

Work Force:

Between Sept. 2003-Sept. 2004 the Cedar Valley
Ranked No. 5 in a National poll for job growth.

Black Hawk County Work Force:

Total Labor Force:	71,800
Total Unemployment:	3,400
Unemployment Rate:	4.8%

Major Employers:

	Employees
John Deere	4550
Tyson Foods	2400
Covenant Health Systems	2388
University of Northern Iowa	2076
Waterloo Community Schools	1800
Allen Health Systems	1700
Bertch Cabinet Mfg.	1453
Omega Cabinet Ltd.	1262
AEA 267 Education Agency	1060
Hy-Vee	911
GMAC Mortgage Co.	871
Black Hawk County	715
Hawkeye Community College	689
Target Regional Distribution Center	650
Cedar Falls Community Schools	623

Housing:

Median Selling Price	\$93,000
Average Home Sale Price	\$109,324
Number of Active Listings (Single Family)	867
Average Rent in Area (2 bedroom apartment)	\$600

Cost of Living Comparison:

	All items	Housing	Utilities	Transportation
Chicago, IL	139.9	171.1	110.6	114.4
Minneapolis, MN	114.0	131	112.3	108.1
Omaha, NE	94.9	90.4	108.1	106.1
Des Moines, IA	95.4	95.4	100.3	98.4
Waterloo/ Cedar Falls, IA	93.1	90.3	90.9	96.3

*Source: ACCRA Cost of living index, 1st quarter 2004. Index is based on an average of 100.

Climate:

	Summer	Winter
Average Temperature:	71.5	23.7
Average High Temperature	83.1	32.9
Average Low Temperature	59.9	14.6