






Northwest Indiana Labor Market Highlights


Latest market data figures were released by the Department of Workforce Development for February 2020 and reflect changes since November 2019.

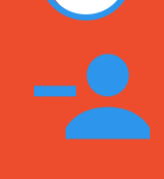
JANUARY 2020 DATA

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Unemployment Rate increased to 5.0%
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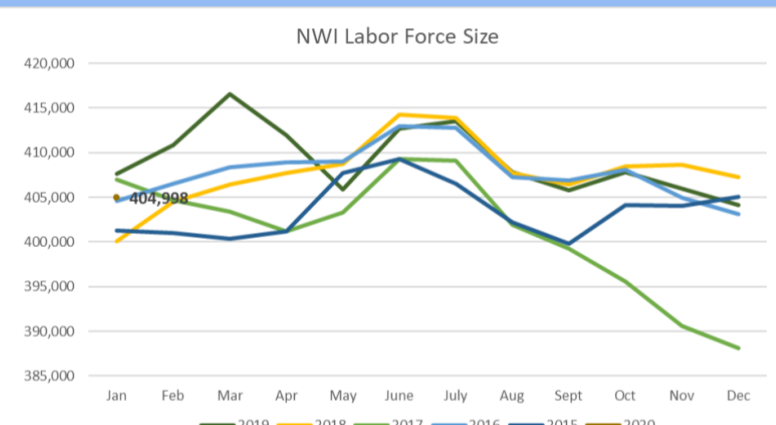
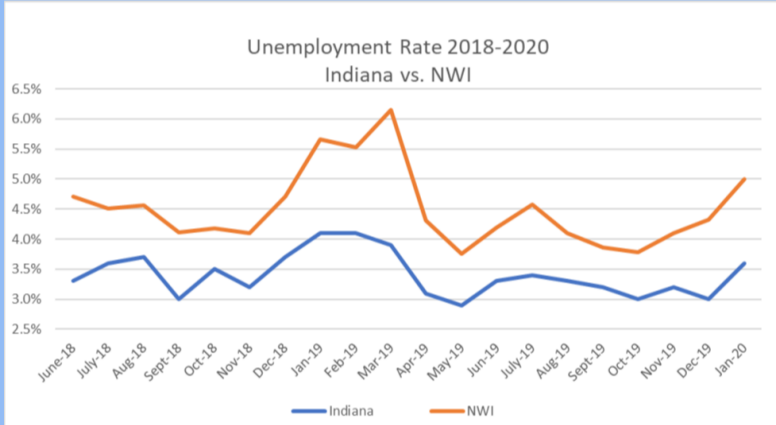
Labor Force increased by 848
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Employment decreased by 2,019
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Largest Gain N/A
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Largest Decline Retail
- 1,700 jobs

	Jan- 20	Dec - 19	Nov - 19	Jan - 19	CHANGE	
					Month	Year
Labor Force	404,998	404,150	405,981	407,640	848	-2,642
Employed	384,734	386,753	389,320	384,558	-2,019	176
Unemployed	20,262	17,497	16,661	23,052	2,765	-2,790



The latest data for Northwest Indiana (January 2020) shows unemployment rising in the region, state and nation. Northwest Indiana's labor force rose slightly, with the employed population (-2,019) moving in the opposite direction of the unemployed population (2,765). Unemployment in the region stands at 5.0%.

The changes from the previous year, however, show Northwest Indiana is in much the same place it was one year ago. Employment is relatively unchanged from January 2019. The only change appears to be some people dropping out of the labor force.

Looking more closely at industry employment, there were no industries in the region that increased employment in January. Employment in manufacturing and health care remained stable while dropping in every other industry in the region from the previous month. Compared to the previous year however, employment is much more stable with gains in construction (2.9%), health care (1.2%), and manufacturing (.7%) balancing declines in other industries.

For the second month in a row, retail employment faced the largest declines. Retail employment is down compared to the previous month (-4.4%), and year (-3.6%).

And today, as we are all facing challenges due to the COVID-19 virus, we acknowledge that there will be a drastic change in the data that we will provide you in the coming months. We hope you all stay safe and let's all work together to ensure better days ahead.

Until next month,

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Data source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development via Hoosiers by the Numbers. For more labor market information, contact the research department at the Center of Workforce Innovations at 219-462-2940 or visit www.cwicorp.com.