

Labor Market Review

Statistical data report for October 2010, Released December 2010

Economic Growth Region 1

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

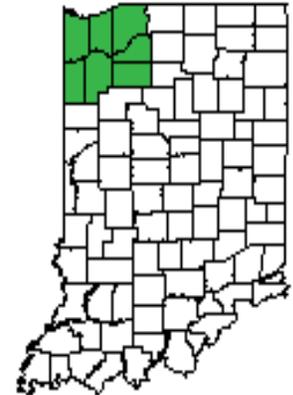
Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in October. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia recorded unemployment rate decreases, 14 states registered rate increases, and 17 states had no rate change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported. Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia posted unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, 16 states reported increases and five states had no change. The national jobless rate was unchanged in October at 9.6 percent but was down from 10.1 percent a year earlier.

Regional and State Unemployment

Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted), October 2010

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Oct 2010 Rate	Sep 2010 Rate	Oct 2009 Rate
U.S.	153,652,000	139,749,000	13,903,000	9.0%	9.2%	9.5%
IN	3,121,073	2,833,032	288,041	9.2%	9.5%	9.5%
Gary Metro Div	319,759	287,847	31,912	10.0%	10.5%	9.6%
MichCity-LaP MSA	50,773	45,405	5,368	10.6%	10.9%	11.2%
EGR 1	388,169	349,150	39,019	10.1%	10.5%	9.8%
Lake County	218,965	195,179	23,786	10.9%	11.4%	10.0%
Porter County	79,484	73,198	6,286	7.9%	8.4%	8.5%
LaPorte County	50,773	45,405	5,368	10.6%	10.9%	11.2%
Newton County	6,544	5,955	589	9.0%	9.2%	9.7%
Jasper County	14,765	13,514	1,251	8.5%	8.8%	9.1%
Starke County	10,908	9,707	1,201	11.0%	11.3%	12.2%
Pulaski County	6,730	6,192	538	8.0%	8.1%	9.1%
Gary	33,943	29,732	4,211	12.4%	12.7%	12.2%
Hammond	32,690	28,356	4,334	13.3%	14.2%	11.3%
East Chicago	9,983	8,549	1,434	14.4%	15.0%	12.6%
Hobart	13,354	11,986	1,368	10.2%	10.7%	11.3%
Merrillville	16,400	14,672	1,728	10.5%	10.8%	9.6%
Michigan City	14,079	12,380	1,699	12.1%	12.1%	12.3%
Portage	17,612	15,945	1,667	9.5%	10.1%	9.5%
Schererville	15,285	13,976	1,309	8.6%	8.8%	7.4%
Valparaiso	14,960	13,810	1,150	7.7%	7.9%	7.8%
Crown Point	11,261	10,200	1,061	9.4%	10.2%	9.3%
LaPorte City	10,051	8,952	1,099	10.9%	11.8%	12.1%

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



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

State	Rate
U.S.	9.6%
Illinois	9.8%
Indiana	9.9%
Kentucky	10.0%
Michigan	12.8%
Ohio	9.9%

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

Unemployment Rate Ranking (High to Low)

Rank Oct 2010	County	Rate Oct 2010
7	STARKE	11.0%
10	LAKE	10.9%
14	LAPORTE	10.6%
50	NEWTON	9.0%
61	JASPER	8.5%
70	PULASKI	8.0%
73	PORTER	7.9%

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

State Release Date: 11/23/10

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

CPI Item	Oct 09	Sep 10	Oct 09	Sep 10
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<i>All Items</i>	1.5%	0.0%	1.2%	0.1%
Food & Beverages	1.4%	0.1%	1.4%	0.2%
Housing	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Apparel	-1.0%	1.7%	-1.2%	1.2%
Transportation	5.1%	0.5%	4.8%	1.0%
Medical Care	2.9%	0.1%	3.4%	0.2%
Recreation	-0.8%	0.0%	-1.0%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	1.6%	-0.1%	1.4%	-0.1%
Other Goods & Services	1.3%	-0.2%	1.9%	-0.2%

Note: CPI-U- Consumer Price Index-Urban

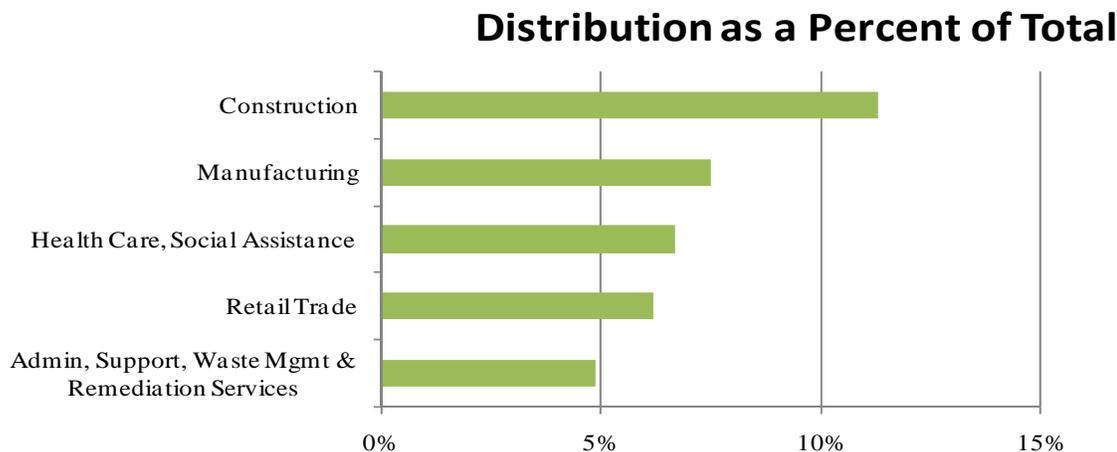
*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Claims for Region 1

Week End >>	10/2/2010	10/9/2010	10/16/2010	10/23/2010	10/30/2010
<u>Initial Claims</u>					
Region 1	635	838	641	688	664
Indiana	5,339	7,324	5,642	5,411	7,051
<u>Continued Claims</u>					
Region 1	6,591	6,449	6,654	6,552	6,522
Indiana	58,188	57,349	59,453	58,724	58,566
<u>Total Claims</u>					
Region 1	7,226	7,287	7,295	7,240	7,186
Indiana	63,527	64,673	65,095	64,135	65,617

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

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



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

WARN Notices for Region 1, October 2010

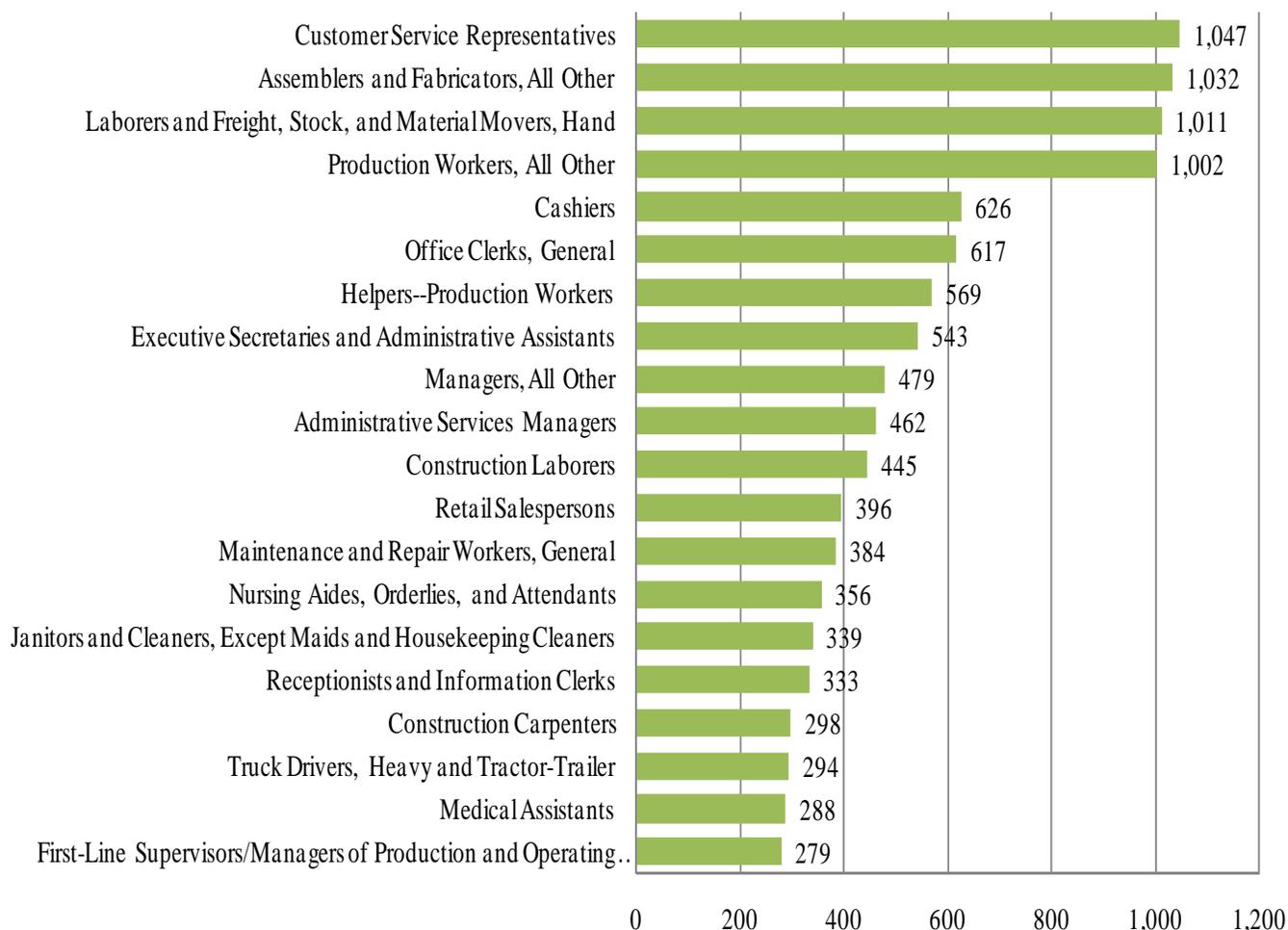
Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date

There were no WARN Notices in Region 1 this month.

Source: Hoosiers by the Numbers WARN Notices, Indiana Workforce Development, October 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, October 2010

Industry	Oct 2010	Sep 2010	Oct 2009	Number Change 9/10-10/10	Percent Change 9/10-10/10	Number Change 10/09-10/10	Percent Change 10/09-10/10
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	265,100	264,000	266,800	1,100	0.4%	-1,700	-0.6%
Total Private Employment	226,200	225,100	226,700	1,100	0.5%	-500	-0.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	50,100	49,500	50,200	600	1.2%	-100	-0.2%
---Mining & Logging	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Construction	15,400	14,800	15,400	600	4.1%	0	0.0%
---Manufacturing	34,400	34,400	34,500	0	0.0%	-100	-0.3%
Durable Goods	27,400	27,400	26,800	0	0.0%	600	2.2%
Primary Metal Mfg	17,900	17,900	18,000	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
Iron and Steel Mills	14,900	15,100	16,400	-200	-1.3%	-1,500	-9.2%
SERVICE PROVIDING	215,000	214,500	216,600	500	0.2%	-1,600	-0.7%
Private Service Providing	176,100	175,600	176,500	500	0.3%	-400	-0.2%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	56,600	56,300	56,500	300	0.5%	100	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	9,000	9,000	8,700	0	0.0%	300	3.5%
Retail Trade	33,300	33,000	33,300	300	0.9%	0	0.0%
Gen Merch Stores	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	0.0%	200	3.1%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	14,300	14,300	14,500	0	0.0%	-200	-1.4%
---Information	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.0%	-100	-4.4%
---Financial Activities	8,800	8,800	9,000	0	0.0%	-200	-2.2%
---Professional & Business	19,300	19,200	19,100	100	0.5%	200	1.1%
Employment Services	2,900	2,800	2,400	100	3.6%	500	20.8%
---Educational & Health	47,000	46,200	47,200	800	1.7%	-200	-0.4%
Educational Services	7,300	6,600	7,900	700	10.6%	-600	-7.6%
Health Care/Social Assist.	39,700	39,600	39,300	100	0.3%	400	1.0%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	13,200	13,200	13,100	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
---Leisure & Hospitality	30,700	31,300	30,500	-600	-1.9%	200	0.7%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	7,000	7,300	7,300	-300	-4.1%	-300	-4.1%
Food Svcs/Drinkng Plcs	22,200	22,500	21,900	-300	-1.3%	300	1.4%
---Other Services	11,500	11,600	11,900	-100	-0.9%	-400	-3.4%
Government	38,900	38,900	40,100	0	0.0%	-1,200	-3.0%
---Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	4,700	4,500	4,700	200	4.4%	0	0.0%
State Govt Educ Svcs	3,300	3,100	3,300	200	6.5%	0	0.0%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	32,100	32,300	33,300	-200	-0.6%	-1,200	-3.6%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	19,200	18,600	20,000	600	3.2%	-800	-4.0%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	12,900	13,700	13,300	-800	-5.8%	-400	-3.0%
---Total State & Local Government	36,800	36,800	38,000	0	0.0%	-1,200	-3.2%

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

Wage and Salaried Employment, October 2010

Industry	Oct-10	Sep-10	Oct-09	Sep 10 to Oct 10		Oct 09 to Oct 10	
				Change	Percent Change	Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	43,900	44,000	43,900	-100	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Total Private Employment	36,600	36,700	36,300	-100	-0.3%	300	0.8%
GOODS PRODUCING	9,400	9,400	9,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Mining, Logging, Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	0.0%	-100	-4.8%
---Manufacturing	7,400	7,400	7,300	0	0.0%	100	1.4%
SERVICE PROVIDING	34,500	34,600	34,500	-100	-0.3%	0	0.0%
Private Service Providing	27,200	27,300	26,900	-100	-0.4%	300	1.1%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	9,000	9,000	8,900	0	0.0%	100	1.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Information	400	400	400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	0.0%	200	7.7%
---Educational & Health	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	5,300	5,400	5,200	-100	-1.9%	100	1.9%
---Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100	-5.6%
Government	7,300	7,300	7,600	0	0.0%	-300	-4.0%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	0.0%	-200	-7.7%
State Govt Educ Svcs	800	800	700	0	0.0%	100	14.3%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,600	1,600	1,900	0	0.0%	-300	-15.8%
---Local Government	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	0.0%	-100	-3.6%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Total State & Local Government	7,100	7,100	7,400	0	0.0%	-300	-4.1%

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Rise in Energy Prices Drives Third-Quarter Retail Inflation Picture

(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics report released November 2010)

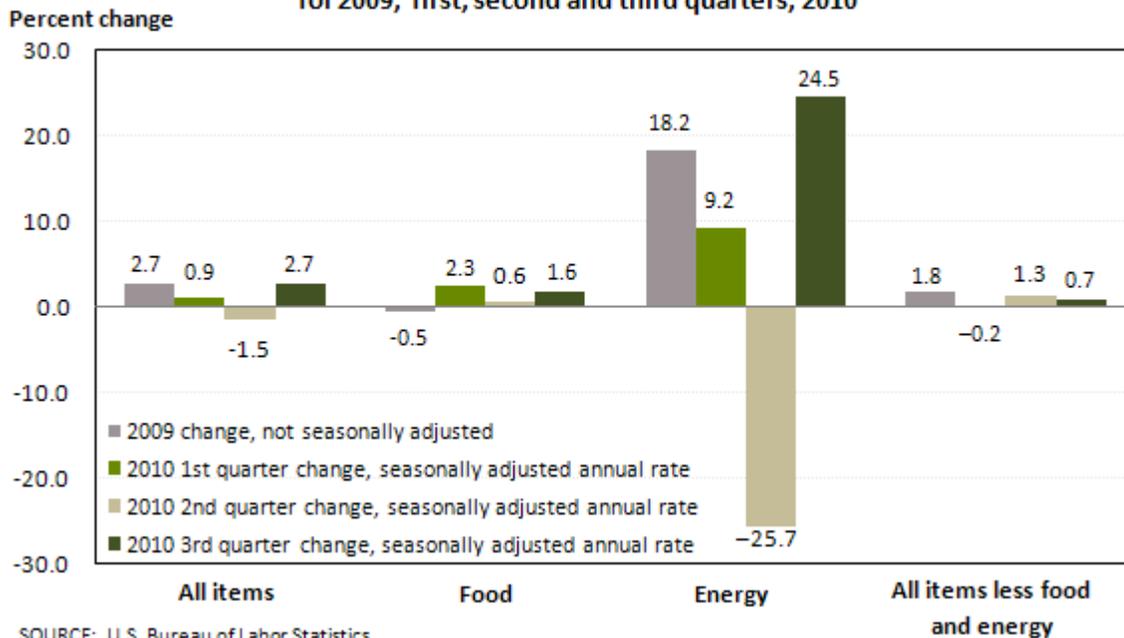
All items

For the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), the **all-items** index increased at a 2.7-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) during the third quarter of 2010. For the first 9 months of 2010, the index has increased at a 0.7-percent SAAR, compared with a full year rise of 2.7 percent in 2009. A turnaround in the **energy** index was the main cause of the third quarter upturn in the **all-items** index. The **energy** index increased at a 24.5-percent annual rate in the third quarter, after falling sharply in the second quarter.

Energy

Energy remained the most volatile major CPI component. After climbing at a 9.2-percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2010 and declining at a 25.7-percent SAAR in the second quarter, the **energy** index jumped 24.5 percent in the third quarter. For the first 9 months of 2010, the **energy** index has risen at a 0.4-percent SAAR, after increasing 18.2 percent in all of 2009.

Chart 1. CPI-U percent changes: All Items, food, energy, and all items less food and energy for 2009, first, second and third quarters, 2010

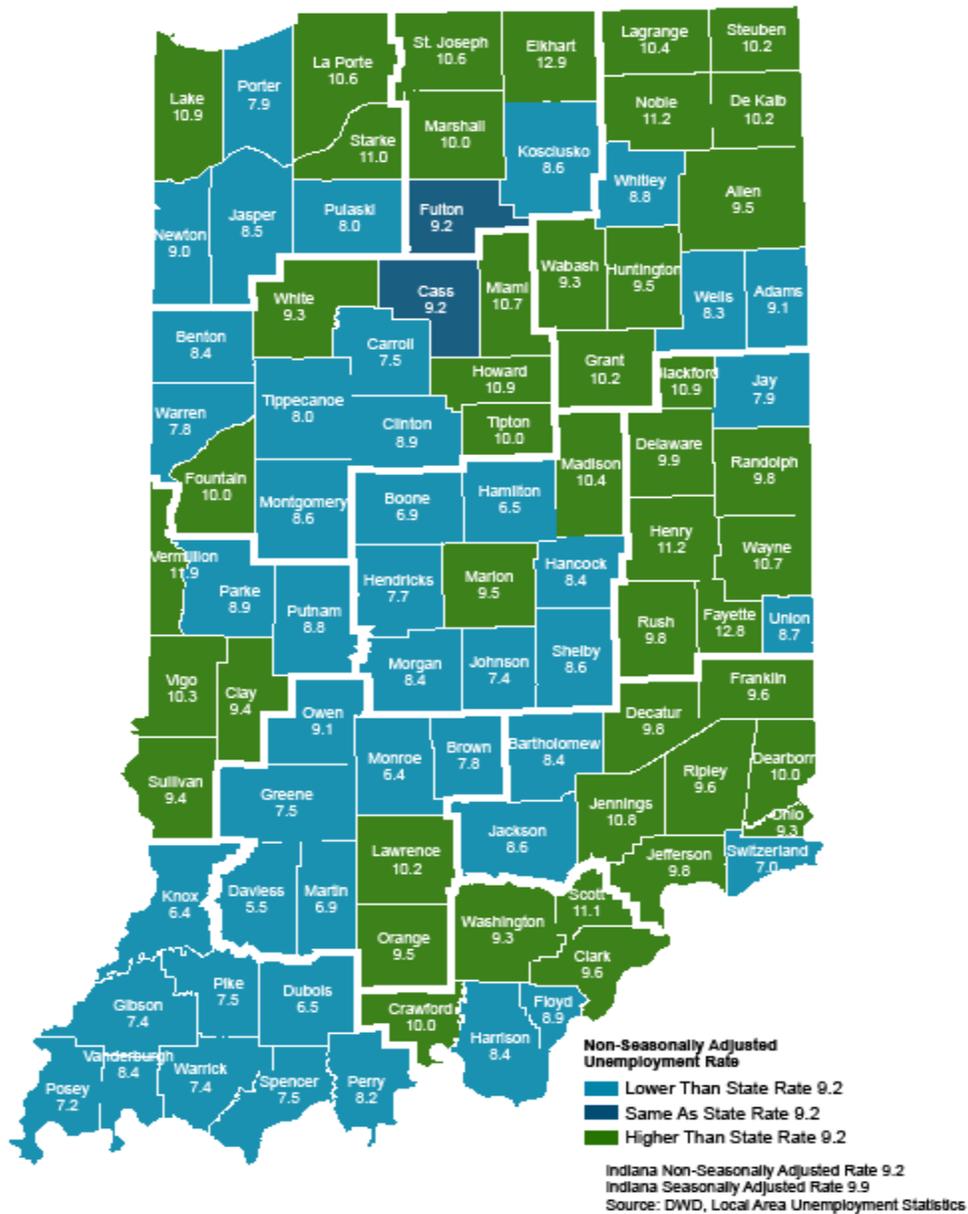


Within the energy component, the **gasoline** index increased at a 48.8-percent SAAR in the third quarter of 2010, after falling at a 38.9-percent SAAR in the second quarter. This trend continues the sharp changes seen in gasoline prices over the past few years. From July 2007 to July 2008, gasoline prices rose 37.9 percent. After crude oil prices peaked in July 2008 at more than \$134 a barrel, they plummeted during the last 5 months of that year, to under \$32 a barrel. At the retail level, gasoline prices fell by more than 50 percent. In 2009, pump prices turned sharply higher again, increasing more than 50 percent, with crude oil prices increasing to around \$70 a barrel by the end of 2009.

Also in the energy component the **household energy** index rose at a 1.9-percent SAAR in the third quarter of 2010, after falling 10.1 percent in the second quarter. All the major components of household energy: natural gas, electricity, and fuel oil, rose in the third quarter.

For a more detailed examination of the most recent CPI from BLS visit the website: <http://tinyurl.com/2f8w4rj>

County Unemployment Rates October 2010



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