



This report Reflects March/April 2018

Current Job Openings (Incudes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
March	38, 608	4267
April	36, 916	4053

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	March 2018	February 2018	March 2017
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	4.1%	4.1%	4.5%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	2.8%	2.9%	3.3%
Benton	3.3%	3.8%	3.8%
Cedar	2.9%	3.5%	3.4%
Iowa	2.6%	3.1%	3.4%
Johnson	2.1%	2.3%	2.6%
Jones	4.3%	5.0%	4.9%
Linn	3.2%	3.7%	3.6%
Washington	2.7%	3.6%	3.3%

Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

March/April 2018

- Brooke's Cleaning (3)
- Sprint (2)
- RGIS (4)
- Schneider Trucking
- Gander Mountain (2)
- Pic Group (3)
- Aerotek (2)
- Kapstone
- Worksource
- Pilot Flying J (5)

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Nordstrom (3)
 People Ready
 Chick-fil-A
 Walmart

Iowa City Recruiting Events:

March/April 2018

Aerotek(4)
 ACS(2)
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 Census Bureau
 People Ready

Business Services activities in March/April 2018

March 2018:

- 3/1: Jenny worked a booth at the Kennedy High School Job Fair, interacting with 50 students about job seeker services.
- 3/7: Kate attended a Career Connected Learning Coalition, with goal of teacher education event for Benton County increasing knowledge about careers and opportunities for exploration.
- 3/7-3/8: Frank proctored the NCRC at Iowa City Regina for 65 students.
- 3/8: Jenny hosted a booth at Taylor Elementary Health Families Night, speaking to both parents and kids about IowaWORKS services.
- 3/8: Mace presented the HBI website to the ACE sector board.
- 3/14: Mace presented the value of HBI to area economic development leaders in the corridor
- 3/19: Mace with MEDCO to address HBI issues and share new features of the program.
- 3/22: Jenny hosted a booth at Metro High School Work Ready Job Fair, with 60 students and their families present.
- 3/26: Mace with CR Metro Economic Alliance and city officials to discuss Cedar Rapids and Linn Co becoming a HBI community.
- 3/29: IowaWORKS, IVRS, and Goodwill hosted a Youth Job Fair with 23 employers and 100 youth attending.

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April 2018:

- 4/3: Mace presented to Marengo about becoming HBI community.
- 4/4: Frank hosted the Corridor Job Club in Coralville on Networking, with Elise Perea and Kate Moreland presenting.
- 4/6: Kate co-presented at Beyond Rubies with Norma Jean (title 1), Sharon Bowers (title 3), Jenny Nuss and Kayla Ford (title 4): Remaining relevant through your ages: Four Generations of Women at Work.
- 4/18: Mace met Cedar County Economic Development about HBI community
- 4/25: ECI hosted a seminar on unemployment with topics including benefits, tax, fraud, and appeals. There were 40 attendees.
- Kate submitted referral forms for Goodwill (General Manufacturing Worker), University of Iowa (HVAC) and Kirkwood Community College (Software Application Developer) for Registered Apprenticeship Program development.

Center activities in March/April 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
- Journeys-Soft Skills
- NCRC
- Bringing Your A Game
- HBI Orientation
- Construction Apprenticeship Career Fair

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Rapid Response Activities:

Cedar Rapids:

- Bon Ton (Younkers)-laid off 62 around 3/2/18; 2 sessions for workers held on 3/16/18
- Toys R US-closing end of June
- Sears-Closing around July 15th impacting 51 employees

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 37 effective 3/30. Trade meetings were held for impacted workers on 4/13/18.
- Zero Energy-Closed unexpectedly beginning of May impacting 40 workers-attempting to get a list of workers to reach out to.
- Younkers-Coralville-around 85 impacted with layoffs anticipated end of July-August. Working on meetings for workers.
- GDIT-layoffs Impacting 114 between July-September. Working on worker meetings, workshops, and small job fair.
- University of Iowa Health Ventures-228 workers impacted end of June. Company official estimates only about 15 workers not being offered employment in other departments.
- Toys R US-Closing end of June in Williamsburg.