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## February 2019 Labor Market Review

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# Economic Growth Region 3

Statistical Data Report for February 2019, Released April 2019

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in February in 4 states and stable in 46 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 to 3.8 percent over the month and was 0.3 percentage point lower than in February 2018. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 2 states in February 2019 and was essentially unchanged in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, 22 states added nonfarm payroll jobs and 28 states and the District were essentially unchanged. Iowa, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Vermont had the lowest unemployment rates in February, 2.4 percent each. The rates in Alabama (3.7 percent), North Dakota (2.4 percent), Tennessee (3.2 percent), and Vermont (2.4 percent) set new series lows. (All state series begin in 1976.) Alaska had the highest jobless rate, 6.5 percent. In total, 16 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 3.8 percent, 9 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 3

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties

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

**U.S. - 3.8%**

Illinois - 4.3%

**Indiana - 3.5%**

Kentucky - 4.1%

Michigan - 4%

Ohio - 4.6%

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

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

#27 - Grant (4.5%)

#44 - Huntington (4.2%)

#51 - Wabash (4.1%)

#60 - Allen (3.7%)

#65 - Noble (3.6%)

#69 - Whitley (3.6%)

#74 - Wells (3.5%)

#75 - DeKalb (3.4%)

#79 - Steuben (3.4%)

#82 - LaGrange (3.3%)

#84 - Adams (3.2%)

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

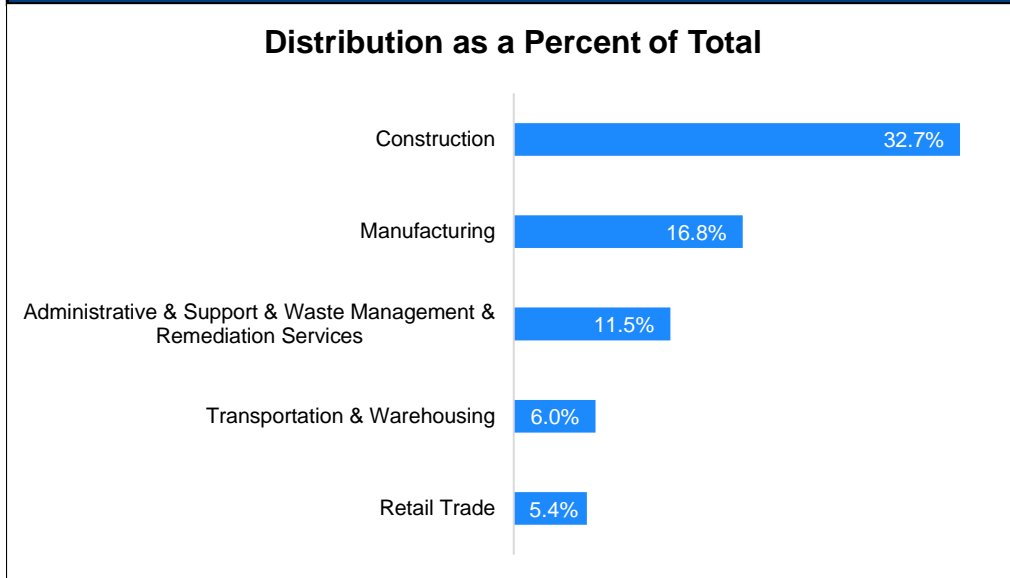
February 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18
U.S.	162,793,000	156,167,000	6,625,000	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%
IN	3,412,936	3,273,406	139,530	4.1%	4.1%	3.8%
EGR 3	391,158	376,638	14,520	3.7%	3.8%	3.3%
Fort Wayne MSA	220,120	212,018	8,102	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%
Adams Co.	17,518	16,954	564	3.2%	3.3%	2.8%
Allen Co.	187,584	180,639	6,945	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%
DeKalb Co.	22,721	21,941	780	3.4%	3.4%	2.9%
Grant Co.	33,041	31,569	1,472	4.5%	4.6%	4.1%
Huntington Co.	18,401	17,631	770	4.2%	4.4%	4.0%
LaGrange Co.	20,349	19,672	677	3.3%	3.7%	2.5%
Noble Co.	23,689	22,830	859	3.6%	4.2%	3.1%
Steuben Co.	20,507	19,820	687	3.4%	3.4%	2.8%
Wabash Co.	14,812	14,203	609	4.1%	4.2%	3.7%
Wells Co.	14,603	14,086	517	3.5%	3.5%	3.4%
Whitley Co.	17,933	17,293	640	3.6%	3.6%	3.1%
Fort Wayne Marion	130,323	125,312	5,011	3.8%	3.8%	3.6%
Marion	12,990	12,373	617	4.7%	5.0%	4.7%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:03/19 | 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.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2019 from				
CPI Item	Feb-18	Jan-19	Feb-18	Jan-19
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.0%	0.3%	1.4%	0.6%
Housing	2.9%	0.3%	2.7%	0.3%
Apparel	-0.8%	2.6%	-0.9%	3.3%
Transportation	-1.5%	0.8%	-1.4%	2.4%
Medical Care	1.7%	0.2%	2.0%	-0.2%
Recreation	1.0%	0.0%	-1.1%	-0.2%
Education & Communication	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	2.2%	0.5%	4.3%	0.7%

\*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

### Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 3 Industries February 2019



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 3 for February 2019				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for February 2019 for Region 3.**

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.dolela.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

## Unemployment Claims: February 2019

### Region 3

#### Initial Claims

02/02/19 - 291(D)

02/09/19 - 313(D)

02/16/19 - 201(D)

02/23/19 - 172(D)

#### Continued Claims

02/02/19 - 1,948

02/09/19 - 1,884

02/16/19 - 1,862

02/23/19 - 1,790

#### Total Claims

02/02/19 - 2,239

02/09/19 - 2,197

02/16/19 - 2,063

02/23/19 - 1,962

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

02/02/19 - 3,013

02/09/19 - 3,124

02/16/19 - 2,171

02/23/19 - 2,063

#### Continued Claims

02/02/19 - 20,800

02/09/19 - 19,942

02/16/19 - 19,711

02/23/19 - 19,194

#### Total Claims

02/02/19 - 23,813

02/09/19 - 23,066

02/16/19 - 21,882

02/23/19 - 21,257

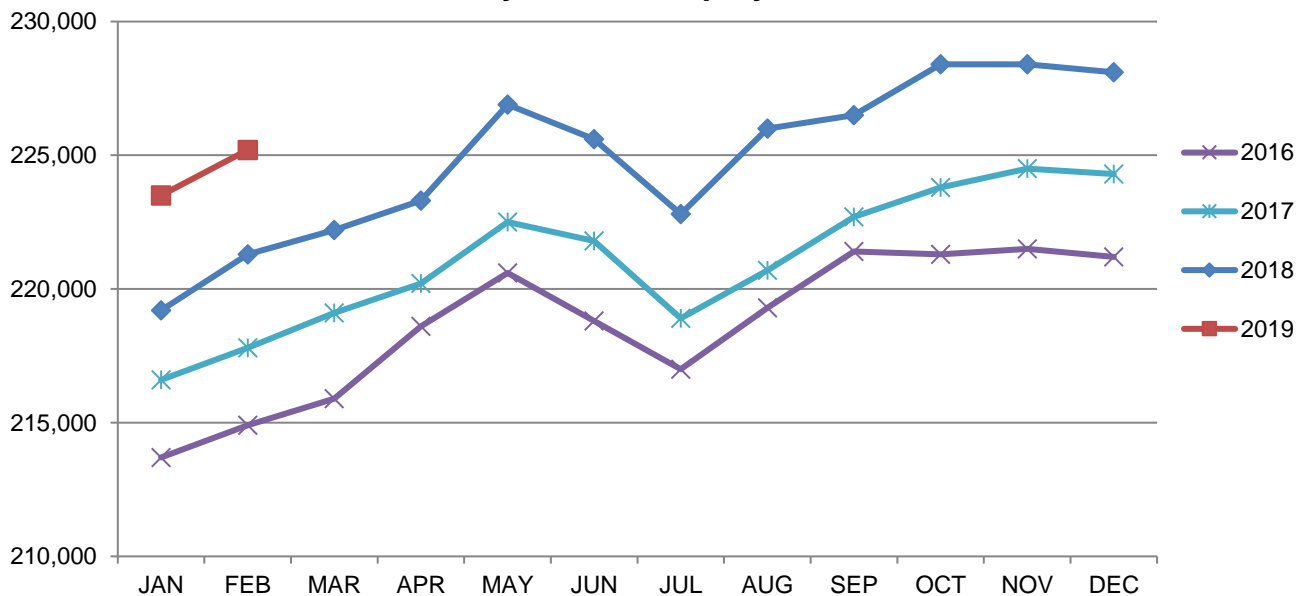
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Fort Wayne MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	February 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18	Jan-19 to Feb-19		Feb-18 to Feb-19	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>225,200</b>	<b>223,500</b>	<b>221,300</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>203,200</b>	<b>201,800</b>	<b>199,100</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Goods Producing	47,300	47,300	46,400	0	0.0%	900	1.9%
Service Providing	177,900	176,200	174,900	1,700	1.0%	3,000	1.7%
Private Service Providing	155,900	154,500	152,700	1,400	0.9%	3,200	2.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	9,600	9,800	10,200	-200	-2.0%	-600	-5.9%
<b>Total Manufacturing</b>	<b>37,700</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
Durable Goods Manufacturing	28,300	28,300	27,000	0	0.0%	1,300	4.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	8,000	8,000	7,500	0	0.0%	500	6.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	43,600	43,400	42,800	200	0.5%	800	1.9%
Wholesale Trade	10,800	10,700	10,800	100	0.9%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	23,900	24,000	23,500	-100	-0.4%	400	1.7%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	8,900	8,700	8,500	200	2.3%	400	4.7%
Information	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	0.0%	-200	-7.4%
Financial Activities	12,100	12,100	12,000	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
Professional and Business Services	22,200	22,100	21,100	100	0.5%	1,100	5.2%
Education and Health Services	43,700	42,600	42,400	1,100	2.6%	1,300	3.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	20,100	20,100	20,300	0	0.0%	-200	-1.0%
Other Services	11,700	11,700	11,400	0	0.0%	300	2.6%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,200	0	0.0%	-200	-9.1%
State Government	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	15,900	15,600	15,900	300	1.9%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	9,000	8,900	9,200	100	1.1%	-200	-2.2%

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

### Fort Wayne 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 3 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
3	Customer Service Representatives
4	Helpers--Production Workers
5	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
6	Team Assemblers
7	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
8	Rail Transportation Workers, All Other
9	Nursing Assistants
10	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
11	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
12	Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
13	Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
14	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
15	First-Line Supervisors of Helpers, Laborers, and Material Movers, Hand
16	Registered Nurses
17	Managers, All Other
18	Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers, Metal and Plastic
19	Agricultural Workers, All Other
20	Machinists

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>
Production Workers, All Other	1,025
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	580
Helpers--Production Workers	389
Customer Service Representatives	337
Cashiers	318
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	271
Office Clerks, General	212
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	205
Nursing Assistants	184
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	181
Retail Salespersons	157
Managers, All Other	148
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	136
Packers and Packagers, Hand	135
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	132
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	128
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	128
Receptionists and Information Clerks	123
Team Assemblers	123
Administrative Services Managers	121

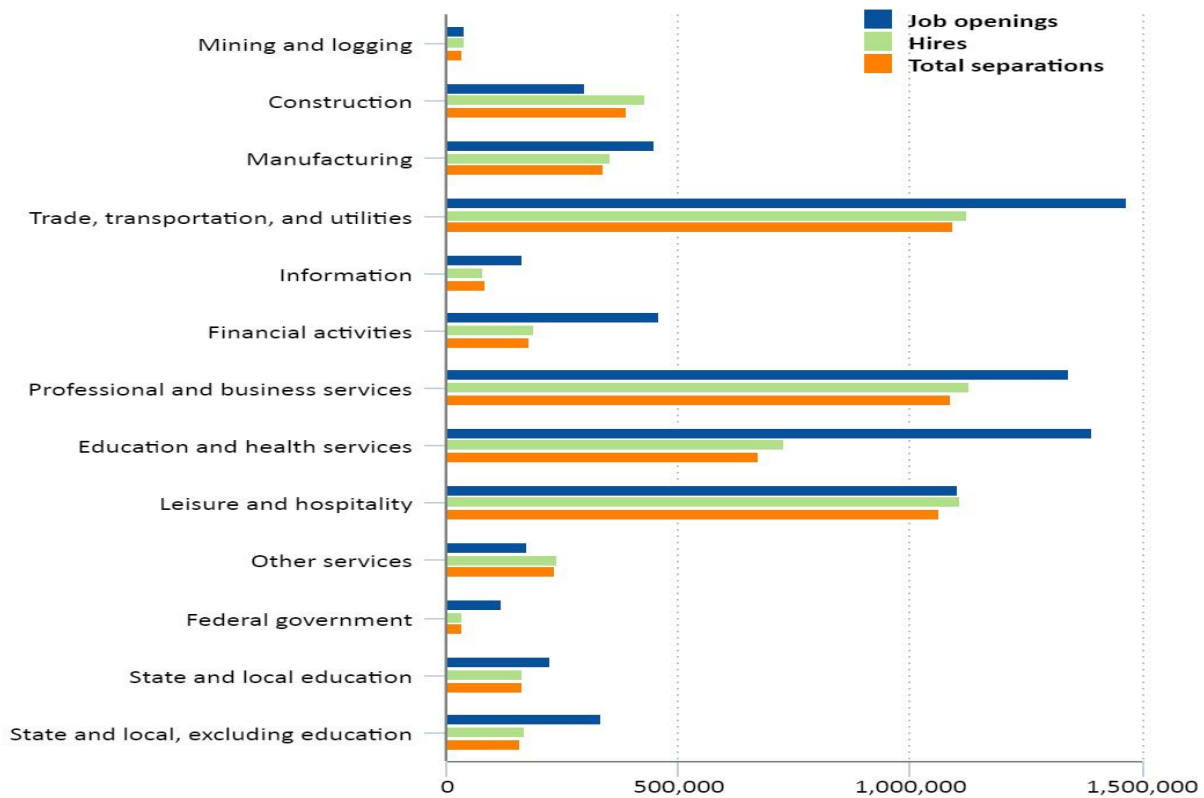
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# The Economics Daily

## Trade, transportation, and utilities had 1.47 million job openings in January 2019

The number of job openings was little changed at 7.6 million on the last business day of January 2019. Hires (5.8 million) and separations (5.6 million) were also little changed over the month. Among major industries, trade, transportation, and utilities had the most job openings (1.47 million), followed by education and health services (1.39 million).

**Job openings, hires, and total separations by industry, January 2019, seasonally adjusted**



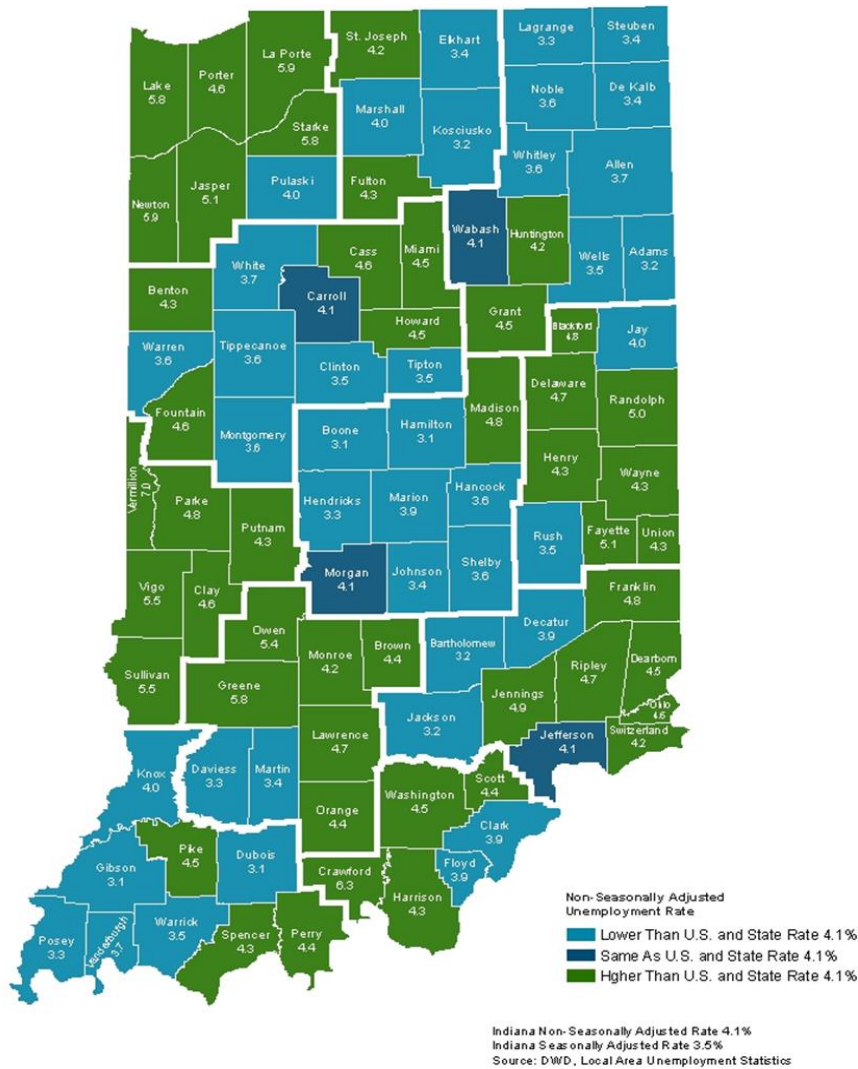
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



Within professional and business services, there were 1.13 million hires in January 2019. Trade, transportation, and utilities had 1.13 million hires, while leisure and hospitality industries had 1.1 million hires. In the federal government there were 122,000 job openings, 36,000 hires, and 33,000 separations in January 2019.

These data are from the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey. The data are seasonally adjusted. To learn more, see Job Openings and Labor Turnover — January 2019. Also see more charts on hires, separations, and job openings.

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