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JOBLESS BENEFIT PAYMENTS DOWN IN APRIL

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DES MOINES, IOWA – Total jobless benefits paid to Iowans in April decreased by \$19.1 million from March, according to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) analysts.

Benefits totaling \$25.0 million were paid to 34,223 claimants in April compared to \$44.1 million paid to 46,323 jobless Iowans in March. The seasonal decline in construction claims and one less processing Wednesday accounted for most of the decrease.

April 2004 benefit payments were well below the April 2003 total of \$39.5 million for 48,238 unemployed workers. Most of the decline was due to one less processing Wednesday and approximately 7,000 fewer claims per week.

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 APRIL 2004
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	3,478	3,533	1,217	1,231	915,435	931,673
ADAIR	209	209	71	71	51,117	51,117
ADAMS	157	158	54	55	40,911	41,063
ALLAMAKEE	801	828	257	260	198,289	204,462
APPANOOSE	461	465	149	150	112,872	113,468
AUDUBON	192	192	64	64	44,832	44,832
BENTON	1,004	1,016	390	392	248,465	251,406
BLACK HAWK	4,627	4,737	1,488	1,501	1,087,916	1,117,465
BOONE	617	650	227	232	139,436	148,681
BREMER	658	662	235	236	166,265	167,121
BUCHANAN	658	672	245	247	168,109	172,070
BUENA VISTA	435	453	149	152	103,286	107,320
BUTLER	410	421	157	159	101,374	104,689
CALHOUN	245	247	88	89	63,415	64,015
CARROLL	455	459	150	151	109,270	110,470
CASS	550	553	198	199	141,825	142,403
CEDAR	592	602	202	204	151,751	154,069
CERRO GORDO	1,714	1,733	570	573	383,266	388,779
CHEROKEE	265	265	99	99	63,499	63,499
CHICKASAW	821	833	269	270	206,306	209,189
CLARKE	377	383	126	128	95,319	96,957
CLAY	557	566	193	195	134,435	137,107
CLAYTON	948	959	339	341	240,400	243,248
CLINTON	1,842	1,846	610	611	421,524	422,421
CRAWFORD	342	355	118	122	88,893	92,021
DALLAS	832	845	294	296	214,371	218,114
DAVIS	286	306	95	97	66,088	70,321
DECATUR	316	316	101	101	71,192	71,192
DELAWARE	722	724	259	260	187,608	188,344
DES MOINES	1,811	1,821	592	593	445,075	446,553
DICKINSON	589	595	282	282	146,102	146,247
DUBUQUE	3,001	3,040	1,080	1,088	721,169	730,946
EMMET	341	353	146	147	76,214	78,867
FAYETTE	880	904	302	305	206,028	209,794
FLOYD	795	813	303	304	172,991	178,840
FRANKLIN	324	331	100	103	75,970	78,296
FREMONT	102	104	36	37	24,340	24,829
GREENE	340	344	116	116	87,425	88,405
GRUNDY	262	266	96	96	64,740	65,608
GUTHRIE	273	279	104	105	66,885	68,351
HAMILTON	369	373	122	122	87,132	88,144
HANCOCK	172	178	63	66	41,166	42,871
HARDIN	726	736	228	229	167,001	169,307
HARRISON	306	310	100	101	71,259	72,459
HENRY	973	979	297	297	260,214	261,112
HOWARD	263	269	88	90	70,369	71,881
HUMBOLDT	218	222	75	77	51,025	51,730
IDA	224	228	81	82	59,606	60,582
IOWA	519	522	243	243	106,086	106,947
JACKSON	1,260	1,269	473	475	302,315	304,852
JASPER	1,619	1,638	498	500	424,409	428,347
JEFFERSON	497	499	170	171	117,044	117,614
JOHNSON	2,494	2,554	833	840	601,850	617,591

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	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL	UI	TOTAL
JONES	744	749	271	271	183,119	184,382
KEOKUK	396	404	149	150	100,585	102,193
KOSSUTH	532	542	190	192	131,938	134,641
LEE	1,796	1,816	581	584	431,628	436,377
LINN	8,170	8,250	2,767	2,783	2,026,023	2,047,089
LOUISA	388	392	137	138	98,491	99,341
LUCAS	399	408	119	120	91,246	93,433
LYON	151	151	60	60	39,211	39,211
MADISON	334	342	140	142	86,935	89,291
MAHASKA	637	645	218	219	149,122	151,242
MARION	979	1,000	310	312	232,211	237,616
MARSHALL	1,178	1,206	386	392	298,116	305,802
MILLS	203	207	68	70	47,429	48,668
MITCHELL	186	191	66	66	43,165	44,381
MONONA	404	412	134	136	102,119	104,529
MONROE	281	289	95	97	68,733	70,925
MONTGOMERY	425	425	165	165	87,770	87,770
MUSCATINE	1,540	1,545	509	511	373,421	374,868
O BRIEN	262	266	90	91	63,973	65,173
OSCEOLA	106	106	39	39	25,068	25,068
PAGE	359	368	113	115	82,256	85,066
PALO ALTO	270	281	98	100	63,205	66,378
PLYMOUTH	663	672	216	217	155,036	157,302
POCAHONTAS	304	313	93	94	79,649	81,268
POLK	11,789	11,896	3,895	3,915	3,010,770	3,039,752
POTTAWATTAMIE	1,624	1,642	517	522	395,428	400,960
POWESHIEK	636	645	247	248	165,711	168,256
RINGGOLD	163	167	61	62	42,842	44,198
SAC	298	301	107	108	69,094	69,738
SCOTT	4,835	4,873	1,574	1,581	1,153,870	1,164,110
SHELBY	351	351	113	113	81,280	81,280
SIOUX	505	507	206	206	126,032	126,399
STORY	961	1,002	334	342	240,703	251,647
TAMA	474	482	178	180	127,367	129,655
TAYLOR	193	201	78	80	44,374	46,562
UNION	587	593	248	249	137,114	138,335
VAN BUREN	235	239	88	89	58,189	59,197
WAPELLO	1,515	1,529	478	481	323,597	327,642
WARREN	1,032	1,052	344	347	274,935	280,373
WASHINGTON	901	901	280	280	247,240	247,240
WAYNE	137	139	47	48	32,917	33,461
WEBSTER	1,154	1,176	379	384	281,370	287,539
WINNEBAGO	222	228	124	124	55,405	55,874
WINNESHIEK	865	871	297	299	219,384	220,907
WOODBURY	3,585	3,626	1,163	1,172	874,818	885,389
WORTH	264	264	98	98	63,173	63,173
WRIGHT	453	461	147	147	108,723	110,519
INTERSTATE	3,632	3,679	1,119	1,129	971,460	983,365
GRAND TOTAL	100,047	101,420	33,978	34,223	24,630,125	24,985,269

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