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March 2021 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 2

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. 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. The largest unemployment rate increase from March 2020 occurred in Hawaii (+6.9 percentage points). The next largest over-the-year jobless rate increases were in New York (+4.6 percentage points) and Connecticut (+4.5 points), with another five states experiencing rate increases of at least 3.0 points.

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 declines occurred in California (-1,350,500), New York (-880,800), and Florida (-445,800). The largest percentage declines occurred in Hawaii (-16.0 percent), Nevada (-9.4 percent), and New York (-9.1 percent).



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 2

Elkhart, Fulton,
Kosciusko, Marshall
and St. Joseph
Counties

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

#12 - St. Joseph (5.3%)

#28 - Fulton (4.7%)

#53 - Marshall (4%)

#69 - Kosciusko (3.7%)

#77 - Elkhart (3.5%)

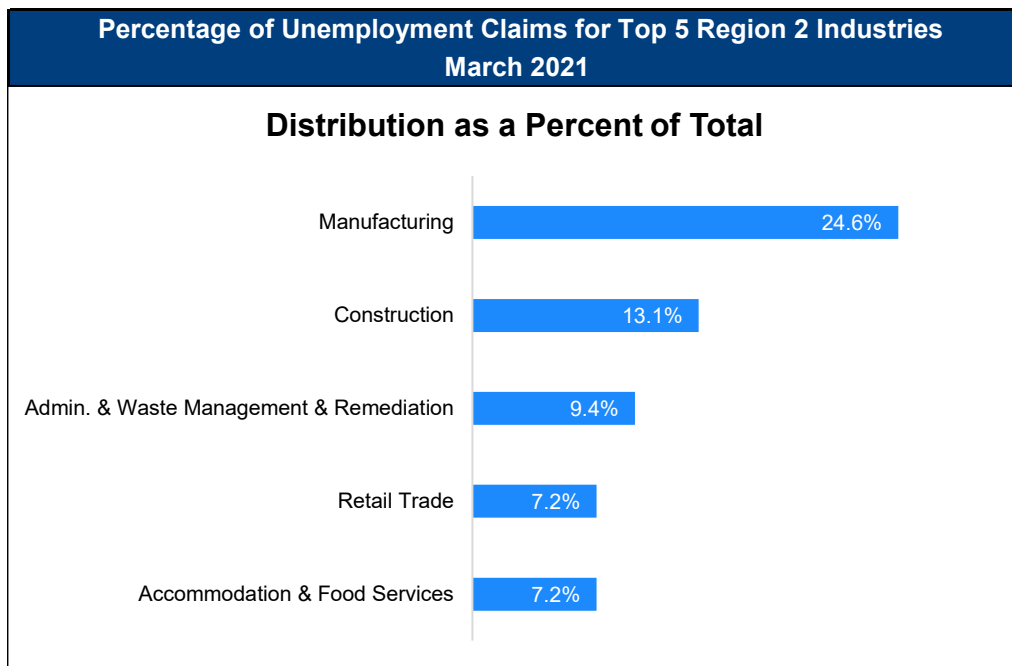
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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 2	318,320	304,518	13,802	4.3%	4.4%	3.6%
Elkhart-Goshen MSA	113,730	109,790	3,940	3.5%	3.5%	3.1%
South Bend-Mishawaka MSA	156,323	148,034	8,289	5.3%	5.4%	4.1%
Elkhart Co.	113,730	109,790	3,940	3.5%	3.5%	3.1%
Fulton Co.	9,226	8,791	435	4.7%	5.0%	4.1%
Kosciusko Co.	40,562	39,062	1,500	3.7%	3.7%	3.2%
Marshall Co.	22,102	21,227	875	4.0%	3.9%	3.4%
St Joseph Co.	132,700	125,648	7,052	5.3%	5.4%	4.2%
Elkhart	26,605	25,323	1,282	4.8%	4.6%	3.9%
Goshen	18,042	17,454	588	3.3%	3.3%	2.8%
Mishawaka	25,856	24,666	1,190	4.6%	5.0%	3.8%
Plymouth	4,191	3,986	205	4.9%	4.6%	4.0%
South Bend	47,260	44,005	3,255	6.9%	6.6%	4.6%
Warsaw	7,563	7,254	309	4.1%	3.6%	3.2%

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.

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 2 for March 2021				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for March 2021 for Region 2.

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 2

Initial Claims

03/06/21 - 1,073
03/13/21 - 1,338
03/20/21 - 1,456
03/27/21 - 1,341

Continued Claims

03/06/21 - 3,818
03/13/21 - 2,393
03/20/21 - 3,588
03/27/21 - 3,113

Total Claims

03/06/21 - 4,891
03/13/21 - 3,731
03/20/21 - 5,044
03/27/21 - 4,454

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

03/06/21 - 13,508
03/13/21 - 12,287
03/20/21 - 9,735
03/27/21 - 10,081

Continued Claims

03/06/21 - 77,782
03/13/21 - 73,668
03/20/21 - 72,770
03/27/21 - 69,343

Total Claims

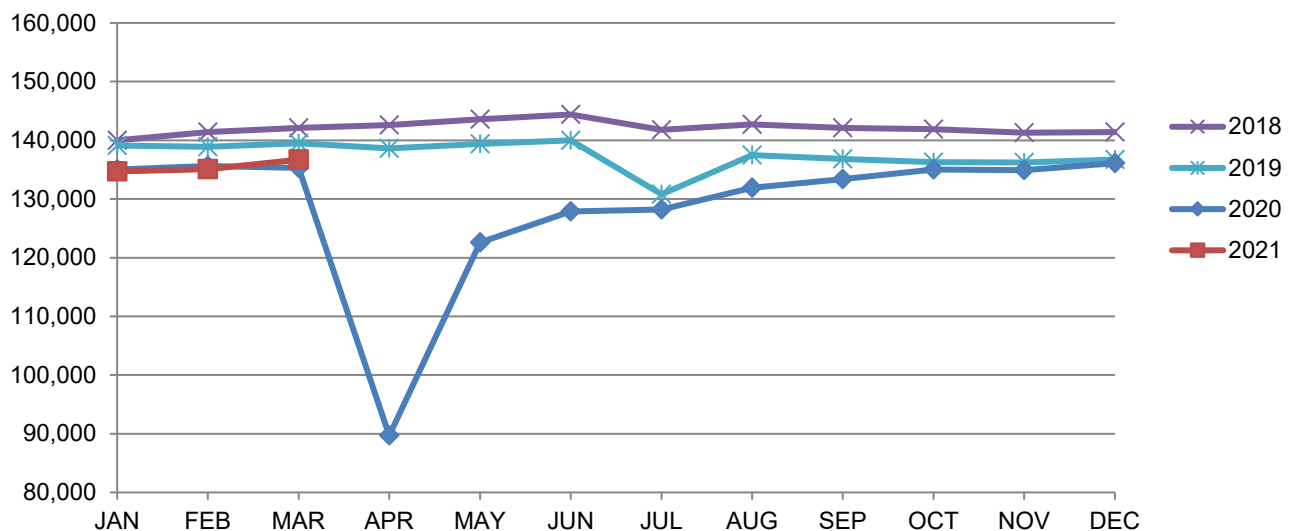
03/06/21 - 91,290
03/13/21 - 85,955
03/20/21 - 82,505
03/27/21 - 79,424

(D) Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Elkhart-Goshen 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	
Total Nonfarm	136,700	135,100	135,300	1,600	1.2%	1,400	1.0%
Total Private	128,100	126,600	126,400	1,500	1.2%	1,700	1.3%
Goods Producing	74,000	72,600	69,200	1,400	1.9%	4,800	6.9%
Service-Providing	62,700	62,500	66,100	200	0.3%	-3,400	-5.1%
Private Service Providing	54,100	54,000	57,200	100	0.2%	-3,100	-5.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,000	3,900	4,000	100	2.6%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	70,000	68,700	65,200	1,300	1.9%	4,800	7.4%
Durable Goods	57,700	57,400	55,200	300	0.5%	2,500	4.5%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	38,900	38,300	35,000	600	1.6%	3,900	11.1%
Motor Vehicle Body and Trailer Manufacturing	33,200	32,400	29,500	800	2.5%	3,700	12.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	19,600	19,600	19,800	0	0.0%	-200	-1.0%
Wholesale Trade	7,100	7,000	7,100	100	1.4%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	9,500	9,600	9,800	-100	-1.0%	-300	-3.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	0.0%	100	3.5%
Information	300	300	400	0	0.0%	-100	-25.0%
Financial Activities	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	9,200	9,300	10,200	-100	-1.1%	-1,000	-9.8%
Education and Health Services	11,300	11,300	12,000	0	0.0%	-700	-5.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	6,300	6,100	7,100	200	3.3%	-800	-11.3%
Other Services	4,300	4,300	4,600	0	0.0%	-300	-6.5%
Government	8,600	8,500	8,900	100	1.2%	-300	-3.4%
Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	300	300	200	0	0.0%	100	50.0%
Local Government	8,000	7,900	8,400	100	1.3%	-400	-4.8%
Local Government Educational Services	5,400	5,400	5,800	0	0.0%	-400	-6.9%

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

Elkhart-Goshen MSA Employment Trends

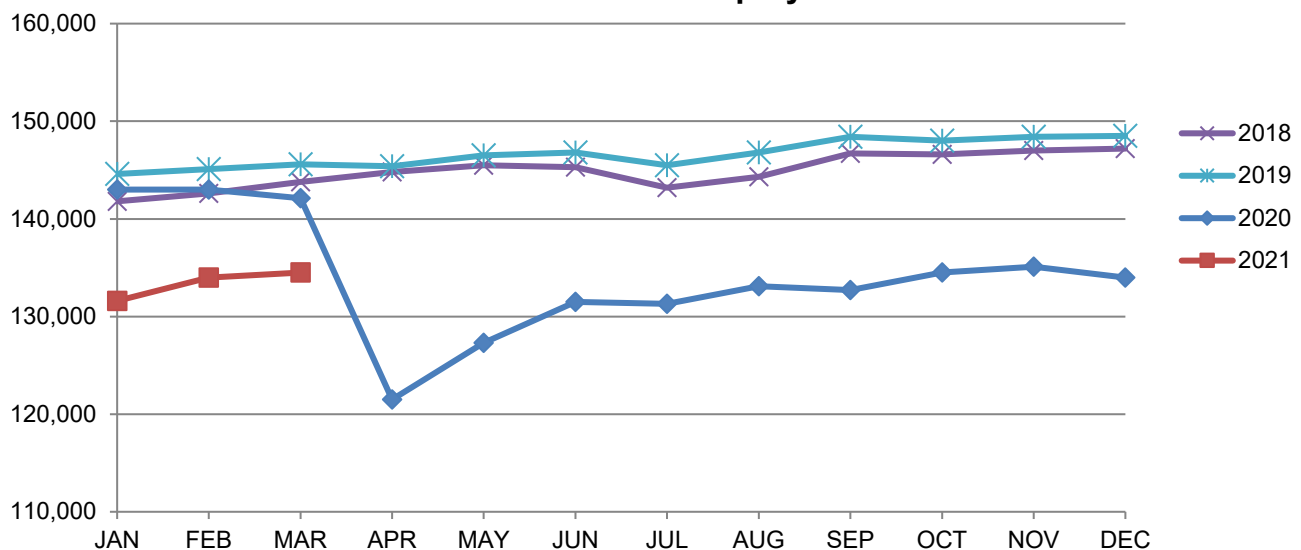


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South Bend-Mishawaka MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	March 2021			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Mar-21	Feb-21	Mar-20	Feb-21 to Mar-21		Mar-20 to Mar-21	
Total Nonfarm	134,500	134,000	142,100	500	0.4%	-7,600	-5.4%
Total Private	120,200	119,700	126,700	500	0.4%	-6,500	-5.1%
Goods Producing	21,300	20,900	22,500	400	1.9%	-1,200	-5.3%
Service Providing	113,200	113,100	119,600	100	0.1%	-6,400	-5.4%
Private Service Providing	98,900	98,800	104,200	100	0.1%	-5,300	-5.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,800	4,700	5,600	100	2.1%	-800	-14.3%
Manufacturing	16,500	16,200	16,900	300	1.9%	-400	-2.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	25,100	25,200	25,600	-100	-0.4%	-500	-2.0%
Wholesale Trade	6,400	6,400	6,800	0	0.0%	-400	-5.9%
Retail Trade	14,100	14,300	14,500	-200	-1.4%	-400	-2.8%
General Merchandise Stores	3,300	3,400	3,400	-100	-2.9%	-100	-2.9%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	4,600	4,500	4,300	100	2.2%	300	7.0%
Information	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%	-100	-7.7%
Financial Activities	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	0.0%	-200	-3.3%
Professional & Business Services	13,500	13,500	14,000	0	0.0%	-500	-3.6%
Educational & Health Services	36,500	36,700	37,700	-200	-0.5%	-1,200	-3.2%
Hospitals	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	12,200	11,800	13,900	400	3.4%	-1,700	-12.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	9,300	9,100	10,900	200	2.2%	-1,600	-14.7%
Other Services	4,600	4,600	5,700	0	0.0%	-1,100	-19.3%
Total Government	14,300	14,300	15,400	0	0.0%	-1,100	-7.1%
Federal Government	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	2,000	2,000	2,200	0	0.0%	-200	-9.1%
Local Government	11,400	11,400	12,300	0	0.0%	-900	-7.3%
Local Government Educational Services	6,600	6,700	7,000	-100	-1.5%	-400	-5.7%

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Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 2 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	Team Assemblers
3	Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
4	Retail Salespersons
5	Personal Care Aides
6	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
7	Driver/Sales Workers
8	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
9	Media and Communication Workers, All Other
10	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
11	Registered Nurses
12	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
13	Cashiers
14	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
15	Community Health Workers
16	Order Fillers, Wholesale and Retail Sales
17	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
18	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
19	Accountants
20	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	6,745
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	4,608
Helpers--Production Workers	3,554
Cashiers	1,749
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,690
Customer Service Representatives	1,606
Office Clerks, General	1,283
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,186
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,108
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,041
Packers and Packagers, Hand	1,015
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,012
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	980
Nursing Assistants	971
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	964
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	922
Retail Salespersons	918
Managers, All Other	887
Receptionists and Information Clerks	872
Team Assemblers	740

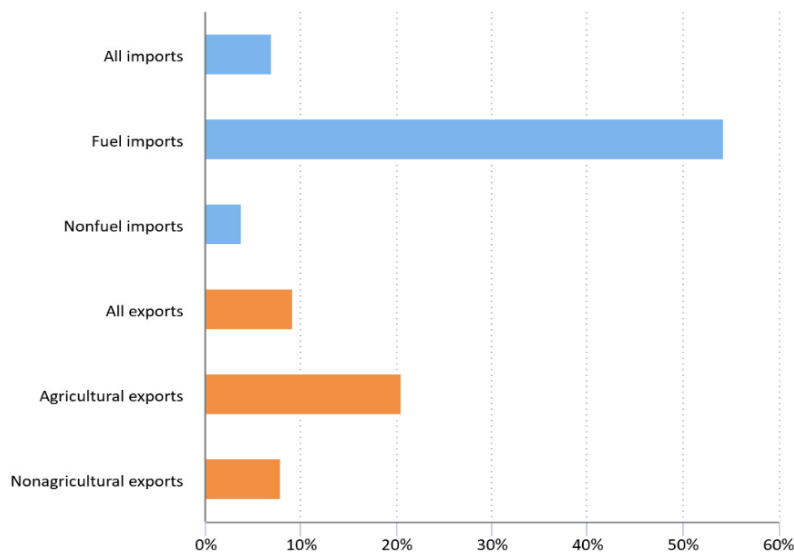
Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for March 2021			
Industry	Average Earnings (per hour)	Average # of hours worked (weekly)	Average Earnings (per week)
Construction	\$28.26	38.1	\$1,076.71
Manufacturing	\$21.10	43.3	\$913.63
Durable Goods	\$22.26	43.6	\$970.54
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$20.82	41.1	\$855.70
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$23.53	38.3	\$901.20
Non-Durable Goods	\$18.32	42.7	\$782.26
Retail Trade	\$16.27	30.7	\$499.49
Financial Activities	\$25.55	36.3	\$927.47
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$25.05	33.6	\$841.68
Accommodation and Food Services	\$13.46	22.9	\$308.23
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$13.33	22.5	\$299.93

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

Import prices up 6.9 percent, export prices up 9.1 percent for year ending March 2021

U.S. import prices increased 6.9 percent from March 2020 to March 2021, the largest over-the-year rise since January 2012.

Percent change in U.S. import and export price indexes, March 2020 to March 2021



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Import fuel prices rose 54.3 percent for the year ended in March 2021, the largest 12-month rise since February 2017. Nonfuel import prices rose 3.8 percent from March 2020 to March 2021, the largest 12-month increase since October 2011. U.S. export prices rose 9.1 percent from March 2020 to March 2021, the largest over-the-year increase since September 2011. Agricultural export prices advanced 20.5 percent over the past 12 months, the largest over-the-year rise since September 2011. The 12-month increase was primarily driven by rising prices for soybeans, corn, meat, and fruit. Nonagricultural export prices increased 7.9 percent over the past 12 months, the largest over-the-year advance since September 2011.

These data are from the International Price program. Import prices are subject to revision. To learn more, see "U.S. Import and Export Prices — March 2021." See more charts on import and export price trends in Charts related to the latest "U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes" news release. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, The Economics Daily, Import prices up 6.9 percent, export prices up 9.1 percent for year ending March 2021 at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2021/import-prices-up-6-9-percent-export-prices-up-9-1-percent-for-year-ending-march-2021.htm> (visited April 23, 2021).

County Unemployment Rates March 2021



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