



# Economic Growth Region 8

Statistical Data Report for February 2015, Released April 2015

## Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in February. Twenty-six states had unemployment rate decreases from January, six states and the District of Columbia had increases, and 18 states had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Forty-six states had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, four states had increases, and the District of Columbia had no change. The national jobless rate edged down to 5.5 percent from January and was 1.2 percentage points lower than in February 2014.



### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 8

Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen Counties

### February Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb 2015 Rate	Jan 2015 Rate	Feb 2014 Rate
U.S.	156,213,000	147,118,000	9,095,000	5.8%	6.1%	7.0%
IN	3,221,180	3,023,483	197,697	6.1%	6.7%	6.9%
EGR 8	149,341	139,528	9,813	6.6%	7.2%	7.7%
Bloomington MSA	77,756	73,113	4,643	6.0%	6.7%	6.9%
Brown Co.	7,445	6,941	504	6.8%	7.6%	7.7%
Daviess Co.	15,652	14,916	736	4.7%	5.0%	5.1%
Greene Co.	13,978	12,776	1,202	8.6%	9.2%	9.8%
Lawrence Co.	20,632	18,872	1,760	8.5%	8.9%	10.6%
Martin Co.	5,009	4,736	273	5.5%	6.0%	6.3%
Monroe Co.	67,957	64,104	3,853	5.7%	6.4%	6.4%
Orange Co.	8,869	8,174	695	7.8%	8.5%	9.3%
Owen Co.	9,799	9,009	790	8.1%	9.0%	10.1%
Bloomington	37,341	35,245	2,096	5.6%	6.5%	6.1%

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

### Unemployment Rates by State, Feb 2015

(seasonally adjusted)

U.S. -5.5%  
 Illinois -6.0%  
**Indiana -5.9%**  
 Kentucky -5.2%  
 Michigan -5.9%  
 Ohio -5.1%

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

### Unemployment Rank by County, Feb 2015

(high to low)

#3 Greene 8.6%  
 #5 Lawrence 8.5%  
 #9 Owen 8.1%  
 #14 Orange 7.8%  
 #28 Brown 6.8%  
 #55 Monroe 5.7%  
 #59 Martin 5.5%  
 #89 Daviess 4.7%

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

**Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change),  
Unadjusted Percent Change to Feb 2015 from:**

CPI Item	Feb-14	Jan-15	Feb-14	Jan-15
	<b>Midwest Region*</b>		<b>U.S. City</b>	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.5%	-0.1%	2.8%	0.1%
Housing	1.4%	-0.1%	2.2%	0.2%
Apparel	-2.7%	0.3%	-0.8%	1.6%
Transportation	-10.0%	2.9%	-9.7%	1.6%
Medical Care	2.3%	-0.3%	2.3%	0.4%
Recreation	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.1%	0.3%
Education & Communication	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	1.2%	-0.1%	1.5%	-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

**Unemployment  
Claims, Feb 2015**

**Economic Growth  
Region (EGR) 8**

**Initial Claims**

Feb 7, 2015- 203(D)  
Feb 14, 2015- 187(D)  
Feb 21, 2015- 345(D)  
Feb 28, 2015- 372

**Continued Claims**

Feb 7, 2015- 2,189  
Feb 14, 2015- 1,970  
Feb 21, 2015- 2,218  
Feb 28, 2015- 2,410

**Total Claims\***

Feb 7, 2015- 2,392  
Feb 14, 2015- 2,157  
Feb 21, 2015- 2,563  
Feb 28, 2015- 2,782

(D)Indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status.

**State of Indiana**

**Initial Claims**

Feb 7, 2015- 4,294  
Feb 14, 2015- 3,944  
Feb 21, 2015- 4,742  
Feb 28, 2015- 4,655

**Continued Claims**

Feb 7, 2015- 36,940  
Feb 14, 2015- 36,053  
Feb 21, 2015- 36,856  
Feb 28, 2015- 36,477

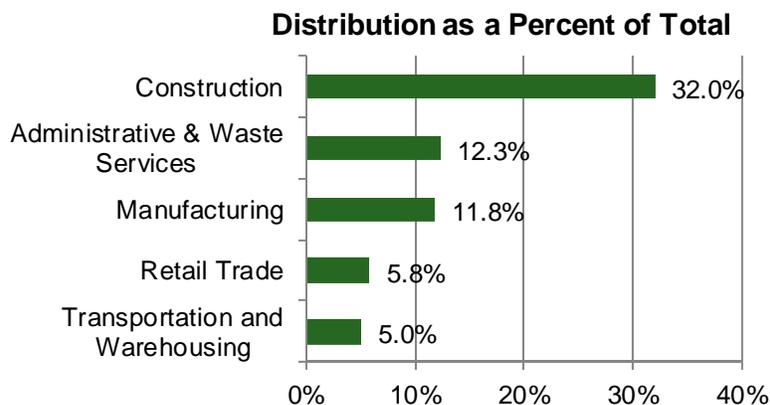
**Total Claims\***

Feb 7, 2015- 41,234  
Feb 14, 2015- 39,997  
Feb 21, 2015- 41,598  
Feb 28, 2015- 41,132

\*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) Claims data are updated weekly, including revisions to claims counts for the preceding four weeks.

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

**Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Region 8  
Industries, February 2015**



Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

**WARN Notices**

**WARN Notices for Region 8- Feb 2015**

Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
ModusLink Global Solutions	Bloomington	Monroe	320	2/20/2015
Hartmann USA, Inc	Bloomington	Monroe	49	2/23/2015

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Bloomington MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2015				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry							
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>77,100</b>	<b>75,200</b>	<b>75,200</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Total Private Employment	51,100	50,700	49,600	400	0.8%	1,500	3.0%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
---Mining, Logging and Construction	2,100	2,000	2,000	100	5.0%	100	5.0%
---Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	8,100	-100	-1.2%	400	4.9%
Durable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,100	0	0.0%	600	11.8%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>66,500</b>	<b>64,600</b>	<b>65,100</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
Private Service Providing	40,500	40,100	39,500	400	1.0%	1,000	2.5%
---Trade, Transportation and Utilities	10,600	10,800	10,300	-200	-1.9%	300	2.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	7,600	7,800	7,400	-200	-2.6%	200	2.7%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.0%	100	7.7%
---Information	1,400	1,400	1,200	0	0.0%	200	16.7%
---Financial Activities	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	0.0%	200	7.7%
---Professional and Business Services	4,100	4,000	4,400	100	2.5%	-300	-6.8%
---Education and Health Services	9,800	9,800	10,100	0	0.0%	-300	-3.0%
---Leisure and Hospitality	9,000	8,600	8,100	400	4.7%	900	11.1%
---Other Services	2,800	2,700	2,800	100	3.7%	0	0.0%
<b>Government</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>25,600</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
---Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	20,600	19,200	20,100	1,400	7.3%	500	2.5%
---Local Government	5,100	5,000	5,200	100	2.0%	-100	-1.9%
Local Government Educational Services	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	0.0%	-100	-3.9%

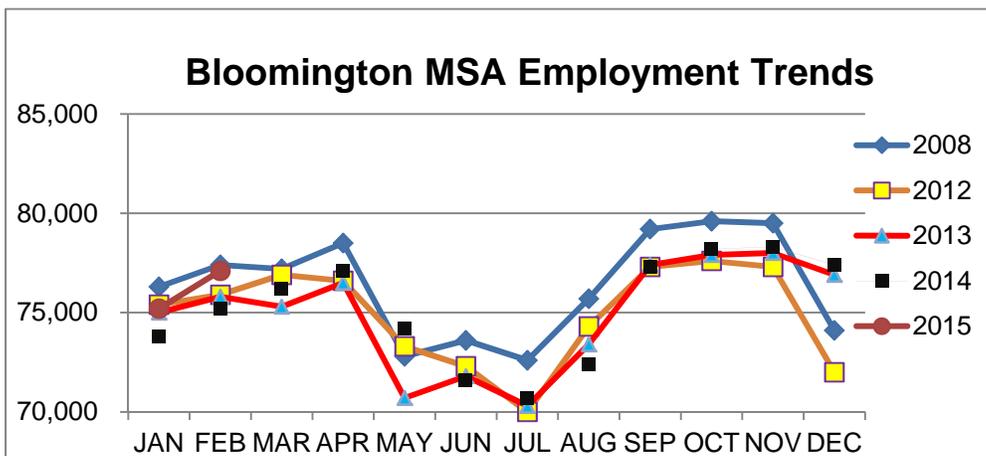
Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

## Applicant Pool

Top 20 Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on Their Resumes in the Past 12 Months in Region 8

- 1 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other-151
- 2 Administrative Services Managers-121
- 3 Customer Service Representatives-120
- 4 Office Clerks, General-110
- 5 Cashiers-107
- 6 Production Workers, All Other-100
- 7 Managers, All Other-89
- 8 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants-71
- 9 Helpers--Production Workers-66
- 10 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand-65
- 11 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive-60
- 12 Receptionists and Information Clerks-59
- 13 Construction Laborers-53
- 14 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other-52
- 15 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks-50
- 16 Retail Salespersons-49
- 17 Nursing Assistants-47
- 18 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General-43
- 19 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers-42
- 20 Construction and Related Workers, All Other-41

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



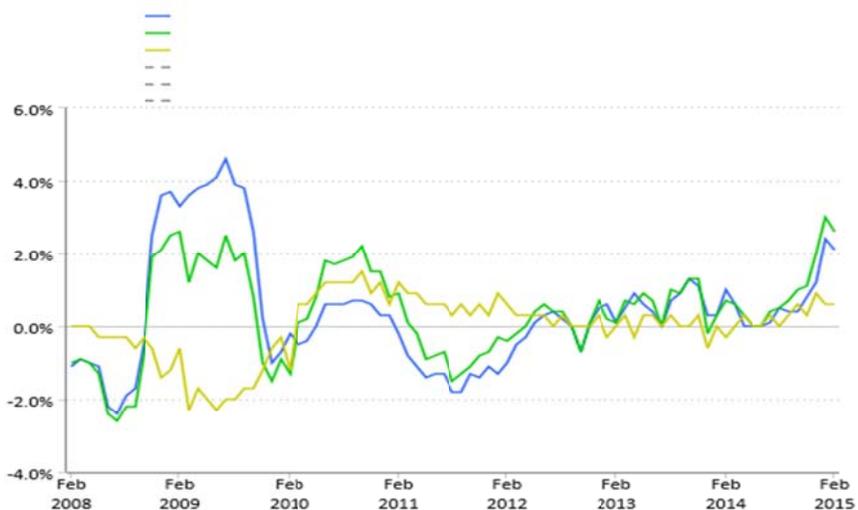
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## Real Average Hourly Earnings Rise 2.1 Percent From February 2014 To February 2015

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Real average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased 2.1 percent, seasonally adjusted, from February 2014 to February 2015. This increase, combined with a 0.6-percent increase in the average workweek, resulted in a 2.6-percent increase in real average weekly earnings over the year.

Over-the-year percent change in real average hourly and weekly earnings and average weekly hours, seasonally adjusted, February 2008 to February 2015



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For production and nonsupervisory employees, real average hourly earnings increased 2.3 percent from February 2014 to February 2015. The increase in real average hourly earnings, combined with a 0.9-percent increase in the average workweek, resulted in a 3.2-percent increase in real average weekly earnings over the year.

These data are from the Current Employment Statistics program. For more information, see "Real Earnings — February 2015". The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers is used to adjust earnings for all employees for inflation. The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers is used to adjust earnings for production and nonsupervisory employees for inflation. Both price indexes are from the Consumer Price Index program.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, Real average hourly earnings rise 2.1 percent from February 2014 to February 2015 on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2015/real-average-hourly-earnings-rise-from-february-2014-to-february-2015.htm>

## Frequently Listed Jobs

### Top 20 Job listings by number of openings Region 8 Feb 2015

- 1 Team Assemblers
- 2 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer
- 3 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
- 4 Home Health Aides
- 5 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
- 6 Stock Clerks, Sales Floor
- 7 Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
- 8 Registered Nurses
- 9 Helpers--Production Workers
- 10 Customer Service Representatives
- 11 Personal Care Aides
- 12 Manufacturing Production Technicians
- 13 Security Guards
- 14 Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
- 15 Maintenance Workers, Machinery
- 16 Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
- 17 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
- 18 Medical Assistants
- 19 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
- 20 Childcare Workers

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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## Questions?

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