



Economic Growth Region 2

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. In February 2015, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 36 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 13 states, and was unchanged in Wyoming.

In February, the Midwest had the lowest regional unemployment rate, 5.1 percent, while the West had the highest rate, 6.1 percent. Over the month, three regions had statistically significant unemployment changes: the West (-0.2 percentage point) and Midwest and South (-0.1 point each).



Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR2)

Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, Marshall and St. Joseph 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, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County, February 2015

(high to low)

- #31 - St. Joseph (6.6%)
- #35 - Fulton (6.5%)
- #58 - Marshall (5.5%)
- #77 - Kosciusko (5.1%)
- #83 - Elkhart (4.8%)

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

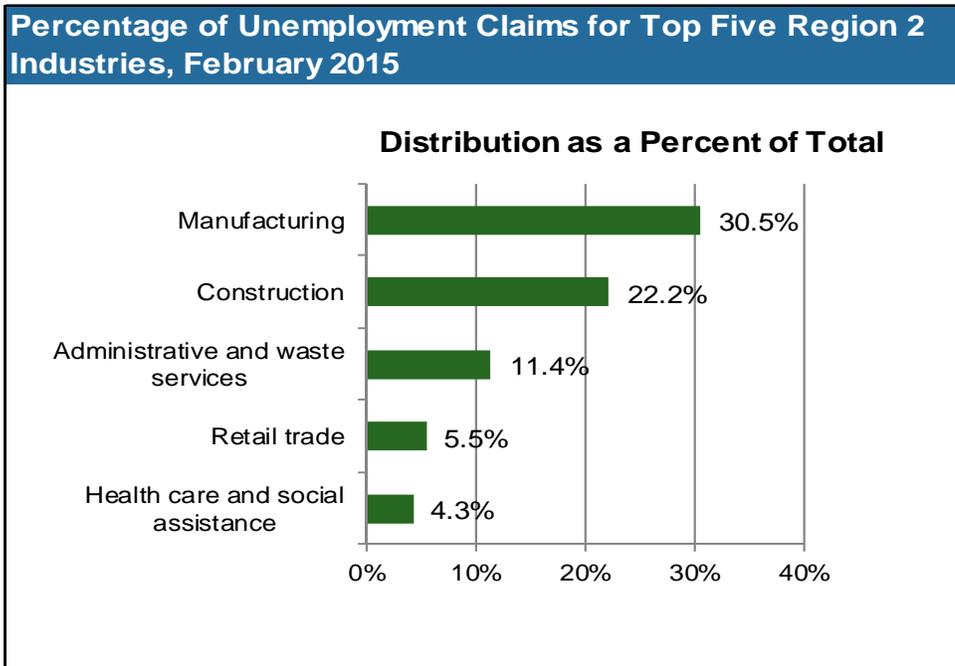
February 2015 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb 2015 Rate	Jan 2015 Rate	Feb 2014 Rate
U.S.	156,213,000	147,118,000	9,095,000	5.8%	6.1%	7.0%
IN	3,221,180	3,023,483	197,697	6.1%	6.7%	6.9%
EGR 2	303,987	286,685	17,302	5.7%	6.4%	6.7%
Elkhart-Goshen MSA	101,987	97,095	4,892	4.8%	5.5%	5.9%
South Bend-Mishawaka MSA	152,452	142,729	9,723	6.4%	7.1%	7.7%
Elkhart Co.	101,987	97,095	4,892	4.8%	5.5%	5.9%
Fulton Co.	9,962	9,319	643	6.5%	7.3%	7.8%
Kosciusko Co.	40,085	38,053	2,032	5.1%	5.7%	5.7%
Marshall Co.	23,601	22,303	1,298	5.5%	6.2%	6.8%
St Joseph Co.	128,352	119,915	8,437	6.6%	7.3%	7.6%
Elkhart	23,908	22,559	1,349	5.6%	6.5%	7.1%
Goshen	15,651	14,952	699	4.5%	5.2%	6.0%
Mishawaka	24,405	22,862	1,543	6.3%	7.0%	7.4%
Plymouth	4,431	4,135	296	6.7%	7.6%	9.0%
South Bend	45,538	42,325	3,213	7.1%	7.7%	8.3%
Warsaw	7,025	6,675	350	5.0%	5.9%	5.5%

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Released 3-30-15

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 February 2015 from:				
CPI Item	Feb-14	Jan-15	Feb-14	Jan-15
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	-0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%
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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

There were no WARN notices in February in EGR 2.

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet: <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims, Weekly Claims February 2014

Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR2)

Initial Claims

February 7th, 2015 – 352
February 14th, 2015 – 344
February 21st, 2015 – 357
February 28th, 2015 – 371

Continued Claims

February 7th, 2015 – 3,113
February 14th, 2015 – 3,023
February 21st, 2015 – 2,899
February 28th, 2015 – 2,795

Total Claims

February 7th, 2015 – 3,465
February 14th, 2015 – 3,367
February 21st, 2015 – 3,256
February 28th, 2015 – 3,166

DJ: Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues.

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

February 7th, 2015 – 4,294
February 14th, 2015 – 3,944
February 21st, 2015 – 4,742
February 28th, 2015 – 4,655

Continued Claims

February 7th, 2015 – 36,940
February 14th, 2015 – 36,053
February 21st, 2015 – 36,856
February 28th, 2015 – 36,477

Total Claims

February 7th, 2015 – 41,234
February 14th, 2015 – 39,997
February 21st, 2015 – 41,598
February 28th, 2015 – 41,132

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Elkhart-Goshen Metropolitan Statistical Area							
<i>Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2015</i>				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	Feb-14 to Feb-15	Feb-14 to Feb-15
Total Nonfarm	124,900	123,700	120,000	1,200	1.0%	4,900	4.1%
Total Private	115,900	114,800	111,200	1,100	1.0%	4,700	4.2%
Goods Producing	61,400	60,400	59,400	1,000	1.7%	2,000	3.4%
Service-Providing	63,500	63,300	60,600	200	0.3%	2,900	4.8%
Private Service Providing	54,500	54,400	51,800	100	0.2%	2,700	5.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,400	2,500	2,500	-100	-4.0%	-100	-4.0%
Manufacturing	59,000	57,900	56,900	1,100	1.9%	2,100	3.7%
Durable Goods	49,800	48,900	48,000	900	1.8%	1,800	3.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	29,500	28,800	28,900	700	2.4%	600	2.1%
Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing	23,800	23,400	23,500	400	1.7%	300	1.3%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	0.0%	100	2.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19,100	19,000	18,000	100	0.5%	1,100	6.1%
Wholesale Trade	6,300	6,300	5,900	0	0.0%	400	6.8%
Retail Trade	9,500	9,500	8,900	0	0.0%	600	6.7%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,300	3,200	3,200	100	3.1%	100	3.1%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	10,100	9,900	9,400	200	2.0%	700	7.5%
Educational & Health Services	11,400	11,400	11,100	0	0.0%	300	2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	7,000	7,100	6,500	-100	-1.4%	500	7.7%
Other Services	3,700	3,800	3,600	-100	-2.6%	100	2.8%
Total Government	9,000	8,900	8,800	100	1.1%	200	2.3%
Federal Government	300	300	200	0	0.0%	100	50.0%
State Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	8,500	8,400	8,400	100	1.2%	100	1.2%
Local Government Educational Services	6,200	6,100	6,000	100	1.6%	200	3.3%

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

Applicant Pool Top 20 Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on Their Resumes in the Past 12 Months

- 1 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 2931
- 2 Production Workers, All Other - 2493
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers - 2031
- 4 Cashiers - 1135
- 5 Customer Service Representatives - 1125
- 6 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 933
- 7 Office Clerks, General - 882
- 8 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers - 732
- 9 Nursing Assistants - 728
- 10 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 622
- 11 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 601
- 12 Packers and Packagers, Hand - 593
- 13 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 564
- 14 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks - 564
- 15 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 561
- 16 Retail Salespersons - 553
- 17 Managers, All Other - 551
- 18 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers - 471
- 19 Carpenters - 448
- 20 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 443

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



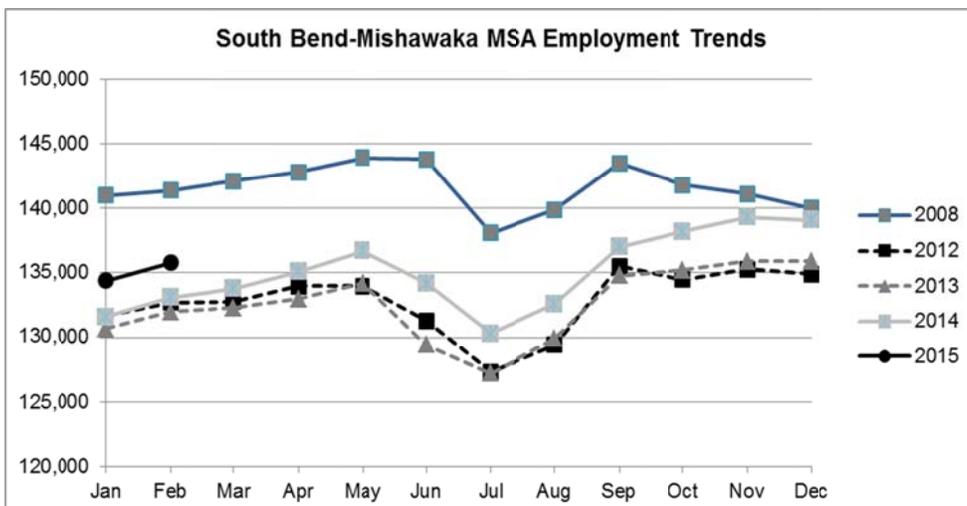
Elkhart-Goshen MSA Employment Trends



Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics
Note: Historical data for the most recent 5 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.

South Bend Metropolitan Statistical Area							
<i>Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2015</i>				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		
Total Nonfarm	135,800	134,400	133,100	1,400	1.0%	2,700	2.0%
Total Private	120,200	119,100	117,400	1,100	0.9%	2,800	2.4%
Goods Producing	20,700	20,800	20,200	-100	-0.5%	500	2.5%
Service-Providing	115,100	113,600	112,900	1,500	1.3%	2,200	2.0%
Private Service Providing	99,500	98,300	97,200	1,200	1.2%	2,300	2.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,600	3,700	3,600	-100	-2.7%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	17,100	17,100	16,600	0	0.0%	500	3.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	2,800	100	3.5%	200	7.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	24,800	24,900	24,200	-100	-0.4%	600	2.5%
Wholesale Trade	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	0.0%	200	3.2%
Retail Trade	14,900	15,000	14,400	-100	-0.7%	500	3.5%
General Merchandise Stores	3,400	3,500	3,300	-100	-2.9%	100	3.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	0.0%	-100	-2.9%
Information	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	13,400	13,300	12,500	100	0.8%	900	7.2%
Educational & Health Services	35,600	34,400	35,400	1,200	3.5%	200	0.6%
Hospitals	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	1.8%	100	1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	12,800	12,800	12,200	0	0.0%	600	4.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	10,700	10,600	10,300	100	0.9%	400	3.9%
Other Services	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	15,600	15,300	15,700	300	2.0%	-100	-0.6%
Federal Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	2,600	2,400	2,700	200	8.3%	-100	-3.7%
Local Government	12,000	11,900	12,000	100	0.8%	0	0.0%

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Frequently Listed Jobs Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 2 for the month of February 2015

- 1 Helpers--Production Workers
- 2 Personal Care Aides
- 3 Production Workers, All Other
- 4 Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education
- 5 Military Enlisted Tactical Operations and Air/Weapons Specialists and Crew Members, All Other
- 6 Customer Service Representatives
- 7 Counter and Rental Clerks
- 8 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 9 Nursing Assistants
- 10 Retail Salespersons
- 11 Demonstrators and Product Promoters
- 12 Registered Nurses
- 13 Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic
- 14 Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
- 15 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 16 Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
- 17 Engineers, All Other
- 18 Foundry Mold and Coremakers
- 19 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
- 20 Material Moving Workers, All Other

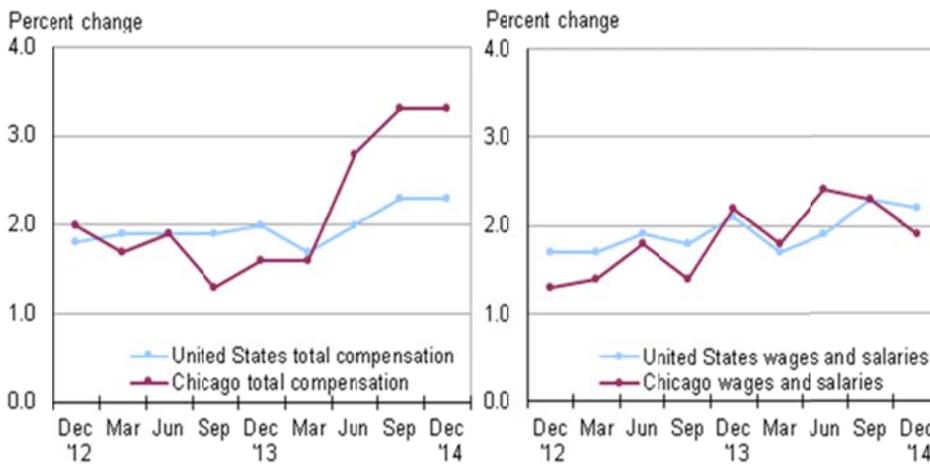
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Changing Compensation Costs in the Chicago Metropolitan Area

Total compensation costs for private industry workers increased 3.3 percent in the Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City, Ill.-Ind.-Wis. metropolitan area for the year ended in December 2014, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Regional Commissioner Charlene Peiffer noted that a year earlier, Chicago experienced a gain of 1.6 percent in total compensation costs. Locally, wages and salaries, the largest component of total compensation costs, rose 1.9 percent over the 12-month period ended December 2014. Nationwide, total compensation costs and wages and salaries rose 2.3 percent and 2.2 percent, respectively over the same period. (See chart 1)

Chart 1. Twelve-month percent changes in the Employment Cost Index, private industry workers, United States and the Chicago area, not seasonally adjusted, December 2012 - December 2014



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Chicago is 1 of 15 metropolitan areas in the United States, and 1 of 3 areas in the Midwest region of the country for which locality compensation cost data are now available. Among these 15 largest areas, over-the-year percentage changes in the cost of total compensation ranged from 4.8 percent in both San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, Calif. and Seattle-Tacoma-Olympia, Wash. to 1.0 percent in Detroit Warren-Flint, Mich. in December 2014; for wages and salaries, annual increases ranged from 4.9 percent in San Jose to 0.2 percent in Detroit.

As noted, the annual increase in total compensation costs in Chicago stood at 3.3 percent in December 2014. This placed Chicago above the rates recorded in the two other metropolitan areas of the Midwest, Minneapolis-St. Paul-St. Cloud, Minn.-Wis. (2.3 percent) and Detroit (1.0 percent). Chicago's 1.9-percent gain in wages and salaries over this 12-month period was below the increase registered in Minneapolis (2.6 percent) and above Detroit's (0.2 percent) over the same period.

Hours & Earnings by Industry Statewide

February 2015

Average Weekly Earnings

Construction	\$911.34
Manufacturing	\$788.14
Durable Goods	\$848.42
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$686.26
Transport Equip Mfg	\$903.08
Non-Durable Goods	\$633.83
Retail Trade	\$397.23
Financial Activities	\$716.03
Health Care	\$630.82
Accomm & Food Svc	\$234.00
Food Services/Bars	\$230.05

Average Weekly Hours

Construction	36.6
Manufacturing	41.9
Durable Goods	42.4
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	40.8
Transport Equip Mfg	42.8
Non-Durable Goods	40.5
Retail Trade	30.3
Financial Activities	37.1
Health Care	32.3
Accomm & Food Svc	23.1
Food Services/Bars	22.8

Average Hourly Earnings

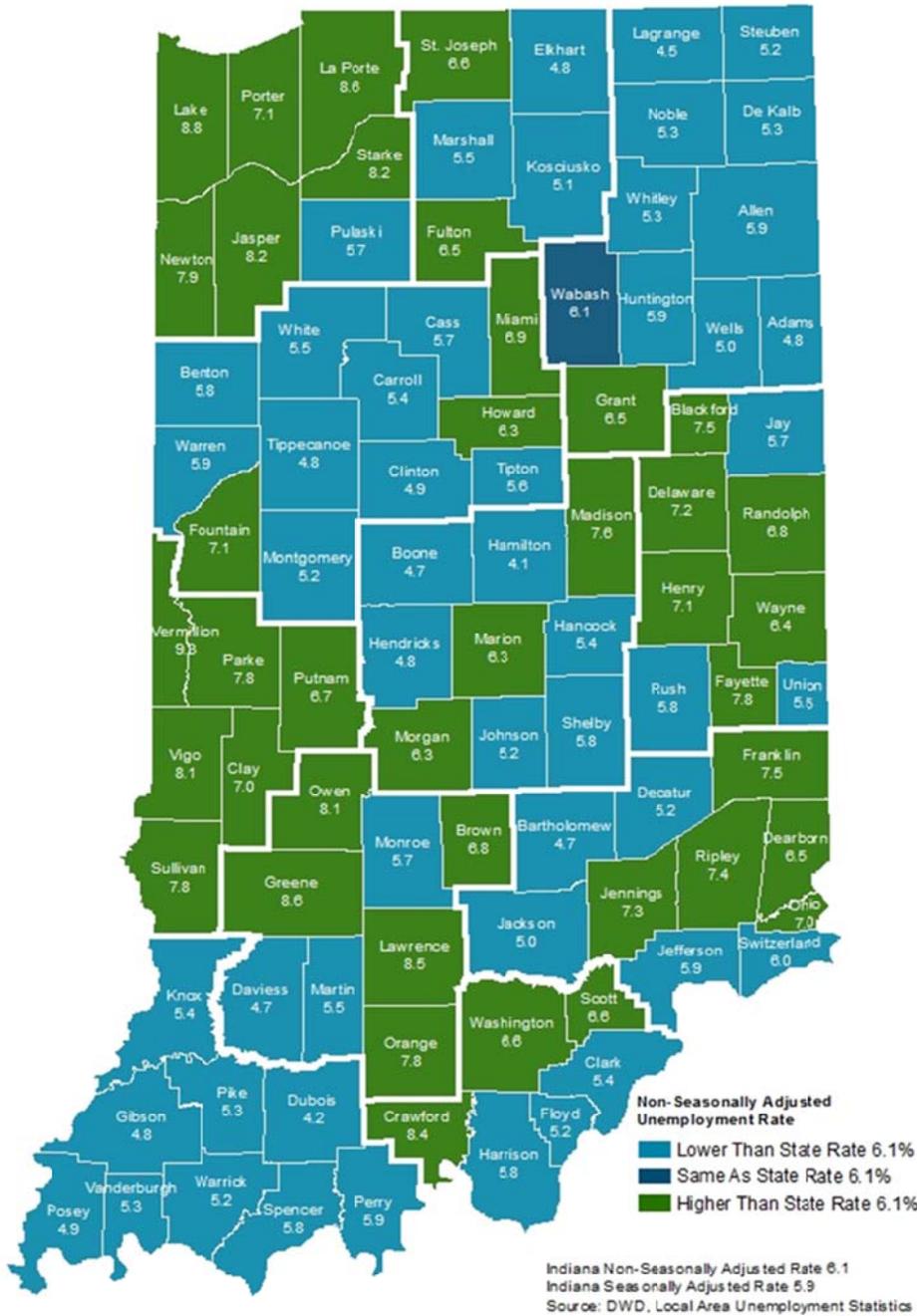
Construction	\$24.90
Manufacturing	\$18.81
Durable Goods	\$20.01
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$16.82
Transport Equip Mfg	\$21.10
Non-Durable Goods	\$15.65
Retail Trade	\$13.11
Financial Activities	\$19.30
Health Care	\$19.53
Accomm & Food Svc	\$10.13
Food Services/Bars	\$10.09

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

County Unemployment Rates February 2015



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