



Economic Growth Region 2

Statistical Data Report for February 2016, Released April 2016

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in February. Twenty-two states had unemployment rate decreases from January, 8 states had increases, and 20 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, 10 states had increases, and 3 states had no change. The national jobless rate, 4.9 percent, was unchanged from January and was 0.6 percentage point lower than in February 2015.

In February, no region had an unemployment rate significantly different from that of the U.S. Over the month, only the West had a statistically significant unemployment rate change (-0.1 percentage point). Significant over-the-year rate decreases occurred in all four regions: the Northeast (-1.0 percentage point), West (-0.9 point), South (-0.5 point), and Midwest (-0.3 point).



Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR 2)

Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties

February 2016 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)

| Area | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Feb | Jan | Feb |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------|------|------|
| | | | | 2016 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | | | | Rate | Rate | Rate |
| U.S. | 158,279,000 | 150,060,000 | 8,219,000 | 5.2% | 5.3% | 5.8% |
| IN | 3,312,468 | 3,132,454 | 180,014 | 5.4% | 5.1% | 5.6% |
| EGR 2 | 311,939 | 296,776 | 15,163 | 4.9% | 4.5% | 5.2% |
| Elkhart-Goshen MSA | 103,596 | 99,282 | 4,314 | 4.2% | 3.9% | 4.3% |
| South Bend-Mishawaka MSA | 157,752 | 149,377 | 8,375 | 5.3% | 5.0% | 5.9% |
| Elkhart Co. | 103,596 | 99,282 | 4,314 | 4.2% | 3.9% | 4.3% |
| Fulton Co. | 9,925 | 9,314 | 611 | 6.2% | 5.9% | 6.0% |
| Kosciusko Co. | 41,081 | 39,191 | 1,890 | 4.6% | 4.3% | 4.6% |
| Marshall Co. | 24,217 | 23,080 | 1,137 | 4.7% | 4.5% | 5.0% |
| St Joseph Co. | 133,120 | 125,909 | 7,211 | 5.4% | 5.1% | 6.0% |
| Elkhart | 24,167 | 22,976 | 1,191 | 4.9% | 4.7% | 5.1% |
| Goshen | 15,848 | 15,205 | 643 | 4.1% | 3.8% | 4.0% |
| Mishawaka | 25,314 | 24,015 | 1,299 | 5.1% | 4.8% | 5.7% |
| Plymouth | 4,552 | 4,304 | 248 | 5.4% | 5.3% | 6.1% |
| South Bend | 47,242 | 44,424 | 2,818 | 6.0% | 5.6% | 6.4% |
| Warsaw | 7,278 | 6,938 | 340 | 4.7% | 4.2% | 4.5% |

Unemployment Rates by State - February 2016 (seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 4.9%
- Illinois - 6.4%
- Indiana - 4.7%**
- Kentucky - 5.8%
- Michigan - 4.8%
- Ohio - 4.9%

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

Unemployment Rank by County - February 2016 (high to low*)

- #24 - Fulton (6.2%)
- #48 - St. Joseph (5.4%)
- #70 - Marshall (4.7%)
- #74 - Kosciusko (4.6%)
- #87 - Elkhart (4.2%)

*of Indiana's 92 counties

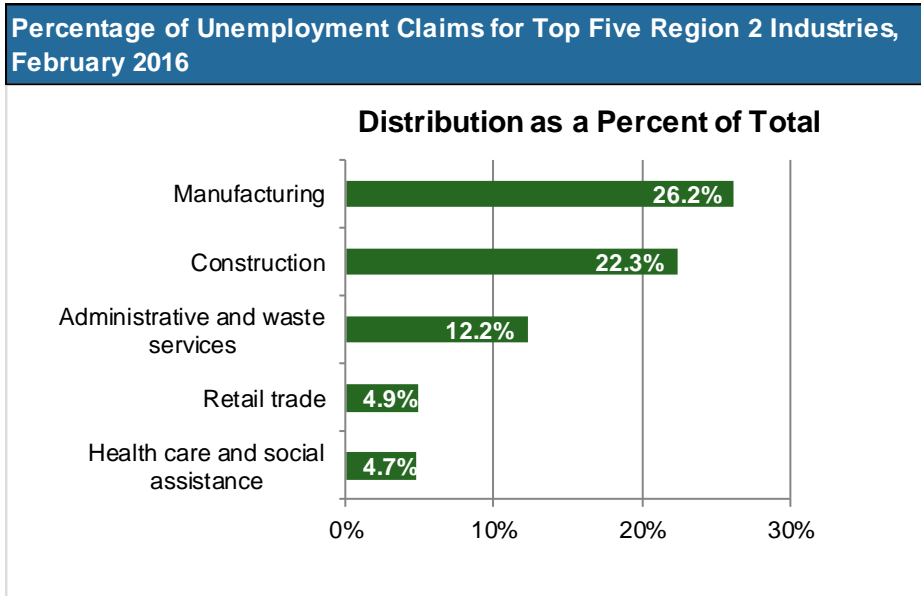
Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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
Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis.
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| Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2016 from: | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| CPI Item | Feb-15 | Jan-16 | Feb-15 | Jan-16 |
| | Midwest Region* | | U.S. City | |
| All Items | 0.4% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 0.1% |
| Food & Beverages | 0.7% | -0.2% | 0.9% | 0.1% |
| Housing | 1.6% | 0.2% | 2.1% | 0.2% |
| Apparel | 1.1% | 2.2% | 0.9% | 3.0% |
| Transportation | -5.2% | -1.8% | -3.4% | -1.5% |
| Medical Care | 3.5% | 0.5% | 3.5% | 0.9% |
| Recreation | 0.4% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 0.5% |
| Education & Communication | 0.5% | -0.3% | 1.2% | -0.2% |
| Other Goods & Services | 2.0% | 0.4% | 1.9% | 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

There were no WARN notices in February for EGR 2

| WARN notices for nearby areas: | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|-------------|
| Company | City | County | Affected Workers | Notice Date |
| SpartanNash Company | Westville | LaPorte | 76 | 2/11/2016 |
| Silgan Containers | LaPorte | LaPorte | 62 | 2/1/2016 |

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, February 2016

Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR2)

Initial Claims

February 6th, 2016 – 321
 February 13th, 2016 – 273 (D)
 February 20th, 2016 – 296 (D)
 February 27th, 2016 – 287

Continued Claims

February 6th, 2016 – 2,626
 February 13th, 2016 – 2,638
 February 20th, 2016 – 2,587
 February 27th, 2016 – 2,503

Total Claims

February 6th, 2016 – 2,947
 February 13th, 2016 – 2,911
 February 20th, 2016 – 2,883
 February 27th, 2016 – 2,790

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

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

February 6th, 2016 – 3,723
 February 13th, 2016 – 3,300
 February 20th, 2016 – 3,208
 February 27th, 2016 – 3,240

Continued Claims

February 6th, 2016 – 33,174
 February 13th, 2016 – 33,514
 February 20th, 2016 – 33,006
 February 27th, 2016 – 31,388

Total Claims

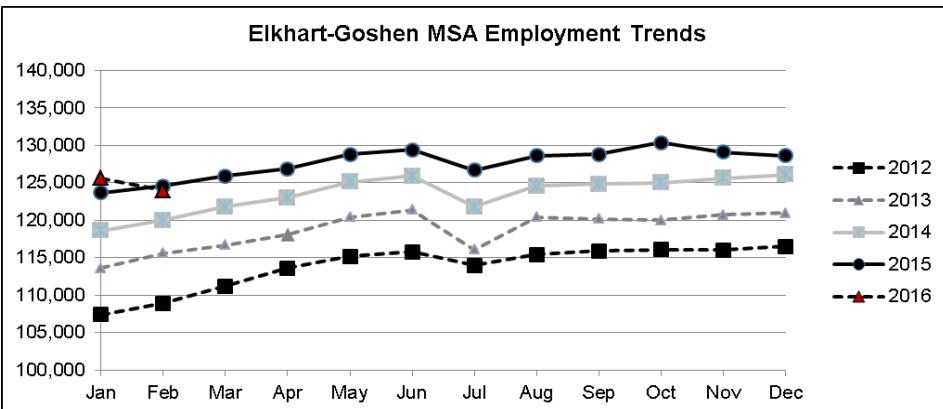
February 6th, 2016 – 36,897
 February 13th, 2016 – 36,814
 February 20th, 2016 – 36,214
 February 27th, 2016 – 34,628

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Elkhart-Goshen Metropolitan Statistical Area

| Industry | Wage and Salaried Employment - February 2016 | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Feb-16 | Jan-16 | Feb-15 | Change | Change | Change | Change |
| Total Nonfarm | 124,000 | 125,600 | 124,600 | -1,600 | -1.3% | -600 | -0.5% |
| Total Private | 115,100 | 116,800 | 115,600 | -1,700 | -1.5% | -500 | -0.4% |
| Goods Producing | 60,500 | 62,100 | 62,100 | -1,600 | -2.6% | -1,600 | -2.6% |
| Service-Providing | 63,500 | 63,500 | 62,500 | 0 | 0.0% | 1,000 | 1.6% |
| Private Service Providing | 54,600 | 54,700 | 53,500 | -100 | -0.2% | 1,100 | 2.1% |
| Mining, Logging and Construction | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 57,800 | 59,400 | 59,400 | -1,600 | -2.7% | -1,600 | -2.7% |
| Durable Goods | 50,000 | 51,000 | 50,200 | -1,000 | -2.0% | -200 | -0.4% |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 30,200 | 30,500 | 29,900 | -300 | -1.0% | 300 | 1.0% |
| Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing | 25,200 | 25,300 | 24,300 | -100 | -0.4% | 900 | 3.7% |
| Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 100 | 2.4% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 18,600 | 18,700 | 18,600 | -100 | -0.5% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Wholesale Trade | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,300 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -1.6% |
| Retail Trade | 9,200 | 9,300 | 9,100 | -100 | -1.1% | 100 | 1.1% |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Information | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 9,900 | 9,800 | 9,800 | 100 | 1.0% | 100 | 1.0% |
| Educational & Health Services | 12,000 | 12,000 | 11,300 | 0 | 0.0% | 700 | 6.2% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 7,100 | 7,200 | 6,800 | -100 | -1.4% | 300 | 4.4% |
| Other Services | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total Government | 8,900 | 8,800 | 9,000 | 100 | 1.1% | -100 | -1.1% |
| Federal Government | 300 | 300 | 300 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| State Government | 200 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Local Government | 8,400 | 8,300 | 8,500 | 100 | 1.2% | -100 | -1.2% |
| Local Government Educational Services | 6,100 | 5,900 | 6,100 | 200 | 3.4% | 0 | 0.0% |

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



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 Statistics

Applicant Pool

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

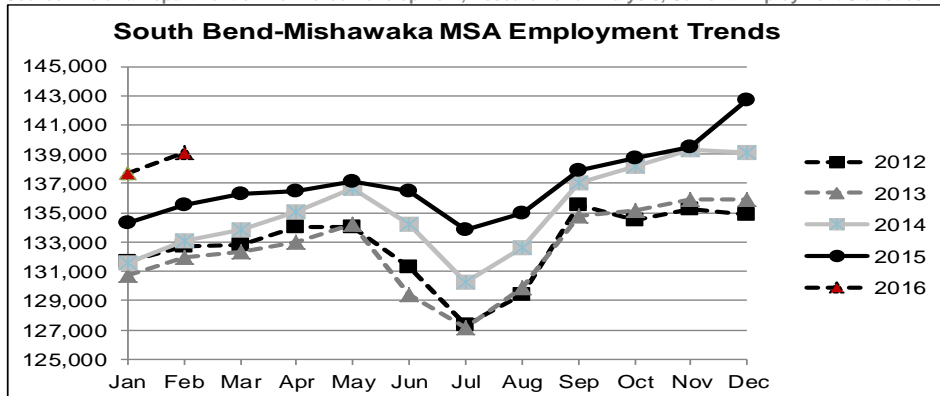
- 1 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 1,695
- 2 Production Workers, All Other - 1,628
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers - 1,247
- 4 Customer Service Representatives - 659
- 5 Cashiers - 617
- 6 Office Clerks, General - 557
- 7 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 537
- 8 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers - 434
- 9 Nursing Assistants - 434
- 10 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 350
- 11 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 344
- 12 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 338
- 13 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks - 328
- 14 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 319
- 15 Packers and Packagers, Hand - 318
- 16 Retail Salespersons - 314
- 17 Managers, All Other - 308
- 18 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers - 282
- 19 Administrative Services Managers - 262
- 20 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 259

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



| South Bend-Mishawaka Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Wage and Salaried Employment-February 2016</i> | | | | Number Change | Percent Change | Number Change | Percent Change |
| Industry | Feb-16 | Jan-16 | Feb-15 | Jan-16 to Feb-16 | Feb-15 to Feb-16 | Jan-16 to Feb-16 | Feb-15 to Feb-16 |
| Total Nonfarm | 139,100 | 137,700 | 135,500 | 1,400 | 1.0% | 3,600 | 2.7% |
| Total Private | 123,200 | 122,100 | 120,200 | 1,100 | 0.9% | 3,000 | 2.5% |
| Goods Producing | 21,400 | 21,500 | 21,100 | -100 | -0.5% | 300 | 1.4% |
| Service-Providing | 117,700 | 116,200 | 114,400 | 1,500 | 1.3% | 3,300 | 2.9% |
| Private Service Providing | 101,800 | 100,600 | 99,100 | 1,200 | 1.2% | 2,700 | 2.7% |
| Mining, Logging and Construction | 4,400 | 4,500 | 4,100 | -100 | -2.2% | 300 | 7.3% |
| Manufacturing | 17,000 | 17,000 | 17,000 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 3,300 | 3,300 | 2,900 | 0 | 0.0% | 400 | 13.8% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 25,700 | 25,600 | 24,700 | 100 | 0.4% | 1000 | 4.1% |
| Wholesale Trade | 6,600 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 100 | 1.5% | 100 | 1.5% |
| Retail Trade | 15,400 | 15,400 | 14,500 | 0 | 0.0% | 900 | 6.2% |
| General Merchandise Stores | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,400 | 0 | 0.0% | 100 | 2.9% |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Information | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -5.9% |
| Financial Activities | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 100 | 1.9% |
| Professional & Business Services | 13,300 | 13,300 | 12,700 | 0 | 0.0% | 600 | 4.7% |
| Educational & Health Services | 37,200 | 36,100 | 36,300 | 1,100 | 3.1% | 900 | 2.5% |
| Hospitals | 6,200 | 6,100 | 5,800 | 100 | 1.6% | 400 | 6.9% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 12,900 | 12,900 | 12,700 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 1.6% |
| Food Services and Drinking Places | 11,100 | 11,100 | 10,800 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 2.8% |
| Other Services | 5,800 | 5,800 | 5,800 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total Government | 15,900 | 15,600 | 15,300 | 300 | 1.9% | 600 | 3.9% |
| Federal Government | 900 | 900 | 900 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| State Government | 2,700 | 2,500 | 2,600 | 200 | 8.0% | 100 | 3.9% |
| Local Government | 12,300 | 12,200 | 11,800 | 100 | 0.8% | 500 | 4.2% |

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Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 2 for the month of February 2016

- 1 Production Workers, All Other
- 2 Customer Service Representatives
- 3 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
- 4 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 5 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 6 Packers and Packagers, Hand
- 7 Social and Human Service Assistants
- 8 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 9 Retail Salespersons
- 10 Automotive Body and Related Repairers
- 11 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 12 Helpers--Production Workers
- 13 Nursing Assistants
- 14 Food Processing Workers, All Other
- 15 Security Guards
- 16 Tellers
- 17 Food Preparation Workers
- 18 Construction Laborers
- 19 Engineers, All Other
- 20 Database Administrators

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



U-3 and U-6 unemployment by state, 2015

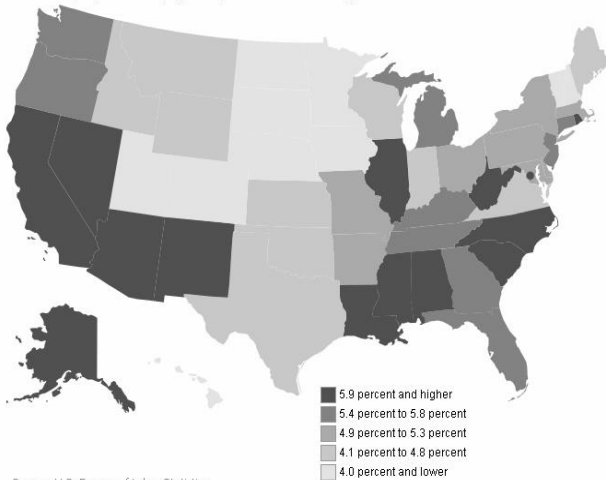
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During 2015, the unemployment rate for the nation as a whole averaged 5.3 percent. In any month, this was the percentage of the labor force who were unemployed. People are counted as unemployed if they:

- did not work for pay during the week that included the 12th
- had actively looked for work during the preceding 4 weeks or were waiting to be called back from a temporary layoff
- could have started a job if they had received an offer.

The annual average jobless rate varied by state. The states with the lowest unemployment rates, all under 4.0 percent in 2015, were North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Iowa, Utah, Vermont, Hawaii, Minnesota, and Colorado.

U-3 unemployment rate, by state, 2015 annual average



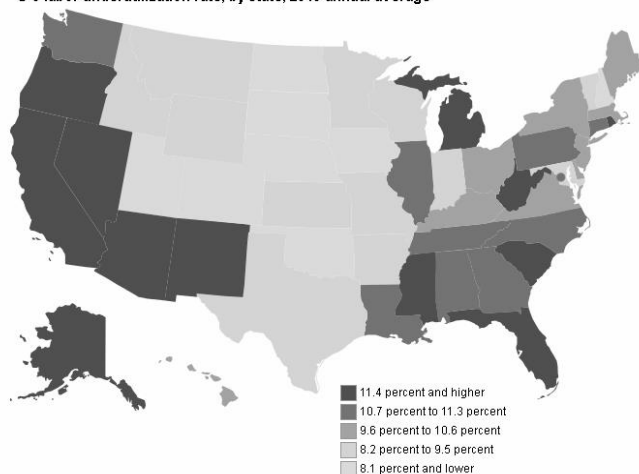
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The highest unemployment rates during 2015 were in Nevada, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, New Mexico, Alaska, Mississippi, California, Louisiana, Alabama, Arizona, Illinois, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. All had rates of 5.9 percent or higher.

The unemployment rate is also known as U-3. In addition to U-3, BLS publishes an alternative measure of labor underutilization known as U-6. The U-6 measure includes:

- unemployed people from U-3
- people who are "marginally attached" to the labor force, that is those who are neither working nor looking for work but want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the past 12 months
- people who work part time for economic reasons, who would have preferred full-time employment but were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they could not find a full-time job.

U-6 labor underutilization rate, by state, 2015 annual average



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

During 2015, the U-6 rate for the nation averaged 10.4 percent.

For the most part, states with U-3 rates lower than the national U-3 rate also had U-6 rates lower than the national U-6

Hours & Earnings by Industry Statewide

February 2016

Average Weekly Earnings

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Construction | \$857.22 |
| Manufacturing | \$779.92 |
| Durable Goods | \$813.61 |
| Fab Metal Prod Mfg | \$658.75 |
| Transport Equip Mfg | \$890.02 |
| Non-Durable Goods | \$694.42 |
| Retail Trade | \$419.22 |
| Financial Activities | \$746.37 |
| Health Care & Soc Assistance | \$657.69 |
| Accomm & Food Svc | \$239.29 |
| Food Services/Bars | \$239.89 |

Average Weekly Hours

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Construction | 33.2 |
| Manufacturing | 41.2 |
| Durable Goods | 41.3 |
| Fab Metal Prod Mfg | 37.6 |
| Transport Equip Mfg | 43.1 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 40.8 |
| Retail Trade | 30.6 |
| Financial Activities | 37.3 |
| Health Care & Soc Assistance | 33.0 |
| Accomm & Food Svc | 23.3 |
| Food Services/Bars | 23.0 |

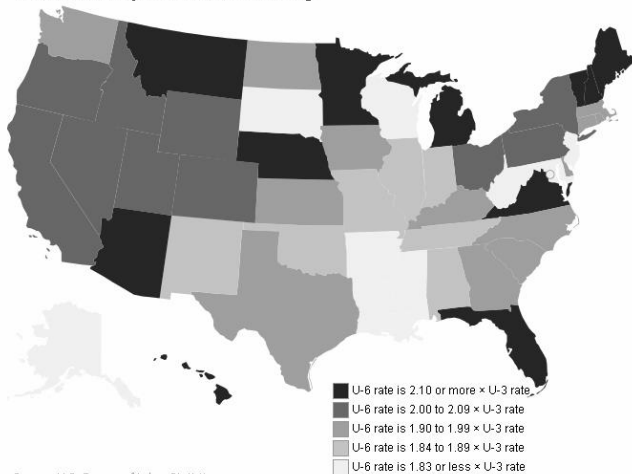
Average Hourly Earnings

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Construction | \$25.82 |
| Manufacturing | \$18.93 |
| Durable Goods | \$19.70 |
| Fab Metal Prod Mfg | \$17.52 |
| Transport Equip Mfg | \$20.65 |
| Non-Durable Goods | \$17.02 |
| Retail Trade | \$13.70 |
| Financial Activities | \$20.01 |
| Health Care & Soc Assistance | \$19.93 |
| Accomm & Food Svc | \$10.27 |
| Food Services/Bars | \$10.43 |

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

rate. Similarly, states with high U-3 rates generally had high U-6 rates. The national U-6 rate (10.4 percent) was about 2 times the national U-3 rate (5.3 percent) in 2015. The lowest U-6 to U-3 ratios were in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Louisiana, New Jersey, West Virginia, Mississippi, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Alaska, and Arkansas. In these states the U-6 rate was less than 1.84 times the U-3 rate, indicating a relatively smaller number of marginally attached workers or people working part time for economic reasons.

U-6 to U-3 ratio, by state, 2015 annual average



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In contrast, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Vermont, Nebraska, Maine, Montana, Virginia, Minnesota, Arizona, Florida, and Michigan all had ratios of U-6 to U-3 larger than 2.11. These states had a relatively larger number of marginally attached workers or people working part time for economic reasons.

These data from the [Current Population Survey](#) are issued by the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#) program. To learn more, see [Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization for States](#). A chart of the most recent [Alternative measures of labor underutilization](#) for the nation is one of the [Charts related to The Employment Situation news release](#).

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, U-3 and U-6 unemployment by state, 2015 on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2016/u-3-and-u-6-unemployment-by-state-2015.htm> (visited March 30, 2016).

Beyond the February 2016 Numbers...

Additional Data after Release of Indiana's Monthly Employment Report

- Indiana is now 30,600 Private Sector jobs above March 2000 peak employment levels.

- Indiana's unemployment rate decrease of -6.1% from July 2009, the low point of employment, ranks 4th in the U.S.

- Indiana's rate decrease of -3.7% since January 2013 ranks 7th in the nation.

- The Hoosier labor force has grown by 139,975 individuals since January 2013.

- Indiana's labor force growth ranked 11th in the nation and 3rd in percent change.

- Indiana's labor force participation rate has outperformed the national average for 22 months in a row. (Indiana's rate increased to 64.6% vs. 62.9% for national.)

- Indiana added the 2nd most manufacturing jobs (+89,800) in the U.S. since July 2009 and at a rate that ranks 2nd in the nation (+21.0%).

**- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
Indiana ranks 5th in the nation in jobs added in February**

**- Private Education & Health
Indiana ranks 8th in the nation in jobs added in February**

**- Leisure and Hospitality Growth
Indiana ranks 5th in the nation in jobs added year to date.**

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.

