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Economic Growth Region 6

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.

In March, North Carolina had the largest over-the-month unemployment rate decrease (-0.5 percentage point), followed by New York and North Dakota (-0.4 point each). Thirty states had jobless rates that were not notably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.

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 6	147,613	140,686	6,927	4.7%	4.8%	4.1%
Muncie MSA	52,537	49,934	2,603	5.0%	5.1%	4.3%
Blackford Co.	4,701	4,473	228	4.9%	5.0%	4.7%
Delaware Co.	52,537	49,934	2,603	5.0%	5.1%	4.3%
Fayette Co.	8,207	7,722	485	5.9%	5.9%	5.2%
Henry Co.	21,513	20,580	933	4.3%	4.6%	3.7%
Jay Co.	8,413	8,083	330	3.9%	3.7%	3.7%
Randolph Co.	10,854	10,358	496	4.6%	4.6%	4.3%
Rush Co.	8,400	8,068	332	4.0%	4.1%	3.2%
Union Co.	3,386	3,272	114	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%
Wayne Co.	29,602	28,196	1,406	4.7%	4.7%	4.1%
Connersville	4,188	3,900	288	6.9%	6.8%	6.2%
Muncie	30,335	28,680	1,655	5.5%	5.6%	4.8%
New Castle	7,393	7,045	348	4.7%	5.1%	3.7%
Richmond	14,512	13,717	795	5.5%	5.1%	4.4%

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) 6

Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne 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

#4 - Fayette (5.9%)

#15 - Delaware (5%)

#21 - Blackford (4.9%)

#30 - Wayne (4.7%)

#32 - Randolph (4.6%)

#39 - Henry (4.3%)

#54 - Rush (4%)

#59 - Jay (3.9%)

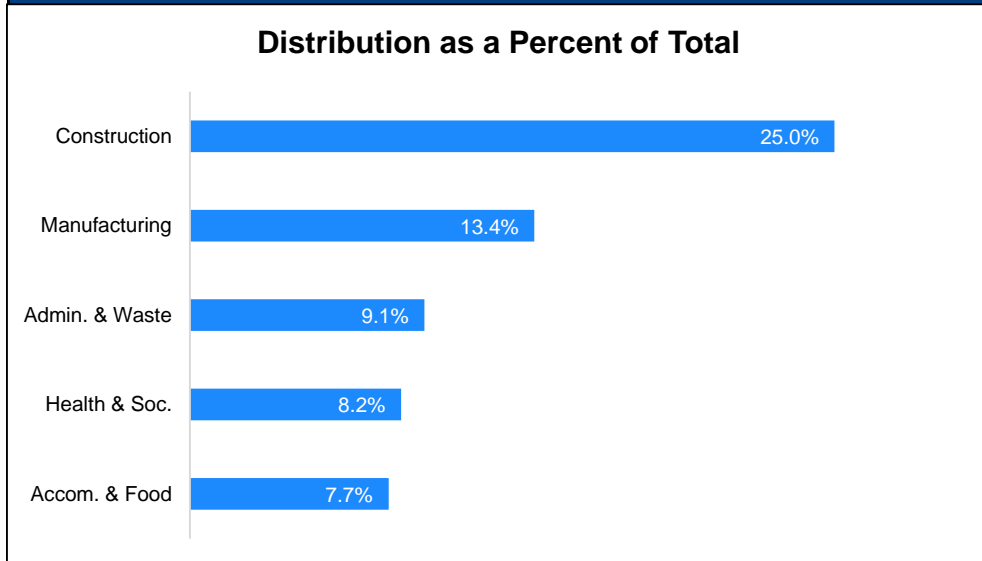
#83 - Union (3.4%)

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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 6 Industries March 2021



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 6 for March 2021				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for March 2021 for EGR 6.

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 6

Initial Claims

03/06/21 - 601(D)

03/13/21 - 683(D)

03/20/21 - 711(D)

03/27/21 - 590(D)

Continued Claims

03/06/21 - 2,153

03/13/21 - 1,280

03/20/21 - 2,008

03/27/21 - 1,893

Total Claims

03/06/21 - 2,754

03/13/21 - 1,963

03/20/21 - 2,719

03/27/21 - 2,483

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

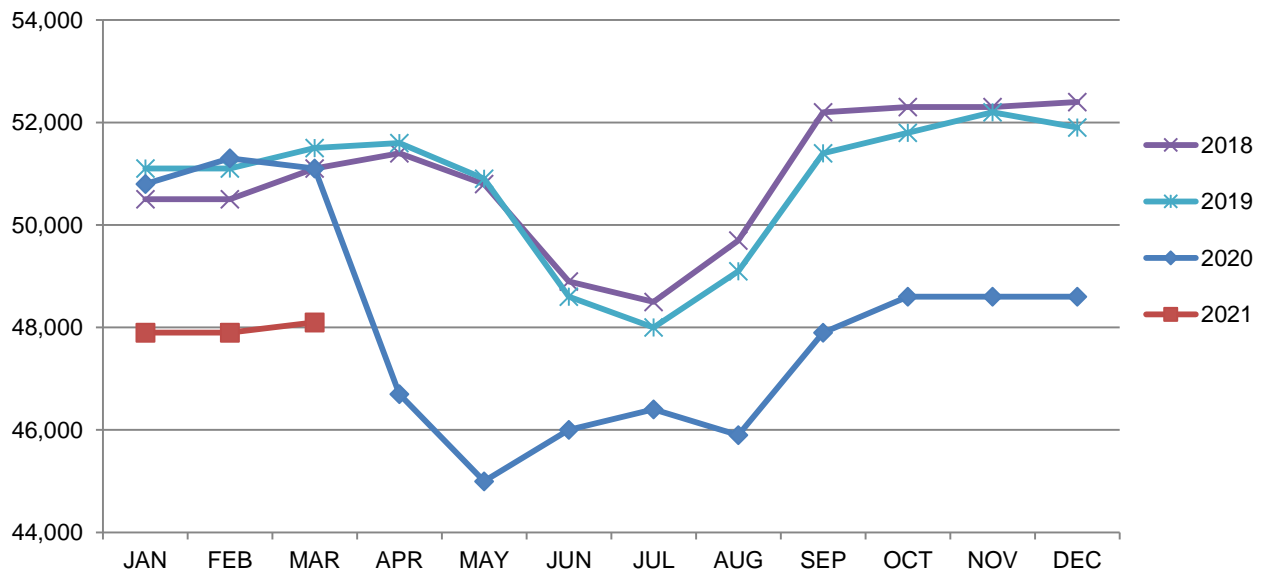
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Muncie 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	48,100	47,900	50,500	200	0.4%	-2,400	-4.8%
Total Private	36,400	36,200	38,100	200	0.6%	-1,700	-4.5%
Goods Producing	5,000	4,900	5,400	100	2.0%	-400	-7.4%
Service-Providing	43,100	43,000	45,100	100	0.2%	-2,000	-4.4%
Private Service Providing	31,400	31,300	32,700	100	0.3%	-1,300	-4.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,600	1,500	1,600	100	6.7%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	3,400	3,400	3,800	0	0.0%	-400	-10.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,000	8,200	8,400	-200	-2.4%	-400	-4.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,600	5,800	6,000	-200	-3.5%	-400	-6.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,200	2,100	2,200	100	4.8%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	9,300	9,300	9,600	0	0.0%	-300	-3.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,800	4,700	5,200	100	2.1%	-400	-7.7%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	2,000	0	0.0%	-200	-10.0%
Government	11,700	11,700	12,400	0	0.0%	-700	-5.7%
State Government	7,700	7,700	8,300	0	0.0%	-600	-7.2%
State Government Educational Services	7,500	7,500	8,100	0	0.0%	-600	-7.4%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	0.0%	-100	-2.7%
Local Government Educational Services	2,000	2,000	2,200	0	0.0%	-200	-9.1%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	100	6.7%

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

Muncie 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 in Region 6 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity
3	Registered Nurses
4	Customer Service Representatives
5	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
6	Social and Human Service Assistants
7	Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs
8	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
9	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators
10	Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health
11	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
12	Home Health Aides
13	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
14	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
15	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
16	Managers, All Other
17	Food Processing Workers, All Other
18	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
19	Nursery Workers
20	Child, Family, and School Social 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	4,087
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	2,968
Helpers--Production Workers	1,960
Cashiers	1,300
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,165
Customer Service Representatives	1,156
Office Clerks, General	771
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	759
Nursing Assistants	701
Team Assemblers	654
Packers and Packagers, Hand	634
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	618
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	612
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	607
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	588
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	587
Managers, All Other	587
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	569
Retail Salespersons	559
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	537

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Payroll Employment Increased by 916,000 in March 2021

A publication of the Bureau of Labor Statistics: The Economics Daily
April 06, 2021

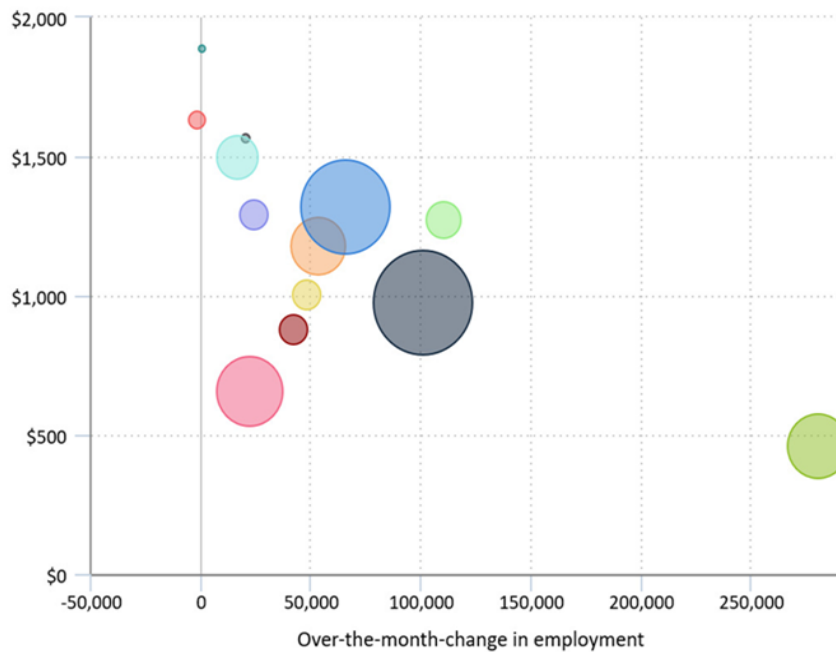
Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 916,000 in March 2021. Job growth in March was widespread, with the largest gains occurring in leisure and hospitality and construction. Average weekly earnings for the private sector were \$1,045.60 in March 2021.

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

Bubble size represents employment level

- Mining and logging
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Transportation and warehousing
- Utilities
- Information
- Financial activities
- Professional and business services
- Education and health services
- Leisure and hospitality
- Other services

Average weekly earnings



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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.

County Unemployment Rates March 2021



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