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March 2021 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 8

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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 8

Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen 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

#5 - Orange (5.7%)

#19 - Owen (5%)

#22 - Greene (4.9%)

#29 - Lawrence (4.7%)

#31 - Brown (4.6%)

#48 - Monroe (4.1%)

#86 - Martin (3.3%)

#91 - Daviess (3%)

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

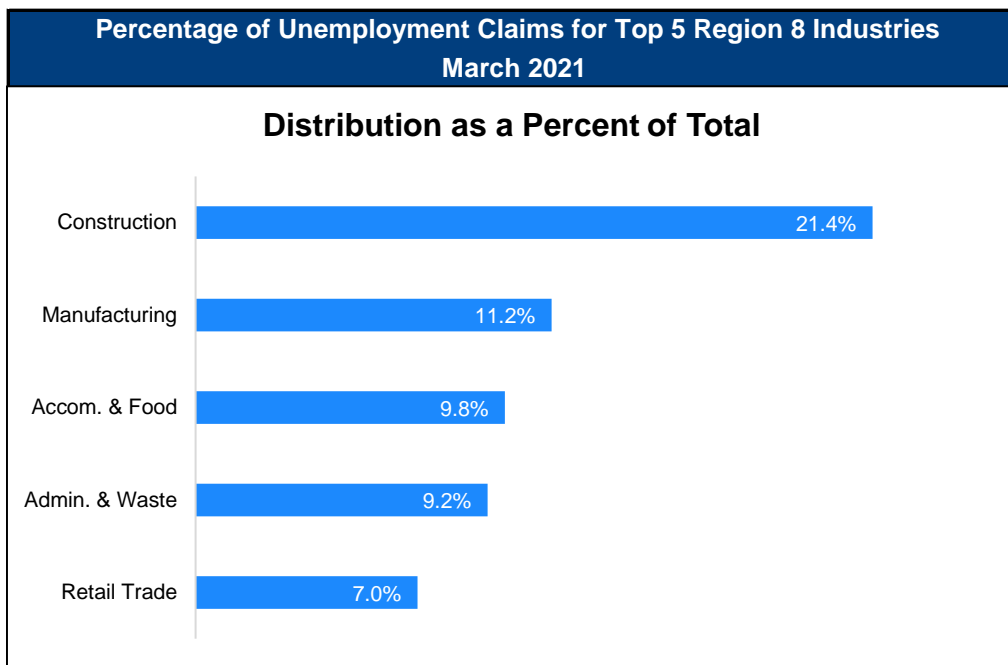
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March 2021 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mar-21	Feb-21	Mar-20
U.S.	160,397,000	150,493,000	9,905,000	6.2%	6.6%	4.5%
IN	3,296,498	3,142,693	153,805	4.7%	4.7%	3.7%
EGR 8	147,756	141,448	6,308	4.3%	4.4%	3.7%
Bloomington MSA	76,547	73,329	3,218	4.2%	4.2%	3.6%
Brown Co.	7,519	7,172	347	4.6%	4.8%	3.6%
Daviess Co.	16,440	15,944	496	3.0%	3.2%	3.0%
Greene Co.	13,157	12,516	641	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
Lawrence Co.	20,361	19,412	949	4.7%	5.0%	4.0%
Martin Co.	5,385	5,205	180	3.3%	3.5%	2.9%
Monroe Co.	67,670	64,895	2,775	4.1%	4.1%	3.5%
Orange Co.	8,347	7,870	477	5.7%	5.7%	3.8%
Owen Co.	8,877	8,434	443	5.0%	5.3%	4.3%
Bloomington	37,023	35,421	1,602	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%

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

There are no WARN Notices for March 2021 for Region 8.

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.dolela.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims: March 2021

Region 8

Initial Claims

03/06/21 - 687

03/13/21 - 723

03/20/21 - 670

03/27/21 - 645

Continued Claims

03/06/21 - 1,929

03/13/21 - 1,112

03/20/21 - 1,671

03/27/21 - 1,496

Total Claims

03/06/21 - 2,616

03/13/21 - 1,835

03/20/21 - 2,341

03/27/21 - 2,141

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

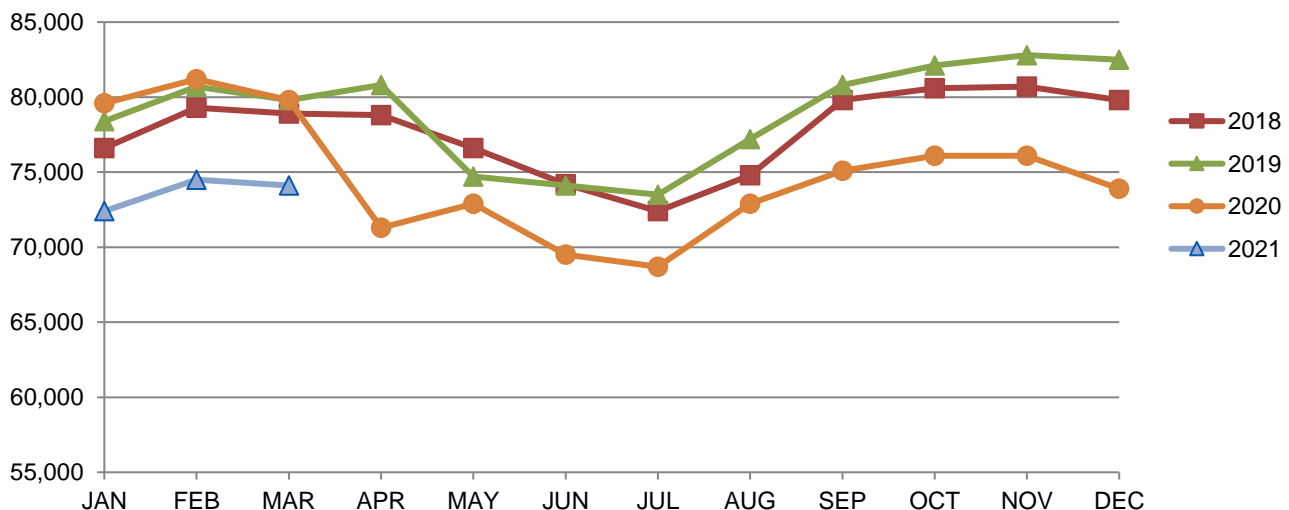
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Bloomington 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	74,100	74,500	79,800	-400	-0.5%	-5,700	-7.1%
Total Private	51,600	51,400	53,900	200	0.4%	-2,300	-4.3%
Goods Producing	12,800	12,600	12,700	200	1.6%	100	0.8%
Service-Providing	61,300	61,900	67,100	-600	-1.0%	-5,800	-8.6%
Private Service Providing	38,800	38,800	41,200	0	0.0%	-2,400	-5.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,200	3,100	2,900	100	3.2%	300	10.3%
Manufacturing	9,600	9,500	9,800	100	1.1%	-200	-2.0%
Durable Goods	6,000	5,900	6,600	100	1.7%	-600	-9.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	9,500	9,500	9,700	0	0.0%	-200	-2.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,600	6,600	6,800	0	0.0%	-200	-2.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	800	800	900	0	0.0%	-100	-11.1%
Financial Activities	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	0.0%	100	3.5%
Professional and Business Services	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Education and Health Services	10,900	10,900	11,100	0	0.0%	-200	-1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,100	7,100	8,800	0	0.0%	-1,700	-19.3%
Other Services	2,000	2,000	2,400	0	0.0%	-400	-16.7%
Total Government	22,500	23,100	25,900	-600	-2.6%	-3,400	-13.1%
Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	17,400	18,000	20,400	-600	-3.3%	-3,000	-14.7%
Local Government	4,800	4,800	5,200	0	0.0%	-400	-7.7%
Local Government Educational Services	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	0.0%	-200	-7.7%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	0.0%	-200	-7.7%

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

Bloomington 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 8 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

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	1,694
Production Workers, All Other	1,448
Helpers--Production Workers	929
Cashiers	853
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	612
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	556
Office Clerks, General	554
Customer Service Representatives	524
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	477
Receptionists and Information Clerks	429
Extraction Workers, All Other	424
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	421
Construction Laborers	418
Retail Salespersons	414
Nursing Assistants	398
Managers, All Other	387
Waiters and Waitresses	381
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	378
Carpenters	346
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	345

TED: The Economics Daily

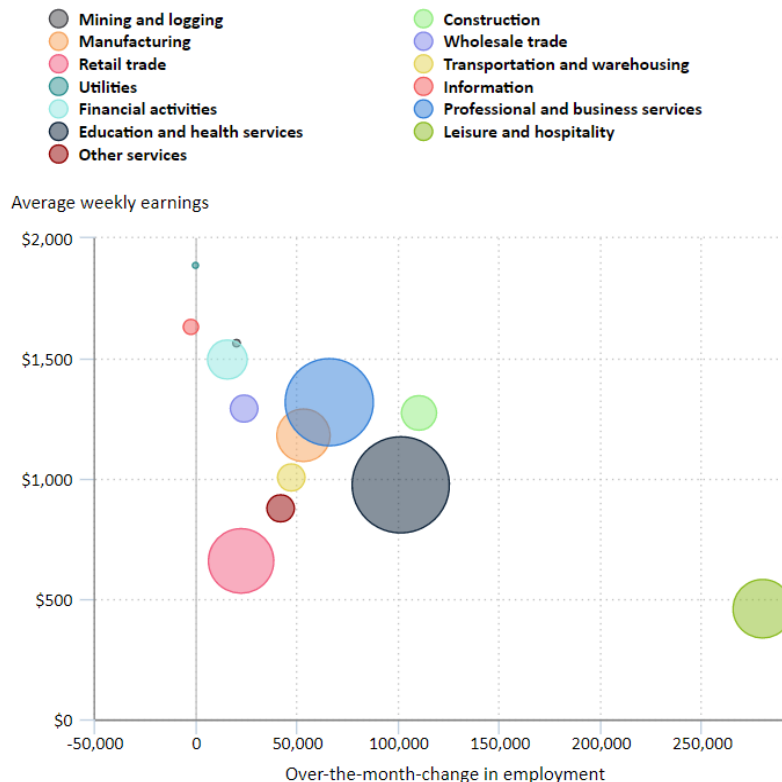
Payroll employment increased by 916,000 in March 2021

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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](#) 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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