



This report Reflects January/February 2018

Current Job Openings (Includes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
January	40, 131	4581
February	34,000	3756

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	4.1%	4.1%	4.8%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	2.9%	2.9%	3.4%
Benton	4.2%	3.2%	4.5%
Cedar	3.9%	2.8%	4.6%
Iowa	3.4%	2.5%	4.3%
Johnson	2.3%	2.1%	3.1%
Jones	5.2%	3.4%	6.1%
Linn	3.8%	3.2%	4.3%
Washington	3.6%	2.5%	4.4%

Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

January/February 2018

- RGIS -2
- Kelly Services-2
- Bricklayers Apprenticeship
- Remedy
- Schneider Trucking
- Aerotek-2

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Iowa City Recruiting Events:

January/February 2018

Kelly Services-3
Aerotek-4
Walsh Door and Hardware

Business Services activities in January/February 2018**January 2018:**

- 1/9/18: Kate presented to 9 IT companies about creating Registered Apprenticeship programs. A follow-up meeting occurred on 2/23/18 and is moving forward with creating a program.
- 1/12/18: Jennifer presented to 15 students at Monticello High School about apprenticeships.
- 1/17/18: Frank co-presented on IowaWORKS services with Greg Clark, DVOP, to Correctional Officers at Hope House in Coralville.
- 1/19/18: Kate met with ACE sector board companies along with KCC to discuss development of a Registered Apprenticeship program in construction. Follow up meeting occurred on 2/7/18, with continued plan to develop program.
- 1/25/18: Mace with Iowa County Veteran Affairs Officer, Jennifer Olson, to discuss strategies to result in Iowa County becoming a HBI community.
- 1/26/18: Mace met with Benton Co economic development groups regarding HBI, resulting in a package being submitted in March for Benton Co to become the first county in region 10 to be a HBI community.
- 1/31/18: Kate presented to 22 businesses in Davenport regarding developing Registered Apprenticeships.

February:

- 2/2/18 and 2/16/18: Jennifer presented to 45 students at Jefferson High School about applications, resumes, skills identification, interview prep, mock interviews, and job fair prep.
- 2/8/18: Provided NCRC testing for 50 students at Tipton High School.
- 2/12/18: Frank presented to 65 juniors and seniors at West Brach High School regarding apprenticeships, Future Ready Iowa, and work readiness skills.

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- 2/20/18: Jennifer hosted a booth at the Linn County Stem event discussing services available at IowaWORKS, with 1162 registered attendees.
- 2/21/18: Mace conducted a HBI orientation for veterans at IowaWORKS, resulting in 6 new registrations who Mace is actively engaging with to connect with hiring businesses.
- 2/22/18: IowaWORKS hosted youth job fair with 22 employers and 150 students attending.
- 2/28/18: ECI hosted a seminar on “An Honest Discussion about Harassment in the Workplace” with 44 attendees.
- 2/28/18: Kate and Jenny presented on Registered Apprenticeships to the Healthcare sector board, with 6 businesses and 4 supportive services agencies present.

Center activities in January/February 2018

In addition to the regularly scheduled Maximize Your Potential (formerly 6 steps) workshops, the following opportunities were provided to members at no cost:

- Computer classes
- OSHA 10
- CPR
- Forklift
- True Colors
- Working It Out
- NCRC
- Bringing Your A Game
- HBI Orientation

Rapid Response Activities:

Cedar Rapids:

- Goldman Sachs Bank-laying off 39 effective 3/31/18-5/1/18; no RR events scheduled yet
- Bon Ton (Younkers)-laid off 62 around 3/2/18; 2 sessions for workers held on 3/16/18

Iowa City:

- ACT-laid off 105 effective 3/1/18-they used an out-placement company to assist workers
- IAC-another round of layoffs impacting 36 workers by end of March-will be trade eligible

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