Dubuque Metropolitan **Statistical Area** Iowa Workforce Development 2021 Profile



Jobs Summary

In 2020, the Dubuque Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) represented 55,789 jobs, accounting for 3.8 percent of all covered employment in lowa. Education and health services was the MSA's largest supersector, employing 10,583 individuals. 8,661 of these positions were in health services. Manufacturing (9,530 jobs) and trade (9,363 jobs) also had a significant presence in the area. Employment in the region shrank considerably in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, falling by 5.3 percent. However, some of this loss in employment was



somewhat alleviated by a year-over-year increase in the area's average annual wage of 6.5 percent, from \$47,294 to \$50,358.

Average Labor Rates, 2020*

Quick Facts About the Dubuque MSA Labor Force 54.900 The only county included is Dubuque \rightarrow Employment 51,700 Had an estimated population of 99,266 in 2020, a 6.0% jump from 2010¹ \rightarrow Unemployment 3,200 Had the second-highest average unemployment rate of Iowa MSAs in 2020 \rightarrow 5.9% Unemployment Rate ¹ U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

Number of Firms by Industry, 2020



*Includes non-covered employment

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Employment and Wage Summary by Industry, 2019–2	Employment a	and Wage Summa	ry by Industry, 2	2019-20
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Industry	Average Annual Wage		Employment			
Industry	2019	2020	% Change	2019	2020	% Change
Total, All Industries	\$ 47,294	\$ 50,358	6.5%	58,912	55,789	-5.3%
Private Entities	\$ 47,617	\$ 50,635	6.3%	54,145	51,170	-5.5%
Agriculture, Natural Resources & Mining	\$ 36,572	\$ 42,630	16.6%	319	216	-32.3%
Construction	\$ 54,182	\$ 57,544	6.2%	2,555	2,552	-0.1%
Manufacturing	\$ 63,530	\$ 64,776	2.0%	9,958	9,530	-4.3%
Trade	\$ 36,520	\$ 38,451	5.3%	9,711	9,363	-3.6%
Wholesale Trade	\$ 55,795	\$ 58,008	4.0%	3,123	3,054	-2.2%
Retail Trade	\$ 27,383	\$ 28,984	5.8%	6,588	6,309	-4.2%
Transportation & Utilities	\$ 52,326	\$ 51,166	-2.2%	2,637	2,768	5.0%
Information	\$ 64,748	\$ 77,127	19.1%	1,072	997	-7.0%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$ 68,559	\$ 71,395	4.1%	4,725	4,600	-2.6%
Professional & Business Services	\$ 55,881	\$ 61,813	10.6%	4,804	4,570	-4.9%
Education & Health Services	\$ 44,433	\$ 46,677	5.1%	10,963	10,583	-3.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	\$ 18,892	\$ 19,410	2.7%	5,853	4,834	-17.4%
Other Services	\$ 28,058	\$ 34,898	24.4%	1,550	1,158	-25.3%
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Government	\$ 43,623	\$ 47,294	8.4%	4,767	4,619	-3.1%
State	\$ 60,122	\$ 62,403	3.8%	194	200	3.1%
Local	\$ 41,824	\$ 45,562	8.9%	4,318	4,135	-4.2%
Federal	\$ 61,540	\$ 61,869	0.5%	255	284	11.4%

Educational Attainment Among Those Aged 25+



Commuting Patterns

- → 56.9 percent of workers lived fewer than 10 miles from their primary place of employment, whereas 19.1 percent of workers had a commute of greater than 50 miles.²
- → 83.1 percent of commuters traveled alone in a personal car, truck, or van. The average commute time was 16.7 minutes.³
- → 4.2 percent of workers walked or used public transportation to get to work, while 1.0 percent employed some other means, such as riding a bike. 7.8 percent of commuters carpooled.³

² U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 OnTheMap data

³ 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Household Income