



# Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for August 2014, Released October 2014

## Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in August. Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate increases from July, 15 states had decreases, and 11 states had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-five states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, three states had increases, and two states had no change. The national jobless rate was little changed from July at 6.1 percent but was 1.1 percentage points lower than in August 2013.

Georgia had the highest unemployment rate among the states in August, 8.1 percent. North Dakota again had the lowest jobless rate, 2.8 percent. In total, 17 states had unemployment rates significantly lower than the U.S. figure of 6.1 percent, 8 states and the District of Columbia had measurably higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

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

## Unemployment Rates by State, August 2014 (seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 6.1%
- Illinois - 6.7%
- Indiana - 5.8%**
- Kentucky - 7.1%
- Michigan - 7.4%
- Ohio - 5.7%

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

## Unemployment Rank by County, August 2014 (high to low)

- #02 - Fayette - 7.4%
- #14 - Delaware - 6.3%
- #17 - Wayne - 6.3%
- #26 - Blackford - 5.8%
- #20 - Henry - 6.1%
- #37 - Randolph - 5.5%
- #51 - Union - 5.1%
- #70 - Jay - 4.7%
- #74 - Rush - 4.6%

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

August 2014 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug 2014 Rate	Jul 2014 Rate	Aug 2013 Rate
U.S.	156,434,000	146,647,000	9,787,000	6.3%	6.5%	7.3%
IN	3,244,746	3,066,727	178,019	5.5%	5.8%	7.2%
EGR 6	158,780	149,214	9,566	6.0%	6.7%	8.2%
Muncie MSA	53,931	50,523	3,408	6.3%	7.5%	8.4%
Blackford Co.	5,939	5,595	344	5.8%	6.5%	8.8%
Delaware Co.	53,931	50,523	3,408	6.3%	7.5%	8.4%
Fayette Co.	9,096	8,425	671	7.4%	7.5%	9.8%
Henry Co.	22,680	21,287	1,393	6.1%	6.5%	8.0%
Jay Co.	11,284	10,755	529	4.7%	5.3%	6.7%
Randolph Co.	12,976	12,257	719	5.5%	6.2%	8.0%
Rush Co.	9,220	8,800	420	4.6%	4.9%	6.3%
Union Co.	3,432	3,256	176	5.1%	5.8%	7.0%
Wayne Co.	30,222	28,316	1,906	6.3%	6.6%	8.6%
Connersville	4,824	4,397	427	8.9%	8.9%	11.0%
Muncie	31,305	29,215	2,090	6.7%	7.9%	9.0%
New Castle	7,782	7,288	494	6.3%	6.5%	8.6%
Richmond	15,418	14,407	1,011	6.6%	7.0%	9.3%

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

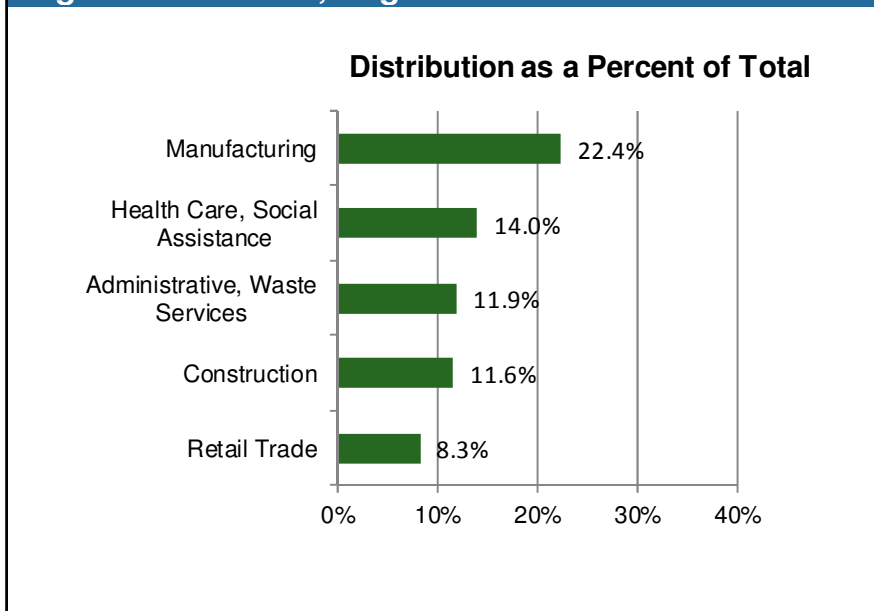
**Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change),  
Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2014 from:**

CPI Item	Aug-13	Jul-14	Aug-13	Jul-14
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	1.7%	-0.2%
Food & Beverages	2.8%	0.3%	2.7%	0.3%
Housing	2.3%	-0.1%	2.9%	0.2%
Apparel	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.9%
Transportation	-1.0%	-1.5%	1.5%	-0.9%
Medical Care	2.7%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%
Recreation	-0.1%	-0.2%	-2.9%	-0.3%
Education & Communication	2.3%	0.5%	-2.3%	-2.0%
Other Goods & Services	1.1%	0.0%	1.6%	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, August 2014**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

**WARN Notices**

**WARN Notices for Region 6 - August 2014**

Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
DIY Group, Inc	Muncie	Delaware	261	8/12/2014

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

**Unemployment Claims,  
July 2014**

**Economic Growth Region  
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**Initial Claims**

August 2, 2014 – 157 (D)  
August 9, 2014 – 147 (D)  
August 16, 2014 – 164 (D)  
August 23, 2014 – 126 (D)  
August 30, 2014 – 196 (D)

**Continued Claims**

August 2, 2014 – 1339  
August 9, 2014 – 1293  
August 16, 2014 – 1215  
August 23, 2014 – 1142  
August 30, 2014 – 1089

**Total Claims**

August 2, 2014 – 1496  
August 9, 2014 – 1440  
August 16, 2014 – 1379  
August 23, 2014 – 1268  
August 30, 2014 – 1285

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

**State of Indiana**

**Initial Claims**

August 2, 2014 – 3845  
August 9, 2014 – 3869  
August 16, 2014 – 3679  
August 23, 2014 – 3593  
August 30, 2014 – 3842

**Continued Claims**

August 2, 2014 – 25263  
August 9, 2014 – 24763  
August 16, 2014 – 24080  
August 23, 2014 – 22214  
August 30, 2014 – 21218

**Total Claims**

August 2, 2014 – 29108  
August 9, 2014 – 28632  
August 16, 2014 – 27759  
August 23, 2014 – 25807  
August 30, 2014 – 25060

\*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits).

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Muncie MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, August 2014							
Industry	Aug-14	Jul-14	Aug-13	Number Percent		Number Percent	
				Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>51,000</b>	<b>49,800</b>	<b>48,900</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	<b>38,200</b>	<b>38,100</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>45,300</b>	<b>44,100</b>	<b>43,100</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Private Service Providing	32,500	32,400	32,200	100	0.3%	300	0.9%
- Mining, Logging and Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
- Manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	0.0%	-100	-2.4%
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities	8,900	9,000	8,800	-100	-1.1%	100	1.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,100	1,000	-100	-9.1%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
- Education and Health Services	8,200	8,200	8,700	0	0.0%	-500	-5.8%
- Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,400	5,000	0	0.0%	400	8.0%
- Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Government</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>11,700</b>	<b>10,900</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
- State Government	7,700	7,700	7,100	0	0.0%	600	8.5%
State Government Educational Services	7,500	7,500	6,900	0	0.0%	600	8.7%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
- Local Government	3,500	3,300	3,600	200	6.1%	-100	-2.8%
Local Government Educational Services	2,000	1,800	2,100	200	11.1%	-100	-4.8%
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

## Applicant Pool

### Top 20 Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on Their Resumes in the Past 12 Months

- 1 Production Workers, All Other - 668
- 2 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 551
- 3 Customer Service Representatives - 408
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers - 327
- 5 Office Clerks, General - 225
- 6 Cashiers - 199
- 7 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 194
- 8 Administrative Services Managers - 168
- 9 Managers, All Other - 164
- 10 Nursing Assistants - 142
- 11 Team Assemblers - 135
- 12 Manufacturing Production Technicians - 119
- 13 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive - 117
- 14 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 104
- 15 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other - 98
- 16 Construction Laborers - 96
- 17 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks - 89
- 18 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 89
- 19 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 87
- 20 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 83

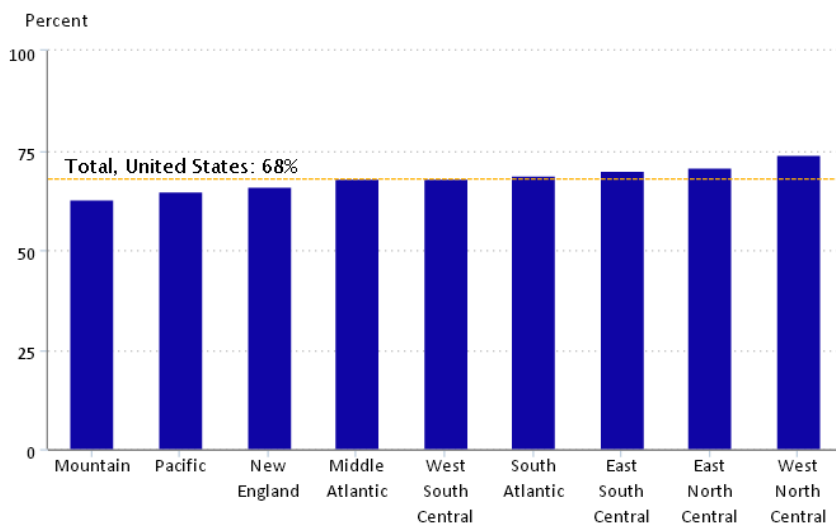
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

## Retirement Benefits Most Prevalent in Midwest

(Excerpted from the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *TEDEconomics Daily* — September 30, 2014)

In March 2014, 68 percent of the nation's civilian workers had access to employer-provided retirement benefits, with access rates varying somewhat by region. Workers in the West were the least likely to have access to retirement benefits, while Midwestern workers were the most likely. In the Mountain and Pacific states in the West, access rates were 63 and 65 percent, respectively; in the Midwest, the access rates were 71 percent for the East North Central states and 74 percent for the West North Central states.

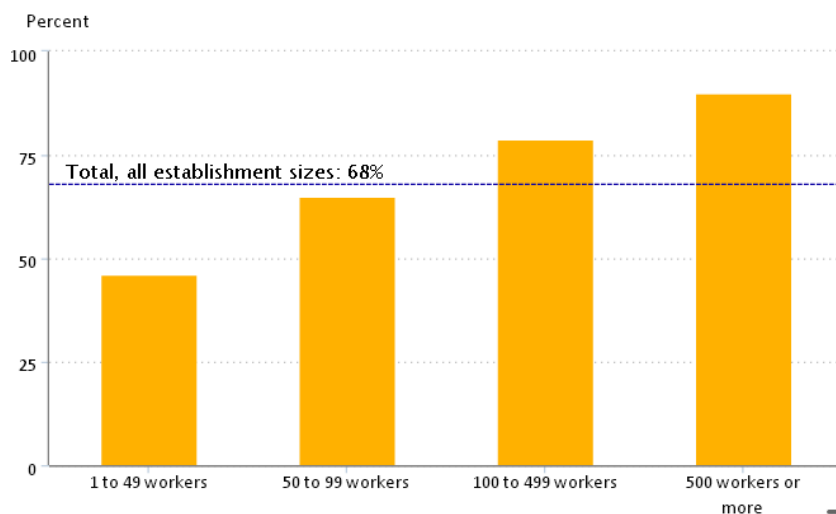
### Access to retirement benefits, by region, civilian workers, March 2014



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Access to retirement benefits varied more by establishment size (number of employees) than by regional geography: 46 percent of workers at the smallest establishments (those with fewer than 50 employees) had access to retirement benefits, compared with 90 percent of workers at the largest establishments (those with 500 or more employees).

### Access to retirement benefits, by establishment size, civilian workers, March 2014



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

These data are from the National Compensation Survey - Benefits program. Civilian workers include workers in the private nonfarm economy except those in private households, and workers in the public sector, except the federal government.

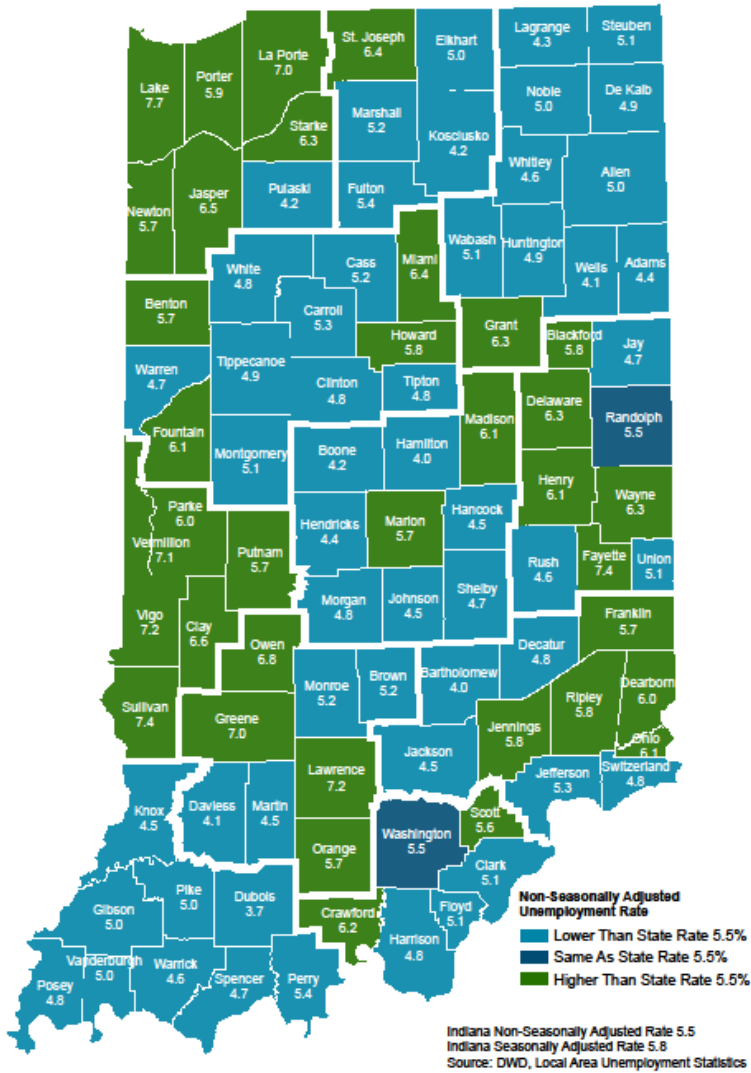
## Frequently Listed Jobs

### Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 6 for the month of August 2014

- 1 Receptionists and Information Clerks
- 2 Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs
- 3 Customer Service Representatives
- 4 Production Workers, All Other
- 5 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive
- 6 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 7 Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders
- 8 Helpers--Production Workers
- 9 Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic
- 10 Sales Agents, Financial Services
- 11 Childcare Workers
- 12 Social and Human Service Assistants
- 13 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 14 Education, Training, and Library Workers, All Other
- 15 Tellers
- 16 Healthcare Support Workers, All Other
- 17 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 18 Human Resources Specialists
- 19 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 20 Teacher Assistants

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

# County Unemployment Rates August 2014 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



## Questions?

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