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Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for September 2019, Released November 2019

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in September in 7 states, higher in 4 states, and stable in 39 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Seven states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 2 states had increases, and 41 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point from August to 3.5 percent, but was little changed from September 2018. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 3 states, decreased in 2, and was essentially unchanged in 45 states and the District.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

September 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18
U.S.	163,943,000	158,478,000	5,465,000	3.3%	3.8%	3.6%
IN	3,368,659	3,273,243	95,416	2.8%	3.2%	3.1%
Gary Metro Div	341,412	327,973	13,439	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	47,055	45,345	1,710	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%
EGR 1	404,982	389,313	15,669	3.9%	4.1%	4.1%
Lake Co.	231,624	221,756	9,868	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%
Porter Co.	86,576	83,726	2,850	3.3%	3.5%	3.4%
LaPorte Co.	47,055	45,345	1,710	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%
Newton Co.	6,974	6,743	231	3.3%	3.8%	4.0%
Jasper Co.	16,238	15,748	490	3.0%	3.3%	3.2%
Starke Co.	9,895	9,541	354	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%
Pulaski Co.	6,620	6,454	166	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%
East Chicago	10,017	9,423	594	5.9%	6.1%	6.1%
Hammond	34,786	33,142	1,644	4.7%	4.9%	4.4%
Munster	11,860	11,513	347	2.9%	3.3%	3.2%
Dyer	8,817	8,559	258	2.9%	3.2%	3.1%
Schererville	16,230	15,712	518	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%
Crown Point	15,228	14,856	372	2.4%	2.7%	4.1%
Griffith	8,927	8,543	384	4.3%	4.0%	4.3%
Highland	12,638	12,179	459	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%
Gary	27,075	25,281	1,794	6.6%	7.2%	7.3%
Merrillville	17,130	16,297	833	4.9%	4.8%	5.7%
Hobart	15,039	14,304	735	4.9%	4.8%	4.1%
Lake Station	4,900	4,653	247	5.0%	5.1%	6.5%
Portage	18,050	17,314	736	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%
Chesterton	6,911	6,658	253	3.7%	3.7%	3.0%
Valparaiso	16,631	16,179	452	2.7%	3.2%	3.3%
Michigan City	12,463	11,945	518	4.2%	4.6%	4.0%
LaPorte	9,448	9,102	346	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): September 2019

U.S. - 3.5%

Illinois - 3.9%

Indiana - 3.2%

Kentucky - 4.4%

Michigan - 4.2%

Ohio - 4.2%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): September 2019

#2 - Lake (4.3%)

#4 - LaPorte (3.6%)

#5 - Starke (3.6%)

#8 - Newton (3.3%)

#9 - Porter (3.3%)

#24 - Jasper (3%)

#63 - Pulaski (2.5%)

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

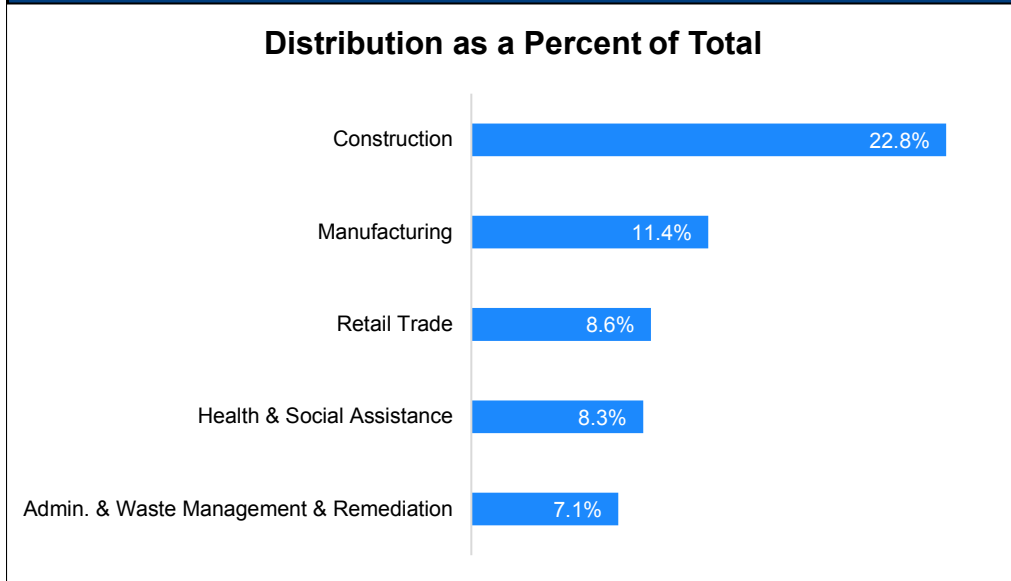
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:10/19 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for September 2019

Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$27.09	42.4	\$1,148.62
Manufacturing	\$21.98	42.7	\$938.55
Durable Goods	\$22.66	43.5	\$985.71
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$18.12	42.9	\$777.35
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$25.97	45.5	\$1,181.64
Non-Durable Goods	\$20.18	40.7	\$821.33
Retail Trade	\$15.26	30.5	\$465.43
Financial Activities	\$23.95	35.8	\$857.41
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$24.00	33.4	\$801.60
Accommodation and Food Services	\$12.20	23.8	\$290.36
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$11.79	22.9	\$269.99

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries September 2019



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 for September 2019

Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
United States Steel Corporation		Lake	314	9/6/2019

Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations

Company	City	County	# Affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for nearby locations

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: September 2019

Region 1

Initial Claims

09/07/19 - 284(D)
09/14/19 - 273(D)
09/21/19 - 205(D)
09/28/19 - 207(D)

Continued Claims

09/07/19 - 1,680
09/14/19 - 1,664
09/21/19 - 1,535
09/28/19 - 1,490

Total Claims

09/07/19 - 1,964
09/14/19 - 1,937
09/21/19 - 1,740
09/28/19 - 1,697

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

09/07/19 - 1,733
09/14/19 - 1,736
09/21/19 - 2,422
09/28/19 - 2,022

Continued Claims

09/07/19 - 10,927
09/14/19 - 10,715
09/21/19 - 10,854
09/28/19 - 11,414

Total Claims

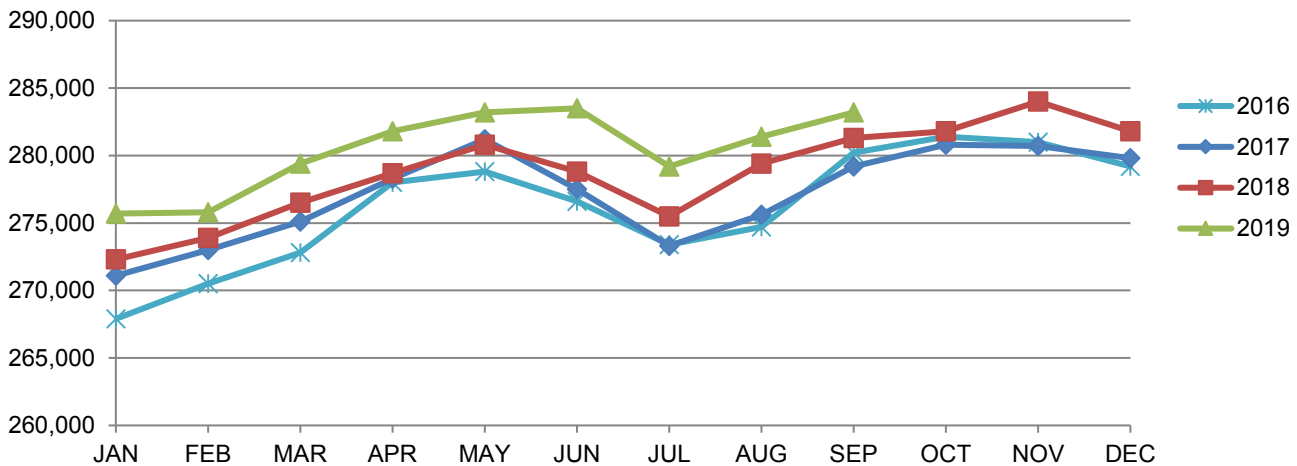
09/07/19 - 12,660
09/14/19 - 12,451
09/21/19 - 13,276
09/28/19 - 13,436

(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	September 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	Aug-19 to Sep-19	Sep-18 to Sep-19	Sep-18 to Sep-19	Sep-18 to Sep-19
Total Nonfarm	283,200	281,400	281,300	1,800	0.6%	1,900	0.7%
Total Private	247,000	247,600	245,800	-600	-0.2%	1,200	0.5%
Goods Producing	53,200	54,100	53,800	-900	-1.7%	-600	-1.1%
Service Providing	230,000	227,300	227,500	2,700	1.2%	2,500	1.1%
Private Service Providing	193,800	193,500	192,000	300	0.2%	1,800	0.9%
Mining and Logging	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	18,100	18,900	18,300	-800	-4.2%	-200	-1.1%
Construction	17,900	18,700	18,100	-800	-4.3%	-200	-1.1%
Manufacturing	35,100	35,200	35,500	-100	-0.3%	-400	-1.1%
Durable Goods	26,900	27,100	27,300	-200	-0.7%	-400	-1.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	57,400	57,700	57,300	-300	-0.5%	100	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	9,300	9,300	9,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	33,100	33,400	33,200	-300	-0.9%	-100	-0.3%
General Merchandise Stores	7,200	7,200	7,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Gen Merch Stores	4,600	4,700	4,600	-100	-2.1%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	15,000	15,000	14,800	0	0.0%	200	1.4%
Information	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	8,700	8,800	8,800	-100	-1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Professional and Business Services	25,400	24,600	24,900	800	3.3%	500	2.0%
Employment Services	4,300	4,100	4,100	200	4.9%	200	4.9%
Education and Health Services	52,100	51,300	51,200	800	1.6%	900	1.8%
Educational Services	7,700	6,800	7,600	900	13.2%	100	1.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	44,400	44,500	43,600	-100	-0.2%	800	1.8%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	14,000	14,000	13,600	0	0.0%	400	2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,900	34,600	33,600	-700	-2.0%	300	0.9%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	6,400	6,700	6,500	-300	-4.5%	-100	-1.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	27,500	27,900	27,100	-400	-1.4%	400	1.5%
Other Services	14,600	14,800	14,500	-200	-1.4%	100	0.7%
Total Government	36,200	33,800	35,500	2,400	7.1%	700	2.0%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	0.0%	100	5.0%
State Government	5,400	4,700	4,900	700	14.9%	500	10.2%
Local Government	28,700	27,000	28,600	1,700	6.3%	100	0.4%
Local Government Educational Services	15,800	13,700	16,000	2,100	15.3%	-200	-1.3%

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

Gary Metropolitan Division Employment Trends

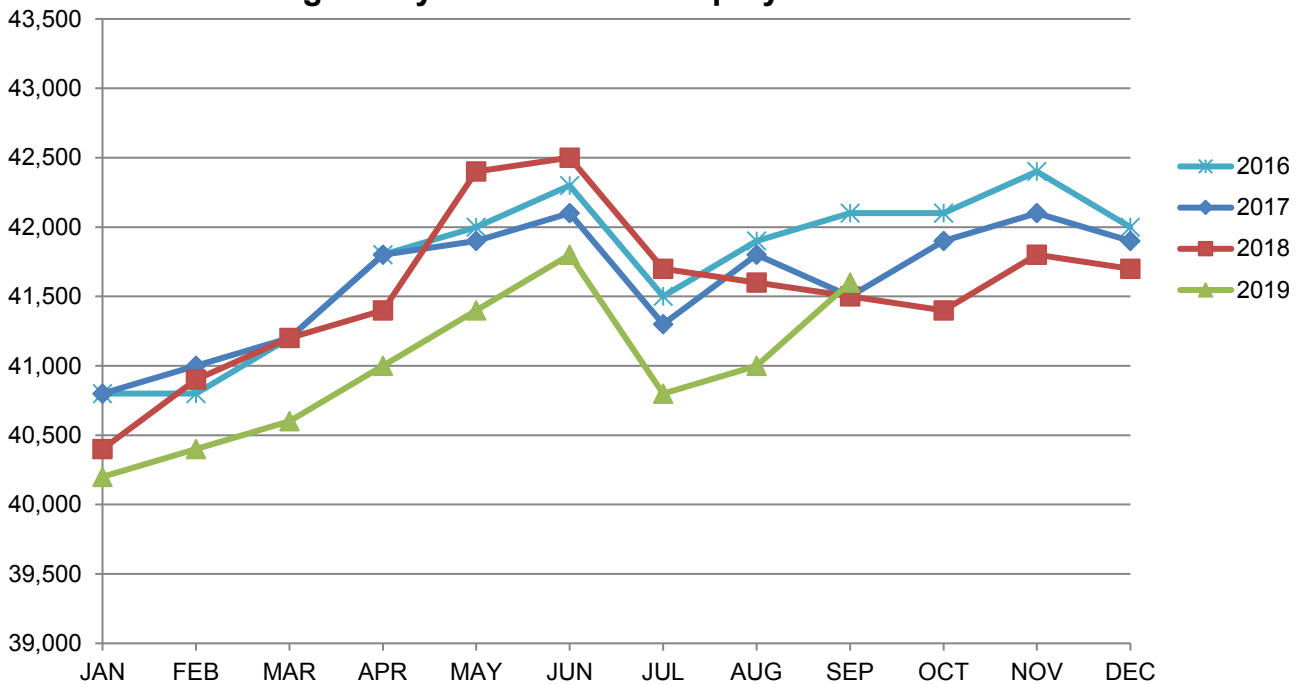


Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates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

Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	September 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	Aug-19 to Sep-19	Sep-18 to Sep-19	Sep-18 to Sep-19	
Industry	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	Aug-19 to Sep-19	Sep-18 to Sep-19	Sep-18 to Sep-19	
Total Nonfarm	41,600	41,000	41,500	600	1.5%	100	0.2%
Total Private	34,600	35,000	34,600	-400	-1.1%	0	0.0%
Goods Producing	10,100	10,200	10,000	-100	-1.0%	100	1.0%
Service Providing	31,500	30,800	31,500	700	2.3%	0	0.0%
Private Service Providing	24,500	24,800	24,600	-300	-1.2%	-100	-0.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,200	2,300	2,200	-100	-4.4%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	7,800	0	0.0%	100	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,600	7,700	7,900	-100	-1.3%	-300	-3.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	100	8.3%
Professional and Business Services	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	0.0%	100	3.5%
Education and Health Services	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,600	5,400	-200	-3.6%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	7,000	6,000	6,900	1,000	16.7%	100	1.5%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	2,300	2,200	2,300	100	4.6%	0	0.0%
Local Government	4,500	3,600	4,400	900	25.0%	100	2.3%
Local Government Educational Services	2,600	1,700	2,400	900	52.9%	200	8.3%

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.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Baggage Porters and Bellhops
2	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
3	Material Moving Workers, All Other
4	Production Workers, All Other
5	Registered Nurses
6	Retail Salespersons
7	Therapists, All Other
8	Customer Service Representatives
9	Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs
10	Computer User Support Specialists
11	Business Operations Specialists, All Other
12	Driver/Sales Workers
13	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
14	Financial Specialists, All Other
15	Tellers
16	Agricultural Workers, All Other
17	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators
18	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
19	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
20	Security Guards

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Helpers--Production Workers	612
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	599
Production Workers, All Other	597
Customer Service Representatives	413
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	390
Cashiers	351
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	256
Office Clerks, General	247
Nursing Assistants	205
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	198
Retail Salespersons	193
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	190
Construction Laborers	190
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	180
Administrative Services Managers	178
Managers, All Other	176
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	167
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	157
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	157
Receptionists and Information Clerks	156

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

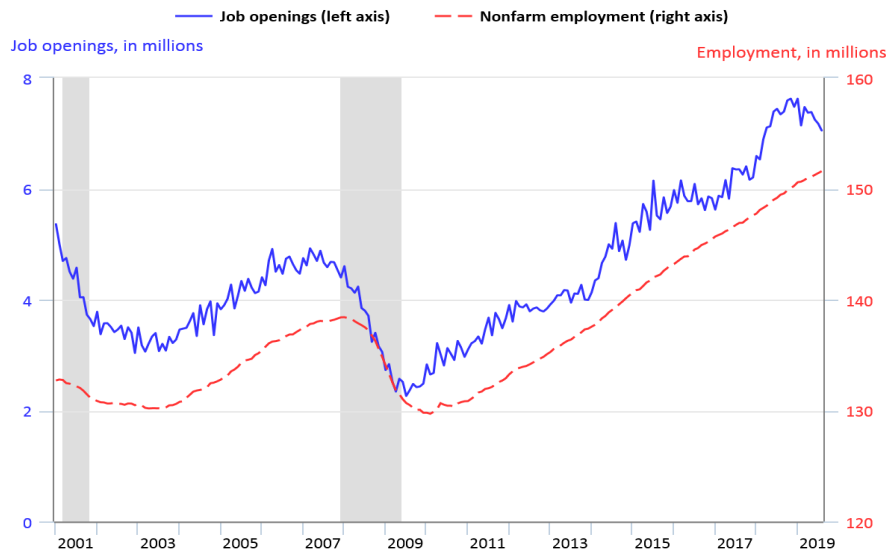
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to September 2019 from						
CPI Item	Sep-18	Aug-19	Sep-18	Aug-19	Sep-18	Aug-19
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	1.4%	0.2%	1.7%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%
Food & Beverages	1.7%	0.3%	1.8%	0.2%	1.6%	0.2%
Housing	2.4%	0.3%	3.0%	0.2%	2.6%	0.2%
Apparel	6.6%	4.9%	-0.3%	2.7%	0.8%	3.0%
Transportation	-1.2%	-0.4%	-1.4%	-0.8%	-1.4%	-1.1%
Medical Care	0.3%	-1.7%	3.5%	0.1%	3.0%	0.0%
Recreation	0.9%	0.6%	1.0%	-0.1%	0.4%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	-0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	-0.2%	0.3%
Other Goods & Services	4.1%	0.8%	2.2%	0.0%	2.6%	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

Job openings and employment, August 2019

In August 2019, there were 7.1 million job openings in nonfarm establishments, while total nonfarm employment stood at 151.6 million. A year earlier, in August 2018, there were 7.3 million job openings, and employment was 149.5 million. The number of job openings has generally trended upward since a series low of 2.3 million in July 2009. (BLS job openings data begin in December 2000.) Since December 2014, job openings have been above the March 2007 prerecession peak of 4.9 million.

Job openings and employment, total nonfarm, seasonally adjusted, January 2001–August 2019



Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The July 2009 low point in the number of job openings was one month after the official end of the most recent recession. Total nonfarm employment continued to decline after the end of the recession, reaching its recent low of 129.7 million in February 2010. Employment has trended upward since then and since May 2014, it has been above its January 2008 peak of 138.4 million.

These job openings data are from the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey. See "Job Openings and Labor Turnover — August 2019" to learn more. Also see data on job openings, hires, and employment separations in the Charts related to the latest "Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey" news release. Employment data are from the Current Employment Statistics program. Job openings and employment data are seasonally adjusted; data for the most recent month are preliminary.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, The Economics Daily, Job openings and employment, August 2019 on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2019/job-openings-and-employment-august-2019.htm> (visited October 23, 2019).

County Unemployment Rates September 2019



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