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Economic Growth Region 2

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. The largest unemployment rate increase from February 2020 occurred in Hawaii (+7.1 percentage points). The next largest over-the-year jobless rate increase was in New York (+5.0 percentage points), with another 10 states and the District of Columbia experiencing rate increases of at least 3.0 points.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 11 states, decreased in 3 states, and was essentially unchanged in 36 states and the District 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 declines occurred in California (-1,662,000), New York (-1,062,800), and Texas (-593,300). The largest percentage declines occurred in Hawaii (-17.8 percent), New York (-10.8 percent), and Nevada (-10.6 percent).



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 2

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

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

#14 - St. Joseph (5.4%)

#22 - Fulton (5.1%)

#64 - Marshall (3.9%)

#74 - Kosciusko (3.7%)

#80 - Elkhart (3.5%)

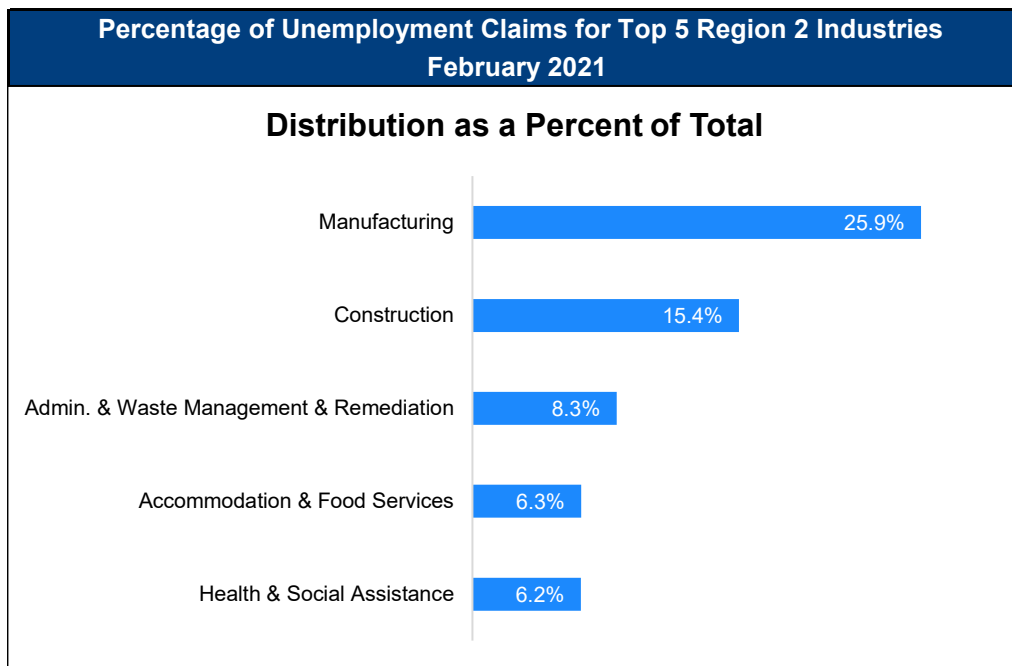
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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 2	317,113	303,170	13,943	4.4%	4.5%	3.2%
Elkhart-Goshen MSA	113,176	109,226	3,950	3.5%	3.5%	2.8%
South Bend-Mishawaka MSA	155,116	146,685	8,431	5.4%	5.7%	3.7%
Elkhart Co.	113,176	109,226	3,950	3.5%	3.5%	2.8%
Fulton Co.	9,361	8,886	475	5.1%	4.8%	3.9%
Kosciusko Co.	40,668	39,148	1,520	3.7%	3.6%	2.9%
Marshall Co.	22,257	21,385	872	3.9%	3.8%	3.3%
St Joseph Co.	131,651	124,525	7,126	5.4%	5.6%	3.7%
Elkhart	26,385	25,193	1,192	4.5%	5.3%	3.6%
Goshen	17,946	17,364	582	3.2%	3.4%	2.6%
Mishawaka	25,753	24,446	1,307	5.1%	5.1%	3.4%
Plymouth	4,211	4,016	195	4.6%	4.8%	4.0%
South Bend	46,633	43,612	3,021	6.5%	7.7%	4.0%
Warsaw	7,541	7,270	271	3.6%	3.6%	3.0%

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.

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 2 for February 2021				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for February 2021 for Region 2.

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 2

Initial Claims

02/06/21 - 1,536
02/13/21 - 1,248
02/20/21 - 1,111
02/27/21 - 1,115

Continued Claims

02/06/21 - 4,330
02/13/21 - 4,277
02/20/21 - 4,065
02/27/21 - 3,906

Total Claims

02/06/21 - 5,866
02/13/21 - 5,525
02/20/21 - 5,176
02/27/21 - 5,021

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

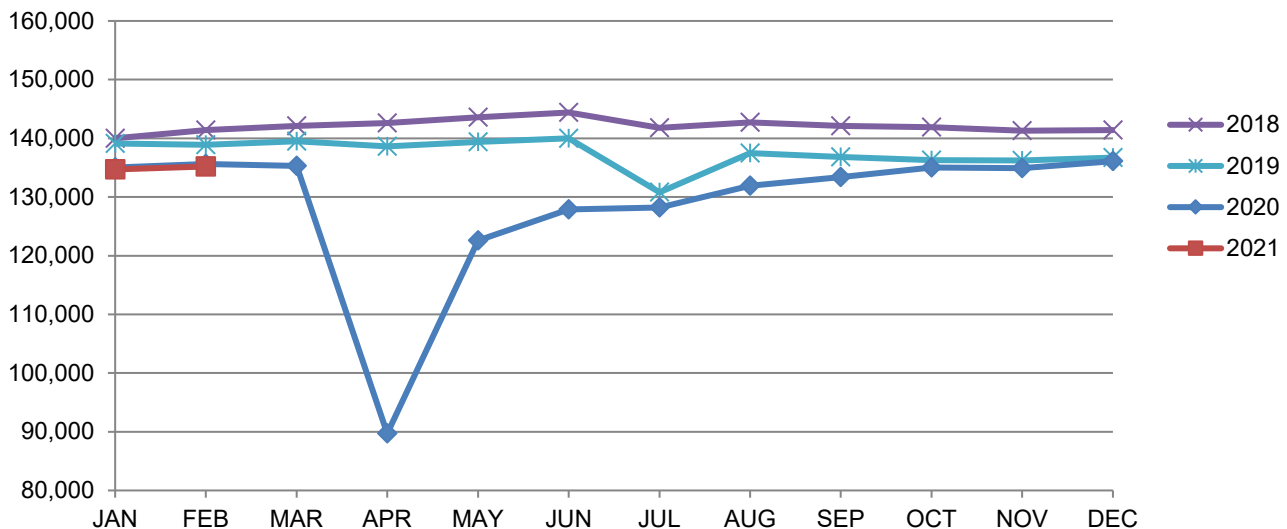
02/06/21 - 91,290
02/13/21 - 85,955
02/20/21 - 82,505
02/27/21 - 79,424

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

Elkhart-Goshen 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	Jan-21 to Feb-21	Feb-20 to Feb-21
Total Nonfarm	135,200	134,700	135,600	500	0.4%	-400	-0.3%
Total Private	126,700	126,100	126,800	600	0.5%	-100	-0.1%
Goods Producing	72,600	71,900	69,100	700	1.0%	3,500	5.1%
Service-Providing	62,600	62,800	66,500	-200	-0.3%	-3,900	-5.9%
Private Service Providing	54,100	54,200	57,700	-100	-0.2%	-3,600	-6.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,800	3,900	4,100	-100	-2.6%	-300	-7.3%
Manufacturing	68,800	68,000	65,000	800	1.2%	3,800	5.9%
Durable Goods	57,400	56,900	55,100	500	0.9%	2,300	4.2%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	38,100	37,500	34,900	600	1.6%	3,200	9.2%
Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing	32,400	31,900	29,300	500	1.6%	3,100	10.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	19,700	19,900	19,900	-200	-1.0%	-200	-1.0%
Wholesale Trade	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	9,600	9,800	9,800	-200	-2.0%	-200	-2.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	300	300	400	0	0.0%	-100	-25.0%
Financial Activities	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	9,300	9,300	10,200	0	0.0%	-900	-8.8%
Education and Health Services	11,300	11,300	12,100	0	0.0%	-800	-6.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	6,200	6,100	7,300	100	1.6%	-1,100	-15.1%
Other Services	4,200	4,200	4,700	0	0.0%	-500	-10.6%
Government	8,500	8,600	8,800	-100	-1.2%	-300	-3.4%
Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	300	300	200	0	0.0%	100	50.0%
Local Government	7,900	8,000	8,300	-100	-1.3%	-400	-4.8%
Local Government Educational Services	5,400	5,500	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-400	-6.9%

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

Elkhart-Goshen MSA Employment Trends

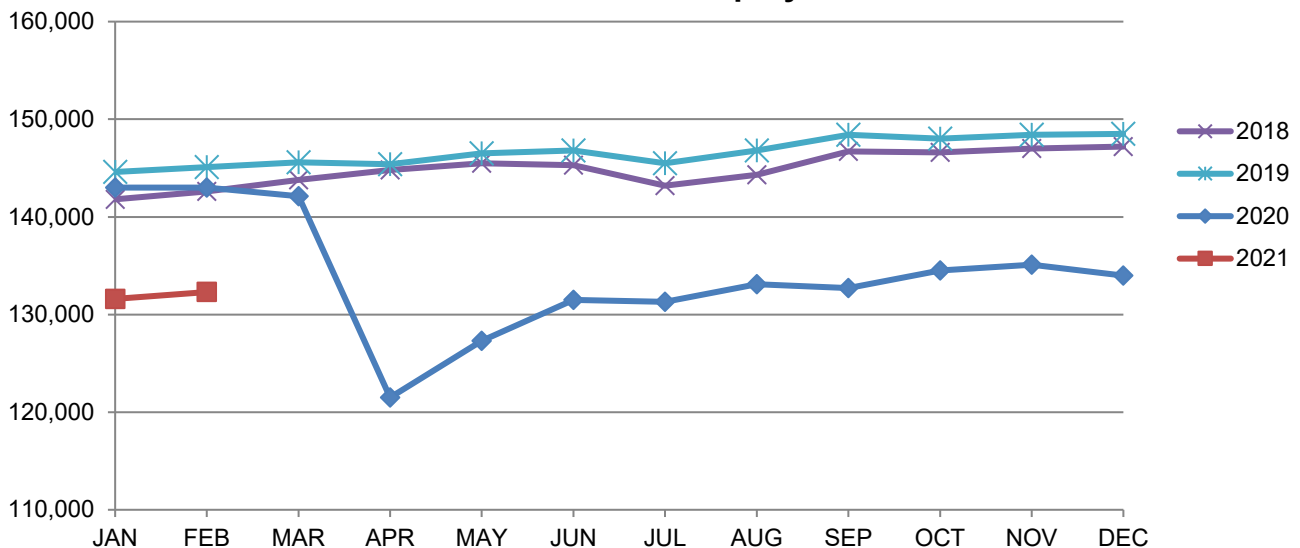


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South Bend-Mishawaka MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	February 2021			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21 to Feb-21		Feb-20 to Feb-21	
Total Nonfarm	132,300	131,600	143,000	700	0.5%	-10,700	-7.5%
Total Private	118,000	117,700	127,700	300	0.3%	-9,700	-7.6%
Goods Producing	20,800	20,800	22,500	0	0.0%	-1,700	-7.6%
Service Providing	111,500	110,800	120,500	700	0.6%	-9,000	-7.5%
Private Service Providing	97,200	96,900	105,200	300	0.3%	-8,000	-7.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,700	4,800	5,500	-100	-2.1%	-800	-14.6%
Manufacturing	16,100	16,000	17,000	100	0.6%	-900	-5.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	25,200	25,300	25,400	-100	-0.4%	-200	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	6,400	6,400	6,700	0	0.0%	-300	-4.5%
Retail Trade	14,300	14,300	14,500	0	0.0%	-200	-1.4%
General Merchandise Stores	3,400	3,500	3,300	-100	-2.9%	100	3.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	4,500	4,600	4,200	-100	-2.2%	300	7.1%
Information	1,200	1,200	1,400	0	0.0%	-200	-14.3%
Financial Activities	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	0.0%	-200	-3.3%
Professional & Business Services	13,400	13,500	14,000	-100	-0.7%	-600	-4.3%
Educational & Health Services	35,700	35,500	38,000	200	0.6%	-2,300	-6.1%
Hospitals	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,300	11,000	14,200	300	2.7%	-2,900	-20.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	9,100	9,000	11,200	100	1.1%	-2,100	-18.8%
Other Services	4,600	4,600	6,200	0	0.0%	-1,600	-25.8%
Total Government	14,300	13,900	15,300	400	2.9%	-1,000	-6.5%
Federal Government	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	2,000	1,800	2,200	200	11.1%	-200	-9.1%
Local Government	11,400	11,200	12,200	200	1.8%	-800	-6.6%
Local Government Educational Services	6,700	6,400	7,000	300	4.7%	-300	-4.3%

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

South Bend-Mishawaka MSA Employment Trends



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Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 2 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers
3	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
4	Registered Nurses
5	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
6	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
7	Customer Service Representatives
8	Engineers, All Other
9	Managers, All Other
10	Helpers--Production Workers
11	Medical Assistants
12	Media and Communication Workers, All Other
13	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
14	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
15	Maintenance Workers, Machinery
16	Cashiers
17	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
18	Personal Care Aides
19	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
20	Accountants

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	7,067
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	4,798
Helpers--Production Workers	3,665
Cashiers	1,794
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,715
Customer Service Representatives	1,674
Office Clerks, General	1,343
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,248
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,160
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,091
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,086
Packers and Packagers, Hand	1,041
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	1,035
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	985
Nursing Assistants	973
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	960
Retail Salespersons	939
Receptionists and Information Clerks	909
Managers, All Other	900
Team Assemblers	784

Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for February 2021

Industry	Average Earnings (per hour)	Average # of hours worked (weekly)	Average Earnings (per week)
Construction	\$27.84	37.9	\$1,055.14
Manufacturing	\$21.33	43.8	\$934.25
Durable Goods	\$22.55	44.2	\$996.71
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$20.88	38.8	\$810.14
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$23.66	40.4	\$955.86
Non-Durable Goods	\$18.41	42.8	\$787.95
Retail Trade	\$16.20	30.2	\$489.24
Financial Activities	\$25.72	36.3	\$933.64
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$25.32	33.3	\$843.16
Accommodation and Food Services	\$12.92	22.1	\$285.53
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$12.86	21.7	\$279.06

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

Number of involuntary part-time workers in February 2021 down from record highs

The number of people at work part time for economic reasons, also called involuntary part-time workers, totaled 6.1 million in February 2021. This was down from 10.9 million in April 2020 but is 1.7 million higher than in February 2020. These workers would have preferred full-time employment but were working part time because their hours had been reduced due to slack work or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

Number of people employed part time for economic reasons, January 2000 to February 2021



Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. When this chart was published, the NBER had not yet determined an endpoint for the recession that began in February 2020. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The share of the employed who were involuntary part-time workers increased sharply following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, as businesses around the country cut back operations in response to the pandemic and efforts to contain the spread of the virus. The share was 2.8 percent in February 2020 but rose to 8.2 percent in April 2020. By February 2021, this share had fallen to 4.1 percent. The rapid rise of involuntary part-time work and subsequent decline occurred almost entirely among those whose hours were cut due to slack work or business conditions; the changes among those who could only find part-time jobs were comparatively small. These data are from the Current Population Survey and are seasonally adjusted. For more information, see “The Employment Situation — February 2021.” We also have more charts on employment and unemployment. Also see Impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on The Employment Situation for February 2021. People at work part time for economic reasons include those who usually work full time (35 hours or more per week) and those who usually work part time. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, The Economics Daily, Number of involuntary part-time workers in February 2021 down from record highs at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2021/number-of-involuntary-part-time-workers-in-february-2021-down-from-record-highs.htm> (visited March 31, 2021).

County Unemployment Rates February 2021



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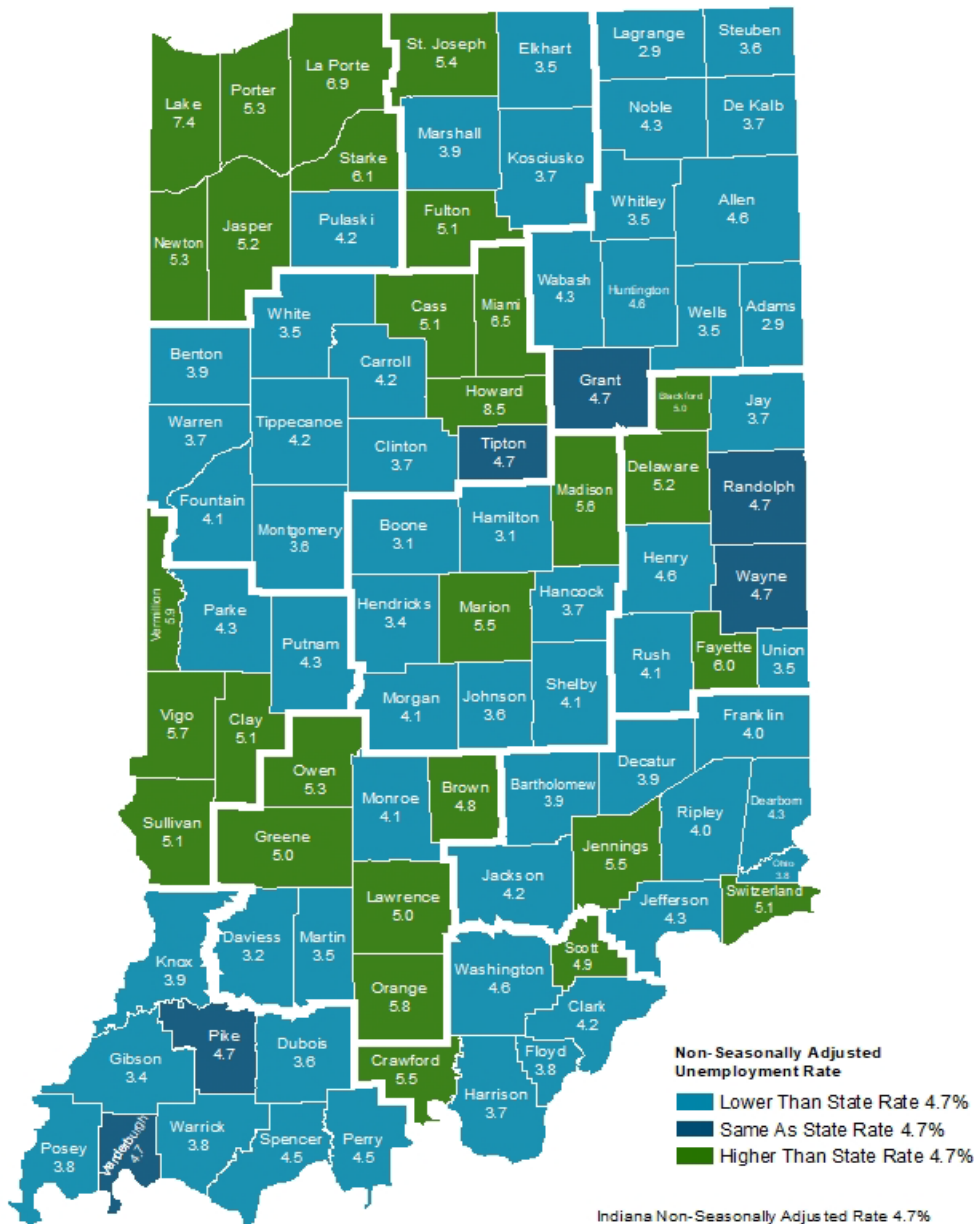
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**Non-Seasonally Adjusted
Unemployment Rate**

- Lower Than State Rate 4.7%
- Same As State Rate 4.7%
- Higher Than State Rate 4.7%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.7%
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.0%
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics