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## February 2019 Labor Market Review

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# Economic Growth Region 6

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) 6

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

#11 - Fayette (5.1%)

#13 - Randolph (5%)

#15 - Blackford (4.8%)

#19 - Delaware (4.7%)

#40 - Henry (4.3%)

#43 - Union (4.3%)

#44 - Wayne (4.3%)

#53 - Jay (4%)

#72 - Rush (3.5%)

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

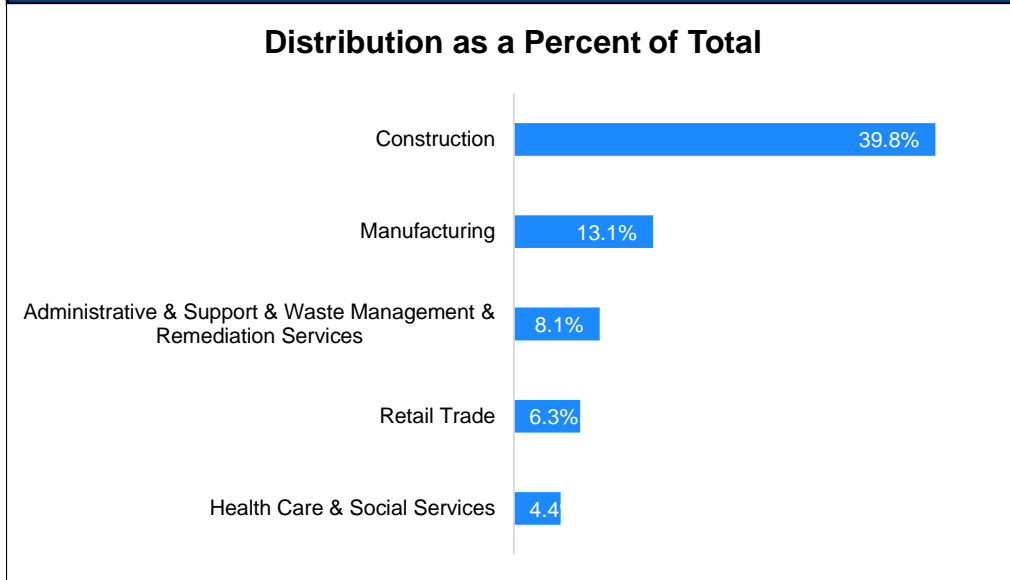
February 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18
U.S.	162,793,000	156,167,000	6,625,000	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%
IN	3,412,936	3,273,406	139,530	4.1%	4.1%	3.8%
EGR 6	158,516	151,389	7,127	4.5%	4.5%	4.2%
Muncie MSA	55,349	52,744	2,605	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%
Blackford Co.	5,435	5,175	260	4.8%	5.0%	4.6%
Delaware Co.	55,349	52,744	2,605	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%
Fayette Co.	9,282	8,805	477	5.1%	5.3%	4.9%
Henry Co.	22,593	21,616	977	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%
Jay Co.	9,814	9,422	392	4.0%	4.0%	3.8%
Randolph Co.	11,466	10,894	572	5.0%	4.7%	4.7%
Rush Co.	9,067	8,747	320	3.5%	3.6%	3.2%
Union Co.	3,729	3,567	162	4.3%	4.0%	3.5%
Wayne Co.	31,781	30,419	1,362	4.3%	4.3%	3.8%
Connersville	4,724	4,451	273	5.8%	6.0%	5.1%
Muncie	31,882	30,295	1,587	5.0%	5.0%	4.7%
New Castle	7,754	7,424	330	4.3%	4.0%	4.0%
Richmond	15,473	14,779	694	4.5%	4.6%	3.8%

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 6 Industries February 2019



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 6 for February 2019				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
Matthews International Corporation	Richmond	Wayne	122	2/27/2019

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 6

#### Initial Claims

02/02/19 - 137(D)

02/09/19 - 93(D)

02/16/19 - 100(D)

02/23/19 - 74(D)

#### Continued Claims

02/02/19 - 1,160

02/09/19 - 1,149

02/16/19 - 1,125

02/23/19 - 1,043

#### Total Claims

02/02/19 - 1,297

02/09/19 - 1,242

02/16/19 - 1,225

02/23/19 - 1,117

### 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

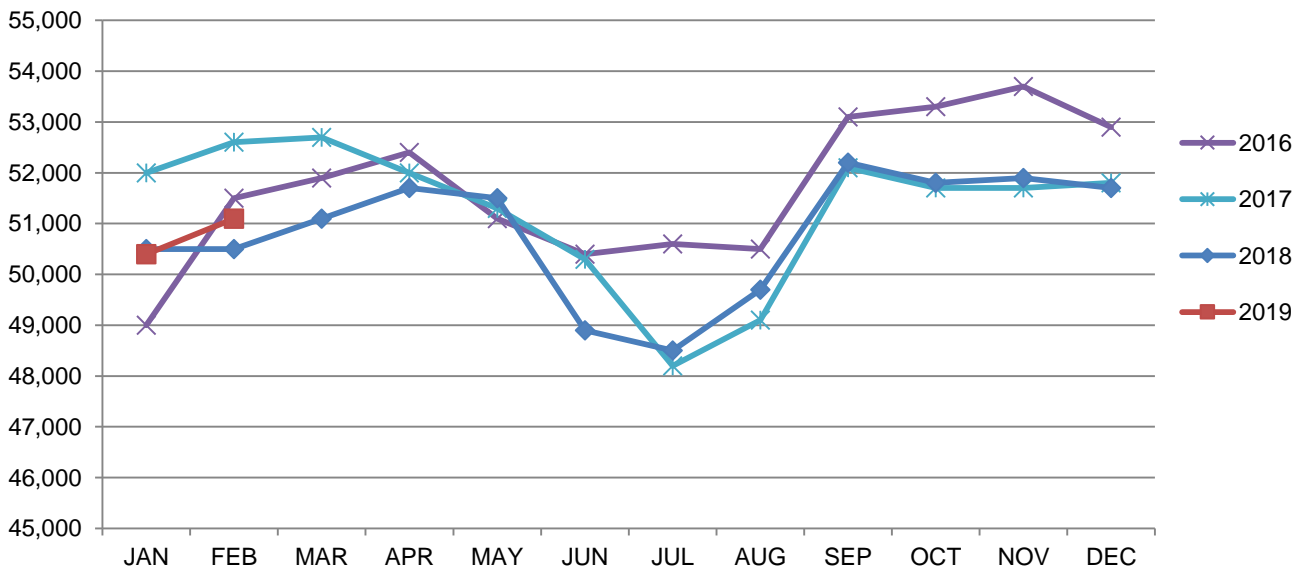
02/23/19 - 21,257

(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	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>51,100</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>50,500</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>38,100</b>	<b>37,800</b>	<b>37,600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Goods Producing	5,600	5,700	5,700	-100	-1.8%	-100	-1.8%
Service-Providing	45,500	44,700	44,800	800	1.8%	700	1.6%
Private Service Providing	32,500	32,100	31,900	400	1.3%	600	1.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-6.7%	-100	-6.7%
Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,600	8,500	8,600	100	1.2%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,100	0	0.0%	-100	-9.1%
Retail Trade	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,400	1,300	1,300	100	7.7%	100	7.7%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.0%	-100	-4.4%
Education and Health Services	9,400	9,300	9,100	100	1.1%	300	3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	0.0%	100	2.0%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	13,000	12,600	12,900	400	3.2%	100	0.8%
State Government	9,000	8,700	9,000	300	3.5%	0	0.0%
State Government Educational Services	8,800	8,500	8,800	300	3.5%	0	0.0%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,700	3,600	3,600	100	2.8%	100	2.8%
Local Government Educational Services	2,200	2,100	2,100	100	4.8%	100	4.8%
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

### Muncie 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 in Region 6 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Registered Nurses
2	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
3	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
4	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
5	Production Workers, All Other
6	Customer Service Representatives
7	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
8	Nursing Assistants
9	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
10	Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
11	Child, Family, and School Social Workers
12	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School
13	Public Relations Specialists
14	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
15	Construction and Building Inspectors
16	Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors
17	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary
18	Chief Executives
19	City and Regional Planning Aides
20	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers

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	593
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	435
Team Assemblers	379
Nursing Assistants	278
Helpers--Production Workers	264
Customer Service Representatives	222
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	212
Waiters and Waitresses	175
Cashiers	167
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	161
Office Clerks, General	129
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	107
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	102
Team Assemblers	98
Nursing Assistants	97
Managers, All Other	94
Construction Laborers	87
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	86
Retail Salespersons	85
Receptionists and Information Clerks	84

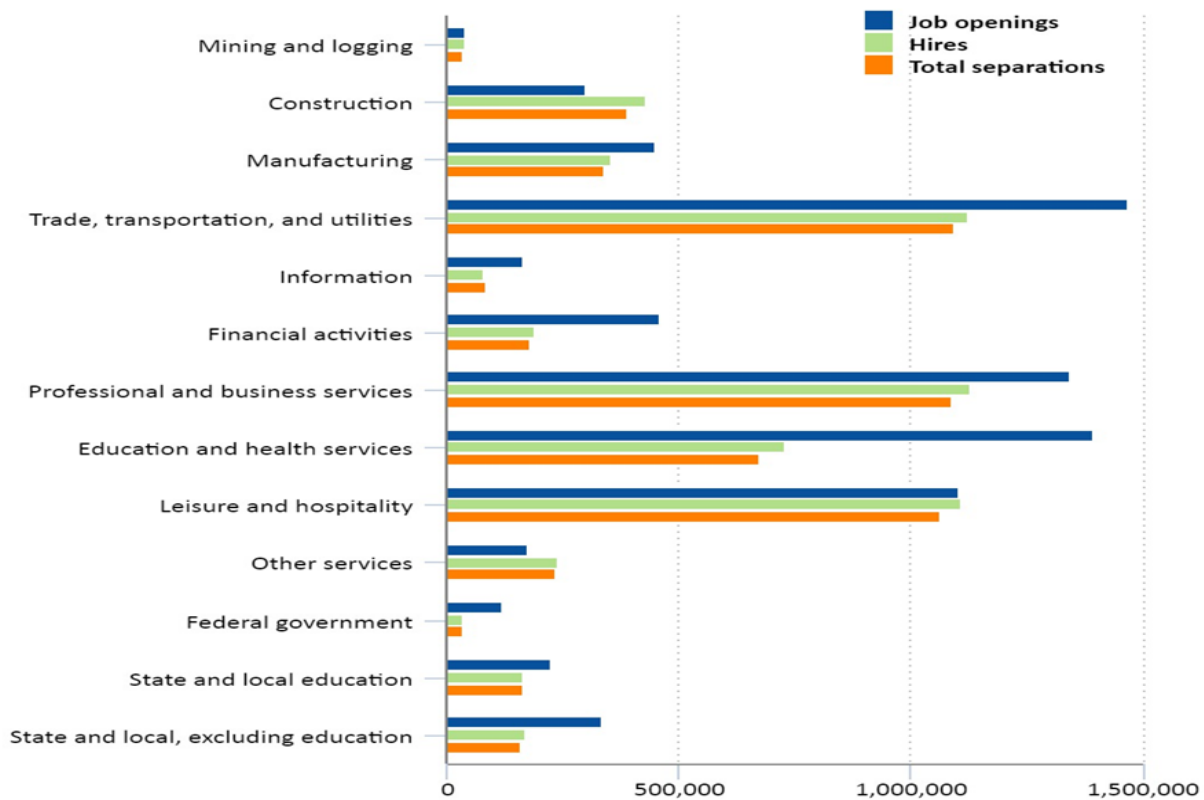
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# The Economics Daily

## 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**



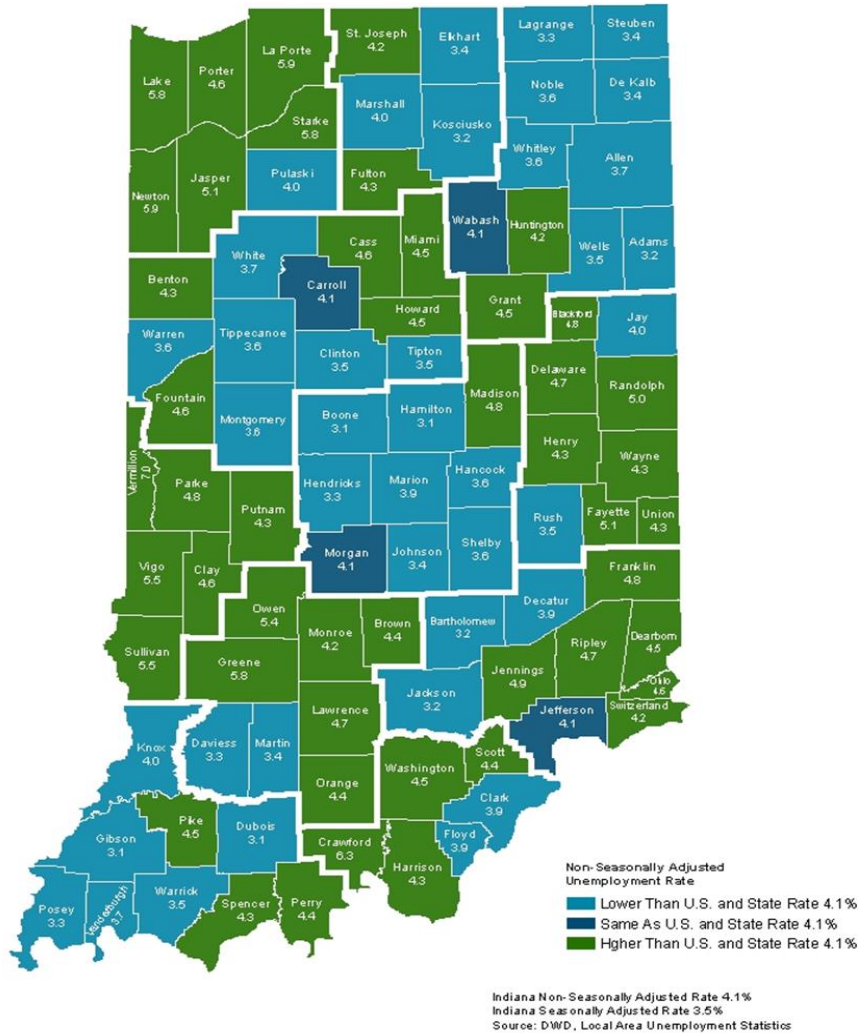
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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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