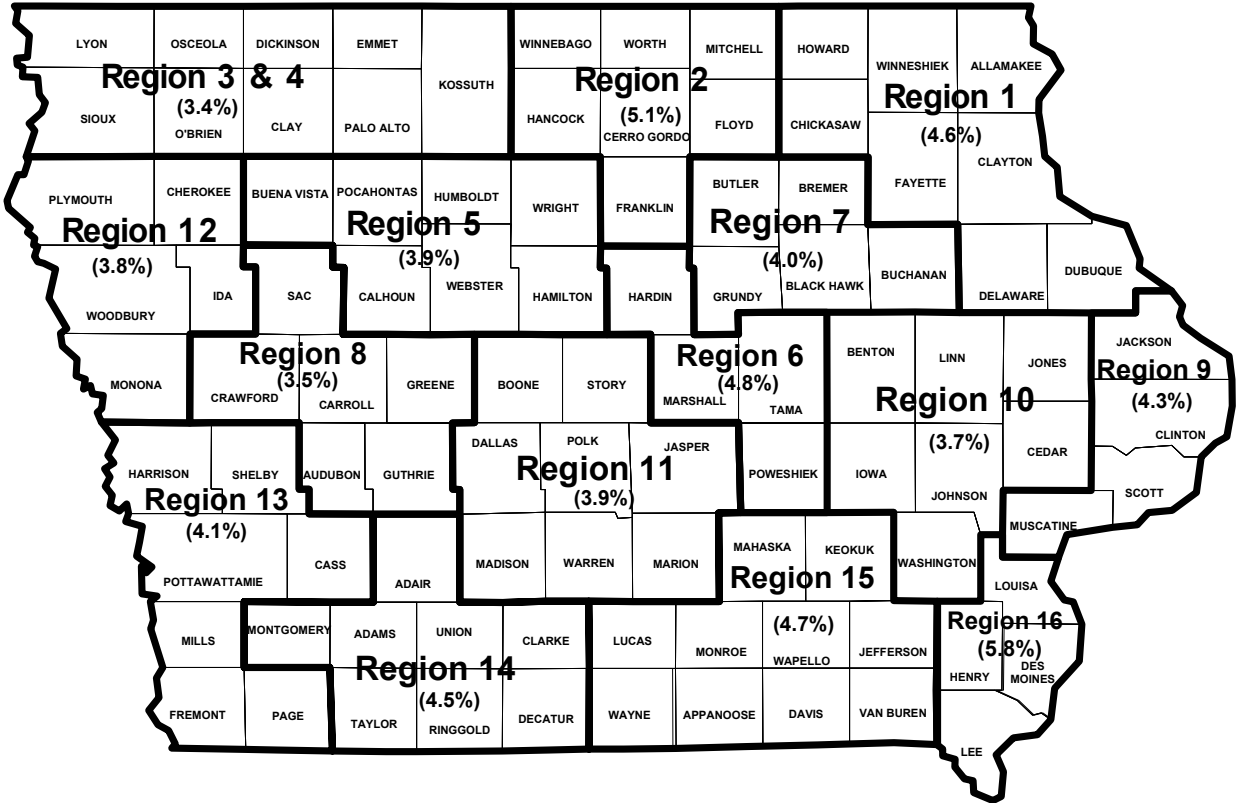


IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REGIONS AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES CALENDAR YEAR 2008



Notes:

- 1) For the past decade, Iowa's annual average unemployment rate has been substantially lower than the comparable U.S. rate.
- 2) Iowa's 2008 unemployment rate of 4.1% ranked as tenth lowest in the nation.
- 3) Iowa Workforce Development Region 16 had the highest unemployment rate in the state in 2008 at 5.8%. Region 16 also experienced the largest increase in unemployment from 2007 to 2008.

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