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Economic Growth Region 9

Statistical Data Report for December 2019, Released February 2020

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in December in 11 states, higher in 4 states, and stable in 35 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Eight states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 1 state had an increase, and 41 states and the District had little or no change. The national unemployment rate, 3.5 percent, was unchanged over the month but was 0.4 percentage point lower than in December 2018.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 3 states in December 2019 and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, 26 states added nonfarm payroll jobs and 24 states and the District were essentially unchanged.

South Carolina, Utah, and Vermont had the lowest unemployment rates in December, 2.3 percent each. The rates in Colorado (2.5 percent), Florida (3.0 percent), Georgia (3.2 percent), Illinois (3.7 percent), Oregon (3.7 percent), South Carolina (2.3 percent), Utah (2.3 percent), and Washington (4.3 percent) set new series lows. Alaska had the highest jobless rate, 6.1 percent. In total, 15 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 3.5 percent, 12 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9

Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties

December 2019 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-18
U.S.	164,007,000	158,504,000	5,503,000	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%
IN	3,352,305	3,250,841	101,464	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%
EGR 9	171,773	167,183	4,590	2.7%	2.8%	3.1%
Columbus MSA	45,418	44,450	968	2.1%	2.3%	2.5%
Bartholomew Co.	45,418	44,450	968	2.1%	2.3%	2.5%
Dearborn Co.	26,403	25,561	842	3.2%	3.3%	3.5%
Decatur Co.	14,643	14,251	392	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%
Franklin Co.	11,325	10,980	345	3.0%	3.4%	3.7%
Jackson Co.	22,956	22,469	487	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
Jefferson Co.	14,890	14,415	475	3.2%	3.4%	3.4%
Jennings Co.	13,683	13,270	413	3.0%	2.9%	3.7%
Ohio Co.	3,239	3,136	103	3.2%	3.4%	4.0%
Ripley Co.	14,205	13,790	415	2.9%	3.1%	3.5%
Switzerland Co.	5,011	4,861	150	3.0%	3.3%	3.7%
Batesville	3,573	3,476	97	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%
Brookville	1,106	1,045	61	5.5%	5.9%	5.2%
Columbus	25,977	25,458	519	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%
Greensburg	6,394	6,209	185	2.9%	3.1%	3.3%
Lawrenceburg	1,992	1,928	64	3.2%	2.7%	4.6%
Madison	5,381	5,224	157	2.9%	3.4%	3.5%
North Vernon	2,962	2,844	118	4.0%	3.8%	4.7%
Seymour	10,181	9,958	223	2.2%	2.5%	2.8%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 01/20 | 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): December 2019

U.S. - 3.5%

Illinois - 3.7%

Indiana - 3.2%

Kentucky - 4.3%

Michigan - 3.9%

Ohio - 4.2%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): December 2019

#30 - Dearborn(3.2%)

#31 - Jefferson(3.2%)

#32 - Ohio(3.2%)

#39 - Franklin(3%)

#41 - Jennings(3%)

#42 - Switzerland(3%)

#52 - Ripley(2.9%)

#59 - Decatur(2.7%)

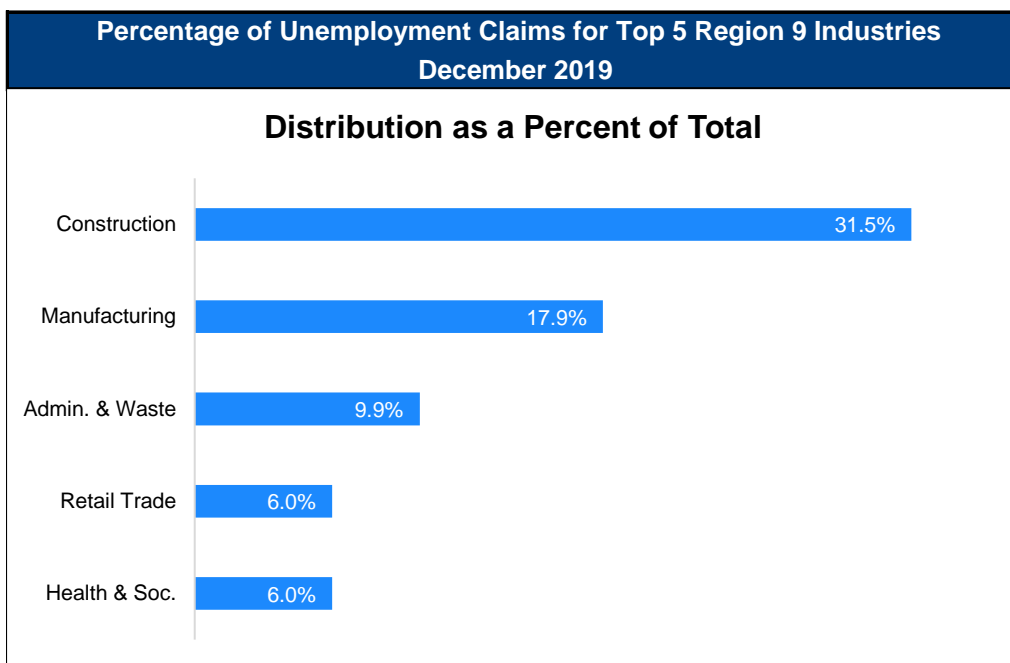
#86 - Bartholomew(2.1%)

#89 - Jackson(2.1%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to December 2019 from				
CPI Item	Dec-18	Nov-19	Dec-18	Nov-19
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.3%	-0.1%	2.3%	0%
Food & Beverages	1.7%	0.1%	1.8%	0.1%
Housing	2.6%	0.1%	2.3%	0.3%
Apparel	-1.2%	-3.2%	-1.4%	-4%
Transportation	1.9%	-0.6%	3.1%	-0.1%
Medical Care	4.6%	0.4%	3.6%	-0.4%
Recreation	1.5%	0.1%	2%	0.2%
Education & Communication	1.4%	-0.1%	0.8%	0%
Other Goods & Services	2.3%	-0.2%	2.4%	-0.3%

*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 9 for December 2019				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for December 2019 for EGR 9.

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: December 2019

Region 9

Initial Claims

12/07/19 - 121(D)

12/14/19 - 99(D)

12/21/19 - 156(D)

12/28/19 - 119(D)

Continued Claims

12/07/19 - 490

12/14/19 - 593

12/21/19 - 651

12/28/19 - 738

Total Claims

12/07/19 - 611

12/14/19 - 692

12/21/19 - 807

12/28/19 - 857

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

12/07/19 - 3,819

12/14/19 - 3,256

12/21/19 - 3,733

12/28/19 - 3,232

Continued Claims

12/07/19 - 13,763

12/14/19 - 15,184

12/21/19 - 16,121

12/28/19 - 18,423

Total Claims

12/07/19 - 17,582

12/14/19 - 18,440

12/21/19 - 19,854

12/28/19 - 21,655

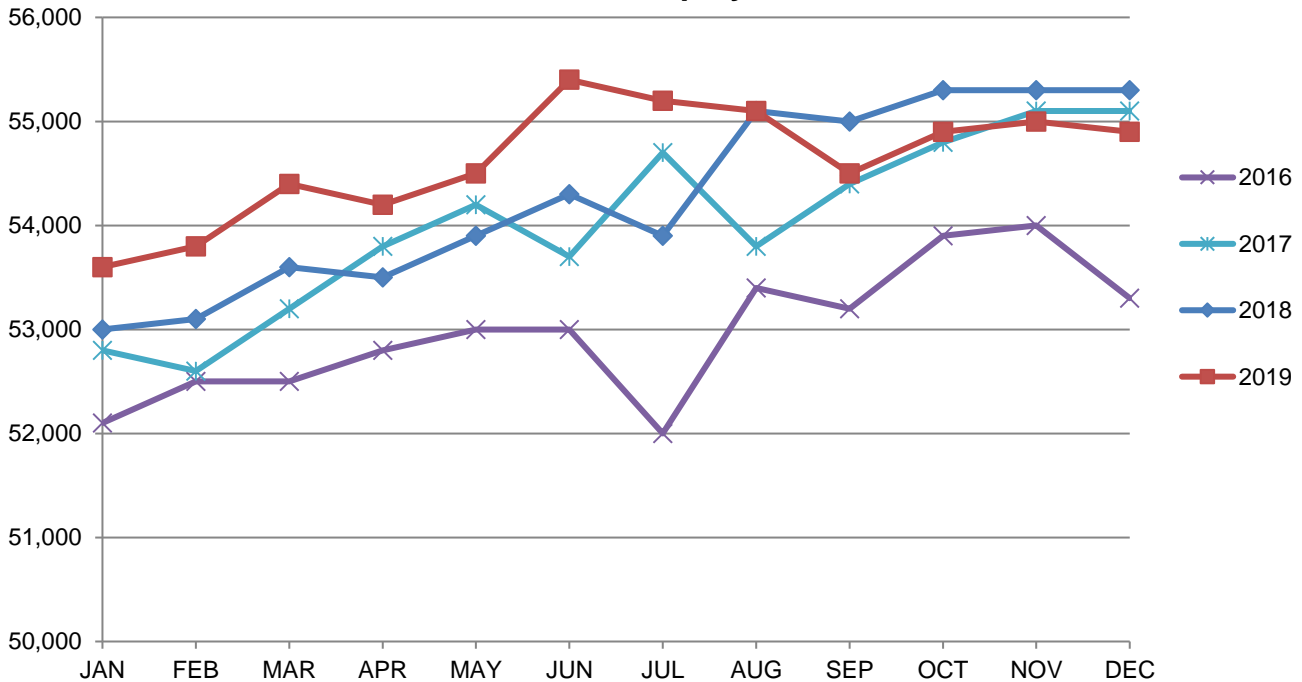
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Columbus MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	December 2019			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-18	Nov-19 to Dec-19	Dec-18 to Dec-19	Dec-18 to Dec-19	Dec-18 to Dec-19
Total Nonfarm	54,900	55,000	54,500	-100	-0.2%	400	0.7%
Total Private	48,300	48,400	47,900	-100	-0.2%	400	0.8%
Goods Producing	22,800	22,700	22,300	100	0.4%	500	2.2%
Service-Providing	32,100	32,300	32,200	-200	-0.6%	-100	-0.3%
Private Service Providing	25,500	25,700	25,600	-200	-0.8%	-100	-0.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	0.0%	100	5.3%
Manufacturing	20,800	20,700	20,400	100	0.5%	400	2.0%
Durable Goods	18,100	18,200	18,400	-100	-0.6%	-300	-1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,900	8,000	8,300	-100	-1.3%	-400	-4.8%
Retail Trade	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	0.0%	200	4.0%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	0.0%	-100	-6.7%
Professional and Business Services	5,800	5,900	5,700	-100	-1.7%	100	1.8%
Education and Health Services	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	0.0%	200	4.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Other Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	0.0%	100	7.1%
Local Government	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Local Government Educational Services	1,800	1,800	2,000	0	0.0%	-200	-10.0%

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

Columbus 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 9 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
2	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
3	Production Workers, All Other
4	Security Guards
5	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
6	Operations Research Analysts
7	Customer Service Representatives
8	Maintenance Workers, Machinery
9	Computer User Support Specialists
10	Registered Nurses
11	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
12	Retail Salespersons
13	Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
14	Therapists, All Other
15	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
16	Engineers, All Other
17	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
18	Driver/Sales Workers
19	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators
20	Automotive Master Mechanics

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
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	105
Production Workers, All Other	96
Cashiers	64
Helpers--Production Workers	57
Office Clerks, General	52
Customer Service Representatives	49
Construction Laborers	40
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	40
Managers, All Other	36
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	34
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	32
Receptionists and Information Clerks	29
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	29
Administrative Services Managers	27
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	25
Accountants and Auditors	23
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	23
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	23
Retail Salespersons	23
Nursing Assistants	22

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

2020 employment outlook for Indiana's metro areas

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Economists from around the state recently shared their forecasts for Indiana's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) during the Indiana Business Outlook Panel tour. One common theme throughout the state was increased uncertainty stemming from national economic issues, such as the ongoing trade disputes.

Here are some highlights from our panel of experts in terms of local employment trends and expectations for 2020. For the full analysis, check out the complete Outlook 2020 issue of the *Indiana Business Review*.



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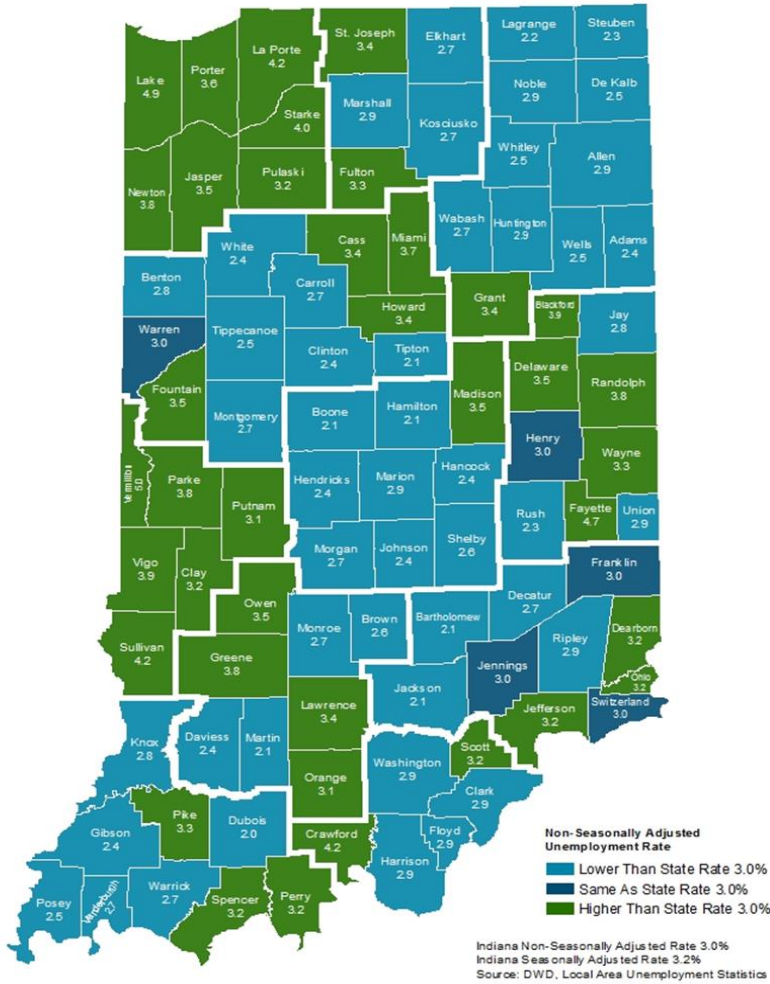
Dr. Steve H. Mohler, Indiana University–Purdue University Columbus

From 2011 to 2018, Columbus metro nonfarm job growth ranged between 200 and 4,200 annually, resulting in a total increase of 11,200 jobs. In the first nine months of 2019, job growth of approximately 200 positions reflects an increase in nonfarm positions of less than 1 percent. Still, Columbus' September unemployment rate of 2.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted) is the lowest September unemployment rate since 2000. Unemployment is expected to increase slightly to 2.5-3.0 percent in 2020, with new participants entering into a market with essentially no job growth.

Learn more

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