

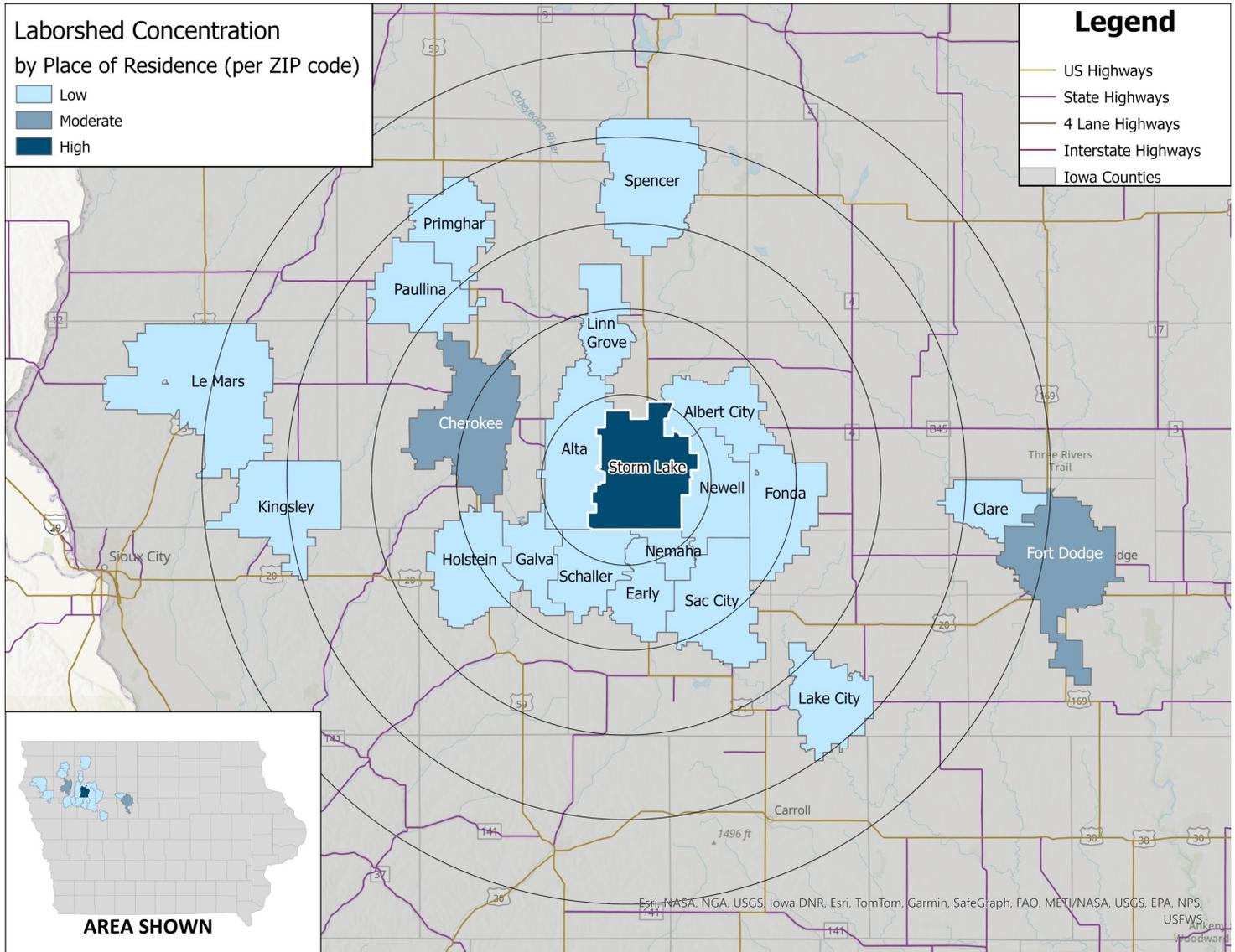
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STORM LAKE, IA LABORSHED AREA

CONCENTRATION OF RESPONDENTS WITHIN THE LABORSHED AREA
WITH TRANSFERABLE EXPERIENCE/SKILLS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE



Workers who have transferable experience/skills in the industry are currently commuting an average of 8 miles one way for work. Those who are likely to change/accept employment are willing to commute an average of 22 miles one way for the right employment opportunity.

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ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR PER OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY:

- Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products - 175
- Cooling and Freezing Equipment Operators and Tenders - 184
- Dietetic Technicians - 181
- Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other - 178
- Engineers, All Other - 177
- Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health - 180
- Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers - 2,867
- Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse - 538
- Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals - 182
- First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 360
- Industrial Engineers - 176
- Industrial Production Managers - 356
- Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers - 183
- Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other - 357
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists - 358
- Soil and Plant Scientists - 179

AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF **6,631** PEOPLE IN THE LABORSHED AREA

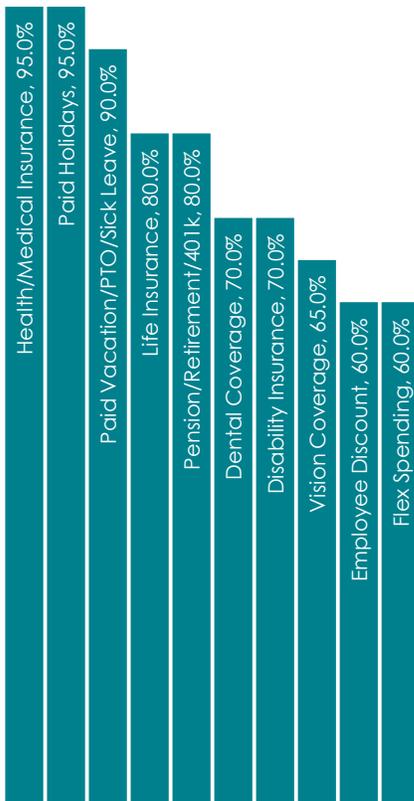
UNDEREMPLOYMENT (ESTIMATED):

- Low hours - 0.0%
- Low income - 0.0%
- Mismatch of skills - 5.4% (59)
- Total - 5.4% (59)

(Individuals counted only once when estimating Total Underemployment.)



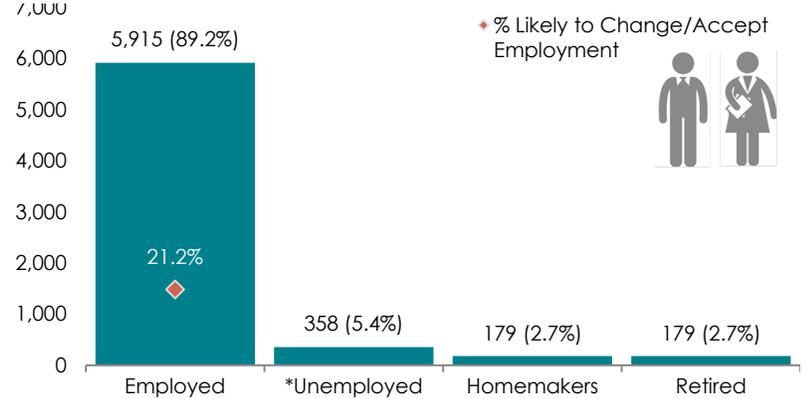
CURRENT BENEFITS:



DESIRED BENEFITS:



ESTIMATED TOTAL BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (PERCENTAGE):



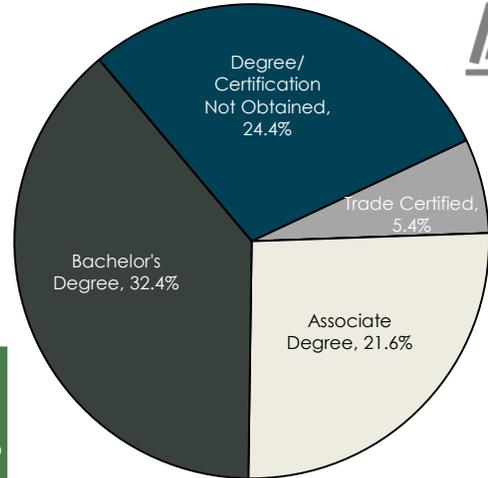
**Employment status is self-identified by the survey respondent. The unemployment percentage does not reflect the unemployment rate published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which applies a stricter definition.*

EMPLOYMENT STATS:

- 45.9% paid an hourly wage
- 94.6% are/were employed full-time
- 5.4% are/were employed part-time
- 45.5% are/were self-employed
- 21.2% hold two or more jobs
- Currently working an average of 50 hours/week

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL:

(83.8% HAVE AN EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL)



TOP JOB SEARCH RESOURCES:

(For those seeking employment opportunities, by use.)

- Internet - 54.3%
 - www.indeed.com
 - www.linkedin.com
 - [Company/Organization Websites](#)
- Networking through friends, family or acquaintances - 42.9%
- Private Employment Services - 22.9%
- IowaWORKS Centers - 22.9%



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OCCUPATION	OCCUPATIONAL CODE	MEAN WAGE	ENTRY WAGE	EXPERIENCED WAGE	MEDIAN WAGE	MEAN ANNUAL SALARY
Agricultural Inspectors	45-2011	\$23.80	\$21.78	\$24.81	\$23.94	\$49,498
Animal Scientists	19-1011	\$45.25	\$25.41	\$55.17	\$27.25	\$94,117
Architectural and Engineering Managers	11-9041	\$70.63	\$50.71	\$80.60	\$62.56	\$146,919
Biochemists and Biophysicists	19-1021	\$60.18	\$26.90	\$76.82	\$42.87	\$125,179
Biological Scientists, All Other	19-1029	\$40.07	\$32.16	\$44.03	\$38.52	\$83,346
Chemical Technicians	19-4031	\$22.35	\$17.66	\$24.69	\$23.25	\$46,480
Chemists	19-2031	\$37.72	\$25.24	\$43.97	\$29.04	\$78,464
Conservation Scientists	19-1031	\$31.86	\$24.10	\$35.74	\$30.20	\$66,267
Cooling and Freezing Equipment Operators and Tenders	51-9193	\$22.78	\$19.63	\$24.35	\$20.49	\$47,382
Dietitians and Nutritionists	29-1031	\$34.89	\$28.09	\$38.29	\$35.63	\$72,574
Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other	17-3029	\$28.54	\$20.37	\$32.63	\$27.32	\$59,372
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	19-2041	\$30.23	\$22.16	\$34.27	\$29.24	\$62,886
Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	11-9013	\$50.31	\$29.57	\$60.68	\$47.30	\$104,648
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	45-2092	\$18.24	\$14.57	\$20.08	\$19.77	\$37,945
Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	45-2093	\$18.37	\$14.94	\$20.09	\$16.74	\$38,220
First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers	45-1011	\$28.91	\$20.25	\$33.24	\$28.99	\$60,138
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	51-1011	\$32.47	\$24.16	\$36.63	\$31.20	\$67,543
Industrial Engineers	17-2112	\$45.83	\$30.72	\$53.38	\$44.98	\$95,325
Industrial Production Managers	11-3051	\$54.79	\$37.45	\$63.46	\$51.54	\$113,963
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	51-9061	\$23.31	\$19.93	\$25.00	\$21.92	\$48,490
Natural Sciences Managers	11-9121	\$50.24	\$31.99	\$59.37	\$46.59	\$104,508
Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9012	\$24.36	\$20.61	\$26.23	\$24.52	\$50,665
Soil and Plant Scientists	19-1013	\$36.30	\$21.93	\$43.48	\$31.59	\$75,503
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	29-2056	\$18.15	\$14.58	\$19.93	\$18.16	\$37,751
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	51-8031	\$24.31	\$17.93	\$27.50	\$27.25	\$50,561

The 2024 Iowa Wage data for the Storm Lake Laborshed area was produced by the Labor Force & Occupational Analysis Bureau to provide communities local information on wages by occupation. Additional occupational wage and employment data for the Storm Lake Laborshed area can be found at workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed/data.

Balance of data compiled by Iowa Workforce Development using Laborshed data released in 2025.