



February 2021 Labor Market Review

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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 3

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 point.

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. Its 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.



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 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

#30 - Grant (4.7%)

#36 - Allen (4.6%)

#38 - Huntington (4.6%)

#44 - Noble (4.3%)

#47 - Wabash (4.3%)

#70 - DeKalb (3.7%)

#79 - Steuben (3.6%)

#83 - Wells (3.5%)

#85 - Whitley (3.5%)

#91 - Adams (2.9%)

#92 - LaGrange (2.9%)

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

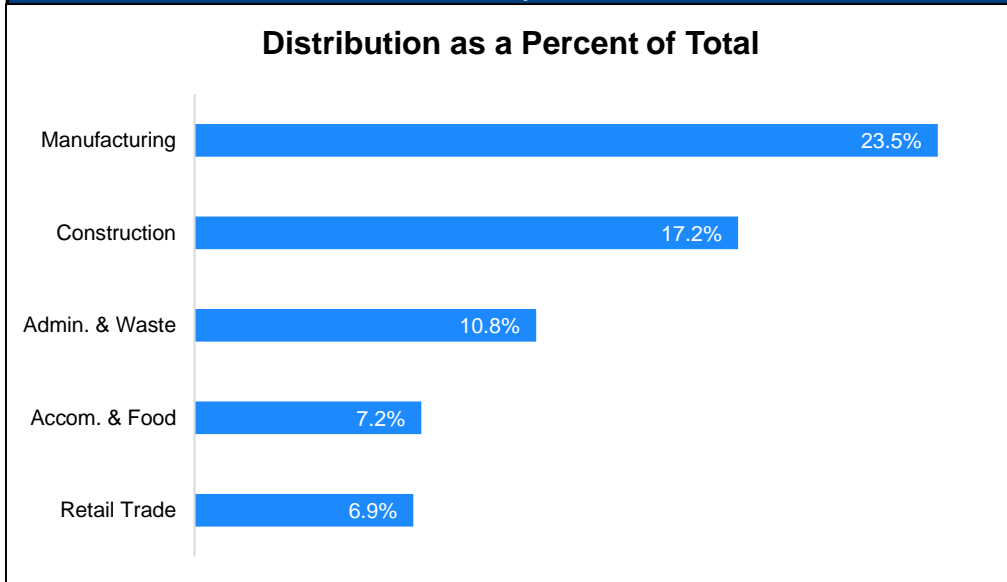
February 2021 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20
U.S.	160,008,000	149,522,000	10,486,000	6.6%	6.8%	3.8%
IN	3,300,855	3,144,768	156,087	4.7%	4.7%	3.4%
EGR 3	381,975	365,905	16,070	4.2%	4.1%	3.3%
Fort Wayne MSA	217,989	208,360	9,629	4.4%	4.5%	3.4%
Adams Co.	16,714	16,226	488	2.9%	2.7%	3.1%
Allen Co.	186,454	177,925	8,529	4.6%	4.7%	3.5%
DeKalb Co.	21,923	21,116	807	3.7%	3.5%	3.0%
Grant Co.	31,926	30,416	1,510	4.7%	4.7%	3.6%
Huntington Co.	18,211	17,382	829	4.6%	3.5%	3.3%
LaGrange Co.	19,014	18,463	551	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%
Noble Co.	22,056	21,115	941	4.3%	4.3%	3.1%
Steuben Co.	19,753	19,050	703	3.6%	3.6%	2.6%
Wabash Co.	14,389	13,777	612	4.3%	3.8%	3.3%
Wells Co.	14,165	13,670	495	3.5%	3.4%	3.0%
Whitley Co.	17,370	16,765	605	3.5%	3.4%	3.0%
Fort Wayne	129,793	123,392	6,401	4.9%	5.2%	3.6%
Marion	12,557	11,883	674	5.4%	5.9%	4.1%

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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 3 Industries February 2021



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 3 for February 2021				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

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 3

Initial Claims

02/06/21 - 1,872

02/13/21 - 1,692

02/20/21 - 1,414

02/27/21 - 1,479

Continued Claims

02/06/21 - 5,069

02/13/21 - 5,109

02/20/21 - 4,928

02/27/21 - 4,602

Total Claims

02/06/21 - 6,941

02/13/21 - 6,801

02/20/21 - 6,342

02/27/21 - 6,081

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

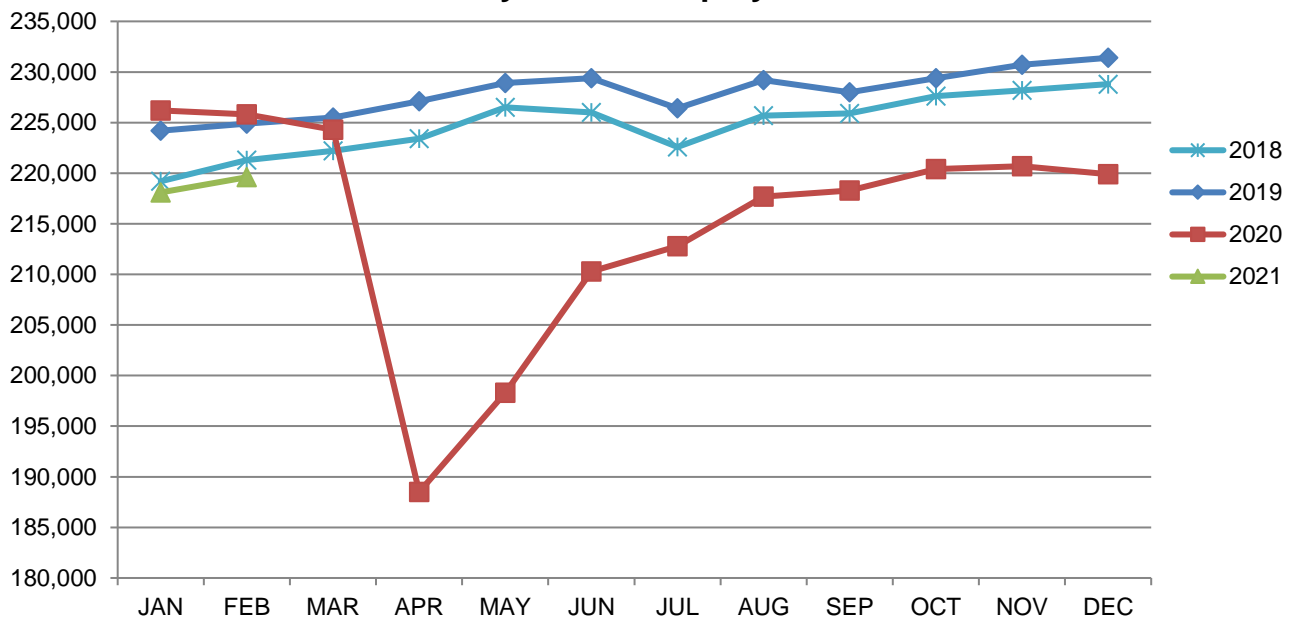
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Fort Wayne 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	219,600	218,100	225,800	1,500	0.7%	-6,200	-2.8%
Total Private	198,800	197,400	204,300	1,400	0.7%	-5,500	-2.7%
Goods Producing	47,100	47,500	48,500	-400	-0.8%	-1,400	-2.9%
Service Providing	172,500	170,600	177,300	1,900	1.1%	-4,800	-2.7%
Private Service Providing	151,700	149,900	155,800	1,800	1.2%	-4,100	-2.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,900	11,300	11,200	-400	-3.5%	-300	-2.7%
Total Manufacturing	36,200	36,200	37,300	0	0.0%	-1,100	-3.0%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	26,800	26,800	28,000	0	0.0%	-1,200	-4.3%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	8,000	8,000	7,900	0	0.0%	100	1.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	43,900	44,100	43,200	-200	-0.5%	700	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	10,200	10,200	10,500	0	0.0%	-300	-2.9%
Retail Trade	23,900	24,000	23,200	-100	-0.4%	700	3.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	9,800	9,900	9,500	-100	-1.0%	300	3.2%
Information	2,000	2,000	2,300	0	0.0%	-300	-13.0%
Financial Activities	11,900	12,000	12,200	-100	-0.8%	-300	-2.5%
Professional and Business Services	23,100	21,800	22,000	1,300	6.0%	1,100	5.0%
Education and Health Services	42,200	41,400	42,700	800	1.9%	-500	-1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	18,300	18,200	21,000	100	0.6%	-2,700	-12.9%
Other Services	10,300	10,400	12,400	-100	-1.0%	-2,100	-16.9%
Total Government	20,800	20,700	21,500	100	0.5%	-700	-3.3%
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.0%	-100	-4.4%
State Government	3,100	3,000	3,400	100	3.3%	-300	-8.8%
Local Government	15,500	15,500	15,800	0	0.0%	-300	-1.9%
Local Government Educational Services	9,000	9,000	9,200	0	0.0%	-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.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 3 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	Helpers--Production Workers
3	Manufacturing Production Technicians
4	Foundry Mold and Coremakers
5	Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
6	Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other
7	Personal Care Aides
8	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
9	Team Assemblers
10	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
11	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
12	Printing Press Operators
13	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
14	Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
15	Packers and Packagers, Hand
16	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
17	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
18	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
19	Home Health Aides
20	Registered Nurses

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	9,745
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	6,060
Helpers--Production Workers	4,058
Cashiers	2,607
Customer Service Representatives	2,442
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,189
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,954
Office Clerks, General	1,507
Packers and Packagers, Hand	1,451
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,339
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	1,337
Retail Salespersons	1,281
Managers, All Other	1,278
Nursing Assistants	1,243
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,231
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,212
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	1,148
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	1,127
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	1,041
Team Assemblers	966

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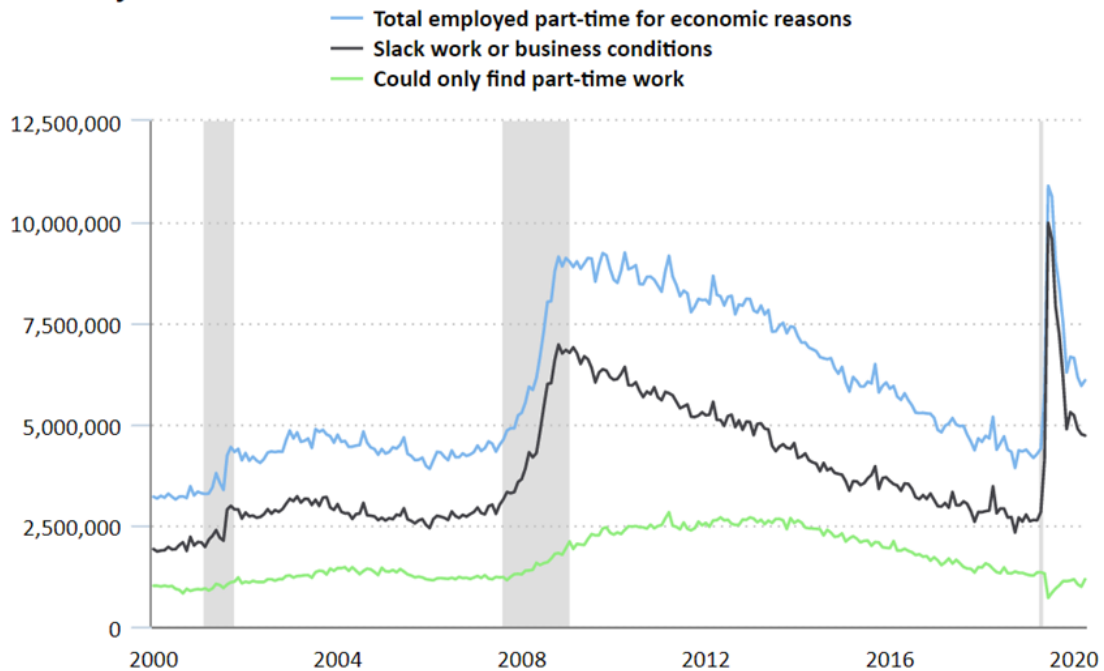
TED: The Economics Daily

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

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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.

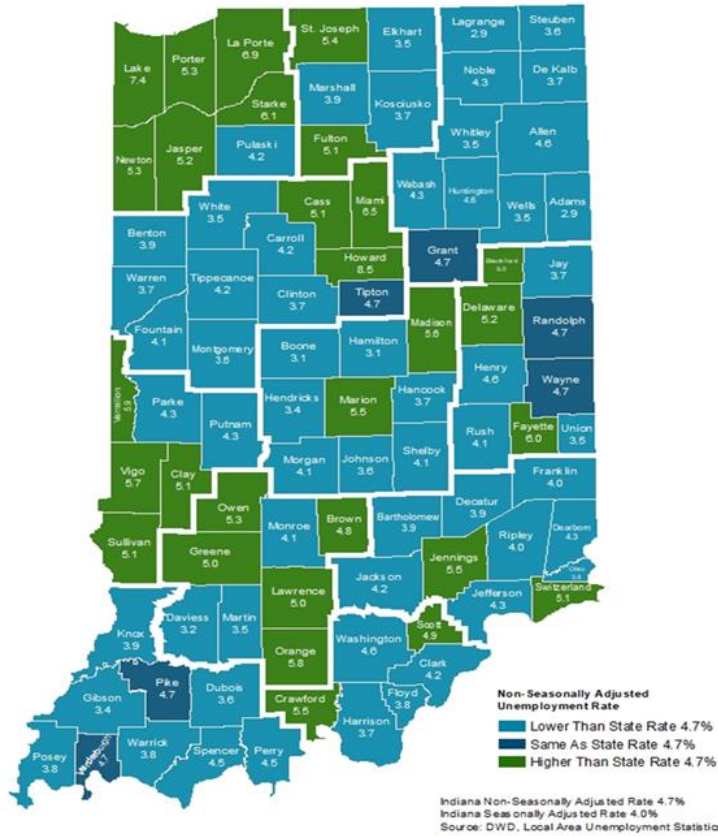
Number of people employed part time for economic reasons, January 2000 to February 2021



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.

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>

County Unemployment Rates February 2021



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