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March 2021 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 3

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.

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.

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.

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 3	378,587	362,760	15,827	4.2%	4.2%	3.5%
Fort Wayne MSA	216,129	206,434	9,695	4.5%	4.4%	3.5%
Adams Co.	16,443	15,950	493	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%
Allen Co.	185,007	176,389	8,618	4.7%	4.6%	3.6%
DeKalb Co.	21,742	20,946	796	3.7%	3.7%	3.2%
Grant Co.	31,822	30,409	1,413	4.4%	4.7%	4.0%
Huntington Co.	18,025	17,333	692	3.8%	4.5%	3.6%
Lagrange Co.	18,772	18,216	556	3.0%	2.9%	2.8%
Noble Co.	21,854	20,943	911	4.2%	4.2%	3.5%
Steuben Co.	19,540	18,818	722	3.7%	3.5%	2.8%
Wabash Co.	14,260	13,711	549	3.8%	4.2%	3.5%
Wells Co.	13,936	13,461	475	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%
Whitley Co.	17,186	16,584	602	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%
Fort Wayne	128,894	122,327	6,567	5.1%	4.9%	3.8%
Marion	12,578	11,880	698	5.5%	5.4%	4.7%

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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 3

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley 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

#30 - Grant (4.7%)

#33 - Allen (4.6%)

#39 - Huntington (4.5%)

#46 - Noble (4.2%)

#49 - Wabash (4.2%)

#68 - DeKalb (3.7%)

#82 - Steuben (3.5%)

#85 - Wells (3.4%)

#87 - Whitley (3.4%)

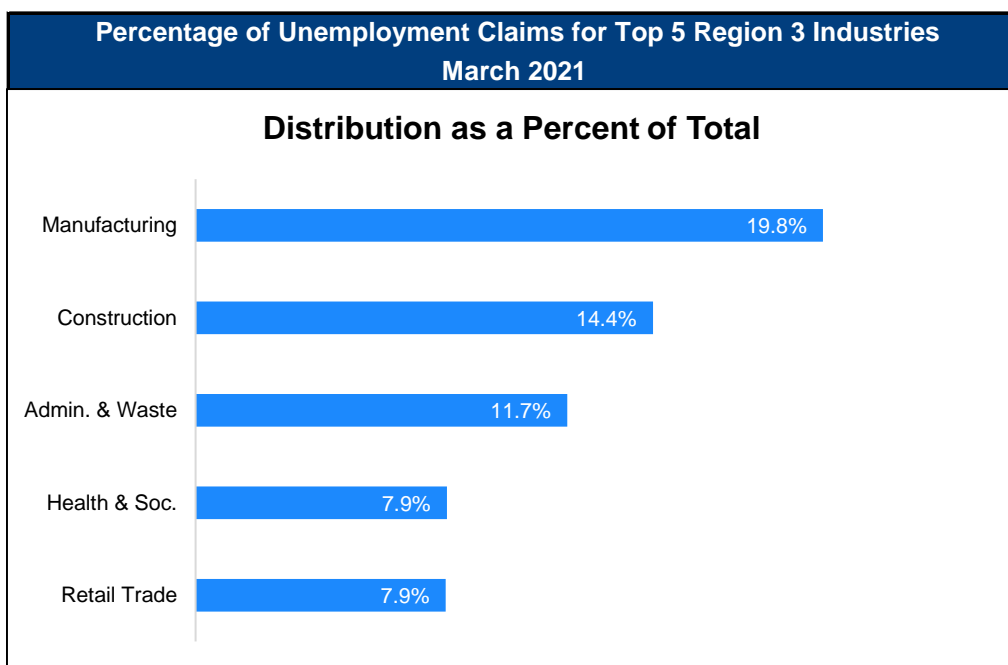
#91 - Adams (2.9%)

#92 - LaGrange (2.9%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, 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 3 for March 2021				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for March 2021 for Region 3

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 3

Initial Claims

03/06/21 - 1,825

03/13/21 - 2,064

03/20/21 - 1,837

03/27/21 - 1,834

Continued Claims

03/06/21 - 4,697

03/13/21 - 2,863

03/20/21 - 4,134

03/27/21 - 3,686

Total Claims

03/06/21 - 6,522

03/13/21 - 4,927

03/20/21 - 5,971

03/27/21 - 5,520

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

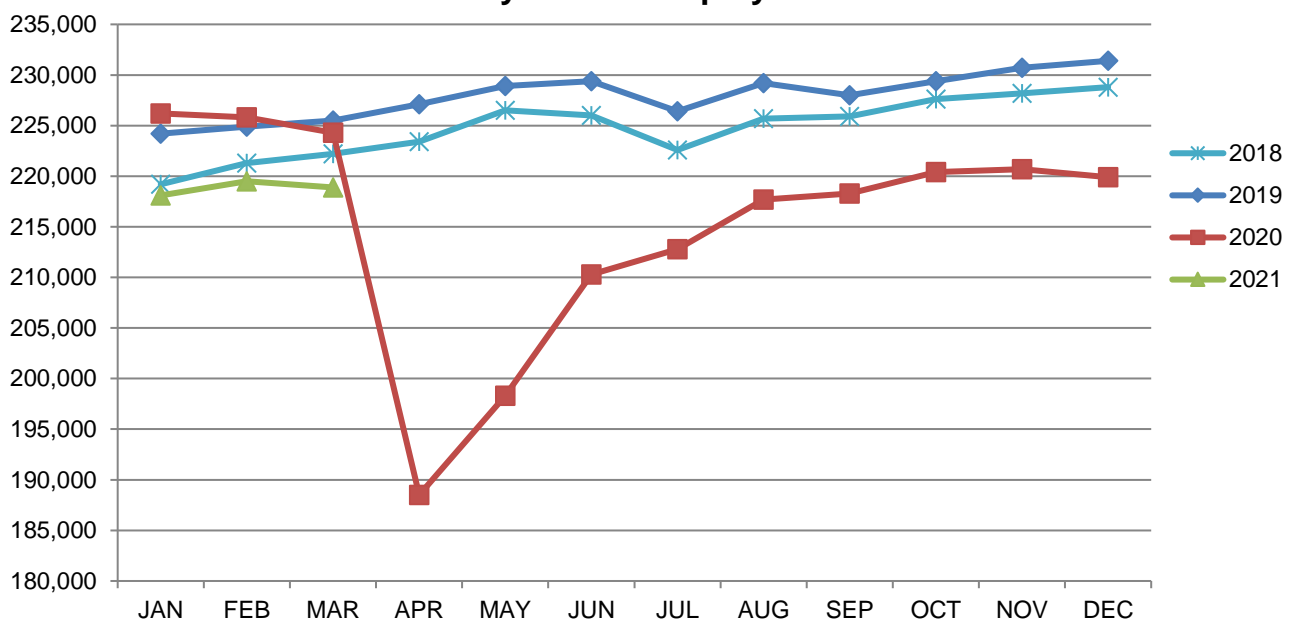
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Fort Wayne 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	218,900	219,500	224,300	-600	-0.3%	-5,400	-2.4%
Total Private	198,100	198,800	202,800	-700	-0.4%	-4,700	-2.3%
Goods Producing	47,100	47,200	47,700	-100	-0.2%	-600	-1.3%
Service Providing	171,800	172,300	176,600	-500	-0.3%	-4,800	-2.7%
Private Service Providing	151,000	151,600	155,100	-600	-0.4%	-4,100	-2.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,800	10,900	11,300	-100	-0.9%	-500	-4.4%
Total Manufacturing	36,300	36,300	36,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.3%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	26,800	26,900	27,100	-100	-0.4%	-300	-1.1%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	8,100	8,100	7,100	0	0.0%	1,000	14.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	43,600	43,900	43,200	-300	-0.7%	400	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	10,200	10,200	10,500	0	0.0%	-300	-2.9%
Retail Trade	23,500	23,900	23,300	-400	-1.7%	200	0.9%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	9,900	9,800	9,400	100	1.0%	500	5.3%
Information	2,100	2,000	2,400	100	5.0%	-300	-12.5%
Financial Activities	12,000	11,900	12,100	100	0.8%	-100	-0.8%
Professional and Business Services	22,100	23,000	22,000	-900	-3.9%	100	0.5%
Education and Health Services	42,100	42,200	42,700	-100	-0.2%	-600	-1.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	18,700	18,300	20,400	400	2.2%	-1,700	-8.3%
Other Services	10,400	10,300	12,300	100	1.0%	-1,900	-15.5%
Total Government	20,800	20,700	21,500	100	0.5%	-700	-3.3%
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	3,000	3,100	3,400	-100	-3.2%	-400	-11.8%
Local Government	15,600	15,400	15,900	200	1.3%	-300	-1.9%
Local Government Educational Services	9,100	9,000	9,300	100	1.1%	-200	-2.2%

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

Fort Wayne MSA Employment Trends



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 by number of openings in Region 3 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
3	Nursing Assistants
4	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
5	Registered Nurses
6	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
7	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
8	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
9	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
10	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
11	Personal Care Aides
12	Helpers--Production Workers
13	Customer Service Representatives
14	Industrial Engineers
15	Retail Salespersons
16	Order Fillers, Wholesale and Retail Sales
17	Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders
18	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
19	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
20	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks

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	9,361
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	5,822
Helpers--Production Workers	3,939
Cashiers	2,555
Customer Service Representatives	2,359
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,113
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,887
Office Clerks, General	1,463
Packers and Packagers, Hand	1,412
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,291
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	1,291
Retail Salespersons	1,235
Managers, All Other	1,233
Nursing Assistants	1,229
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,169
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,167
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	1,107
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	1,093
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	1,000
Receptionists and Information Clerks	926

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

TED: The Economics Daily

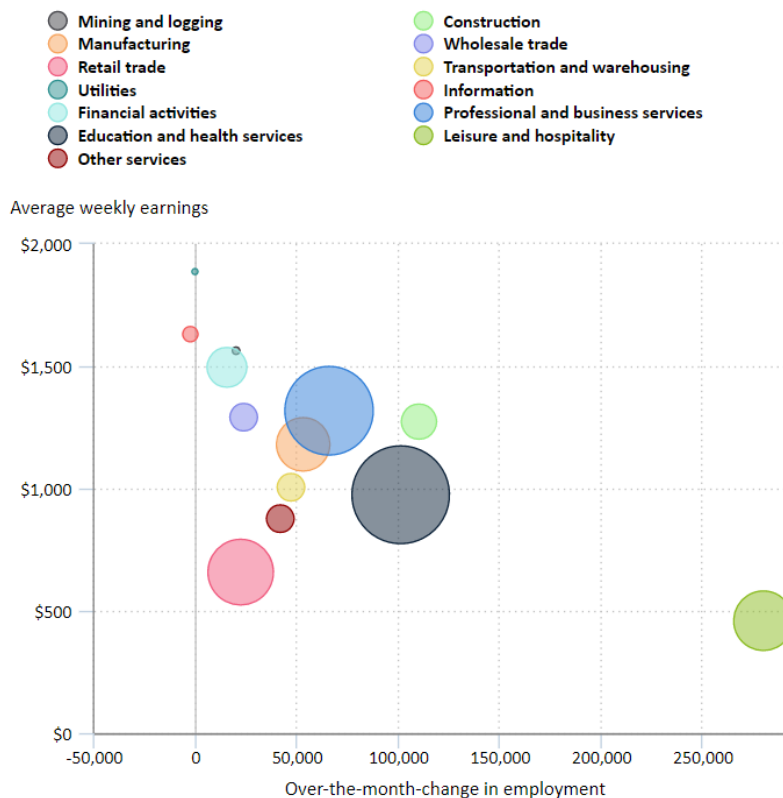
Payroll employment increased by 916,000 in March 2021

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Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 916,000 in March 2021. Job growth in March was widespread, with the largest gains occurring in leisure and hospitality and construction. Average weekly earnings for the private sector were \$1,045.60 in March 2021.

Employment and average weekly earnings by industry for all private nonfarm employees, March 2021

Bubble size represents employment level



Employment in leisure and hospitality increased by 280,000 in March 2021, as pandemic-related restrictions eased in many parts of the country; the average weekly earnings in this industry were \$459.42. Construction added 110,000 jobs in March, following job losses in the previous month (-56,000) that were likely weather related; the average weekly earnings in this industry were \$1,273.54. These data are from the [Current Employment Statistics](https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2021/payroll-employment-increased-by-916000-in-march-2021.htm) program. Data for the most recent 2 months are preliminary.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, Payroll employment increased by 916,000 in March 2021 at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2021/payroll-employment-increased-by-916000-in-march-2021.htm>

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