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Economic Growth Region 11

Statistical Data Report for December 2019, Released February 2020

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in December in 11 states, higher in 4 states, and stable in 35 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Eight states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 1 state had an increase, and 41 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate, 3.5 percent, was unchanged over the month but was 0.4 percentage point lower than in December 2018.

South Carolina, Utah, and Vermont had the lowest unemployment rates in December, 2.3 percent each. The rates in Colorado (2.5 percent), Florida (3.0 percent), Georgia (3.2 percent), Illinois (3.7 percent), Oregon (3.7 percent), South Carolina (2.3 percent), Utah (2.3 percent), and Washington (4.3 percent) set new series lows. (All state series begin in 1976.) Alaska had the highest jobless rate, 6.1 percent. In total, 15 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 3.5 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.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 3 states in December 2019 and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, 26 states added nonfarm payroll jobs and 24 states and the District were essentially unchanged.

The job gains occurred in Texas (+29,800, or +0.2 percent), Washington (+10,900, or +0.3 percent), and Arkansas (+5,400, or +0.4 percent).



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties

December 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-18
U.S.	164,007,000	158,504,000	5,503,000	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%
IN	3,352,305	3,250,841	101,464	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%
EGR 11	228,142	222,047	6,095	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%
Evansville MSA	163,729	159,081	4,648	2.8%	3.0%	3.0%
Dubois Co.	22,959	22,503	456	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%
Gibson Co.	19,594	19,130	464	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%
Knox Co.	18,637	18,119	518	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%
Perry Co.	9,187	8,889	298	3.2%	3.0%	3.6%
Pike Co.	6,175	5,970	205	3.3%	2.8%	3.4%
Posey Co.	13,665	13,324	341	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%
Spencer Co.	10,220	9,897	323	3.2%	3.0%	3.3%
Vanderburgh Co.	94,696	92,093	2,603	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%
Warrick Co.	33,009	32,122	887	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%
Boonville	3,214	3,121	93	2.9%	3.0%	3.4%
Evansville	59,857	58,032	1,825	3.0%	3.2%	3.2%
Jasper	8,502	8,346	156	1.8%	2.2%	2.2%
Mount Vernon	3,272	3,177	95	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%
Petersburg	1,012	970	42	4.2%	2.6%	3.1%
Princeton	4,740	4,625	115	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%
Rockport	837	801	36	4.3%	4.0%	4.3%
Tell City	3,877	3,771	106	2.7%	2.8%	3.7%
Vincennes	7,780	7,530	250	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): December 2019

U.S. - 3.5%

Illinois - 3.7%

Indiana - 3.2%

Kentucky - 4.3%

Michigan - 3.9%

Ohio - 4.2%

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

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

#27 - Pike (3.3%)

#33 - Perry (3.2%)

#36 - Spencer (3.2%)

#57 - Knox (2.8%)

#65 - Vanderburgh (2.7%)

#67 - Warrick (2.7%)

#71 - Posey (2.5%)

#78 - Gibson (2.4%)

#92 - Dubois (2%)

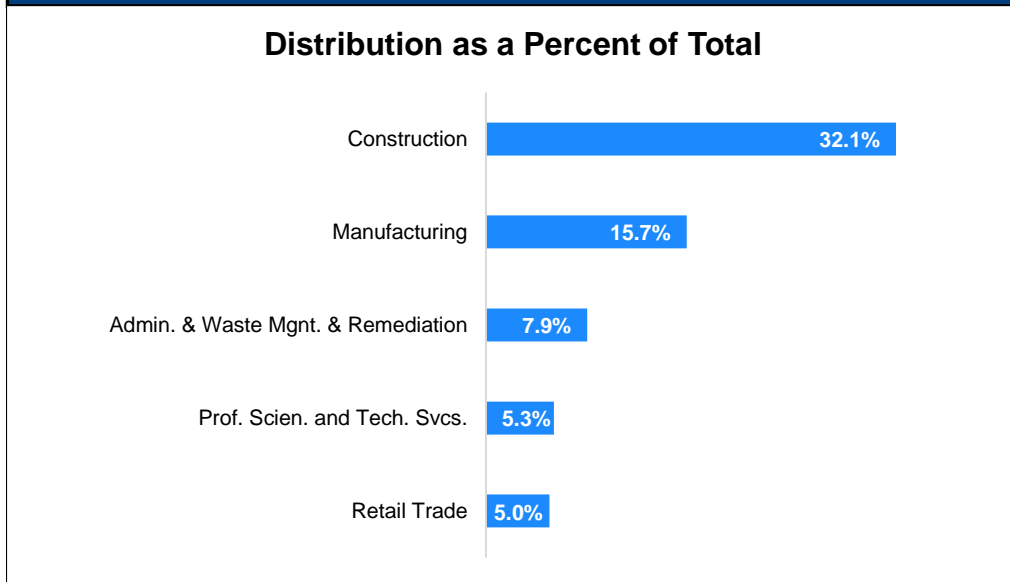
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to December 2019 from				
CPI Item	Dec-18	Nov-19	Dec-18	Nov-19
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.3%	-0.1%	2.3%	0%
Food & Beverages	1.7%	0.1%	1.8%	0.1%
Housing	2.6%	0.1%	2.3%	0.3%
Apparel	-1.2%	-3.2%	-1.4%	-4%
Transportation	1.9%	-0.6%	3.1%	-0.1%
Medical Care	4.6%	0.4%	3.6%	-0.4%
Recreation	1.5%	0.1%	2%	0.2%
Education & Communication	1.4%	-0.1%	0.8%	0%
Other Goods & Services	2.3%	-0.2%	2.4%	-0.3%

*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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 11 Industries December 2019



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 11 for December 2019				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for December 2019 for EGR 11.

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: December 2019

Region 11

Initial Claims

12/07/19 - 215(D)

12/14/19 - 137(D)

12/21/19 - 168(D)

12/28/19 - 141(D)

Continued Claims

12/07/19 - 852

12/14/19 - 916

12/21/19 - 919

12/28/19 - 1,046

Total Claims

12/07/19 - 1,067

12/14/19 - 1,053

12/21/19 - 1,087

12/28/19 - 1,187

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

12/07/19 - 3,819

12/14/19 - 3,256

12/21/19 - 3,733

12/28/19 - 3,232

Continued Claims

12/07/19 - 13,763

12/14/19 - 15,184

12/21/19 - 16,121

12/28/19 - 18,423

Total Claims

12/07/19 - 17,582

12/14/19 - 18,440

12/21/19 - 19,854

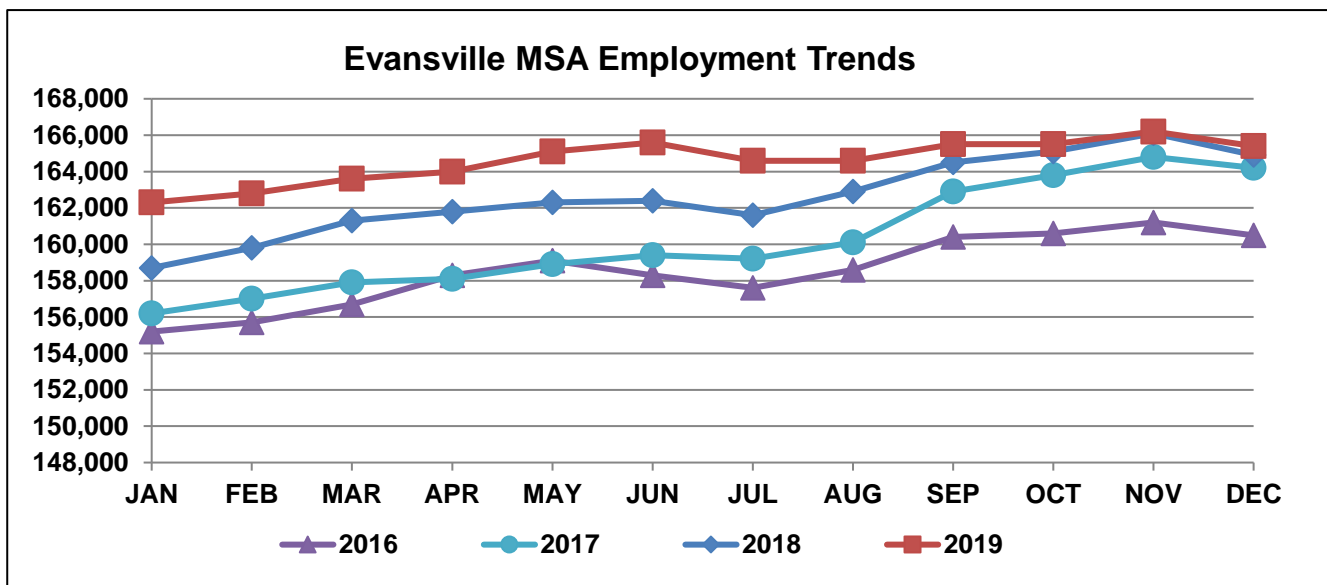
12/28/19 - 21,655

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

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Evansville MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	December 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-18	Nov-19 to Dec-19	Dec-18 to Dec-19		
Total Nonfarm	165,400	166,200	164,900	-800	-0.5%	500	0.3%
Total Private	147,000	147,700	147,100	-700	-0.5%	-100	-0.1%
Goods Producing	33,600	33,900	34,000	-300	-0.9%	-400	-1.2%
Service-Providing	131,800	132,300	130,900	-500	-0.4%	900	0.7%
Private Service Providing	113,400	113,800	113,100	-400	-0.4%	300	0.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	9,800	10,100	10,000	-300	-3.0%	-200	-2.0%
Manufacturing	23,800	23,800	24,000	0	0.0%	-200	-0.8%
Durable Goods	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	31,800	31,900	32,200	-100	-0.3%	-400	-1.2%
Wholesale Trade	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
Retail Trade	17,500	17,500	17,700	0	0.0%	-200	-1.1%
General Merchandise Stores	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	8,000	8,100	8,100	-100	-1.2%	-100	-1.2%
Information	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	20,200	20,500	20,300	-300	-1.5%	-100	-0.5%
Education and Health Services	30,200	30,300	29,100	-100	-0.3%	1,100	3.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	27,000	26,900	25,900	100	0.4%	1,100	4.3%
Hospitals	10,100	10,100	10,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,400	15,400	16,000	0	0.0%	-600	-3.8%
Other Services	8,800	8,700	8,500	100	1.2%	300	3.5%
Total Government	18,400	18,500	17,800	-100	-0.5%	600	3.4%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	5,200	5,300	4,900	-100	-1.9%	300	6.1%
Local Government	11,900	11,900	11,600	0	0.0%	300	2.6%
Local Government Educational Services	7,500	7,500	7,200	0	0.0%	300	4.2%

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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings in Region 11 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Postsecondary Teachers, All Other
2	Customer Service Representatives
3	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
4	Registered Nurses
5	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
6	Managers, All Other
7	Production Workers, All Other
8	Security Guards
9	Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers
10	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
11	Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
12	Driver/Sales Workers
13	Food Preparation Workers
14	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
15	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
16	Nursing Assistants
17	Retail Salespersons
18	Technical Directors/Managers
19	Accountants
20	Computer User Support Specialists

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	718
Helpers--Production Workers	303
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	293
Customer Service Representatives	197
Cashiers	182
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	159
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	138
Office Clerks, General	132
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	124
Managers, All Other	123
Nursing Assistants	98
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	97
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	96
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	89
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	88
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	87
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	83
Retail Salespersons	82
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	82
Administrative Services Managers	79

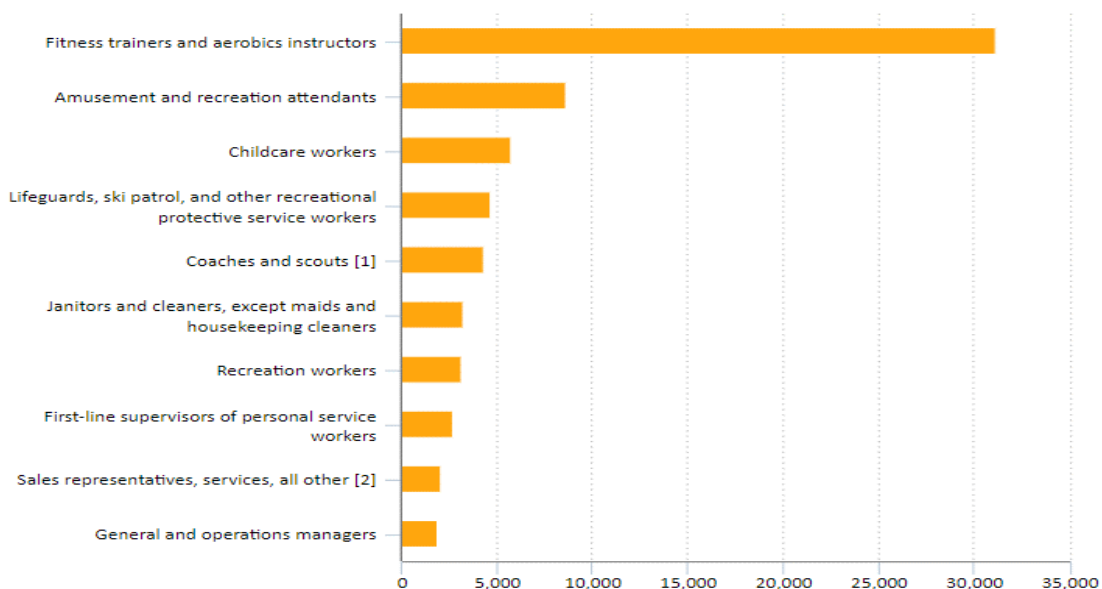
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Strong growth projected in fitness and recreational sports centers, 2018–28

Elka Torpey | January 2020

If you've resolved to get in shape this year, you might seek out an exercise facility to help accomplish that goal. That's good news for employment in the fitness and recreational sports centers industry. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects employment for most occupations in these centers to grow at least 15 percent, much faster than the average for all occupations in all industries, through 2028. As the chart shows, fitness trainers and aerobics instructors is projected to add the most jobs in these centers: about 31,100 over the 2018 to 2028 decade. This occupation also had the most employment in the industry in 2018, accounting for nearly 1 in 3 jobs.

Chart 1. Occupations with the most new jobs in fitness and recreational sports centers, projected 2018–28



Hover over chart to view data.

[1] Median hourly wage data not available.

[2] This "all other" occupation includes job titles such as business services sales representative and membership solicitor.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program.

General and operations managers in fitness and recreational sports centers had a median hourly wage of \$33.04 in 2018, the highest for the occupations shown—and more than triple that of lifeguards, ski patrol, and other recreational protective service workers, which at \$10.35 had the lowest industry wage for the occupations charted. These managers usually work full time, year round. But part-time, seasonal jobs are common in many of the other occupations in the chart, which is why it shows hourly, instead of annual, wages.

Typically, you can enter most of the occupations in the chart with a high school diploma or less education, plus on-the-job training. Coaches and scouts typically need a bachelor's degree; general and operations managers typically must have a degree and 5 or more years of experience.

Read about wages, work schedules, typical education and training requirements, and more for these and hundreds of other occupations in the Occupational Outlook Handbook. Get projections data for all the occupations in fitness and recreational sports centers from the BLS Employment Projections program.

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