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Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for December 2017, Released February 2018

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in December in six states and the District of Columbia, higher in one state, and stable in 43 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-five states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, two states had increases, and 23 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate was unchanged from November at 4.1 percent but was 0.6 percentage point lower than in December 2016.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 10 states in December 2017, decreased in three states, and was essentially unchanged in 37 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, 25 states added nonfarm payroll jobs and 25 states and the District were essentially unchanged.

Hawaii had the lowest unemployment rate in December, 2.0 percent. The rates in California (4.3 percent), Hawaii (2.0 percent), and Mississippi (4.6 percent) set new series lows. (All state series begin in 1976.) Alaska had the highest jobless rate, 7.3 percent. In total, 16 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, nine states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

December 2017 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16
U.S.	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%
IN	3,268,341	3,167,884	100,457	3.1%	3.4%	4.0%
EGR 6	152,722	147,466	5,256	3.4%	3.9%	4.5%
Muncie MSA	53,853	51,849	2,004	3.7%	4.3%	4.7%
Blackford Co.	5,217	5,034	183	3.5%	3.8%	5.4%
Delaware Co.	53,853	51,849	2,004	3.7%	4.3%	4.7%
Fayette Co.	8,858	8,477	381	4.3%	4.9%	5.3%
Henry Co.	21,798	21,113	685	3.1%	3.4%	4.2%
Jay Co.	9,491	9,205	286	3.0%	3.4%	4.1%
Randolph Co.	11,332	10,923	409	3.6%	3.8%	4.4%
Rush Co.	8,756	8,514	242	2.8%	3.1%	3.6%
Union Co.	3,540	3,443	97	2.7%	3.0%	3.5%
Wayne Co.	29,877	28,908	969	3.2%	3.6%	4.4%
Connersville	4,504	4,291	213	4.7%	5.8%	6.4%
Muncie	31,202	29,980	1,222	3.9%	4.7%	5.0%
New Castle	7,535	7,288	247	3.3%	3.6%	4.3%
Richmond	14,562	14,030	532	3.7%	4.1%	4.5%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 01/18 | 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.

Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): December 2017

U.S. - 4.1%

Illinois - 4.8%

Indiana - 3.4%

Kentucky - 4.4%

Michigan - 4.7%

Ohio - 4.7%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): December 2017

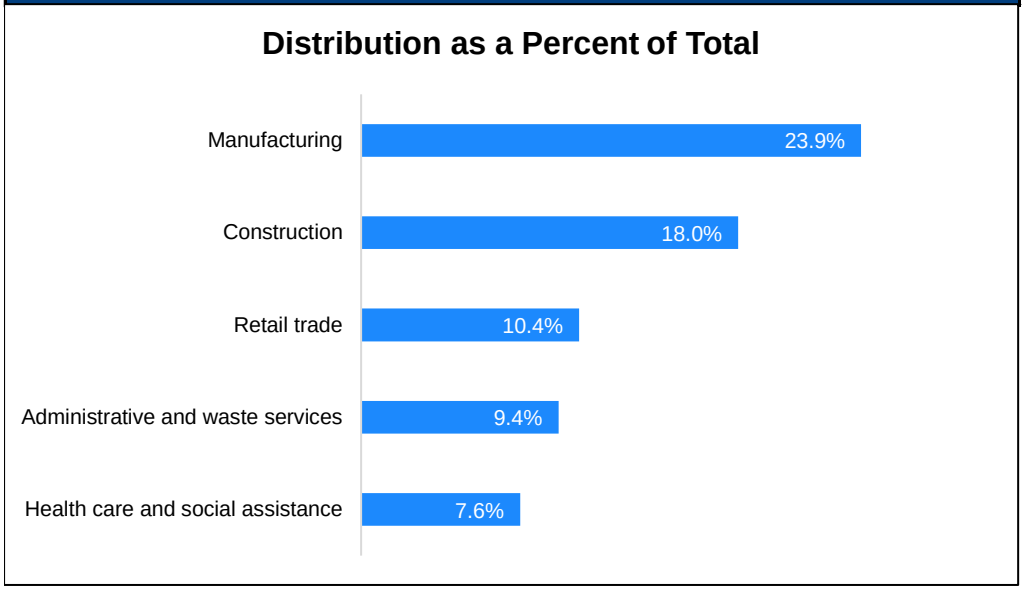
#4 - Fayette (4.3%)
#13 - Delaware (3.7%)
#20 - Randolph (3.6%)
#22 - Blackford (3.5%)
#40 - Wayne (3.2%)
#43 - Henry (3.1%)
#50 - Jay (3%)
#61 - Rush (2.8%)
#65 - Union (2.7%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to December 2017 from				
CPI Item	Dec-16	Nov-17	Dec-16	Nov-17
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	**2.1%**	**-0.1%**	**1.7%**	**-0.2%**
Food & Beverages	1.6%	0.1%	1.2%	-0.1%
Housing	2.9%	0.3%	2.4%	0.1%
Apparel	-1.6%	-3.8%	0.5%	-3.8%
Transportation	3.5%	-0.5%	2.5%	-0.9%
Medical Care	1.8%	0.1%	0.6%	0.1%
Recreation	1.5%	-0.1%	3.0%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	-1.7%	0.0%	-1.8%	0.3%
Other Goods & Services	2.0%	-0.1%	1.3%	-0.2%

*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 6 Industries December 2017



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 6 for December 2017				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
Janesville Acoustics	Richmond	Wayne	67	12/14/2017

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: December 2017

Region 6

Initial Claims

12/02/17 - 122(D)
12/09/17 - 128(D)
12/16/17 - 177(D)
12/23/17 - 186(D)
12/30/17 - 224(D)

Continued Claims

12/02/17 - 798
12/09/17 - 801
12/16/17 - 887
12/23/17 - 940
12/30/17 - 1,029

Total Claims

12/02/17 - 920
12/09/17 - 929
12/16/17 - 1,064
12/23/17 - 1,126
12/30/17 - 1,253

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

12/02/17 - 3,178
12/09/17 - 3,233
12/16/17 - 4,144
12/23/17 - 4,283
12/30/17 - 4,302

Continued Claims

12/02/17 - 13,896
12/09/17 - 14,678
12/16/17 - 16,298
12/23/17 - 16,983
12/30/17 - 18,864

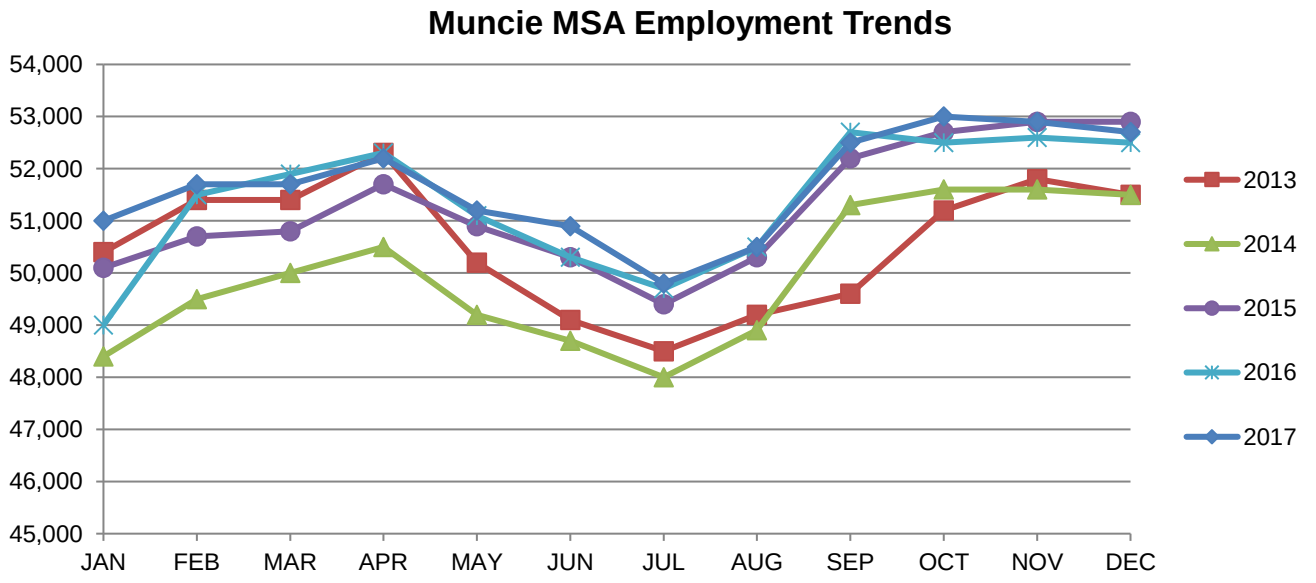
Total Claims

12/02/17 - 17,074
12/09/17 - 17,911
12/16/17 - 20,442
12/23/17 - 21,266
12/30/17 - 23,166

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Muncie MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	December 2017			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	Nov-17 to Dec-17		Dec-16 to Dec-17	
Total Nonfarm	**52,700**	**52,900**	**52,500**	**-200**	**-0.4%**	**200**	**0.4%**
Total Private	**38,800**	**39,100**	**38,600**	**-300**	**-0.8%**	**200**	**0.5%**
Goods Producing	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	0.0%	200	3.5%
Service-Providing	46,700	46,900	46,700	-200	-0.4%	0	0.0%
Private Service Providing	32,800	33,100	32,800	-300	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	100	6.7%
Manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	0.0%	100	2.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	9,300	9,300	9,700	0	0.0%	-400	-4.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	0.0%	-300	-4.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	0.0%	-100	-6.3%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	13,900	13,800	13,900	100	0.7%	0	0.0%
State Government	9,300	9,400	9,200	-100	-1.1%	100	1.1%
State Government Educational Services	9,100	9,200	9,000	-100	-1.1%	100	1.1%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,800	3,700	3,800	100	2.7%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,300	2,200	2,300	100	4.6%	0	0.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & 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.

Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 job listings in Region 6 in the past month

Rank	Occupations
1	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
2	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines
3	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers
4	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
5	Nursery Workers
6	Agricultural Equipment Operators
7	Automotive Master Mechanics
8	Amusement and Recreation Attendants
9	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
10	Production Workers, All Other
11	Customer Service Representatives
12	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
13	Material Moving Workers, All Other
14	Therapists, All Other
15	Chief Executives
16	Information Technology Project Managers
17	Registered Nurses
18	Retail Salespersons
19	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
20	Social and Human Service Assistants

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	1,654
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	1,150
Helpers--Production Workers	657
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	500
Customer Service Representatives	461
Cashiers	438
Team Assemblers	357
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	289
Office Clerks, General	279
Nursing Assistants	254
Managers, All Other	233
Construction Laborers	233
Extraction Workers, All Other	230
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	218
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	217
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	205
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	201
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	200
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	196
Packers and Packagers, Hand	186

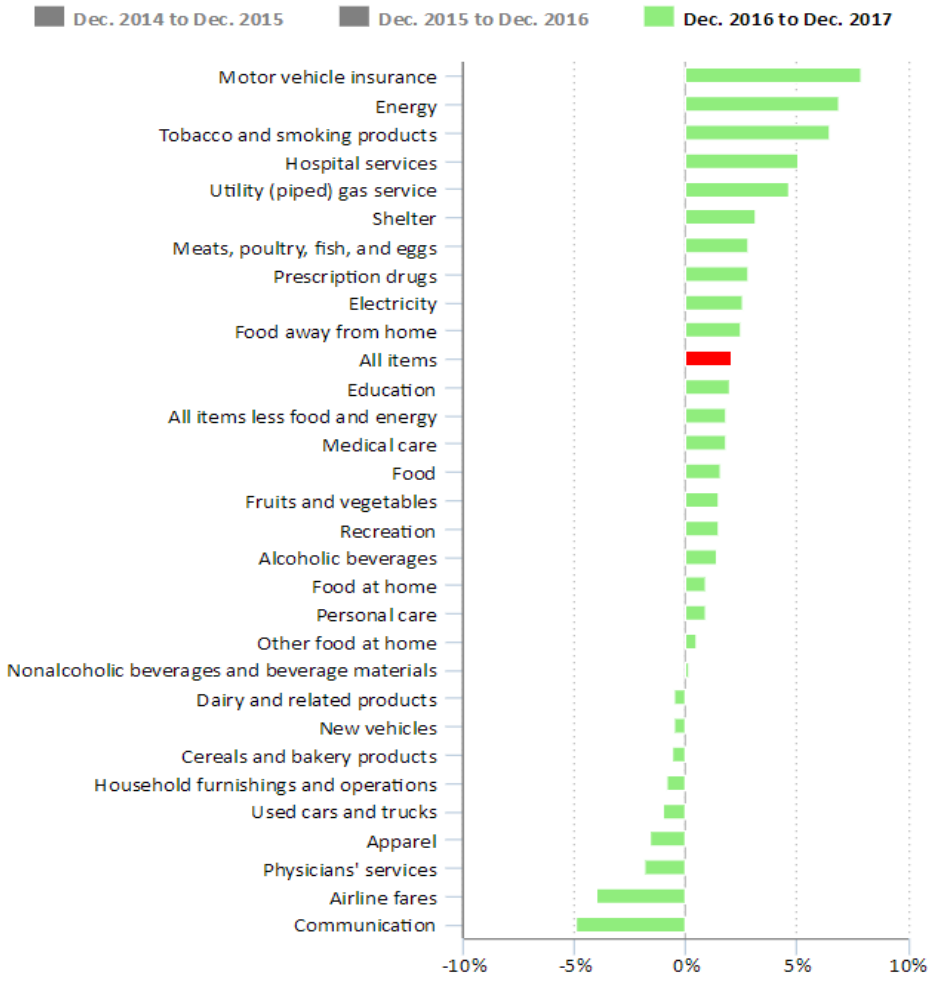
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Consumer Price Index: 2017 in Review

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

From December 2016 to December 2017, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 2.1 percent. Over the same 12-month period the previous year, the index also increased 2.1 percent, following a 0.7-percent increase from December 2014 to December 2015.

12-month percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, selected items, not seasonally adjusted



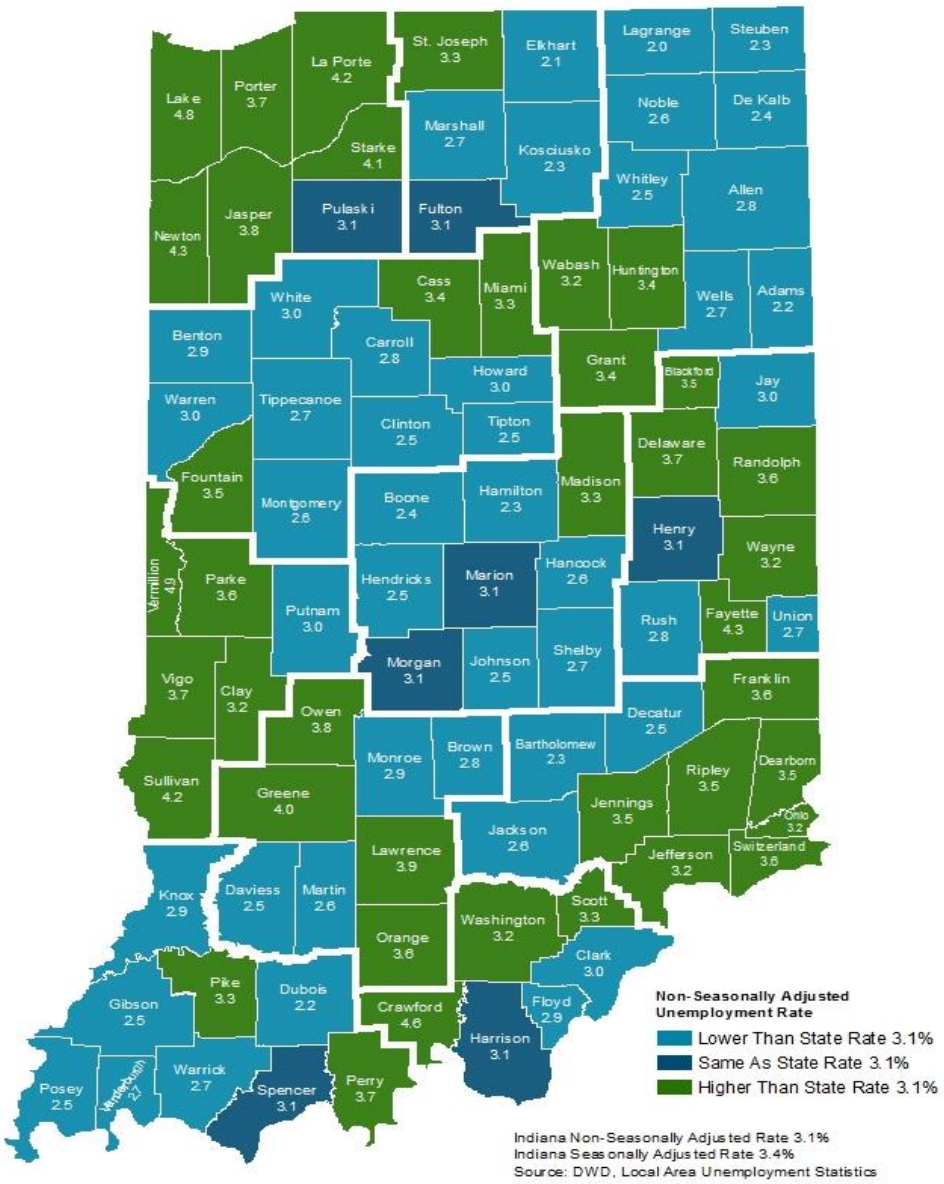
The food index increased 1.6 percent from December 2016 to December 2017. Over the same period a year earlier, the food index declined 0.2 percent. The index for food at home rose 0.9 percent over the December 2016–December 2017 period, after falling over the same period the previous year.

Over the year ending December 2017, the energy index rose 6.9 percent, after a 5.4-percent increase over the same period in 2016. The gasoline index increased 10.7 percent from December 2016 to December 2017, following a 9.1-percent increase over the same period a year earlier. In December 2017, the index for natural gas increased for the second straight year, rising 4.7 percent, after increasing 7.8 percent from December 2016 to December 2017. Over the year ending December 2017, the electricity index increased 2.6 percent after rising 0.7 percent over the same period the previous year.

The medical care index increased 1.8 percent from December 2016 to December 2017, a substantial deceleration from its 4.1-percent increase over the same period a year earlier. From December 2016 to December 2017, the index for prescription drugs rose 2.8 percent, hospital services rose 5.1 percent, and the physicians' services index declined 1.8 percent.

These data are from the Consumer Price Index program and are not seasonally adjusted. For more information, see "Consumer Price Index — December 2017." Also see Charts related to the latest "U.S. Consumer Price Index" news release.

County Unemployment Rates
December 2017



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.1%
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.4%
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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