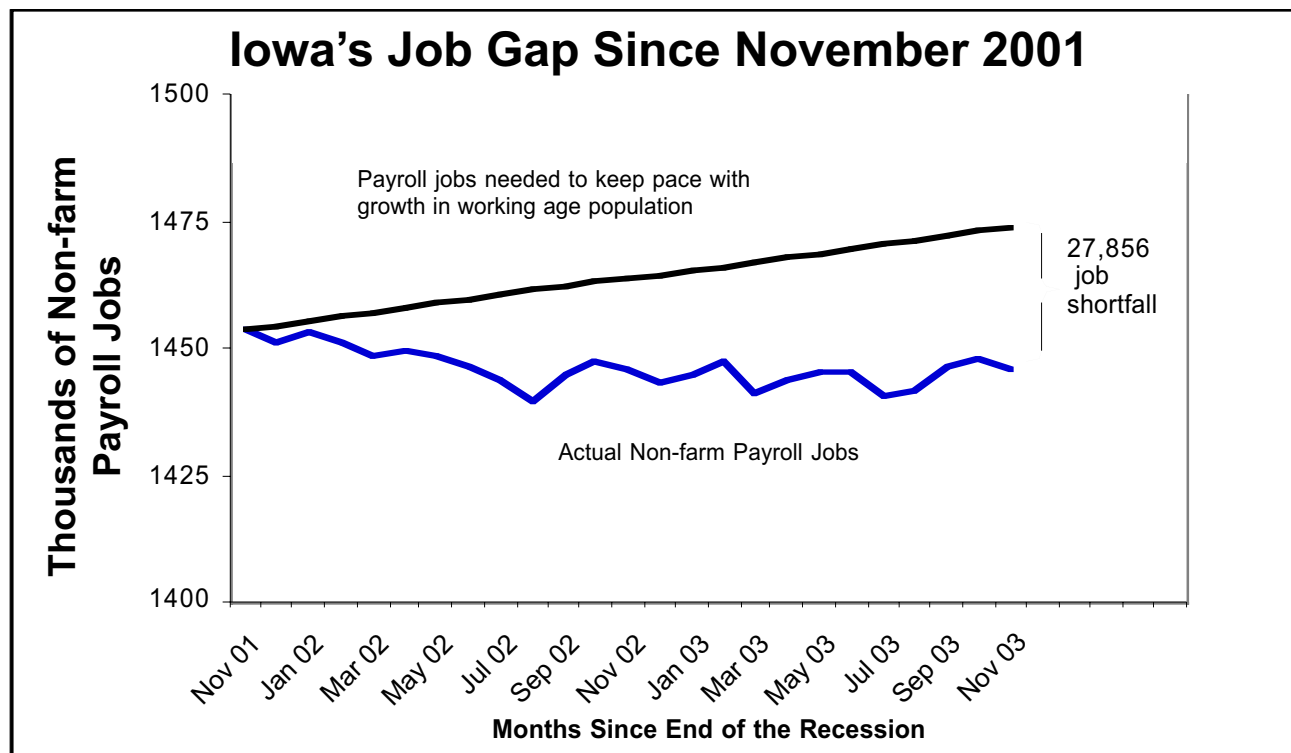


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## Iowa jobs: Falling behind

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The Iowa Policy Project analyzed new employment figures from Iowa Workforce Development in cooperation with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C.

According to estimates from EPI, Iowa needed to add 20,356 jobs in the months since November 2001 just to keep pace with its 1.4 percent growth in the working-age population. In that time since the end of the last recession, actual job losses of 7,500 have resulted in a net jobs deficit of 27,856. (See related news release, Dec. 18, 2003)

The jobs gap from the start of that recession, in March 2001, is more pronounced – about 54,400 jobs, when accounting for growth in the working-age population.

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