

Labor Market Review

Statistical data report for February 2010, Released April 2010

Economic Growth Region 1

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

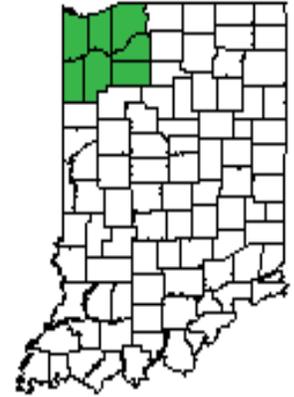
Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed or slightly higher in February. Twenty-seven states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, seven states and the District of Columbia registered rate decreases, and 16 states had no rate change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported. Over the year, jobless rates increased in 46 states and the District of Columbia and declined in four states. The U.S. unemployment rate in February, 9.7 percent, remained unchanged from January, but was up from 8.2 percent a year earlier.

Regional and State Unemployment

Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted), February 2010

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb 2010 Rate	Jan 2010 Rate	Feb 2009 Rate
U.S.	153,194,000	137,203,000	15,991,000	10.4%	10.6%	8.9%
IN	3,094,452	2,764,521	329,931	10.7%	10.5%	10.4%
Gary Metro Div	316,734	281,846	34,888	11.0%	11.0%	10.3%
MichCity-LaP MSA	50,863	44,191	6,672	13.1%	12.8%	12.0%
EGR 1	385,161	341,435	43,726	11.4%	11.3%	10.7%
Lake County	215,311	191,110	24,201	11.2%	11.3%	10.6%
Porter County	79,601	71,672	7,929	10.0%	9.9%	9.5%
LaPorte County	50,863	44,191	6,672	13.1%	12.8%	12.0%
Newton County	6,728	5,831	897	13.3%	13.0%	12.2%
Jasper County	15,094	13,233	1,861	12.3%	11.9%	11.0%
Starke County	10,733	9,245	1,488	13.9%	13.6%	14.9%
Pulaski County	6,831	6,153	678	9.9%	10.1%	11.3%
Gary	32,850	29,112	3,738	11.4%	12.0%	11.3%
Hammond	31,742	27,765	3,977	12.5%	12.4%	12.4%
East Chicago	9,692	8,371	1,321	13.6%	14.1%	14.0%
Hobart	13,511	11,736	1,775	13.1%	13.2%	12.2%
Merrillville	15,917	14,367	1,550	9.7%	10.1%	9.3%
Michigan City	13,839	12,049	1,790	12.9%	13.0%	13.3%
Portage	17,585	15,612	1,973	11.2%	11.0%	11.0%
Schererville	15,005	13,685	1,320	8.8%	8.6%	8.0%
Valparaiso	14,866	13,522	1,344	9.0%	9.0%	8.3%
Crown Point	11,208	9,987	1,221	10.9%	10.7%	9.3%
LaPorte City	10,121	8,713	1,408	13.9%	13.0%	12.5%

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



U.S., Indiana, and Surrounding States Unemployment, February 2010 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Rate
U.S.	9.7%
Illinois	11.4%
Indiana	9.8%
Kentucky	10.9%
Michigan	14.1%
Ohio	10.9%

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

Unemployment Rate Ranking (High to Low)

Rank Feb 2010	County	Rate Feb 2010
5	STARKE	13.9%
11	NEWTON	13.3%
15	LAPORTE	13.1%
28	JASPER	12.3%
48	LAKE	11.2%
69	PORTER	10.0%
71	PULASKI	9.9%

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

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Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2010 from:

CPI Item	Feb 09	Jan 10	Feb 09	Jan 10
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<i>All Items</i>	2.5	0.0	2.1	0.0
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food & Beverages	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Housing	0.1	0.1	-0.6	0.0
Apparel	2.8	2.5	0.0	1.9
Transportation	11.1	-1.1	11.8	-0.5
Medical Care	4.3	0.8	3.6	0.8
Recreation	-1.0	0.4	-1.0	0.0
Education & Communication	2.0	-0.1	2.3	0.0
Other Goods & Services	7.8	-0.1	7.6	0.1

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

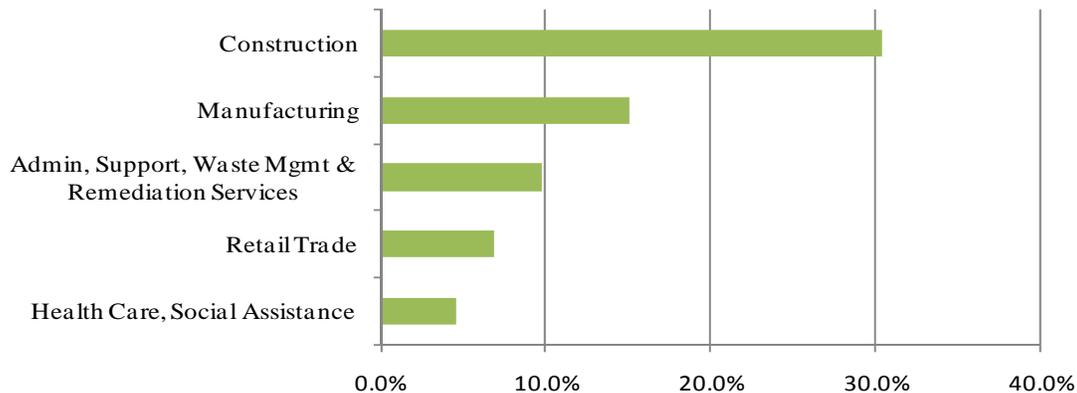
Unemployment Claims for Region 1

Week End >>	2/6/2010	2/13/2010	2/20/2010	2/27/2010
<u>Initial Claims</u>				
Region 1	855	701	688	689
Indiana	7,227	6,989	6,684	6,555
<u>Continued Claims</u>				
Region 1	13,004	12,725	15,028	14,419
Indiana	107,666	106,674	127,797	125,870
<u>Total Claims</u>				
Region 1	13,859	13,426	15,716	15,108
Indiana	114,893	113,663	134,481	132,425

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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Industries in EGR 1, February 2010

Distribution as a Percent of Total



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

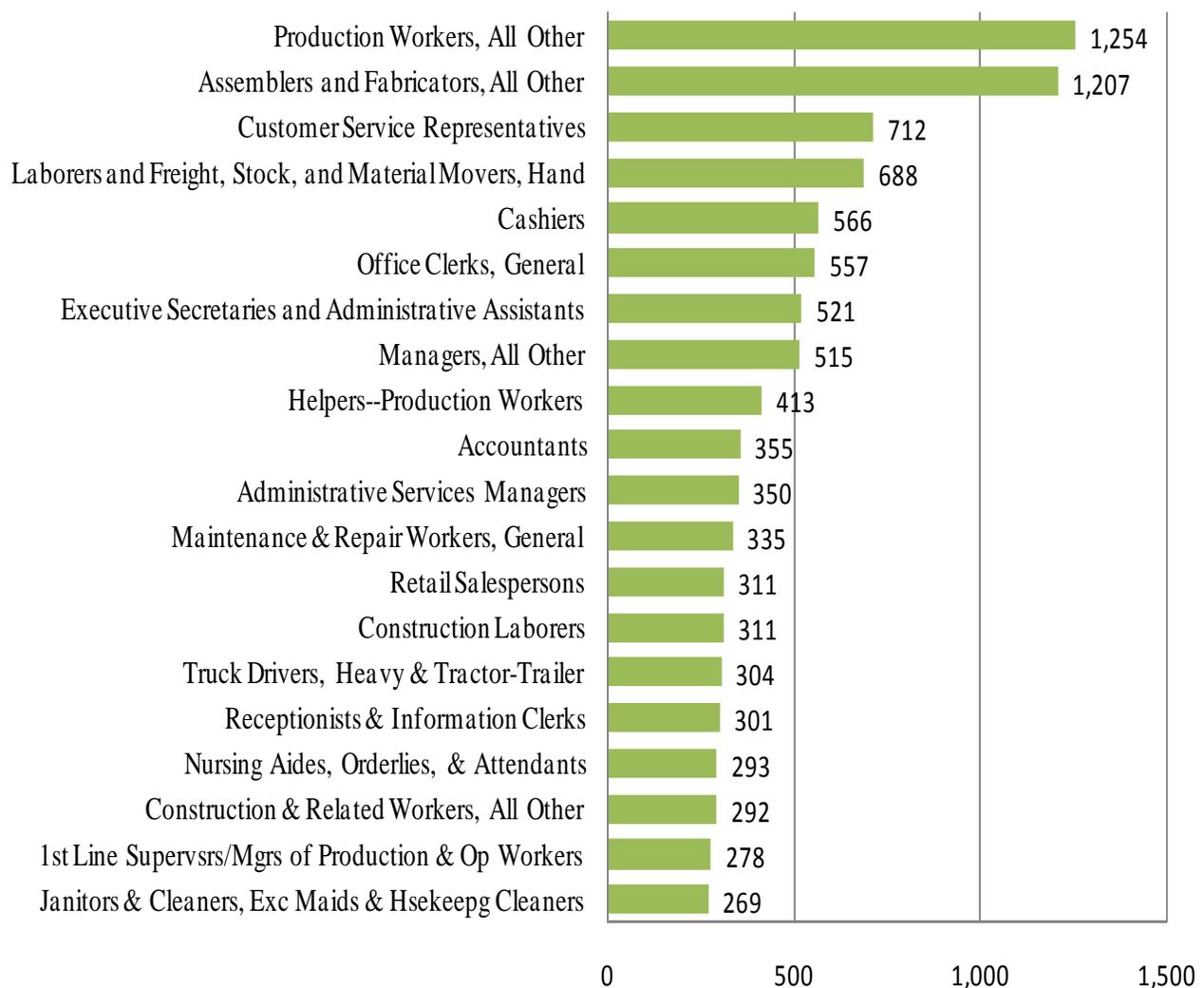
WARN Notices for Region 1, February 2010

There were no WARN Notices in Region 1 this month.

Source: Hoosiers by the Numbers WARN Notices, Indiana Workforce Development, February 2010. For additional information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Fact Sheet at <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>.

Applicant Pool: Top Twenty 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

Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2010

Industry	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2009	Number Change 1/10-2/10	Percent Change 1/10-2/10	Number Change 2/09-2/10	Percent Change 2/09-2/10
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	257,400	256,800	265,800	600	0.2%	-8,400	-3.2%
Total Private Employment	218,100	217,900	227,700	200	0.1%	-9,600	-4.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	46,100	46,800	51,200	-700	-1.5%	-5,100	-10.0%
---Mining & Logging	300	300	200	0	0.0%	100	50.0%
---Construction	12,100	12,700	14,400	-600	-4.7%	-2,300	-16.0%
---Manufacturing	33,700	33,800	36,600	-100	-0.3%	-2,900	-7.9%
Durable Goods	26,600	26,600	29,100	0	0.0%	-2,500	-8.6%
Primary Metal Mfg	17,900	17,900	19,400	0	0.0%	-1,500	-7.7%
Iron and Steel Mills	15,800	16,000	17,800	-200	-1.3%	-2,000	-11.2%
SERVICE PROVIDING	211,300	210,000	214,600	1,300	0.6%	-3,300	-1.5%
Private Service Providing	172,000	171,100	176,500	900	0.5%	-4,500	-2.6%
---Trade, Transp. & Utilities	55,100	55,400	56,500	-300	-0.5%	-1,400	-2.5%
Wholesale Trade	8,700	8,700	9,100	0	0.0%	-400	-4.4%
Retail Trade	32,500	32,800	32,900	-300	-0.9%	-400	-1.2%
Gen Merch Stores	6,400	6,500	6,300	-100	-1.5%	100	1.6%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	13,900	13,900	14,500	0	0.0%	-600	-4.1%
---Information	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	0.0%	-100	-4.2%
---Financial Activities	8,800	8,800	9,100	0	0.0%	-300	-3.3%
---Professional & Business	18,400	18,200	19,900	200	1.1%	-1,500	-7.5%
Employment Services	2,400	2,200	2,400	200	9.1%	0	0.0%
---Educational & Health	46,800	45,900	46,500	900	2.0%	300	0.7%
Educational Services	7,700	6,900	7,800	800	11.6%	-100	-1.3%
Health Care/Social Assist.	39,100	39,000	38,700	100	0.3%	400	1.0%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	13,100	13,100	12,800	0	0.0%	300	2.3%
---Leisure & Hospitality	29,100	29,000	30,000	100	0.3%	-900	-3.0%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	6,600	6,600	7,200	0	0.0%	-600	-8.3%
Food Svcs/Drinkng Plcs	21,300	21,200	21,400	100	0.5%	-100	-0.5%
---Other Services	11,500	11,500	12,100	0	0.0%	-600	-5.0%
Government	39,300	38,900	38,100	400	1.0%	1,200	3.2%
---Federal Government	2,000	2,100	2,000	-100	-4.8%	0	0.0%
---State Government	4,500	4,200	4,200	300	7.1%	300	7.1%
State Govt Educ Svcs	3,100	2,800	2,800	300	10.7%	300	10.7%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	32,800	32,600	31,900	200	0.6%	900	2.8%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	19,800	19,600	19,100	200	1.0%	700	3.7%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	13,000	13,000	12,800	0	0.0%	200	1.6%

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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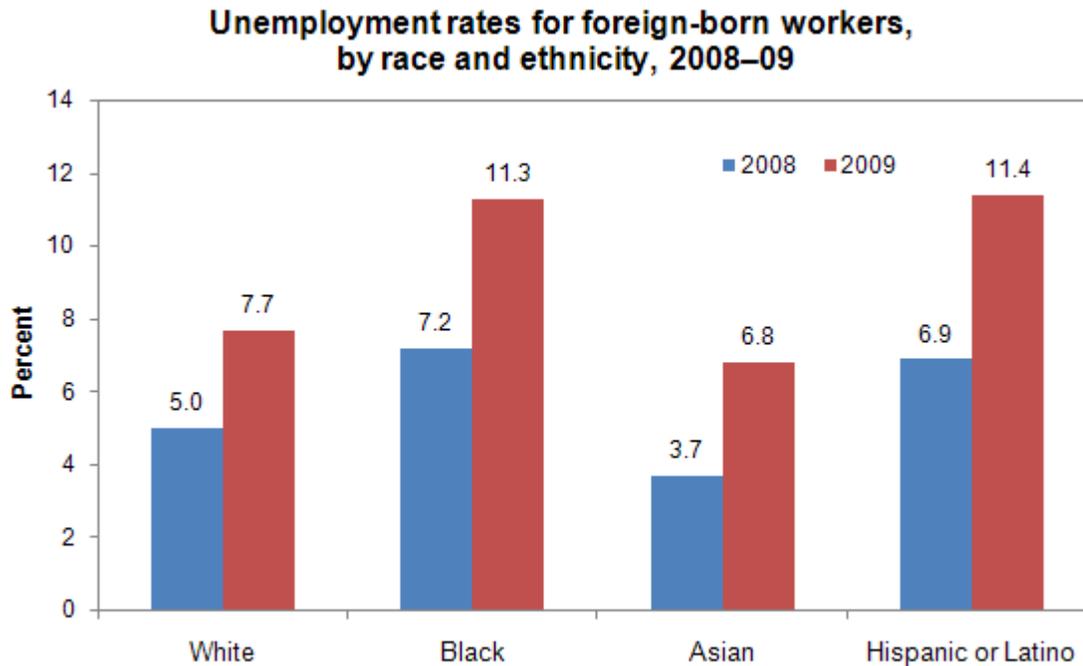
Industry	Feb 10	Jan 10	Feb 09	Jan 10 to Feb 10		Feb 09 to Feb 10	
				Change	Percent Change	Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	42,400	42,300	43,200	100	0.2%	-800	-1.9%
Total Private Employment	35,300	35,100	35,800	200	0.6%	-500	-1.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	8,900	9,000	9,800	-100	-1.1%	-900	-9.2%
---Mining, Logging, Construction	1,700	1,800	1,700	-100	-5.6%	0	0.0%
---Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	8,100	0	0.0%	-900	-11.1%
SERVICE PROVIDING	33,500	33,300	33,400	200	0.6%	100	0.3%
Private Service Providing	26,400	26,100	26,000	300	1.2%	400	1.5%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,700	5,800	5,700	-100	-1.7%	0	0.0%
---Information	400	400	500	0	0.0%	-100	-20.0%
---Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	100	8.3%
---Professional & Business	2,600	2,500	2,500	100	4.0%	100	4.0%
---Educational & Health	6,700	6,600	6,700	100	1.5%	0	0.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	5,000	4,900	4,800	100	2.0%	200	4.2%
---Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	7,100	7,200	7,400	-100	-1.4%	-300	-4.1%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,300	2,400	2,500	-100	-4.2%	-200	-8.0%
State Govt Educ Svcs	600	600	500	0	0.0%	100	20.0%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,700	1,800	2,000	-100	-5.6%	-300	-15.0%
---Local Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
---Total State & Local Government	6,900	7,000	7,200	-100	-1.4%	-300	-4.2%

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Unemployment rates for foreign-born workers in the U.S. in 2009

(Excerpted from a March 2010 Bureau of Labor Statistics report)

The unemployment rate for foreign-born workers rose from 5.8 percent in 2008 to 9.7 percent in 2009. The rate also increased among the foreign born in each of the major race and ethnicity groups over that period.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

For comparison, the jobless rate for native-born workers increased from 5.8 percent in 2008 to 9.2 percent in 2009. The unemployment rate of the foreign born was higher than that of the native born for the first time since 2003.

Among the major race and ethnicity groups, labor force participation rates of foreign-born whites (59.8 percent), blacks (72.4 percent), and Asians (67.7 percent) were down over the year. (The labor force participation rate is the labor force as a percent of the population.) The rate for foreign-born Hispanics (70.8 percent) was little changed in 2009. Among the native born, labor force participation rates for all of the major race and ethnicity groups fell over the year.

For a pdf version of a BLS report on foreign born workers go to the following Internet address:

http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/forbrn_03192010.pdf

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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