

Labor Market Review

Statistical data report for December 2009, Released February 2010

Economic Growth Region 1

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

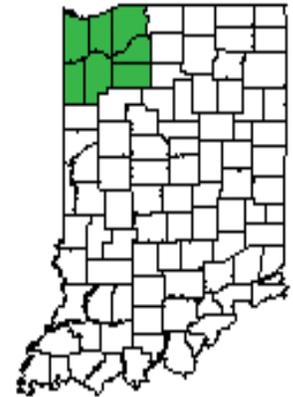
Regional and state unemployment rates were generally higher in December. Forty-three states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, four states registered rate decreases, and three states had no rate change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported recently. Over the year, jobless rates increased in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The national unemployment rate was unchanged in December at 10.0 percent but was 2.6 percentage points higher than a year earlier.

Regional and State Unemployment

Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted), December 2009

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Dec 2009 Rate	Nov 2009 Rate	Dec 2008 Rate
U.S.	152,693,000	137,953,000	14,740,000	9.7%	9.4%	7.1%
IN	3,082,205	2,781,177	301,028	9.8%	9.3%	8.1%
Gary Metro Div	324,356	292,072	32,284	10.0%	9.5%	8.2%
MichCity-LaP MSA	51,606	45,486	6,120	11.9%	10.9%	9.2%
EGR 1	392,757	352,394	40,363	10.3%	9.7%	8.5%
Lake County	220,990	198,378	22,612	10.2%	9.9%	8.6%
Porter County	81,170	73,917	7,253	8.9%	8.2%	7.3%
LaPorte County	51,606	45,486	6,120	11.9%	10.9%	9.2%
Newton County	6,906	6,108	798	11.6%	10.5%	8.8%
Jasper County	15,292	13,670	1,622	10.6%	9.3%	8.5%
Starke County	10,353	9,012	1,341	13.0%	12.3%	11.4%
Pulaski County	6,440	5,823	617	9.6%	9.1%	9.0%
Gary	34,396	30,516	3,880	11.3%	11.5%	9.8%
Hammond	32,872	29,117	3,755	11.4%	11.0%	10.4%
East Chicago	10,036	8,778	1,258	12.5%	12.5%	12.9%
Hobart	13,858	12,210	1,648	11.9%	11.6%	9.4%
Merrillville	16,124	14,568	1,556	9.7%	9.9%	7.7%
Michigan City	14,070	12,310	1,760	12.5%	11.7%	9.9%
Portage	17,938	16,054	1,884	10.5%	9.5%	8.9%
Schererville	15,342	14,226	1,116	7.3%	7.3%	6.0%
Valparaiso	15,109	13,863	1,246	8.2%	7.7%	6.4%
Crown Point	11,762	10,584	1,178	10.0%	9.4%	7.4%
LaPorte City	10,188	8,965	1,223	12.0%	11.1%	9.6%

Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1 includes Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties.



U.S., Indiana, and Surrounding States Unemployment, December 2009 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Rate
U.S.	10.0%
Illinois	11.1%
Indiana	9.9%
Kentucky	10.7%
Michigan	14.6%

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

Unemployment Rate Ranking (High to Low)

Rank	County	Rate Dec 2009
6	STARKE	13.0%
20	LAPORTE	11.9%
25	NEWTON	11.6%
40	JASPER	10.6%
44	LAKE	10.2%
59	PULASKI	9.6%
69	PORTER	8.9%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

**Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to December 2009
from:**

CPI Item	Dec-08	Nov-09	Dec-08	Nov-09
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<i>All Items</i>	3.0	-0.3	2.7	-0.2
Food & Beverages	0.2	0.3	-0.4	0.1
Housing	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Apparel	1.6	-3.0	1.9	-2.5
Transportation	14.8	-0.6	14.4	-0.1
Medical Care	3.6	0.0	3.4	0.0
Recreation	-0.3	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5
Education & Communication	2.4	0.1	2.4	0.0
Other Goods & Services	8.7	0.3	8.0	0.2

Note: CPI-U- Consumer Price Index-Urban
Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

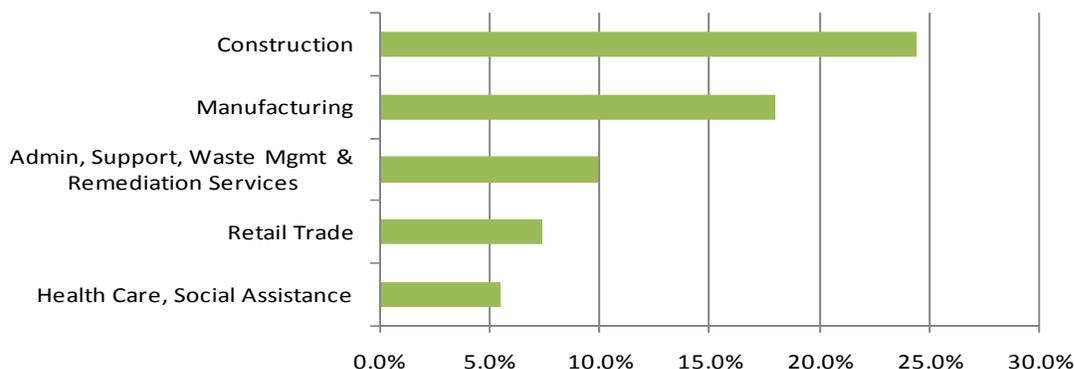
Unemployment Claims for Region 1

Week End >>	12/5/2009	12/12/2009	12/19/2009	12/26/2009
<u>Initial Claims</u>				
Region 1	1,312	1,243	1,192	1,395
Indiana	10,139	9,847	9,666	15,035
<u>Continued Claims</u>				
Region 1	11,099	11,193	11,415	11,462
Indiana	94,125	92,286	94,315	94,823
<u>Total Claims</u>				
Region 1	12,411	12,436	12,607	12,857
Indiana	104,264	102,133	103,981	109,858

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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Industries in EGR 1, December 2009

Distribution as a Percent of Total



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

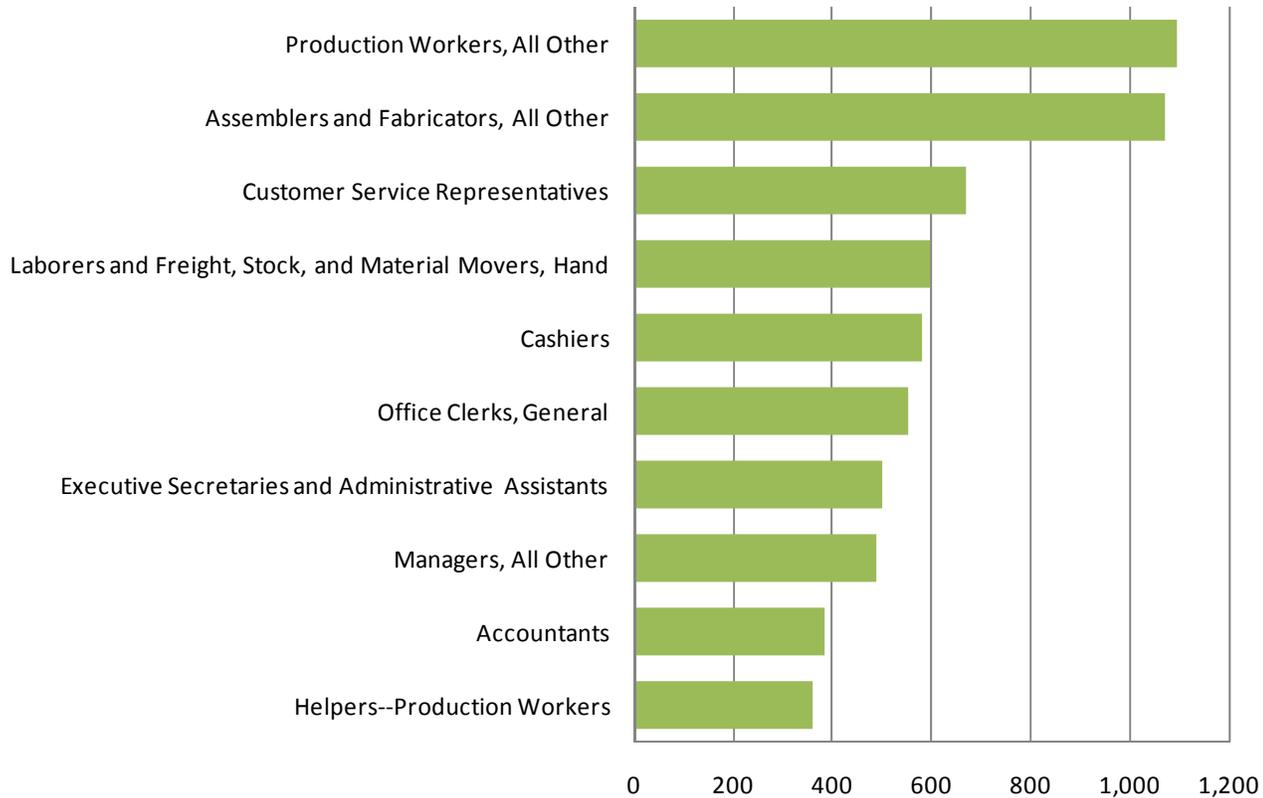
WARN Notices for Region 1, December 2009

There were no WARN Notices in Region 1 in December 2009

Hoosiers by the Numbers WARN Notices, Indiana Workforce Development, December 2009

Applicant Pool: Top Ten Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on their Resumes in the Past Twelve Months

Region 1 Applicant Pool



Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect Database

Gary Metropolitan Division

The Gary Metro Division includes Lake, Porter, Newton, and Jasper Counties in Indiana

Wage and Salaried Employment, December 2009

Industry	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Number Change 11/09-12/09	Percent Change 11/09-12/09	Number Change 12/08-12/09	Percent Change 12/08-12/09
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	275,200	277,200	280,300	-2,000	-0.7%	-5,100	-1.8%
Total Private Employment	235,200	236,600	240,500	-1,400	-0.6%	-5,300	-2.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	52,400	54,000	55,400	-1,600	-3.0%	-3,000	-5.4%
---Mining & Logging	400	400	400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Construction	15,500	16,800	17,200	-1,300	-7.7%	-1,700	-9.9%
---Manufacturing	36,500	36,800	37,800	-300	-0.8%	-1,300	-3.4%
Durable Goods	28,500	28,700	29,700	-200	-0.7%	-1,200	-4.0%
Primary Metal Mfg	19,000	19,000	19,400	0	0.0%	-400	-2.1%
Iron and Steel Mills	18,100	18,200	17,600	-100	-0.6%	500	2.8%
SERVICE PROVIDING	222,800	223,200	224,900	-400	-0.2%	-2,100	-0.9%
Private Service Providing	182,800	182,600	185,100	200	0.1%	-2,300	-1.2%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	60,200	60,200	62,100	0	0.0%	-1,900	-3.1%
Wholesale Trade	10,600	10,600	10,900	0	0.0%	-300	-2.8%
Retail Trade	34,300	34,100	35,600	200	0.6%	-1,300	-3.7%
Gen Merch Stores	6,900	6,800	7,100	100	1.5%	-200	-2.8%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	0.0%	-200	-5.6%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	15,300	15,500	15,600	-200	-1.3%	-300	-1.9%
---Information	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	0.0%	-100	-4.8%
---Financial Activities	9,100	9,000	9,200	100	1.1%	-100	-1.1%
---Professional & Business	22,300	22,300	22,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.5%
Employment Services	2,700	2,800	2,700	-100	-3.6%	0	0.0%
---Educational & Health	46,200	46,100	45,900	100	0.2%	300	0.7%
Educational Services	7,900	7,900	7,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Health Care/Social Assist.	38,300	38,200	38,000	100	0.3%	300	0.8%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	13,100	13,100	12,900	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
---Leisure & Hospitality	30,900	31,000	31,100	-100	-0.3%	-200	-0.6%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	7,900	8,100	7,800	-200	-2.5%	100	1.3%
Food Svcs/Drinkg Plcs	21,900	21,800	22,000	100	0.5%	-100	-0.5%
---Other Services	12,100	12,000	12,300	100	0.8%	-200	-1.6%
Government	40,000	40,600	39,800	-600	-1.5%	200	0.5%
---Federal Government	2,000	1,900	2,000	100	5.3%	0	0.0%
---State Government	4,600	4,700	4,200	-100	-2.1%	400	9.5%
State Govt Educ Svcs	3,200	3,300	2,900	-100	-3.0%	300	10.3%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.0%	100	7.7%
---Local Government	33,400	34,000	33,600	-600	-1.8%	-200	-0.6%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	19,800	20,100	19,600	-300	-1.5%	200	1.0%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	13,600	13,900	14,000	-300	-2.2%	-400	-2.9%

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

Michigan City-LaPorte MSA

The Michigan City-LaPorte MSA is equivalent to all of LaPorte County, Indiana

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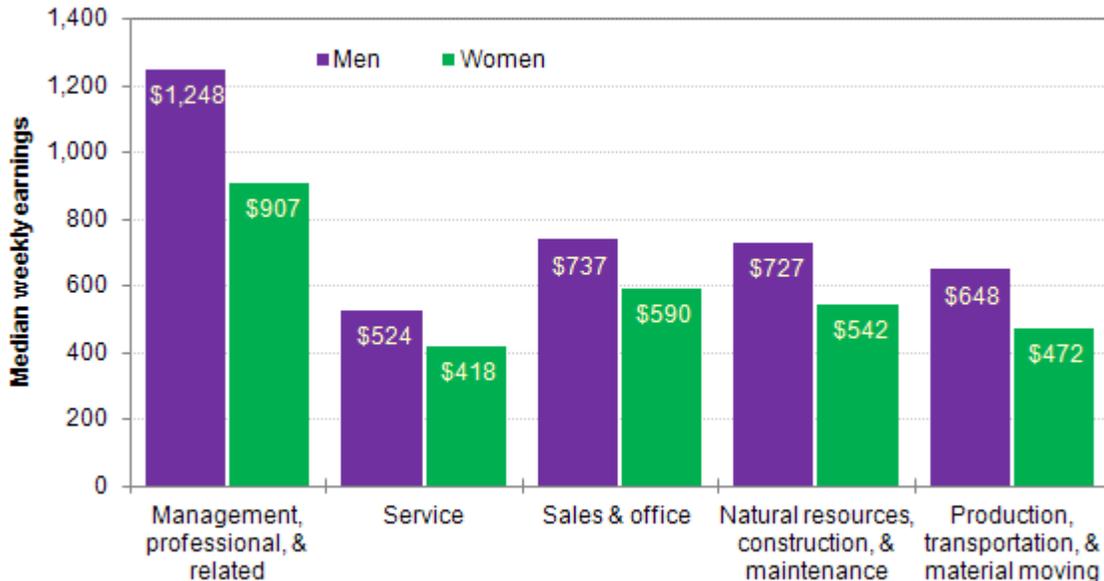
Industry	Dec 09	Nov 09	Dec 08	Nov 09 to Dec 09		Dec 08 to Dec 09	
				Change	Percent Change	Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	44,700	45,000	45,400	-300	-0.7%	-700	-1.5%
Total Private Employment	37,000	37,200	37,800	-200	-0.5%	-800	-2.1%
GOODS PRODUCING	9,700	9,800	10,300	-100	-1.0%	-600	-5.8%
---Mining, Logging, Construction	2,100	2,200	2,100	-100	-4.6%	0	0.0%
---Manufacturing	7,600	7,600	8,200	0	0.0%	-600	-7.3%
SERVICE PROVIDING	35,000	35,200	35,100	-200	-0.6%	-100	-0.3%
Private Service Providing	27,300	27,400	27,500	-100	-0.4%	-200	-0.7%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	9,200	9,200	9,400	0	0.0%	-200	-2.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	0.0%	-200	-11.1%
---Information	400	400	600	0	0.00%	-200	-33.30%
---Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	2,800	2,800	2,700	0	0.0%	100	3.7%
---Educational & Health	7,100	7,100	7,000	0	0.0%	100	1.4%
---Leisure & Hospitality	4,900	5,000	4,800	-100	-2.0%	100	2.1%
---Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	0.0%	-100	-5.9%
Government	7,700	7,800	7,600	-100	-1.3%	100	1.3%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Govt Educ Svcs	700	700	600	0	0.0%	100	16.7%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
---Local Government	5,000	5,100	4,900	-100	-2.0%	100	2.0%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	0.0%	100	3.3%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,900	2,000	1,900	-100	-5.0%	0	0.0%
---Total State & Local Government	7,500	7,600	7,400	-100	-1.3%	100	1.4%

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

Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers in the U.S., 2009

Among the major occupational groups, persons employed full-time in management, professional, and related occupations had the highest median weekly earnings in 2009: \$1,248 for men and \$907 for women. Persons employed in service jobs had the lowest earnings: \$524 for men and \$418 for women.

Usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers, by major occupational group and sex, 2009



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Among full-time workers in sales and office occupations, men earned \$737 per week in 2009 and women earned \$590 per week. In natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations, men earned \$727 per week and women earned \$542 per week. In production, transportation, and material moving occupations, the figures were \$648 and \$472 for men and women, respectively.

Women in all occupations who usually worked full time had median earnings of \$657 per week in 2009, or 80.2 percent of the \$819 median for men. The female-to-male earnings ratios in 2009 were higher among blacks (93.7 percent) and Hispanics (89.5 percent) than among whites (79.2 percent) or Asians (81.8 percent).

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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