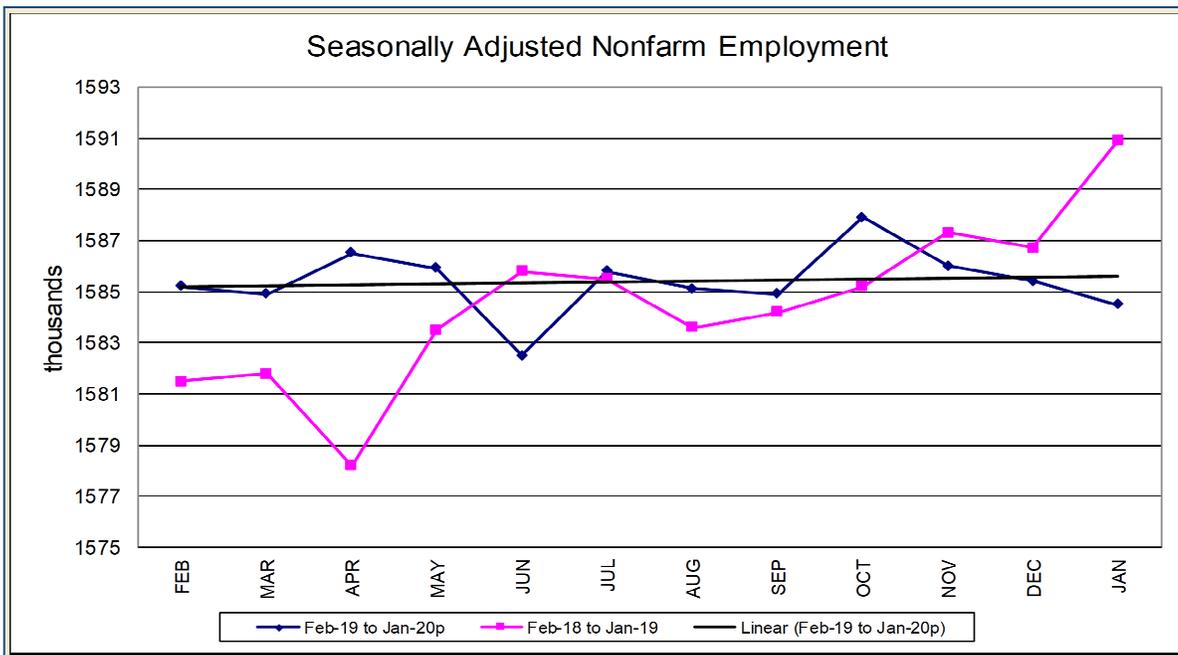


# IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DECLINES FOR THIRD MONTH



trails last January by 2,700 jobs. Professional and business services have shed jobs over the past three months and fell behind year's mark by 2,500 jobs. Manufacturing was responsible for much of the growth over the past two years, but in the wake

Iowa establishments trended down in January, paring 900 jobs from payrolls. This monthly loss was the third consecutive for the state and leaves total nonfarm employment at 1,584,500 jobs. Private industries shed 1,800 to start the year with service industries dropping by 3,100 jobs in the last three months. Goods producing industries were unchanged versus last month and government added 900 jobs in January. Overall, government has added 1,300 jobs versus one year ago while private industries are down 7,700 jobs over the last twelve months.

Construction began this year with 800 jobs added to lead all sectors. This is the second straight month this sector added jobs. The only other major increase this month occurred in financial activities (+500). This super sector benefitted from usual hiring to

begin the year in credit intermediation and related activities. Alternatively, manufacturing again trimmed payrolls this month (-800). This is the third consecutive loss for this super sector. Nondurable goods shops were responsible for all the decline this month as durable goods factories gained 100 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities also lost 800 jobs fueled by a large drop in transportation and warehousing (-900). Smaller declines this month include leisure and hospitality (-600), professional and business services (-500), education and health services (-400), and information (-400).

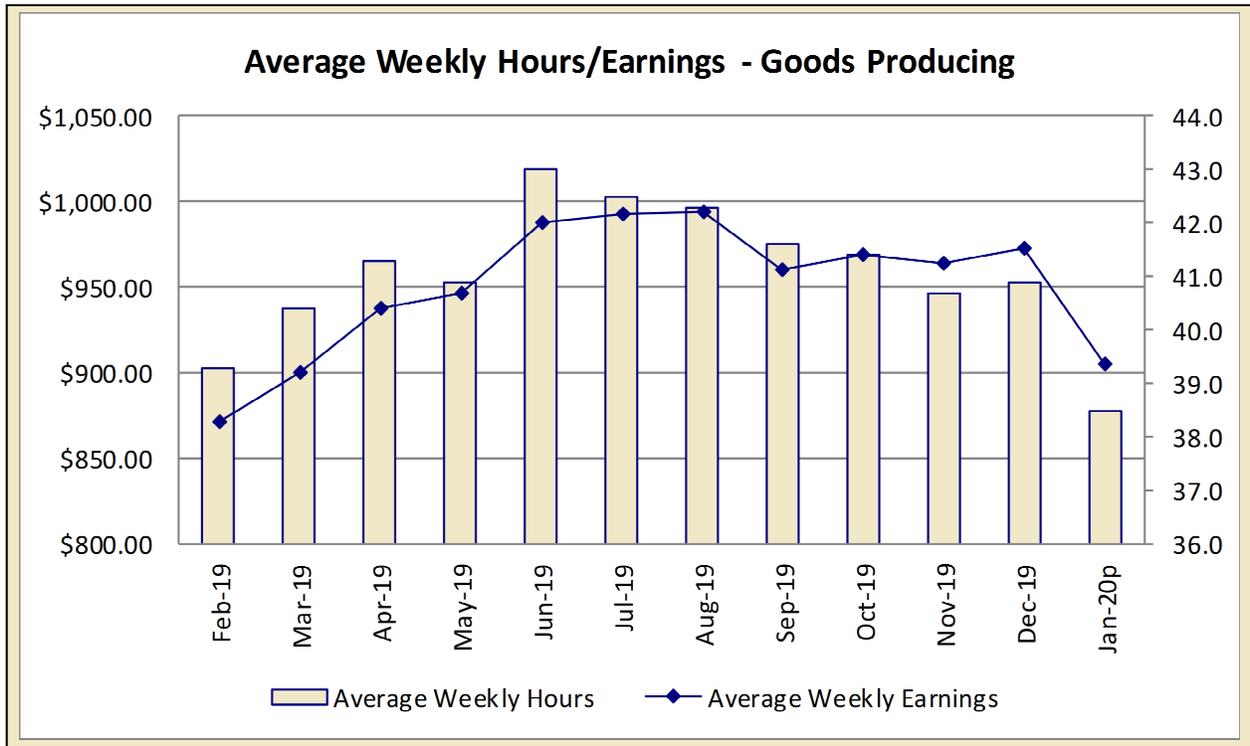
Annually, Iowa total nonfarm employment is down 6,400 jobs (-0.4 percent). Trade, transportation, and utilities has been responsible for much of the decline (-4,800). Retail trade alone has steadily trended down and

of losses stretching back to July of 2019 this super sector now trails last year's mark by 1,300 jobs. Durable goods shops have fared worse during that time, shedding 2,300 jobs alone; nondurable goods factories gained 1,000 jobs thanks to gains within food manufacturing.

Nationally, total nonfarm employment gained 225,000 jobs in January. This increase was more than anticipated by most economists and exceeded the 2019 average monthly gain of 175,000 jobs. The largest gains were in health care (+36,000), leisure and hospitality (+36,000), and transportation and warehousing (+28,000).

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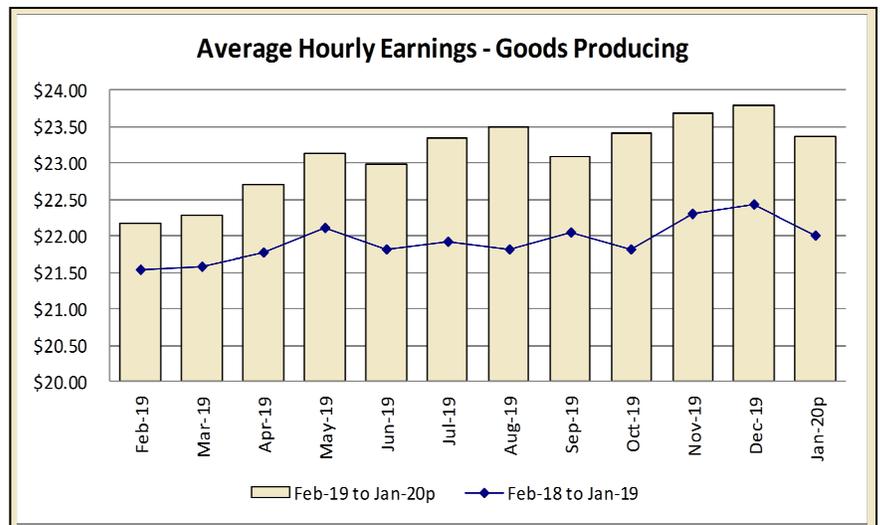
## IOWA'S HOURS & EARNINGS



Production workers in Iowa's goods-producing sector averaged \$899.75 a week in January, up just \$3.94 versus one year ago. The decrease basically stems from a marked drop in hours worked within the manufacturing sector. Overall, 3.4 hours have been shed from the average weekly schedules for factory workers. Production workers in manufacturing averaged \$820.23 per week in January, down almost \$20 versus one year ago. Construction workers averaged \$974.55 per week, up \$44.70 versus last January.

Workers in financial activities have seen healthy gains in both weekly hours worked and hourly earnings. In January, finance workers averaged \$1,064.91 per week, up \$104.61 versus last January.

Goods-producing Hours & Earnings	
Average Weekly Earnings	\$899.75
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.37
Average Weekly Hours	38.5



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# IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (TOTAL NONFARM)

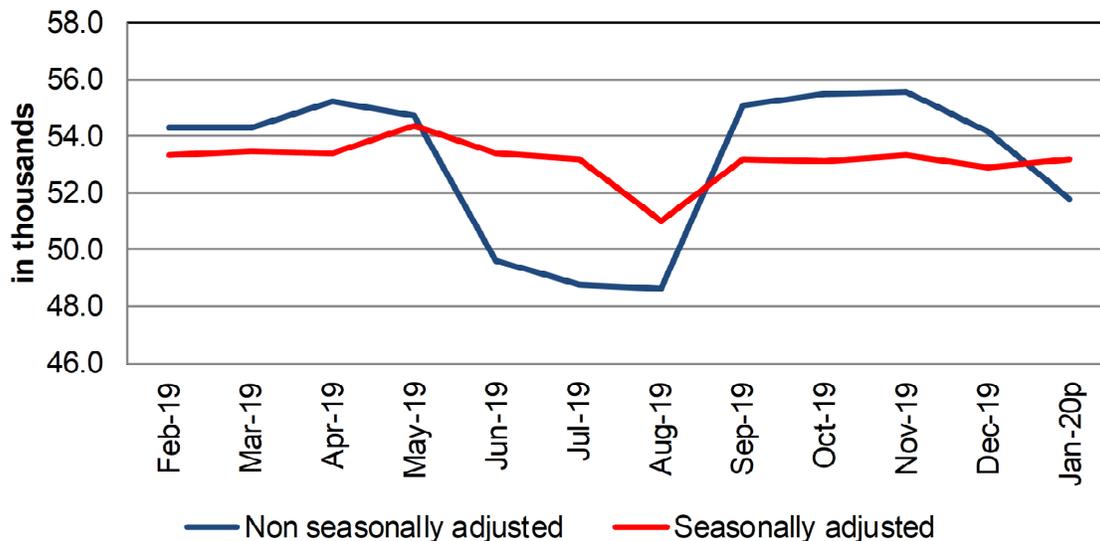
MSA	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20p
AMES	52.3	53.3	53.5	53.4	54.4	53.4	53.2	51.0	53.2	53.1	53.3	52.9	53.2
CEDAR RAPIDS	146.9	145.9	146.3	146.2	146.1	145.4	145.7	145.9	146.0	146.1	146.4	145.8	145.6
DES MOINES/W. DES MOINES	372.5	371.6	371.8	372.8	372.4	372.0	372.6	374.5	374.2	375.1	374.5	375.0	374.6
DUBUQUE	61.3	60.7	60.5	60.8	60.8	60.3	60.8	60.8	60.8	60.7	60.7	60.5	60.9
IOWA CITY	101.5	101.0	101.0	101.1	100.9	101.1	101.4	101.5	101.0	100.8	100.7	100.2	100.2
SIOUX CITY	88.8	88.6	88.4	88.4	88.1	88.3	88.1	88.3	88.0	88.4	88.7	88.3	88.7
WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS	91.1	91.1	91.3	90.8	90.8	90.9	90.5	90.3	90.4	90.1	89.8	89.7	89.7

Ames Metropolitan Statistical Area			
Total Nonfarm 2020 (prelim)		Total Nonfarm 2019	
51,800		51,500	
% Change—1 Year			
0.58%			
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year)			
State government	3.45%	Goods producing	-2.86%

Employment in the Ames metropolitan statistical area decreased by 2,400 over-the-month, largely due to an expected seasonal drop in government positions. State government shed 1,300 jobs between December and January, as university employees were removed from payrolls for the winter holiday. Local government pared 100 jobs. Further, the private service-providing industry seasonally pared 700 jobs.

Total nonfarm employment in the metropolitan area is up by 300 year-over-year. Despite its seasonal loss in employment, government added 500 positions annually, with the entirety of those gains occurring in state government. Meanwhile, the goods-producing industry trimmed 200 jobs. Federal government, local government, and the private service-providing industry are all unchanged in the last year.

### Ames - Nonfarm Employment



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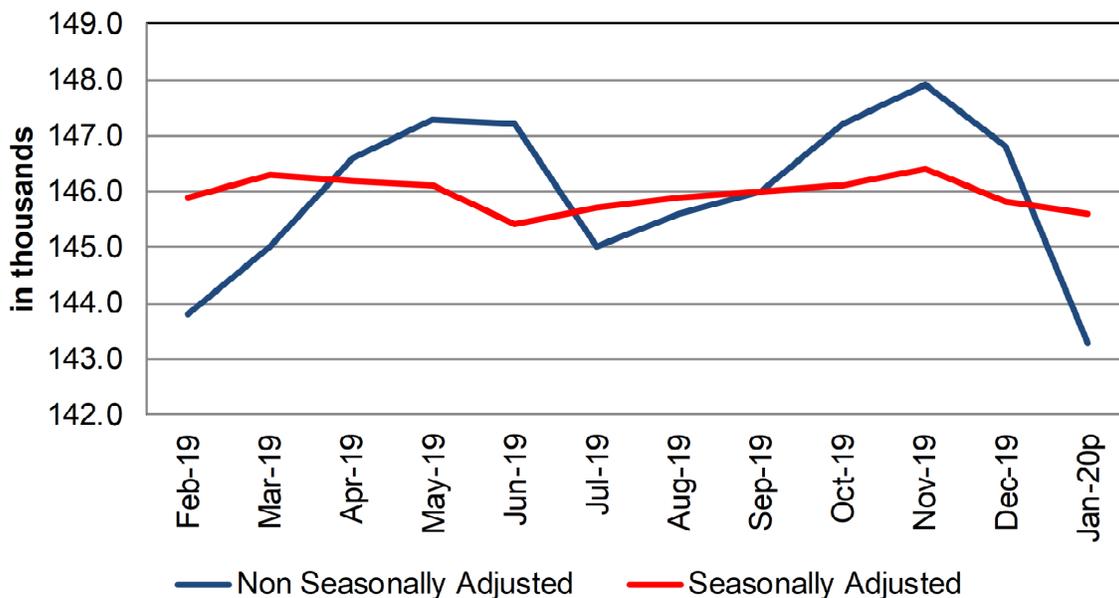
Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Statistical Area			
Total Nonfarm 2020 (prelim)		Total Nonfarm 2019	
<b>143,300</b>		<b>144,600</b>	
<b>% Change—1 Year</b>			
<b>-0.90%</b>			
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year)			
Financial activities	1.77%	Information	-10.81%

The Cedar Rapids metropolitan statistical area pared 3,500 jobs from December, driven by seasonal job losses in mining, logging and construction as well as local government (1,000 and 700, respectively). Trade, transportation and warehousing employment dropped 700 with job losses spread throughout the sector. Leisure and hospitality trimmed 300 jobs, as did manufacturing, with 100 of the jobs in durable goods manufacturing.

There were no sectors with job gains. Financial activities employment was unchanged for the fourth consecutive month.

Over the year, area employment has decreased by 1,300, and stands at 143,300 jobs. Mining, logging and construction has 600 fewer jobs than one year ago. Information has trimmed 400 jobs and educational and health services is down 300 jobs. Financial activities fared best for job gains, adding 200 jobs and is accompanied by manufacturing which added 100 jobs.

### Cedar Rapids - Nonfarm Employment



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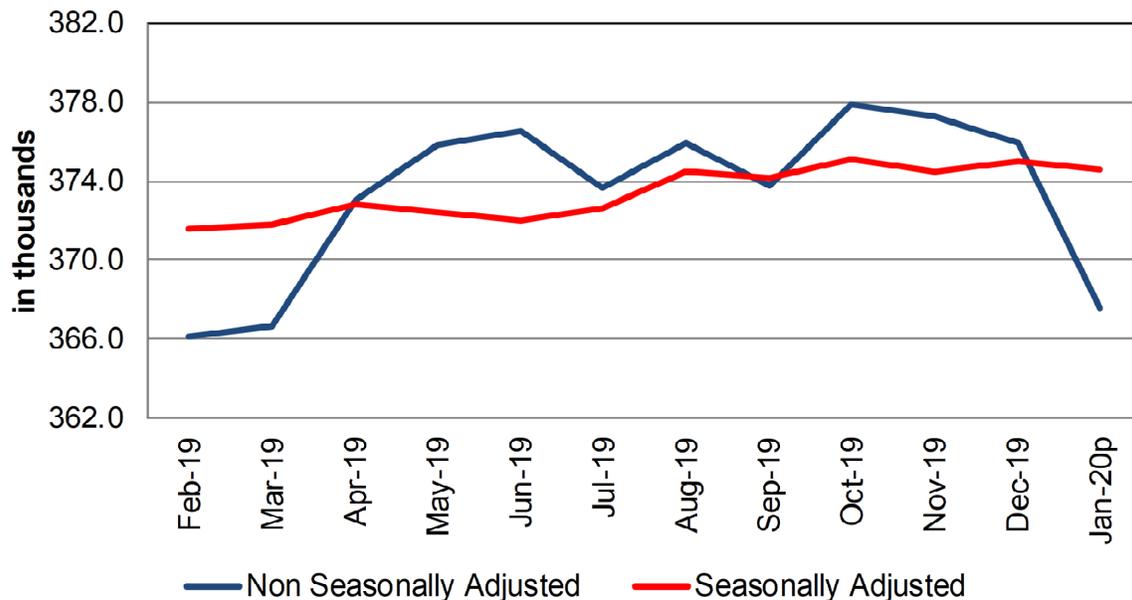
Des Moines/West Des Moines Metropolitan Statistical Area			
Total Nonfarm 2020 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2019	% Change—1 Year	
<b>367,600</b>	<b>365,800</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year)			
Financial activities	1.44%	Information	-7.35%

Total nonfarm employment in the Des Moines Metro seasonally shed 8,300 jobs in January. This month marks the annual low for payroll employment for several sectors, including education, leisure and hospitality, and retail. While a decline is expected, this monthly drop was on the larger side and narrows the annual increase for the metropolitan area down to 1,800 jobs versus last year.

Construction posted the largest single movement in January (-2,500). This decline was partially fueled by a decrease in specialty trade contractors (-1,300). Although these drops were large versus the prior ten years, this sector is expected to pick up steam as the year progresses as several large-scale projects have been announced in the area. Trade, transportation, and utilities expectedly pared seasonal retail and transportation workers and reduced payrolls by 1,900 jobs. Other sectors lowering staffing levels in January were education and health care (-1,400), leisure and hospitality (-1,100), and professional and business services (-1,000). Financial activities posted the only gain this month (+100) due to unexpected hiring in credit intermediation and related activities.

Annually, Des Moines remains positive (+1,800), joining Ames as the only other metropolitan statistical area to add jobs versus one year ago. Government has been responsible for most of the growth (+1,500) with jobs added mostly within local governments. The other services sector has gained 900 jobs with much of those gains occurring in the beginning of last year. Financial activities are up 800 jobs due to expansion in insurance carriers and related activities. Alternatively, job losses have been heaviest in construction (-500) and information services (-500). While information has trended down over several months due to technological advances, construction suffered from an unusually large seasonal drop in January.

**Des Moines/West Des Moines - Nonfarm Employment**



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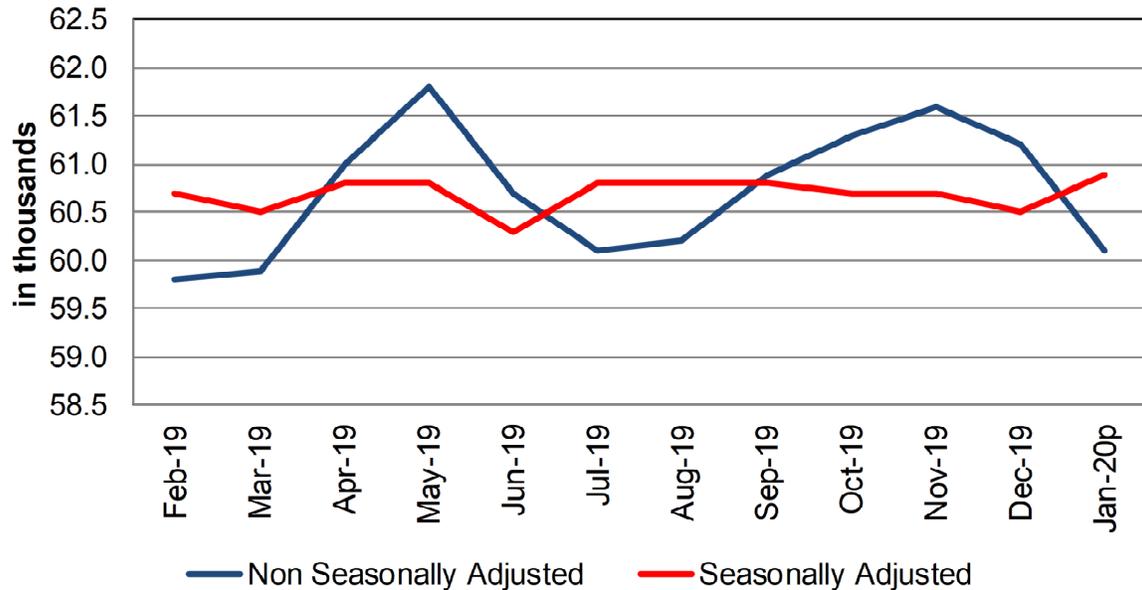
# IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Dubuque Metropolitan Statistical Area			
Total Nonfarm 2020 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2019		% Change—1 Year
<b>60,100</b>	<b>60,300</b>		<b>-0.33%</b>
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year)			
Trade, transportation	2.44%	Retail trade	-2.99%

Total nonfarm employment shed 1,100 jobs in January in the Dubuque Metro and decreased to 60,100 jobs. This month's decline was largely seasonal and related to both education and construction reducing staff. Private services dropped by 800 jobs and goods producing industries shed 600 jobs. Government added a slight 100 jobs since December.

Annually, the Dubuque Metro trails last year's mark by 200 jobs. Private industries combined are down 400 jobs with 300 of those jobs lost being in services. Government has gained 200 jobs due to hiring at the local level.

### Dubuque - Nonfarm Employment



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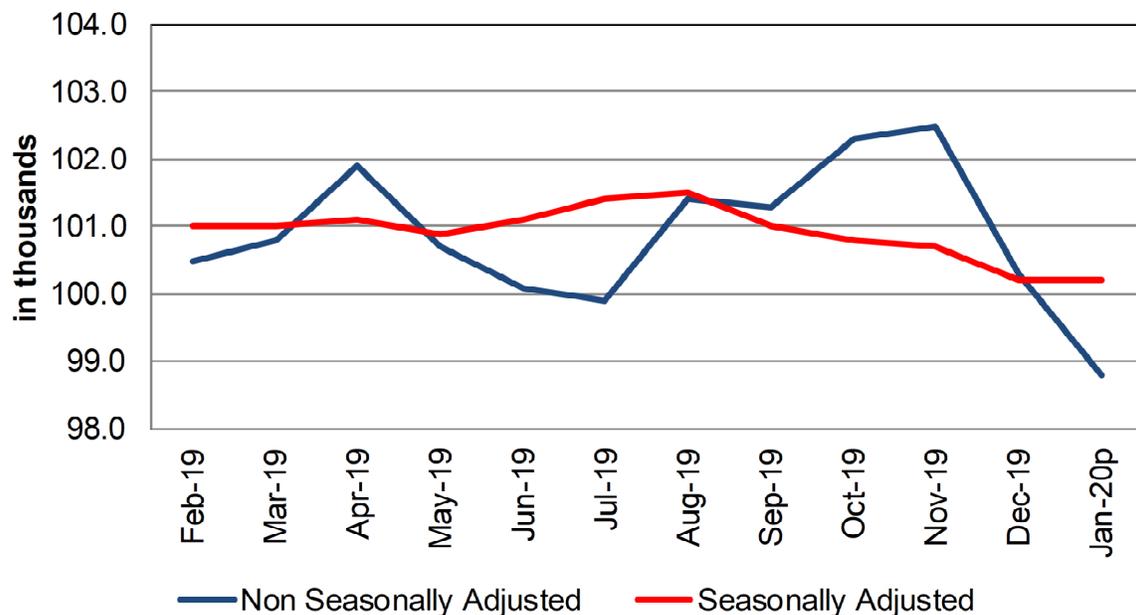
# IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Iowa City Metropolitan Statistical Area			
Total Nonfarm 2020 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2019	% Change—1 Year	
<b>98,800</b>	<b>100,100</b>	<b>-1.30%</b>	
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year)			
Local government	1.39%	Prof & business svcs	-4.92%

Employment in the Iowa City metropolitan statistical area decreased by 1,500 between December and January, with the largest losses occurring in the private servicing-providing industry. Retail trade, leisure and hospitality, and accommodation and food services all seasonally pared 400 jobs over the month, an effect typically seen as university students return home for winter. Professional and business services trimmed jobs by 200. Government gained 300 jobs, with state government and local government adding 200 and 100 jobs, respectively.

The metropolitan area has pared jobs by 1,300 in the past year, which is the largest year-over-year loss in January since 2010. Most of this decrease is attributable to the service-producing industry, which cut 1,100 positions. Government trimmed 300 jobs over-the-year, with most of those losses occurring state government. Local government and federal government offset each other, with the former adding 100 jobs and the latter losing 100.

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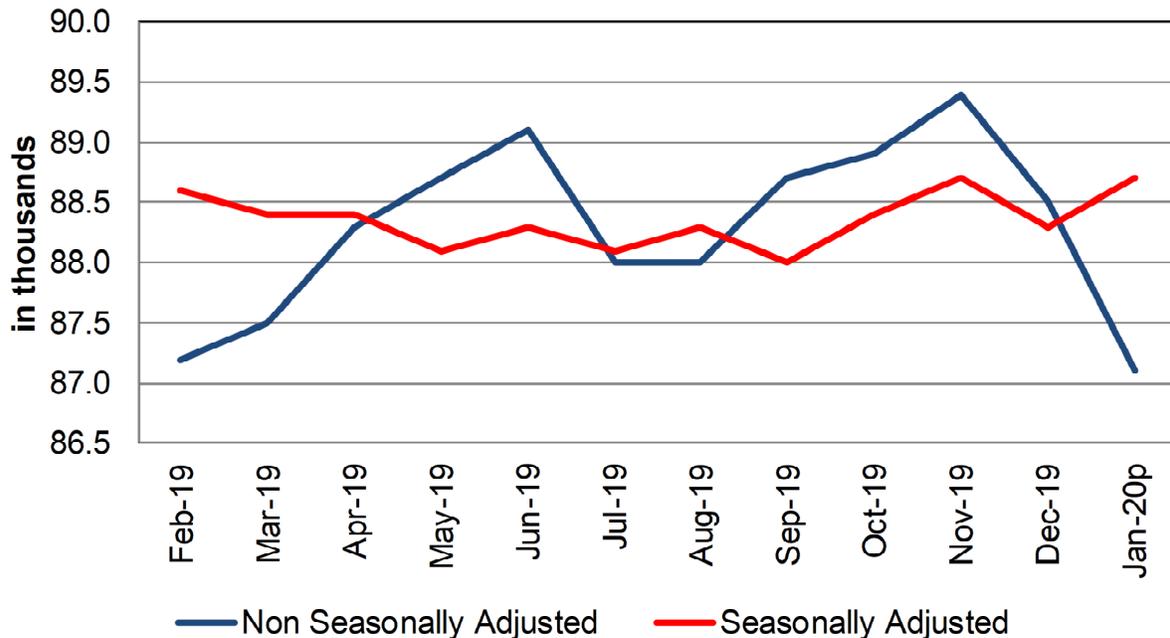
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Sioux City Metropolitan Statistical Area			
Total Nonfarm 2020 (prelim)	Total Nonfarm 2019	% Change—1 Year	
<b>87,100</b>	<b>87,100</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year)			
Manufacturing	2.86%	Local government	-2.15%

Employment in the Sioux City MSA is down 1,400 jobs from December, with no sectors adding jobs through the month. Goods producing industries have shed 200 jobs from last month, including a loss of 100 jobs in manufacturing (non-durable goods). Trade, transportation and warehousing shed 600 jobs, and professional and business services trimmed 200 jobs.

Overall, area employment is unchanged from one year ago with gains in goods producing sectors offsetting losses in service-providing sectors. Notably, trade, transportation and warehousing and government each pared 200 jobs.

## Sioux City - Nonfarm Employment



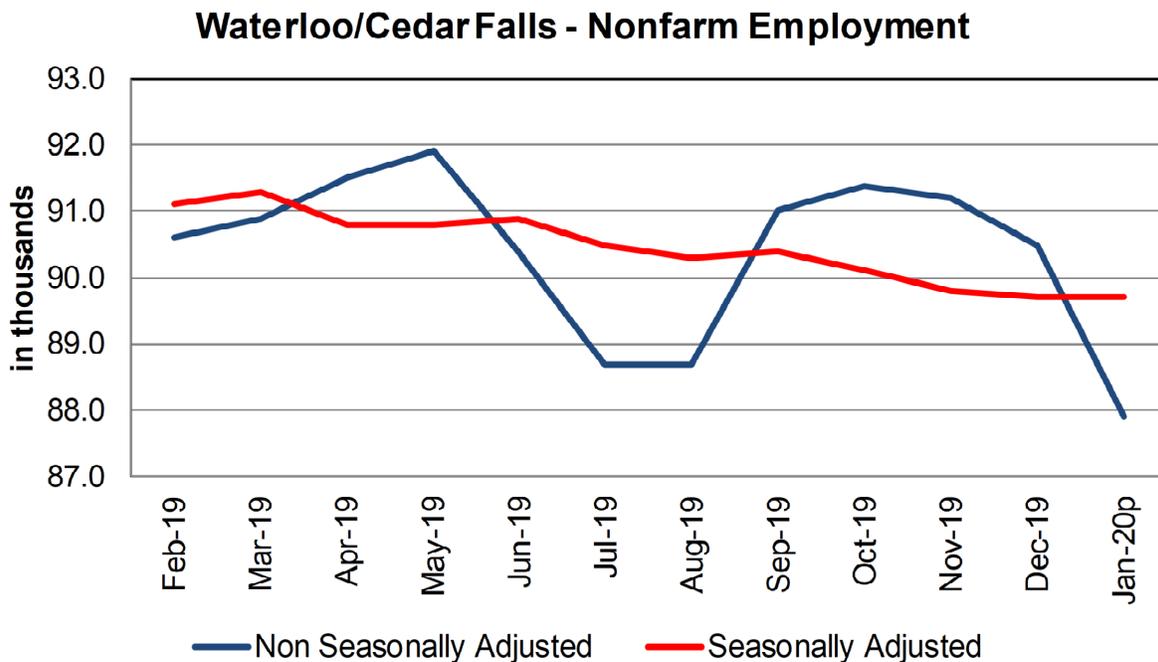
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# IOWA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

<b>Waterloo/Cedar Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>			
Total Nonfarm 2020 (prelim)		Total Nonfarm 2019	% Change—1 Year
<b>87,900</b>		<b>89,600</b>	<b>-1.90%</b>
Noteworthy Expanding & Contracting Industries (1 year)			
Financial activities	2.04%	State government	-9.76%

The Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan statistical area's total nonfarm employment pared 2,600 jobs from the previous month and stands at 87,900. Overall, goods producing industries shed 600 mostly seasonal jobs in spite of a gain of 200 jobs in manufacturing. Government also pared jobs in a seasonal reduction (-1,000). Trade, transportation and warehousing contributed to the jobs loss, paring 400 jobs.

Over the year, the area pared 1,700 jobs. Durable goods manufacturing has shed 800 jobs, although the sector gained jobs over the month. Trade, transportation and warehousing added 300 jobs with its largest January-to-January gain since 2012.



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