JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE RANKING DEMOCRAT CAROLYN B. MALONEY

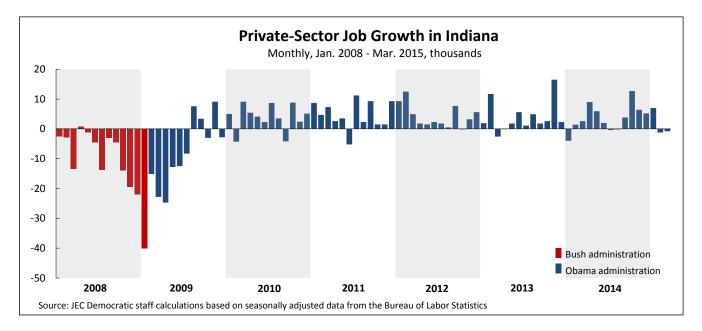


# **ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: INDIANA**

\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs and unemployment data through March 2015\*\*

#### <u>Jobs</u>

- In March, private-sector employment in Indiana fell by 800 jobs. Over the past year, Indiana businesses have added 49,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 36,500 jobs over the 12 months through March 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Indiana businesses have added 249,700 jobs (an increase of 10.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 11.3 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: professional and business services at 19.3 percent (51,600 jobs), manufacturing at 17.7 percent (77,900 jobs) and other services at 13.1 percent (14,900 jobs).



## **UNEMPLOYMENT**

- The unemployment rate in Indiana was 5.8 percent in March 2015, down 0.1 percentage point from February. The rate was 0.3 percentage point above the national rate of 5.5 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.2 percentage point from one year earlier and is 5.1 percentage points below its recent peak of 10.9 percent in February 2010.
- There were 188,900 Indiana residents unemployed in March 2015.

### EARNINGS

- In March 2015, average weekly earnings of private-sector workers in Indiana were \$801.68. Average hourly earnings were \$22.84, and the average workweek was 35.1 hours.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average weekly earnings have risen by 1.6 percent over the past year. Real hourly earnings have increased by 1.0 percent, and the length of the average workweek has gone up 0.2 hour. Nationally, real average weekly earnings have increased by 2.3 percent over the past year.

STATE QUICK FACTS			
		Indiana	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	49,400	3.1 million
	Since Feb. 2010	249,700	12.1 million
	March 0045	E 00/	5 50(
Unemployment Rate		5.8%	5.5%
	March 2014	6.0%	6.6%
	Recession-Era Peak	10.9%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2013 \$)	. 2013	\$50,600	\$51,900
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$53,300	\$56,400
Poverty Rate	. 2013	11.6%	14.5%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	11.8%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	. 2014	5.6%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	10.0%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	. 2013	14.0%	14.5%

## STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Indiana grew by 2.1 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which data are available), above the national average growth rate of 1.8 percent.\*
- Since 2009, annual Indiana GDP growth has averaged 2.9 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 2.0 percent.

## HOUSING

- Home prices in Indiana increased by 2.8 percent from the fourth quarter of 2013 to the fourth quarter of 2014. They are up 10.7 percent since their recent low in the first quarter of 2011.
- In February 2015, builders in Indiana broke ground on 9,050 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 17,483 units. That marks an increase of 2.0 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

## **EXPORTS**

- In Indiana, goods exports totaled \$2.5 billion in February and \$34.2 billion over the past year, up 6.7 percent from the 12 months ending in February 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 39.6 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

<sup>\*\*</sup> A list of sources used to compile the Indiana economic snapshot is available at: http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> For additional Indiana-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Indiana office: http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/