



This report Reflects March/April 2019

Current Job Openings (Includes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
March	36, 134	3927
April	38, 106	4283

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	3.8%	3.8%	4.0%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	2.4%	2.4%	2.7%
Benton	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%
Cedar	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%
Iowa	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Johnson	1.7%	1.7%	2.1%
Jones	4.0%	4.0%	4.3%
Linn	2.8%	2.8%	3.2%
Washington	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%

Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

- Advanced Services 4
- RGIS 7
- Kirkwood Healthcare 2
- Smithfield Foods
- Pic Group 3
- Schneider 2
- Allied Universal
- To the Rescue 2
- Ruffalo Noel Levitz
- PerMar
- International Paper 2
- Census



Iowa City Recruiting Events:

Temp Associates
Affordable Cleaning 3
Aerotek
Remedy

Business Services activities:

March 2019:

- 3/1/19-Kate was interviewed by CBJ on workforce readiness
- 3/4/19-Kate and Curt co-presented on Registered Apprenticeship at Benton Community School District along with an IVRS counselor
- 3/7/19- Curt facilitated the Re-Connect Workshop with 8 employers and 13 job seekers attending
- 3/8/19-Kate and ICR solutions team met with Red Star Yeast
- 3/12/19-Kate attended Wingman training at ICR Iowa and was accepted as a Wingman (ambassador for the region through the economic development group as a service to employers to connect recruits and new employees to an individual with similar interest and knowledge of connections)
- 3/15/19-Curt facilitated RA workshops to 6 classes at Vinton Shellsburg
- 3/21/19-Curt facilitated the Re-Connect Workshop with 5 employers and 36 job seekers attending

April 2019:

- 4/2/19- Mace and 3 other staff participated in the Build my Future event featuring ACE sector businesses
- 4/3/19- Kate Co-Hosted EIHRAs's Legal Lunch and Learn on e-verify
- 4/18/19- Curt facilitated the Re-Connect Workshop with 7 employers and 50 job seekers attending
- 4/23/19-The business team collaborated with the 6th Judicial and hosted a 2nd Chance Job Fair with 16 businesses and 70 plus job seekers attending. The event was covered by Fox 28 news.
- 4/24/19-Kate attended Metro Economic Alliance Speed Networking event
- 4/26/19-Kate attended the Iowa Ideas Conference Advisory committee. Kate was also asked to be a panelist on the "Alternates to Education" breakout session
- 4/26/19- Curt facilitated a registered apprenticeship presentation at Prairie Edge
- 4/30/19-Kate, Scott, and Carlos attended Governor's STEM Summit



- Curt assisted 3 businesses in setting up job shadows for Total Child participants through Four Oaks

Rapid Response Activities:

- Shopko in Benton County closed on 4/7/19, impacting 18 workers. Informational packets were sent to management who agreed to forward onto the workers.
- United Healthcare is laying off an estimated 600 workers statewide beginning in July 2019 through January 2020. We have roughly 25 of the workers in region 10 and they work remote from their homes. We are waiting for more information from our RR coordinator but are considering a Zoom worker informational meeting.
- Durham School Services in Iowa City is not having their contract renewed past 6/30/19. Worker meetings are scheduled for 5/22/19 and 5/23/19.
- Additional trade meeting was held for 6 new impacted workers at IAC.
- In May, post cards were sent from the trade office in DM to 70 impacted workers at Viant in Jones County reminding them of Trade services they are eligible for.