

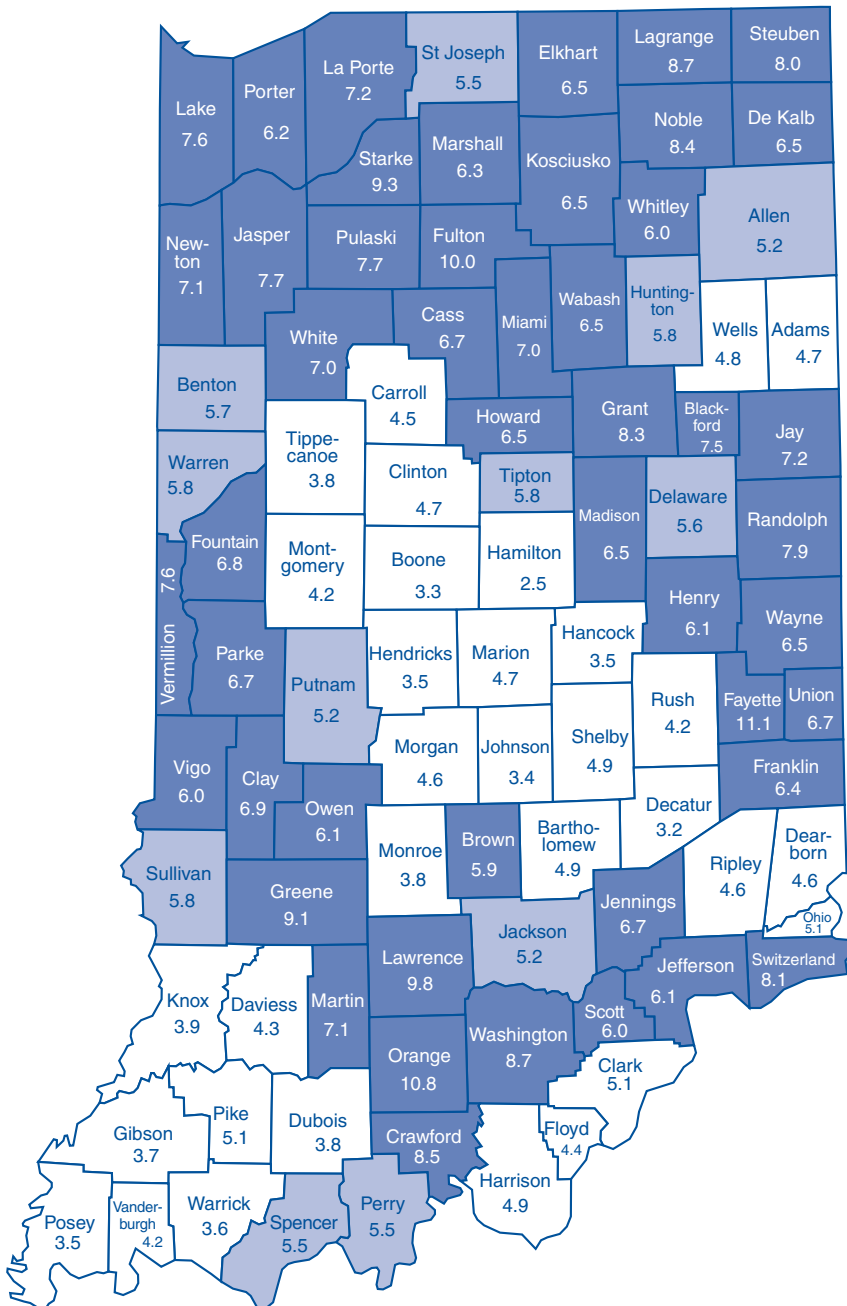
Indiana Employment Snapshot

Figure 1: January 2002 Unemployment Rates by County

Hamilton county continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in the state

State Unemployment Rate = 5.5%

- Above State Rate (48 counties)
- Approx. Equal to State Rate (+/- 0.3) (12 counties)
- Below State Rate (32 counties)



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Indiana County Rates

- Three counties found themselves with double-digit unemployment rates in January. Fayette (11.1%), Orange (10.8%) and Fulton (10.0%) were the counties with the state's highest unemployment rates.
- Hamilton County continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in the state, just 2.5% in January. Next lowest were Decatur (3.2%), Boone (3.3%) and Johnson (3.4%).
- Among metro counties, Lake County at 7.6% suffered the largest annual point rise in unemployment rate, up 3.3 percentage points over January 2001. The Marion County rate rose 2.1 points to 4.7% from January 2001 to January 2002.
- Howard County had the best year-to-year result, actually dropping its January rate by 1.9 points to 6.5%
- Greene, Perry, Tipton and Sullivan counties also had lower unemployment in January 2002 than in January 2001.
- In nearly 40% of Indiana's 92 counties, the total number of people employed in January 2002 was within 1% of the number employed in 2001. A drop of more than 4% occurred in only 13 counties.