



This report Reflects November-December 2016

Current Job Openings (Incudes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
November	27, 378	3239
December	23, 366	2714

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	November 2016	October 2016	October 2015
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	4.6%	4.8%	5.0%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	3.8%	4.1%	3.5%
Benton	2.9%	3.3%	3.1%
Cedar	2.6%	2.8%	2.7%
Iowa	2.3%	2.7%	2.7%
Johnson	2.1%	2.6%	2.3%
Jones	3.1%	3.6%	3.1%
Linn	3.1%	3.5%	3.2%
Washington	2.5%	2.9%	2.4%

Business Services

In addition to business visits, the business services team assisted the following businesses during this reporting period through targeting recruiting events in the IowaWORKS center:



Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events

November/December 2016

Team Staffing-4
Aerotek-3
Volt-3
RGIS-3
Servicemaster-2
Sprint
Harbor Freight
Kaplan
Mississippi Regional Blood
QPS
Highland Ventures
Kum and Go

Iowa City Recruiting Events

November-December 2016

Aerotek-2
Affordable Cleaning-2
Team Staffing-2

Business Service activities November-December 2016:

An apprenticeship seminar was held on 11/15/16 where employers and prospective job seekers were invited to learn about the benefits of apprenticeships. There was a panel including existing apprenticeship sponsors, current apprentices, and Department of Labor. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with a few businesses requesting follow up to discuss apprenticeships for their positions.

IowaWORKS and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation conducted mock interviews and job seeker presentations to five high school classrooms that partnered with Workplace Learning Connections.

Terry Branstad, Governor
 Kim Reynolds, Lt. Governor
 Beth Townsend, Director



Rapid Response activities:

International Automotive Components (IAC), Iowa City

- Mass layoff of 460 effective 12/23/16
- Provided 9 informational sessions on-site
- Hosted Job Fair for IAC workers-34 vendors and 150-200 job seekers attended
- Provided evening resume and job fair prep workshops at the library
- Assisted a mass number of IAC workers file unemployment

Modine-Washington

- Last 50 laid off 12/31/16 as business officially closed
- Majority were served by Pam in Washington as well as in the Iowa City office
- Trade approved and a spike in training being authorized

Rockwell-Cedar Rapids

- 69 being laid off around 1/27/17
- Will provide update at next RWDB meeting

Transamerica-Cedar Rapids

- 120 being laid off in February 2017
- Will provide update at next RWDB meeting

From November-December 2016, several short term trainings were offered free as core services to members of IowaWORKS and are listed below.

Forklift Certification

CPR

Computer Classes (Keyboarding, Word, Email/Internet, Excel)-CR and IC offerings

OSHA 10

Women in Manufacturing workshop and tour

Synopsis of the State Apprenticeship Grant

765 referrals (via marketing, outreach, partners)

59 NEG/WIOA enrollments

20 OJT placements

34 non OJT placements (found employment in other industry and outside of program)

15 referrals to WIOA formula training programs

8 in assessment and job preparedness activities

33 program exits.

Current OJT's with LX Nexus, Homeland Electric, Brandt Htg and A/c

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