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TOTAL YEARLY JOBLESS BENEFITS INCREASE

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DES MOINES, IOWA – Total regular unemployment benefits paid to Iowans in 2003 increased by nearly \$16 million from 2002, according to Iowa Workforce Development analysts.

Benefits totaling \$385.8 million were paid to 142,978 claimants in 2003 for 1,571,540 weeks of unemployment. This compares to \$369.9 million paid to 145,731 jobless workers for 1,528,325 weeks in 2002. Softness in the national economy was responsible for the rise in jobless claims with all of the increase occurring during the first eight months of 2003. During the last four months, year-to-year comparisons of similar weeks showed claims to be steady to lower.

The 2003 average weekly regular unemployment benefit amount was \$248.94 compared to the 2002 average weekly benefit amount of \$244.77.

Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) benefits totaling \$74.5 million were paid to 36,987 claimants in 2003. This compares to \$66.8 million in TEUC benefits paid to 31,817 claimants in 2002 during the first nine months the TEUC program was in effect. The TEUC program, enacted by Congress in March 2002, pays up to 13 weeks of additional benefits to claimants who have exhausted their regular unemployment insurance benefits. The 2003 average weekly TEUC benefit payment was \$239.95.

Iowa Workforce Development, in cooperation with its many partner organizations, operates 71 offices serving all 99 Iowa counties. Sixteen regional workforce centers offer a one-stop experience for accessing many programs, products and services for job seekers, employers, students, economic developers and other community stakeholders.

IWD's core services include job placement services for individuals; worker recruitment assistance to employers; training services to low-income and disadvantaged Iowans; worker protection and safety programs (inspections, consultation and education services); unemployment insurance programs and services; information regarding choices about careers, industries, labor availability and more; workers' compensation benefits/entitlement; and technical assistance for employers.

Services, in most instances, are provided at no charge or for a nominal charge to the customer.

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IOWA JOBLESS BENEFITS 2003

WEEKS COMPENSATED, TOTAL PAYOUT, BY COUNTY
(STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS)

NAME OF COUNTY	*WEEKS*		*RECIPIENTS*		*BENEFITS PAID*	
	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
OUT OF STATE	59,806	60,476	6,025	6,074	15,368,073	15,553,331
ADAIR	3,681	3,713	402	404	889,305	898,077
ADAMS	2,216	2,254	244	246	510,431	518,226
ALLAMAKEE	9,678	9,787	736	741	2,289,016	2,313,589
APPANOOSE	7,176	7,209	715	716	1,661,100	1,670,428
AUDUBON	2,401	2,406	204	204	566,559	568,199
BENTON	14,304	14,346	1,256	1,258	3,658,678	3,670,617
BLACK HAWK	72,085	72,661	7,170	7,197	17,341,728	17,483,948
BOONE	9,487	9,563	889	894	2,339,643	2,359,781
BREMER	11,479	11,583	1,235	1,241	2,911,212	2,934,433
BUCHANAN	11,146	11,196	1,248	1,251	2,837,438	2,850,768
BUENA VISTA	6,811	6,856	856	857	1,584,533	1,596,293
BUTLER	9,395	9,435	926	929	2,381,446	2,392,628
CALHOUN	3,757	3,819	297	298	927,090	941,649
CARROLL	5,237	5,285	463	464	1,205,272	1,216,450
CASS	8,564	8,578	781	783	2,069,226	2,073,076
CEDAR	7,275	7,378	716	723	1,845,931	1,872,409
CERRO GORDO	22,483	22,633	2,302	2,309	5,280,257	5,321,442
CHEROKEE	5,052	5,098	461	463	1,216,529	1,225,717
CHICKASAW	10,437	10,465	890	891	2,631,403	2,636,848
CLARKE	9,768	9,899	649	652	2,651,285	2,675,569
CLAY	8,908	8,971	950	951	2,064,433	2,080,531
CLAYTON	13,262	13,445	1,367	1,378	3,355,179	3,407,085
CLINTON	29,578	29,791	2,874	2,880	6,800,624	6,853,657
CRAWFORD	5,930	5,949	482	486	1,402,971	1,408,253
DALLAS	15,076	15,190	1,344	1,352	4,072,958	4,100,545
DAVIS	4,386	4,401	461	463	1,069,570	1,071,546
DECATUR	4,892	4,916	358	359	1,254,320	1,260,291
DELAWARE	10,815	10,891	1,181	1,188	2,727,272	2,750,669
DES MOINES	28,808	29,085	2,966	2,974	7,048,642	7,110,067
DICKINSON	10,214	10,268	1,188	1,193	2,420,175	2,431,119
DUBUQUE	45,140	45,432	4,666	4,682	10,776,030	10,843,677
EMMET	7,140	7,197	786	788	1,656,535	1,667,872
FAYETTE	12,939	13,092	1,392	1,400	3,015,803	3,056,789
FLOYD	9,262	9,318	1,026	1,029	2,140,946	2,155,024
FRANKLIN	4,807	4,921	494	497	1,205,399	1,227,988
FREMONT	1,525	1,565	151	152	370,648	380,839
GREENE	3,290	3,292	302	303	806,283	806,889
GRUNDY	5,054	5,083	514	517	1,305,972	1,312,874
GUTHRIE	4,736	4,736	408	408	1,242,924	1,242,924
HAMILTON	7,092	7,142	540	542	1,713,444	1,723,585
HANCOCK	4,651	4,653	928	928	1,118,672	1,119,180
HARDIN	9,565	9,658	775	780	2,376,735	2,397,370
HARRISON	4,801	4,855	400	404	1,146,991	1,163,105
HENRY	16,966	17,017	1,644	1,647	4,414,140	4,420,249
HOWARD	3,710	3,737	316	320	912,804	920,379
HUMBOLDT	4,164	4,245	345	346	1,009,947	1,026,556
IDA	2,701	2,751	228	231	666,286	676,908
IOWA	6,343	6,428	717	719	1,541,128	1,560,466
JACKSON	17,046	17,131	1,519	1,525	4,049,848	4,075,217
JASPER	22,408	22,639	1,902	1,912	5,881,179	5,926,629
JEFFERSON	9,483	9,538	956	960	2,344,359	2,359,886
JOHNSON	35,520	36,275	3,268	3,300	8,479,895	8,668,007

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	11,616	11,687	1,057	1,062	2,881,385	2,899,730
KEOKUK	5,679	5,679	591	591	1,431,207	1,431,207
KOSSUTH	8,011	8,172	986	993	1,979,502	2,023,749
LEE	28,566	28,685	2,702	2,708	6,887,403	6,918,221
LINN	119,166	119,890	9,901	9,942	30,140,260	30,318,997
LOUISA	5,862	5,967	555	560	1,487,652	1,517,189
LUCAS	5,070	5,108	387	388	1,248,243	1,252,617
LYON	3,742	3,757	259	260	866,509	870,744
MADISON	7,767	7,821	663	667	2,150,598	2,167,374
MAHASKA	11,690	11,721	1,324	1,326	2,853,166	2,860,599
MARION	16,348	16,641	1,794	1,807	4,120,764	4,186,803
MARSHALL	25,112	25,223	1,887	1,895	6,359,386	6,382,547
MILLS	3,079	3,171	286	293	724,289	745,918
MITCHELL	2,995	3,027	305	306	684,157	692,481
MONONA	4,992	5,058	392	394	1,226,787	1,238,582
MONROE	4,680	4,710	446	448	1,133,035	1,141,527
MONTGOMERY	7,483	7,545	835	840	1,621,031	1,638,524
MUSCATINE	19,566	19,784	1,856	1,864	4,709,668	4,744,360
O BRIEN	5,239	5,296	435	438	1,325,962	1,342,909
OSCEOLA	1,927	1,943	181	182	462,737	467,409
PAGE	6,810	6,863	667	671	1,527,047	1,543,183
PALO ALTO	3,728	3,791	443	446	846,788	863,140
PLYMOUTH	9,533	9,665	822	828	2,408,113	2,442,935
POCAHONTAS	4,451	4,460	390	390	1,107,694	1,109,914
POLK	188,330	189,935	15,724	15,798	48,820,318	49,210,206
POTTAWATTAMIE	25,785	26,145	2,173	2,189	6,102,996	6,193,015
POWESHIEK	11,030	11,061	1,053	1,053	2,824,545	2,825,063
RINGGOLD	2,169	2,174	186	187	519,213	520,908
SAC	4,511	4,522	398	399	1,084,472	1,088,014
SCOTT	66,844	67,220	5,705	5,730	15,648,330	15,751,988
SHELBY	4,500	4,544	377	381	1,054,174	1,066,551
SIOUX	9,138	9,167	718	720	2,214,083	2,222,482
STORY	16,607	17,031	1,455	1,478	4,061,338	4,175,854
TAMA	20,455	20,596	1,317	1,323	5,297,236	5,326,974
TAYLOR	2,660	2,687	280	282	618,576	626,047
UNION	9,531	9,598	1,041	1,045	2,295,322	2,308,882
VAN BUREN	4,978	5,005	586	588	1,258,559	1,266,796
WAPELLO	23,150	23,243	2,124	2,128	5,471,057	5,495,305
WARREN	16,056	16,115	1,358	1,364	4,371,642	4,387,692
WASHINGTON	9,184	9,214	927	927	2,322,004	2,323,089
WAYNE	2,761	2,787	305	306	660,645	668,523
WEBSTER	18,096	18,441	1,500	1,513	4,346,107	4,428,697
WINNEBAGO	4,175	4,228	855	857	984,779	997,125
WINNESHIEK	12,254	12,351	1,241	1,248	2,983,381	3,009,457
WOODBURY	46,342	46,965	3,765	3,792	11,234,666	11,388,482
WORTH	3,285	3,316	434	435	762,924	771,125
WRIGHT	6,487	6,587	558	563	1,500,560	1,520,892
INTERSTATE	64,471	64,692	4,152	4,164	13,381,609	13,433,125
GRAND TOTAL	1,558,361	1,571,540	142,309	142,978	382,560,188	385,786,606

UI BENEFITS ARE PAID UNDER THE IOWA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM. FEDERAL BENEFITS ARE PAID UNDER THE PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SERVICE PERSONNEL. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UI VALUE AND THE TOTAL VALUE IS THE FEDERAL VALUE. OUT OF STATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN IOWA. INTERSTATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN OTHER STATES.

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
OUT OF STATE	12,966	13,253	1,651	1,676	3,142,710	3,222,418
ADAIR	567	567	73	73	132,239	132,239
ADAMS	442	442	48	48	104,265	104,265
ALLAMAKEE	1,318	1,335	156	158	289,739	292,872
APPANOOSE	1,283	1,283	160	160	293,384	293,384
AUDUBON	381	381	45	45	83,804	83,804
BENTON	3,283	3,290	367	368	831,461	832,742
BLACK HAWK	14,088	14,235	1,701	1,711	3,173,111	3,208,251
BOONE	1,745	1,768	219	221	414,116	420,817
BREMER	1,655	1,696	193	197	396,891	406,015
BUCHANAN	1,823	1,836	229	230	426,191	430,052
BUENA VISTA	1,092	1,099	138	139	257,162	257,757
BUTLER	1,471	1,480	183	183	341,316	343,346
CALHOUN	677	680	80	80	170,736	171,393
CARROLL	896	909	113	114	212,997	216,936
CASS	1,562	1,562	195	195	357,733	357,733
CEDAR	1,267	1,288	142	145	314,335	318,630
CERRO GORDO	4,891	4,945	549	552	1,083,834	1,095,387
CHEROKEE	949	987	113	114	211,174	216,552
CHICKASAW	1,444	1,456	169	170	349,705	353,209
CLARKE	2,463	2,489	243	244	665,953	670,630
CLAY	1,880	1,881	213	213	408,707	408,736
CLAYTON	1,600	1,634	208	212	357,971	364,884
CLINTON	5,790	5,834	712	716	1,278,942	1,291,983
CRAWFORD	1,138	1,138	140	140	263,283	263,283
DALLAS	2,988	2,999	353	354	774,533	776,381
DAVIS	756	756	90	91	168,162	168,445
DECATUR	1,066	1,097	124	126	280,891	288,499
DELAWARE	3,083	3,083	257	257	775,209	775,209
DES MOINES	6,424	6,490	725	727	1,480,446	1,491,575
DICKINSON	1,321	1,334	188	189	306,360	310,299
DUBUQUE	6,935	6,977	845	847	1,561,205	1,570,720
EMMET	1,112	1,122	136	137	254,804	256,634
FAYETTE	1,937	1,967	253	256	438,735	446,051
FLOYD	1,746	1,756	226	226	368,385	370,572
FRANKLIN	875	880	110	111	213,652	215,112
FREMONT	327	327	41	41	80,110	80,110
GREENE	560	560	71	71	130,768	130,768
GRUNDY	724	734	95	95	182,605	184,542
GUTHRIE	955	955	114	114	237,888	237,888
HAMILTON	1,709	1,722	187	187	383,991	387,332
HANCOCK	766	766	91	91	178,231	178,231
HARDIN	2,585	2,592	278	278	636,274	637,056
HARRISON	1,014	1,018	127	128	221,087	222,283
HENRY	3,578	3,590	363	364	943,563	944,726
HOWARD	587	598	81	82	130,401	133,465
HUMBOLDT	787	799	95	95	176,876	177,926
IDA	441	457	54	56	94,360	96,341
IOWA	1,039	1,050	127	128	258,444	259,627
JACKSON	3,747	3,779	382	385	847,102	856,526
JASPER	4,836	4,860	536	538	1,223,318	1,226,330
JEFFERSON	2,092	2,092	252	252	512,013	512,013
JOHNSON	6,328	6,495	785	799	1,507,474	1,550,657

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	2,273	2,281	279	280	551,163	553,491
KEOKUK	890	890	110	110	212,165	212,165
KOSSUTH	1,212	1,229	147	149	272,693	277,657
LEE	6,147	6,187	735	738	1,348,228	1,358,487
LINN	28,145	28,367	3,115	3,129	6,987,989	7,039,955
LOUISA	909	942	128	131	220,036	230,544
LUCAS	1,290	1,297	149	149	298,979	299,665
LYON	851	851	98	98	179,399	179,399
MADISON	1,298	1,302	147	148	339,519	340,687
MAHASKA	2,559	2,574	288	290	596,357	600,635
MARION	2,987	3,012	374	376	714,179	721,288
MARSHALL	5,039	5,064	703	704	1,231,000	1,234,610
MILLS	521	534	69	70	117,008	120,947
MITCHELL	625	638	70	71	137,678	141,244
MONONA	818	835	105	105	184,835	186,791
MONROE	724	737	89	90	168,721	172,517
MONTGOMERY	1,054	1,067	141	142	228,569	232,365
MUSCATINE	3,498	3,538	427	429	815,002	820,515
O BRIEN	958	960	113	114	240,440	240,606
OSCEOLA	317	317	37	37	74,197	74,197
PAGE	1,476	1,487	173	175	323,495	327,243
PALO ALTO	627	641	80	82	130,111	134,584
PLYMOUTH	1,652	1,687	209	212	382,278	392,687
POCAHONTAS	968	968	119	119	219,755	219,755
POLK	40,846	41,200	4,798	4,823	10,253,713	10,340,617
POTTAWATTAMIE	5,224	5,323	614	624	1,212,672	1,239,549
POWESHIEK	1,797	1,807	242	242	443,971	444,118
RINGGOLD	532	532	56	56	123,812	123,812
SAC	835	835	99	99	189,385	189,385
SCOTT	13,765	13,837	1,626	1,631	3,158,376	3,175,147
SHELBY	708	708	90	90	157,765	157,765
SIOUX	1,295	1,295	160	160	287,473	287,473
STORY	3,453	3,502	403	408	847,126	861,254
TAMA	2,972	2,978	554	555	724,948	726,700
TAYLOR	609	610	65	66	146,877	147,169
UNION	1,945	1,960	197	198	479,266	483,103
VAN BUREN	913	913	105	105	228,213	228,213
WAPELLO	4,833	4,834	589	590	1,090,587	1,090,870
WARREN	3,337	3,337	386	386	868,479	868,479
WASHINGTON	1,579	1,579	199	199	370,573	370,573
WAYNE	514	522	65	66	116,938	119,362
WEBSTER	3,859	3,941	479	485	871,196	885,504
WINNEBAGO	702	714	80	81	154,445	157,610
WINESHIEK	2,039	2,069	193	196	475,525	482,967
WOODBURY	9,777	9,837	1,194	1,201	2,301,751	2,317,540
WORTH	672	677	81	82	146,306	147,732
WRIGHT	1,360	1,380	166	168	285,189	291,037
INTERSTATE	11,716	11,773	1,395	1,399	2,982,691	2,995,990
GRAND TOTAL	309,109	311,891	36,767	36,987	73,819,718	74,486,631

EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION - UI PAYMENTS ARE PAID TO CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE IOWA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM AND APPLICABLE EXTENDED BENEFITS. FEDERAL BENEFITS ARE PAID TO CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE PROGRAMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND SERVICE PERSONNEL. OUT OF STATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS MADE TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN IOWA. INTERSTATE BENEFITS ARE THOSE PAYMENTS TO NON-RESIDENTS WHO WORKED IN IOWA AND FILE CLAIMS IN OTHER STATES.