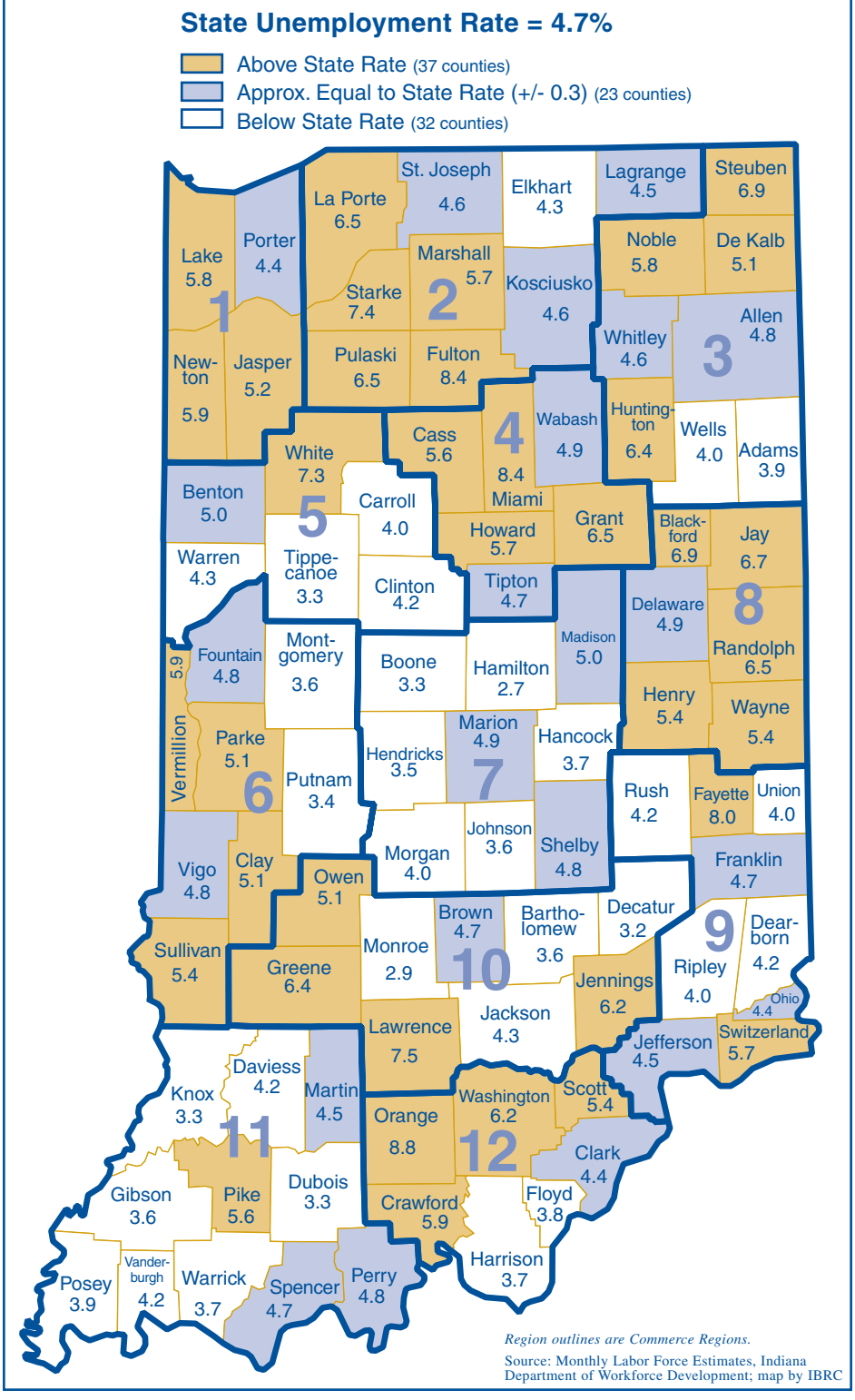
December's Unemployment Snapshot

Figure 1: December 2002 Unemployment Rates

Indiana's unemployment remains significantly lower than the nation



Source: Monthly Labor Force Estimates, Indiana Department of Workforce Development; map by IBRC

Indiana's unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) has remained at 4.7 for many months now and continues to be significantly lower than the national rate each month. Within Indiana, 37 counties experienced rates of unemployment higher than the state, particularly Orange (8.8), Fulton (8.4), Miami (8.4) and Fayette (8.0). Orange County's long history of high unemployment might change if the opportunity for gambling in that county passes the legislature this session.

Table 1: December Unemployment Rates

Commerce Regions (not seasonally adjusted)	1992	2002
Region 8	9.5	5.4
Region 9	7.7	4.7
Region 1	7.4	5.5
Region 4	7.4	6.0
Region 6	6.6	4.6
Region 12	6.6	4.7
Region 11	6.5	4.0
Region 3	6.3	5.0
Region 2	6.0	5.0
Region 10	5.7	4.3
Region 7	5.0	4.4
Region 5	4.0	4.0

Source: STATS Indiana

Future LAUS Releases

Release Date	Data
March 28	January 2003
	2002 Benchmark
April 18	2001 Benchmark
April 25	February 2003
May 9	2000 Benchmark
May 16	March 2003