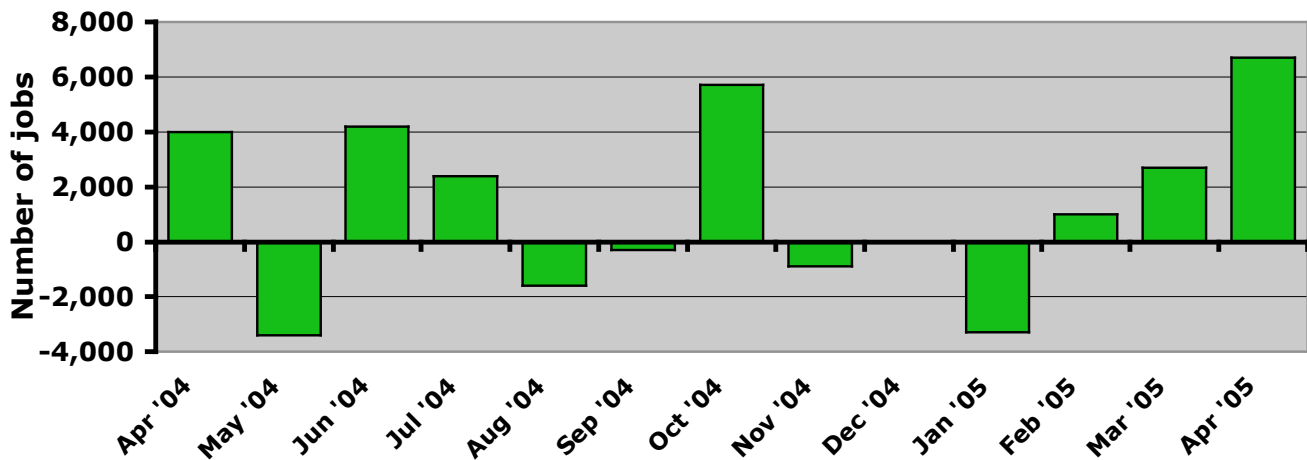


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Change in Iowa Nonfarm Employment, April 2004-April 2005



Change in Iowa Unemployment Rate Since Start of Last Recession

