



This report Reflects September-October 2019

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%
Benton	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%
Cedar	1.8%	1.8%	1.6%
Iowa	1.5%	1.5%	1.3%
Johnson	1.6%	1.8%	1.4%
Jones	2.1%	2.2%	1.7%
Linn	2.5%	2.5%	2.1%
Washington	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%

Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

- ABM Janitorial 12
- Kirkwood Healthcare 2
- US Census 9
- Aerotek
- Goodwill
- Kelly Services
- Weekly Grab a Job-Open Interviews with 4-6 employers at each
 - Promoting Grab A Job to employers more than open lobby time

Iowa City Recruiting Events:

- Goodwill
- US Census 8
- Advanced Services 2
- Kelly Services 4
- PerMar
- Premier Staffing
- DB Schenker
- TPI



Business Services activities:

September:

- 9/3/19: Orientation to Healthcare workshop; 5 attendees
- 9/4/19: Mace presented on HBI and other employer resources at the Tipton Rotary Club mtg
- 9/5/19: Mace attended the Dubuque ESGR event and presented (Q&A) to businesses re: HBI website and benefits of becoming a HBI partner
- 9/5/19: Grab A Job-6 employers and over 20 attendees
- 9/10/19: Curt presented at EIHR on Opioids and Workplace Safety
- 9/10/19: Frank attended the Iowa City Job Fair, which he assisted in coordinating
- 9/12/19: Sharon and Kate participated in MEDCO's bus tour of several businesses in Marion
- 9/12/19: Grab A Job-6 employers and roughly 20 attendees
- 9/12/19: Mace attended the Center of Influence event at the Cedar Rapids National Guard, and discussed HBI and increasing partners; detailed the status of Linn County/Cedar Rapids becoming a HBI Community
- 9/17/19: Mace presented on HBI at the Johnson Co. Commission of Veterans Affairs mtg
- 9/19/19: Re-Connect in Cedar Rapids-12 employers and 77 attendees
- 9/20/19: Kate provided a job shadow for the new BMS in Ottumwa; demonstrated a business visit, school visit, and met with a potential Registered Apprenticeship candidate for IDB pilot
- 9/26/19: Grab A Job-3 employers and 20 attendees
- 9/26/19: Frank assisted the University of Iowa with hosting a job fair highlighting all of their openings
- 9/27/19: Kate participated in ICR Future event on Career Connected Learning

October:

- 10/1/19: Kate presented on Registered Apprenticeship at the Iowa Tech Summit
- 10/1/19: Mace attended HBI Partner Summit at Camp Dodge
- 10/3/19: Grab a Job-3 employers and averaging roughly 20 job seekers
- 10/3-10/4/19: Kate presented on Registered Apprenticeship at Annual Iowa Ideas Conference
- 10/4/19: Curt attended the Manufacturing Conference and worked IowaWORKS booth
- 10/10-19: Grab a Job-4 employers and averaging 20 job seekers
- 10/10-10/11/19: Kate attended and presented on Registered Apprenticeship at Iowa SHRM
- 10/17/19: Re-Connect (CR), 7 employers and 32 attendees
- 10/17/19: Mace attended Corridor Career Fair in Cedar Rapids
- 10/23/19: Cedar Rapids hosted Future Ready Iowa Summit at Circle Computers
- 10/24/19: Grab a Job-5 employers and averaging roughly 20 job seekers
- 10/25/19: Business team toured IDB Orientation Center in Des Moines and discussed collaboration opportunities



10/29/19: Kate presented on IowaWORKS services at the Opportunity Center event “Your Community, Your Workforce Event”.

10/31/19: Grab a Job-4 employers and averaging roughly 20 job seekers

Rapid Response Activities:

P&G: IowaWORKS continues to work closely with P&G regarding their transition over the next year. Due to significant attrition, P&G is working with IowaWORKS and Kirkwood to recruit for full time, temporary production technicians.

ACT: Laying off 80 between November and December 2019: IowaWORKS meeting with leadership for rapid response planning; Rapid Response meetings held for workers on 10/22/19

Bennett Manufacturing: Laid off 47 employees at the end of October due to closure of the business. Worker meetings were provided on 10/28/19 while a job fair was held on-site on 10/25/19 with 10 businesses attending.

Whitesell: Is permanently closing in Washington, Iowa, impacting 43 workers. The WARN notice was sent October 2nd, with no firm date of closure at this point. Our state RR coordinator is arranging for a planning meeting and subsequent worker informational meetings.