



Economic Growth Region 4

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.



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Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren and White Counties.

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 4	247,967	234,413	13,554	5.5%	6.1%	6.4%
Kokomo MSA	37,018	34,696	2,322	6.3%	6.8%	7.2%
Lafayette MSA	106,992	101,740	5,252	4.9%	5.6%	5.7%
Benton Co.	4,752	4,478	274	5.8%	6.0%	6.4%
Carroll Co.	10,363	9,805	558	5.4%	6.0%	6.2%
Cass Co.	18,534	17,480	1,054	5.7%	6.4%	6.8%
Clinton Co.	17,045	16,204	841	4.9%	5.6%	6.0%
Fountain Co.	8,338	7,746	592	7.1%	7.7%	8.3%
Howard Co.	37,018	34,696	2,322	6.3%	6.8%	7.2%
Miami Co.	15,738	14,657	1,081	6.9%	7.6%	7.8%
Montgomery Co.	18,553	17,588	965	5.2%	5.9%	6.2%
Tippecanoe Co.	91,877	87,457	4,420	4.8%	5.5%	5.6%
Tipton Co.	8,178	7,721	457	5.6%	6.1%	6.6%
Warren Co.	4,255	4,002	253	5.9%	6.1%	7.3%
White Co.	13,316	12,579	737	5.5%	6.2%	6.5%
Attica	1,561	1,418	143	9.2%	9.8%	9.8%
Crawfordsville	7,177	6,787	390	5.4%	6.1%	6.4%
Delphi	1,348	1,264	84	6.2%	6.6%	5.8%
Fowler	1,165	1,104	61	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%
Frankfort	8,138	7,692	446	5.5%	6.3%	6.2%
Kokomo	24,762	23,272	1,490	6.0%	6.6%	7.0%
Lafayette	37,788	35,895	1,893	5.0%	5.5%	5.9%
Logansport	8,191	7,733	458	5.6%	6.4%	7.1%
Monticello	2,670	2,508	162	6.1%	7.1%	6.7%
Peru	4,748	4,361	387	8.2%	9.2%	9.3%
Tipton	2,374	2,210	164	6.9%	7.9%	8.1%
West Lafayette	14,315	13,734	581	4.1%	4.8%	4.4%
Williamsport	867	804	63	7.3%	6.9%	6.7%

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

Unemployment Rates by State, Feb 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, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County, Feb 2015 (high to low)

- #22 Fountain 7.1%
- #27 Miami 6.9%
- #38 Howard 6.3%
- #47 Warren 5.9%
- #48 Benton 5.8%
- #53 Cass 5.7%
- #57 Tipton 5.6%
- #61 White 5.5%
- #62 Carroll 5.4%
- #74 Montgomery 5.2%
- #80 Clinton 4.9%
- #86 Tippecanoe 4.8%

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

Weekly Unemployment Claims, Feb 2015

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Initial Claims

Feb 7, 2015- 268(D)
 Feb 14, 2015- 207(D)
 Feb 21, 2015- 222(D)
 Feb 28, 2015- 242(D)

Continued Claims

Feb 7, 2015- 2,356
 Feb 14, 2015- 2,248
 Feb 21, 2015- 2,289
 Feb 28, 2015- 2,265

Total Claims*

Feb 7, 2015- 2,624
 Feb 14, 2015- 2,455
 Feb 21, 2015- 2,511
 Feb 28, 2015- 2,507

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

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Initial Claims

Feb 7, 2015- 4,294
 Feb 14, 2015- 3,944
 Feb 21, 2015- 4,742
 Feb 28, 2015- 4,655

Continued Claims

Feb 7, 2015- 36,940
 Feb 14, 2015- 36,053
 Feb 21, 2015- 36,856
 Feb 28, 2015- 36,477

Total Claims*

Feb 7, 2015- 41,234
 Feb 14, 2015- 39,997
 Feb 21, 2015- 41,598
 Feb 28, 2015- 41,132

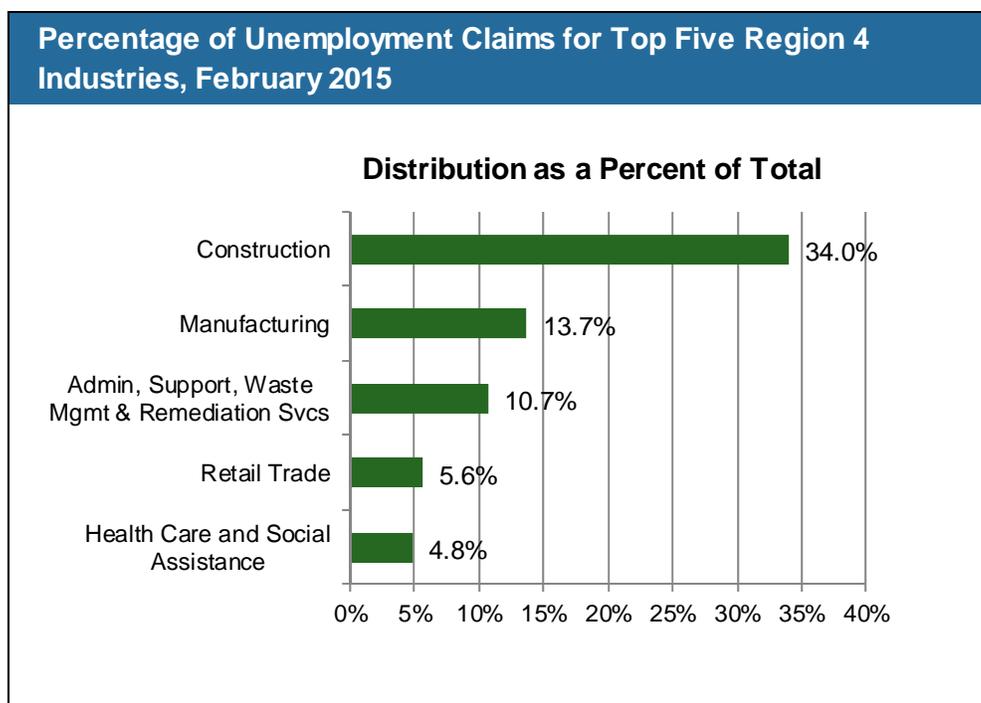
*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits). Please see Hoosiers by the Numbers for additional information.

Claims data are updated weekly, including revisions to claims counts for the preceding four weeks.

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

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



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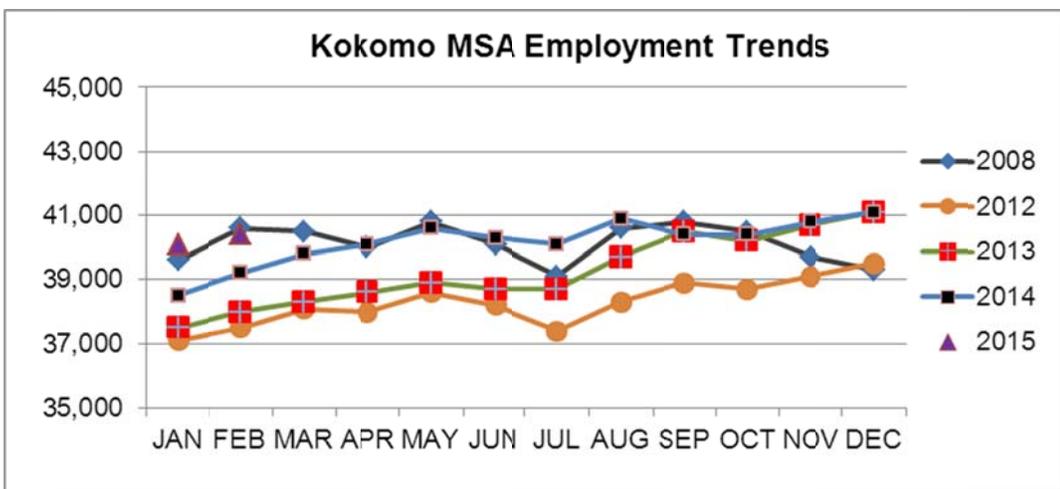
WARN Notices

There are no WARN notices for February 2015 in EGR 4.

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>

Kokomo MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2015							
Industry				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
	Feb-15	Jan-15	Feb-14	Jan-15 to Feb-15		Feb-14 to Feb-15	
Total Nonfarm	40,400	40,100	39,200	300	0.8%	1,200	3.1%
-Total Private	35,200	35,000	34,000	200	0.6%	1,200	3.5%
--Goods Producing	12,600	12,500	12,300	100	0.8%	300	2.4%
--Service-Providing	27,800	27,600	26,900	200	0.7%	900	3.4%
---Private Service Providing	22,600	22,500	21,700	100	0.4%	900	4.2%
----Mining, Logging and Construction	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
----Manufacturing	11,600	11,500	11,300	100	0.9%	300	2.7%
----Trade, Transportation and Utilities	6,400	6,500	6,400	-100	-1.5%	0	0.0%
-----Wholesale Trade	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
-----Retail Trade	4,800	4,900	4,800	-100	-2.0%	0	0.0%
-----Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	700	700	700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
----Information	400	400	400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
----Financial Activities	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
----Leisure and Hospitality	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	0.0%	-100	-2.5%
----Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
-Government	5,200	5,100	5,200	100	2.0%	0	0.0%
--Local Government	3,700	3,600	3,700	100	2.8%	0	0.0%
---Local Government Educational Services	2,300	2,200	2,300	100	4.6%	0	0.0%

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



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

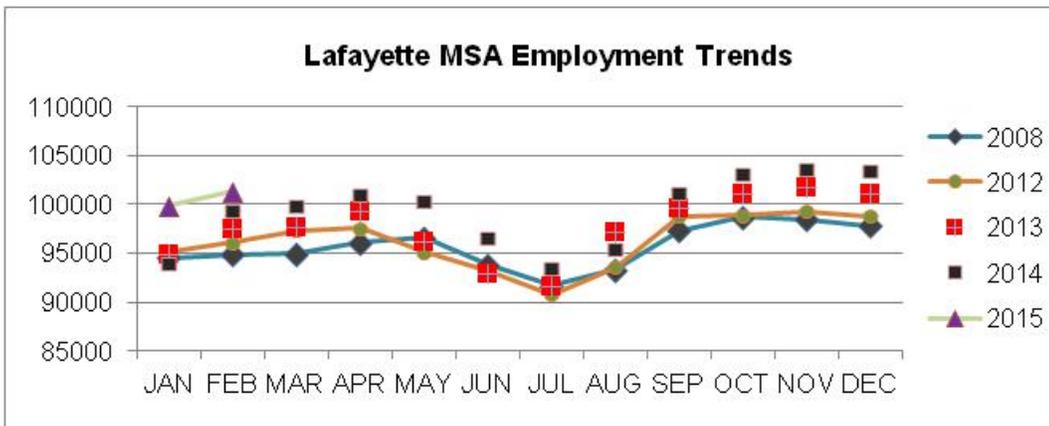
- 1 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other-444
- 2 Production Workers, All Other-427
- 3 Customer Service Representatives-273
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers-235
- 5 Office Clerks, General-208
- 6 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand-208
- 7 Administrative Services Managers-
- 8 Cashiers-158
- 9 Managers, All Other-144
- 10 Receptionists and Information Clerks-125
- 11 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other-125
- 12 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers-123
- 13 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive-106
- 14 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants-104
- 15 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks-102
- 16 Nursing Assistants-93
- 17 Manufacturing Production Technicians-81
- 18 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters-73
- 19 Team Assemblers-72
- 20 Retail Salespersons-71

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Lafayette 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	101,300	99,900	99,400	1,400	1.4%	1,900	1.9%
-Total Private	72,300	71,800	69,000	500	0.7%	3,300	4.8%
--Goods Producing	20,500	20,300	19,200	200	1.0%	1,300	6.8%
--Service-Providing	80,800	79,600	80,200	1,200	1.5%	600	0.8%
---Private Service Providing	51,800	51,500	49,800	300	0.6%	2,000	4.0%
----Mining, Logging and Construction	3,100	3,200	2,500	-100	-3.1%	600	24.0%
----Manufacturing	17,400	17,100	16,700	300	1.8%	700	4.2%
-----Durable Goods	13,300	13,000	12,700	300	2.3%	600	4.7%
-----Non-Durable Goods	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	0.0%	100	2.5%
----Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14,700	14,700	14,000	0	0.0%	700	5.0%
-----Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	0.0%	100	4.6%
-----Retail Trade	10,000	10,000	9,600	0	0.0%	400	4.2%
-----Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,200	0	0.0%	200	9.1%
----Information	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
----Financial Activities	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	0.0%	100	2.9%
----Professional and Business	8,100	8,000	7,600	100	1.3%	500	6.6%
----Education and Health Services	11,600	11,600	11,400	0	0.0%	200	1.8%
----Leisure and Hospitality	9,300	9,100	9,000	200	2.2%	300	3.3%
-----Accommodation and Food Services	8,600	8,400	8,500	200	2.4%	100	1.2%
----Other Services	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	0.0%	200	5.7%
-Government	29,000	28,100	30,400	900	3.2%	-1,400	-4.6%
--Federal Government	500	500	600	0	0.0%	-100	-16.7%
--State Government	21,300	20,700	22,900	600	2.9%	-1,600	-7.0%
--Local Government	7,200	6,900	6,900	300	4.4%	300	4.4%
---Local Government Educational Services	4,600	4,300	4,400	300	7.0%	200	4.6%

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Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job Listings EGR 4 Feb 2015

- 1 Metal-Refining Furnace Operators and Tenders
- 2 Customer Service Representatives
- 3 Production Workers, All Other
- 4 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
- 5 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 6 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
- 7 Personal Care Aides
- 8 Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers
- 9 Military Enlisted Tactical Operations and Air/Weapons Specialists and Crew Members, All Other
- 10 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 11 Home Health Aides
- 12 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other
- 13 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 14 Correctional Officers and Jailers
- 15 Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
- 16 Helpers--Production Workers
- 17 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks
- 18 Sheet Metal Workers
- 19 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 20 Retail Salespersons

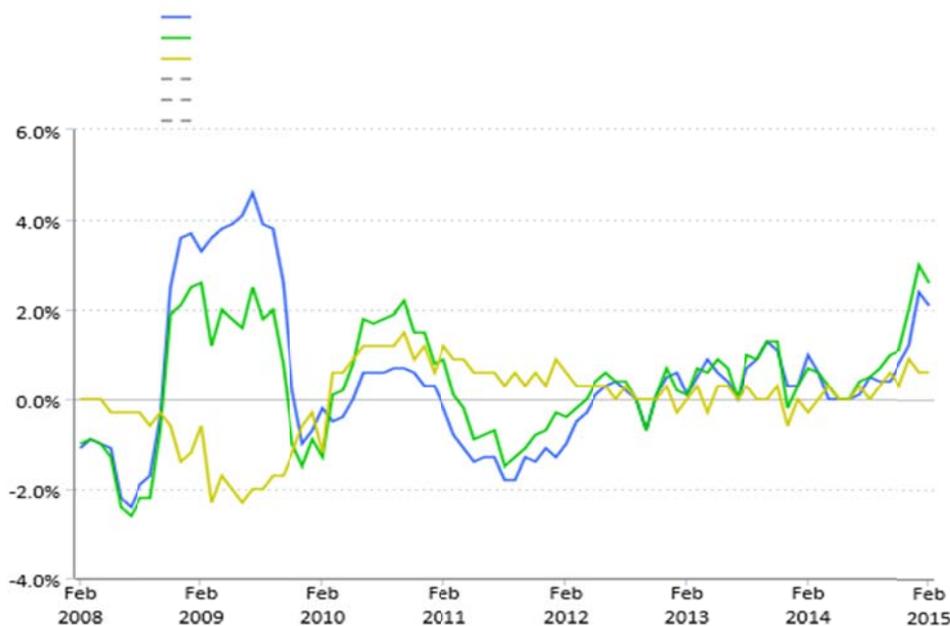
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Real Average Hourly Earnings Rise 2.1 Percent From February 2014 To February 2015

MARCH 27, 2015

Real average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased 2.1 percent, seasonally adjusted, from February 2014 to February 2015. This increase, combined with a 0.6-percent increase in the average workweek, resulted in a 2.6-percent increase in real average weekly earnings over the year.

Over-the-year percent change in real average hourly and weekly earnings and average weekly hours, seasonally adjusted, February 2008 to February 2015



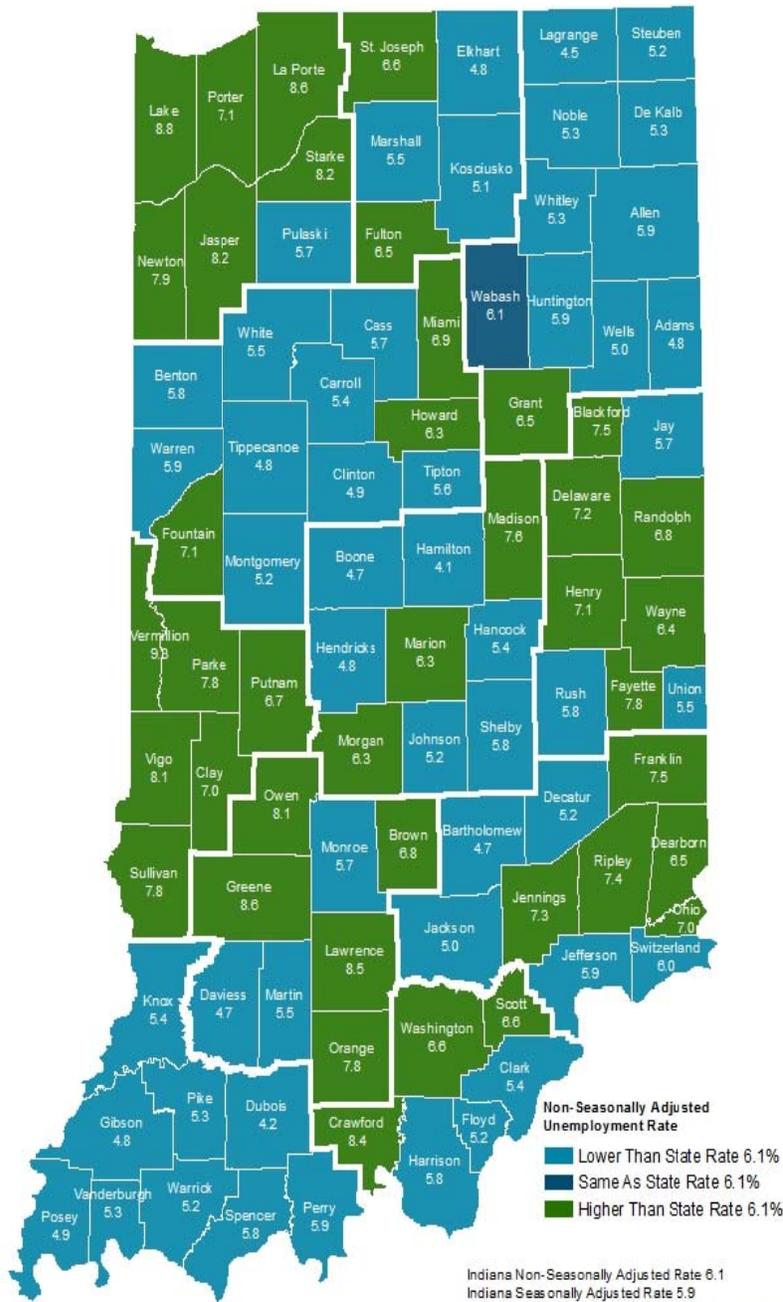
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For production and nonsupervisory employees, real average hourly earnings increased 2.3 percent from February 2014 to February 2015. The increase in real average hourly earnings, combined with a 0.9-percent increase in the average workweek, resulted in a 3.2-percent increase in real average weekly earnings over the year.

These data are from the Current Employment Statistics program. For more information, see "Real Earnings — February 2015". The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers is used to adjust earnings for all employees for inflation. The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers is used to adjust earnings for production and nonsupervisory employees for inflation. Both price indexes are from the Consumer Price Index program.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, Real average hourly earnings rise 2.1 percent from February 2014 to February 2015 on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ed/2015/real-average-hourly-earnings-rise-from-february-2014-to-february-2015.htm>

County Unemployment Rates February 2015



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