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October 2019 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 10

Statistical Data Report for October 2019, Released December 2019

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in October in 4 states, higher in two states, and stable in 44 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Eight states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, three states had increases, and 39 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate, 3.6 percent, was little changed over the month and from October 2018.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in four states in October 2019, decreased in one, and was essentially unchanged in 45 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, 27 states added nonfarm payroll jobs and 23 states and the District were essentially unchanged.

Vermont had the lowest unemployment rate in October, 2.2 percent. The rates in Alabama (2.8 percent), California (3.9 percent), Maine (2.8 percent), and South Carolina (2.6 percent) set new series lows. Alaska had the highest jobless rate, 6.2 percent. In total, 15 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 3.6 percent, 12 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

South Carolina had the largest over-the-month unemployment rate decrease (-0.3 percentage point) in October, closely followed by Alabama and Utah (-0.2 point each) and Georgia (-0.1 point). Delaware and Pennsylvania had the only rate increases (+0.2 percentage point each). The remaining 44 states and the District of Columbia had jobless rates that were not notably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.

October 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Oct-19	Sep-19	Oct-18
U.S.	164,576,000	159,067,000	5,510,000	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%
IN	3,378,649	3,277,266	101,383	3.0%	2.8%	3.3%
EGR 10	152,209	147,798	4,411	2.9%	2.8%	3.4%
Clark Co.	61,599	59,793	1,806	2.9%	2.9%	3.4%
Crawford Co.	4,807	4,648	159	3.3%	3.1%	4.1%
Floyd Co.	41,404	40,217	1,187	2.9%	2.7%	3.3%
Harrison Co.	20,098	19,564	534	2.7%	2.6%	3.3%
Scott Co.	10,575	10,246	329	3.1%	3.0%	3.8%
Washington Co.	13,726	13,330	396	2.9%	2.8%	3.4%
Corydon	1,405	1,351	54	3.8%	4.8%	4.7%
Jeffersonville	25,208	24,599	609	2.4%	2.4%	2.8%
New Albany	18,579	18,067	512	2.8%	2.7%	3.4%
Salem	2,658	2,578	80	3.0%	3.3%	3.9%
Scottsburg	2,740	2,644	96	3.5%	3.7%	4.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 11/19 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 10

Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): October 2019

U.S. - 3.6%

Illinois - 3.9%

Indiana - 3.2%

Kentucky - 4.3%

Michigan - 4.1%

Ohio - 4.2%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): October 2019

#16 - Crawford (3.3%)

#32 - Scott (3.1%)

#40 - Clark (2.9%)

#41 - Floyd (2.9%)

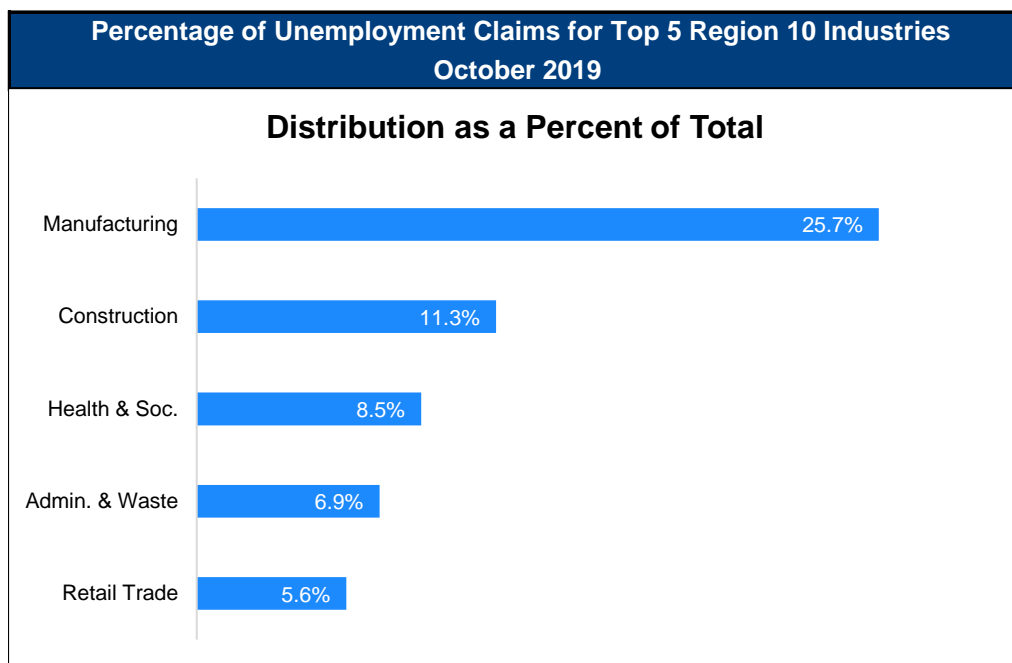
#50 - Washington (2.9%)

#58 - Harrison (2.7%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to October 2019 from				
CPI Item	Oct-18	Sep-19	Oct-18	Sep-19
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	1.8%	0.2%	1.5%	0.2%
Food & Beverages	2.0%	0.2%	1.6%	0.1%
Housing	2.9%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%
Apparel	-2.3%	-0.7%	-1.1%	0.3%
Transportation	-1.4%	0.5%	-1.2%	-0.1%
Medical Care	4.3%	0.9%	4.5%	1.5%
Recreation	1.8%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%
Education & Communication	0.5%	0.1%	-0.4%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	2.5%	0.4%	2.8%	0.4%

*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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 10 for October 2019				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for October 2019 for EGR 10.

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

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

Unemployment Claims: October 2019

Region 10

Initial Claims

10/05/19 - 51(D)

10/12/19 - 63(D)

10/19/19 - 50(D)

10/26/19 - 40(D)

Continued Claims

10/05/19 - 288

10/12/19 - 312

10/19/19 - 316

10/26/19 - 339

Total Claims

10/05/19 - 339

10/12/19 - 375

10/19/19 - 366

10/26/19 - 379

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

10/05/19 - 2,500

10/12/19 - 2,593

10/19/19 - 2,003

10/26/19 - 2,017

Continued Claims

10/05/19 - 11,288

10/12/19 - 11,266

10/19/19 - 11,625

10/26/19 - 11,878

Total Claims

10/05/19 - 13,788

10/12/19 - 13,859

10/19/19 - 13,628

10/26/19 - 13,895

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

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings in Region 10 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
3	Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
4	Audio and Video Equipment Technicians
5	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators
6	Retail Salespersons
7	Personal Care Aides
8	Security Guards
9	Registered Nurses
10	Business Operations Specialists, All Other
11	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food
12	Driver/Sales Workers
13	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
14	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
15	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
16	Managers, All Other
17	Rolling Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
18	Customer Service Representatives
19	Machinists
20	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	198
Customer Service Representatives	164
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	150
Office Clerks, General	126
Helpers--Production Workers	118
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	103
Cashiers	99
Managers, All Other	92
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	86
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	78
Nursing Assistants	74
Administrative Services Managers	71
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	69
Receptionists and Information Clerks	62
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	60
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	59
General and Operations Managers	53
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	53
Retail Salespersons	52
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	51

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

They're everywhere: The U.S. Census is afoot

Excerpted from Incontext, Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University's Kelly School of Business



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The foot soldiers of the largest domestic operation in the United States are out in force and their assignments are many. The U.S. Census Bureau has been hiring and deploying a veritable army of what many of us call “census takers.” In federal terms, they are temporary field workers who are conducting the groundwork to ensure an accurate count next April 1, 2020. It is called “Census Day,” but is in reality the culmination of many years of work.



As soon as Census 2010 was over, the Census Bureau began its planning for the next one. Those plans have been implemented and we are now—at least some of us—witnessing the work. August 2019 saw the deployment of canvassers (aka listers) spread out to do in-field address canvassing (AdCan). This phase of the work was all about verifying addresses to ensure every housing unit is on the census address list.

Specific areas within every county were selected for canvassing, with the listers identifying every place where people could live, comparing what they saw on the ground to the existing Census Bureau address list and then verifying, correcting or adding the address and location information. According to the Census Bureau, listers were to knock on doors at every structure and verify or update the information, as well as inquire about additional living quarters either in the structure or on the property.

Some examples of additional living quarters would be a large rural property that has a home that faces the road, but further in the back may be a trailer-type home or another structure used as housing. In an urban area, it could include a converted garage or basement.

This part of Census 2020 was scheduled to wrap up by October 18. In the meantime, local census offices have begun opening throughout Indiana and the nation. Group Quarters Advance Contact operations will begin later in the fall in order to confirm the location of college dormitories, nursing homes, jails, prisons and other places where a large number of people live. It is important to note that the census counts people where they live most of the year. Full-time college students reside in their college community for at least eight months of the year, for example, and should be counted there.

Important dates

- **January–September 2019:** The U.S. Census Bureau opens 248 area census offices across the country. These offices support and manage the census takers who work all over the country to conduct the census.
- **August 2019:** Census takers begin visiting areas that have experienced a lot of change and growth to ensure that the Census Bureau's address list is up to date. This is called address canvassing, and it helps to ensure that everyone receives an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.
- **January 2020:** The Census Bureau begins counting the population in remote Alaska.
- **April 1, 2020:** Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone or by mail. When you respond to the census, you tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.
- **April 2020:** Census takers begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.
- **May 2020:** The Census Bureau begins visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to make sure everyone is counted.
- **December 2020:** The Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the president and Congress as required by law.
- **March 31, 2021:** By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

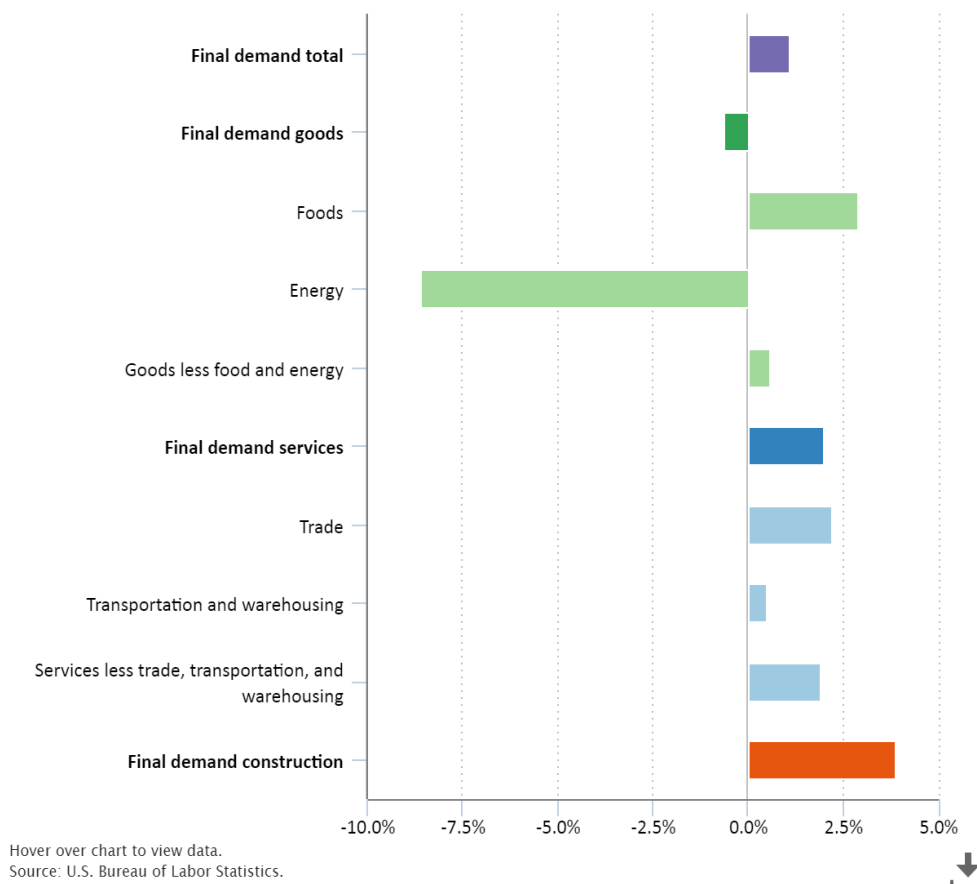
More information is readily available on the Census in Indiana website (www.census.indiana.edu), as well as the recently released <https://2020census.gov> site.

Final demand Producer Price Index up 1.1 percent for the 12 months ended in October 2019

Excerpted from TED: The Economics Daily , U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Final demand producer prices increased 1.1 percent over the 12 months ended October 2019; this was the smallest increase since a 1.1-percent increase in the 12 months ended October 2016.

Producer Price Indexes for final demand, percent change, October 2018–October 2019



Producer prices for final demand goods decreased 0.6 percent over this 12-month period. The relative importance value for final demand goods, which shows how buyers distribute expenditures among the groupings that make up the total, was 32.8 percent; thus final demand goods accounted for about a third of total final demand purchases.

Producer prices for final demand services, which had a relative importance of 65.5 percent, increased 2.0 percent. Producer prices for construction (relative importance 1.7) increased 3.9 percent from October 2018 to October 2019.

Within final demand goods, food prices increased 2.9 percent, while energy prices decreased 8.6 percent over the 12 months ended in October. Prices for final demand goods less food and energy edged up 0.6 percent over the year.

Producer prices for trade services increased 2.2 percent over the year, while transportation and warehousing services prices increased 0.5 percent. Prices for services less trade, transportation, and warehousing increased 1.9 percent.

These data are from the Producer Price Indexes program. To learn more, see "Producer Price Indexes —October 2019." These data are not seasonally adjusted. Also see charts related to the latest "Producer Price Indexes" news release. All producer price indexes are subject to revision once, 4 months after initial publication. Producer price indexes measure the average change over time in the selling prices received by domestic producers for their output. The relative importance of a component of the Producer Price Index represents its value weight that is allocated to the final demand category, expressed as a percentage of the total weight of the category.

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