



# Economic Growth Region 11

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.

Nebraska had the lowest jobless rate in February, 2.7 percent, followed by North Dakota, 2.9 percent. Nevada had the highest rate among the states, 7.1 percent. The District of Columbia had a rate of 7.8 percent. In total, 19 states had unemployment rates significantly lower than the U.S. figure of 5.5 percent, 13 states and the District of Columbia had measurably higher rates, and 18 states had rates that were not noticeably different from that of the nation.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick 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 Rate by County – February 2015 (high to low)

46	Perry	5.9%
52	Spencer	5.8%
65	Knox	5.4%
68	Pike	5.3%
69	Vanderburgh	5.3%
76	Warrick	5.2%
81	Posey	4.9%
84	Gibson	4.8%
91	Dubois	4.2%

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
<b>U.S.</b>	156,213,000	147,118,000	9,095,000	5.8%	6.1%	7.0%
<b>IN</b>	3,221,180	3,023,483	197,697	6.1%	6.7%	6.9%
<b>EGR 11</b>	222,055	210,621	11,434	5.1%	5.8%	6.0%
<b>Evansville MSA</b>	157,441	149,278	8,163	5.2%	5.9%	6.4%
<b>Dubois Co.</b>	22,194	21,254	940	4.2%	4.8%	4.9%
<b>Gibson Co.</b>	18,589	17,702	887	4.8%	5.3%	5.3%
<b>Knox Co.</b>	19,382	18,327	1,055	5.4%	6.0%	5.9%
<b>Perry Co.</b>	9,140	8,597	543	5.9%	7.0%	7.1%
<b>Pike Co.</b>	6,440	6,097	343	5.3%	5.8%	5.9%
<b>Posey Co.</b>	13,235	12,591	644	4.9%	5.5%	5.6%
<b>Spencer Co.</b>	10,215	9,620	595	5.8%	6.7%	6.8%
<b>Vanderburgh Co.</b>	91,653	86,834	4,819	5.3%	6.0%	6.3%
<b>Warrick Co.</b>	31,207	29,599	1,608	5.2%	5.9%	5.8%
<b>Boonville</b>	3,085	2,887	198	6.4%	7.7%	7.7%
<b>Evansville</b>	58,685	55,419	3,266	5.6%	6.4%	6.8%
<b>Jasper</b>	8,135	7,811	324	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%
<b>Mount Vernon</b>	3,213	3,056	157	4.9%	4.9%	5.2%
<b>Petersburg</b>	1,056	989	67	6.3%	5.8%	6.9%
<b>Princeton</b>	4,521	4,273	248	5.5%	6.1%	6.2%
<b>Rockport</b>	853	791	62	7.3%	7.7%	10.2%
<b>Tell City</b>	3,747	3,547	200	5.3%	6.2%	5.8%
<b>Vincennes</b>	8,180	7,672	508	6.2%	6.9%	6.9%

State Release Date: 3/27/2015

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

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.

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	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
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  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Claims, February 2015

### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

#### Initial Claims

Feb 7th - **268**  
Feb 14th - **245**  
Feb 21st - **332<sup>D</sup>**  
Feb 28th - **332**

#### Continued Claims

Feb 7th - **1,954**  
Feb 14th - **1,858**  
Feb 21st - **1,985**  
Feb 28th - **1,908**

#### Total Claims\*

Feb 7th - **2,222**  
Feb 14th - **2,103**  
Feb 21st - **2,317**  
Feb 28th - **2,240**

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

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

Feb 7th - **4,294**  
Feb 14th - **3,944**  
Feb 21st - **4,742**  
Feb 28th - **4,655**

#### Continued Claims

Feb 7th - **36,940**  
Feb 14th - **36,053**  
Feb 21st - **36,856**  
Feb 28th - **36,477**

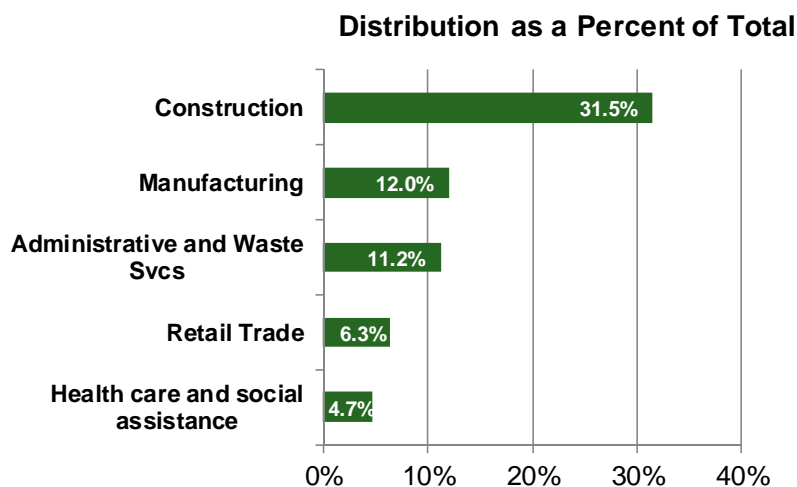
#### Total Claims\*

Feb 7th - **41,234**  
Feb 14th - **39,997**  
Feb 21st - **41,598**  
Feb 28th - **41,132**

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

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

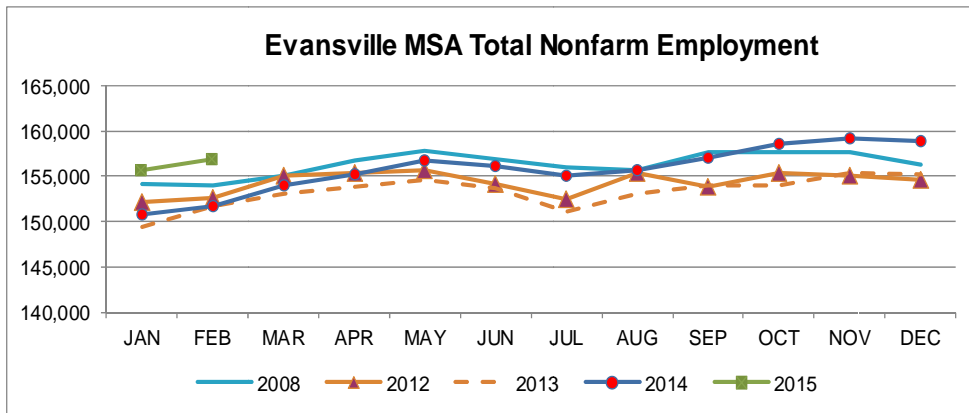
### Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 11 Industries, February 2015



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

WARN Notices for Region 11 - February 2015			
Company	City	Affected Workers	Notice Date
Schott Gemtron (revised)	Vincennes	40	2/23/2015

Source: Hoosiers by the Numbers WARN Notices, Indiana Department of Workforce Development



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

Evansville MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2015				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Feb-15	Jan-15	Feb-14	Jan-15 to Feb-15		Feb-14 to Feb-15	
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>156,800</b>	<b>155,600</b>	<b>151,700</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
Total Private Employment	139,700	138,900	134,600	800	0.6%	5100	3.8%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>30,700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
---Mining, Logging, Construction	10,500	10,400	8,700	100	1.0%	1800	20.7%
---Manufacturing	23,100	23,100	22,000	0	0.0%	1100	5.0%
Durable Goods	9,000	8,900	8,700	100	1.1%	300	3.5%
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>123,200</b>	<b>122,100</b>	<b>121,000</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
Private Service Providing	106,100	105,400	103,900	700	0.7%	2200	2.1%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	30,300	30,300	29,400	0	0.0%	900	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	6,100	6,100	6,000	0	0.0%	100	1.7%
Retail Trade	17,000	17,100	16,500	-100	-0.6%	500	3.0%
Gen Merch Stores	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	7,200	7,100	6,900	100	1.4%	300	4.4%
---Information	1,700	1,800	1,800	-100	-5.6%	-100	-5.6%
---Financial Activities	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	0.0%	100	2.1%
---Professional & Business	19,000	18,500	17,900	500	2.7%	1100	6.2%
---Educational & Health	27,600	27,400	27,300	200	0.7%	300	1.1%
Health Care/Social Assist.	25,100	25,000	24,700	100	0.4%	400	1.6%
Hospitals	9,800	9,800	10,100	0	0.0%	-300	-3.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	15,100	15,000	15,200	100	0.7%	-100	-0.7%
---Other Services	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Government</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
---Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	100	8.3%
---State Government	4,300	4,100	4,300	200	4.9%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	11,500	11,300	11,600	200	1.8%	-100	-0.9%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	7,100	6,900	7,100	200	2.9%	0	0.0%

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

Counties include: Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh & Warrick IN and Henderson & Webster KY

## Frequently Listed Jobs Region 11

### Top 20 Job listings by number of openings for February 2015

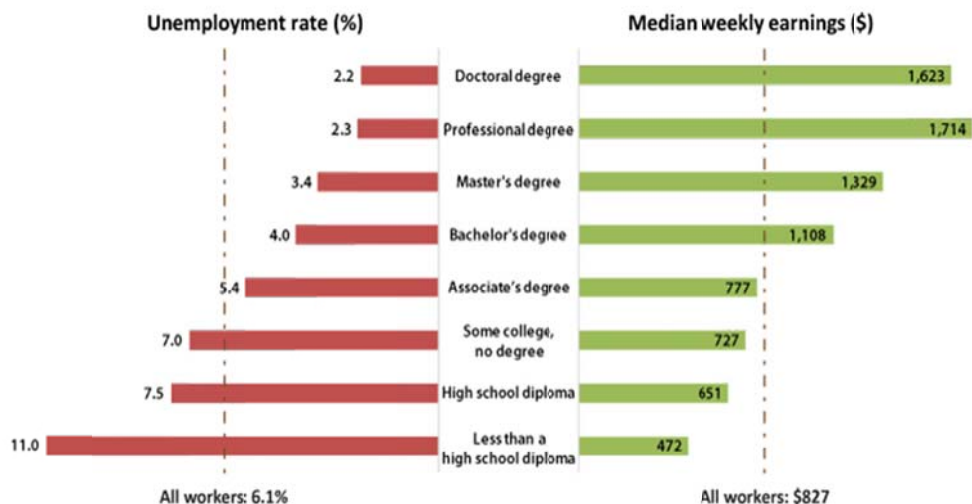
- 1 Personal Care Aides
- 2 Security Guards
- 3 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers
- 5 Production Workers, All Other
- 6 Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food
- 7 Team Assemblers
- 8 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
- 9 Lifeguards, Ski Patrol, and Other Recreational Protective Service Workers
- 10 Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
- 11 Recreation Workers
- 12 Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers
- 13 Home Health Aides
- 14 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 15 Counselors, All Other
- 16 Manufacturing Production Technicians
- 17 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
- 18 Grounds Maintenance Workers, All Other
- 19 Healthcare Support Workers, All Other
- 20 Nursing Assistants

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



# Education still pays

Unemployment rate and earnings by educational attainment, 2013



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers and do not include the self-employed.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

As the cost of higher education continues to climb, prospective students and their families might wonder: "Does it still pay to get an education?" According to the most recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS): Yes, it does.

For decades, BLS data have shown that workers with more education have lower unemployment and higher earnings than workers with less education. And 2013 data are no exception.

For example, as the chart shows, the unemployment rate drops with every additional level of education attained. Workers with less education than a high school diploma had the highest unemployment rate (11 percent), while those with a doctoral degree had the lowest rate (2.2 percent).

Earnings by educational attainment generally follow the opposite pattern, peaking for workers with a professional degree—a group that includes lawyers and dentists—and decreasing as education levels fall. The earnings data in the chart are medians; within each education level, half of workers earned more than the amount shown, and half earned less.

Keep in mind that education alone doesn't determine your success in the job market. Wages and employment vary based on a number of factors, including occupation, geographic location, and experience. Find out which occupations match your interests, skills, and career goals to determine the level of education that is likely to pay off for you.

These data come from the BLS Current Population Survey, a monthly survey of households that collects information about demographic and labor force characteristics.

## Applicant Pool Region 11

### Top Twenty Occupations Desired by Applicants on their Resumes in the Past 12 Months

1	Production Workers, All Other	626
2	Customer Service Representatives	326
3	Helpers--Production Workers	321
4	Office Clerks, General	235
5	Assemblers and Fabricators, All	222
6	Managers, All Other	175
7	Cashiers	154
8	Administrative Services Managers	150
9	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	143
10	Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	133
11	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	113
12	Receptionists and Information Clerks	111
13	Nursing Assistants	108
14	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	102
15	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	102
16	Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard	87
17	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	82
18	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	81
19	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	79
20	Construction Laborers	72

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



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## Questions?

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