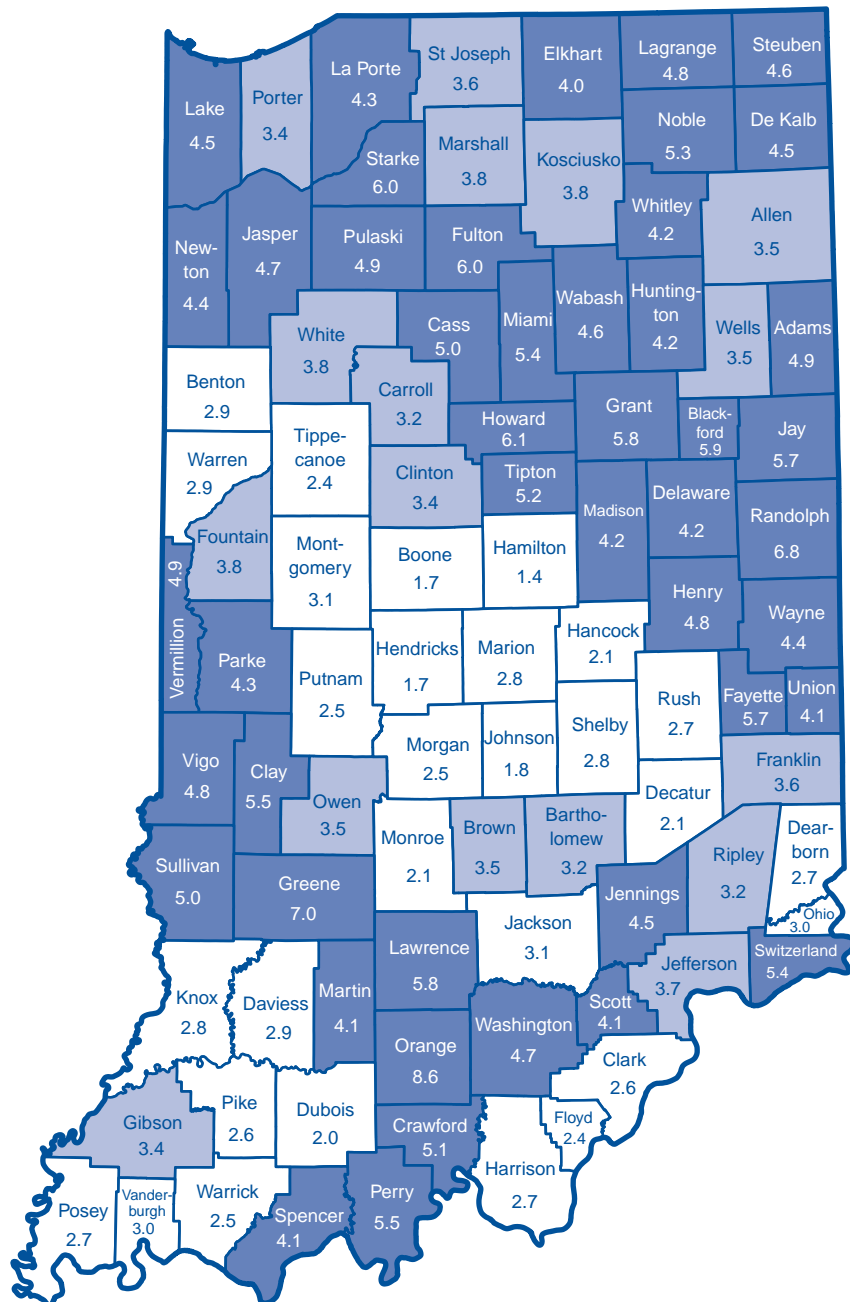


Indiana Unemployment Snapshot

Figure 1: March 2001 Unemployment Rates by County

The national unemployment rate for March 2001 was 4.6%

State Unemployment Rate = 3.5%
 Above State Rate (46 counties)
 Approx. Equal to State Rate (+/- 0.3) (17 counties)
 Below State Rate (29 counties)



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

State Unemployment Rate Declined:

- This year (March 2001): 3.5%
- Last year (March 2000): 3.9%

Number of Employed People Increased:

- This year (March 2001): 2,971,391
- Last year (March 2000): 2,934,858

County Unemployment Rates 2001:

LARGEST DECLINE OCCURRED IN SWITZERLAND COUNTY

- This year (March 2001): 5.4%
- Last year (March 2000): 12.8%

LARGEST INCREASE OCCURRED IN HOWARD COUNTY

- This year (March 2001): 6.1%
- Last year (March 2000): 3.3%

Most of Indiana's 92 County Unemployment Rates Are Better than the U.S. Average:

U.S. AVERAGE

- This year (March 2001): 4.6%
- Last year (March 2000): 4.3%

NUMBER OF COUNTIES WITH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BELOW THE U.S. AVERAGE:

- This year (March 2001): 63
- Last year (March 2000): 52