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Economic Growth Region 7

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 points 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.

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.

The largest job gains occurred in California (+141,000), Michigan (+63,500), and Washington (+28,700). The largest percentage increase occurred in Michigan (+1.6 percent), followed by California, New Mexico, and Washington (+0.9 percent each). Employment decreased in Missouri (-11,600, or -0.4 percent), Oklahoma (-10,700, or -0.7 percent), and Mississippi (-7,000, or -0.6 percent).



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 7

Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo 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

- #7 - Vermillion (5.9%)
- #9 - Vigo (5.7%)
- #21 - Clay (5.1%)
- #23 - Sullivan (5.1%)
- #45 - Parke (4.3%)
- #46 - Putnam (4.3%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, 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 7	93,134	88,262	4,872	5.2%	5.2%	4.3%
Terre Haute MSA	70,228	66,342	3,886	5.5%	5.5%	4.5%
Clay Co.	11,254	10,679	575	5.1%	5.4%	3.9%
Parke Co.	6,649	6,362	287	4.3%	4.0%	3.9%
Putnam Co.	16,257	15,558	699	4.3%	4.5%	3.4%
Sullivan Co.	7,712	7,315	397	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%
Vermillion Co.	6,452	6,072	380	5.9%	5.4%	5.7%
Vigo Co.	44,810	42,276	2,534	5.7%	5.6%	4.4%
Terre Haute	23,491	22,089	1,402	6.0%	6.3%	5.0%

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

Unemployment Claims: February 2021

Region 7

Initial Claims

02/06/21 - 586
02/13/21 - 464
02/20/21 - 403
02/27/21 - 391

Continued Claims

02/06/21 - 1,897
02/13/21 - 1,681
02/20/21 - 1,722
02/27/21 - 1,810

Total Claims

02/06/21 - 2,483
02/13/21 - 2,145
02/20/21 - 2,125
02/27/21 - 2,201

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

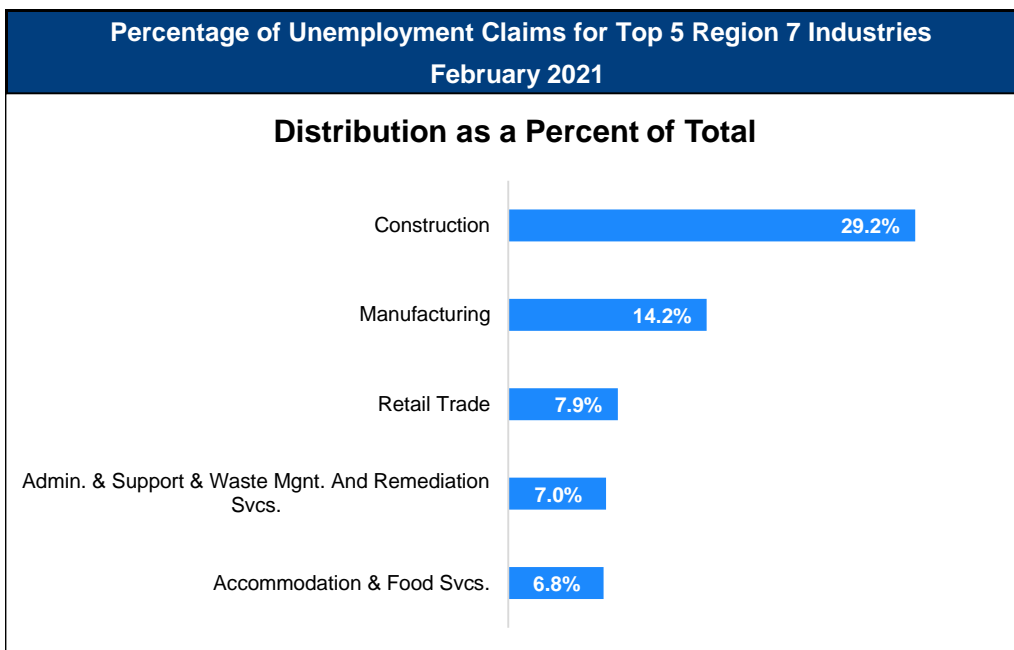
Continued Claims

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

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



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WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 7 for February 2021				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

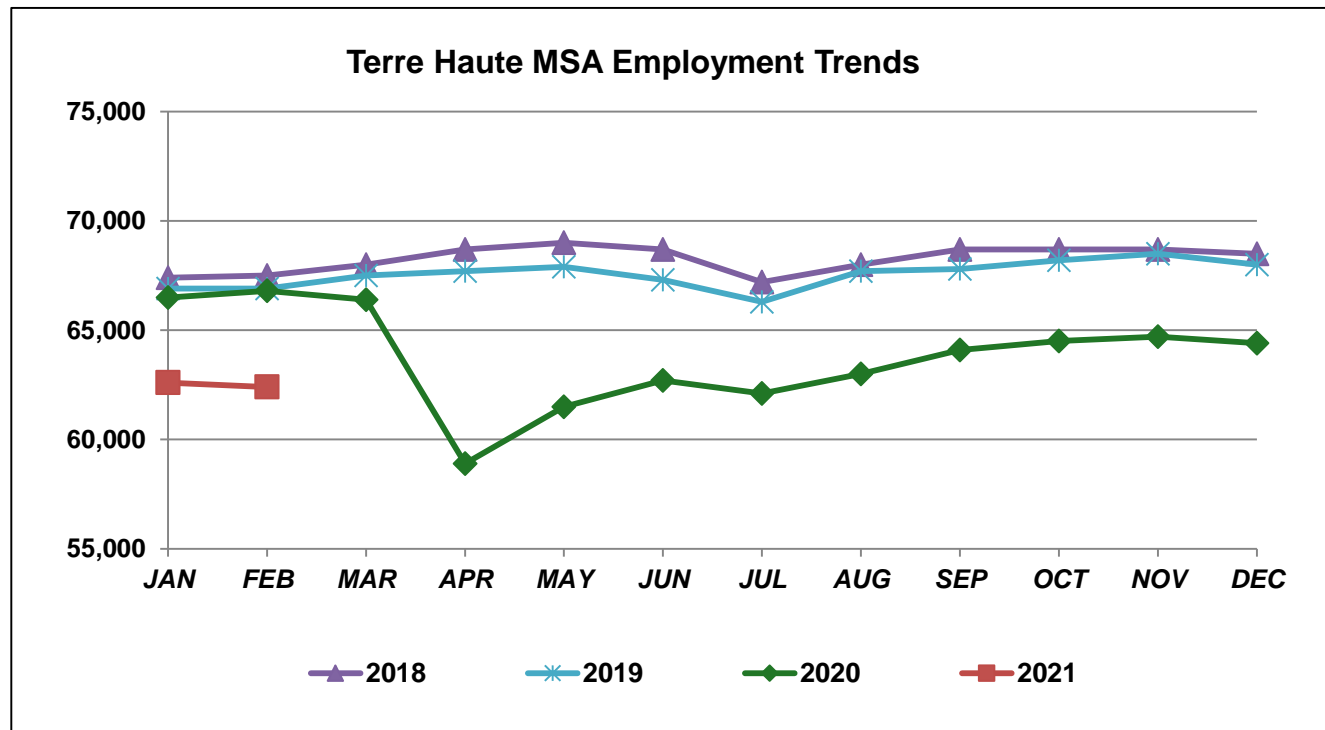
There are no WARN Notices for February 2021 for EGR 7.

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>

Terre Haute 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	62,400	62,600	66,800	-200	-0.3%	-4,400	-6.6%
Total Private	51,400	51,600	55,200	-200	-0.4%	-3,800	-6.9%
Goods Producing	11,700	11,800	13,100	-100	-0.9%	-1,400	-10.7%
Service-Providing	50,700	50,800	53,700	-100	-0.2%	-3,000	-5.6%
Private Service Providing	39,700	39,800	42,100	-100	-0.3%	-2,400	-5.7%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,200	3,300	3,500	-100	-3.0%	-300	-8.6%
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	9,600	0	0.0%	-1,100	-11.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,300	12,500	12,400	-200	-1.6%	-100	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,200	8,300	8,400	-100	-1.2%	-200	-2.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,500	2,600	2,400	-100	-3.9%	100	4.2%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,900	3,800	4,300	100	2.6%	-400	-9.3%
Education and Health Services	11,800	11,800	12,200	0	0.0%	-400	-3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	6,400	6,500	7,600	-100	-1.5%	-1,200	-15.8%
Other Services	2,400	2,300	2,700	100	4.4%	-300	-11.1%
Total Government	11,000	11,000	11,600	0	0.0%	-600	-5.2%
Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	3,300	3,300	3,500	0	0.0%	-200	-5.7%
Local Government	6,500	6,500	6,900	0	0.0%	-400	-5.8%
Local Government Educational Services	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	0.0%	-200	-5.6%

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 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 in Region 7 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Food Processing Workers, All Other
2	Registered Nurses
3	Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
4	Personal Care Aides
5	Production Workers, All Other
6	Nursing Assistants
7	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
8	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
9	Home Health Aides
10	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
11	Respiratory Therapists
12	Agricultural Equipment Operators
13	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
14	Food Preparation Workers
15	Helpers--Production Workers
16	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians
17	Critical Care Nurses
18	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
19	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
20	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners

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	1,177
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	935
Helpers--Production Workers	891
Cashiers	754
Customer Service Representatives	593
Nursing Assistants	484
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	453
Office Clerks, General	358
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	329
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	319
Retail Salespersons	307
Managers, All Other	306
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	292
Waiters and Waitresses	288
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	281
Construction Laborers	276
Receptionists and Information Clerks	260
Carpenters	247
Packers and Packagers, Hand	243
Food Preparation Workers	241

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

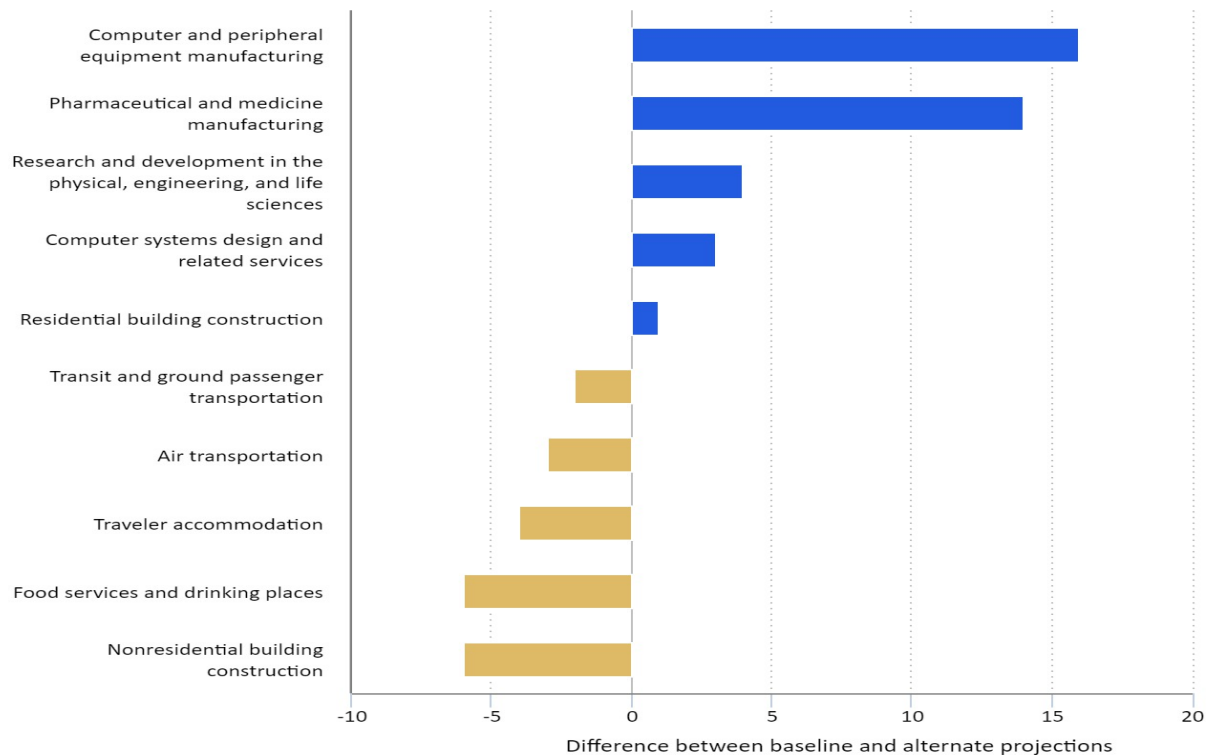
Effects of the pandemic on projected employment in selected industries, 2019–29

For nearly a year, the COVID–19 pandemic has altered the employment landscape. Which industries might continue to see its impact over the coming decade?

The chart answers that question with data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data show the potential effects of the pandemic on employment through 2029, with each bar in the chart representing the difference between an industry’s baseline (pre-pandemic) and alternate (pandemic-related) rates of employment change.

Chart. Selected industries affected by the pandemic

Difference between baseline and alternate percent changes in employment, projected 2019–29 [1]



[1] These alternate projections assume that the pandemic will have a moderate impact on employment over the 2019–29 decade. BLS has another set of projections that assume that the pandemic will have a strong impact.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections.



BLS developed alternate projections scenarios to analyze how pandemic-related circumstances are expected to affect long-term employment. These alternate projections assume that the pandemic creates structural changes to the future job market in some industries. As data in the chart suggest, for example, the continued need for medical treatments and vaccines may spur demand for workers in pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing, while a greater prevalence of telework may negatively affect employment in office building construction.

The data in the chart are based on the moderate-impact scenario. The alternate sets of projections are not intended as precise estimates of employment change over the 2019–29 decade; instead, they identify industries in which employment is subject to the most pandemic-related uncertainty.

More information about the [alternate projections](#), including the scenario that assumes a strong impact, is available from the [Employment Projections](#) program.

Elka Torpey, "Effects of the pandemic on projected employment in selected industries, 2019–29," *Career Outlook*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 2021.

County Unemployment Rates February 2021



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