

## LABOR MARKET REVIEW



## March 2021 Labor Market Review

Reported by: Kim Stevenson

Regional Workforce Analyst

[Email Kim](#)

[kstevenson@dwd.in.gov](mailto:kstevenson@dwd.in.gov)

Tel: 812-242-6427

## LABOR MARKET REVIEW

# Economic Growth Region 11

Statistical Data Report for March 2021, Released May 2021

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in March in 20 states and the District of Columbia and stable in 30 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Forty states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier and 10 states had little or no change. The national unemployment rate, 6.0 percent, edged down by 0.2 percentage point over the month, but was 1.6 points higher than in March 2020.

Hawaii and New York had the highest unemployment rates in March, 9.0 percent and 8.5 percent, respectively. Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, and Vermont had the lowest rates, 2.9 percent each. In total, 27 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 6.0 percent, 11 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 12 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 29 states and was essentially unchanged in 21 states and the District of Columbia in March 2021. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 46 states and the District and was essentially unchanged in 4 states.

The largest job gains occurred in California (+119,600), Texas (+99,000), and New York (+63,700). The largest percentage increases occurred in New Mexico (+1.3 percent), Oregon (+1.1 percent), and Hawaii, Iowa, and Oklahoma (+1.0 percent each).



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties

March 2021 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mar-21	Feb-21	Mar-20
U.S.	160,397,000	150,493,000	9,905,000	6.2%	6.6%	4.5%
IN	3,296,498	3,142,693	153,805	4.7%	4.7%	3.7%
EGR 11	220,036	210,879	9,157	4.2%	4.2%	3.2%
Evansville MSA	155,809	148,805	7,004	4.5%	4.4%	3.5%
Dubois Co.	22,151	21,393	758	3.4%	3.6%	2.6%
Gibson Co.	19,491	18,824	667	3.4%	3.4%	2.9%
Knox Co.	18,050	17,362	688	3.8%	3.9%	3.3%
Perry Co.	9,039	8,660	379	4.2%	4.4%	3.4%
Pike Co.	6,205	5,923	282	4.5%	4.6%	3.8%
Posey Co.	12,739	12,275	464	3.6%	3.7%	3.0%
Spencer Co.	9,886	9,465	421	4.3%	4.4%	3.7%
Vanderburgh Co.	90,896	86,551	4,345	4.8%	4.7%	3.4%
Warrick Co.	31,579	30,426	1,153	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%
Boonville	3,011	2,883	128	4.3%	4.6%	3.6%
Evansville	57,335	54,153	3,182	5.5%	5.4%	3.7%
Jasper	8,273	8,005	268	3.2%	3.7%	2.5%
Mount Vernon	3,059	2,948	111	3.6%	3.5%	3.2%
Petersburg	1,016	965	51	5.0%	4.5%	4.3%
Princeton	4,794	4,610	184	3.8%	3.7%	3.4%
Rockport	791	762	29	3.7%	4.5%	5.6%
Tell City	3,760	3,605	155	4.1%	3.7%	2.8%
Vincennes	7,398	7,034	364	4.9%	5.2%	3.8%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 04/21 | 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.

## Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): March 2021

U.S. - 6%

Illinois - 7.1%

Indiana - 3.9%

Kentucky - 5%

Michigan - 5.1%

Ohio - 4.7%

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

## Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): March 2021

#26 - Vanderburgh (4.8%)

#34 - Pike (4.5%)

#42 - Spencer (4.3%)

#45 - Perry (4.2%)

#66 - Knox (3.8%)

#71 - Warrick (3.7%)

#74 - Posey (3.6%)

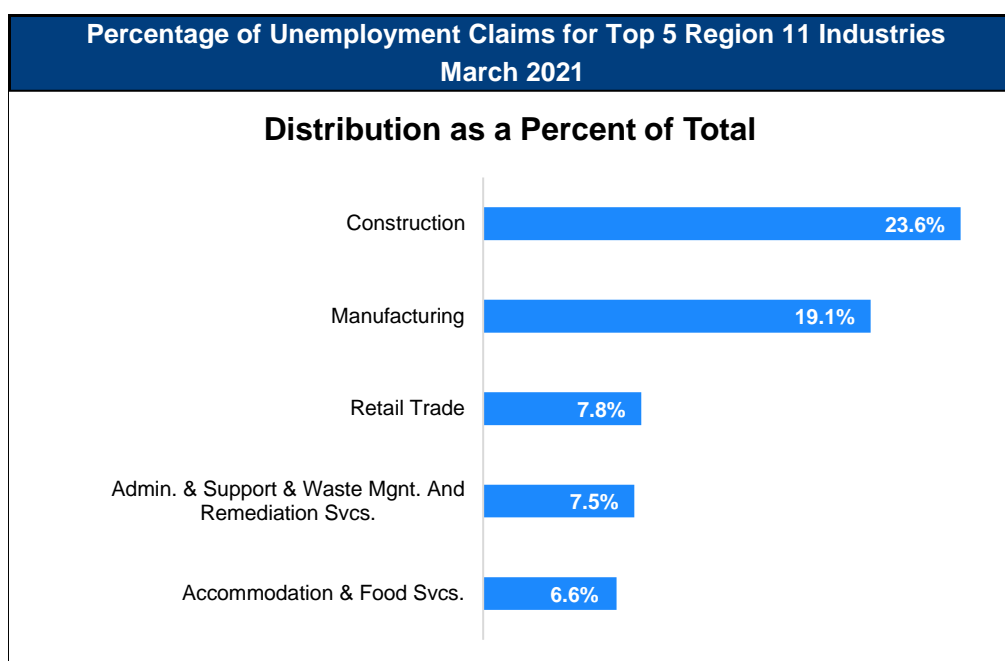
#81 - Dubois (3.4%)

#82 - Gibson (3.4%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to March 2021 from				
CPI Item	Mar-20	Feb-21	Mar-20	Feb-21
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.6%	0.7%	3%	0.7%
Food & Beverages	3.4%	0.2%	2.7%	0.1%
Housing	2.1%	0.3%	2.5%	0.5%
Apparel	-2.5%	0.6%	-1.2%	-0.3%
Transportation	5.8%	3.2%	6.9%	3%
Medical Care	1.8%	0.1%	2.3%	-0.1%
Recreation	1.1%	0.4%	1.9%	0.3%
Education & Communication	1.5%	-0.3%	1.6%	0%
Other Goods & Services	2.4%	0.6%	1.3%	1.1%

\*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 11 for March 2021				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for March 2021 for EGR 11.**

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: March 2021

### Region 11

#### Initial Claims

03/06/21 - 690

03/13/21 - 944

03/20/21 - 780

03/27/21 - 720

#### Continued Claims

03/06/21 - 2,939

03/13/21 - 1,766

03/20/21 - 2,766

03/27/21 - 2,454

#### Total Claims

03/06/21 - 3,629

03/13/21 - 2,710

03/20/21 - 3,546

03/27/21 - 3,174

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

03/06/21 - 9,237

03/13/21 - 13,965

03/20/21 - 13,045

03/27/21 - 9,260

#### Continued Claims

03/06/21 - 65,352

03/13/21 - 59,186

03/20/21 - 58,181

03/27/21 - 55,558

#### Total Claims

03/06/21 - 74,589

03/13/21 - 73,151

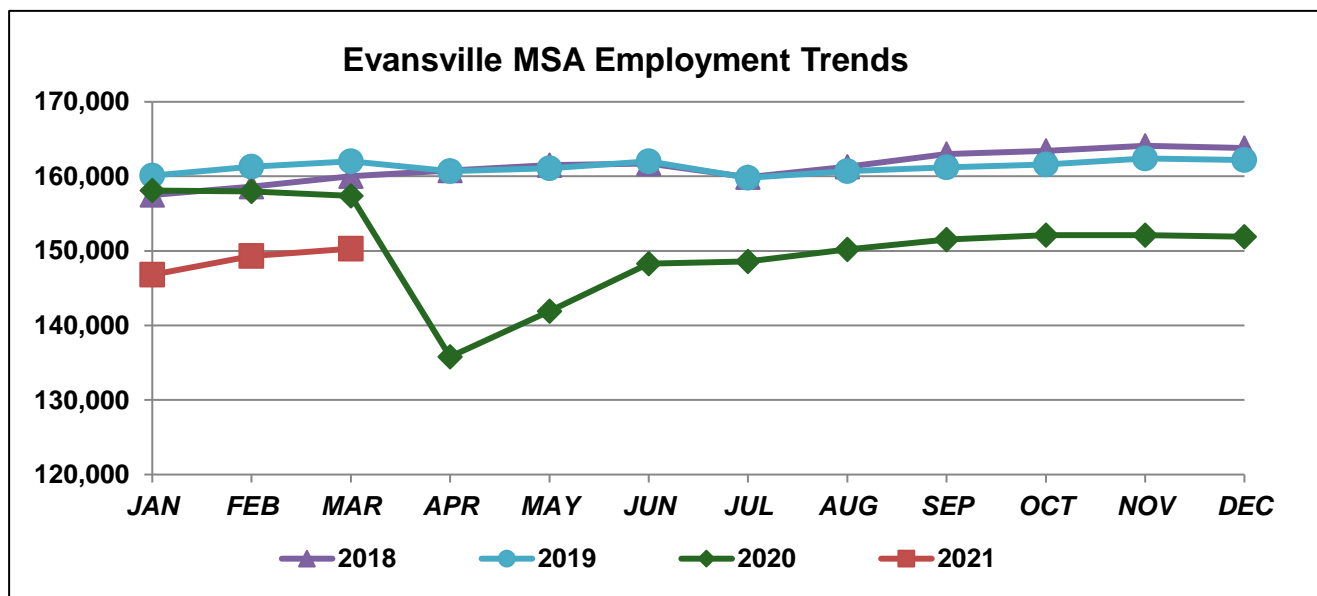
03/20/21 - 71,226

03/27/21 - 64,818

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

Evansville MSA						
Wage and Salaried Employment	March 2021			# Change	% Change	# Change % Change
Industry	Mar-21	Feb-21	Mar-20	Feb-21 to Mar-21	Mar-20 to Mar-21	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>150,300</b>	<b>149,300</b>	<b>157,400</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-7,100 -4.5%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>134,700</b>	<b>133,800</b>	<b>140,700</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-6,000 -4.3%</b>
Goods Producing	31,700	30,500	32,200	1,200	3.9%	-500 -1.6%
Service-Providing	118,600	118,800	125,200	-200	-0.2%	-6,600 -5.3%
Private Service Providing	103,000	103,300	108,500	-300	-0.3%	-5,500 -5.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	8,500	7,500	9,400	1,000	13.3%	-900 -9.6%
Manufacturing	23,200	23,000	22,800	200	0.9%	400 1.8%
Durable Goods	8,600	8,700	9,100	-100	-1.2%	-500 -5.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	29,600	29,800	30,400	-200	-0.7%	-800 -2.6%
Wholesale Trade	5,800	5,800	6,200	0	0.0%	-400 -6.5%
Retail Trade	16,100	16,300	16,500	-200	-1.2%	-400 -2.4%
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,700	7,700	7,700	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Information	1,600	1,600	1,900	0	0.0%	-300 -15.8%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100 -1.7%
Professional and Business Services	19,000	19,000	18,900	0	0.0%	100 0.5%
Education and Health Services	27,600	27,600	28,500	0	0.0%	-900 -3.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,200	25,200	25,800	0	0.0%	-600 -2.3%
Hospitals	9,600	9,600	9,500	0	0.0%	100 1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	13,000	13,100	15,900	-100	-0.8%	-2,900 -18.2%
Other Services	6,500	6,500	7,100	0	0.0%	-600 -8.5%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>15,600</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-1,100 -6.6%</b>
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	0.0%	-100 -7.1%
State Government	3,500	3,400	3,900	100	2.9%	-400 -10.3%
Local Government	10,800	10,800	11,400	0	0.0%	-600 -5.3%
Local Government Educational Services	6,500	6,500	7,000	0	0.0%	-500 -7.1%

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 11 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
3	Nursing Assistants
4	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
5	Customer Service Representatives
6	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
7	Production Workers, All Other
8	Personal Care Aides
9	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
10	Food Preparation Workers
11	Home Health Aides
12	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
13	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
14	Retail Salespersons
15	Grounds Maintenance Workers, All Other
16	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists
17	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance
18	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
19	Roof Bolters, Mining
20	Recreation Workers

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	5,078
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	2,547
Helpers--Production Workers	2,386
Cashiers	1,189
Customer Service Representatives	1,153
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,095
Office Clerks, General	955
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	849
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	803
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	766
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	756
Managers, All Other	651
Nursing Assistants	634
Receptionists and Information Clerks	628
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	593
Packers and Packagers, Hand	571
Retail Salespersons	562
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	547
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	546
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	539

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

## USUAL WEEKLY EARNINGS OF WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS FIRST QUARTER 2021

Median weekly earnings of the nation's 112.1 million full-time wage and salary workers were \$989 in the first quarter of 2021 (not seasonally adjusted), the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. This was 3.3 percent higher than a year earlier, compared with a gain of 1.9 percent in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) over the same period.

Data on usual weekly earnings are collected as part of the Current Population Survey, a nationwide sample survey of households in which respondents are asked, among other things, how much each wage and salary worker usually earns. Data shown in this news release are not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise specified.

### ***Highlights from the first-quarter data:***

--Median weekly earnings of full-time workers were \$989 in the first quarter of 2021. Women had median weekly earnings of \$900, 82.6 percent of the \$1,089 median for men.

--The women's-to-men's earnings ratio varied by race and ethnicity. White women earned 81.6 percent as much as their male counterparts, compared with 92.1 percent for Black women, 80.5 percent for Asian women, and 88.3 percent for Hispanic women.

--Among the major race and ethnicity groups, median weekly earnings for Blacks (\$799) and Hispanics (\$750) working full-time jobs were lower than those of Whites (\$1,006) and Asians (\$1,286). By sex, median weekly earnings for Black men were \$834, or 74.6 percent of the median for White men (\$1,118). Median earnings for Hispanic men were \$788, or 70.5 percent of the median for White men. The difference was less among women, as Black women's median earnings were \$768, or 84.2 percent of those for White women (\$912), and earnings for Hispanic women were \$696, or 76.3 percent of those for White women. Earnings for Asian men (\$1,408) and women (\$1,134) were higher than those of their White counterparts.

--By age, median weekly earnings were highest for men ages 45 to 54 (\$1,334). Usual weekly earnings were highest for women ages 35 to 64: median weekly earnings were \$999 for women ages 35 to 44, \$1,002 for women ages 45 to 54, and \$964 for women ages 55 to 64. Men and women ages 16 to 24 had the lowest median weekly earnings, \$634 and \$593, respectively. Men's and women's earnings were closer among younger workers than older workers; for example, women ages 16 to 24 earned 93.5 percent as much as men in the same age group, while the women's-to-men's earnings ratio was 79.9 percent for those age 55 and over.

--Among the major occupational groups, persons employed full time in management, professional, and related occupations had the highest median weekly earnings-- \$1,615 for men and \$1,179 for women. Men and women employed in service occupations earned the least, \$741 and \$582, respectively.

--By educational attainment, full-time workers age 25 and over without a high school diploma had median weekly earnings of \$613, compared with \$792 for high school graduates (no college) and \$1,426 for those holding at least a bachelor's degree. Among college graduates with advanced degrees (master's, professional, and doctoral degrees), the highest earning 10 percent of male workers made \$4,355 or more per week, compared with \$2,907 or more for their female counterparts.

--Seasonally adjusted median weekly earnings were \$984 in the first quarter of 2021, essentially unchanged from the previous quarter.

### ***Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Impact on Usual Weekly Earnings Data -***

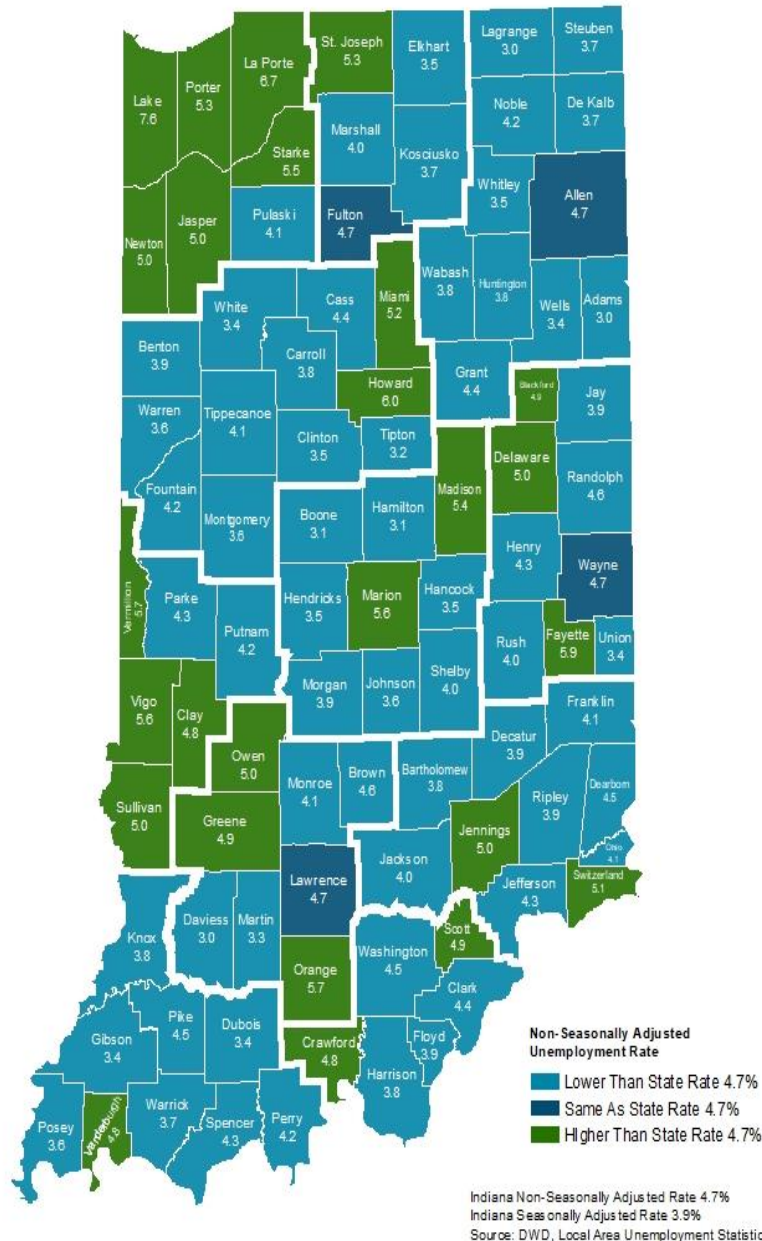
*Usual weekly earnings data for the first quarter of 2021 continue to reflect the impact on the labor market of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it.*

More information on labor market developments in recent months is available at:

[www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-and-response-on-the-employment-situation-news-release.htm](https://www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-and-response-on-the-employment-situation-news-release.htm).



# County Unemployment Rates March 2021



## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### Questions?

Please contact the DWD  
Regional Labor Analyst  
listed below:

**Kim Stevenson**

Regional Workforce Studies Manager

Research and Analysis

[Indiana Department of  
Workforce Development](https://www.in.gov/workforce)

30 North 8th St

Terre Haute, IN 47807

812-242-6427

[kstevenson@dwd.in.gov](mailto:kstevenson@dwd.in.gov)