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## June 2019 Labor Market Review

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# Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for June 2019, Released August 2019

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in June in 6 states and stable in 44 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Three states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier and 47 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate, 3.7 percent, was little changed from May but was 0.3 percentage point lower than in June 2018. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 4 states and was essentially unchanged in 46 states and the District. Over the year, 28 states added nonfarm payroll jobs.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

June 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18
U.S.	164,120,000	157,828,000	6,292,000	3.8%	3.4%	4.2%
IN	3,412,031	3,298,895	113,136	3.3%	2.9%	3.7%
Gary Metro Div	347,173	332,461	14,712	4.2%	3.8%	4.8%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	47,958	45,974	1,984	4.1%	3.7%	4.4%
<b>EGR 1</b>	<b>412,400</b>	<b>395,103</b>	<b>17,297</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Lake Co.	235,308	224,600	10,708	4.6%	4.1%	5.1%
Porter Co.	88,020	84,841	3,179	3.6%	3.2%	4.1%
LaPorte Co.	47,958	45,974	1,984	4.1%	3.7%	4.4%
Newton Co.	7,182	6,916	266	3.7%	3.1%	4.3%
Jasper Co.	16,663	16,104	559	3.4%	3.0%	4.0%
Starke Co.	10,575	10,173	402	3.8%	3.5%	4.3%
Pulaski Co.	6,694	6,495	199	3.0%	2.7%	3.4%
East Chicago	10,240	9,544	696	6.8%	5.5%	6.7%
Hammond	35,328	33,567	1,761	5.0%	4.6%	5.4%
Munster	12,100	11,660	440	3.6%	3.5%	4.1%
Dyer	8,966	8,669	297	3.3%	2.9%	3.5%
Schererville	16,451	15,913	538	3.3%	3.1%	3.8%
Crown Point	15,501	15,046	455	2.9%	2.9%	4.4%
Griffith	9,035	8,653	382	4.2%	3.9%	4.4%
Highland	12,798	12,335	463	3.6%	3.4%	4.1%
Gary	27,560	25,605	1,955	7.1%	6.2%	7.7%
Merrillville	17,425	16,506	919	5.3%	4.9%	5.7%
Hobart	15,172	14,487	685	4.5%	4.1%	4.8%
Lake Station	4,994	4,713	281	5.6%	5.1%	7.0%
Portage	18,312	17,544	768	4.2%	3.7%	4.8%
Chesterton	6,989	6,747	242	3.5%	3.2%	4.1%
Valparaiso	16,991	16,394	597	3.5%	3.2%	3.8%
Michigan City	12,719	12,110	609	4.8%	4.3%	4.9%
LaPorte	9,594	9,228	366	3.8%	3.4%	4.4%

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

**U.S. - 3.7%**

Illinois - 4.3%

**Indiana - 3.5%**

Kentucky - 4.1%

Michigan - 4.2%

Ohio - 4%

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

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

#3 - Lake (4.6%)

#8 - LaPorte (4.1%)

#13 - Starke (3.8%)

#17 - Newton (3.7%)

#24 - Porter (3.6%)

#34 - Jasper (3.4%)

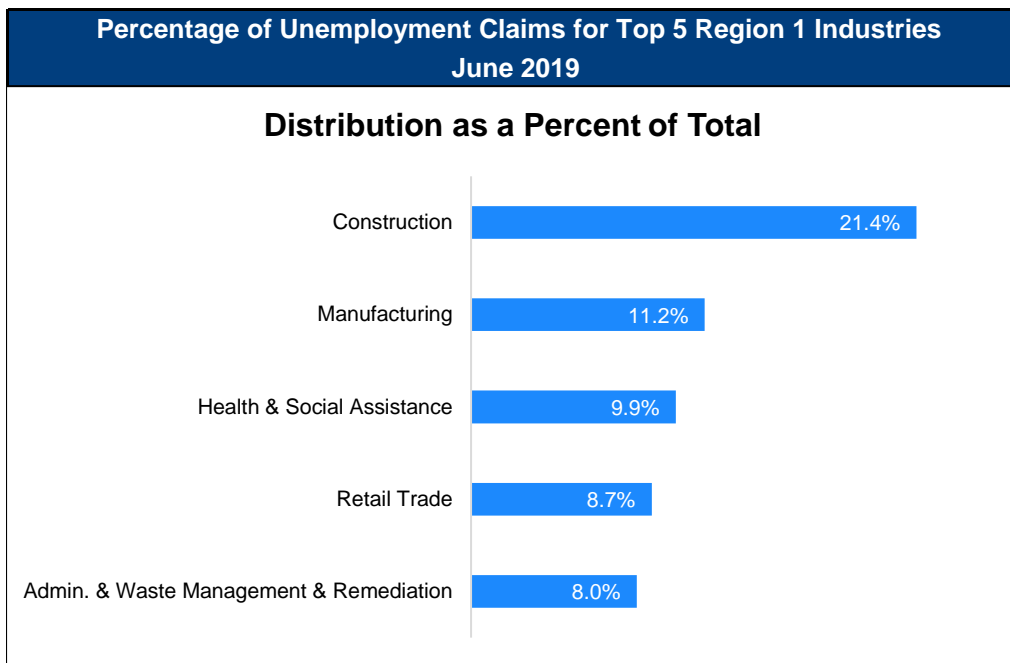
#64 - Pulaski (3%)

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 June 2019			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$26.44	41.2	\$1,089.33
Manufacturing	\$21.55	42.7	\$920.19
Durable Goods	\$22.36	43.3	\$968.19
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$17.63	41.8	\$736.93
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$26.12	43.4	\$1,133.61
Non-Durable Goods	\$19.40	41.2	\$799.28
Retail Trade	\$14.77	30.5	\$450.49
Financial Activities	\$22.82	36.2	\$826.08
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$22.73	32.8	\$745.54
Accommodation and Food Services	\$12.19	24.6	\$299.87
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$11.74	23.6	\$277.06

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 June 2019				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date

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

Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
Jernburg Industries, LLC	Chicago	Cook, IL	166	5/16/2019

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: June 2019

### Region 1

#### Initial Claims

06/01/19 - 254(D)  
06/08/19 - 373(D)  
06/15/19 - 281(D)  
06/22/19 - 237(D)  
06/29/19 - 289(D)

#### Continued Claims

06/01/19 - 1,742  
06/08/19 - 1,677  
06/15/19 - 1,648  
06/22/19 - 1,593  
06/29/19 - 1,541

#### Total Claims

06/01/19 - 1,996  
06/08/19 - 2,050  
06/15/19 - 1,929  
06/22/19 - 1,830  
06/29/19 - 1,830

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

06/01/19 - 1,847  
06/08/19 - 2,530  
06/15/19 - 1,843  
06/22/19 - 1,687  
06/29/19 - 1,963

#### Continued Claims

06/01/19 - 11,792  
06/08/19 - 11,269  
06/15/19 - 11,263  
06/22/19 - 11,033  
06/29/19 - 10,500

#### Total Claims

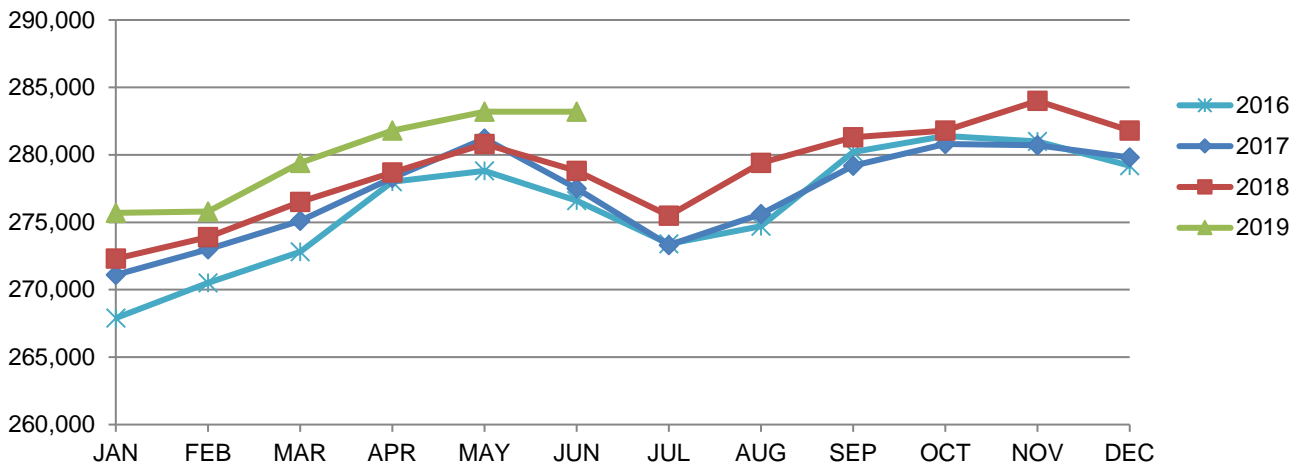
06/01/19 - 13,639  
06/08/19 - 13,799  
06/15/19 - 13,106  
06/22/19 - 12,720  
06/29/19 - 12,463

(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	June 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	May-19 to Jun-19		Jun-18 to Jun-19	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>283,200</b>	<b>283,200</b>	<b>278,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>248,500</b>	<b>247,800</b>	<b>245,600</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
Goods Producing	54,900	54,200	54,200	700	1.3%	700	1.3%
Service Providing	228,300	229,000	224,600	-700	-0.3%	3,700	1.7%
Private Service Providing	193,600	193,600	191,400	0	0.0%	2,200	1.2%
Mining and Logging	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	19,100	18,700	18,400	400	2.1%	700	3.8%
Construction	18,900	18,500	18,200	400	2.2%	700	3.9%
Manufacturing	35,800	35,500	35,800	300	0.9%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods	27,400	27,200	27,500	200	0.7%	-100	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	57,700	57,600	58,000	100	0.2%	-300	-0.5%
Wholesale Trade	9,400	9,400	9,500	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Retail Trade	33,400	33,300	33,900	100	0.3%	-500	-1.5%
General Merchandise Stores	7,100	7,100	7,300	0	0.0%	-200	-2.7%
Other Gen Merch Stores	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	14,900	14,900	14,600	0	0.0%	300	2.1%
Information	1,700	1,700	1,900	0	0.0%	-200	-10.5%
Financial Activities	8,800	8,700	8,900	100	1.2%	-100	-1.1%
Professional and Business Services	24,700	24,500	24,600	200	0.8%	100	0.4%
Employment Services	4,400	4,300	4,100	100	2.3%	300	7.3%
Education and Health Services	51,300	52,000	49,200	-700	-1.4%	2,100	4.3%
Educational Services	6,900	7,800	5,300	-900	-11.5%	1,600	30.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	44,400	44,200	43,900	200	0.5%	500	1.1%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	14,000	13,900	13,800	100	0.7%	200	1.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	34,500	34,400	33,900	100	0.3%	600	1.8%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	6,600	6,500	6,600	100	1.5%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	27,900	27,900	27,300	0	0.0%	600	2.2%
Other Services	14,900	14,700	14,900	200	1.4%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>34,700</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>33,200</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	4,600	4,900	4,500	-300	-6.1%	100	2.2%
Local Government	28,100	28,500	26,700	-400	-1.4%	1,400	5.2%
Local Government Educational Services	14,600	16,100	13,900	-1,500	-9.3%	700	5.0%

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

### Gary Metropolitan Division Employment Trends

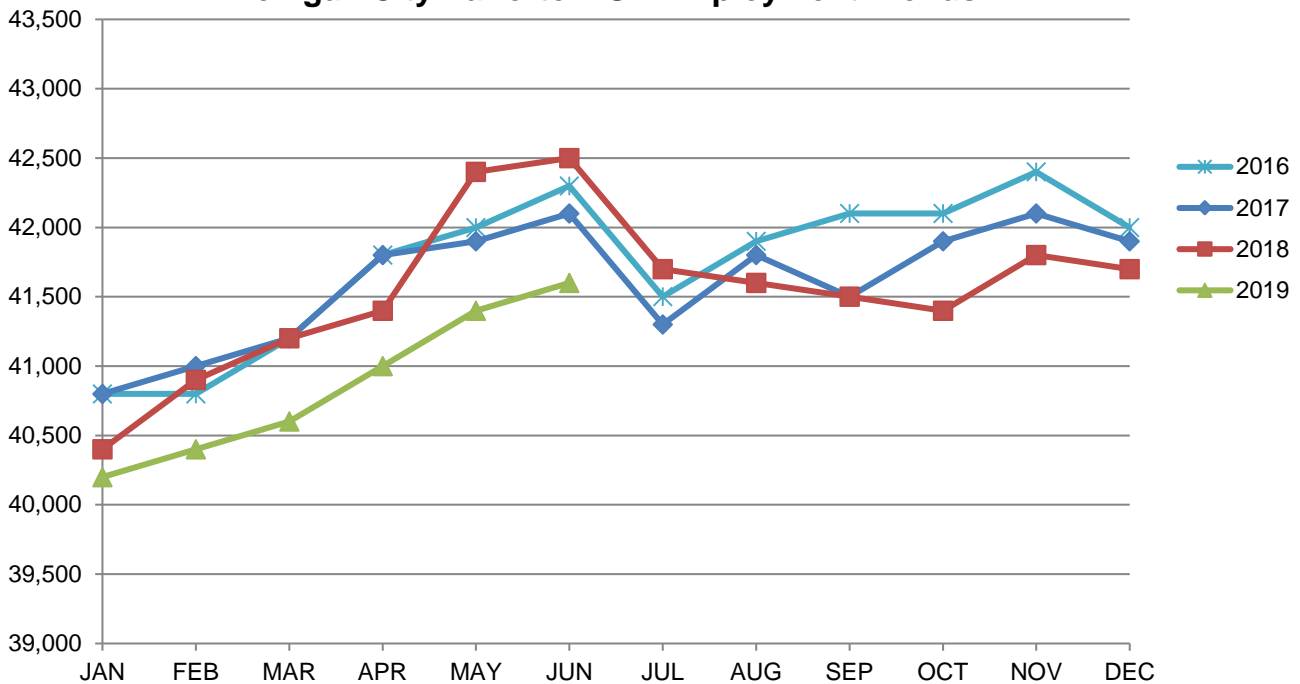


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Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	June 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	May-19 to Jun-19		Jun-18 to Jun-19	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>41,600</b>	<b>41,400</b>	<b>42,500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>34,800</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>35,600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
Goods Producing	10,200	10,000	10,100	200	2.0%	100	1.0%
Service Providing	31,400	31,400	32,400	0	0.0%	-1,000	-3.1%
Private Service Providing	24,600	24,400	25,500	200	0.8%	-900	-3.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,300	2,200	2,300	100	4.6%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	7,900	7,800	7,800	100	1.3%	100	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,800	7,700	8,200	100	1.3%	-400	-4.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,200	5,200	5,400	0	0.0%	-200	-3.7%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%	-100	-7.7%
Professional and Business Services	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	0.0%	-100	-3.2%
Education and Health Services	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,300	5,600	100	1.9%	-200	-3.6%
Other Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.5%</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	4,300	4,500	4,400	-200	-4.4%	-100	-2.3%
Local Government Educational Services	2,100	2,400	2,300	-300	-12.5%	-200	-8.7%

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	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
3	Retail Salespersons
4	Registered Nurses
5	Customer Service Representatives
6	Business Operations Specialists, All Other
7	Tellers
8	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
9	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
10	Therapists, All Other
11	Driver/Sales Workers
12	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators
13	Financial Specialists, All Other
14	Home Health Aides
15	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
16	Security Guards
17	Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
18	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
19	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
20	Managers, All Other

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>
Helpers--Production Workers	586
Production Workers, All Other	572
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	516
Customer Service Representatives	395
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	389
Cashiers	314
Office Clerks, General	239
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	236
Nursing Assistants	210
Retail Salespersons	198
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	187
Construction Laborers	179
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	175
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	170
Administrative Services Managers	167
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	165
Managers, All Other	164
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	158
Receptionists and Information Clerks	147
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	140

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

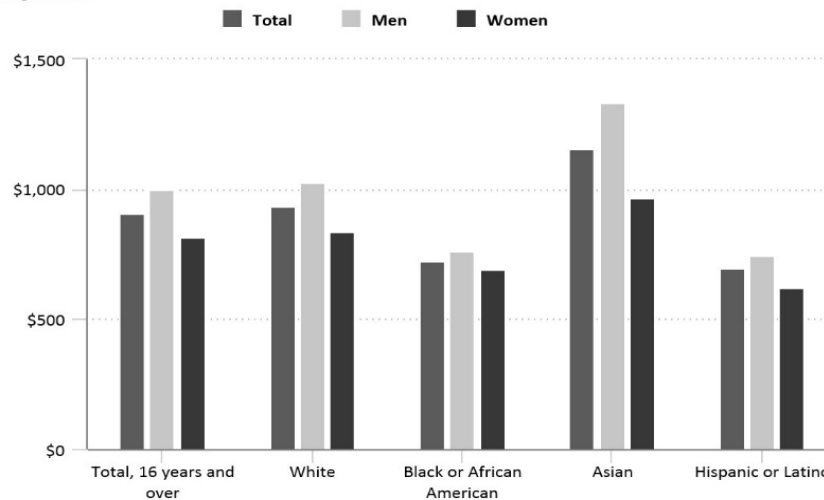
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to June 2019 from						
CPI Item	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-18	May-19	Jun-18	May-19
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Food & Beverages	1.9%	0.2%	1.9%	0.0%	1.5%	0.2%
Housing	1.9%	0.0%	3.0%	0.5%	2.6%	0.4%
Apparel	-0.2%	-3.9%	-1.3%	-0.5%	-2.5%	-0.7%
Transportation	0.4%	-2.0%	-0.7%	-1.1%	-0.8%	-0.8%
Medical Care	-1.4%	0.2%	2.0%	0.1%	2.0%	0.4%
Recreation	0.5%	-0.5%	0.8%	-0.1%	-1.0%	-0.2%
Education & Communication	-1.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	1.5%	-0.5%	1.5%	-0.1%	1.9%	-0.4%

\*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

## Median weekly earnings for second quarter 2019 increased by 3.7 percent over the year

Median weekly earnings of the nation's 117.6 million full-time wage and salary workers were \$908 in the second quarter of 2019. This was 3.7 percent higher than a year earlier, compared with a gain of 1.8 percent in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) over the same period. Median weekly earnings for women were \$814, or 81.4 percent of the median of \$1,000 for men.

**Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers, by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, second quarter 2019, not seasonally adjusted**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The women's-to-men's earnings ratio varied by race and ethnicity. White women earned 81.4 percent as much as their male counterparts, compared with 90.8 percent for Black women, 72.5 percent for Asian women, and 83.2 percent for Hispanic women.

Median weekly earnings of Blacks (\$724) and Hispanics (\$696) working at full-time jobs were lower than those of Whites (\$933) and Asians (\$1,152). Median weekly earnings for Black men were \$761, or 74.2 percent of the median for White men (\$1,026). Median earnings for Hispanic men were \$746, or 72.7 percent of the median for White men. The difference was less among women, as Black women's median earnings were \$691, or 82.8 percent of those for White women (\$835), and earnings for Hispanic women were \$621, or 74.4 percent of those for White women. Earnings of Asian men (\$1,331) and women (\$965) were higher than those for White men and women.

These data are from the Current Population Survey and are not seasonally adjusted. For more information, see "Usual Weekly Earnings of Wage and Salary Workers: Second Quarter 2019." We also have more charts on usual weekly earnings. Full-time workers usually work 35 hours or more per week at their sole or main job. The median is the midpoint in the earnings distribution; half of workers earn more than the median and half earn less. People whose ethnicity is Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, The Economics Daily, Median weekly earnings for second quarter 2019 increased by 3.7 percent over the year on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/opus/med/2019/median-weekly-earnings-for-second-quarter-2019-increased-by-3-point-7-percent-over-the-year.htm> (visited July 23, 2019).

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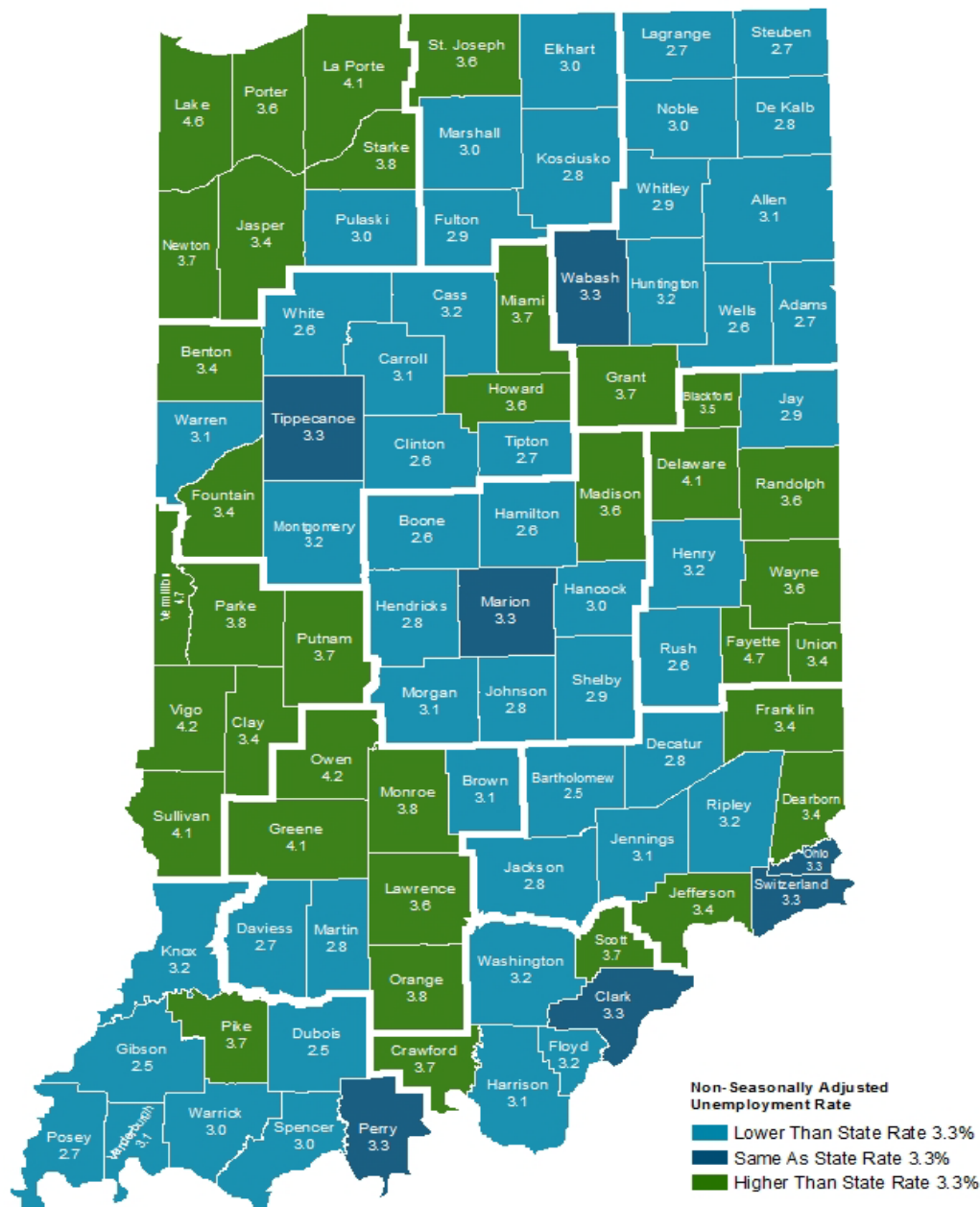
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Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.3%  
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.5%  
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics