



Indiana Economic Update

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Summary

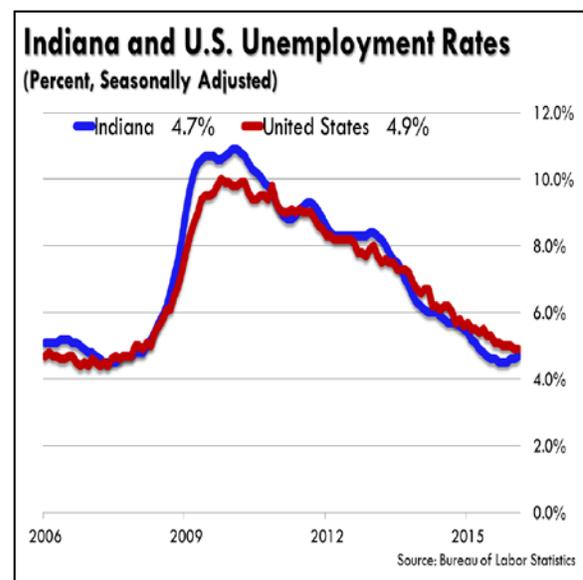
Nonfarm payroll employment in Indiana increased by 7,400 jobs and the unemployment rate rose to 4.7 percent in February according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Indiana Unemployment Rate

During February, the unemployment rate in Indiana increased by 0.1 percentage point to 4.7 percent. The number of people counted as unemployed rose by 6,170 in February to 157,432, while the labor force grew by 22,653 to 3,323,187. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 24 posted lower unemployment rates for the month than Indiana. A year earlier, the unemployment rate in Indiana stood at 5.2 percent.

The 10 year peak for the unemployment rate in Indiana was 10.9 percent in February 2010. The series high for the unemployment rate in Indiana occurred in December 1982 when the unemployment rate reached 12.6 percent. The 10 year low for the unemployment rate in Indiana was 4.5 percent in November 2015. The series low for the unemployment rate in Indiana occurred in October 2000 when the unemployment rate reached 2.9 percent. BLS began publishing the state unemployment rate series in 1976.

The national unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.9 percent in February. February's unemployment rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than a year earlier. The 10-year high for the national unemployment rate was 10.0 percent in October 2009. The 10-year low was 4.4 percent in May 2007.



Indiana Payroll Employment

Indiana nonfarm payrolls increased by 7,400 jobs, or 0.24 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during February. In the prior month, nonfarm payrolls increased by 5,700. Over the past 12 months nonfarm payrolls in Indiana increased by 51,000, or 1.69 percent. Indiana nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

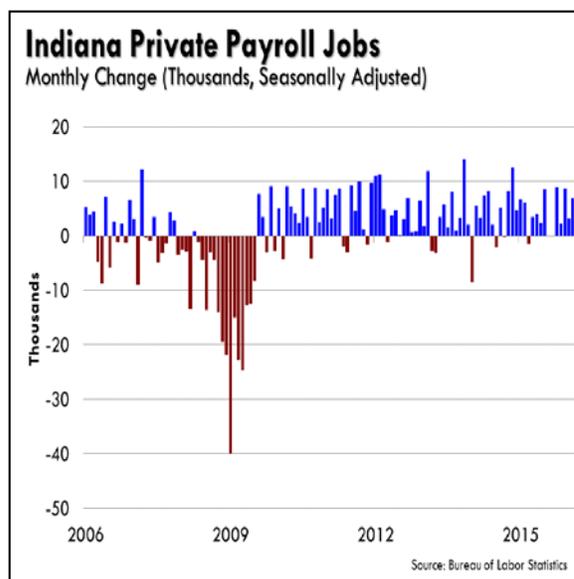
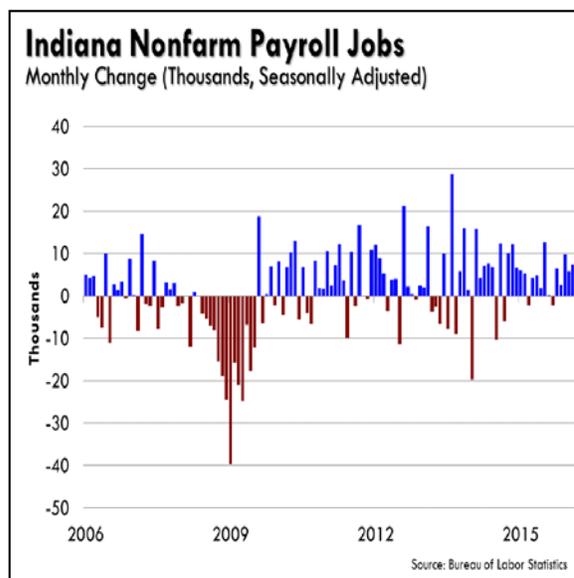
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 242,000 jobs in February, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending February 2016 nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,672,000 jobs, or 1.9 percent. Indiana ranks 21st among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During February, Indiana private sector payrolls increased by 6,900, or 0.26 percent. Private sector payrolls increased by 3,200 jobs in the prior month. Over the past 12 months, private sector payrolls in Indiana increased by 46,800, or 1.80 percent. Indiana private sector payroll employment has increased in 9 of the past 12 months.

Nationally private-sector payroll jobs increased by 230,000 jobs in 1.9, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,597,000 jobs in the private sector, an increase of 2.18 percent.

Indiana ranks 24th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During February, total government payroll employment in Indiana increased by 500, or 0.12 percent. Federal government payroll employment increased by 500, or 1.36 percent. State government payroll employment declined by 1,000, or 0.84 percent, while local government payroll employment increased by 1,000, or 0.37 percent.



Over the past year, total government payroll employment increased by 4,200, or 0.99 percent. State government payroll employment increased by 900, or 0.77 percent. Local government payroll employment increased by 2,300, or 0.84 percent.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during February were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+5,000) and Educational & Health Services (+4,500). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Professional & Business Services (-3,000) and Manufacturing (-2,600).

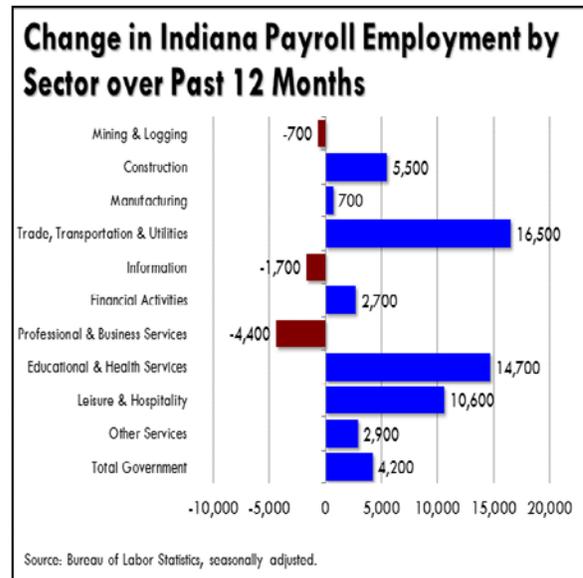
The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+16,500) and Educational & Health Services (+14,700). The poorest performing sectors for the year were Professional & Business Services (-4,400) and Information (-1,700).

Other Indiana Labor Force Statistics

The labor force participation rate in Indiana rose to 64.6 percent in February from 64.2 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 19 have a higher labor force participation rate than Indiana. The labor force participation rate in Indiana is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10 year high for the labor force participation rate in Indiana was 67.6 percent in April 2006. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Indiana occurred in April 1995 when the labor force participation rate hit 71.1 percent. The 10 year low for the labor force participation rate was 62.8 percent in September 2012. This also represents the series low for the labor force participation rate in Indiana.

The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in February, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.



The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Indiana civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 61.5 percent in February from 61.2 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 20 have higher employment-to-population ratios than Indiana. The employment-to-population ratio in Indiana is 1.3 percentage points higher than a year earlier.

The 10 year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Indiana was 64.2 percent in March 2006. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Indiana occurred in February 1995 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 68.0 percent. The 10 year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 57.1 percent in April 2010. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in May 1983 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 55.7 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 59.8 percent in February. That rate was 0.5 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

State employment and unemployment data for March is scheduled for release on April 15, 2016. The national employment situation report for March will be released on Friday, April 1, 2016.

