



This report Reflects January-February 2017

Current Job Openings (Incudes indexed jobs)

	Statewide	Regional
January	34,223	4102
February	26, 961	3138

<i>Unemployment Rates- County rates are not seasonally adjusted</i>			
	January 2017	December 2016	January 2016
United States (seasonally Adjusted)	4.8%	4.7%	4.9%
State of Iowa (seasonally adjusted)	3.3%	3.5%	3.8%
Benton	4.2%	3.7%	4.7%
Cedar	4.2%	3.5%	4.7%
Iowa	3.9%	3.5%	4.5%
Johnson	2.8%	2.4%	3.0%
Jones	5.6%	4.1%	6.2%
Linn	4.0%	3.6%	4.5%
Washington	4.0%	3.0%	3.9%

Business Services:

In addition to business visits, the business services team assisted the following businesses during this reporting period through targeting recruiting events in the IowaWORKS center:

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Kim Reynolds, Lt. Governor
Beth Townsend, Director



Cedar Rapids Recruiting Events:

January/February 2017

RGIS -4
Aerotek-3
Ruffalo Noel Levitz-3
Kaplan-2
Five Guys Burgers-2
RS Hanline
US Census Bureau
Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center
Kelly Services
PIC Group
Moe's Southwest Grill
Sprint
QPS
Willow Gardens

Iowa City Recruiting Events:

January/February 2017

Temp Associates-2
Ruffalo Noel Levitz-2
Manpower-2
Quaker Oats-2 (Targeted specifically for IAC impacted workers)
Kelly Services-2
ACS-2
General Mills
Advanced Services
A-1 Careers
Per Mar
Aerotek
Affordable Cleaning

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Business Service activities January-February:

- ECI sponsored memberships for all four business representatives for Eastern Iowa Human Resources Association (EIHRA) which began in January
- February-Business team proctored the NCRC at Tipton High School testing 45 students
- Kate Pine co-facilitated job club at Washington HS in Cedar Rapids (5 part series with employers attending 3 of the 5)
- February-Met with the IVRS team and Michelle Krefft, state IVRS Business Specialist for day long training looking at opportunities to collaborate on behalf of job seekers and business.
- February 23rd-Youth Job Fair-25 employers and 79 youth attended. Feedback was still very positive given the lower turnout with the main complaint being not enough businesses hiring 14/15 year olds.

Rapid Response activities:

Rockwell-Cedar Rapids

- 69 laid off around 1/27/17
- Attended 3 sessions -impacted workers met with HR to complete paperwork and exit interviews
- Sessions allowed for drop ins rather than structured start and end times

Transamerica-Cedar Rapids

- 120 being laid off in February 2017
- Held two worker sessions at the CR IowaWORKS center with 30 employees attending

Johnson County Government-Iowa City 3/1/17

- Laid off 23 workers due to contract ending with AmeriHealth
- Layoffs will be gradual and based on closing out caseload
- Held on-site rapid response meeting, mainly focusing on UI and job seeking information per request from workers

From January-February 2017, several short term trainings were offered free as core services to members of IowaWORKS and are listed below.

Forklift Certification

CPR

Computer Classes (Keyboarding, Word, Email/Internet, Excel)-CR and IC offerings

OSHA 10

4444 First Ave NE, Ste 436 * Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Phone: (319) 365-9474 Fax: (319) 365-9270

Web Address: <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/region10/cedarrapids.htm>

Auxiliary aids and services upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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Synopsis of the State Apprenticeship Grant

862 referrals
112 enrollments
22 OJT placements
40 non OJT placements
40 referrals to WIOA
22 in assessment and job preparedness
37 program exits
Current OJT's with LX Nexus, Homeland Electric, Brandt Heating and Air

President's day In-Service (February 20th)-All four core partners gathered at the Johnson County Regional Center at the University of Iowa campus in Coralville. We had Heather Woody facilitate training on culture and teamwork in the workplace. In general, feedback was very positive from staff. There will be on-going training and focus on culture in the office to maximize partnerships and teamwork needed to ensure WIOA core values are met or exceeded.