



Economic Growth Region 2

Statistical Data Report for December 2015, Released February 2016

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in December. Twenty-five states had unemployment rate decreases from November, 14 states had increases, and 11 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-two states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, while eight states had increases.

The national jobless rate was unchanged from November at 5.0 percent and was 0.6 percentage point lower than in December 2014.



Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR 2)

Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties

December 2015 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Dec 2015 Rate	Nov 2015 Rate	Dec 2014 Rate
U.S.	157,245,000	149,703,000	7,542,000	4.8%	4.8%	5.4%
IN	3,290,348	3,140,143	150,205	4.6%	4.5%	5.7%
EGR 2	308,752	295,643	13,109	4.2%	4.2%	5.5%
Elkhart-Goshen MSA	105,015	101,210	3,805	3.6%	3.7%	4.9%
South Bend-Mishawaka MSA	153,656	146,501	7,155	4.7%	4.6%	6.1%
Elkhart Co.	105,015	101,210	3,805	3.6%	3.7%	4.9%
Fulton Co.	9,780	9,261	519	5.3%	4.4%	6.0%
Kosciusko Co.	40,319	38,694	1,625	4.0%	3.9%	4.9%
Marshall Co.	24,127	23,162	965	4.0%	3.9%	5.3%
St Joseph Co.	129,511	123,316	6,195	4.8%	4.7%	6.3%
Elkhart	24,612	23,515	1,097	4.5%	4.5%	5.8%
Goshen	16,188	15,586	602	3.7%	3.8%	4.5%
Mishawaka	24,615	23,510	1,105	4.5%	4.4%	6.0%
Plymouth	4,519	4,294	225	5.0%	4.6%	6.8%
South Bend	46,072	43,526	2,546	5.5%	5.3%	7.0%
Warsaw	7,060	6,787	273	3.9%	3.9%	5.0%

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

Unemployment Rates by State - December 2015 (seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 5.0%
- Illinois - 5.9%
- Indiana - 4.4%**
- Kentucky - 5.3%
- Michigan - 5.1%
- Ohio - 4.7%

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

Unemployment Rank by County - December 2015 (high to low*)

- #20 - Fulton (5.3%)
- #36 - St. Joseph (4.8%)
- #65 - Kosciusko (4.0%)
- #66 - Marshall (4.0%)
- #86 - Elkhart (3.6%)

*of Indiana's 92 counties

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to December 2015 from:

CPI Item	Dec-14	Nov-15	Dec-14	Nov-15	Dec-14	Nov-15
	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-		Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	0.0%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.6%	0.7%	-0.3%
Food & Beverages	1.5%	0.3%	0.6%	0.1%	0.8%	-0.2%
Housing	0.3%	-0.3%	1.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.1%
Apparel	-2.2%	-4.0%	-2.1%	-3.2%	-0.9%	-3.3%
Transportation	-4.3%	-3.0%	-5.2%	-3.1%	-4.1%	-1.5%
Medical Care	1.9%	-0.3%	2.4%	0.0%	2.6%	-0.1%
Recreation	0.8%	0.7%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.7%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	0.6%	0.2%	0.9%	0.0%	1.4%	-0.1%
Other Goods & Services	0.6%	0.2%	2.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%

*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, December 2015

Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR2)

Initial Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 502
December 12th, 2015 – 460
December 19th, 2015 – 443
December 26th, 2015 – 599

Continued Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 2,001
December 12th, 2015 – 2,096
December 19th, 2015 – 2,184
December 26th, 2015 – 2,408

Total Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 2,503
December 12th, 2015 – 2,556
December 19th, 2015 – 2,627
December 26th, 2015 – 3,007

**(D): Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues.*

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 5,354
December 12th, 2015 – 4,657
December 19th, 2015 – 5,085
December 26th, 2015 – 5,314

Continued Claims

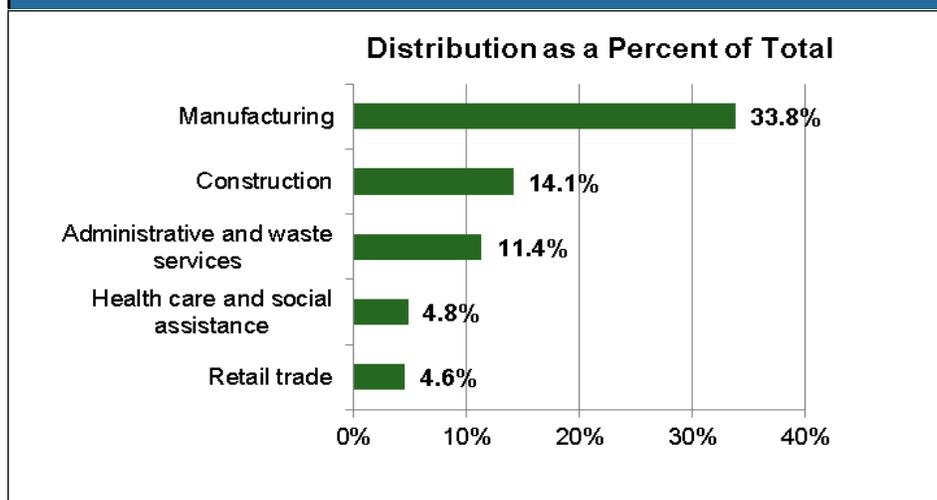
December 5th, 2015 – 22,573
December 12th, 2015 – 23,975
December 19th, 2015 – 25,134
December 26th, 2015 – 27,885

Total Claims

December 5th, 2015 – 27,927
December 12th, 2015 – 28,632
December 19th, 2015 – 30,219
December 26th, 2015 – 33,199

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Region 2 Industries, December 2015



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices for Region 2 - December 2015

Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
Pure Metal Recycling, LLC	South Bend	St Joseph	13	12/7/2015

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices
<http://www.in.gov/dwd/2563.htm>

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>

Elkhart-Goshen Metropolitan Statistical Area							
Industry	Wage and Salaried Employment -December 2015			Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
	Dec-15	Nov-15	Dec-14	Nov-15 to Dec-15	Dec-14 to Dec-15	Dec-14 to Dec-15	Dec-14 to Dec-15
Total Nonfarm	129,700	130,000	124,800	-300	-0.23%	4,900	3.93%
Total Private	120,400	120,800	115,500	-400	-0.33%	4,900	4.24%
Goods Producing	64,600	65,000	60,500	-400	-0.62%	4,100	6.78%
Service-Providing	65,100	65,000	64,300	100	0.15%	800	1.24%
Private Service Providing	55,800	55,800	55,000	0	0.00%	800	1.45%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,500	2,800	2,600	-300	-10.71%	-100	-3.85%
Manufacturing	62,100	62,200	57,900	-100	-0.16%	4,200	7.25%
Durable Goods	50,300	50,600	49,100	-300	-0.59%	1,200	2.44%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	29,500	29,600	28,900	-100	-0.34%	600	2.08%
Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing	23,400	23,500	23,300	-100	-0.43%	100	0.43%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.00%	100	2.44%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19,800	19,800	19,200	0	0.00%	600	3.13%
Wholesale Trade	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	0.00%	200	3.17%
Retail Trade	9,900	9,900	9,600	0	0.00%	300	3.13%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	0.00%	100	3.03%
Information	600	600	500	0	0.00%	100	20.00%
Financial Activities	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	0.00%	-100	-3.70%
Professional & Business Services	10,200	10,200	10,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Educational & Health Services	11,600	11,600	11,300	0	0.00%	300	2.65%
Leisure & Hospitality	7,200	7,300	7,300	-100	-1.37%	-100	-1.37%
Other Services	3,800	3,700	3,800	100	2.70%	0	0.00%
Total Government	9,300	9,200	9,300	100	1.09%	0	0.00%
Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	200	200	200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Local Government	8,800	8,700	8,800	100	1.15%	0	0.00%
Local Government Educational Services	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	0.00%	100	1.59%

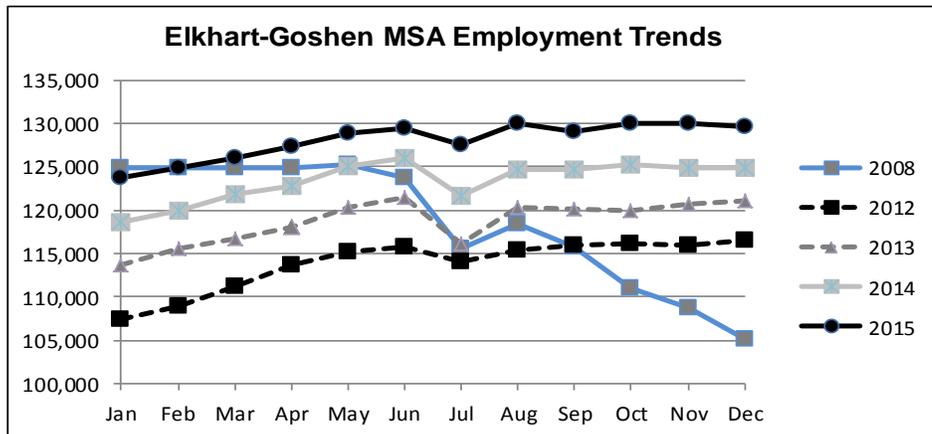
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Applicant Pool

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

- 1 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 2,594
- 2 Production Workers, All Other - 2,312
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers - 1,859
- 4 Cashiers - 1,009
- 5 Customer Service Representatives - 984
- 6 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Teamsters - 977
- 7 Office Clerks, General - 797
- 8 Nursing Assistants - 667
- 9 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers - 659
- 10 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 571
- 11 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 533
- 12 Packers and Packagers, Hand - 520
- 13 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 516
- 14 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks - 511
- 15 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 499
- 16 Retail Salespersons - 484
- 17 Managers, All Other - 459
- 18 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, and Inspectors, Machine - 454
- 19 Carpenters - 404
- 20 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 381

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



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-Mishawaka Metropolitan Statistical Area

Industry	Wage and Salaried Employment-December 2015			Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
	Dec-15	Nov-15	Dec-14	Nov-15 to Dec-15	Dec-14 to Dec-15	Dec-14 to Dec-15	Dec-14 to Dec-15
Total Nonfarm	138,900	139,500	139,100	-600	-0.43%	-200	-0.14%
Total Private	123,500	123,900	123,300	-400	-0.32%	200	0.16%
Goods Producing	21,300	22,000	21,400	-700	-3.18%	-100	-0.47%
Service-Providing	117,600	117,500	117,700	100	0.09%	-100	-0.08%
Private Service Providing	102,200	101,900	101,900	300	0.29%	300	0.29%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,900	4,200	4,300	-300	-7.14%	-400	-9.30%
Manufacturing	17,400	17,800	17,100	-400	-2.25%	300	1.75%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	2,900	-100	-3.13%	200	6.90%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	26,000	25,700	25,800	300	1.17%	200	0.78%
Wholesale Trade	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	0.00%	-100	-1.54%
Retail Trade	16,200	15,900	15,800	300	1.89%	400	2.53%
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	0.00%	-100	-2.86%
Information	1,800	1,700	1,800	100	5.88%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	0.00%	-100	-1.85%
Professional & Business Services	13,200	13,200	13,300	0	0.00%	-100	-0.75%
Educational & Health Services	36,800	36,900	36,800	-100	-0.27%	0	0.00%
Hospitals	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,000	13,100	13,000	-100	-0.76%	0	0.00%
Food Services and Drinking Places	11,200	11,200	11,000	0	0.00%	200	1.82%
Other Services	6,100	6,000	5,800	100	1.67%	300	5.17%
Total Government	15,400	15,600	15,800	-200	-1.28%	-400	-2.53%
Federal Government	1,000	900	1,000	100	11.11%	0	0.00%
State Government	2,600	2,700	2,600	-100	-3.70%	0	0.00%
Local Government	11,800	12,000	12,200	-200	-1.67%	-400	-3.28%

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

Frequently Listed Jobs

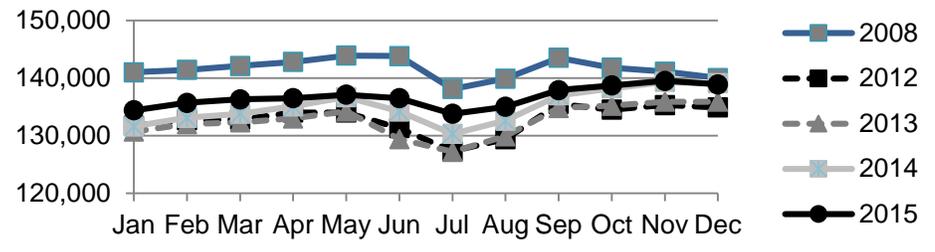
Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 2 for the month of December 2015

- 1 Helpers--Production Workers
- 2 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 3 Production Workers, All Other
- 4 Retail Salespersons
- 5 Chemical Equipment
- 6 Customer Service Representatives
- 7 Maintenance Workers, Machinery
- 8 Food Servers, Nonrestaurant
- 9 Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders
- 10 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks
- 11 Packers and Packagers, Hand
- 12 Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
- 13 Sheet Metal Workers
- 14 Manufacturing Production Technicians
- 15 Industrial Machinery Mechanics
- 16 Home Health Aides
- 17 Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
- 18 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 19 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 20 Managers, All Other

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



South Bend-Mishawaka MSA Employment Trends



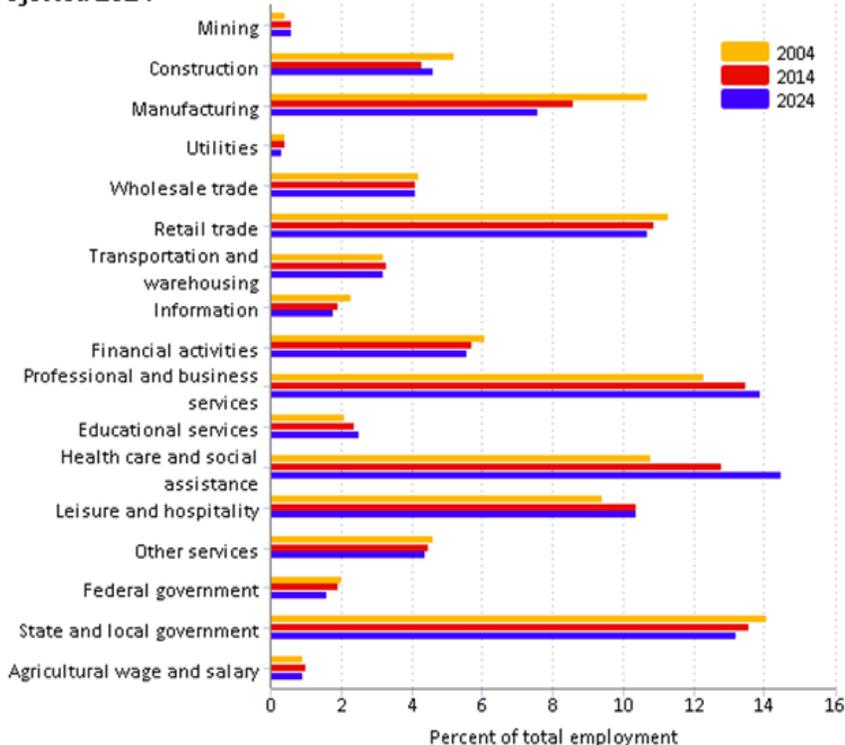
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Health care and social assistance to have largest share of total employment by 2024

December 31, 2015

The health care and social assistance industry is projected to increase its share of total wage and salary employment to 14.5 percent by 2024, up from 12.8 percent in 2014 and 10.8 percent in 2004. The share of employment represented by professional and business services is also projected to increase, rising from 12.3 percent in 2004 and 13.5 percent in 2014 to 13.9 percent in 2024.

Share of total wage and salary employment by industry, 2004, 2014, and projected 2024



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The share of total wage and salary employment represented by manufacturing is projected to decline in the coming period, falling from 10.7 percent in 2004 and 8.6 percent in 2014 to 7.6 percent in 2024. The decline in manufacturing's employment share is the largest of any industry sector for the 2014–24 period.

For more information, see "[Industry employment and output projections to 2024](#)" by Richard Henderson in the December 2015 [Monthly Labor Review](#). Visit [Employment Projections](#) for the 2014–24 news release and related data.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, Health care and social assistance to have largest share of total employment by 2024 on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2015/health-care-and-social-assistance-to-have-largest-share-of-total-employment-by-2024.htm> (visited January 13, 2016).

Hours & Earnings by Industry

Statewide

December 2015

Average Weekly Earnings

Construction	\$1,042.92
Manufacturing	\$810.14
Durable Goods	\$855.21
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$681.14
Transport Equip Mfg	\$941.24
Non-Durable Goods	\$702.27
Retail Trade	\$398.52
Financial Activities	\$740.22
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$655.31
Accomm & Food Svc	\$246.75
Food Services/Bars	\$244.18

Average Weekly Hours

Construction	39.4
Manufacturing	43.3
Durable Goods	43.5
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	40.4
Transport Equip Mfg	45.1
Non-Durable Goods	42.9
Retail Trade	30.1
Financial Activities	36.5
Health Care & Soc Assistance	33.4
Accomm & Food Svc	23.5
Food Services/Bars	23.3

Average Hourly Earnings

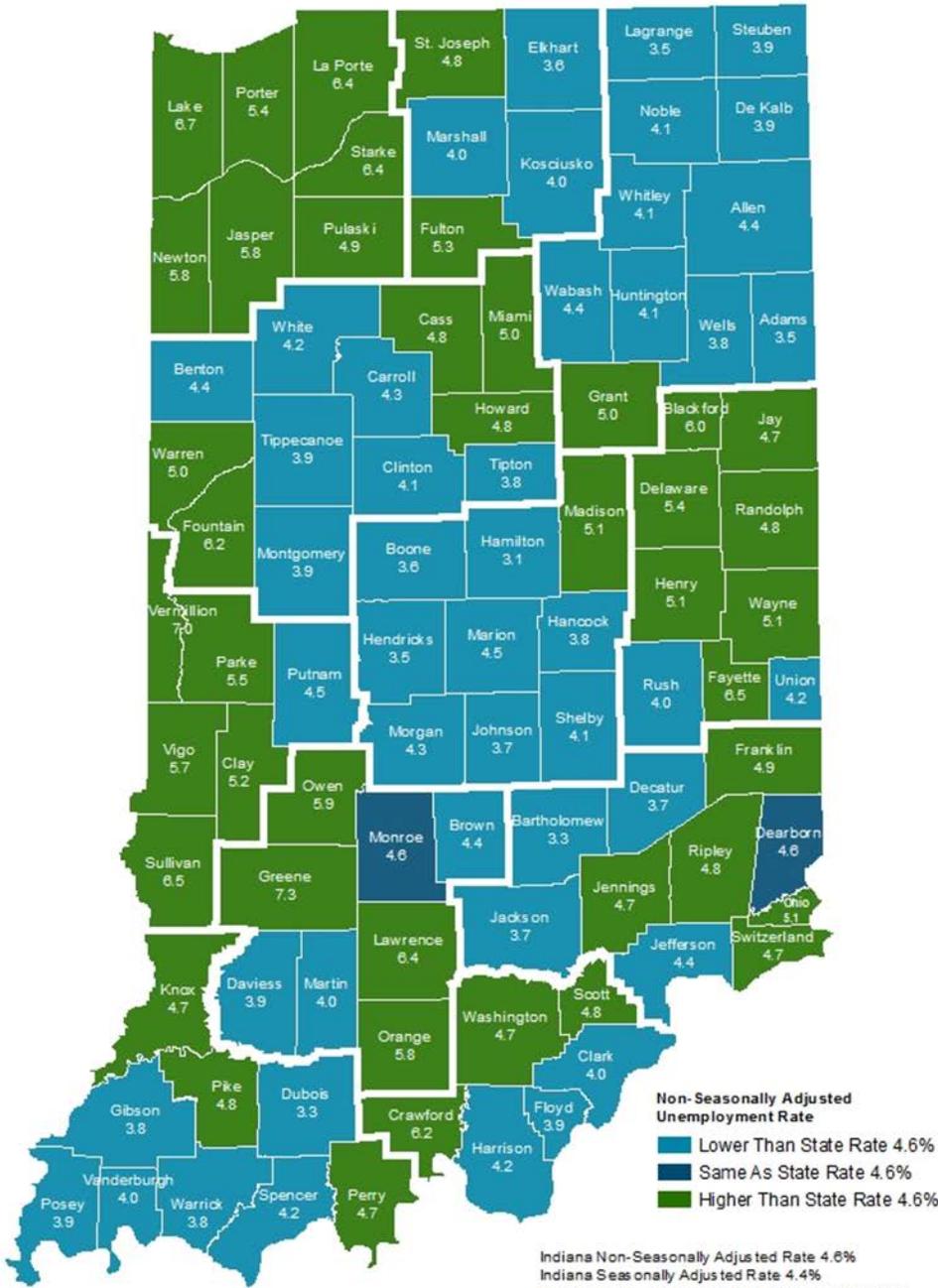
Construction	\$26.47
Manufacturing	\$18.71
Durable Goods	\$19.66
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$16.86
Transport Equip Mfg	\$20.87
Non-Durable Goods	\$16.37
Retail Trade	\$13.24
Financial Activities	\$20.28
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$19.62
Accomm & Food Svc	\$10.50
Food Services/Bars	\$10.48

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

County Unemployment Rates December 2015



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