



Economic Growth Region 9

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.

In February, the Midwest had the lowest regional unemployment rate, 5.1 percent, while the West had the highest rate, 6.1 percent. Over the month, three regions had statistically significant unemployment changes: the West (-0.2 percentage point) and Midwest and South (-0.1 point each). Significant over-the-year rate decreases occurred in all four regions: the Midwest (-1.3 percentage points), West (-1.1 points), Northeast (-1.0 point), and South (-0.9 point).



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Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

Unemployment Rates by State, February 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, February 2015 (high to low)

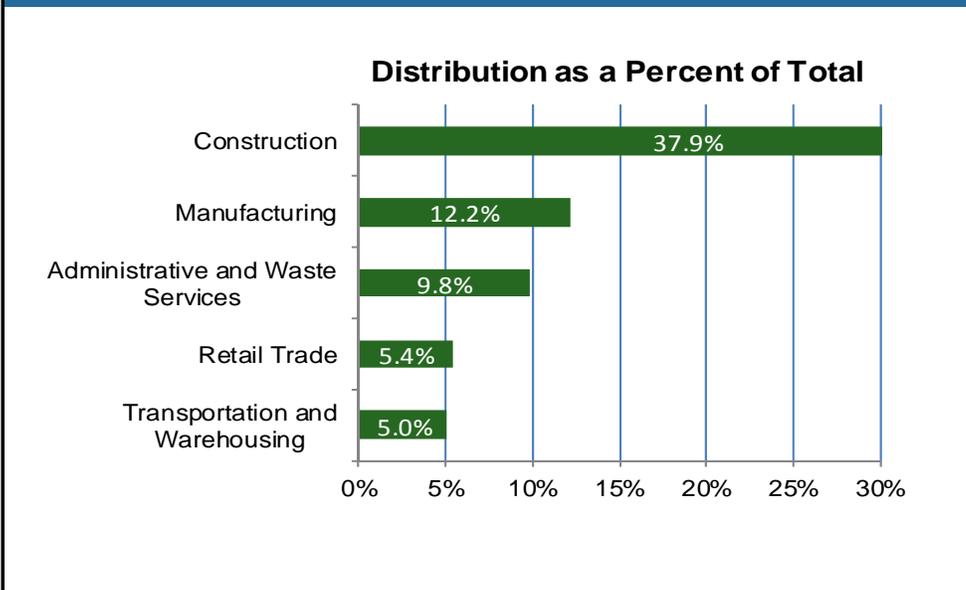
- #18 - Franklin 7.5%
- #19 - Ripley 7.4%
- #20 - Jennings 7.3%
- #26 - Ohio 7.0%
- #34 - Dearborn 6.5%
- #42 - Switzerland 6.0%
- #45 - Jefferson 5.9%
- #71 - Decatur 5.2%
- #78 - Jackson 5.0%
- #87 - Bartholomew 4.7%

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

February 2015 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 9	165,270	155,563	9,707	5.9%	6.4%	6.7%
Columbus MSA	43,036	41,023	2,013	4.7%	5.1%	5.2%
Bartholomew Co.	43,036	41,023	2,013	4.7%	5.1%	5.2%
Dearborn Co.	25,084	23,443	1,641	6.5%	7.2%	8.0%
Decatur Co.	14,675	13,917	758	5.2%	5.7%	5.8%
Franklin Co.	10,841	10,029	812	7.5%	8.0%	8.2%
Jackson Co.	21,208	20,141	1,067	5.0%	5.7%	5.6%
Jefferson Co.	15,528	14,611	917	5.9%	6.6%	6.8%
Jennings Co.	13,159	12,194	965	7.3%	8.0%	8.5%
Ohio Co.	3,164	2,941	223	7.0%	7.4%	8.0%
Ripley Co.	13,747	12,728	1,019	7.4%	7.8%	8.3%
Switzerland Co.	4,828	4,536	292	6.0%	6.7%	6.7%
Batesville	3,319	3,148	171	5.2%	5.8%	5.7%
Brookville	1,046	966	80	7.6%	8.6%	9.9%
Columbus	24,589	23,516	1,073	4.4%	4.8%	4.6%
Greensburg	6,384	6,090	294	4.6%	5.1%	4.9%
Lawrenceburg	1,902	1,762	140	7.4%	9.0%	9.6%
Madison	5,681	5,355	326	5.7%	6.7%	6.2%
North Vernon	2,765	2,548	217	7.8%	9.4%	8.4%
Seymour	9,174	8,729	445	4.9%	5.5%	5.4%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Released 3/27/14.

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Region 9 Industries, February 2015



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

Unemployment Claims, February 2015

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Initial Claims

Feb 7, 2015- 170(D)
 Feb 14, 2015- 131(D)
 Feb 21, 2015- 211(D)
 Feb 28, 2015- 235(D)

Continued Claims

Feb 7, 2015- 1,703
 Feb 14, 2015- 1,655
 Feb 21, 2015- 1,765
 Feb 28, 2015- 1,753

Total Claims*

Feb 7, 2015- 1,873
 Feb 14, 2015- 1,786
 Feb 21, 2015- 1,976
 Feb 28, 2015- 1,988

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

CPI Item	Feb-14	Jan-15	Feb-14	Jan-15
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	-0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%
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

WARN Notices

There are no WARN Notices for February in EGR 9.

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>

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

D' indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status.

*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits).

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

Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area Wage and Salaried Employment, Feb 2015

Industry	Feb-15	Jan-14	Feb-14	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
				Change	Change	Change	Change
				Jan-14 to Feb-15		Feb-14 to feb-15	
Total Non-farm	51,200	51,100	49,200	100	0.2%	2,000	4.1%
Total Private	44,800	44,800	42,800	0	0.0%	2,000	4.7%
Goods Producing	20,900	20,800	19,300	100	0.5%	1,600	8.3%
Service-Providing	30,300	30,300	29,900	0	0.0%	400	1.3%
Private Service Providing	23,900	24,000	23,500	-100	-0.4%	400	1.7%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,400	1,500	1,300	-100	-6.7%	100	7.7%
Manufacturing	19,500	19,300	18,000	200	1.0%	1,500	8.3%
Durable Goods	17,100	17,000	16,200	100	0.6%	900	5.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	0.0%	-100	-2.2%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.0%	100	7.7%
Professional and Business Services	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	0.0%	200	3.9%
Education and Health Services	3,900	4,000	4,100	-100	-2.5%	-200	-4.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	0.0%	200	5.6%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.0%	100	7.7%
Government	6,400	6,300	6,400	100	1.6%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	2.1%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,000	1,900	1,900	100	5.3%	100	5.3%

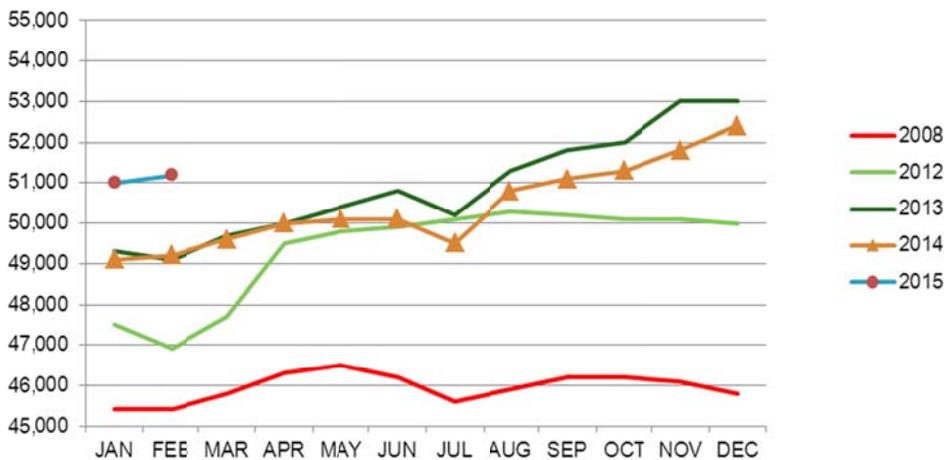
Applicant Pool

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

- 1 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other -266
- 2 Production Workers, All Other -258
- 3 Customer Service Representatives -223
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers
- 5 Administrative Services Managers -146
- 6 Office Clerks, General -141
- 7 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand -132
- 8 Managers, All Other -120
- 9 Cashiers -114
- 10 Nursing Assistants -99
- 11 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks -98
- 12 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers -97
- 13 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other -90
- 14 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive -86
- 15 Accountants -82
- 16 Team Assemblers -81
- 17 Construction Laborers -78
- 18 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants -78
- 19 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard -74
- 20 Receptionists and Information Clerks -70

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Columbus MSA Employment Trends

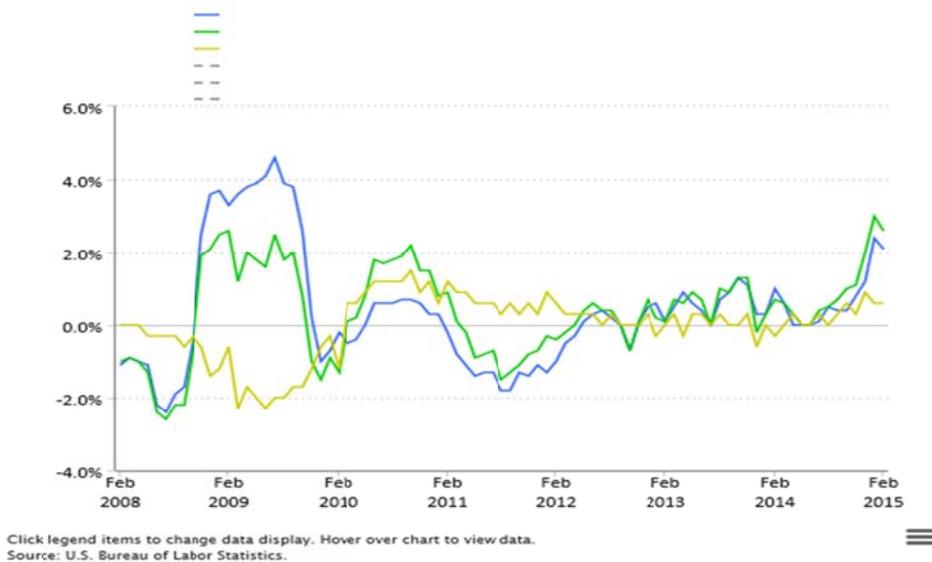


Real Average Hourly Earnings Rise 2.1 Percent From February 2014 To February 2015

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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



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/ed/2015/real-average-hourly-earnings-rise-from-february-2014-to-february-2015.htm>

Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 9 for the month of February 2015

- 1 Plumbers
- 2 Military Enlisted Tactical Operations and Air/Weapons Specialists and Crew Members, All Other
- 3 Helpers--Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers
- 4 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
- 5 Production Workers, All Other
- 6 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other
- 7 Helpers--Production Workers
- 8 Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
- 9 Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
- 10 Packers and Packagers, Hand
- 11 Cooks, Short Order
- 12 Tire Builders
- 13 Insurance Sales Agents
- 14 Security Guards
- 15 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 16 Maintenance Workers, Machinery
- 17 Team Assemblers
- 18 Combined Food
- 19 Home Health Aides
- 20 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

