



Economic Growth Region 3

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, 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). Significant over-the-year rate decreases occurred in all four regions: the Midwest (-1.3 percentage points), West (-1.1 points), Northeast (-1.0 point), and South (-0.9 point).



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Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

Unemployment Rates by State – February 2015

(seasonally adjusted) —

- U.S - 5.5%
- Illinois - 6.0%
- Michigan - 5.9%
- Indiana - 5.9%**
- Kentucky - 5.2%
- Ohio - 5.1%

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

Unemployment Rank by County – February 2015

(high to low)

- #36 - Grant (6.5%)
- #41 - Wabash (6.1%)
- #43 - Allen (5.9%)
- #44 - Huntington (5.9%)
- #66 - DeKalb (5.3%)
- #67 - Noble (5.3%)
- #70 - Whitley (5.3%)
- #75 - Steuben (5.2%)
- #79 - Wells (5.0%)
- #82 - Adams (4.8%)
- #90 - LaGrange (4.5%)

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 3	369,114	348,145	20,969	5.7%	6.4%	6.4%
Fort Wayne MSA	203,191	191,391	11,800	5.8%	6.5%	6.4%
Adams Co.	16,547	15,753	794	4.8%	5.4%	5.5%
Allen Co.	172,746	162,506	10,240	5.9%	6.6%	6.5%
DeKalb Co.	21,267	20,149	1,118	5.3%	5.8%	6.2%
Grant Co.	33,260	31,093	2,167	6.5%	7.2%	7.5%
Huntington Co.	18,367	17,285	1,082	5.9%	6.7%	6.7%
LaGrange Co.	18,173	17,362	811	4.5%	5.1%	5.1%
Noble Co.	23,134	21,912	1,222	5.3%	6.1%	6.1%
Steuben Co.	19,675	18,647	1,028	5.2%	5.8%	6.1%
Wabash Co.	15,500	14,553	947	6.1%	7.3%	6.5%
Wells Co.	13,746	13,064	682	5.0%	5.7%	5.8%
Whitley Co.	16,699	15,821	878	5.3%	6.1%	6.1%
Fort Wayne	119,176	111,698	7,478	6.3%	7.0%	6.9%
Marion	13,262	12,232	1,030	7.8%	8.3%	8.6%

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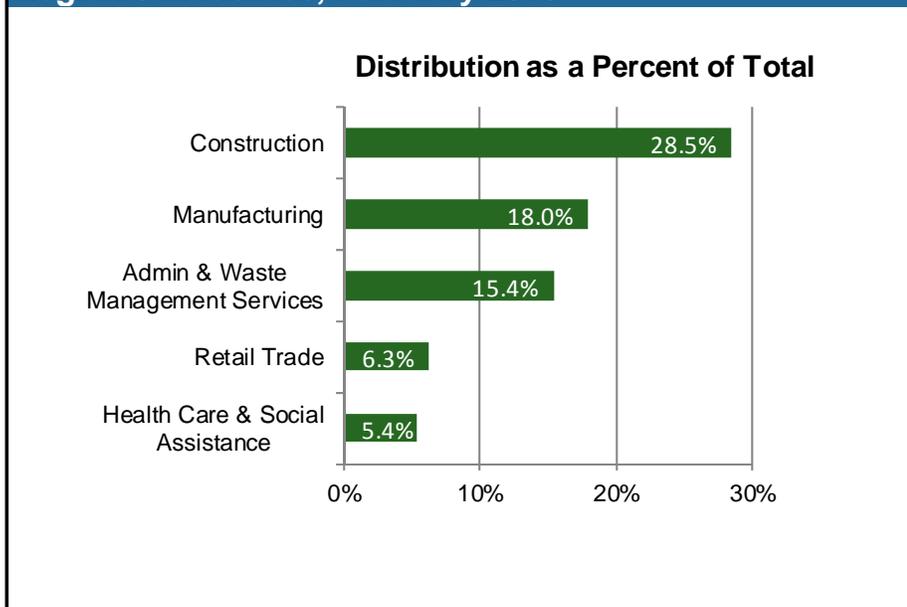
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to Feb 2015 from:

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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Region 3 Industries, February 2015



Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 3 - February 2015

Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
Huhtamaki	Marion	Grant	38	2/13/2015

Source: Indiana Dept 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:

<http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims February 2015

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Initial Claims

02/07/2015 – 448 (D)
02/14/2015 – 409
02/21/2015 – 426 (D)
02/28/2015 – 477

Continued Claims

02/07/2015 – 4059
02/14/2015 – 3913
02/21/2015 – 3941
02/28/2015 – 3924

Total Claims

02/07/2015 – 4507
02/14/2015 – 4322
02/21/2015 – 4367
02/28/2015 – 4401

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

02/07/2015 – 4294
02/14/2015 – 3944
02/21/2015 – 4742
02/28/2015 – 4655

Continued Claims

02/07/2015 – 36940
02/14/2015 – 36053
02/21/2015 – 36856
02/28/2015 – 36477

Total Claims

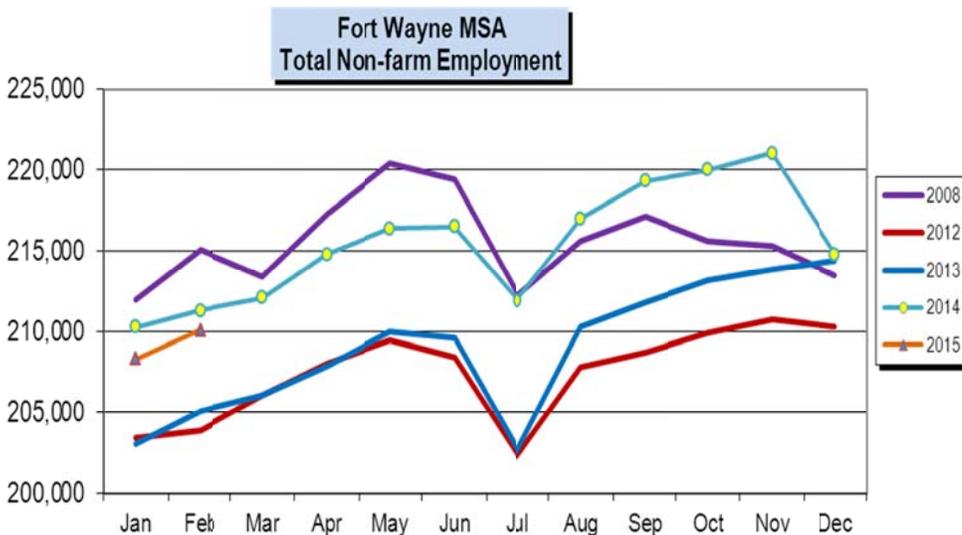
02/07/2015 – 41234
02/14/2015 – 39997
02/21/2015 – 41598
02/28/2015 – 41132

*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits).

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

Fort Wayne MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2015							
Industry	Feb-15	Jan-15	Feb-14	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
				Change	Change	Change	Change
				Jan-15 to Feb-15		Feb-14 to Feb-15	
Total Nonfarm Employment	210,100	208,300	207,900	1,800	0.9%	2,200	1.1%
Total Private Employment	188,200	187,400	186,200	800	0.4%	2,000	1.1%
Goods Producing	43,100	43,000	42,700	100	0.2%	400	0.9%
Service Providing	167,000	165,300	165,200	1,700	1.0%	1,800	1.1%
Private Service Providing	145,100	144,400	143,500	700	0.5%	1,600	1.1%
- Mining, Logging and Construction	8,300	8,400	8,300	-100	-1.2%	0	0.0%
- Manufacturing	34,800	34,600	34,400	200	0.6%	400	1.2%
Durable Goods	25,600	25,500	25,200	100	0.4%	400	1.6%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,700	0	0.0%	-200	-5.4%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	6,700	6,700	6,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.5%
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities	41,700	42,100	41,400	-400	-1.0%	300	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	10,800	10,900	10,700	-100	-0.9%	100	0.9%
Retail Trade	21,900	22,200	22,000	-300	-1.4%	-100	-0.5%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	9,000	9,000	8,700	0	0.0%	300	3.5%
- Information	3,000	3,000	3,200	0	0.0%	-200	-6.3%
- Financial Activities	11,500	11,400	11,100	100	0.9%	400	3.6%
- Professional and Business Services	19,900	19,900	19,500	0	0.0%	400	2.1%
- Education and Health Services	38,900	38,000	38,600	900	2.4%	300	0.8%
- Leisure and Hospitality	18,900	18,800	18,600	100	0.5%	300	1.6%
- Other Services	11,200	11,200	11,100	0	0.0%	100	0.9%
Government	21,900	20,900	21,700	1,000	4.8%	200	0.9%
- Federal Government	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	0.0%	100	5.3%
- State Government	3,900	3,000	4,000	900	30.0%	-100	-2.5%
- Local Government	16,000	15,900	15,800	100	0.6%	200	1.3%
Local Government Educational Services	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	0.0%	100	1.1%

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



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 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.

Applicant Pool

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

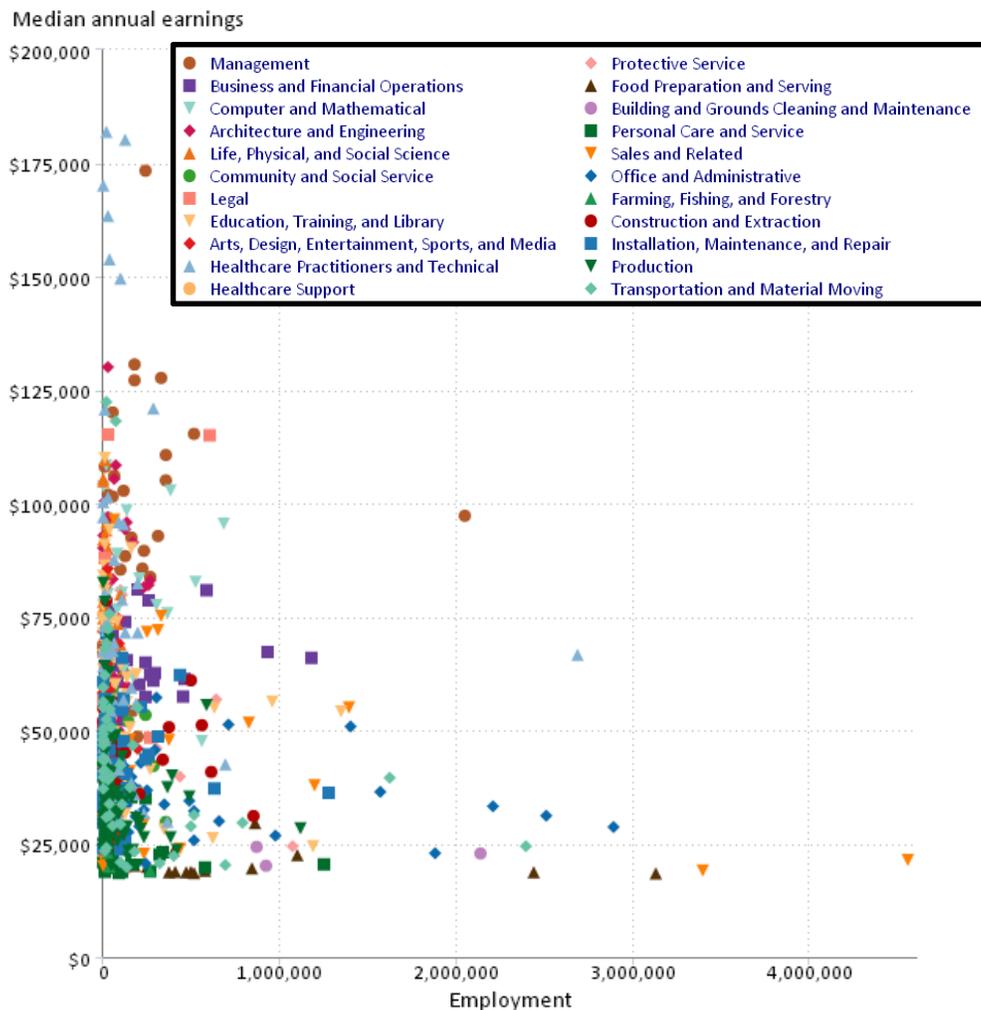
- 1 Production Workers, All Other - 649
- 2 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 521
- 3 Customer Service Representatives - 503
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers - 292
- 5 Office Clerks, General - 282
- 6 Cashiers - 231
- 7 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 224
- 8 Administrative Services Managers - 202
- 9 Managers, All Other - 176
- 10 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks - 147
- 11 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard - 130
- 12 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other - 127
- 13 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 116
- 14 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 116
- 15 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 115
- 16 Accountants - 114
- 17 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive - 110
- 18 Retail Salespersons - 100
- 19 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 99
- 20 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks - 95

High Earnings and Low Employment or the Other Way Around

(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*)

Many occupations have a small number of workers earning high wages. Many other occupations have a large number of workers earning low wages. Occupations with median annual earnings over \$100,000 in May 2014 were mostly in management, healthcare, engineering, science, math, and law. These occupations typically had fewer than 100,000 workers, but there were exceptions. Financial managers and lawyers, for example, each employed more than 500,000 in May 2014.

Employment and median annual earnings by occupation, May 2014



Among the occupations with employment over 1 million, many had median annual earnings of less than \$25,000. These occupations often were in retail sales and food preparation and serving. Three occupations with employment over 1 million and relatively high earnings are registered nurses, general managers, and accountants and auditors.

Life, physical, and social science occupations include many with low employment and high earnings. Examples are astronomers, economists, and physicists. The food preparation and serving group has many low-paying occupations, and some employ large numbers of workers; these include cooks, food preparation and serving workers, and waiters and waitresses. Occupations with both low employment and low earnings include shampooers, locker room attendants, models, motion picture projectionists, and door-to-door sales workers.

These data are from the Occupational Employment Statistics program. See "Occupational Employment and Wages — May 2014" to learn more. These estimates do not include the self-employed, owners and partners in unincorporated firms, household workers, or unpaid family workers. Half the workers earn more, and half earn less, than the median wage.

Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in EGR 3 for the month of February 2015

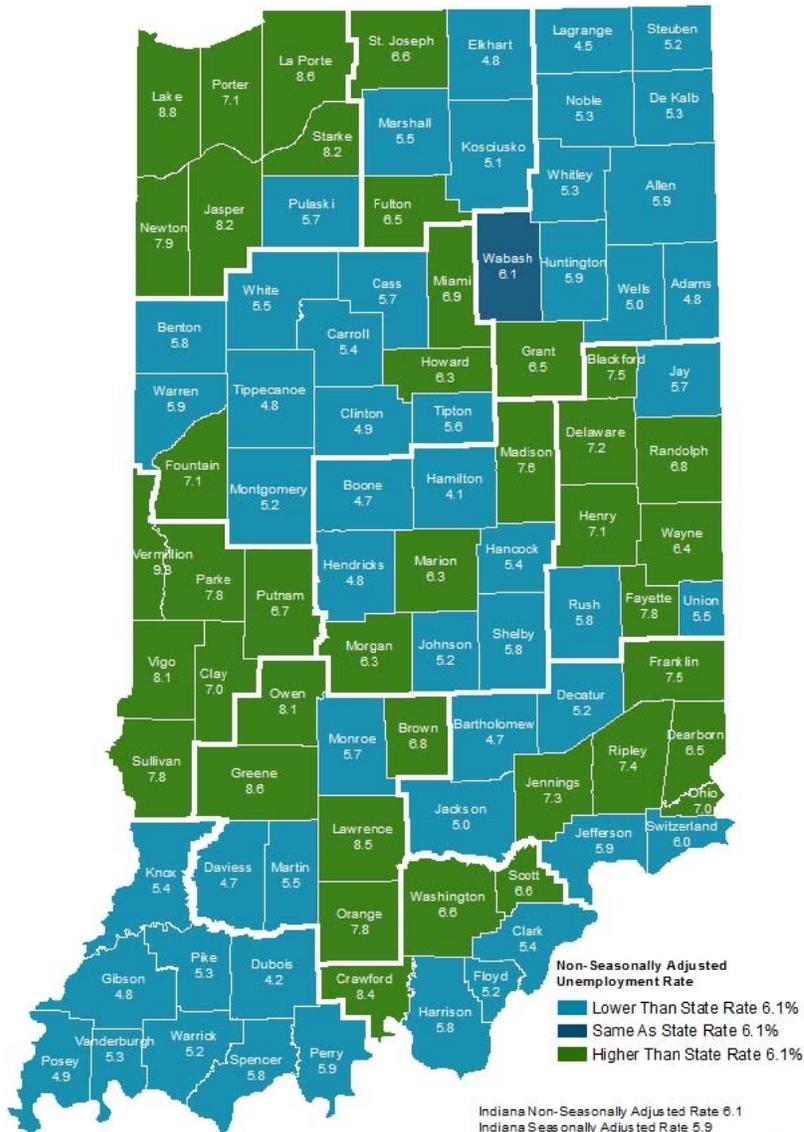
- 1 Production Workers, All Other
- 2 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
- 3 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 4 Healthcare Support Workers, All Other
- 5 Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
- 6 Customer Service Representatives
- 7 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 8 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 9 Helpers--Production Workers
- 10 Personal Care Aides
- 11 Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
- 12 Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic
- 13 Conveyor Operators and Tenders
- 14 Food Preparation Workers
- 15 Registered Nurses
- 16 Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
- 17 Construction Laborers
- 18 Packers and Packagers, Hand
- 19 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
- 20 Printing Press Operators



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