

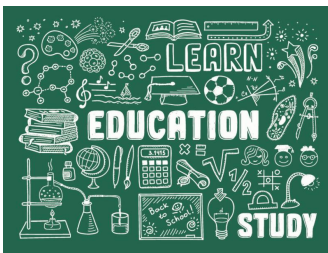
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PELLA'S CAP RECEIVES STEM BEST AWARD



Congratulations to Pella Community School District in the South Central Region for receiving one of the 12 new Iowa STEM BEST Programs. A total of 75 new and expanded STEM BEST Programs have been launched or enhanced since 2014, involving more than 8,500 students across the state.

Past South Central STEM BEST recipients serve as models and mentors for schools seeking to create their own program.

Bring STEM BEST to Your District

If you have a great idea that expands your school's curriculum to offer community-based learning opportunities, then BEST is for you. Iowa STEM can provide you with funding, state-wide models, industry and education experts, one-on-one planning help, and more!

Where should you start:

1. Check out Iowa STEM BEST's landing page. It features programming ideas, school contact information, and industry advice. <https://iowastem.gov/STEMBEST>
If you have specific questions, please email Dr. Sarah Derry.

Unemployment Insurance Tax Tables for 2021



Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) officially announced Monday that Iowa employers will remain in Tax Table 7 for 2021. In June, Gov. Reynolds allocated \$490 million out of the \$1.25 billion Iowa received in CARES Act funding to support the unemployment trust fund balance after record payments due to COVID-19. According to IWD Director Beth Townsend, this action will save Iowa employers more than \$400 million in increased unemployment taxes in 2021.

RED ROCK HYDRO PROJECT DEDICATION

Missouri River Energy Services celebrated the dedication of the Red Rock Hydroelectric Project by hosting a virtual ceremony this week. The ceremony was held via video on their social media pages and featured messages from a variety of distinguished speakers, along with photos and video of the plant throughout construction.

For more information about Missouri River Energy Services, please go to www.mrenergy.com. Or find us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) at [@MRESnews](#) or YouTube: [MissouriRiverEnergyServices](#).





IOWA RESOURCES FOR PPE

After meeting this month with several employers, it seems there are still challenges with finding PPE and cleaning supplies. Two resource providers that we work with have developed lists of Iowa based companies that are producing PPE. Check out the links below:

**CIRAS at Iowa State University
Greater Des Moines Partnership**

USDA Implements Immediate Measures to Help Rural Residents, Businesses and Communities Affected by COVID-19

USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Rural Development will keep our customers, partners and stakeholders continuously updated as more actions are taken to better serve rural America. Read the full stakeholder announcement [here](#).



MARION COUNTY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD...



The annual Best of Iowa Existing Industry Call program is now in progress. The MCDC office will be setting up interviews over the next 2 weeks with area prime employers. The process identifies trends, issues and key business indicators. Please contact ceysink@marioncountyiowa.gov for more information.

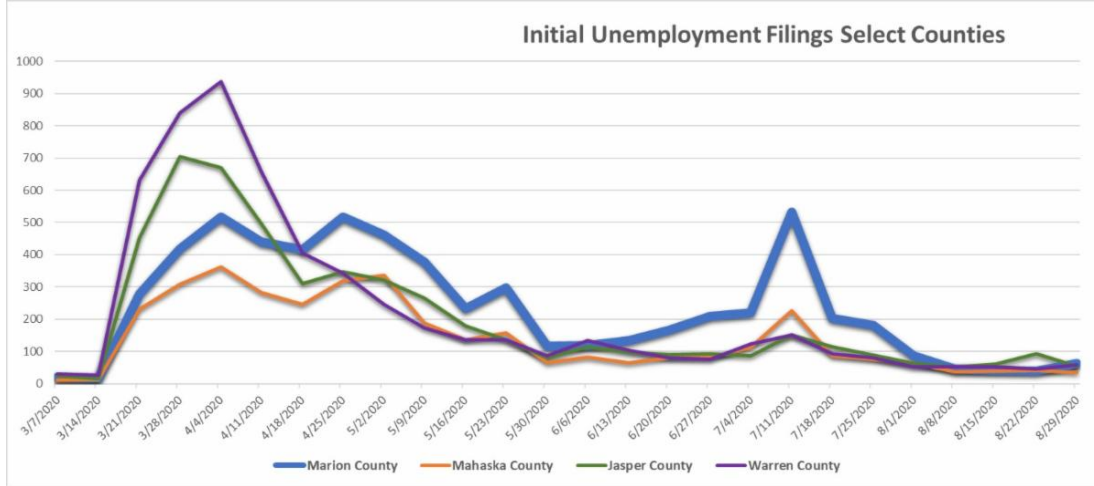
NOMINATE A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FOR TOP 10 UNDER 40

The Marion County Development Commission (MCDC) is now taking nominations for the Top 10 Under 40. The individual must live and work in Marion County, Iowa. To nominate an outstanding young professional from your company or community, [click here](#).

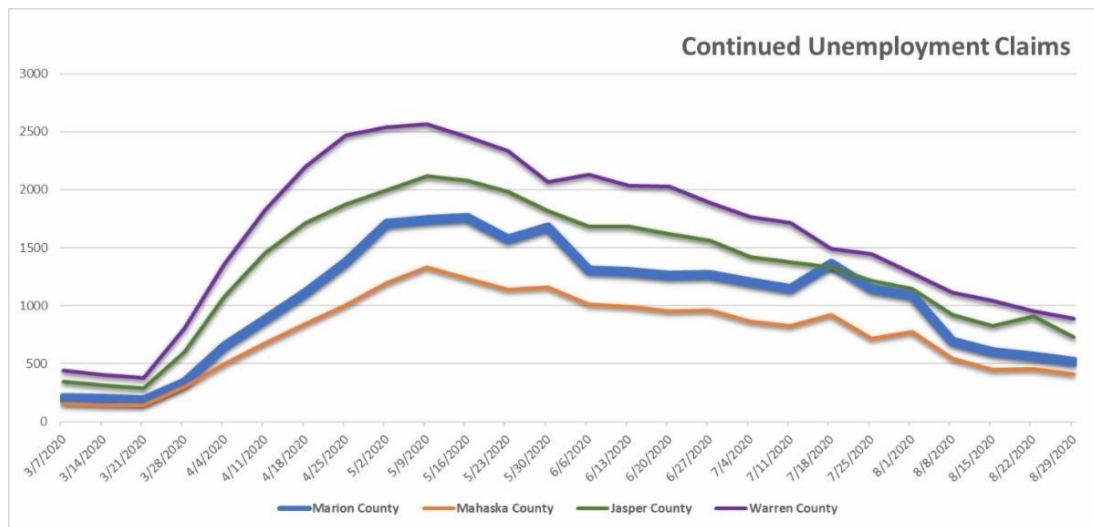


ECONOMIC INDICATORS

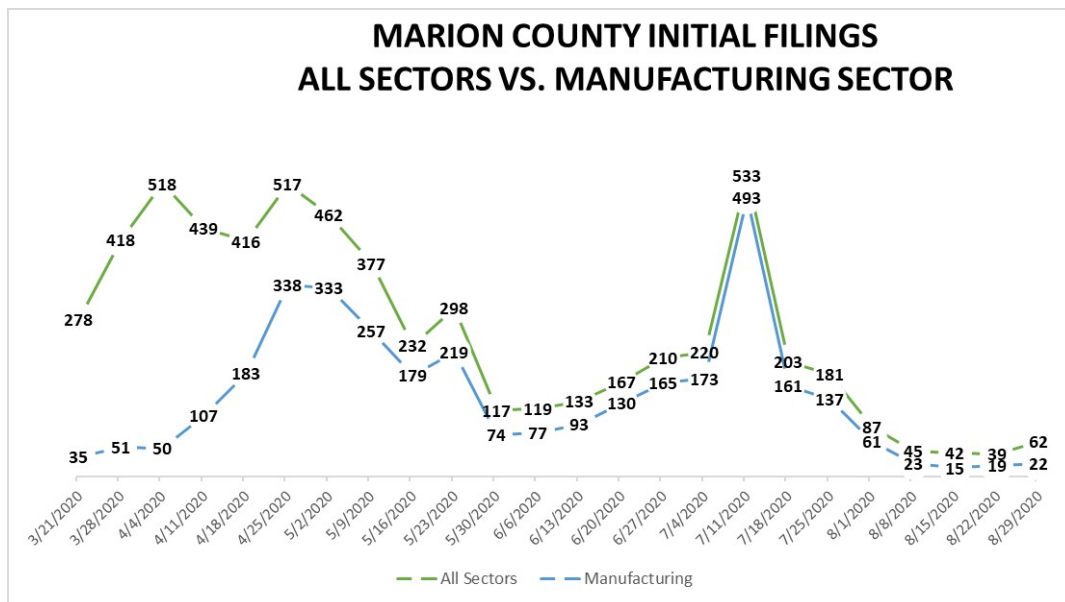
Unemployment



Statewide the week prior to August 29, there were 5,494 new unemployment filings which was down from the previous week. In Marion County, new unemployment filings were 62 which was an increase over the previous week.



Continued unemployment claims in Iowa during the week prior to August 29, totaled 70,682 which was a decrease over the previous week. In Marion County, the number of continued unemployment claims were 521 which also was a decrease from the previous week.



ADVOCATING FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Marion County Development Commission is hosting an event on September 30 with area legislators to discuss issues, ideas and concerns for the upcoming legislative session in Iowa. **If you would like to share perspectives from your business**, contact [Carla Eysink](#), MCDC Executive Director.

Connect with Marion County Government on YouTube

Check out videos from Marion County, Iowa government officials by [CLICKING HERE](#).