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Economic Growth Region 11

Statistical Data Report for February 2021, Released April 2021

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in February in 23 states and the District of Columbia, higher in 4 states, and stable in 23 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-five states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier and five states had little or no change. The national unemployment rate, 6.2 percent, was little changed over the month, but was 2.7 percentage points higher than in February 2020.

Hawaii and New York had the highest unemployment rates in February, 9.2 percent and 8.9 percent, respectively, while South Dakota, 2.9 percent, and Utah, 3.0 percent, had the lowest rates. In total, 27 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 6.2 percent, 12 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 11 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 11 states, decreased in 3 states, and was essentially unchanged in 36 states and the District of Columbia in February 2021. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 48 states and the District and was essentially unchanged in 2 states.

The largest job gains occurred in California (+141,000), Michigan (+63,500), and Washington (+28,700). The largest percentage increase occurred in Michigan (+1.6 percent), followed by California, New Mexico, and Washington (+0.9 percent each). Employment decreased in Missouri (-11,600, or -0.4 percent), Oklahoma (-10,700, or -0.7 percent), and Mississippi (-7,000, or -0.6 percent).



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties

February 2021 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20
U.S.	160,008,000	149,522,000	10,486,000	6.6%	6.8%	3.8%
IN	3,300,855	3,144,768	156,087	4.7%	4.7%	3.4%
EGR 11	219,694	210,444	9,250	4.2%	4.2%	3.1%
Evansville MSA	154,585	147,668	6,917	4.5%	4.5%	3.2%
Dubois Co.	22,355	21,547	808	3.6%	3.6%	2.4%
Gibson Co.	19,582	18,922	660	3.4%	3.2%	2.7%
Knox Co.	18,252	17,542	710	3.9%	3.8%	3.2%
Perry Co.	9,116	8,703	413	4.5%	4.6%	3.4%
Pike Co.	6,274	5,980	294	4.7%	4.6%	3.8%
Posey Co.	12,747	12,264	483	3.8%	3.4%	2.9%
Spencer Co.	9,881	9,438	443	4.5%	4.3%	4.0%
Vanderburgh Co.	90,076	85,827	4,249	4.7%	4.8%	3.2%
Warrick Co.	31,411	30,221	1,190	3.8%	3.6%	3.0%
Boonville	3,006	2,864	142	4.7%	4.0%	3.3%
Evansville	56,757	53,700	3,057	5.4%	5.8%	3.4%
Jasper	8,377	8,063	314	3.7%	3.7%	2.3%
Mount Vernon	3,054	2,945	109	3.6%	4.0%	3.0%
Petersburg	1,021	974	47	4.6%	5.3%	4.5%
Princeton	4,811	4,634	177	3.7%	4.1%	2.9%
Rockport	797	760	37	4.6%	5.5%	4.7%
Tell City	3,763	3,622	141	3.7%	4.5%	2.7%
Vincennes	7,497	7,107	390	5.2%	5.2%	3.7%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 03/21 | 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.

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): February 2021

U.S. - 6.2%

Illinois - 7.4%

Indiana - 4%

Kentucky - 5.2%

Michigan - 5.2%

Ohio - 5%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): February 2021

#31 - Pike (4.7%)

#34 - Vanderburgh (4.7%)

#40 - Perry (4.5%)

#41 - Spencer (4.5%)

#63 - Knox (3.9%)

#67 - Posey (3.8%)

#68 - Warrick (3.8%)

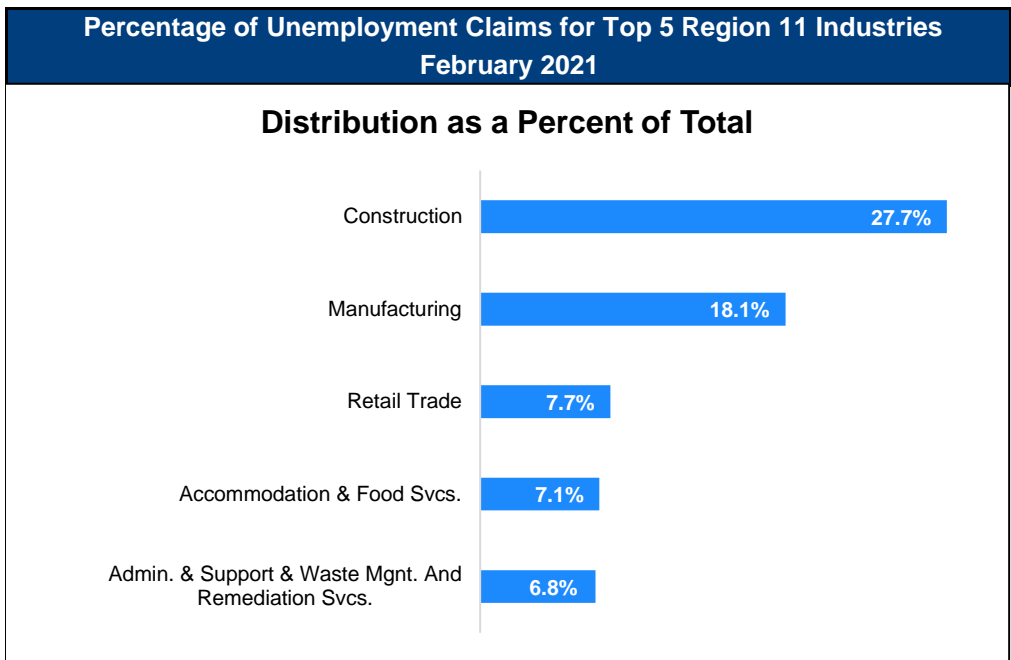
#76 - Dubois (3.6%)

#86 - Gibson (3.4%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2021 from				
CPI Item	Feb-20	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	1.7%	0.5%	1.7%	0.8%
Food & Beverages	3.5%	0.2%	2.8%	0.1%
Housing	1.8%	0.3%	1.9%	0.5%
Apparel	-3.6%	1.9%	-2.1%	2.4%
Transportation	0.6%	1.7%	0.6%	2.3%
Medical Care	2.0%	0.4%	2.5%	0.5%
Recreation	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	1.2%
Education & Communication	1.7%	0.1%	1.5%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	2.1%	0.4%	0.6%	0.1%

*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

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 11 for February 2021				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for February 2021 for EGR 11.

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: February 2021

Region 11

Initial Claims

02/06/21 - 956

02/13/21 - 808

02/20/21 - 839

02/27/21 - 910

Continued Claims

02/06/21 - 3,048

02/13/21 - 3,119

02/20/21 - 3,457

02/27/21 - 2,990

Total Claims

02/06/21 - 4,004

02/13/21 - 3,927

02/20/21 - 4,296

02/27/21 - 3,900

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

02/06/21 - 13,508

02/13/21 - 12,287

02/20/21 - 9,735

02/27/21 - 10,081

Continued Claims

02/06/21 - 77,782

02/13/21 - 73,668

02/20/21 - 72,770

02/27/21 - 69,343

Total Claims

02/06/21 - 91,290

02/13/21 - 85,955

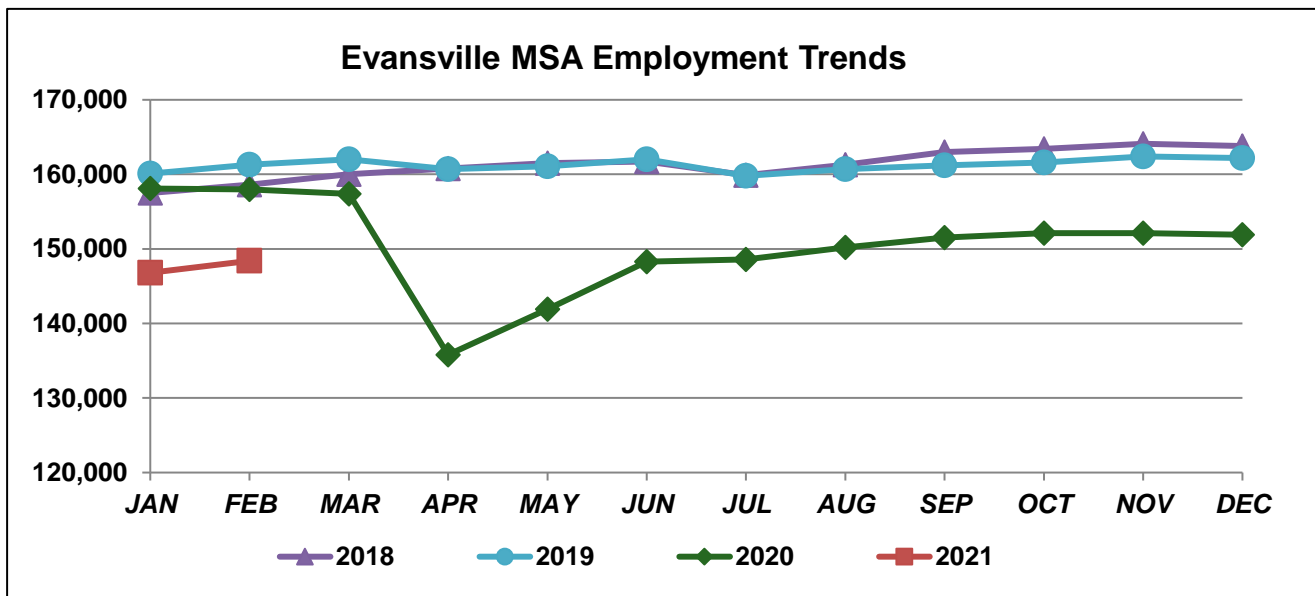
02/20/21 - 82,505

02/27/21 - 79,424

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Evansville MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	February 2021			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21 to Feb-21		Feb-20 to Feb-21	
Total Nonfarm	148,400	146,800	158,000	1,600	1.1%	-9,600	-6.1%
Total Private	133,000	131,900	141,500	1,100	0.8%	-8,500	-6.0%
Goods Producing	29,900	30,100	32,000	-200	-0.7%	-2,100	-6.6%
Service-Providing	118,500	116,700	126,000	1,800	1.5%	-7,500	-6.0%
Private Service Providing	103,100	101,800	109,500	1,300	1.3%	-6,400	-5.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	7,900	8,800	9,100	-900	-10.2%	-1,200	-13.2%
Manufacturing	22,000	21,300	22,900	700	3.3%	-900	-3.9%
Durable Goods	8,600	8,600	9,200	0	0.0%	-600	-6.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	29,600	29,800	30,600	-200	-0.7%	-1,000	-3.3%
Wholesale Trade	5,800	5,800	6,300	0	0.0%	-500	-7.9%
Retail Trade	16,200	16,300	16,500	-100	-0.6%	-300	-1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	4,100	4,000	-100	-2.4%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,600	7,700	7,800	-100	-1.3%	-200	-2.6%
Information	1,600	1,600	1,900	0	0.0%	-300	-15.8%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Professional and Business Services	19,000	18,700	19,000	300	1.6%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	27,500	27,300	28,600	200	0.7%	-1,100	-3.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,100	25,000	25,900	100	0.4%	-800	-3.1%
Hospitals	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	13,200	12,300	16,200	900	7.3%	-3,000	-18.5%
Other Services	6,500	6,400	7,400	100	1.6%	-900	-12.2%
Total Government	15,400	14,900	16,500	500	3.4%	-1,100	-6.7%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	3,400	2,900	3,900	500	17.2%	-500	-12.8%
Local Government	10,700	10,700	11,300	0	0.0%	-600	-5.3%
Local Government Educational Services	6,500	6,500	6,900	0	0.0%	-400	-5.8%

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



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 in Region 11 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
2	Lifeguards, Ski Patrol, and Other Recreational Protective Service Workers
3	Nursing Assistants
4	Registered Nurses
5	Home Health Aides
6	Team Assemblers
7	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
8	Brickmasons and Blockmasons
9	Production Workers, All Other
10	Personal Care Aides
11	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
12	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
13	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
14	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
15	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
16	Cashiers
17	Industrial Engineers
18	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
19	Counselors, All Other
20	Food Preparation Workers

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
Production Workers, All Other	5,249
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	2,620
Helpers--Production Workers	2,460
Cashiers	1,224
Customer Service Representatives	1,186
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,129
Office Clerks, General	984
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	862
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	820
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	788
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	784
Managers, All Other	672
Receptionists and Information Clerks	650
Nursing Assistants	644
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	612
Packers and Packagers, Hand	590
Retail Salespersons	583
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	571
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	563
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	562

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

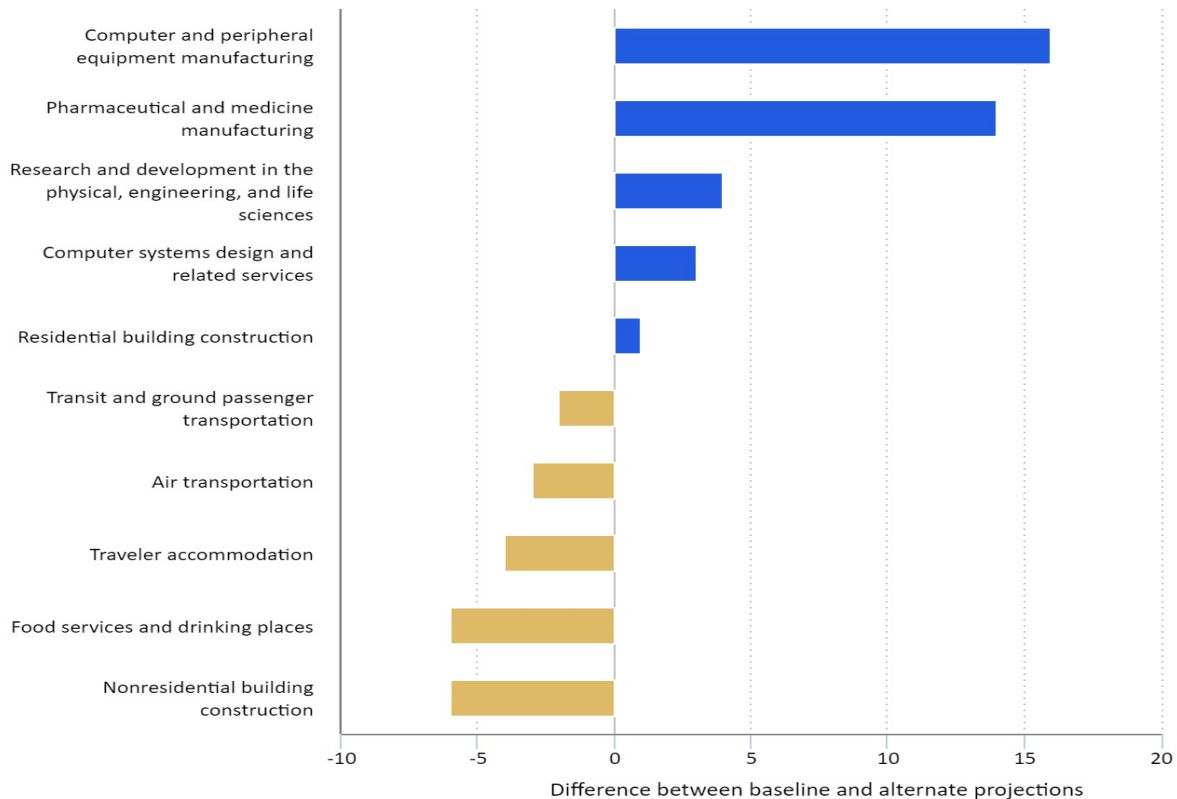
Effects of the pandemic on projected employment in selected industries, 2019–29

For nearly a year, the COVID–19 pandemic has altered the employment landscape. Which industries might continue to see its impact over the coming decade?

The chart answers that question with data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data show the potential effects of the pandemic on employment through 2029, with each bar in the chart representing the difference between an industry’s baseline (pre-pandemic) and alternate (pandemic-related) rates of employment change.

Chart. Selected industries affected by the pandemic

Difference between baseline and alternate percent changes in employment, projected 2019–29 [1]



[1] These alternate projections assume that the pandemic will have a moderate impact on employment over the 2019–29 decade. BLS has another set of projections that assume that the pandemic will have a strong impact.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections.



BLS developed alternate projections scenarios to analyze how pandemic-related circumstances are expected to affect long-term employment. These alternate projections assume that the pandemic creates structural changes to the future job market in some industries. As data in the chart suggest, for example, the continued need for medical treatments and vaccines may spur demand for workers in pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing, while a greater prevalence of telework may negatively affect employment in office building construction.

The data in the chart are based on the moderate-impact scenario. The alternate sets of projections are not intended as precise estimates of employment change over the 2019–29 decade; instead, they identify industries in which employment is subject to the most pandemic-related uncertainty.

More information about the [alternate projections](#), including the scenario that assumes a strong impact, is available from the [Employment Projections](#) program.

Elka Torpey, "Effects of the pandemic on projected employment in selected industries, 2019–29," *Career Outlook*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 2021.

County Unemployment Rates February 2021



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