



This report Reflects January/February 2019

Current Job Openings (Incudes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
January	36, 614	4374
February	31,894	3665

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	Jan 2019	Dec 2018	Jan 2018
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	2.4%	2.4%	2.8%
Benton	3.7%	2.7%	4.2%
Cedar	3.2%	2.4%	4.0%
Iowa	3.1%	2.3%	3.4%
Johnson	2.1%	1.8%	2.3%
Jones	4.4%	3.1%	5.2%
Linn	3.4%	2.7%	3.8%
Washington	3.2%	2.3%	3.6%

Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

- WIS International 10
- RGIS 7
- Crestview Acres
- QPS
- Schneider
- PIC Group 5
- REM
- Aerotek
- Whirlpool 2
- CSC
- US Security Associates 2
- Worksource Staffing 2

Kim Reynolds, Governor
Adam Gregg, Lt. Governor
Beth Townsend, Director



Advanced Services
Service Master
To the Rescue

Iowa City Recruiting Events:

Harbor Freight 2
Temp Associates
Remedy
Hoodz
Kelly Services 2
Aerotek 3
Whirlpool
Affordable Cleaning 3
Manpower 2
Advanced Services

Business Services activities:

January 2019:

- Mace had planning meetings with Jones Co Veteran Affairs regarding a potential event for employers to learn about benefits of hiring veterans.
- Mace had meeting Johnson Co Veteran Affairs to further plans to achieve HBI community status
- Curt/Sharon facilitated the Re-connect workshop with 6 sector boards represented; 31 attendees.
- Kate participated in the Iowa Ideas Advisory Planning Committee
- Kate met with TAP/IVRS to discuss RA presentation to HS students and partner with Total Child 2.0
- Kate participated with the Workforce Solutions Strategy Team with ICR Iowa and Kirkwood: Met with Ingredient, Whirlpool, Genova Technologies.
- Kate attended EIHRA Strategic Planning Session – Kate is still on the Board as the Workforce Readiness Chair. Partnering with iJAG to have members more involved with students in the classroom and to host job shadows and internships. Organizing Legal Lunch and Learn to present e-verify. Future Ready Iowa February meeting was cancelled but Kathy Leggett is being re-scheduled for the May meeting.



February 2019:

- Curt presented on Registered Apprenticeship to 3 classes at Jefferson High School
- Curt/Sharon facilitated Re-connect workshop involving employers from all 6 sector boards speaking about opportunities in their sector and within their company; roughly 24 job seekers attended and were able to have mini interviews in the end.
- Mace met with Linn Co economic development (Jamie Toledo) regarding Linn Co becoming HBI community.
- Mace had meetings with Benton and Iowa County Veteran Affairs to create business events promoting the hiring of veterans.
- Mace is part of the planning committee for the Build My Future event on 4/2 and leading an interactive experience at IowaWORKS booth for middle school students.
- Sharon and Kate participated in a professional development day for roughly 70 educators in Benton Co, involving 25 businesses representing 6 panels, discussing skills needed for the profession they represented.
- Business team coordinated an ECI event on UI changes/Misclassification with 44 attendees present.
- Business team hosted a youth job fair on 2/28, with 16 employers and over 200 job seekers.

Rapid Response Activities:

- Lucky's Market closed in March in Iowa City, impacting 75 workers. We received very short notice on this but did provide rapid response services to affected workers on-site on 2/18/19, with only roughly 17 workers attending.
- Payless Shoe Stores had locations close in Coralville and Cedar Rapids-We reached out to both locations and found that most of the impacted workers found other jobs. Informational packets were dropped off at the CR location due to having 3 staff that haven't found other jobs.
- Durham School Services is not having their contract renewed past 6/30/19. Meetings are being scheduled with management from Durham to discuss rapid response services and worker informational meetings.