



This report Reflects September/October 2018

Current Job Openings (Incudes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
September	47, 054	4989
October	48, 166	5500

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	Oct 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2017
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	3.7%	3.7%	4.1%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	2.4%	2.5%	2.9%
Benton	1.9%	2.2%	2.5%
Cedar	1.6%	1.9%	2.0%
Iowa	1.3%	1.5%	1.9%
Johnson	1.4%	1.7%	1.9%
Jones	1.7%	2.0%	2.5%
Linn	2.2%	2.4%	2.6%
Washington	1.6%	1.9%	2.1%

Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

- Go Daddy 2
- RGIS 9
- Schneider 2
- Aerotek 3
- WorkSource
- Iowa Premium Beef 2
- Remedy 2
- Vector Construction
- Sprint
- Pic Group
- Aerotek
- Centro



To the Rescue 2
Kelly Services
Smithfield Foods

Iowa City Recruiting Events:

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Business Services activities in September/October 2018

September 2018:

- 9/5/18: Frank assisted with resume critique in preparation of Iowa City Job Fair
- 9/11/18: Frank attended the Iowa City Job Fair with 36 employers and 171 job seekers attending
- 9/13/18: Kate and Sharon attended the Marion MEDCO Business Bus Tour
- 9/17/18: Mace assisted economic development in Iowa Co to complete HBI documentation to become HBI community
- 9/20/18: Employer panel held in Cedar Rapids, with 6 job seekers and 4 businesses present:
- 9/27/18: Jenny hosted a booth at SHRM and shared information about IowaWORKS and ECI
- Kate is a member of the Career Connected Learning Coalition (sub-committee to ICR Iowa Future). Planning meetings began for a Benton County Teacher Education event for Feb 2019 to connect teachers to more info about employers, occupations and skills needed in Benton County
- Kate was the programming Committee Chair for State SHRM Conference in September leading to breakout sessions on Sector Boards and Future Ready Iowa along with an ECI booth that was staffed by Region 10 IVRS and IWD team

October 2018:

- 10/2/18 Jenny presented to class of 15 at Monticello High School about Registered Apprenticeships
- 10/2/18: Mace attended the Home Base Iowa Summit at Camp Dodge, participating in workshop discussions and answered questions



- 10/11/18: Kate and Sharon partnered with Build a Life Job fair at the African American museum with apprenticeship sponsors or earn and learn models
- 10/19/18: Jenny presented to 2 classes at Prairie about applications and interviewing
- 10/24/18: Jenny hosted a table at Liberty High School during their "Gearing up for Your Future" event, sharing IowaWORKS services
- 10/18/18: Employer panel held in Coralville, with 16 job seekers and 6 businesses present
- 10/22/18: Kate attended a statewide meeting with IVRS and Business Marketing Specialists to address integrated business service strategies
- 10/30/18: Jenny shared a booth with IVRS at a career fair at Monticello High School
- 10/31/18: Frank and Iowa City office staff attended a Disability Awareness Breakfast honoring businesses who embrace hiring people with disabilities
- Kate met with Williamsburg Schools and Business (hosted by superintendent) to begin discussions on Future Ready partnerships including registered apprenticeships/pre-apprenticeships
- Kate partnered with Metro Economic Development, ICR Iowa and Kirkwood on a new Workforce Solutions Team to provide a cohesive response to employers workforce needs. Referral process and intake form created.

Rapid Response Activities:

Cedar Rapids:

- Informational meetings held in October for Medplast employees; layoffs occurred 11/16/18, impacting 70 employees
 - Two job fairs were held in partnership with Jones Co economic development ahead of the layoff date

Iowa City:

- P&G-Held informational meetings October 22nd and 23rd; Layoffs still slated to begin spring of 2019