15 students

Feb 20: Re-connect-8 employers and 36 job seekers (Curt)

Feb 20: NCRC Testing - 16 students as part of Gear Up! (Kate)

Feb 26: Youth Job Fair, 70 employers, 200+ students (Business Team)

Rapid Response Activities:

Tata Consultancy Services: 36 workers were permanently laid off with a date on or around 1/10/20. Worker meetings were conducted on 1/7/20. Impacted workers were given priority for other open positions so the total number of impacted workers were less than 36.