



Economic Growth Region 2

Statistical Data Report for August 2016, Released October 2016

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Unemployment rates were significantly higher in August in six states, lower in three states, and stable in 41 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Ten states and the District had notable unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, three states had increases, and 37 states had no significant change.

In August, two regions had unemployment rates significantly different than the U.S. rate of 4.9 percent: the Midwest, at 4.5 percent, and West, at 5.3 percent. Over the month, the Midwest had the only statistically significant unemployment rate change (-0.2 percentage point). Significant over-the-year rate decreases occurred in three regions: the South (-0.5 percentage point), West (-0.4 point), and Northeast (-0.3 point).



Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR 2)

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

August 2016 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug 2016 Rate	July 2016 Rate	Aug 2015 Rate
U.S.	159,800,000	151,804,000	7,996,000	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%
IN	3,391,395	3,234,718	156,677	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%
EGR 2	317,744	303,730	14,014	4.4%	4.1%	4.1%
Elkhart-Goshen MSA	106,245	102,015	4,230	4.0%	3.7%	3.6%
South Bend-Mishawaka MSA	158,479	150,810	7,669	4.8%	4.6%	4.6%
Elkhart Co.	106,245	102,015	4,230	4.0%	3.7%	3.6%
Fulton Co.	10,160	9,678	482	4.7%	4.8%	4.2%
Kosciusko Co.	41,988	40,307	1,681	4.0%	3.7%	3.8%
Marshall Co.	25,034	24,074	960	3.8%	3.6%	3.7%
St Joseph Co.	134,317	127,656	6,661	5.0%	4.5%	4.6%
Elkhart	24,825	23,608	1,217	4.9%	4.5%	4.7%
Goshen	16,317	15,624	693	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%
Mishawaka	25,596	24,348	1,248	4.9%	4.3%	4.4%
Plymouth	4,688	4,490	198	4.2%	4.5%	4.5%
South Bend	47,787	45,040	2,747	5.7%	5.4%	5.6%
Warsaw	7,459	7,135	324	4.3%	3.8%	4.2%

Note: 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 Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis. Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Released 9/21/16.

Unemployment Rates by State - August 2016 (seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 4.9%
- Illinois - 5.5%
- Indiana - 4.5%**
- Kentucky - 4.9%
- Michigan - 4.5%
- Ohio - 4.7%

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

Unemployment Rank by County - August 2016 (high to low*)

- #24 - St. Joseph (5%)
- #37 - Fulton (4.7%)
- #69 - Elkhart (4%)
- #72 - Kosciusko (4%)
- #81 - Marshall (3.8%)

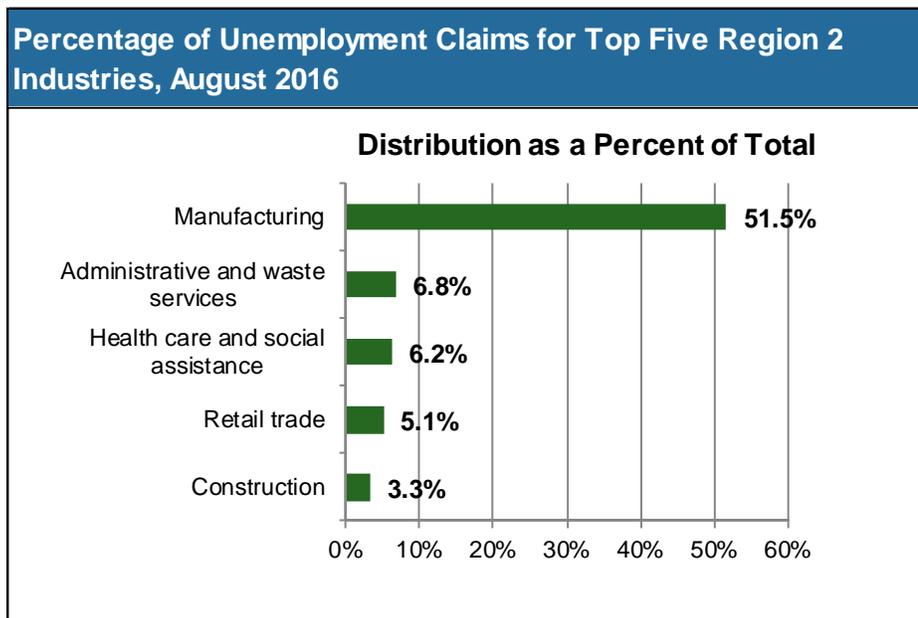
*of Indiana's 92 counties

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2016 from:				
CPI Item	Aug-15	Jul-16	Aug-15	Jul-16
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	0.6%	0.1%	1.1%	0.1%
Food & Beverages	-0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Housing	1.9%	0.1%	2.6%	0.2%
Apparel	-0.9%	2.0%	0.3%	1.5%
Transportation	-4.9%	-0.4%	-4.0%	-1.0%
Medical Care	5.0%	0.7%	4.9%	0.8%
Recreation	0.8%	-0.4%	0.9%	-0.2%
Education & Communication	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%	0.4%
Other Goods & Services	1.5%	0.2%	2.1%	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

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 2 - August 2016				
Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
Goshen Coach	Elkhart	Elkhart	159	8/31/2016
WARN notices in nearby areas:				
Magnetation	Reynolds	White	160	8/26/2016

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, August 2016

Economic Growth Region 2 (EGR2)

Initial Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 332
 August 13th, 2016 – 234 (D)
 August 20th, 2016 – 215 (D)
 August 27th, 2016 – 229 (D)

Continued Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 1,995
 August 13th, 2016 – 1,844
 August 20th, 2016 – 1,776
 August 27th, 2016 – 1,777

Total Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 2,327
 August 13th, 2016 – 2,078
 August 20th, 2016 – 1,991
 August 27th, 2016 – 2,006

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

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 3,370
 August 13th, 2016 – 2,734
 August 20th, 2016 – 2,764
 August 27th, 2016 – 2,566

Continued Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 19,212
 August 13th, 2016 – 18,476
 August 20th, 2016 – 18,435
 August 27th, 2016 – 18,051

Total Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 22,582
 August 13th, 2016 – 21,210
 August 20th, 2016 – 21,199
 August 27th, 2016 – 20,617

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Elkhart-Goshen Metropolitan Statistical Area							
<i>Wage and Salaried Employment - August 2016</i>				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16
Total Nonfarm	126,300	123,600	128,600	2,700	2.2%	-2,300	-1.8%
Total Private	118,100	116,800	120,200	1,300	1.1%	-2,100	-1.8%
Goods Producing	60,500	59,600	64,300	900	1.5%	-3,800	-5.9%
Service-Providing	65,800	64,000	64,300	1,800	2.8%	1,500	2.3%
Private Service Providing	57,600	57,200	55,900	400	0.7%	1,700	3.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	0.0%	100	2.9%
Manufacturing	57,000	56,100	60,900	900	1.6%	-3,900	-6.4%
Durable Goods	48,400	48,600	51,800	-200	-0.4%	-3,400	-6.6%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	29,900	29,900	30,700	0	0.0%	-800	-2.6%
Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing	25,100	25,000	25,200	100	0.4%	-100	-0.4%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	0.0%	100	2.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19,300	19,300	19,100	0	0.0%	200	1.1%
Wholesale Trade	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	0.0%	100	1.6%
Retail Trade	9,500	9,500	9,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	0.0%	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	10,700	10,600	10,300	100	0.9%	400	3.9%
Educational & Health Services	12,300	12,200	11,700	100	0.8%	600	5.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	8,200	8,100	7,800	100	1.2%	400	5.1%
Other Services	3,900	3,800	3,800	100	2.6%	100	2.6%
Total Government	8,200	6,800	8,400	1,400	20.6%	-200	-2.4%
Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	7,700	6,300	7,900	1,400	22.2%	-200	-2.5%
Local Government Educational Services	5,400	3,600	5,500	1,800	50.0%	-100	-1.8%

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

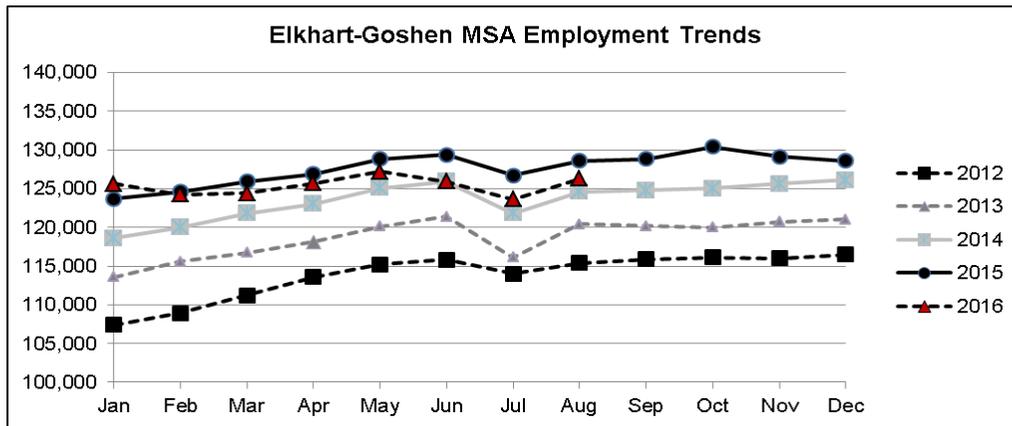
Applicant Pool

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

- 1 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 1,402
- 2 Production Workers, All Other - 1,346
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers - 981
- 4 Customer Service Representatives - 542
- 5 Cashiers - 484
- 6 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 437
- 7 Office Clerks, General - 428
- 8 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers - 321
- 9 Nursing Assistants - 300
- 10 Packers and Packers, Hand - 298
- 11 Managers, All Other - 293
- 12 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 289
- 13 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks - 275
- 14 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 268
- 15 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 267
- 16 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 265
- 17 Retail Salespersons - 243
- 18 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers - 242
- 19 Carpenters - 226
- 20 Construction and Related Workers, All Other - 213

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect





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 Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Frequently Listed Jobs

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

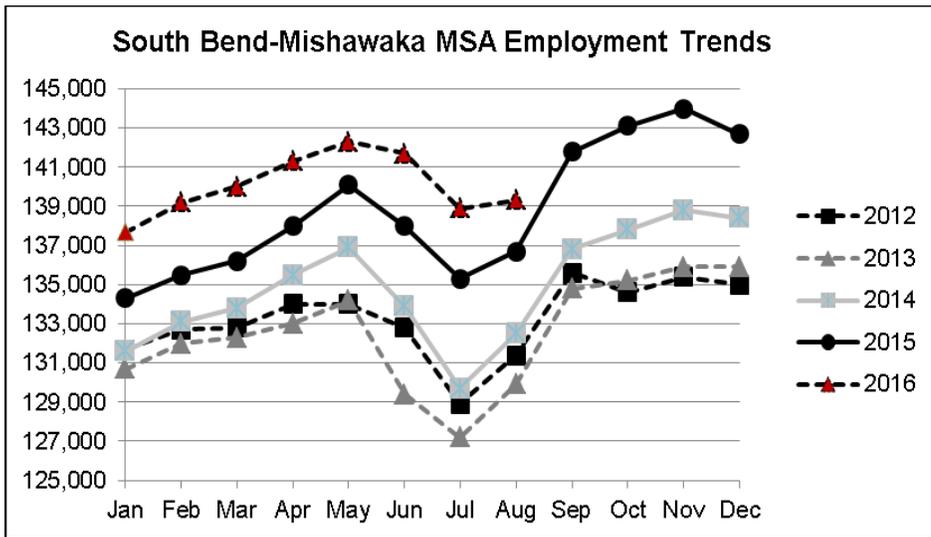
- 1 Production Workers, All Other
- 2 Tax Preparers
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers
- 4 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Non-Mechanical
- 5 Machinists
- 6 Retail Salespersons
- 7 Managers, All Other
- 8 Sales and Related Workers, All Other
- 9 Engineers, All Other
- 10 Home Health Aides
- 11 Nursing Assistants
- 12 Manufacturing Production Technicians
- 13 Customer Service Representatives
- 14 Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
- 15 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 16 Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
- 17 Education, Training, and Library Workers, All Other
- 18 Registered Nurses
- 19 Bus Drivers, School or Transit
- 20 Hospitalists

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



South Bend-Mishawaka Metropolitan Statistical Area							
Wage and Salaried Employment-August 2016				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16	Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16
Total Nonfarm	139,300	138,900	136,700	400	0.3%	2,600	1.9%
Total Private	126,300	126,200	123,000	100	0.1%	3,300	2.7%
Goods Producing	22,100	22,200	23,200	-100	-0.5%	-1,100	-4.7%
Service-Providing	117,200	116,700	113,500	500	0.4%	3,700	3.3%
Private Service Providing	104,200	104,000	99,800	200	0.2%	4,400	4.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
Manufacturing	16,400	16,500	17,600	-100	-0.6%	-1,200	-6.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	2,700	2,700	3,300	0	0.0%	-600	-18.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	26,500	26,500	25,500	0	0.0%	1,000	3.9%
Wholesale Trade	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	15,900	16,000	15,100	-100	-0.6%	800	5.3%
General Merchandise Stores	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	0.0%	100	2.9%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	2.6%	200	5.4%
Information	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	0.0%	-100	-5.9%
Financial Activities	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Professional & Business Services	13,700	13,800	13,500	-100	-0.7%	200	1.5%
Educational & Health Services	36,700	36,200	33,800	500	1.4%	2,900	8.6%
Hospitals	6,100	6,100	6,000	0	0.0%	100	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,400	14,500	14,100	-100	-0.7%	300	2.1%
Food Services and Drinking Places	11,700	11,500	11,600	200	1.7%	100	0.9%
Other Services	5,900	6,000	5,900	-100	-1.7%	0	0.0%
Total Government	13,000	12,700	13,700	300	2.4%	-700	-5.1%
Federal Government	1,000	900	900	100	11.1%	100	11.1%
State Government	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	0.0%	200	10.0%
Local Government	9,800	9,600	10,800	200	2.1%	-1,000	-9.3%

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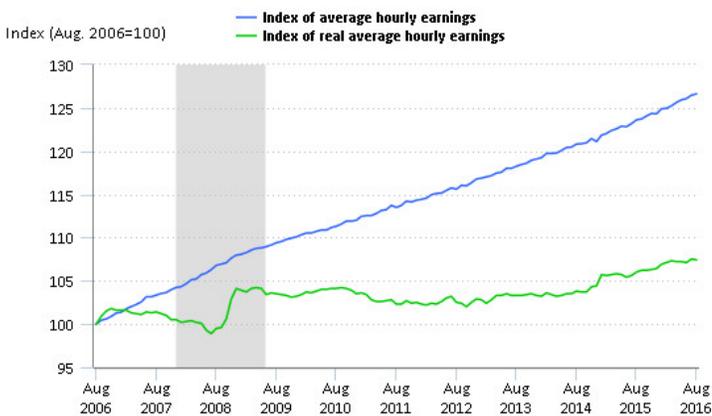
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Real earnings decrease \$0.01 per hour in August 2016

September 21, 2016

In August 2016, real or inflation-adjusted average hourly earnings for all private sector employees decreased \$0.01 from the previous month. The decrease in real hourly earnings resulted from an increase of \$0.03 in average hourly earnings (not adjusted for inflation) being offset by a 0.2-percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), which is used to adjust earnings for inflation.

Indexes of real and nominal average hourly earnings of all private sector employees, seasonally adjusted, August 2006–August 2016



Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

From August 2015 to August 2016, real average hourly earnings increased \$0.14 per hour. This resulted from an increase in average hourly earnings of \$0.61 over the year, combined with a 1.1-percent increase in the CPI-U over the same period.

These data are from the [Current Employment Statistics](#) program and are seasonally adjusted. For more information, see "Real Earnings — August 2016" The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) is used to adjust the earnings data for inflation.

Hours & Earnings by Industry Statewide August 2016

Average Weekly Earnings

Construction	\$1,035.62
Manufacturing	\$802.46
Durable Goods	\$846.85
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$619.50
Transport Equip Mfg	\$982.49
Non-Durable Goods	\$695.70
Retail Trade	\$418.09
Financial Activities	\$785.04
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$691.37
Accomm & Food Svc	\$250.61
Food Services/Bars	\$250.98

Average Weekly Hours

Construction	37.7
Manufacturing	41.6
Durable Goods	42.3
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	35.0
Transport Equip Mfg	46.3
Non-Durable Goods	39.8
Retail Trade	29.8
Financial Activities	37.1
Health Care & Soc Assistance	34.9
Accomm & Food Svc	23.8
Food Services/Bars	23.5

Average Hourly Earnings

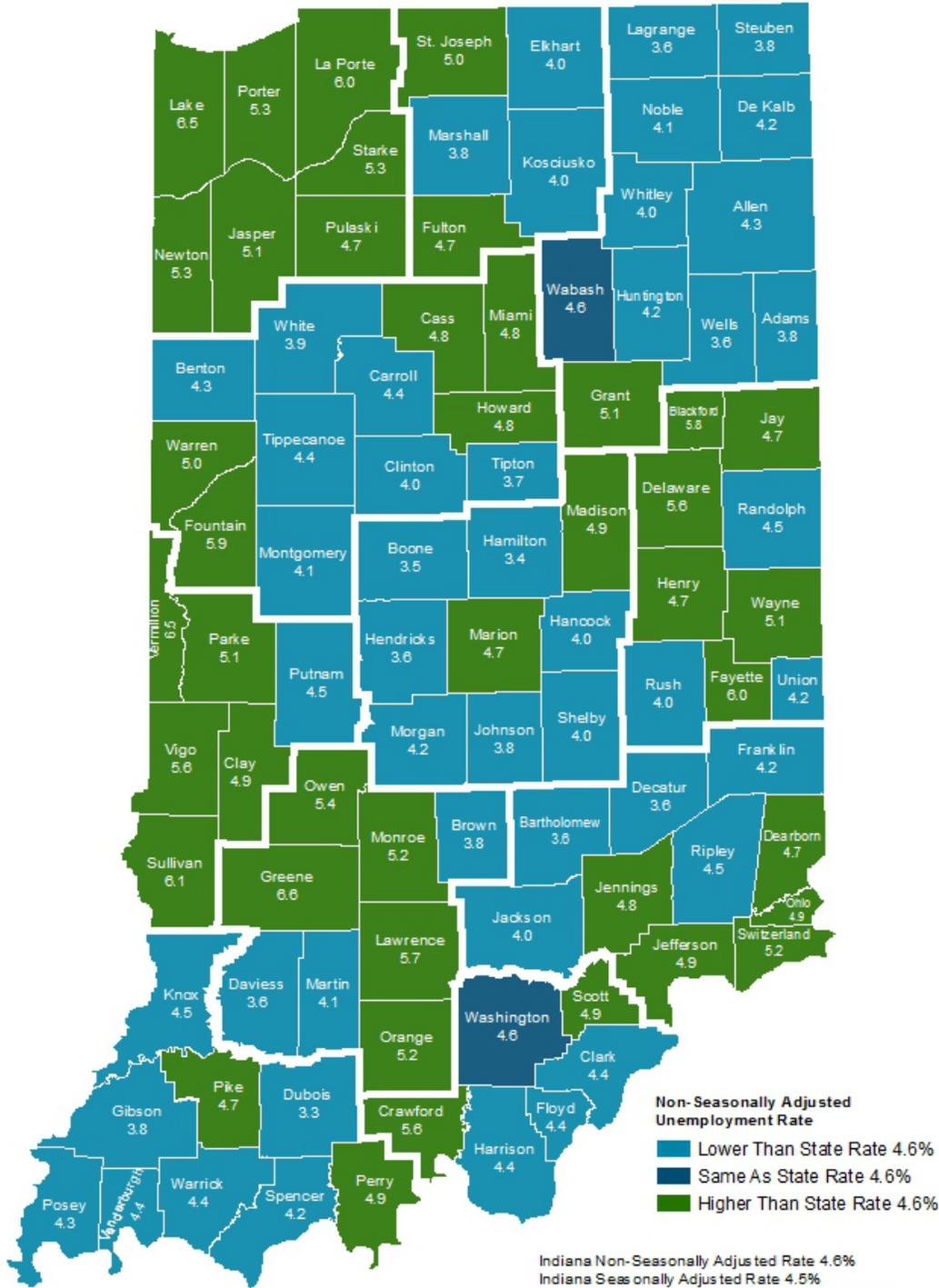
Construction	\$27.47
Manufacturing	\$19.29
Durable Goods	\$20.02
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$17.70
Transport Equip Mfg	\$21.22
Non-Durable Goods	\$17.48
Retail Trade	\$14.03
Financial Activities	\$21.16
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$19.81
Accomm & Food Svc	\$10.53
Food Services/Bars	\$10.68

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

County Unemployment Rates August 2016



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