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# Economic Growth Region 9

*Statistical Data Report for January 2018, Released March 2018*

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in January in 6 states and the District of Columbia and stable in 44 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Sixteen states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier and 34 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate was unchanged from December at 4.1 percent but was 0.7 percentage point lower than in January 2017.

Hawaii had the lowest unemployment rate in January, 2.1 percent. The rates in Alabama (3.7 percent), California (4.4 percent), Maine (3.0 percent), and Mississippi (4.6 percent) set new series lows. (All state series begin in 1976.) Alaska had the highest jobless rate, 7.3 percent. In total, 18 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, 9 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

**January 2018 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)**

| Area | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Jan-18 | Dec-17 | Jan-17 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. | 160,037,000 | 152,848,000 | 7,189,000 | 4.5% | 3.9% | 5.1% |
| IN | 3,267,470 | 3,151,121 | 116,349 | 3.6% | 3.1% | 4.5% |
| EGR 9 | 165,290 | 159,469 | 5,821 | 3.5% | 3.0% | 4.3% |
| Columbus MSA | 44,395 | 43,158 | 1,237 | 2.8% | 2.3% | 3.4% |
| Bartholomew Co. | 44,395 | 43,158 | 1,237 | 2.8% | 2.3% | 3.4% |
| Dearborn Co. | 25,020 | 24,000 | 1,020 | 4.1% | 3.5% | 5.0% |
| Decatur Co. | 14,539 | 14,071 | 468 | 3.2% | 2.5% | 3.9% |
| Franklin Co. | 10,661 | 10,177 | 484 | 4.5% | 3.7% | 4.9% |
| Jackson Co. | 21,931 | 21,279 | 652 | 3.0% | 2.6% | 3.7% |
| Jefferson Co. | 14,481 | 13,962 | 519 | 3.6% | 3.2% | 4.7% |
| Jennings Co. | 12,760 | 12,182 | 578 | 4.5% | 3.5% | 5.3% |
| Ohio Co. | 3,146 | 3,028 | 118 | 3.8% | 3.2% | 4.6% |
| Ripley Co. | 13,573 | 13,020 | 553 | 4.1% | 3.5% | 4.9% |
| Switzerland Co. | 4,784 | 4,592 | 192 | 4.0% | 3.6% | 5.1% |
| Batesville | 3,376 | 3,267 | 109 | 3.2% | 2.8% | 3.9% |
| Brookville | 1,039 | 978 | 61 | 5.9% | 5.2% | 6.4% |
| Columbus | 25,415 | 24,756 | 659 | 2.6% | 2.3% | 3.1% |
| Greensburg | 6,328 | 6,141 | 187 | 3.0% | 2.5% | 3.7% |
| Lawrenceburg | 1,901 | 1,802 | 99 | 5.2% | 4.1% | 8.1% |
| Madison | 5,273 | 5,097 | 176 | 3.3% | 3.3% | 4.7% |
| North Vernon | 2,789 | 2,650 | 139 | 5.0% | 4.0% | 6.2% |
| Seymour | 9,651 | 9,358 | 293 | 3.0% | 2.8% | 3.6% |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 02/18 | 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.

### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9

Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties

### Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): January 2018

**U.S. - 4.1%**
Illinois - 4.8%
Indiana - 3.3%
Kentucky - 4.3%
Michigan - 4.7%
Ohio - 4.7%

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

### Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): January 2018

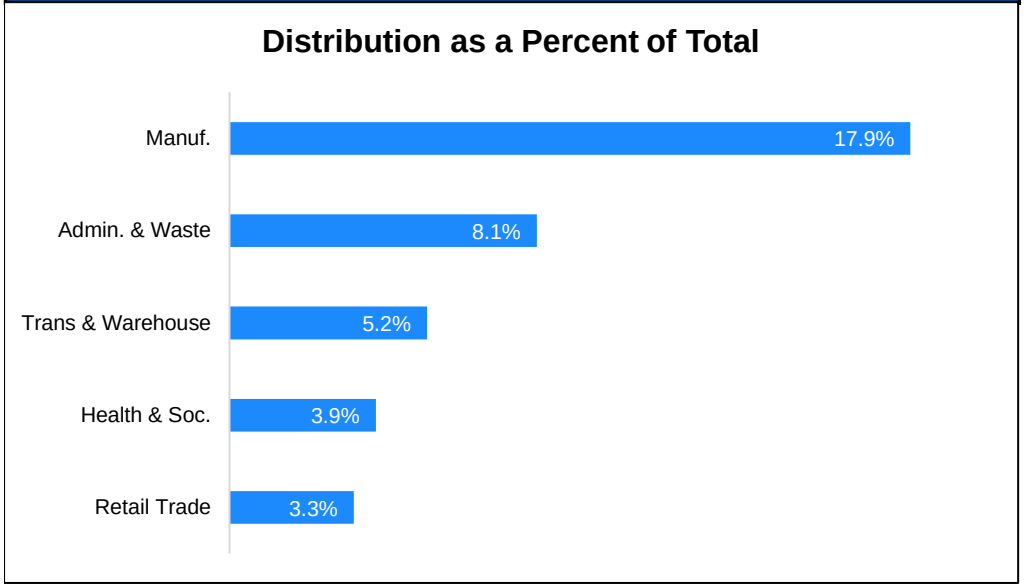
#15 - Franklin(4.5%)
#16 - Jennings(4.5%)
#23 - Dearborn(4.1%)
#28 - Ripley(4.1%)
#33 - Switzerland(4%)
#39 - Ohio(3.8%)
#50 - Jefferson(3.6%)
#65 - Decatur(3.2%)
#75 - Jackson(3%)
#84 - Bartholomew(2.8%)

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

| Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to January 2018 from | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CPI Item | Jan-17 | Dec-17 | Jan-17 | Dec-17 |
| | U.S. City | | Midwest Region* | |
| **All Items** | **2.1%** | **0.5%** | **1.6%** | **0.6%** |
| Food & Beverages | 1.6% | 0.4% | 1.3% | 0.4% |
| Housing | 2.8% | 0.4% | 2.1% | 0.4% |
| Apparel | -0.7% | 1.4% | 2.4% | 2.1% |
| Transportation | 3.0% | 1.1% | 2.4% | 1.6% |
| Medical Care | 2.0% | 0.7% | 0.4% | 0.2% |
| Recreation | 1.1% | 0.3% | 2.9% | 0.7% |
| Education & Communication | -1.7% | 0.0% | -1.8% | 0.0% |
| Other Goods & Services | 2.4% | 0.4% | 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 5 Region 9 Industries January 2018**




Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

| WARN Notices for Region 9 for January 2018 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Company | City | County | # of workers affected | Notice Date |
| | | | | |
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**There are no WARN Notices for January 2018 for EGR 9.**

Source: Indiana Department 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:

https://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm

## Unemployment Claims: January 2018

### *Region 9*

**Initial Claims**

01/06/18 - 283(D)
01/13/18 - 191(D)
01/20/18 - 134(D)
01/27/18 - 126(D)

**Continued Claims**

01/06/18 - 920
01/13/18 - 963
01/20/18 - 1,006
01/27/18 - 988

**Total Claims**

01/06/18 - 1,203
01/13/18 - 1,155
01/20/18 - 1,140
01/27/18 - 1,114

### *State of Indiana*

**Initial Claims**

01/06/18 - 6,122
01/13/18 - 5,241
01/20/18 - 3,289
01/27/18 - 3,169

**Continued Claims**

01/06/18 - 20,800
01/13/18 - 21,385
01/20/18 - 22,249
01/27/18 - 22,366

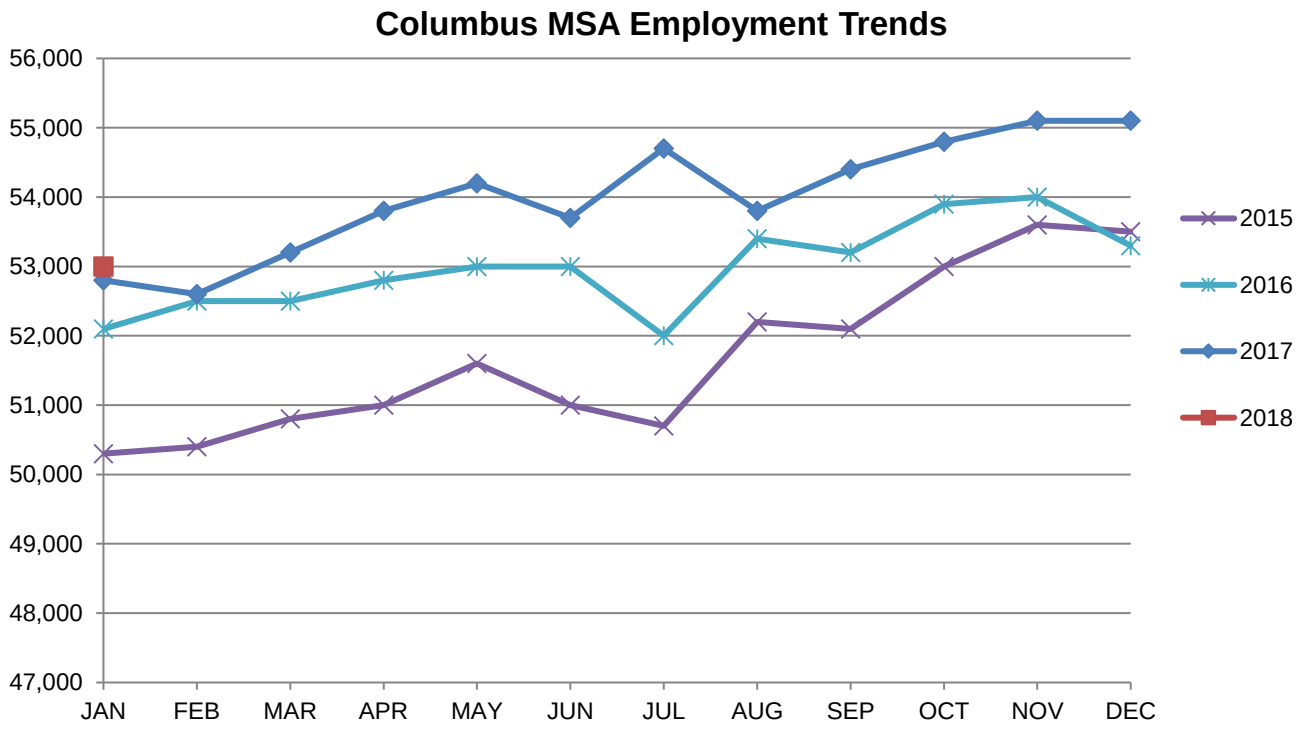
**Total Claims**

01/06/18 - 26,922
01/13/18 - 26,626
01/20/18 - 25,538
01/27/18 - 25,535

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

| Columbus MSA | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wage and Salaried Employment | January 2018 | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| **Industry** | **Jan-18** | **Dec-17** | **Jan-17** | **Dec-17 to Jan-18** | | **Jan-17 to Jan-18** | |
| **Total Nonfarm** | **53,000** | **53,700** | **52,300** | **-700** | **-1.3%** | **700** | **1.3%** |
| **Total Private** | **46,300** | **46,800** | **46,000** | **-500** | **-1.1%** | **300** | **0.7%** |
| Goods Producing | 21,000 | 21,200 | 21,000 | -200 | -0.9% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Service-Providing | 32,000 | 32,500 | 31,300 | -500 | -1.5% | 700 | 2.2% |
| Private Service Providing | 25,300 | 25,600 | 25,000 | -300 | -1.2% | 300 | 1.2% |
| Mining, Logging and Construction | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,700 | -100 | -5.9% | -100 | -5.9% |
| Manufacturing | 19,400 | 19,500 | 19,300 | -100 | -0.5% | 100 | 0.5% |
| Durable Goods | 17,400 | 17,400 | 17,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 1.2% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 8,300 | 8,400 | 7,700 | -100 | -1.2% | 600 | 7.8% |
| Retail Trade | 4,900 | 5,100 | 5,000 | -200 | -3.9% | -100 | -2.0% |
| Information | 300 | 300 | 400 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -25.0% |
| Financial Activities | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Professional and Business Services | 5,500 | 5,600 | 5,600 | -100 | -1.8% | -100 | -1.8% |
| Education and Health Services | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 4,000 | 4,100 | 4,000 | -100 | -2.4% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Other Services | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,300 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -7.7% |
| **Total Government** | **6,700** | **6,900** | **6,300** | **-200** | **-2.9%** | **400** | **6.4%** |
| Federal Government | 200 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| State Government | 1,500 | 1,600 | 1,300 | -100 | -6.3% | 200 | 15.4% |
| Local Government | 5,000 | 5,100 | 4,800 | -100 | -2.0% | 200 | 4.2% |
| Local Government Educational Services | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,900 | 0 | 0.0% | 100 | 5.3% |

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




Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 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.

| Frequently Listed Jobs | |
|---|---|
| Top 20 job listings in Region 9 in the past month | |
| **Rank** | **Occupations** |
| 1 | Helpers--Production Workers |
| 2 | Production Workers, All Other |
| 3 | Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other |
| 4 | Personal Care Aides |
| 5 | Food Preparation Workers |
| 6 | Manufacturing Production Technicians |
| 7 | Packers and Packagers, Hand |
| 8 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers |
| 9 | Chemical Plant and System Operators |
| 10 | Security Guards |
| 11 | Customer Service Representatives |
| 12 | Home Health Aides |
| 13 | Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand |
| 14 | Nursing Assistants |
| 15 | Registered Nurses |
| 16 | Material Moving Workers, All Other |
| 17 | Retail Salespersons |
| 18 | Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters |
| 19 | First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers |
| 20 | Maintenance and Repair Workers, General |

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

| Applicant Pool | |
|---|---|
| Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months | |
| **Occupations** | **# of applicants** |
| Production Workers, All Other | 528 |
| Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other | 372 |
| Helpers--Production Workers | 258 |
| Extraction Workers, All Other | 188 |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 165 |
| Customer Service Representatives | 158 |
| Office Clerks, General | 156 |
| Cashiers | 147 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 130 |
| Construction Laborers | 126 |
| Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other | 125 |
| Managers, All Other | 124 |
| Carpenters | 121 |
| Construction and Related Workers, All Other | 120 |
| Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators | 119 |
| Maintenance and Repair Workers, General | 112 |
| Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 99 |
| Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators | 98 |
| Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 96 |
| Receptionists and Information Clerks | 94 |

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

# Columbus Metro Forecasts 2018

## Indiana Business Review

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Columbus GDP fell in 2016 from 2015 levels by 3.6 percent, marking the first decline for the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) since 2009, when the community sustained a 14 percent drop in total output. Indicators relevant to the local economy suggest GDP levels going forward for the coming months will likely be relatively flat—increasing by approximately 2 percent, as Columbus is poised to continue at or near full employment. The Columbus MSA (which consists of Bartholomew County) boasts the region's lowest unemployment rate and the best average wage rate. Indeed, the pressure on increases in wages may fuel any slight GDP expansion for the area, mitigating the possibility of job losses that could materialize if the automotive industry would peak before 2018 is over. The 2 percent GDP increase forecast for Columbus includes a combination of population growth, jobs, technology-driven outputs and wage growth.
Key Measures

**Unemployment:** With a current unemployment rate of 2.7 percent, upward wage pressure is on employers who seek to expand business in Columbus. Businesses around the Columbus MSA are now struggling with a deficit of available employees during the holiday retail season, a time when employment opportunities for service jobs tend to peak. Local area weekly wages have risen by more than 20 percent over the past seven years, from $800 in 2009 to nearly $1,000 in 2016. In the last three years of data, local wages have risen by 15.6 percent, or an annual rate of 5.0 percent—or 500 percent in excess of the consumer price index (CPI), which was measured at 1.0 percent per year over the same period

**Employment and labor force:** Columbus has been creating job growth over the past eight years with remarkable efficiency. During this period, Columbus has produced about 13,100 jobs. As of September 2017, Columbus area employers provided 54,300 jobs to a local labor force of 45,274 (see Figure 2).2 These numbers are up from 53,200 and 45,114, one year ago, respectively. For the past five years, Columbus employers consistently have provided a net 8,000-10,000 jobs to citizens outside of the Columbus MSA. As of September 2017, the net labor import number is 9,026 in Columbus. Job growth over the prior 12 months was 1,100, or 2.1 percent, while labor force growth over the prior 12 months was only 160, or 0.4 percent. This slowing growth in labor force participation combined with an ultra-low 2.7 percent unemployment rate implies that future job growth in Columbus without further population growth will be a challenge.

Investments continue to drive into Columbus in 2017, with consistent investment flowing into the community over the past several years. Between 2008 and 2016, businesses invested over $550 million in the Columbus MSA. The Columbus Economic Development Board reports that more than $100 million in additional capital investments have been announced in Columbus in 2017 and for 2018

Last year, the Columbus MSA economic outlook for 2017 was neutral to slightly negative. The results were mixed, with the most recent GDP estimates confirming a slight downtick (-3.6 percent) in output, but a simultaneously increasing number of area jobs (up 2.1 percent).

For 2018, continued growth is slightly overshadowed by suspicions that the economic expansion seen in Columbus over the last eight years may be facing headwinds generally arising from a tremendously tight local labor market. GDP growth will likely be fueled by Cummins' expected strong performance next year, as well as sustained automotive demand encouraged by Hurricane Harvey heading into 2018.

**Additional planned investment:** Locally, five projects have been announced for business and infrastructure improvements amounting to over $100 million, and some have stated plans for continued future hiring in the area with plans for about 63 new positions having been announced to the Columbus Economic Development Board.

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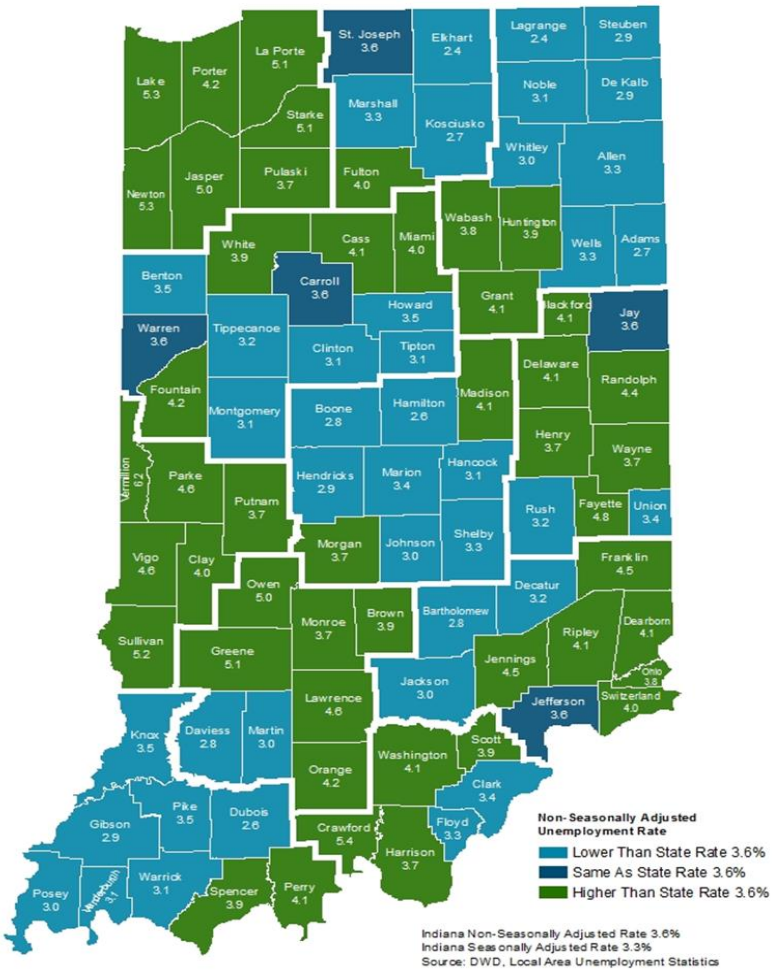
# County Unemployment Rates
# January 2018

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