

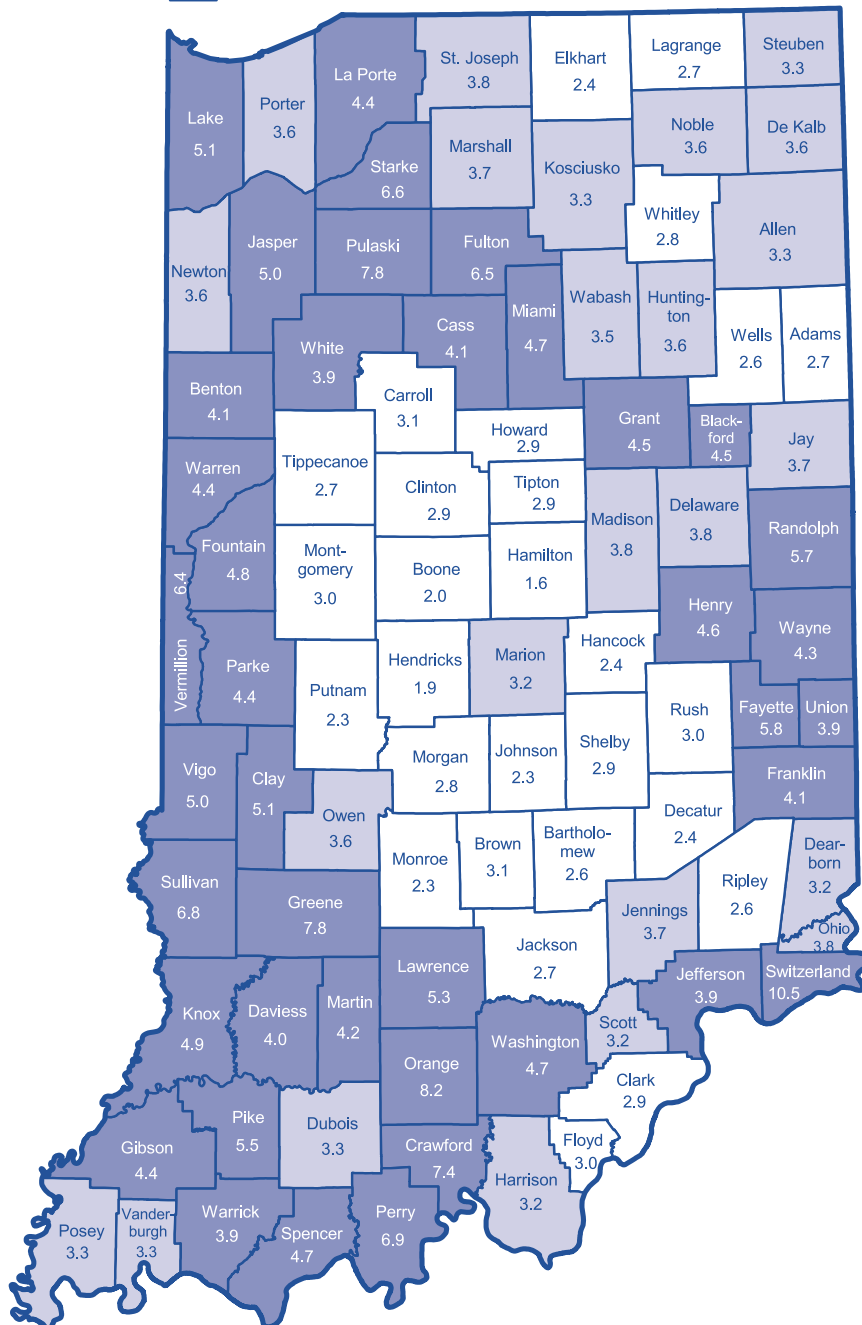
County Unemployment Rates Continue to Cover Wide Range

Figure 1: March Unemployment Rates by County

The national unemployment rate for March was 4.3%

State Unemployment Rate = 3.5

- Above State Rate
- Approx. Equal to State Rate (+/- .3)
- Below State Rate



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Indiana's statewide unemployment rate has been declining slowly for several years. For all of 1999, the average rate for the state was 3.0%, while the national average was 4.2%. Certain counties, though, have had unemployment rates persistently above the state average. In other counties, the rate has long been below the state average.

The tables below show those counties with the highest and the lowest average rates, respectively, from 1996 through March 2000.

Highest Unemployment Rates from 1996 through March 2000

County	Average Rate
Orange	7.7%
Randolph	7.4%
Crawford	7.3%
Greene	7.0%

Lowest Unemployment Rates from 1996 through March 2000

County	Average Rate
Hamilton	1.4%
Hendricks	1.7%
Boone	1.9%
Johnson	2.1%