



Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for March 2016, Released May 2016

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in March. Twenty-one states had unemployment rate decreases from February, 15 states had increases, and 14 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty-six states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, 12 states had increases, and 2 states had no change. The national jobless rate, 5.0 percent, was little changed from February and was 0.5 percentage point lower than in March 2015.



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

March 2016 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mar 2016 Rate	Feb 2016 Rate	Mar 2015 Rate
U.S.	158,854,000	150,738,000	8,116,000	5.1%	5.2%	5.6%
IN	3,319,627	3,137,340	182,287	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%
Gary Metro Div	343,263	317,591	25,672	7.5%	7.5%	6.9%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	48,780	45,048	3,732	7.7%	7.8%	7.0%
EGR 1	409,208	378,663	30,545	7.5%	7.5%	6.9%
Lake Co.	233,770	215,441	18,329	7.8%	7.8%	7.3%
Porter Co.	85,683	80,017	5,666	6.6%	6.6%	5.8%
LaPorte Co.	48,780	45,048	3,732	7.7%	7.8%	7.0%
Newton Co.	7,169	6,666	503	7.0%	7.4%	6.4%
Jasper Co.	16,641	15,467	1,174	7.1%	7.5%	6.4%
Starke Co.	10,768	9,983	785	7.3%	7.3%	6.7%
Pulaski Co.	6,397	6,041	356	5.6%	5.9%	4.7%
East Chicago	10,461	9,318	1,143	10.9%	10.3%	9.8%
Hammond	35,454	32,632	2,822	8.0%	7.9%	7.6%
Munster	11,928	11,268	660	5.5%	5.3%	4.5%
Dyer	8,837	8,356	481	5.4%	5.3%	4.8%
Schererville	16,264	15,276	988	6.1%	5.8%	5.4%
Crown Point	14,801	13,815	986	6.7%	6.9%	6.4%
Griffith	9,085	8,407	678	7.5%	7.7%	6.9%
Highland	12,857	12,002	855	6.7%	6.3%	5.4%
Gary	27,746	24,940	2,806	10.1%	9.9%	9.6%
Merrillville	17,266	15,945	1,321	7.7%	7.7%	7.1%
Hobart	15,298	13,951	1,347	8.8%	8.8%	8.3%
Lake Station	5,190	4,556	634	12.2%	13.1%	12.2%
Portage	18,155	16,719	1,436	7.9%	7.9%	6.8%
Chesterton	6,767	6,367	400	5.9%	6.0%	5.5%
Valparaiso	16,087	15,115	972	6.0%	5.7%	5.2%
Michigan City	12,923	11,878	1,045	8.1%	8.5%	7.7%
LaPorte	9,808	9,061	747	7.6%	7.6%	6.7%

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.

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Released 4-18-16

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.

Unemployment Rates by State - March 2016

(seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 5.0%
- Illinois - 6.5%
- Indiana - 5.0%**
- Kentucky - 5.6%
- Michigan - 4.8%
- Ohio - 5.1%

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

Unemployment Rank by County - March 2016

(high to low*)

- #3 - Lake (7.8%)
- #4 - LaPorte (7.7%)
- #6 - Starke (7.3%)
- #10 - Jasper (7.1%)
- #13 - Newton (7%)
- #19 - Porter (6.6%)
- #44 - Pulaski (5.6%)

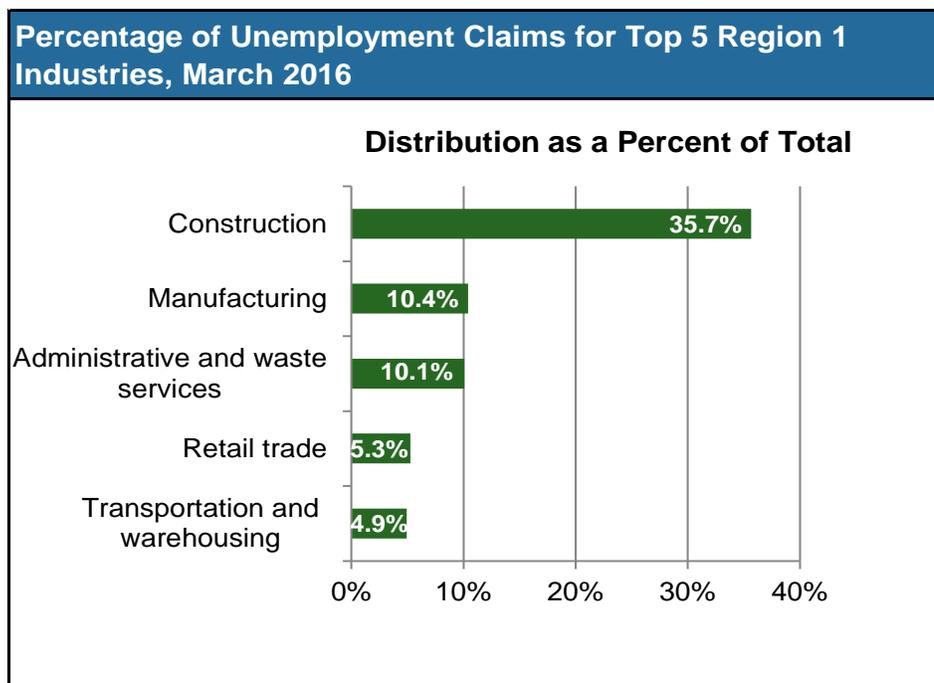
*of Indiana's 92 counties

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to March 2016 from:						
CPI Item	Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-15	Feb-16
	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	0.2%	0.1%	0.5%	0.6%	0.9%	0.4%
Food & Beverages	0.8%	-0.9%	0.7%	-0.3%	0.8%	-0.3%
Housing	1.1%	-0.2%	1.6%	0.2%	2.1%	0.2%
Apparel	-4.9%	-2.4%	-1.0%	0.3%	-0.6%	1.5%
Transportation	-4.2%	3.5%	-4.2%	3.6%	-4.1%	2.1%
Medical Care	2.5%	0.2%	3.4%	0.3%	3.3%	0.1%
Recreation	1.8%	-0.3%	0.5%	0.4%	1.1%	0.4%
Education & Communication	-0.1%	-0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	0.5%	0.2%	1.8%	0.3%	2.0%	0.2%

*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 March 2016

WARN notices and revisions for nearby locations				
Company	City	State	Affected Workers	Notice Date
Artco	Lemont	IL	40	3/18/2016
WestRock	Chicago	IL	49	3/11/2016
Revised:				Revision:
Mondelez International	Chicago	IL	91 additional	3/30/2016

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 March 2016

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Initial Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 503 (D)
 March 12th, 2016 – 470 (D)
 March 19th, 2016 – 390 (D)
 March 26th, 2016 – 346 (D)

Continued Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 5,503
 March 12th, 2016 – 5,237
 March 19th, 2016 – 4,844
 March 26th, 2016 – 4,742

Total Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 6,006
 March 12th, 2016 – 5,707
 March 19th, 2016 – 5,234
 March 26th, 2016 – 5,088

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

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 3,374
 March 12th, 2016 – 3,046
 March 19th, 2016 – 3,270
 March 26th, 2016 – 2,359

Continued Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 30,248
 March 12th, 2016 – 29,358
 March 19th, 2016 – 27,931
 March 26th, 2016 – 26,475

Total Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 33,622
 March 12th, 2016 – 32,404
 March 19th, 2016 – 31,201
 March 26th, 2016 – 28,834

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

Gary Metropolitan Division							
<i>Wage and Salaried Employment - March 2016</i>				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Mar-16	Feb-16	Mar-15	Feb-16 to Mar-16	Mar-15 to Mar-16		
Total Nonfarm	272,100	271,200	271,700	900	0.3%	400	0.2%
Total Private	235,700	235,200	236,200	500	0.2%	-500	-0.2%
Goods Producing	50,200	49,200	50,700	1,000	2.0%	-500	-1.0%
Service-Providing	221,900	222,000	221,000	-100	-0.1%	900	0.4%
Private Service Providing	185,500	186,000	185,500	-500	-0.3%	0	0.0%
Mining and Logging	100	100	200	0	0.0%	-100	-50.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	14,300	13,300	14,800	1,000	7.5%	-500	-3.4%
Construction	14,200	13,200	14,600	1,000	7.6%	-400	-2.7%
Manufacturing	35,900	35,900	35,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods	28,100	28,100	29,000	0	0.0%	-900	-3.1%
Primary Metal Manufacturing	17,100	17,200	18,300	-100	-0.6%	-1,200	-6.6%
Iron and Steel Mills and Ferroalloy Manufacturing	16,100	16,100	17,000	0	0.0%	-900	-5.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	59,000	59,200	57,900	-200	-0.3%	1,100	1.9%
Wholesale Trade	9,500	9,400	9,500	100	1.1%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	34,300	34,700	33,000	-400	-1.2%	1,300	3.9%
General Merchandise Stores	7,000	7,000	6,900	0	0.0%	100	1.5%
Other Gen Merch Stores	4,100	4,100	3,700	0	0.0%	400	10.8%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	15,200	15,100	15,400	100	0.7%	-200	-1.3%
Information	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	0.0%	100	5.3%
Financial Activities	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	20,900	21,100	22,100	-200	-1.0%	-1,200	-5.4%
Employment Services	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	0.0%	100	3.0%
Education and Health Services	48,900	49,900	50,400	-1,000	-2.0%	-1,500	-3.0%
Educational Services	6,900	8,100	8,900	-1,200	-14.8%	-2,000	-22.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	42,000	41,800	41,500	200	0.5%	500	1.2%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,300	13,200	13,200	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	32,800	32,100	31,300	700	2.2%	1,500	4.8%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	6,100	6,000	6,300	100	1.7%	-200	-3.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	24,100	23,700	23,400	400	1.7%	700	3.0%
Other Services	13,400	13,200	13,400	200	1.5%	0	0.0%
Total Government	36,400	36,000	35,500	400	1.1%	900	2.5%
Federal Government	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	5,400	5,100	4,700	300	5.9%	700	14.9%
Local Government	29,100	29,000	28,900	100	0.3%	200	0.7%
Local Government Educational Services	16,600	16,600	16,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%

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

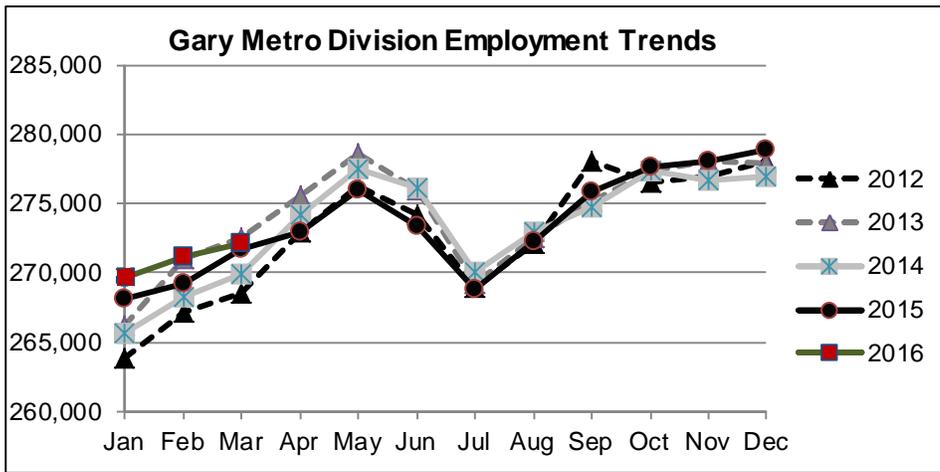
Applicant Pool

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

- 1 Helpers--Production Workers - 1,706
- 2 Production Workers, All Other - 1,495
- 3 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 1,451
- 4 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 1,311
- 5 Customer Service Representatives - 956
- 6 Cashiers - 931
- 7 Construction Laborers - 663
- 8 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers - 648
- 9 Office Clerks, General - 608
- 10 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 563
- 11 Construction and Related Workers, All Other - 549
- 12 Carpenters - 545
- 13 Managers, All Other - 541
- 14 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 524
- 15 Nursing Assistants - 459
- 16 Packers and Packagers, Hand - 441
- 17 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 438
- 18 Administrative Services Managers - 414
- 19 Retail Salespersons - 410
- 20 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 393

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect





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.

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics5

Michigan City-LaPorte Metropolitan Statistical Area							
Industry	Wage and Salaried Employment-March 2016			Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
	Mar-16	Feb-16	Mar-15	Feb-16 to Mar-16	Mar-15 to Mar-16	Mar-15 to Mar-16	Mar-15 to Mar-16
Total Nonfarm	40,900	40,600	40,900	300	0.7%	0	0.0%
Total Private	33,900	33,600	34,100	300	0.9%	-200	-0.6%
Goods Producing	9,400	9,200	9,300	200	2.2%	100	1.1%
Service-Providing	31,500	31,400	31,600	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Private Service Providing	24,500	24,400	24,800	100	0.4%	-300	-1.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,700	1,500	1,700	200	13.3%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	0.0%	100	1.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	7,800	7,800	8,300	0	0.0%	-500	-6.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,400	0	0.0%	-200	-14.3%
Retail Trade	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,200	5,100	100	1.9%	200	3.9%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	7,000	7,000	6,800	0	0.0%	200	2.9%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	0.0%	100	4.4%
Local Government	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	0.0%	100	2.3%
Local Government Educational Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

Frequently Listed Jobs

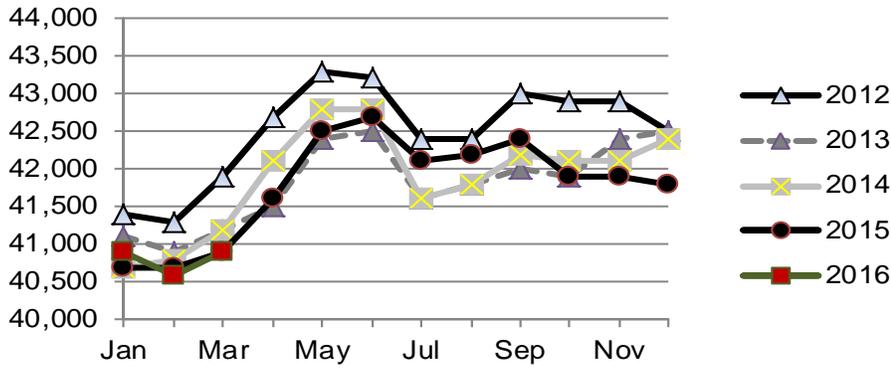
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 for the month of March 2016

- 1 Production Workers, All Other
- 2 Helpers--Production Workers
- 3 Registered Nurses
- 4 Customer Service Representatives
- 5 Retail Salespersons
- 6 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
- 7 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- 8 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 9 Security Guards
- 10 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 11 Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
- 12 Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
- 13 Material Moving Workers, All Other
- 14 Brickmasons and Blockmasons
- 15 Therapists, All Other
- 16 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 17 Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
- 18 Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers
- 19 Gaming Dealers
- 20 Engineers, All Other

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



Mich City-LaPorte MSA Employment Trends



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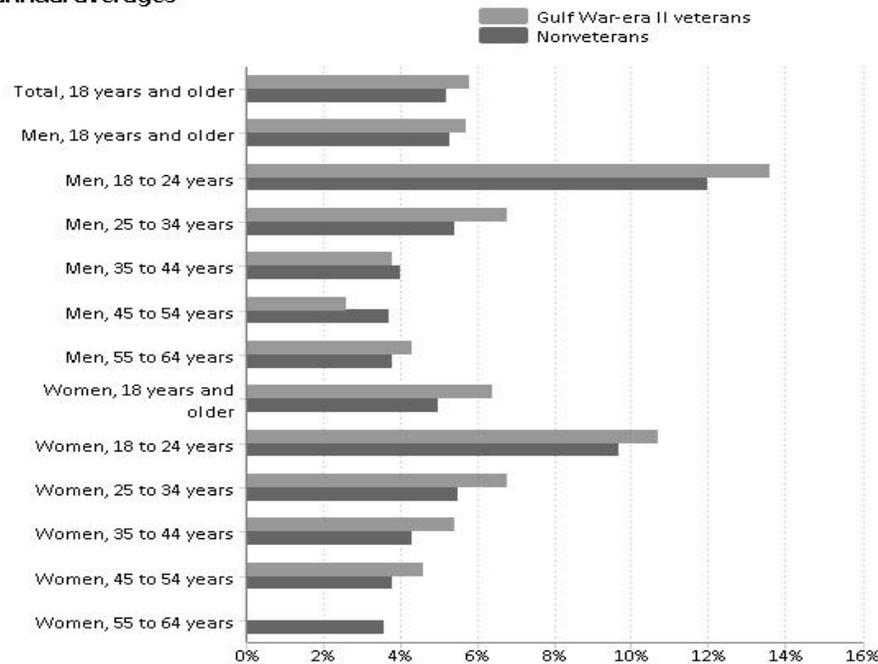
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Unemployment rate for Gulf War-era II veterans 5.8 percent in 2015

March 28, 2016

The unemployment rate for Gulf War-era II veterans was 5.8 percent in 2015, 1.4 percentage points lower than in 2014. Gulf War-era II veterans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces any time since September 2001. In 2015, there were 3.6 million veterans who had served during Gulf War era II. Eighteen percent were women, compared with about 4 percent of veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam era. Nearly half of all Gulf War-era II veterans were ages 25 to 34.

Unemployment rates of Gulf War-era II veterans and nonveterans, 2015 annual averages



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hours & Earnings by Industry Statewide

March 2016

Average Weekly Earnings

Construction	\$927.07
Manufacturing	\$773.55
Durable Goods	\$802.99
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$643.05
Transport Equip Mfg	\$908.06
Non-Durable Goods	\$700.94
Retail Trade	\$414.35
Financial Activities	\$738.28
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$662.97
Accomm & Food Svc	\$237.70
Food Services/Bars	\$238.39

Average Weekly Hours

Construction	34.8
Manufacturing	41.3
Durable Goods	41.2
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	37.3
Transport Equip Mfg	44.6
Non-Durable Goods	41.5
Retail Trade	30.4
Financial Activities	35.7
Health Care & Soc Assistance	33.0
Accomm & Food Svc	23.1
Food Services/Bars	22.9

Average Hourly Earnings

Construction	\$26.64
Manufacturing	\$18.73
Durable Goods	\$19.49
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$17.24
Transport Equip Mfg	\$20.36
Non-Durable Goods	\$16.89
Retail Trade	\$13.63
Financial Activities	\$20.68
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$20.09
Accomm & Food Svc	\$10.29
Food Services/Bars	\$10.41

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

Unemployment rates of Gulf War-era II veterans and nonveterans, 2015 annual averages

Age and gender	Gulf War-era II veterans	Nonveterans
Total, 18 years and older	5.8%	5.2%
Men, 18 years and older	5.7	5.3
18 to 24 years	13.6	12.0
25 to 34 years	6.8	5.4
35 to 44 years	3.8	4.0
45 to 54 years	2.6	3.7
55 to 64 years	4.3	3.8
Women, 18 years and older	6.4	5.0
18 to 24 years	10.7	9.7
25 to 34 years	6.8	5.5
35 to 44 years	5.4	4.3
45 to 54 years	4.6	3.8
55 to 64 years	-	3.6

Dash indicates data are not available.

Among Gulf War-era II veterans, the unemployment rate for men (5.7 percent) was not statistically different from the rate for women (6.4 percent) in 2015.

The unemployment rate for male Gulf War-era II veterans (5.7 percent) was little different from the rate for male nonveterans (5.3 percent) in 2015. For most age groups, unemployment rates of male veterans and nonveterans were not statistically different. Among men ages 25 to 34, Gulf War-era II veterans had a higher unemployment rate (6.8 percent) than did nonveterans (5.4 percent). Among men ages 45 to 54, however, Gulf War-era II veterans had a lower unemployment rate (2.6 percent) than did nonveterans (3.7 percent).

Among women, the unemployment rate for Gulf War-era II veterans (6.4 percent) was not statistically different from the rate for nonveterans (5.0 percent) in 2015. Unemployment rates for female veterans and nonveterans were similar in each age group.

These data are from the [Current Population Survey](#). To learn more, see "Employment Situation of Veterans — 2015" ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)).

Veterans are men and women who previously served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were civilians when they were surveyed. People on active duty at the time of the survey are outside the scope of the survey. Gulf War-era II veterans served anywhere in the world at any time since September 2001. Nonveterans are men and women who never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. [More information about veterans](#) is available from the Current Population Survey.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics

Beyond the March 2016 Numbers...

Additional Data after Release of Indiana's Monthly Employment Report

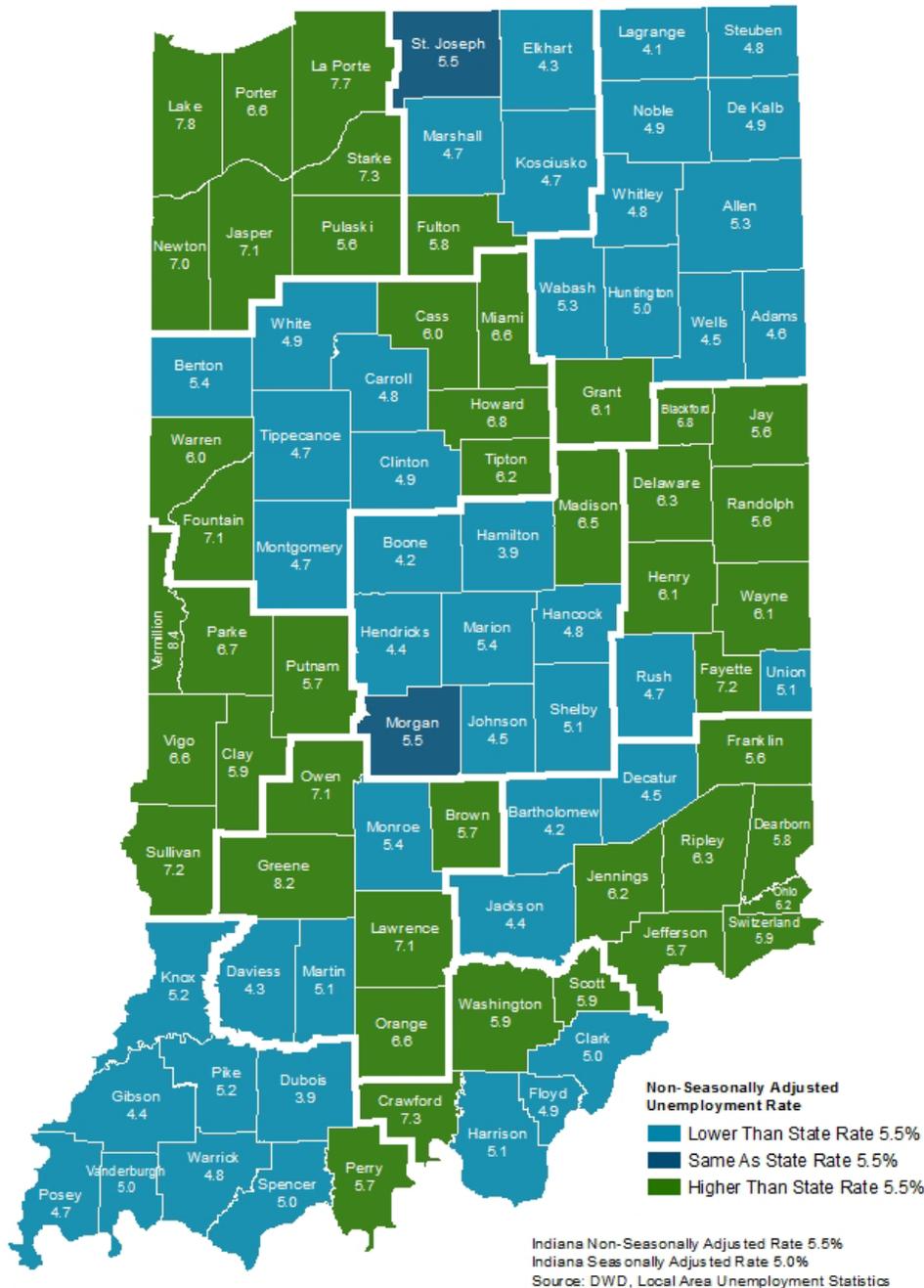
- Indiana Private Sector jobs remains above March 2000 peak employment levels.
- Indiana's unemployment rate decrease of -5.8% from July, 2009, the low point of employment, ranks 7th in the U.S.
- Indiana's rate decrease of -3.4% since January 2013 ranks 9th in the nation.
- The Hoosier labor force has grown by 157,055 individuals since January 2013.
- Indiana's labor force has grown at 2.7% over the year, ranks 5th in the nation.
- Indiana's labor force participation rate has outperformed the national average for 22 months in a row. (Indiana's rate increased to 64.9% vs. 63.0% for national.)
- Indiana added 2,500 Private Education & Health jobs in March, which ranked 10th in the U.S.

All data are relayed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and is further broken down by the Research and Analysis team at DWD.

County Unemployment Rates March 2016



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