

## LABOR MARKET REVIEW



**March 2021**  
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# Economic Growth Region 4

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.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 4

Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren and White 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 4	244,752	234,310	10,442	4.3%	4.9%	3.7%
Kokomo MSA	34,613	32,548	2,065	6.0%	8.5%	4.6%
Lafayette MSA	110,260	105,816	4,444	4.0%	4.1%	3.4%
Benton Co.	4,226	4,062	164	3.9%	3.8%	3.2%
Carroll Co.	9,615	9,253	362	3.8%	4.1%	3.8%
Cass Co.	17,142	16,392	750	4.4%	5.1%	4.3%
Clinton Co.	16,693	16,105	588	3.5%	3.7%	2.9%
Fountain Co.	7,581	7,260	321	4.2%	4.1%	3.8%
Howard Co.	34,613	32,548	2,065	6.0%	8.5%	4.6%
Miami Co.	14,454	13,707	747	5.2%	6.5%	4.9%
Montgomery Co.	18,222	17,559	663	3.6%	3.6%	3.3%
Tippecanoe Co.	96,419	92,501	3,918	4.1%	4.1%	3.4%
Tipton Co.	8,806	8,527	279	3.2%	4.6%	3.1%
Warren Co.	3,925	3,783	142	3.6%	3.6%	3.4%
White Co.	13,056	12,613	443	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%
Attica	1,481	1,402	79	5.3%	3.8%	3.8%
Crawfordsville	7,118	6,799	319	4.5%	4.4%	3.6%
Delphi	1,259	1,192	67	5.3%	4.3%	3.4%
Fowler	1,051	1,006	45	4.3%	3.6%	3.5%
Frankfort	7,911	7,592	319	4.0%	4.2%	2.8%
Kokomo	23,935	22,322	1,613	6.7%	9.3%	4.9%
Lafayette	37,445	35,617	1,828	4.9%	5.1%	3.4%
Logansport	7,578	7,216	362	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%
Monticello	2,604	2,496	108	4.1%	3.6%	3.0%
Peru	4,336	4,101	235	5.4%	6.7%	4.9%
Tipton	2,618	2,510	108	4.1%	5.2%	3.7%
West Lafayette	22,739	22,086	653	2.9%	2.7%	2.8%
Williamsport	803	763	40	5.0%	3.6%	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

#3 - Howard (6%)

#13 - Miami (5.2%)

#36 - Cass (4.4%)

#43 - Fountain (4.2%)

#51 - Tippecanoe (4.1%)

#56 - Benton (3.9%)

#63 - Carroll (3.8%)

#73 - Montgomery (3.6%)

#75 - Warren (3.6%)

#76 - Clinton (3.5%)

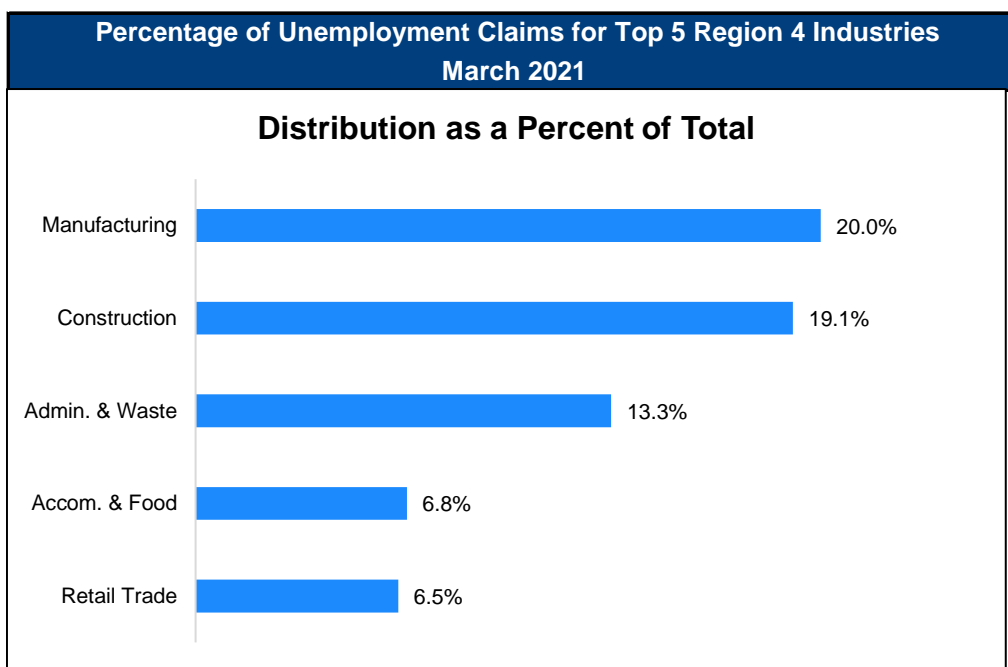
#85 - White (3.4%)

#87 - Tipton (3.2%)

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 4 for March 2021				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for March 2021 for Region 4.**

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 4

#### Initial Claims

03/06/21 - 1,113(D)

03/13/21 - 1,180

03/20/21 - 1,103

03/27/21 - 969(D)

#### Continued Claims

03/06/21 - 3,166

03/13/21 - 1,900

03/20/21 - 2,823

03/27/21 - 2,709

#### Total Claims

03/06/21 - 4,279

03/13/21 - 3,080

03/20/21 - 3,926

03/27/21 - 3,678

### 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

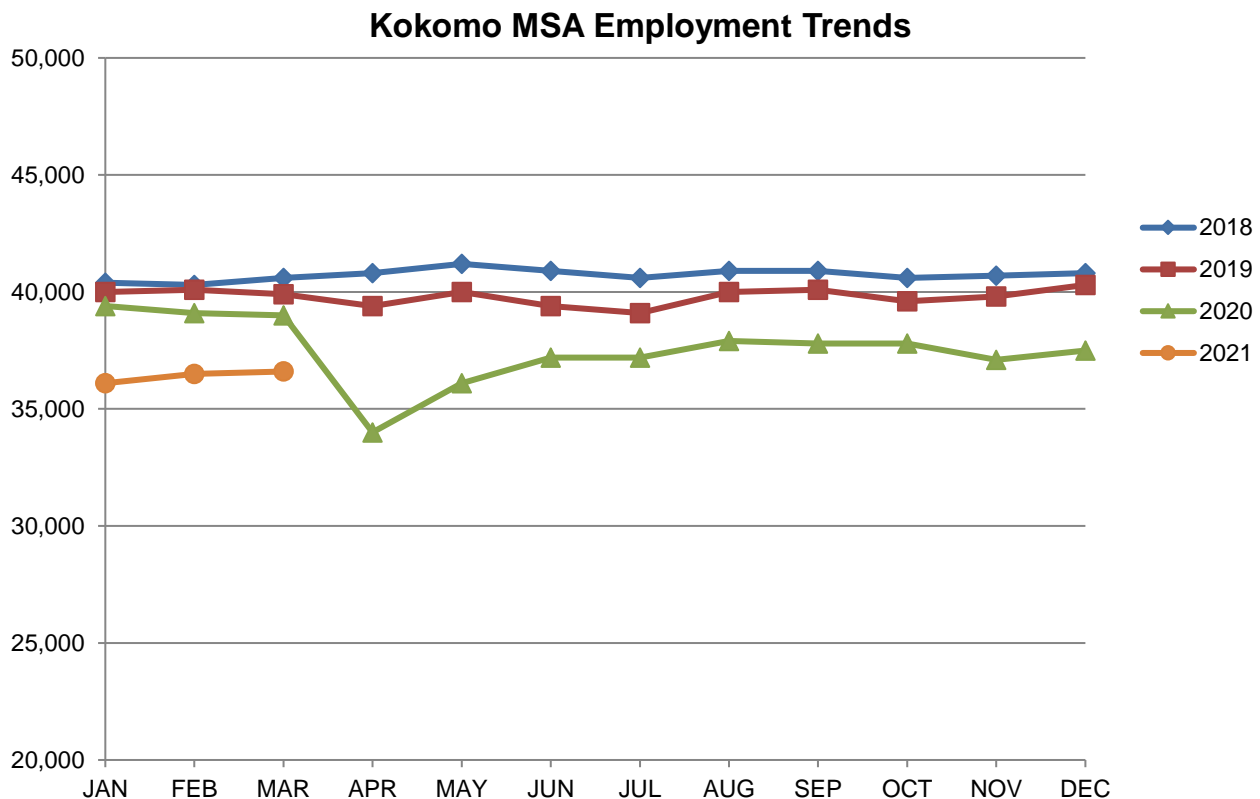
03/27/21 - 64,818

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Kokomo 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>36,600</b>	<b>36,500</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-2,400 -6.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>31,900</b>	<b>34,300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-2,200 -6.4%</b>
Goods Producing	11,400	11,300	12,100	100	0.9%	-700 -5.8%
Service-Providing	25,200	25,200	26,900	0	0.0%	-1,700 -6.3%
Private Service Providing	20,700	20,600	22,200	100	0.5%	-1,500 -6.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,300	1,200	1,200	100	8.3%	100 8.3%
Manufacturing	10,100	10,100	10,900	0	0.0%	-800 -7.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,300	6,400	6,400	-100	-1.6%	-100 -1.6%
Wholesale Trade	900	900	1,000	0	0.0%	-100 -10.0%
Retail Trade	4,500	4,600	4,500	-100	-2.2%	0 0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	0.0%	100 9.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,000	3,900	4,300	100	2.6%	-300 -7.0%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	2,200	0	0.0%	-400 -18.2%
<b>Government</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>-200 -4.3%</b>
Local Government	3,300	3,400	3,500	-100	-2.9%	-200 -5.7%
Local Government Educational Services	2,000	2,000	2,200	0	0.0%	-200 -9.1%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,300	1,400	1,300	-100	-7.1%	0 0.0%

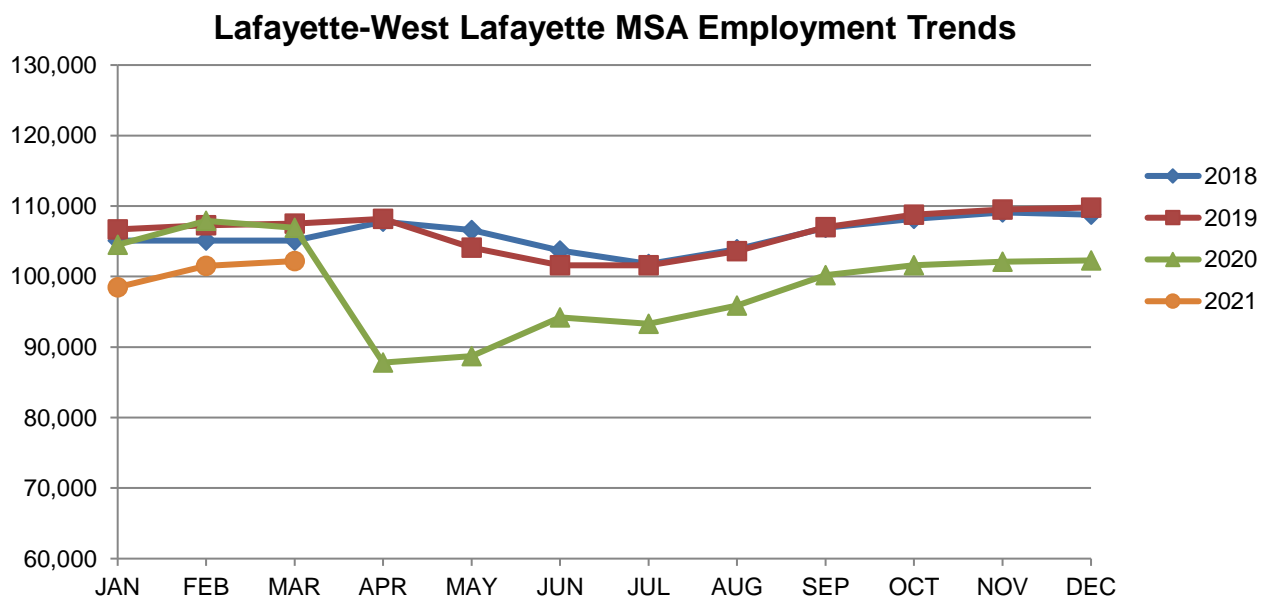
Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics



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Lafayette-West Lafayette 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>102,200</b>	<b>101,500</b>	<b>106,900</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-4,700 -4.4%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>75,500</b>	<b>74,700</b>	<b>77,100</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>-1,600 -2.1%</b>
Goods Producing	22,700	22,500	23,500	200	0.9%	-800 -3.4%
Service Providing	79,500	79,000	83,400	500	0.6%	-3,900 -4.7%
Private Service Providing	52,800	52,200	53,600	600	1.2%	-800 -1.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,600	3,500	3,700	100	2.9%	-100 -2.7%
Manufacturing	19,100	19,000	19,800	100	0.5%	-700 -3.5%
Durable Goods	14,600	14,500	15,200	100	0.7%	-600 -4.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14,500	14,600	14,200	-100	-0.7%	300 2.1%
Wholesale Trade	2,200	2,200	2,400	0	0.0%	-200 -8.3%
Retail Trade	9,400	9,500	9,200	-100	-1.1%	200 2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,900	2,900	2,600	0	0.0%	300 11.5%
Information	600	600	700	0	0.0%	-100 -14.3%
Financial Activities	3,100	3,100	3,300	0	0.0%	-200 -6.1%
Professional and Business Services	7,200	7,200	7,500	0	0.0%	-300 -4.0%
Education and Health Services	13,600	13,500	13,400	100	0.7%	200 1.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	9,600	9,100	10,000	500	5.5%	-400 -4.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	8,600	8,200	9,200	400	4.9%	-600 -6.5%
Other Services	4,200	4,100	4,500	100	2.4%	-300 -6.7%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>26,700</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-3,100 -10.4%</b>
Federal Government	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
State Government	19,400	19,600	22,300	-200	-1.0%	-2,900 -13.0%
Local Government	6,800	6,700	7,000	100	1.5%	-200 -2.9%
Local Government Educational Services	4,100	4,100	4,400	0	0.0%	-300 -6.8%

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Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 4 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Nursing Assistants
2	Registered Nurses
3	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
5	Production Workers, All Other
6	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
7	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
8	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria
9	Retail Salespersons
10	Food Preparation Workers
11	Recreational Therapists
12	Software Developers, Applications
13	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
14	Home Health Aides
15	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
16	Personal Care Aides
17	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive
18	Tellers
19	Customer Service Representatives
20	First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales 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	6483
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	5323
Helpers--Production Workers	3354
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2392
Cashiers	1831
Customer Service Representatives	1322
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1065
Managers, All Other	1062
Extraction Workers, All Other	1055
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	1043
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1026
Office Clerks, General	1024
Team Assemblers	991
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	911
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	906
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	901
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	877
Retail Salespersons	848
Nursing Assistants	812
Packers and Packagers, Hand	806

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>



