



Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for December 2015, Released February 2016

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in December. Twenty-five states had unemployment rate decreases from November, 14 states had increases, and 11 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-two states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, while eight states had increases.

The national jobless rate was unchanged from November at 5.0 percent and was 0.6 percentage point lower than in December 2014.

December 2015 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Dec 2015 Rate	Nov 2015 Rate	Dec 2014 Rate
U.S.	157,245,000	149,703,000	7,542,000	4.8%	4.8%	5.4%
IN	3,290,348	3,140,143	150,205	4.6%	4.5%	5.7%
Gary Metro Div	341,179	319,666	21,513	6.3%	5.8%	7.5%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	48,642	45,516	3,126	6.4%	5.7%	7.8%
EGR 1	406,498	380,890	25,608	6.3%	5.8%	7.5%
Lake Co.	232,885	217,357	15,528	6.7%	6.2%	8.0%
Porter Co.	84,865	80,241	4,624	5.4%	5.0%	6.3%
LaPorte Co.	48,642	45,516	3,126	6.4%	5.7%	7.8%
Newton Co.	7,026	6,621	405	5.8%	5.3%	6.9%
Jasper Co.	16,403	15,447	956	5.8%	5.0%	6.9%
Starke Co.	10,299	9,642	657	6.4%	5.6%	7.3%
Pulaski Co.	6,378	6,066	312	4.9%	4.2%	5.2%
East Chicago	10,310	9,450	860	8.3%	8.2%	11.2%
Hammond	35,553	33,084	2,469	6.9%	6.4%	8.3%
Munster	11,894	11,422	472	4.0%	4.0%	5.4%
Dyer	8,866	8,465	401	4.5%	4.3%	5.4%
Schererville	16,262	15,418	844	5.2%	4.7%	5.5%
Crown Point	14,634	13,799	835	5.7%	5.1%	6.9%
Griffith	9,114	8,514	600	6.6%	6.0%	7.9%
Highland	12,849	12,161	688	5.4%	4.8%	6.2%
Gary	27,789	25,274	2,515	9.1%	9.1%	10.9%
Merrillville	17,293	16,124	1,169	6.8%	6.7%	8.2%
Hobart	15,148	13,983	1,165	7.7%	6.2%	8.5%
Lake Station	5,202	4,612	590	11.3%	10.1%	12.5%
Portage	18,009	16,841	1,168	6.5%	5.8%	7.5%
Chesterton	6,708	6,362	346	5.2%	4.3%	5.6%
Valparaiso	15,942	15,154	788	4.9%	4.8%	5.8%
Michigan City	12,938	12,021	917	7.1%	6.6%	8.4%
LaPorte	9,790	9,170	620	6.3%	5.7%	8.7%

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Released 1-27-16 The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

LaPorte City and Michigan City unemployment estimates were affected throughout 2014 by a coding error of local unemployment insurance claimant data. This only impacted LaPorte City and Michigan City. The yearly benchmarking process in April has corrected the error previously and moving forward.



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Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties

Unemployment Rates by State - December 2015

(seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 5.0%
- Illinois - 5.9%
- Indiana - 4.4%**
- Kentucky - 5.3%
- Michigan - 5.1%
- Ohio - 4.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County - December 2015

(high to low*)

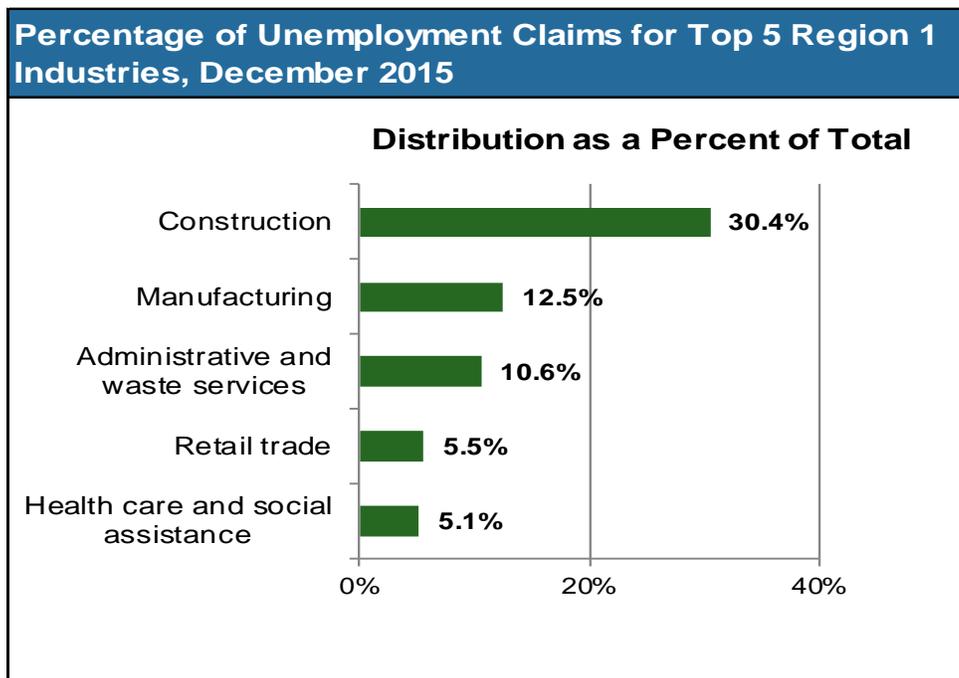
- #3 - Lake (6.7%)
- #6 - LaPorte (6.4%)
- #8 - Starke (6.4%)
- #13 - Jasper (5.8%)
- #14 - Newton (5.8%)
- #19 - Porter (5.4%)
- #30 - Pulaski (4.9%)

*of Indiana's 92 counties

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to December 2015 from:						
CPI Item	Dec-14	Nov-15	Dec-14	Nov-15	Dec-14	Nov-15
	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-		Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	0.0%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.6%	0.7%	-0.3%
Food & Beverages	1.5%	0.3%	0.6%	0.1%	0.8%	-0.2%
Housing	0.3%	-0.3%	1.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.1%
Apparel	-2.2%	-4.0%	-2.1%	-3.2%	-0.9%	-3.3%
Transportation	-4.3%	-3.0%	-5.2%	-3.1%	-4.1%	-1.5%
Medical Care	1.9%	-0.3%	2.4%	0.0%	2.6%	-0.1%
Recreation	0.8%	0.7%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.7%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	0.6%	0.2%	0.9%	0.0%	1.4%	-0.1%
Other Goods & Services	0.6%	0.2%	2.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%

*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

There were no WARN notices in Region 1 in December 2015

Nearby WARN notices in December:

Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
Pure Metal Recycling, LLC	South Bend & various in IL	St Joseph, IN, Cook/Will, IL	13 South Bend, Not provided for IL sites	12/7/2015
Commonground/MGS	Chicago	Cook	83	12/7/2015
LB Steel, LLC	Harvey, IL	Cook	224	12/15/2015
World Marketing Chicago, LLC	McCook, IL	Cook	Not Provided	12/3/2015
FriehrtCar America, Inc.	Danville, IL	Vermilion	180	12/15/2015

Sources: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices <http://www.in.gov/dwd/2567.htm>
Illinois WARN Notices: <http://www2.illinoisworknet.com/LayoffRecovery/Pages/ArchivedWARNReports.aspx>

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet: <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims

December 2015

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Initial Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 981
December 12th, 2015 – 859 (D)
December 19th, 2015 – 804
December 26th, 2015 – 748 (D)

Continued Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 4,089
December 12th, 2015 – 4,458
December 19th, 2015 – 4,773
December 26th, 2015 – 5,252

Total Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 5,070
December 12th, 2015 – 5,317
December 19th, 2015 – 5,577
December 26th, 2015 – 6,000

*(D): Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues.

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 5,354
December 12th, 2015 – 4,657
December 19th, 2015 – 5,085
December 26th, 2015 – 5,314

Continued Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 22,573
December 12th, 2015 – 23,975
December 19th, 2015 – 25,134
December 26th, 2015 – 27,885

Total Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 27,927
December 12th, 2015 – 28,632
December 19th, 2015 – 30,219
December 26th, 2015 – 33,199

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Gary Metropolitan Division							
Wage and Salaried Employment-December 2015				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Dec-15	Nov-15	Dec-14	Nov-15 to Dec-15		Dec-14 to Dec-15	
Total Nonfarm	280,800	280,900	279,100	-100	-0.04%	1,700	0.61%
Total Private	243,800	244,000	242,100	-200	-0.08%	1,700	0.70%
Goods Producing	52,100	52,900	53,200	-800	-1.51%	-1,100	-2.07%
Service-Providing	228,700	228,000	225,900	700	0.31%	2,800	1.24%
Private Service Providing	191,700	191,100	188,900	600	0.31%	2,800	1.48%
Mining and Logging	100	100	100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	15,500	16,000	15,800	-500	-3.13%	-300	-1.90%
Manufacturing	36,500	36,800	37,300	-300	-0.82%	-800	-2.14%
Durable Goods	28,900	29,000	29,200	-100	-0.34%	-300	-1.03%
Primary Metal Manufacturing	17,500	17,600	18,200	-100	-0.57%	-700	-3.85%
Iron and Steel Mills and Ferroalloy Manufacturing	16,700	16,700	16,900	0	0.00%	-200	-1.18%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	63,500	62,200	60,000	1,300	2.09%	3,500	5.83%
Wholesale Trade	9,600	9,600	9,400	0	0.00%	200	2.13%
Retail Trade	37,400	36,100	35,000	1,300	3.60%	2,400	6.86%
General Merchandise Stores	7,700	7,600	7,800	100	1.32%	-100	-1.28%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.00%	-100	-2.56%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	16,500	16,500	15,600	0	0.00%	900	5.77%
Information	2,100	2,000	2,100	100	5.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	0.00%	-100	-1.15%
Professional and Business Services	22,700	23,300	23,600	-600	-2.58%	-900	-3.81%
Employment Services	3,000	3,000	3,400	0	0.00%	-400	-11.76%
Education and Health Services	49,000	49,200	48,400	-200	-0.41%	600	1.24%
Educational Services	7,500	7,800	7,500	-300	-3.85%	0	0.00%
Health Care and Social Assistance	41,500	41,400	40,900	100	0.24%	600	1.47%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,400	13,400	13,200	0	0.00%	200	1.52%
Leisure and Hospitality	32,400	32,300	32,600	100	0.31%	-200	-0.61%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	6,400	6,500	6,500	-100	-1.54%	-100	-1.54%
Food Services and Drinking Places	24,400	24,500	24,000	-100	-0.41%	400	1.67%
Other Services	13,400	13,500	13,500	-100	-0.74%	-100	-0.74%
Total Government	37,000	36,900	37,000	100	0.27%	0	0.00%
Federal Government	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	0.00%	100	2.00%
Local Government	30,000	29,900	30,100	100	0.33%	-100	-0.33%
Local Government Educational Services	17,100	17,000	17,300	100	0.59%	-200	-1.16%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

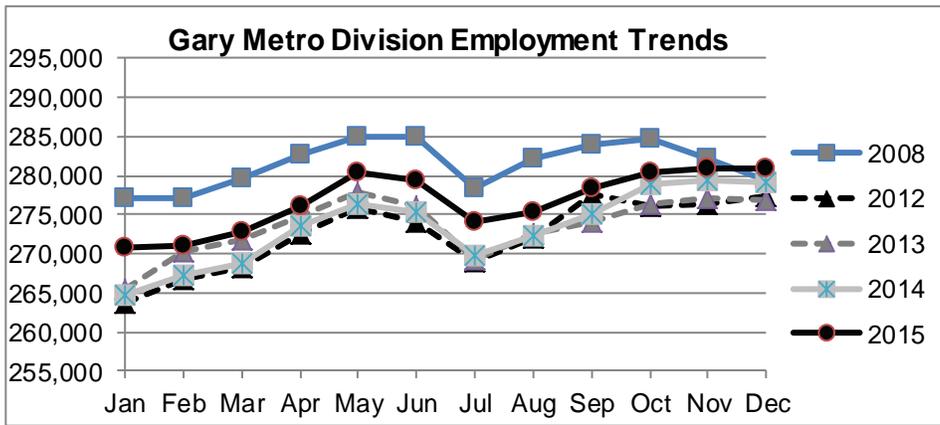
Applicant Pool

Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months

- 1 Helpers--Production Workers - 2,144
- 2 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 1,987
- 3 Production Workers, All Other - 1,828
- 4 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 1,714
- 5 Customer Service Representatives - 1,334
- 6 Cashiers - 1,317
- 7 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers - 921
- 8 Office Clerks, General - 847
- 9 Construction Laborers - 836
- 10 Construction and Related Workers, All Other - 760
- 11 Carpenters - 752
- 12 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 740
- 13 Managers, All Other - 725
- 14 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 715
- 15 Nursing Assistants - 678
- 16 Packers and Packagers, Hand - 603
- 17 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 565
- 18 Retail Salespersons - 537
- 19 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 532
- 20 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 529

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect





Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Note: Historical data for the most recent 5 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Michigan City-LaPorte Metropolitan Statistical Area							
Industry	Wage and Salaried Employment-December 2015			Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
	Dec-15	Nov-15	Dec-14	Nov-15 to Dec-15		Dec-14 to Dec-15	
Total Nonfarm	42,000	42,100	42,300	-100	-0.24%	-300	-0.71%
Total Private	35,100	35,100	35,400	0	0.00%	-300	-0.85%
Goods Producing	9,300	9,400	9,300	-100	-1.06%	0	0.00%
Service-Providing	32,700	32,700	33,000	0	0.00%	-300	-0.91%
Private Service Providing	25,800	25,700	26,100	100	0.39%	-300	-1.15%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,700	1,800	1,700	-100	-5.56%	0	0.00%
Manufacturing	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	8,900	8,400	9,000	500	5.95%	-100	-1.11%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.00%	100	7.69%
Retail Trade	5,600	5,500	5,700	100	1.82%	-100	-1.75%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business Services	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-3.23%	-100	-3.23%
Education and Health Services	5,500	5,600	5,600	-100	-1.79%	-100	-1.79%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,500	5,300	-200	-3.64%	0	0.00%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Government	6,900	7,000	6,900	-100	-1.43%	0	0.00%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	2,300	2,400	2,400	-100	-4.17%	-100	-4.17%
Local Government	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	0.00%	100	2.33%
Local Government Educational Services	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	0.00%	100	4.17%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

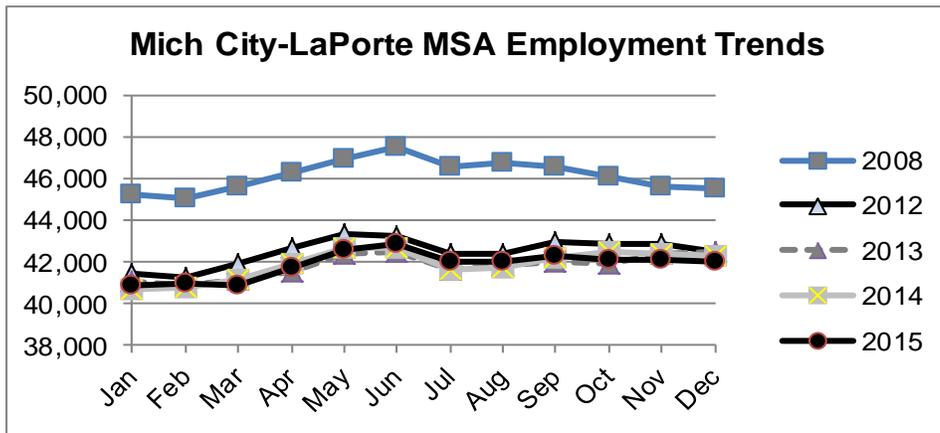
Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 for the month of December 2015

- 1 Production Workers, All Other
- 2 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers
- 4 Tour Guides and Escorts
- 5 Registered Nurses
- 6 Home Health Aides
- 7 Park Naturalists
- 8 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- 9 Retail Salespersons
- 10 Therapists, All Other
- 11 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 12 Customer Service Representatives
- 13 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
- 14 Personal Care Aides
- 15 Managers, All Other
- 16 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 17 Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors
- 18 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
- 19 Medical Assistants
- 20 Nursing Assistants

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect





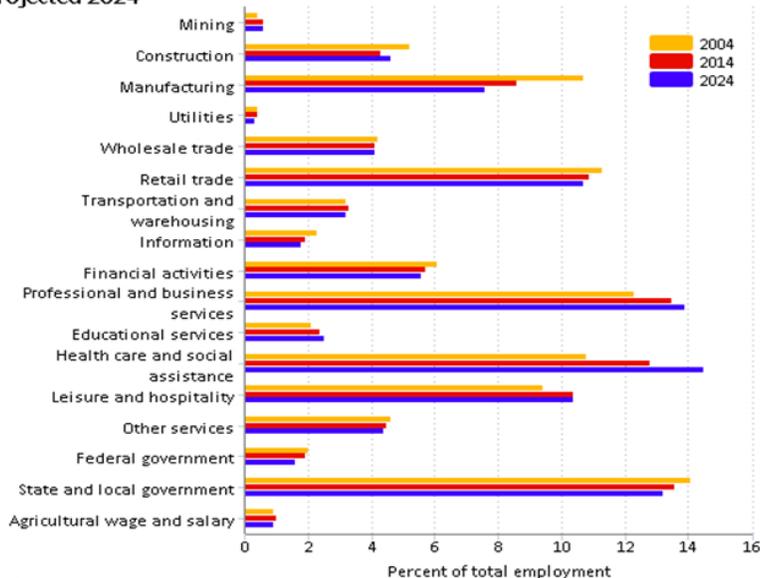
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Health care and social assistance to have largest share of total employment by 2024

December 31, 2015

The health care and social assistance industry is projected to increase its share of total wage and salary employment to 14.5 percent by 2024, up from 12.8 percent in 2014 and 10.8 percent in 2004. The share of employment represented by professional and business services is also projected to increase, rising from 12.3 percent in 2004 and 13.5 percent in 2014 to 13.9 percent in 2024.

Share of total wage and salary employment by industry, 2004, 2014, and projected 2024



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The share of total wage and salary employment represented by manufacturing is projected to decline in the coming period, falling from 10.7 percent in 2004 and 8.6 percent in 2014 to 7.6 percent in 2024. The decline in manufacturing's employment share is the largest of any industry sector for the 2014–24 period.

For more information, see "[Industry employment and output projections to 2024](#)" by Richard Henderson in the December 2015 [Monthly Labor Review](#). Visit [Employment Projections](#) for the 2014–24 news release and related data.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, Health care and social assistance to have largest share of total employment by 2024 on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2015/health-care-and-social-assistance-to-have-largest-share-of-total-employment-by-2024.htm> (visited January 13, 2016).

Hours & Earnings By Industry Statewide

December 2015

Average Weekly Earnings

Construction	\$1,042.92
Manufacturing	\$810.14
Durable Goods	\$855.21
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$681.14
Transport Equip Mfg	\$941.24
Non-Durable Goods	\$702.27
Retail Trade	\$398.52
Financial Activities	\$740.22
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$655.31
Accomm & Food Svc	\$246.75
Food Services/Bars	\$244.18

Average Weekly Hours

Construction	39.4
Manufacturing	43.3
Durable Goods	43.5
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	40.4
Transport Equip Mfg	45.1
Non-Durable Goods	42.9
Retail Trade	30.1
Financial Activities	36.5
Health Care & Soc Assistance	33.4
Accomm & Food Svc	23.5
Food Services/Bars	23.3

Average Hourly Earnings

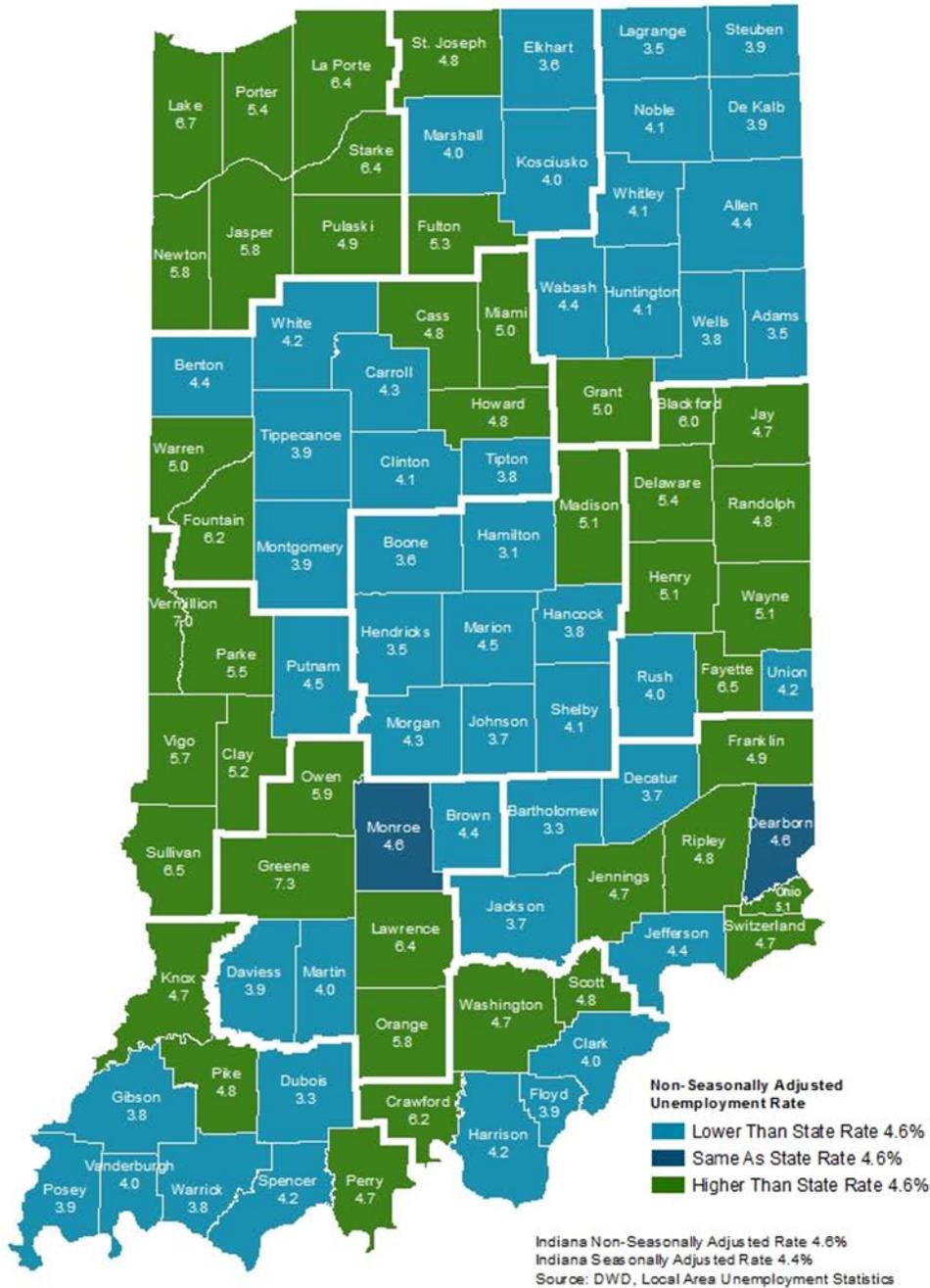
Construction	\$26.47
Manufacturing	\$18.71
Durable Goods	\$19.66
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$16.86
Transport Equip Mfg	\$20.87
Non-Durable Goods	\$16.37
Retail Trade	\$13.24
Financial Activities	\$20.28
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$19.62
Accomm & Food Svc	\$10.50
Food Services/Bars	\$10.48

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

County Unemployment Rates December 2015



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