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## May 2019 Labor Market Review

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# Economic Growth Region 3

Statistical Data Report for May 2019, Released July 2019

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in May in 6 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 42 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Five states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 1 state had an increase, and 44 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate remained at 3.6 percent in May and was little changed from May 2018.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in Washington in May 2019 and was essentially unchanged in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, 24 states added nonfarm payroll jobs and 26 states and the District were essentially unchanged.

Vermont had the lowest unemployment rate in May, 2.1 percent. The rates in Texas (3.5 percent) and Vermont (2.1 percent) set new series lows. (All state series begin in 1976.) Alaska had the highest jobless rate, 6.4 percent. In total, 12 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 3.6 percent, 9 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 29 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): May 2019

**U.S. - 3.6%**

Illinois - 4.4%

**Indiana - 3.6%**

Kentucky - 4%

Michigan - 4.2%

Ohio - 4.1%

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

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

#15 - Grant (3.2%)

#40 - Huntington (2.9%)

#53 - Wabash (2.8%)

#55 - Allen (2.7%)

#66 - Noble (2.6%)

#70 - Whitley (2.6%)

#72 - DeKalb (2.5%)

#79 - LaGrange (2.4%)

#82 - Steuben (2.4%)

#84 - Adams (2.3%)

#88 - Wells (2.3%)

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

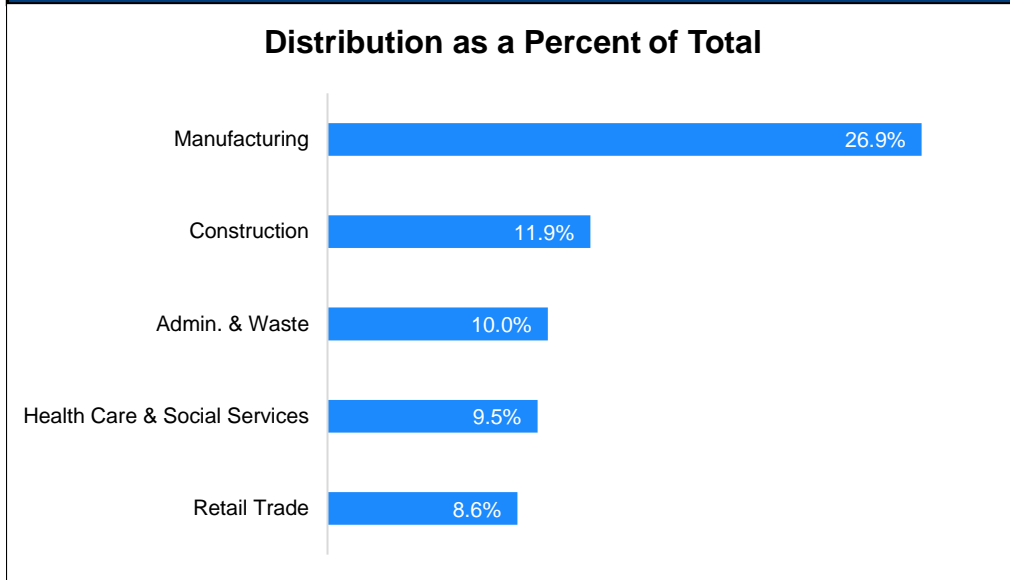
May 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	May-19	Apr-19	May-18
U.S.	162,655,000	157,152,000	5,503,000	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%
IN	3,368,523	3,269,725	98,798	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%
EGR 3	390,353	379,904	10,449	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%
Fort Wayne MSA	219,014	213,116	5,898	2.7%	2.6%	3.0%
Adams Co.	17,668	17,267	401	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%
Allen Co.	186,567	181,475	5,092	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%
DeKalb Co.	22,609	22,054	555	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%
Grant Co.	32,400	31,365	1,035	3.2%	3.6%	3.5%
Huntington Co.	18,459	17,930	529	2.9%	2.9%	3.3%
LaGrange Co.	21,003	20,501	502	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%
Noble Co.	23,907	23,278	629	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%
Steuben Co.	20,214	19,731	483	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%
Wabash Co.	15,079	14,662	417	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%
Wells Co.	14,580	14,239	341	2.3%	2.4%	2.6%
Whitley Co.	17,867	17,402	465	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%
Fort Wayne	129,588	125,892	3,696	2.9%	2.8%	3.2%
Marion	12,717	12,293	424	3.3%	3.7%	3.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:06/19 | 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 May 2019 from				
CPI Item	May-18	Apr-19	May-18	Apr-19
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.0%	0.2%	1.5%	0.5%
Housing	2.8%	0.3%	2.7%	0.3%
Apparel	-3.1%	-0.9%	-3.1%	-0.8%
Transportation	0.6%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%
Medical Care	2.1%	0.3%	1.5%	0.9%
Recreation	1.2%	-0.5%	-0.9%	0.2%
Education & Communication	0.7%	0.0%	-0.3%	-0.2%
Other Goods & Services	1.6%	0.3%	2.3%	0.5%

\*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 May 2019



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 3 for May 2019				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
Penske Logistics	Fort Wayne	Allen	80	5/18/19

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: May 2019

### Region 3

#### Initial Claims

05/04/19 - 138(D)

05/11/19 - 177(D)

05/18/19 - 165(D)

05/25/19 - 167(D)

#### Continued Claims

05/04/19 - 1,128

05/11/19 - 1,093

05/18/19 - 1,074

05/25/19 - 1,065

#### Total Claims

05/04/19 - 1,266

05/11/19 - 1,270

05/18/19 - 1,239

05/25/19 - 1,232

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

05/04/19 - 1,821

05/11/19 - 1,805

05/18/19 - 1,747

05/25/19 - 1,669

#### Continued Claims

05/04/19 - 11,559

05/11/19 - 11,380

05/18/19 - 11,273

05/25/19 - 11,323

#### Total Claims

05/04/19 - 13,380

05/11/19 - 13,185

05/18/19 - 13,020

05/25/19 - 12,992

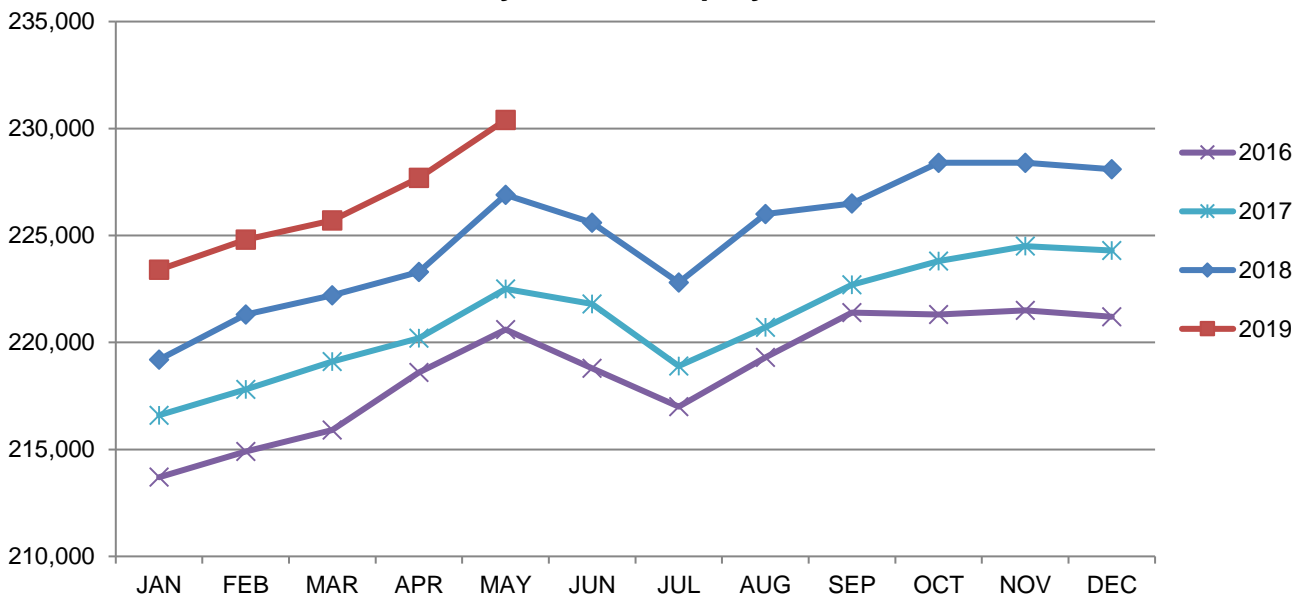
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Fort Wayne MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	May 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Apr-19 to May-19		May-18 to May-19	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>230,400</b>	<b>227,700</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>208,200</b>	<b>205,600</b>	<b>204,500</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
Goods Producing	49,100	48,400	48,100	700	1.5%	1,000	2.1%
Service Providing	181,300	179,300	178,800	2,000	1.1%	2,500	1.4%
Private Service Providing	159,100	157,200	156,400	1,900	1.2%	2,700	1.7%
Mining, Logging and Construction	11,100	10,600	11,300	500	4.7%	-200	-1.8%
<b>Total Manufacturing</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>37,800</b>	<b>36,800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Durable Goods Manufacturing	28,500	28,300	27,500	200	0.7%	1,000	3.6%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	7,700	0	0.0%	200	2.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	43,900	43,700	43,400	200	0.5%	500	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	10,900	10,800	11,000	100	0.9%	-100	-0.9%
Retail Trade	24,200	24,100	23,800	100	0.4%	400	1.7%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	8,800	8,800	8,600	0	0.0%	200	2.3%
Information	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	0.0%	-200	-7.7%
Financial Activities	12,200	12,200	12,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	23,000	22,600	21,900	400	1.8%	1,100	5.0%
Education and Health Services	43,700	43,400	42,600	300	0.7%	1,100	2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	22,000	21,100	22,200	900	4.3%	-200	-0.9%
Other Services	11,900	11,800	11,500	100	0.9%	400	3.5%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>22,100</b>	<b>22,400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	0.0%	-100	-4.8%
State Government	4,100	4,200	4,100	-100	-2.4%	0	0.0%
Local Government	16,100	15,900	16,200	200	1.3%	-100	-0.6%
Local Government Educational Services	9,100	9,000	9,300	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	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
2	Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan
3	Office Clerks, General
4	Manufacturing Production Technicians
5	Production Workers, All Other
6	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
7	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
8	Agricultural Equipment Operators
9	Helpers--Production Workers
10	Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other
11	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
12	Customer Service Representatives
13	Security Guards
14	Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
15	Machinists
16	Packers and Packagers, Hand
17	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers
18	Registered Nurses
19	Agricultural Workers, All Other
20	Cashiers

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	727
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	421
Helpers--Production Workers	286
Customer Service Representatives	273
Cashiers	214
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	198
Office Clerks, General	175
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	158
Nursing Assistants	147
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	133
Retail Salespersons	128
Managers, All Other	122
Administrative Services Managers	98
Receptionists and Information Clerks	95
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	94
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	93
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	92
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	92
Team Assemblers	91
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	88

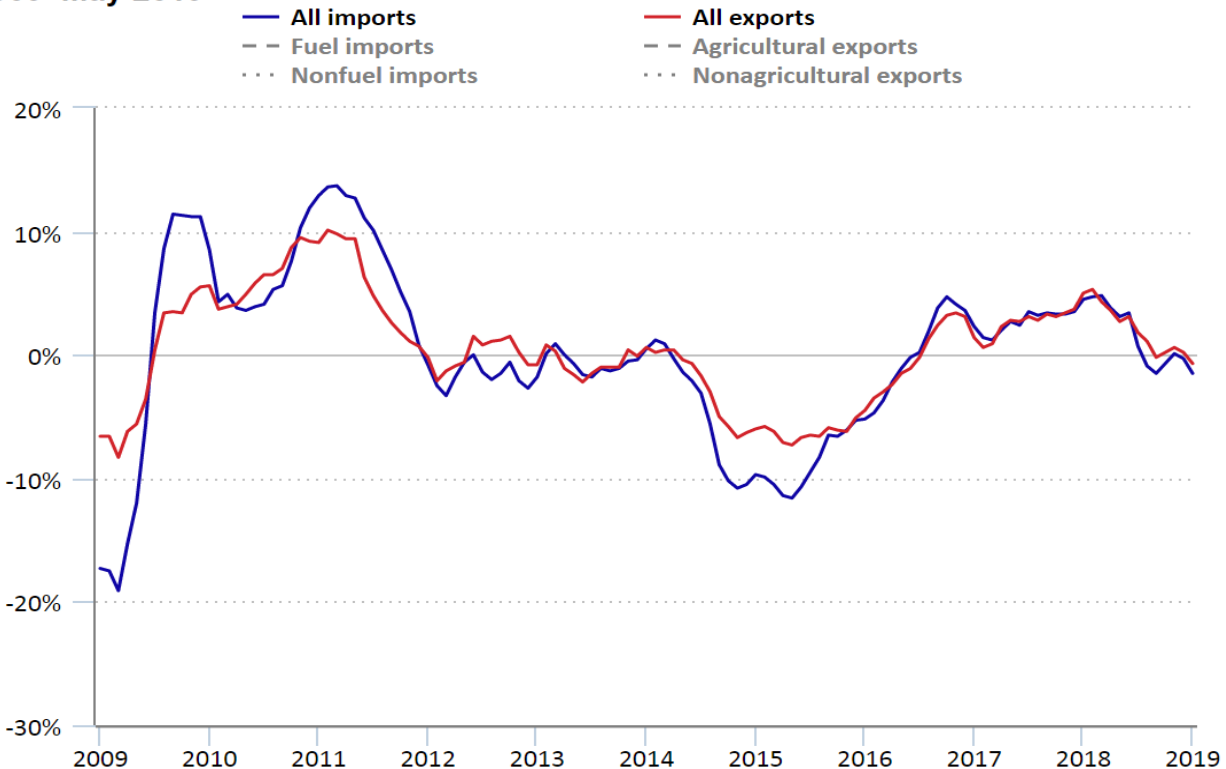
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## U.S. Import and Export Prices Decrease Over the Year Ending May 2019

(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*)

From May 2018 to May 2019, U.S. import prices decreased 1.5 percent and export prices decreased 0.7 percent. The drop in import prices matched the 12-month decline in January 2019, and the decline in export prices was the largest since October 2016, when they fell 1.1 percent.

### 12-month percent change in U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes, May 2009–May 2019



Import fuel prices decreased 1.1 percent over the year ending May 2019, driven by a 1.9-percent drop in petroleum prices that more than offset a 2.5-percent increase in natural gas prices. Prices for nonfuel imports declined 1.4 percent from May 2018 to May 2019.

Agricultural export prices fell 5.3 percent over the year ending May 2019, the largest 12-month drop since the index declined 9.1 percent in April 2016. A 20.6-percent decrease in soybeans prices led the overall decline in agricultural prices. The drop in soybeans prices more than offset higher vegetable prices over the year.

Prices for nonagricultural exports declined 0.2 percent over the year ending May 2019, driven by lower prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials. In contrast, prices for each of the major finished goods categories rose over the year.

These data are from the International Price program. Import and export prices are subject to revision. To learn more, see “U.S. Import and Export Prices — May 2019.” See more charts on import and export price trends in Charts related to the latest “U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes” news release.

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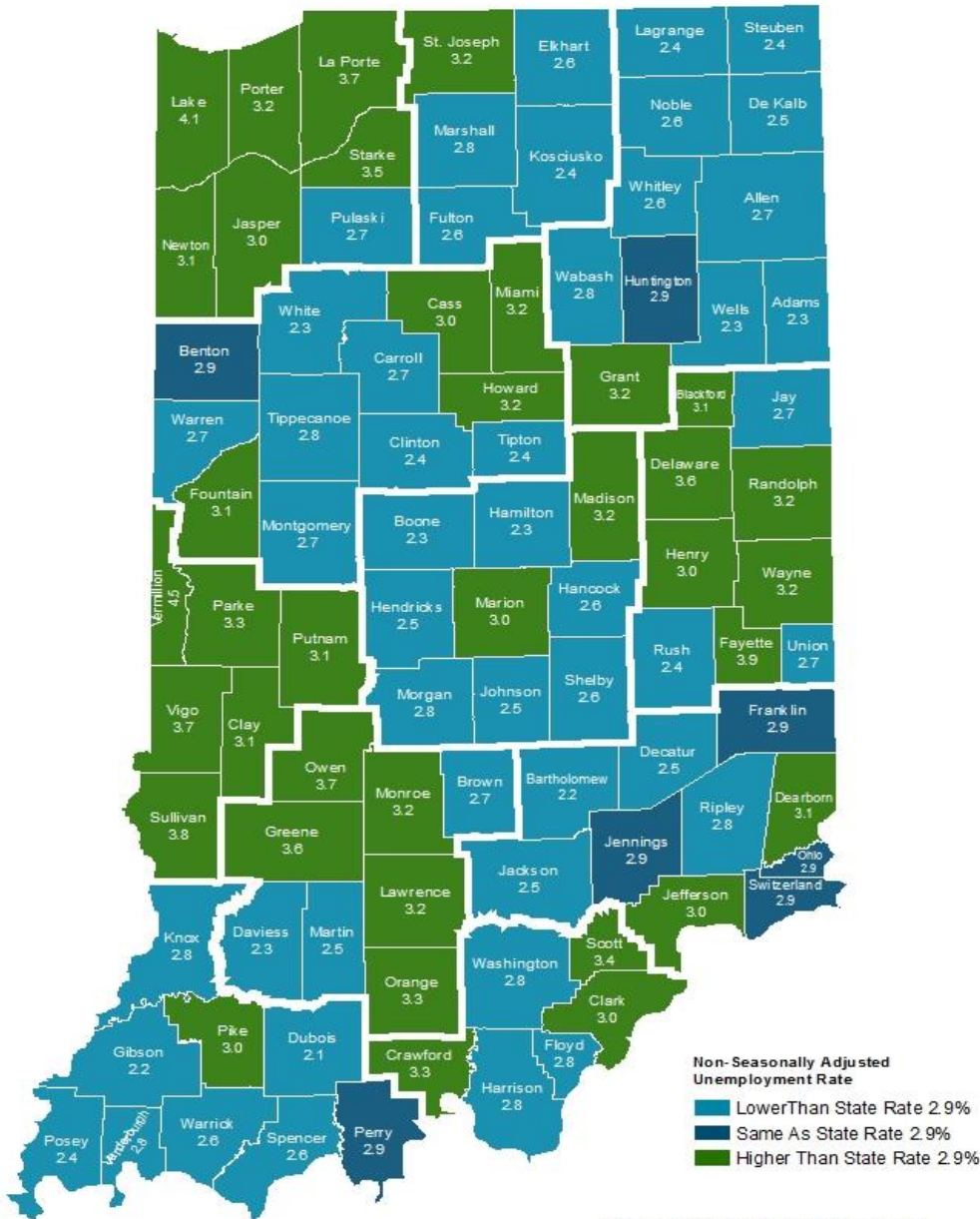
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Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 2.9%  
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.6%  
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics