



Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for December 2015, Released February 2016

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in December. Twenty-five states had unemployment rate decreases from November, 14 states had increases, and 11 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-two states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, while eight states had increases. The national jobless rate was unchanged from November at 5.0 percent and was 0.6 percentage point lower than in December 2014.

In December, the Midwest had the lowest regional unemployment rate, 4.7 percent, while the West had the highest rate, 5.4 percent. Over the month, no region had a statistically significant unemployment rate change. Significant over-the-year rate decreases occurred in all four regions: the West (-1.0 percentage point), Northeast (-0.8 point), Midwest (-0.6 point), and South (-0.4 point).



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

December 2015 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Dec 2015 Rate	Nov 2015 Rate	Dec 2014 Rate
U.S.	157,245,000	149,703,000	7,542,000	4.8%	4.8%	5.4%
IN	3,290,348	3,140,143	150,205	4.6%	4.5%	5.7%
EGR 6	158,224	150,053	8,171	5.2%	5.0%	6.5%
Muncie MSA	55,017	52,066	2,951	5.4%	5.3%	6.7%
Blackford Co.	5,360	5,039	321	6.0%	5.8%	6.8%
Delaware Co.	55,017	52,066	2,951	5.4%	5.3%	6.7%
Fayette Co.	9,259	8,659	600	6.5%	6.1%	7.9%
Henry Co.	21,800	20,684	1,116	5.1%	4.9%	6.5%
Jay Co.	10,081	9,609	472	4.7%	4.6%	5.6%
Randolph Co.	12,856	12,243	613	4.8%	4.3%	6.2%
Rush Co.	8,863	8,511	352	4.0%	4.0%	5.5%
Union Co.	3,641	3,488	153	4.2%	4.3%	5.3%
Wayne Co.	31,347	29,754	1,593	5.1%	5.0%	6.4%
Connersville	4,739	4,385	354	7.5%	7.2%	9.2%
Muncie	31,876	30,042	1,834	5.8%	5.6%	6.9%
New Castle	7,577	7,160	417	5.5%	5.3%	6.6%
Richmond	15,288	14,446	842	5.5%	5.7%	6.9%

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

Unemployment Rates by State – December 2015 (seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 5.0%
- Michigan - 5.1%
- Illinois - 5.9%
- Indiana - 4.4%**
- Kentucky - 5.3%
- Ohio - 4.7%

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

Unemployment Rank by County – December 2015 (high to low)

- #04 - Fayette (6.5%)
- #11 - Blackford (6.0%)
- #18 - Delaware (5.4%)
- #22 - Henry (5.1%)
- #25 - Wayne (5.1%)
- #34 - Randolph (4.8%)
- #38 - Jay (4.7%)
- #57 - Union (4.2%)
- #68 - Rush (4.0%)

Source:

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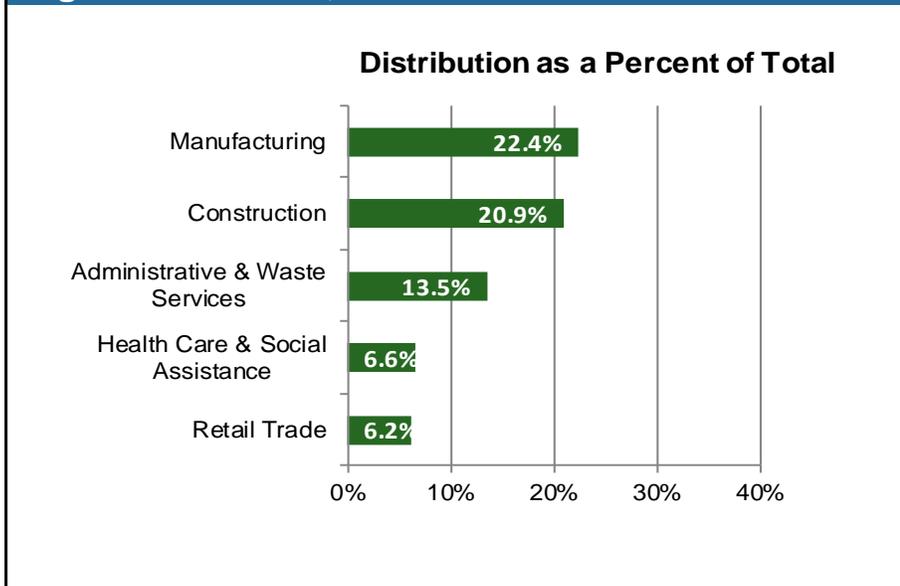
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to December 2015 from:

CPI Item	14-Dec	15-Nov	14-Dec	15-Nov
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	0.0%	-0.6%	0.7%	-0.3%
Food & Beverages	0.6%	0.1%	0.8%	-0.2%
Housing	1.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.1%
Apparel	-2.1%	-3.2%	-0.9%	-3.3%
Transportation	-5.2%	-3.1%	-4.1%	-1.5%
Medical Care	2.4%	0.0%	2.6%	-0.1%
Recreation	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.7%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	0.9%	0.0%	1.4%	-0.1%
Other Goods & Services	2.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%

*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 Five Region 6 Industries, December 2015



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

There are no WARN notices for December 2015 in Region 6.

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims December 2015

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Initial Claims

12/05/2015 – 316 (D)
12/12/2015 – 229 (D)
12/19/2015 – 293 (D)
12/26/2015 – 328 (D)

Continued Claims

12/05/2015 – 1,355
12/12/2015 – 1,400
12/19/2015 – 1,454
12/26/2015 – 1,656

Total Claims

12/05/2015 – 1,671
12/12/2015 – 1,629
12/19/2015 – 1,747
12/26/2015 – 1,984

D' indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status.

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

12/05/2015 – 5,354
12/12/2015 – 4,657
12/19/2015 – 5,085
12/26/2015 – 5,314

Continued Claims

12/05/2015 – 22,573
12/12/2015 – 23,975
12/19/2015 – 25,134
12/26/2015 – 27,885

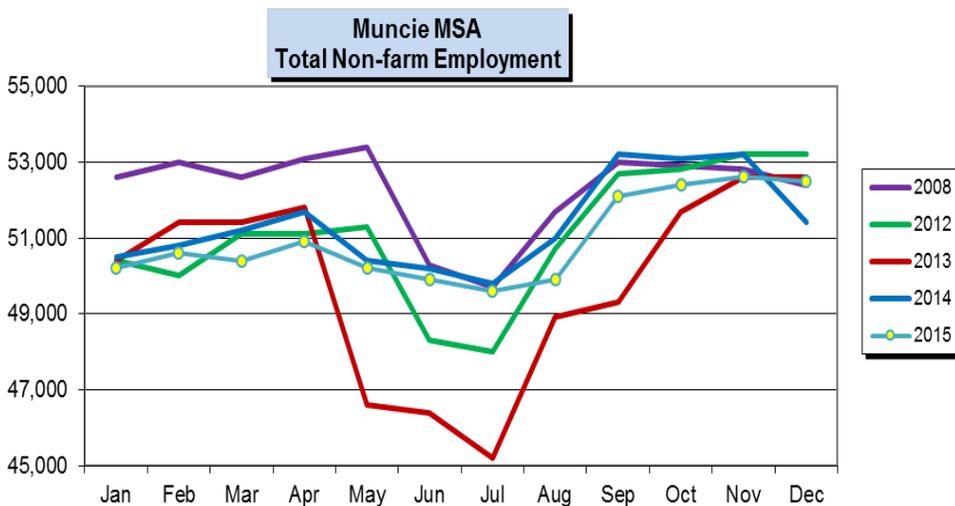
Total Claims

12/05/2015 – 27,927
12/12/2015 – 28,632
12/19/2015 – 30,219
12/26/2015 – 33,199

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Muncie MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, December 2015							
Industry	Dec-15	Nov-15	Dec-14	Number Percent Change		Number Percent Change	
				Nov-15 to Dec-15	Dec-14 to Dec-15	Nov-15 to Dec-15	Dec-14 to Dec-15
Total Nonfarm	52,500	52,600	51,400	-100	-0.2%	1,100	2.1%
Total Private Employment	37,800	38,000	37,700	-200	-0.5%	100	0.3%
Goods Producing	5,600	5,700	5,600	-100	-1.8%	0	0.0%
Service Providing	46,900	46,900	45,800	0	0.0%	1,100	2.4%
Private Service Providing	32,200	32,300	32,100	-100	-0.3%	100	0.3%
- Mining, Logging and Construction	1,400	1,500	1,400	-100	-6.7%	0	0.0%
- Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities	9,400	9,300	9,200	100	1.1%	200	2.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,900	6,800	6,800	100	1.5%	100	1.5%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	0.0%	100	7.1%
- Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
- Financial Activities	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
- Education and Health Services	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.2%
- Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	0.0%	200	4.1%
- Other Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	14,700	14,600	13,700	100	0.7%	1,000	7.3%
- State Government	9,900	9,900	9,500	0	0.0%	400	4.2%
State Government Educational Services	9,700	9,700	9,300	0	0.0%	400	4.3%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
- Local Government	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Local Government Educational Services	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	0.0%	-100	-4.2%
Local Government Excluding Educational	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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



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 Note: Historical data for the most recent 5 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.

Applicant Pool

Top 20 occupations desired by active applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months

- 1 Production Workers, All Other - 500
- 2 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 328
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers - 242
- 4 Customer Service Representatives - 222
- 5 Office Clerks, General - 153
- 6 Cashiers - 131
- 7 Team Assemblers - 112
- 8 Administrative Services Managers - 109
- 9 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 104
- 10 Managers, All Other - 88
- 11 Manufacturing Production Technicians - 73
- 12 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive - 73
- 13 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 64
- 14 Construction Laborers - 61
- 15 Retail Salespersons - 61
- 16 Nursing Assistants - 60
- 17 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 59
- 18 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 53
- 19 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks - 50
- 20 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other - 50

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

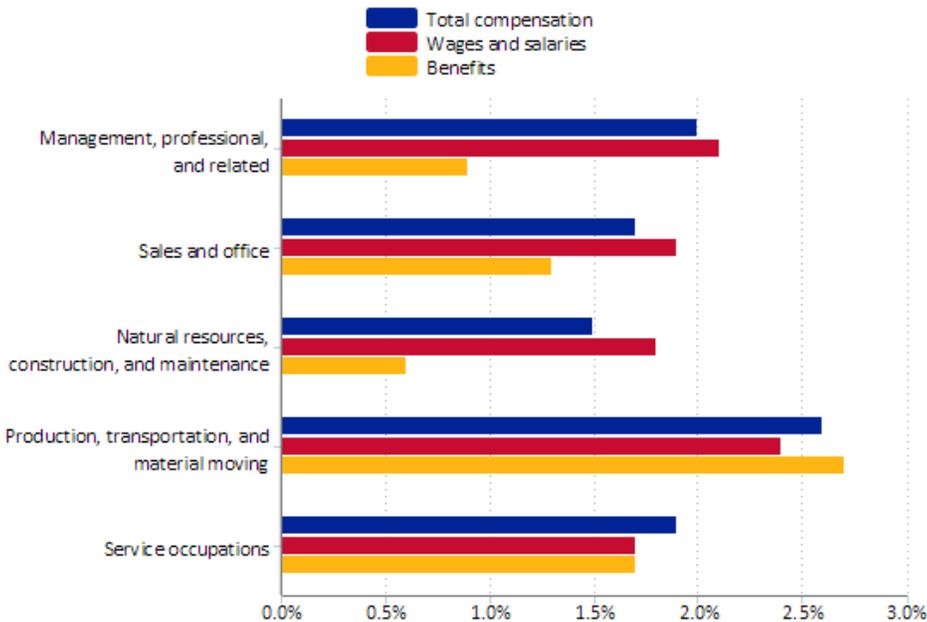


Compensation Costs Increase Across Occupational Groups in 2015

(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*)

Compensation costs for civilian workers increased 2.0 percent for the 12-month period ending in December 2015. Wages and salaries increased 2.1 percent and benefit costs increased 1.7 percent. Wages and salaries make up about 70 percent of compensation costs, while benefits make up the remaining 30 percent.

Percent change in compensation costs by occupational group for civilian workers, not seasonally adjusted, December 2014 to December 2015



Among occupational groups, compensation costs increased the most for production, transportation, and material moving occupations, rising 2.6 percent for the year ending in December 2015. This change was the result of a 2.7-percent increase in benefits costs and a 2.4-percent increase in costs for wages and salaries. Compensation costs for natural resource, construction, and maintenance occupations increased 1.5 percent over the year, as costs for benefits in this group rose 0.6 percent.

These data are from the Employment Cost Trends program. To learn more, see "Employment Cost Index—December 2015."

Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 6 for the month of December 2015

- 1 Team Assemblers
- 2 Amusement and Recreation Attendants
- 3 Home Health Aides
- 4 Production Workers, All Other
- 5 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- 6 Registered Nurses
- 7 Tree Trimmers and Pruners
- 8 Security Guards
- 9 Social and Human Service Assistants
- 10 Retail Salespersons
- 11 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
- 12 Customer Service Representatives
- 13 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 14 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 15 Pourers and Casters, Metal
- 16 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants
- 17 Material Moving Workers, All Other
- 18 Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
- 19 Tellers
- 20 Door-To-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



