



Northwest Indiana Labor Market Highlights

Latest market data figures were released by the Department of Workforce Development for July 2019 and reflect changes since May 2019.

Unemployment Rate increased to **4.6%**

Labor Force increased by **1,657**

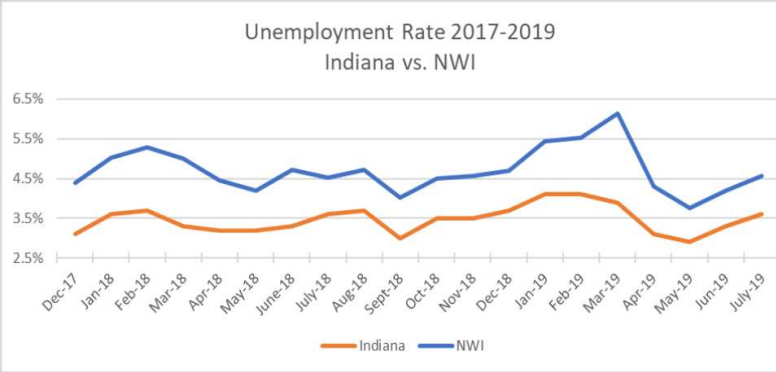
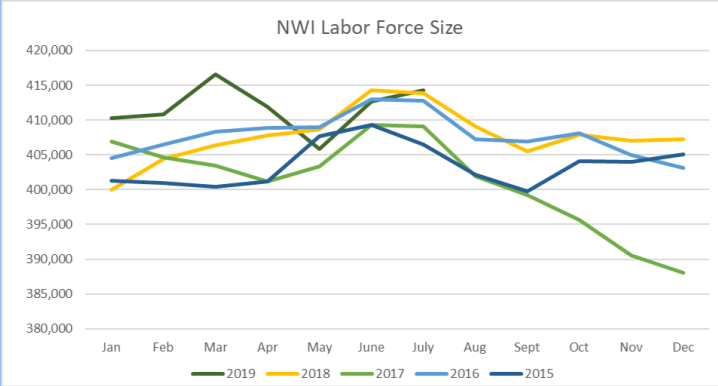
Employment increased by **42**

Largest Gain Construction **+300 jobs**

Largest Decline Local Government Education Services **-5,000 jobs**

JULY 2019 DATA

| | July- 19 | Jun - 19 | May- 19 | July - 18 | CHANGE | |
|-------------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|--------|------|
| | | | | | MONTH | YEAR |
| Labor Force | 414,325 | 412,668 | 405,884 | 413,843 | 1,657 | 482 |
| Employed | 395,414 | 395,372 | 390,643 | 395,162 | 42 | 252 |
| Unemployed | 18,911 | 17,298 | 15,241 | 18,681 | 1,613 | 230 |



The latest data for Northwest Indiana (July 2019) shows that while the region’s labor force grew, the employed population remained static from the previous month. Coupled with the increase in the unemployed population and unemployment rate suggests new labor market entrants. Compared to the previous year however, the region’s labor force and unemployment rate are nearly unchanged.

Looking more closely at industry employment, total private, non-farm employment is unchanged from the previous month and up one percent from a year ago. The construction industry experienced the largest employment gain from the previous month, adding 300 workers or 1.4%. Since July 2018, construction employment has increased 5.4%.

Local government education services employment suffered the largest employment decline, with total employment dropping by 5,000. This 29.6% decline is most likely due to the season nature of education employment, however, July’s employment is also down 5.6% from the previous year.

On the state level, the unemployment rate has decreased 7.2 percentage points since July 2009; labor force has increased by 1,575 over the year and is at 3,387,846; and the labor force participation rate has outperformed the national average for 60 months in a row. Private sector jobs have grown 27,300 over the year.

Until next month,

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