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## April 2019 Labor Market Review

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# Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for April 2019, Released June 2019

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 10 states and stable in 40 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Four states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 1 state had an increase, and 45 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point from March to 3.6 percent and was 0.3 point lower than in April 2018. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 10 states in April 2019, decreased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 39 states and the District of Columbia.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

April 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18
U.S.	162,097,000	156,710,000	5,387,000	3.3%	3.9%	3.7%
IN	3,406,916	3,302,940	103,976	3.1%	3.9%	3.1%
Gary Metro Div	348,200	332,983	15,217	4.4%	6.3%	4.3%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	47,611	45,674	1,937	4.1%	5.7%	4.1%
<b>EGR 1</b>	<b>412,613</b>	<b>394,877</b>	<b>17,736</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Lake Co.	236,599	225,215	11,384	4.8%	6.9%	4.6%
Porter Co.	88,034	85,010	3,024	3.4%	4.9%	3.6%
LaPorte Co.	47,611	45,674	1,937	4.1%	5.7%	4.1%
Newton Co.	7,072	6,815	257	3.6%	6.0%	3.9%
Jasper Co.	16,495	15,943	552	3.3%	5.1%	3.6%
Starke Co.	10,348	9,961	387	3.7%	5.4%	4.1%
Pulaski Co.	6,454	6,259	195	3.0%	3.6%	2.9%
East Chicago	10,294	9,570	724	7.0%	10.2%	6.2%
Hammond	35,727	33,659	2,068	5.8%	8.0%	4.9%
Munster	12,083	11,692	391	3.2%	4.7%	3.2%
Dyer	9,007	8,693	314	3.5%	4.6%	3.2%
Schererville	16,511	15,957	554	3.4%	4.3%	3.3%
Crown Point	15,533	15,088	445	2.9%	5.0%	4.1%
Griffith	9,063	8,676	387	4.3%	6.9%	4.1%
Highland	12,906	12,369	537	4.2%	5.9%	3.6%
Gary	27,680	25,676	2,004	7.2%	10.0%	6.8%
Merrillville	17,552	16,551	1,001	5.7%	8.4%	4.8%
Hobart	15,329	14,527	802	5.2%	7.2%	4.6%
Lake Station	5,007	4,725	282	5.6%	8.6%	6.5%
Portage	18,315	17,579	736	4.0%	6.0%	4.1%
Chesterton	6,992	6,760	232	3.3%	4.0%	3.4%
Valparaiso	17,007	16,427	580	3.4%	4.2%	3.1%
Michigan City	12,598	12,031	567	4.5%	5.7%	4.4%
LaPorte	9,534	9,168	366	3.8%	5.6%	3.7%

## Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): April 2019

**U.S. - 3.6%**

Illinois - 4.4%

**Indiana - 3.6%**

Kentucky - 4%

Michigan - 4.1%

Ohio - 4.3%

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

## Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): April 2019

#4 - Lake (4.8%)

#8 - LaPorte (4.1%)

#12 - Starke (3.7%)

#15 - Newton (3.6%)

#21 - Porter (3.4%)

#22 - Jasper (3.3%)

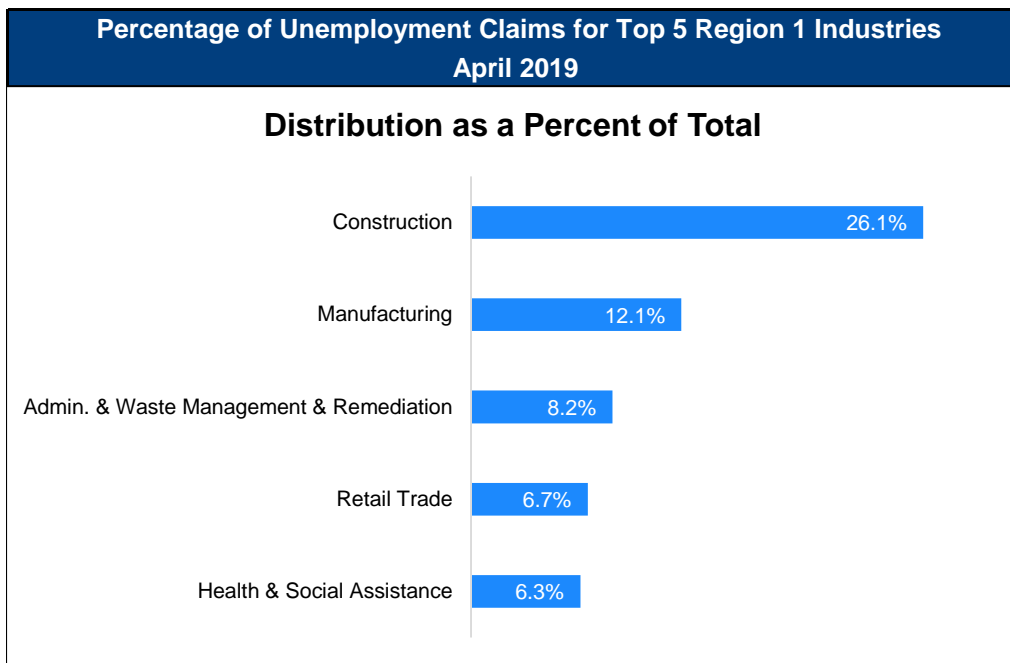
#41 - Pulaski (3%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for April 2019			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$26.67	39.9	\$1,064.13
Manufacturing	\$21.61	42.0	\$907.62
Durable Goods	\$22.28	42.7	\$951.36
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$17.67	41.3	\$729.77
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$25.87	45.0	\$1,164.15
Non-Durable Goods	\$19.80	40.3	\$797.94
Retail Trade	\$14.73	30.5	\$449.27
Financial Activities	\$23.38	35.3	\$825.31
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$22.70	33.1	\$751.37
Accommodation and Food Services	\$12.35	23.6	\$291.46
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$11.87	22.5	\$267.08

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 for April 2019				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for April 2019 for Region 1.**

Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
Westlake Hospital	Melrose Park	Cook, IL	662	4/9/2019

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

## Unemployment Claims: April 2019

### Region 1

#### Initial Claims

04/06/19 - 280(D)  
04/13/19 - 263(D)  
04/20/19 - 260(D)  
04/27/19 - 250(D)

#### Continued Claims

04/06/19 - 2,227  
04/13/19 - 2,043  
04/20/19 - 1,934  
04/27/19 - 1,822

#### Total Claims

04/06/19 - 2,507  
04/13/19 - 2,306  
04/20/19 - 2,194  
04/27/19 - 2,072

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

04/06/19 - 2,788  
04/13/19 - 2,117  
04/20/19 - 2,489  
04/27/19 - 1,928

#### Continued Claims

04/06/19 - 13,347  
04/13/19 - 13,906  
04/20/19 - 13,898  
04/27/19 - 11,726

#### Total Claims

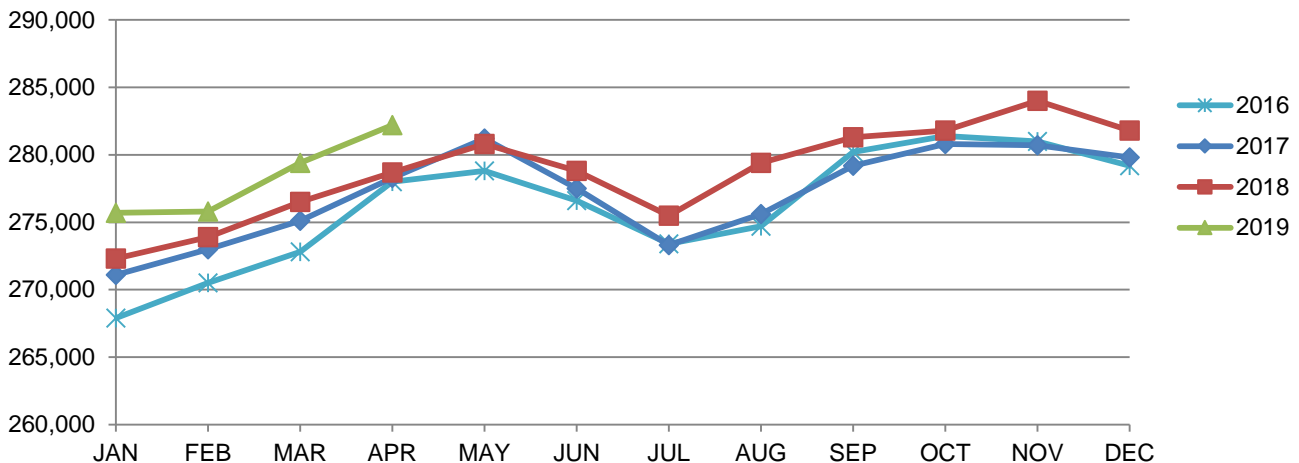
04/06/19 - 16,135  
04/13/19 - 16,023  
04/20/19 - 16,387  
04/27/19 - 13,654

(D) Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Gary Metropolitan Division							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Mar-19 to Apr-19		Apr-18 to Apr-19	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>282,200</b>	<b>279,400</b>	<b>278,700</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>247,300</b>	<b>244,100</b>	<b>244,000</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Goods Producing	53,800	53,000	52,500	800	1.5%	1,300	2.5%
Service Providing	228,400	226,400	226,200	2,000	0.9%	2,200	1.0%
Private Service Providing	193,500	191,100	191,500	2,400	1.3%	2,000	1.0%
Mining and Logging	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	18,300	17,600	17,200	700	4.0%	1,100	6.4%
Construction	18,100	17,400	17,000	700	4.0%	1,100	6.5%
Manufacturing	35,500	35,400	35,300	100	0.3%	200	0.6%
Durable Goods	27,200	27,200	27,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	57,000	56,800	57,400	200	0.4%	-400	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	9,300	9,300	9,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	32,900	32,700	33,300	200	0.6%	-400	-1.2%
General Merchandise Stores	7,000	7,000	7,300	0	0.0%	-300	-4.1%
Other Gen Merch Stores	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	0.0%	-100	-2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	14,800	14,800	14,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100	-5.6%
Financial Activities	8,700	8,600	8,700	100	1.2%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	25,500	24,700	24,600	800	3.2%	900	3.7%
Employment Services	4,400	4,100	4,000	300	7.3%	400	10.0%
Education and Health Services	52,200	52,200	51,700	0	0.0%	500	1.0%
Educational Services	8,200	8,200	8,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	44,000	44,000	43,500	0	0.0%	500	1.2%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,900	13,900	13,700	0	0.0%	200	1.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,800	32,500	32,700	1,300	4.0%	1,100	3.4%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	6,200	5,900	6,000	300	5.1%	200	3.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	27,600	26,600	26,700	1,000	3.8%	900	3.4%
Other Services	14,600	14,600	14,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>35,300</b>	<b>34,700</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Federal Government	2,000	1,900	1,900	100	5.3%	100	5.3%
State Government	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	0.0%	100	2.1%
Local Government	28,000	28,500	28,000	-500	-1.8%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	15,800	16,400	16,100	-600	-3.7%	-300	-1.9%

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

### Gary Metropolitan Division Employment Trends

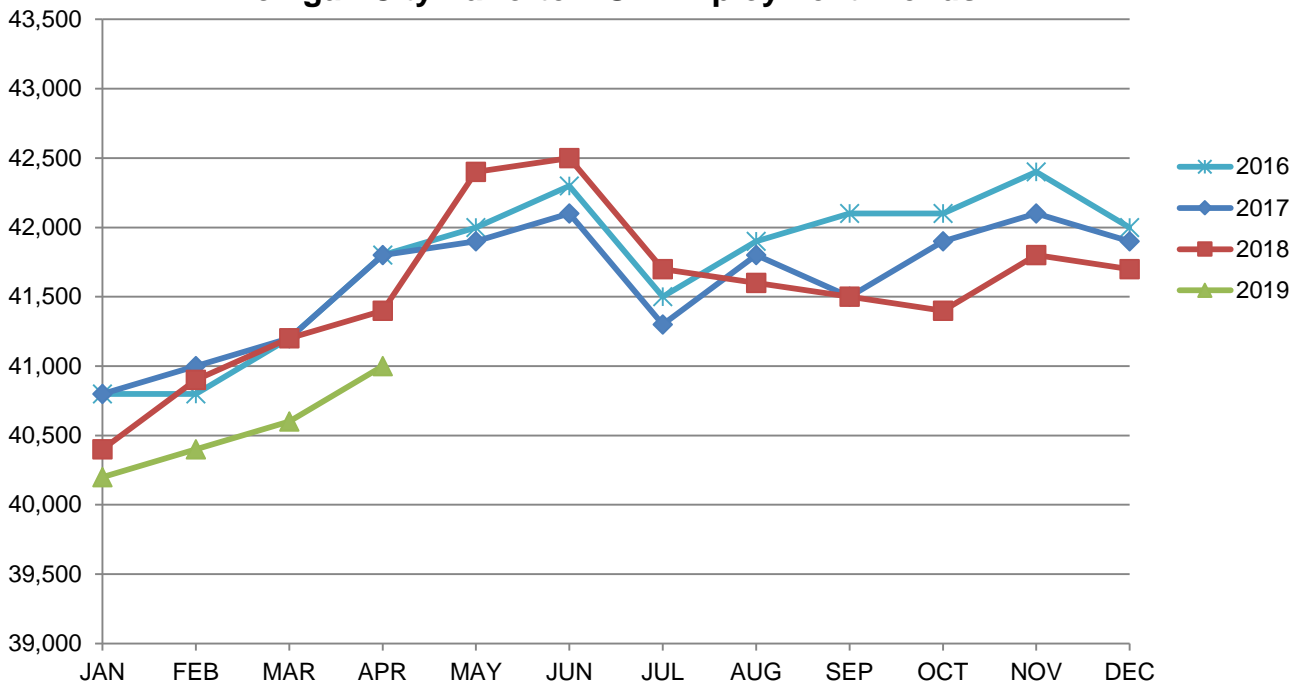


Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Mar-19 to Apr-19		Apr-18 to Apr-19	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>41,000</b>	<b>40,600</b>	<b>41,400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>33,700</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
Goods Producing	9,900	9,700	9,700	200	2.1%	200	2.1%
Service Providing	31,100	30,900	31,700	200	0.7%	-600	-1.9%
Private Service Providing	24,200	24,000	24,800	200	0.8%	-600	-2.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,100	1,900	2,100	200	10.5%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	7,800	7,800	7,600	0	0.0%	200	2.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,700	7,800	8,000	-100	-1.3%	-300	-3.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,100	5,100	5,200	0	0.0%	-100	-1.9%
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	2,900	2,800	2,900	100	3.6%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	5,500	5,500	5,700	0	0.0%	-200	-3.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,200	5,000	5,300	200	4.0%	-100	-1.9%
Other Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

### Michigan City-LaPorte MSA Employment Trends



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 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.

<b>Frequently Listed Jobs</b>	
<b>Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	Registered Nurses
3	Machine Feeders and Offbearers
4	Retail Salespersons
5	Team Assemblers
6	Customer Service Representatives
7	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
8	Therapists, All Other
9	Social and Human Service Assistants
10	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
11	Tellers
12	Business Operations Specialists, All Other
13	Industrial Safety and Health Engineers
14	Financial Specialists, All Other
15	Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers
16	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators
17	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
18	Driver/Sales Workers
19	Home Health Aides
20	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

<b>Applicant Pool</b>	
<b>Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months</b>	
<b>Occupations</b>	<b># of applicants</b>
Production Workers, All Other	895
Helpers--Production Workers	800
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	689
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	561
Customer Service Representatives	560
Cashiers	442
Office Clerks, General	324
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	301
Construction Laborers	282
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	272
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	268
Retail Salespersons	264
Managers, All Other	259
Nursing Assistants	249
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	247
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	213
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	211
Administrative Services Managers	206
Receptionists and Information Clerks	204
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	201

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2019 from						
CPI Item	Apr-18	Mar-19	Apr-18	Mar-19	Apr-18	Mar-19
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Food & Beverages	1.6%	0.1%	1.7%	0.0%	0.8%	-0.1%
Housing	2.2%	0.3%	2.9%	0.2%	2.8%	0.1%
Apparel	-3.6%	-0.7%	-3.0%	-0.2%	-3.3%	-1.5%
Transportation	1.8%	2.7%	1.6%	2.5%	2.1%	2.2%
Medical Care	-4.9%	-6.3%	1.9%	0.2%	1.1%	-0.7%
Recreation	-0.1%	-0.9%	1.6%	0.1%	-1.1%	-0.2%
Education & Communication	-2.1%	-0.6%	0.9%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	3.3%	0.2%	1.4%	0.0%	1.6%	0.3%

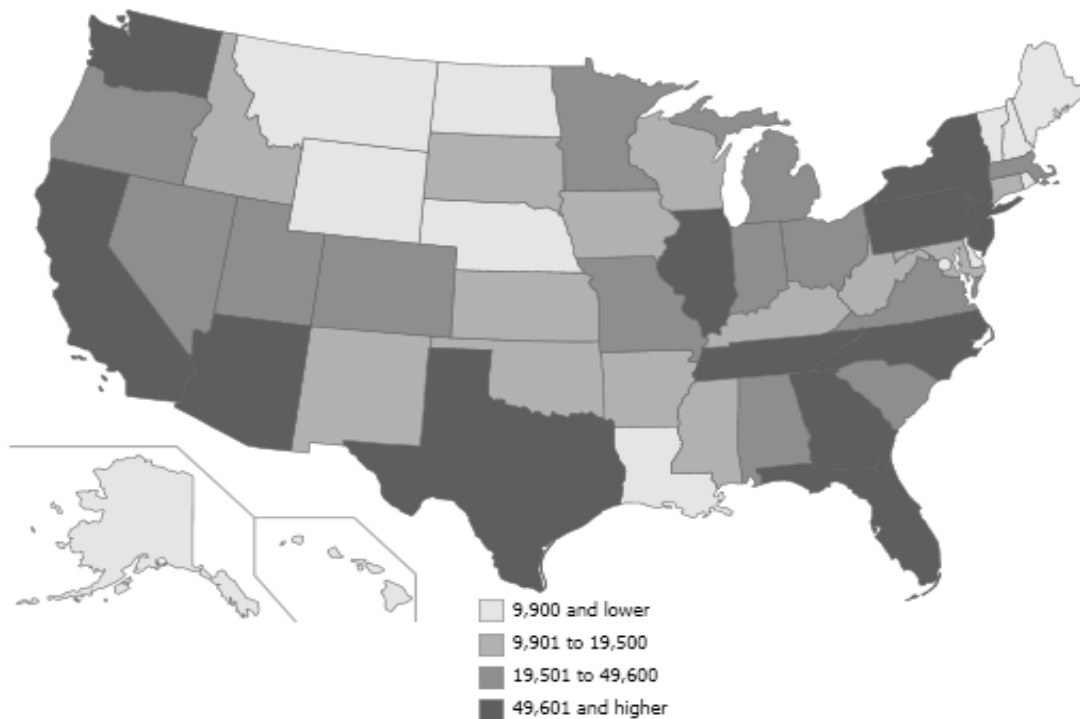
\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Twenty-nine states had over-the-year increases in nonfarm payroll employment in April 2019

May 22, 2019

From April 2018 to April 2019, 29 states had over-the-year increases in nonfarm payroll employment. The largest job gains occurred in Texas (+294,200), California (+271,600), and Florida (+206,100).

Change in nonfarm payroll employment by state, seasonally adjusted, April 2018–April 2019



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The largest percentage gains occurred in Nevada (+3.6 percent), Utah (+3.0 percent) and Arizona (+2.8 percent). These data are from the Current Employment Statistics (State and Metro Area) program and are seasonally adjusted. Data for the most recent month are preliminary and subject to revision. To learn more, see “State Employment and Unemployment — April 2019.” For more charts and tables related to state employment and unemployment, see the state chart package.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, Twenty-nine states had over-the-year increases in nonfarm payroll employment in April 2019 on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2019/twenty-nine-states-had-over-the-year-increases-in-nonfarm-payroll-employment-in-april-2019.htm> (visited May 22, 2019).

# County Unemployment Rates April 2019



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## Questions?

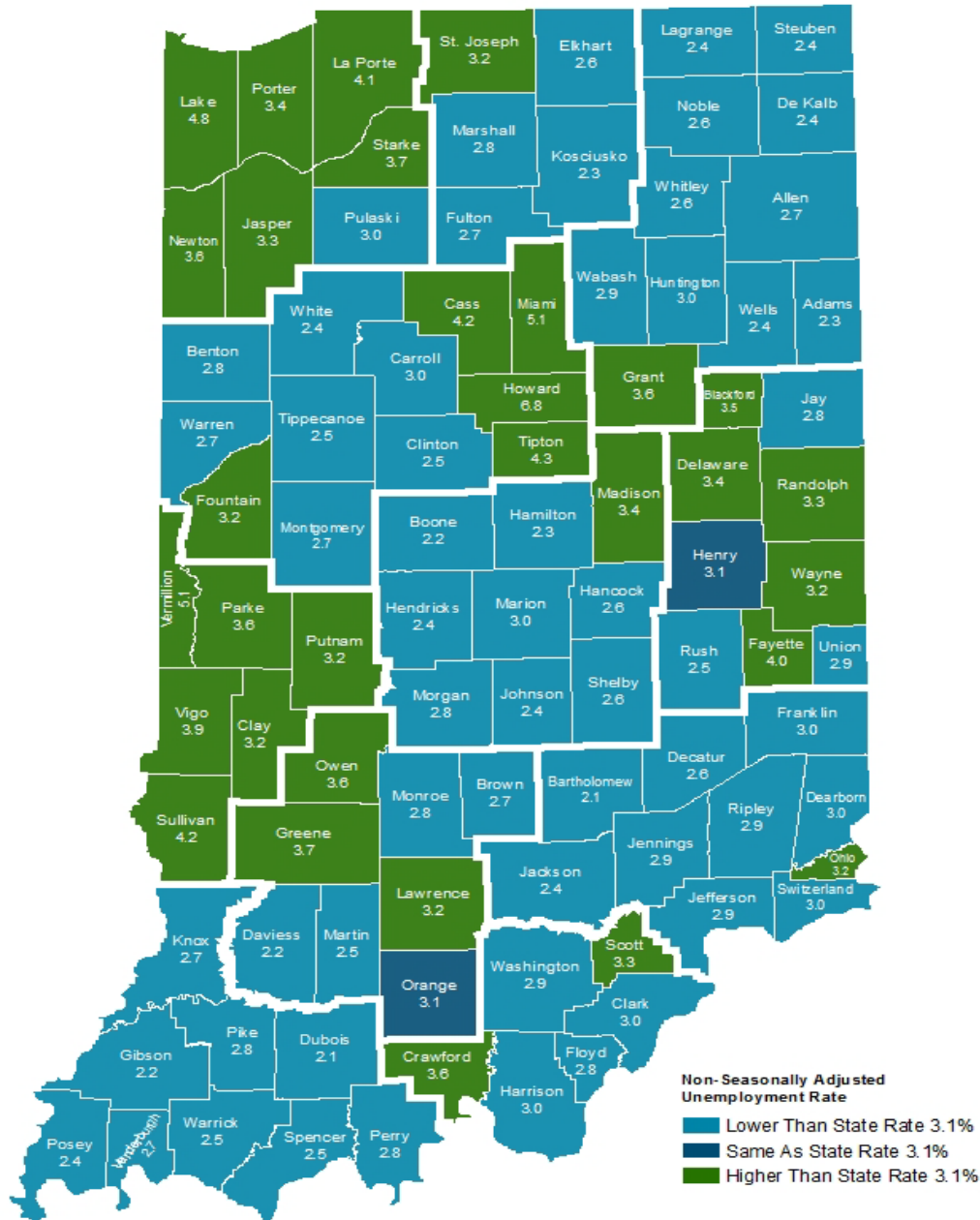
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Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.1%  
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.6%  
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics