

Two Surveys Show Iowa's Economy Improving

Two surveys were released this week that showed Iowa's economy is improving. One was from Creighton University and the other from the Iowa Business Council.

For the second month in a row, Creighton's February regional job index rose above growth neutral. It hit 58.2% in February. It was at 52.1% in January.

Meanwhile, the Iowa Business Council's index was above 50 for the first time since the third quarter of 2008. This shows Iowa's businesses are gaining confidence.

One reason for the Iowa Business Council's positive news was that surveyed companies expected to see higher sales. In addition, several companies expected to hire, while others expected to invest in office equipment and factories in the next six months.