

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 1

Statistical Data Report for February 2009

Released April 2009



**INDIANA
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**

Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1 includes: Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, and Pulaski Counties.



*February 2009 Labor Force Estimates
(not seasonally adjusted)
State Release Date: 03/27/09*

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate Feb. 2009	Rate Jan. 2009	Rate Feb. 2008
U. S.	153,804,000	140,105,000	13,699,000	8.1%	7.6%	4.8%
Indiana	3,209,017	2,884,839	324,178	9.4%	9.3%	5.0%
Gary Metro Div	334,143	300,742	33,401	10.0%	9.9%	5.8%
MichCity-LaP MSA	52,750	46,593	6,157	11.7%	11.1%	6.4%
EGR 1	404,400	362,506	41,894	10.4%	10.2%	6.0%
Lake County	227,390	204,266	23,124	10.2%	10.0%	6.2%
Porter County	83,851	76,111	7,740	9.2%	9.2%	4.7%
LaPorte County	52,750	46,593	6,157	11.7%	11.1%	6.4%
Newton County	7,132	6,289	843	11.8%	11.3%	7.0%
Jasper County	15,770	14,076	1,694	10.7%	10.9%	6.7%
Starke County	10,806	9,212	1,594	14.8%	14.3%	7.6%
Pulaski County	6,701	5,959	742	11.1%	10.8%	5.3%
Gary City	35,205	31,422	3,783	10.7%	10.7%	6.8%
Hammond City	34,037	29,981	4,056	11.9%	12.0%	7.5%

County Unemployment Rates
February 2009 Non-Seasonally Adjusted



Non-Seasonally Adjusted
Unemployment Rate

- Below State Rate
- Same as State Rate - 10.1%
- Above State Rate

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were nearly all higher in February. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, while all 50 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates than a year earlier, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The national unemployment rate rose from 7.6 percent in January to 8.1 percent in February, which was 3.3 percentage points higher than a year earlier. In February, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 49 states and the District of Columbia and increased in 1 state (Louisiana). The largest over-the-month decreases in the level of employment were recorded in California, Florida, Texas, and Pennsylvania, while Alaska experienced the smallest decrease. The only state to report an over-the-month increase in the level of employment was Louisiana. Over the year, non-farm employment decreased in 46 states and increased in 4 states and the District of Columbia.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)	
February 2009	COUNTY
53	Lake
70	Porter
29	LaPorte
28	Newton
44	Jasper
5	Starke
40	Pulaski

INDIANA and SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT February 2009 (Not seasonally adjusted)

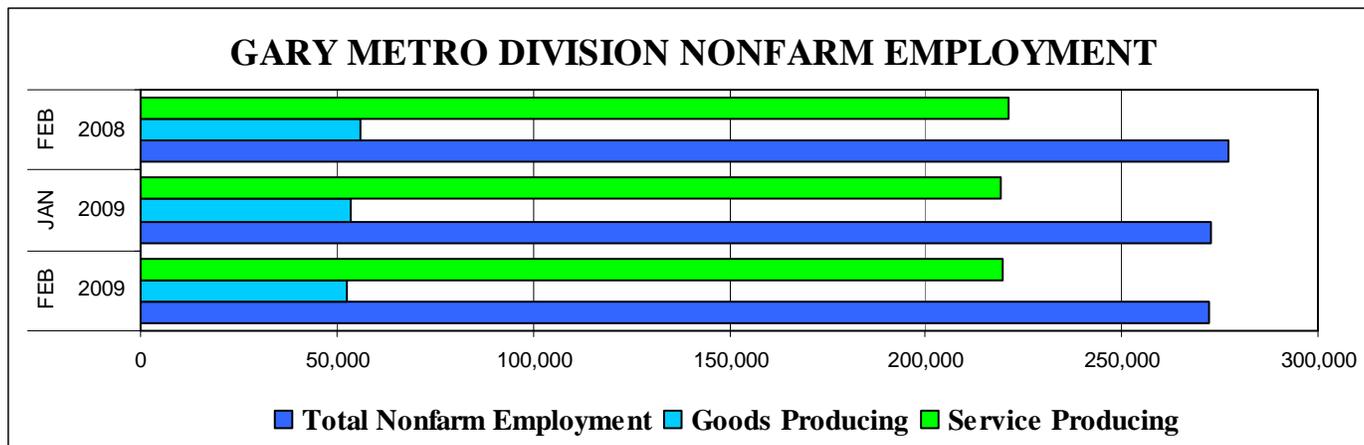
Illinois	8.6%
Indiana	9.4%
Kentucky	9.2%
Michigan	12.0%
Ohio	9.4%

Gary Metro Division

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	FEB 2009	JAN 2009	FEB 2008	CHANGE FROM		FEB 2008	
				JAN TO FEB 2009	TO FEB 2009	FEB TO FEB 2009	TO FEB 2009
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	272,200	272,500	277,200	-300	-0.1%	-5,000	-1.8%
Total Private Employment	232,900	233,700	238,200	-800	-0.3%	-5,300	-2.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	52,600	53,500	55,800	-900	-1.7%	-3,200	-5.7%
---Mining & Logging	300	400	300	-100	-25.0%	0	0.0%
---Construction	15,400	15,800	17,800	-400	-2.5%	-2,400	-13.5%
---Manufacturing	36,900	37,300	37,700	-400	-1.1%	-800	-2.1%
Durable Goods	29,000	29,300	29,800	-300	-1.0%	-800	-2.7%
Primary Metal Mfg	19,300	19,300	19,000	0	0.0%	300	1.6%
Iron and Steel Mills	17,500	17,600	17,200	-100	-0.6%	300	1.7%
SERVICE PROVIDING	219,600	219,000	221,400	600	0.3%	-1,800	-0.8%
Private Service Providing	180,300	180,200	182,400	100	0.1%	-2,100	-1.2%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	59,500	59,800	60,300	-300	-0.5%	-800	-1.3%
Wholesale Trade	10,700	10,800	10,300	-100	-0.9%	400	3.9%
Retail Trade	33,600	33,900	34,700	-300	-0.9%	-1,100	-3.2%
Gen Merch Stores	6,400	6,500	6,700	-100	-1.5%	-300	-4.5%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	15,200	15,100	15,300	100	0.7%	-100	-0.7%
---Information	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	0.0%	-100	-4.6%
---Financial Activities	9,000	9,000	9,400	0	0.0%	-400	-4.3%
---Professional & Business	21,800	21,900	22,000	-100	-0.5%	-200	-0.9%
Employment Services	2,400	2,500	3,200	-100	-4.0%	-800	-25.0%
---Educational & Health	45,600	44,900	46,100	700	1.6%	-500	-1.1%
Educational Services	7,700	7,100	8,100	600	8.5%	-400	-4.9%
Health Care/Social Assist.	37,900	37,800	38,000	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	12,800	12,700	12,900	100	0.8%	-100	-0.8%
---Leisure & Hospitality	30,100	30,200	30,000	-100	-0.3%	100	0.3%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	7,600	7,600	7,400	0	0.0%	200	2.7%
Food Svcs/Drinkg Plcs	21,200	21,300	21,200	-100	-0.5%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	12,200	12,300	12,400	-100	-0.8%	-200	-1.6%
Government	39,300	38,800	39,000	500	1.3%	300	0.8%
---Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	4,000	4,000	4,400	0	0.0%	-400	-9.1%
State Govt Educ Svcs	2,700	2,700	3,000	0	0.0%	-300	-10.0%
---Local Government	33,300	32,800	32,600	500	1.5%	700	2.2%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	19,300	18,800	19,300	500	2.7%	0	0.0%

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-- GARY METROPOLITAN DIVISION OF THE CHICAGO CSA EQUALS LAKE, PORTER, JASPER, AND NEWTON COUNTIES



MichCity-LaPorte MSA

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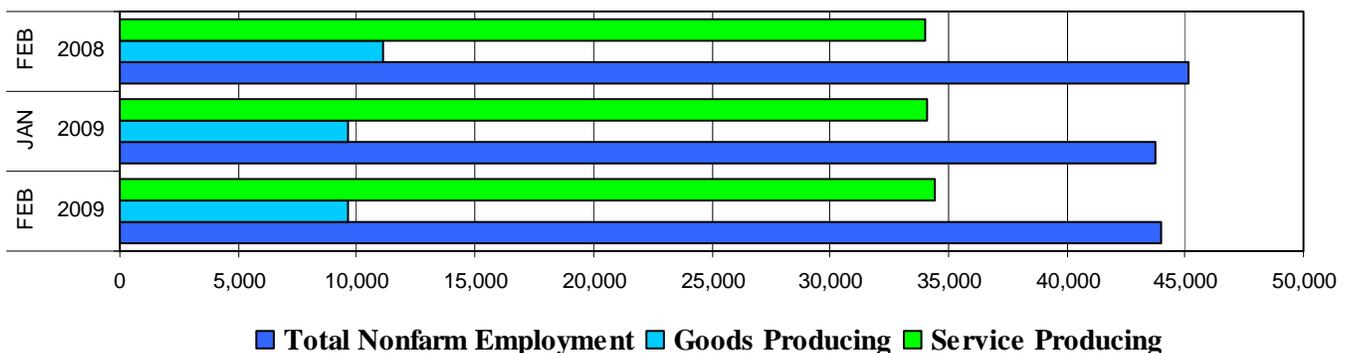
INDUSTRY	FEB 2009	JAN 2009	FEB 2008	CHANGE		FROM	
				JAN 2009 TO FEB 2009		FEB 2008 TO FEB 2009	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	44,000	43,700	45,100	300	0.7%	-1,100	-2.4%
Total Private Employment	36,500	36,300	37,500	200	0.6%	-1,000	-2.7%
GOODS PRODUCING	9,600	9,600	11,100	0	0.0%	-1,500	-13.5%
---Mining, Logging, Construction	1,900	1,900	2,200	0	0.0%	-300	-13.6%
---Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	8,900	0	0.0%	-1,200	-13.5%
SERVICE PROVIDING	34,400	34,100	34,000	300	0.9%	400	1.2%
Private Service Providing	26,900	26,700	26,400	200	0.8%	500	1.9%
---Trade, Transp. & Utilities	8,900	8,800	8,800	100	1.1%	100	1.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.0%	100	7.7%
Retail Trade	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	1.8%	100	1.8%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100	-5.6%
---Information	500	500	600	0	0.0%	-100	-16.7%
---Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	100	8.3%
---Professional & Business	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	0.0%	100	3.9%
---Educational & Health	7,000	6,900	6,700	100	1.5%	300	4.5%
---Leisure & Hospitality	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	7,500	7,400	7,600	100	1.4%	-100	-1.3%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	0.0%	-200	-7.7%
State Govt Educ Svcs	500	500	600	0	0.0%	-100	-16.7%
---Local Government	4,900	4,800	4,800	100	2.1%	100	2.1%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	3,000	2,900	2,800	100	3.5%	200	7.1%

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-- MSA - METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MICHIGAN CITY-LAPORTE MSA = LAPORTE COUNTY)

NOTE: MICHIGAN CITY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA IS CURRENTLY PUBLISHED AS UNOFFICIAL/NON-BLS AREA ESTIMATES. BLS FUNDING FOR THIS MSA & OTHERS WAS SUSPENDED FOR 2008 BUT INDIANA WILL CONTINUE TO ESTIMATE FOR THESE AREAS.

MICH CITY-LAPORTE MSA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY REGION

WEEK ENDING >	2/7/2009	2/14/2009	2/21/2009	2/28/2009
EGR 1	18,971	19,046	18,960	19,819
INDIANA	174,527	171,746	170,951	175,940

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics

Monthly Claims by Industry Region 1 February 2009

Industry	Number of Claims	Percent of Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	75	0.4%
Mining	93	0.5%
Utilities	12	0.1%
Construction	5,542	28.5%
Manufacturing	4,266	21.9%
Wholesale Trade	780	4.0%
Retail Trade	1,106	5.7%
Transportation, Warehousing	851	4.4%
Information	114	0.6%
Finance, Insurance	285	1.5%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	174	0.9%
Professional, Technical	504	2.6%
Management of Companies, Enterprises	34	0.2%
Administrative, Waste Services	1,843	9.5%
Educational Services	138	0.7%
Health Care, Social Assistance	622	3.2%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	409	2.1%
Accommodations, Food Services	402	2.1%
Other Services except Public Adm.	351	1.8%
Public Administration	212	1.1%
Unclassified	1,636	8.4%
Region 1 Total	19,449	100%

MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS IN 2008

1. Minimum wage workers tend to be young. Although workers under age 25 represented only about one-fifth of hourly-paid workers, they made up half of those paid the Federal minimum wage or less. Among employed teenagers paid by the hour, about 11 percent earned the minimum wage or less, compared with about 2 percent of workers age 25 and over. **2.** About 4 percent of women paid hourly rates had wages at or below the prevailing Federal minimum, compared with about 2 percent of men. **3.** Among hourly-paid workers age 16 and over, about 5 percent of those who had less than a high school diploma earned the Federal minimum wage or less, compared with about 3 percent of those who had a high school diploma (with no college) and about 2 percent of college graduates. **4.** The industry with the highest proportion of workers with hourly wages at or below the Federal minimum wage was leisure and hospitality (about 14 percent). About three-fifths of all workers paid at or below the Federal minimum wage were employed in this industry, primarily in the food services and drinking places component.

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

WARN NOTICES for Region 1 in February 2009

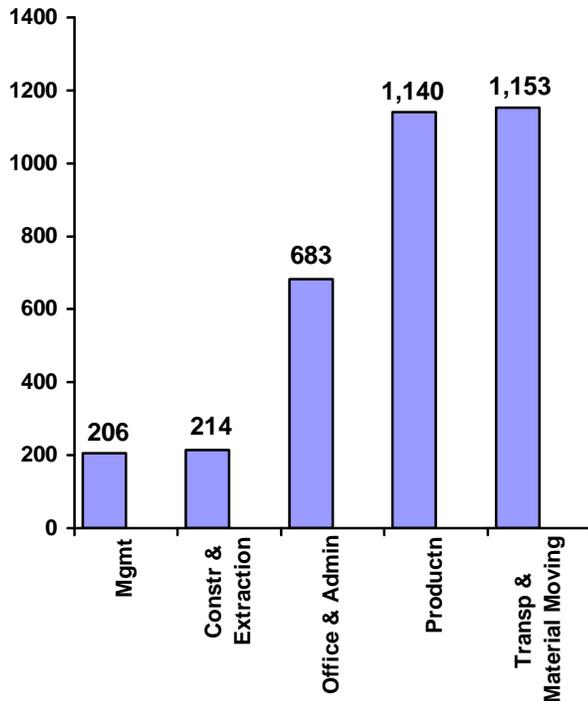
Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
AFS-Keystone	Hammond	Lake	80	2/6/09

Data are rounded.

Source: Hoosiers by the Numbers, WARN Notices
Indiana Workforce Development

Applicant Pool

Top Five Occupational Groups selected by Active Applicants in Past Twelve Months



Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



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Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Newton, Jasper, Starke, Pulaski, Marshall, Fulton, and Kosciusko Counties.

Wage Information

EGR 1 Employment & Wages
3rd Quarter 2008

AREA	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	
		All Industries	Manufacturing
Lake	193,297	\$769	\$1,444
Porter	56,628	\$761	\$1,394
LaPorte	44,129	\$621	\$809
Newton	3,851	\$565	\$602
Jasper	12,352	\$613	\$787
Starke	4,245	\$480	\$576
Pulaski	4,428	\$614	\$822
EGR 1	318,931	\$733	\$919
Indiana	2,839,098	\$714	\$953

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW).

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(CPI-U Change)

Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2009 from:

	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2008
U.S. City Average		
All Items	0.5	0.2
Food & Beverages	0.4	0.2
Housing	-0.1	4.7
Apparel	0	1.9
Transportation	1.3	0.8
Medical Care	1.9	-11
Recreation	0.3	2.8
Education & Communication	0.4	1.9
Other Goods & Services	0.2	3.6
Midwest Region (All Items)*	0.3	-0.2

*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. 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

