



# Economic Growth Region 2

Statistical Data Report for March 2016, Released May 2016

## Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in March. Twenty-one states had unemployment rate decreases from February, 15 states had increases, and 14 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty-six states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, 12 states had increases, and 2 states had no change. The national jobless rate, 5.0 percent, was little changed from February and was 0.5 percentage point lower than in March 2015.

In March, no region had an unemployment rate significantly different from the U.S. rate of 5.0 percent. Over the month, no region had a statistically significant unemployment rate change. Significant over-the-year rate changes occurred in three regions: the Northeast and West (-0.9 percentage point each) and South (-0.6 point).



### Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR 2)

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

March 2016 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mar 2016 Rate	Feb 2016 Rate	Mar 2015 Rate
U.S.	158,854,000	150,738,000	8,116,000	5.1%	5.2%	5.6%
IN	3,319,627	3,137,340	182,287	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%
EGR 2	312,940	297,526	15,414	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%
Elkhart-Goshen MSA	103,693	99,240	4,453	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%
South Bend-Mishawaka MSA	157,925	149,487	8,438	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%
Elkhart Co.	103,693	99,240	4,453	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%
Fulton Co.	10,059	9,474	585	5.8%	6.2%	5.2%
Kosciusko Co.	41,398	39,446	1,952	4.7%	4.6%	4.2%
Marshall Co.	24,470	23,318	1,152	4.7%	4.8%	4.6%
St Joseph Co.	133,320	126,048	7,272	5.5%	5.4%	5.5%
Elkhart	24,188	22,966	1,222	5.1%	4.9%	4.9%
Goshen	15,899	15,199	700	4.4%	4.0%	3.7%
Mishawaka	25,328	24,041	1,287	5.1%	5.1%	4.9%
Plymouth	4,605	4,349	256	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%
South Bend	47,308	44,473	2,835	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%
Warsaw	7,322	6,983	339	4.6%	4.7%	4.1%

### Unemployment Rates by State - March 2016 (seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 5.0%
- Illinois - 6.5%
- Indiana - 5.0%**
- Kentucky - 5.6%
- Michigan - 4.8%
- Ohio - 5.1%

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

### Unemployment Rank by County - March 2016 (high to low\*)

- #37 - Fulton (5.8%)
- #47 - St. Joseph (5.5%)
- #73 - Kosciusko (4.7%)
- #74 - Marshall (4.7%)
- #87 - Elkhart (4.3%)

\*of Indiana's 92 counties

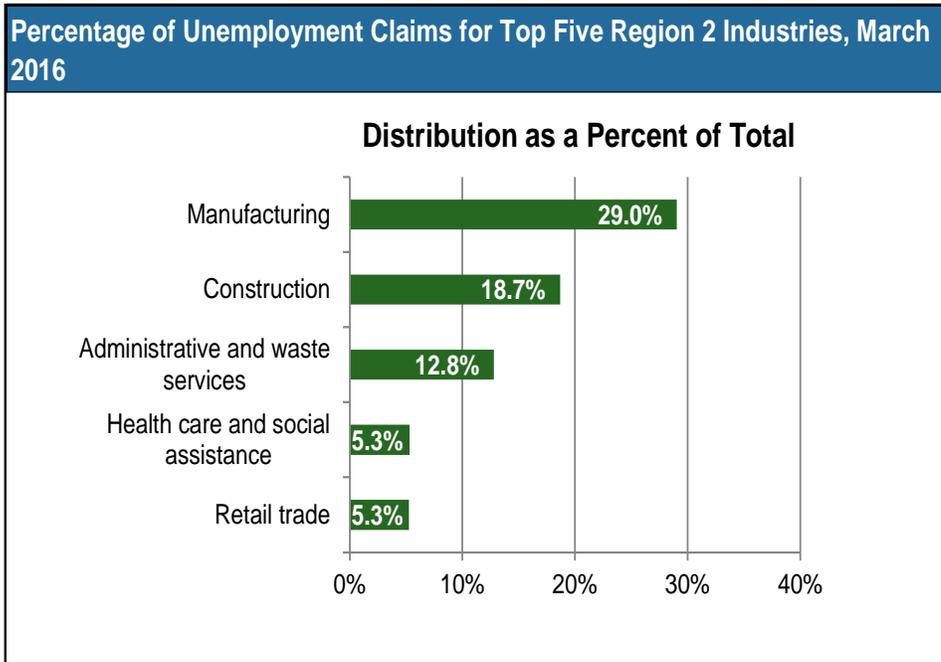
Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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  
Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis.  
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Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to March 2016 from:				
CPI Item	Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-15	Feb-16
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Food & Beverages	0.7%	-0.3%	0.8%	-0.3%
Housing	1.6%	0.2%	2.1%	0.2%
Apparel	-1.0%	0.3%	-0.6%	1.5%
Transportation	-4.2%	3.6%	-4.1%	2.1%
Medical Care	3.4%	0.3%	3.3%	0.1%
Recreation	0.5%	0.4%	1.1%	0.4%
Education & Communication	0.3%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	1.8%	0.3%	2.0%	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 March for EGR 2 or nearby

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, March 2016

### Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR2)

#### Initial Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 281  
 March 12th, 2016 – 251 (D)  
 March 19th, 2016 – 272  
 March 26th, 2016 – 192 (D)

#### Continued Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 2,414  
 March 12th, 2016 – 2,295  
 March 19th, 2016 – 2,148  
 March 26th, 2016 – 2,082

#### Total Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 2,695  
 March 12th, 2016 – 2,546  
 March 19th, 2016 – 2,420  
 March 26th, 2016 – 2,274

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

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 3,374  
 March 12th, 2016 – 3,046  
 March 19th, 2016 – 3,270  
 March 26th, 2016 – 2,359

#### Continued Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 30,248  
 March 12th, 2016 – 29,358  
 March 19th, 2016 – 27,931  
 March 26th, 2016 – 26,475

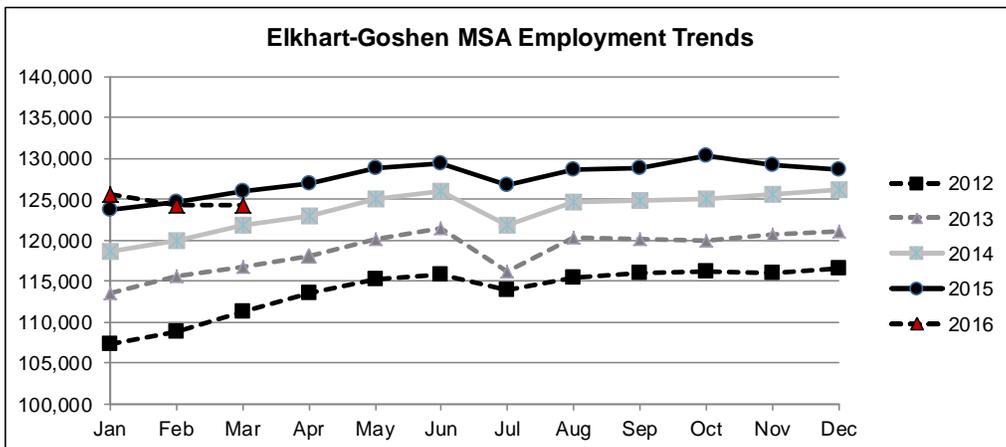
#### Total Claims

March 5th, 2016 – 33,622  
 March 12th, 2016 – 32,404  
 March 19th, 2016 – 31,201  
 March 26th, 2016 – 28,834

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Elkhart-Goshen Metropolitan Statistical Area							
<i>Wage and Salaried Employment - March 2016</i>				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Mar-16	Feb-16	Mar-15	Feb-16 to Mar-16	Mar-15 to Mar-16		
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>124,300</b>	<b>124,200</b>	<b>125,900</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-1,600</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>115,200</b>	<b>115,300</b>	<b>116,800</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-1,600</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
Goods Producing	60,100	60,500	62,800	-400	-0.7%	-2,700	-4.3%
Service-Providing	64,200	63,700	63,100	500	0.8%	1,100	1.7%
Private Service Providing	55,100	54,800	54,000	300	0.6%	1,100	2.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,900	2,700	2,800	200	7.4%	100	3.6%
Manufacturing	57,200	57,800	60,000	-600	-1.0%	-2,800	-4.7%
Durable Goods	50,100	50,000	50,800	100	0.2%	-700	-1.4%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	30,200	30,100	30,300	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing	25,200	25,200	24,700	0	0.0%	500	2.0%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	18,800	18,600	18,600	200	1.1%	200	1.1%
Wholesale Trade	6,300	6,200	6,300	100	1.6%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	9,300	9,200	9,100	100	1.1%	200	2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,600	2,700	2,700	-100	-3.7%	-100	-3.7%
Professional & Business Services	10,000	10,000	9,900	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Educational & Health Services	12,100	12,000	11,500	100	0.8%	600	5.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	7,300	7,200	7,000	100	1.4%	300	4.3%
Other Services	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Federal Government	300	300	200	0	0.0%	100	50.0%
State Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	8,600	8,400	8,700	200	2.4%	-100	-1.2%
Local Government Educational Services	6,200	6,100	6,300	100	1.6%	-100	-1.6%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and 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.

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

## Applicant Pool

Top 20 occupations desired by active applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months

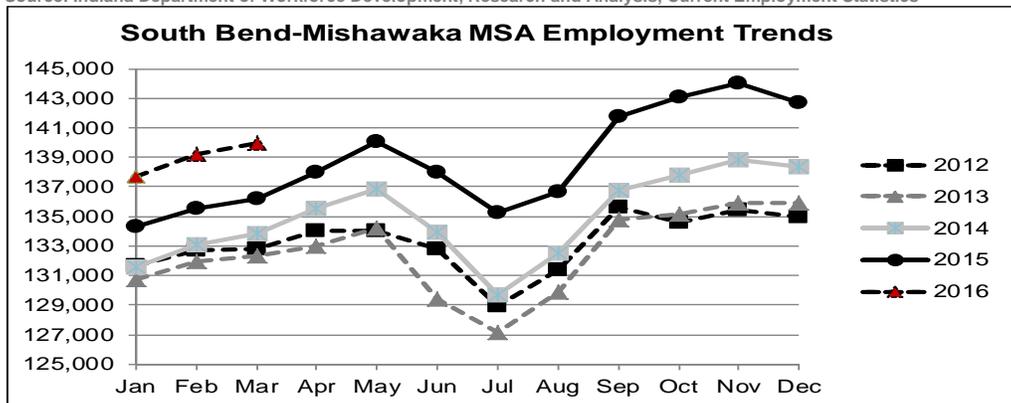
- 1 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 1,636
- 2 Production Workers, All Other - 1,580
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers - 1,204
- 4 Customer Service Representatives - 653
- 5 Cashiers - 577
- 6 Office Clerks, General - 545
- 7 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 529
- 8 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers - 409
- 9 Nursing Assistants - 408
- 10 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 343
- 11 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 336
- 12 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks - 329
- 13 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 327
- 14 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 318
- 15 Packers and Packagers, Hand - 312
- 16 Retail Salespersons - 311
- 17 Managers, All Other - 310
- 18 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers - 274
- 19 Administrative Services Managers - 271
- 20 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 253

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



South Bend-Mishawaka Metropolitan Statistical Area							
Wage and Salaried Employment-March 2016				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Mar-16	Feb-16	Mar-15	Feb-16 to Mar-16	Mar-15 to Mar-16	Feb-16 to Mar-16	Mar-15 to Mar-16
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>139,200</b>	<b>136,200</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>123,800</b>	<b>123,300</b>	<b>120,800</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Goods Producing	21,500	21,400	21,400	100	0.5%	100	0.5%
Service-Providing	118,500	117,800	114,800	700	0.6%	3,700	3.2%
Private Service Providing	102,300	101,900	99,400	400	0.4%	2,900	2.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,500	4,400	4,200	100	2.3%	300	7.1%
Manufacturing	17,000	17,000	17,200	0	0.0%	-200	-1.2%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,300	3,300	3,000	0	0.0%	300	10.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	25,400	25,700	24,700	-300	-1.2%	700	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	0.0%	200	3.1%
Retail Trade	15,200	15,400	14,600	-200	-1.3%	600	4.1%
General Merchandise Stores	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	0.0%	100	2.9%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,600	3,700	3,700	-100	-2.7%	-100	-2.7%
Information	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	0.0%	-100	-5.9%
Financial Activities	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Professional & Business Services	13,400	13,300	12,700	100	0.8%	700	5.5%
Educational & Health Services	37,500	37,300	36,200	200	0.5%	1,300	3.6%
Hospitals	6,200	6,200	5,800	0	0.0%	400	6.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,200	12,900	13,100	300	2.3%	100	0.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	11,300	11,100	11,000	200	1.8%	300	2.7%
Other Services	5,900	5,800	5,800	100	1.7%	100	1.7%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>15,400</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
Federal Government	1,000	900	900	100	11.1%	100	11.1%
State Government	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	0.0%	100	3.9%
Local Government	12,500	12,300	11,900	200	1.6%	600	5.0%

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## Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 2 for the month of March 2016

- 1 Production Workers, All Other
- 2 Helpers--Production Workers
- 3 Nursing Assistants
- 4 Food Servers, Nonrestaurant
- 5 Customer Service Representatives
- 6 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 7 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 8 Home Health Aides
- 9 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
- 10 Security Guards
- 11 Retail Salespersons
- 12 Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other
- 13 Brickmasons and Blockmasons
- 14 Registered Nurses
- 15 Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food
- 16 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
- 17 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
- 18 Manufacturing Production Technicians
- 19 Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs
- 20 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

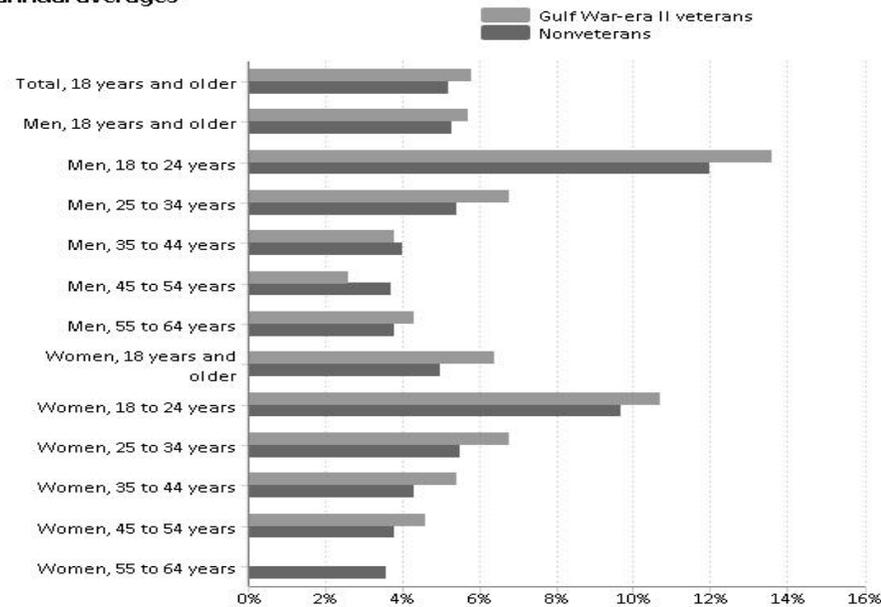


# Unemployment rate for Gulf War-era II veterans 5.8 percent in 2015

March 28, 2016

The unemployment rate for Gulf War-era II veterans was 5.8 percent in 2015, 1.4 percentage points lower than in 2014. Gulf War-era II veterans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces any time since September 2001. In 2015, there were 3.6 million veterans who had served during Gulf War era II. Eighteen percent were women, compared with about 4 percent of veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam era. Nearly half of all Gulf War-era II veterans were ages 25 to 34.

**Unemployment rates of Gulf War-era II veterans and nonveterans, 2015 annual averages**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Unemployment rates of Gulf War-era II veterans and nonveterans, 2015 annual averages**

Age and gender	Gulf War-era II veterans	Nonveterans
Total, 18 years and older	5.8%	5.2%
Men, 18 years and older	5.7	5.3
18 to 24 years	13.6	12.0
25 to 34 years	6.8	5.4
35 to 44 years	3.8	4.0
45 to 54 years	2.6	3.7
55 to 64 years	4.3	3.8
Women, 18 years and older	6.4	5.0
18 to 24 years	10.7	9.7
25 to 34 years	6.8	5.5
35 to 44 years	5.4	4.3
45 to 54 years	4.6	3.8
55 to 64 years	-	3.6

Dash indicates data are not available.

## Hours & Earnings by Industry

### Statewide

March 2016

#### Average Weekly Earnings

Construction	\$927.07
Manufacturing	\$773.55
Durable Goods	\$802.99
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$643.05
Transport Equip Mfg	\$908.06
Non-Durable Goods	\$700.94
Retail Trade	\$414.35
Financial Activities	\$738.28
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$662.97
Accomm & Food Svc	\$237.70
Food Services/Bars	\$238.39

#### Average Weekly Hours

Construction	34.8
Manufacturing	41.3
Durable Goods	41.2
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	37.3
Transport Equip Mfg	44.6
Non-Durable Goods	41.5
Retail Trade	30.4
Financial Activities	35.7
Health Care & Soc Assistance	33.0
Accomm & Food Svc	23.1
Food Services/Bars	22.9

#### Average Hourly Earnings

Construction	\$26.64
Manufacturing	\$18.73
Durable Goods	\$19.49
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$17.24
Transport Equip Mfg	\$20.36
Non-Durable Goods	\$16.89
Retail Trade	\$13.63
Financial Activities	\$20.68
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$20.09
Accomm & Food Svc	\$10.29
Food Services/Bars	\$10.41

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

Among Gulf War-era II veterans, the unemployment rate for men (5.7 percent) was not statistically different from the rate for women (6.4 percent) in 2015.

The unemployment rate for male Gulf War-era II veterans (5.7 percent) was little different from the rate for male nonveterans (5.3 percent) in 2015. For most age groups, unemployment rates of male veterans and nonveterans were not statistically different. Among men ages 25 to 34, Gulf War-era II veterans had a higher unemployment rate (6.8 percent) than did nonveterans (5.4 percent). Among men ages 45 to 54, however, Gulf War-era II veterans had a lower unemployment rate (2.6 percent) than did nonveterans (3.7 percent).

Among women, the unemployment rate for Gulf War-era II veterans (6.4 percent) was not statistically different from the rate for nonveterans (5.0 percent) in 2015. Unemployment rates for female veterans and nonveterans were similar in each age group.

These data are from the [Current Population Survey](#). To learn more, see "Employment Situation of Veterans — 2015" ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)).

Veterans are men and women who previously served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were civilians when they were surveyed. People on active duty at the time of the survey are outside the scope of the survey. Gulf War-era II veterans served anywhere in the world at any time since September 2001. Nonveterans are men and women who never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. [More information about veterans](#) is available from the Current Population Survey.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Beyond the March 2016 Numbers...

### Additional Data after Release of Indiana's Monthly Employment Report

- Indiana Private Sector jobs remains above March 2000 peak employment levels.
- Indiana's unemployment rate decrease of -5.8% from July, 2009, the low point of employment, ranks 7th in the U.S.
- Indiana's rate decrease of -3.4% since January 2013 ranks 9th in the nation.
- The Hoosier labor force has grown by 157,055 individuals since January 2013.
- Indiana's labor force has grown at 2.7% over the year, ranks 5th in the nation.
- Indiana's labor force participation rate has outperformed the national average for 22 months in a row. (Indiana's rate increased to 64.9% vs. 63.0% for national.)
- Indiana added 2,500 Private Education & Health jobs in March, which ranked 10th in the U.S.

All data are relayed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and is further broken down by the Research and Analysis team at DWD.

## Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted, March 2016

(U.S. rate = 5.0 percent)  
Indiana rate = 5.0 percent

