



NW Indiana employers able to offset costs-while Hoosiers train in high growth sector jobs

Next Level Jobs initiative will contribute more than \$20 million into a pair of grant programs through the Department of Workforce Development over the next two years. High growth sector industries able to take advantage of the initiative are manufacturing, building and construction, health and life sciences, IT and business services, transportation and logistics, and agriculture. Businesses can be reimbursed up to \$2,500 for each new employee training. [Read more](#)



Pulaski County employers form strategic partnership to address in-demand skills

The unique partnership involving five Pulaski County businesses is setting the example for other other communities confronted with the dilemma of having workers who need to possess 20th century skills in order to operate new sophisticated equipment on the factory floor. [Read more](#)



NWIWB contributes in upskilling community health workers

Northwest Indiana Workforce Board recently worked in collaboration with fund recipients–Health Visions Midwest and Esperanza Ministries to implement and support training for Community Health Workers in the region. The recent Skill Up! Round 2 funding from the Department of Workforce Development served two purposes. [Read more](#)



JAG program ends year with positive outcomes and \$4.3 in student scholarships

The NW Indiana Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program was recognized and honored at the 24th Annual JAG National Training Seminar in Las Vegas. Awards and recognition were gained for outstanding leadership to exemplary success levels for graduation rates, employment, and positive outcomes. In addition, the following schools secured student scholarships: AK Smith-Michigan City, Calumet New Tech, East Chicago Central, Gary West Leadership I and II, Gary Roosevelt, Knox High School, Hammond High School, and Wirt Emerson Visual & Performing Arts. [Read more on awards and scholarship amounts per school.](#)



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The unemployment rate remains low, though it has ticked up slightly. The labor force increased significantly compared to the month before with 6,585 people joining the labor force, which is likely partially responsible for the uptick in unemployment rate too. This increase is a usual trend for the month. However, the regional labor force remains more than 3,000 workers short of where it was this time last year.

Lake County is the highest unemployment county in the region, and region 1 has the highest unemployment rate in the state. Indiana's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate is significantly lower than any other surrounding state's rate.

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