



This report Reflects June-August 2017

Current Job Openings (Incudes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
June	32, 357	3, 244
July	32, 197	3, 503
August	37, 023	3, 997

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	4.4%	4.3%	4.9%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	3.3%	3.2%	3.7%
Benton	2.9%	3.6%	3.4%
Cedar	2.6%	3.2%	2.9%
Iowa	2.4%	3.1%	2.8%
Johnson	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%
Jones	3.6%	4.6%	4.4%
Linn	3.1%	3.4%	3.6%
Washington	2.7%	3.1%	2.5%

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:

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Beth Townsend, Director



Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

June-August 2017

Kum and Go 2
Ruffalo Noel Levitz 2
RGIS 5
QPS 3
Schneider International 2
Aerotek 2
Alorica
Pic Group 2
Whirlpool-Several dates including evening and weekends at the center
Transamerica
Ross Dress for Less
HyVee-Including an evening event

Iowa City Recruiting Events:

June-August 2017

Team Staffing
Zachry Industrial
Affordable Cleaning 2
Aerotek 4
PerMar
Servicemaster 2
ACS
ASInc
Key Resources
Kelly Services-Evening event in center

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Center activities in June-August:

JUNE:

Corridor Career Fair
June 1, 2017
Iowa City

Eastern Iowa Human Resources Association
June 13, 2017
Difficult Conversations - Gale Mote
(Handling difficult conversations with employees and fellow staff)
Kirkwood Hotel

Informational sessions at Department of Correctional Services
June 15, 2017 and June 28, 2017
Jenny Lahey presented to probation/parole officers about IowaWORKS services

ECI LMI Update
Ryan Murphy (Labor Market Information Division)
June 22, 2017
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance

Re-Entry Workshop
June 29, 2017
Cedar Rapids Public Library

Gazette Business Breakfast panelist-Kate Pine
Spoke about services available at IowaWORKS/apprenticeships, and LMI

Kate Pine-Provided Registered Apprenticeship training for WIOA staff in Eastern Iowa

JULY:

Open House/Workforce system services
July 19, 2017
Invited employers into IowaWORKS to learn the various services available, which included a tour of the center as they learned.

Center of Influence ESGR event

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July 20, 2017

Resource and Networking event designed to educate about hiring veterans and benefits of HBI

AUGUST:

EIHRA Networking Event-Culture

August 1, 2017

Utilized information learned from session and incorporated into skills meetings to determine areas of need/training

Veterans Resource Fair

August 9, 2017

Event to assist veteran job seekers, with barriers to employment; by way of providing veteran community resources in Cedar Valley. Networking and informational Home Base Iowa details furnished to community partners

Whirlpool Recruitment Event

Saturday August 12, 2017

Cedar Rapids IowaWORKS office

ECI Seminar - Benefits of Hiring Refugees

August 16, 2017

Merge in Iowa City (ICAD)

The focus of the seminar was to educate employers on the benefits of hiring refugees and immigrants.

(Panel Style presentation with businesses and job seekers)

Open House - Diversity and Dual Hiring

August 29, 2017

Merge in Iowa City

Event showcasing recruitment in the Corridor for spouses looking for jobs and how we can partner to assist in finding resources to get them employment.

EDRN Reverse Job fair

3 phases-Bootcamp, Dry Run, and actual event-Partnership with Voc Rehab, Vets, Goodwill, Dept. of Blind and Promise Jobs.

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Iowa City Reverse Job Fair
3 phases-Bootcamp, dry run, and actual event

Jane Boyd Entrepreneurial Networking Event-Kate presented about IowaWORKS services available.

On-going Registered Apprenticeship training for Eastern District-Kate Pine

Rapid Response Activities:

Adidas-Closing at the end of September, impacting 98 workers. We are hosting a job fair for workers on September 26th and currently have around 16 employers participating.

Wabash Transformer closed in Cedar County on 8/31/17 impacting 13 employees. We provided a rapid response meeting for workers on 8/24/17.

IAC-Was approved for trade benefits and sessions were held over 2 days in September for impacted workers.