


Northwest Indiana Labor Market Highlights

August 2018

Latest market data figures were released by the Department of Workforce Development for July 2018 and reflect changes since June 2018.


JULY 2018 DATA



Unemployment Rate fell to 4.5%




Labor Force increased by 699



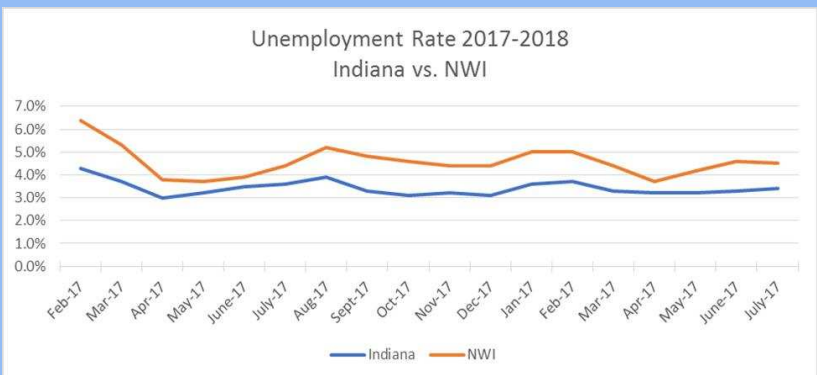
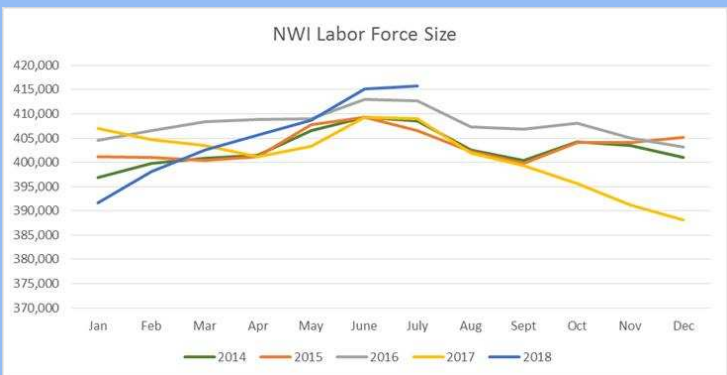
Employment increased by 1,131



Largest Gain Profession and Business Services
+800 jobs



Largest Decline Educational Services
-3,600 jobs



	July - 18	June - 18	May - 18	July - 17	CHANGE	
					Month	Year
Labor Force	415,773	415,074	408,682	409,060	699	6,713
Employed	397,081	395,950	391,702	391,061	1,131	6,020
Unemployed	18,692	19,124	16,980	17,999	-432	693

The latest data for Northwest Indiana (July 2018) shows an increase in the civilian labor force and an increase in employment. The unemployment rate decreased for the region while increasing for the state as a whole from the previous month to 4.5% and 3.4%, respectively.

Between June 2018 and July 2018, the Northwest Indiana region labor force increased by 699 workers --- 5,066 workers less than between May 2018 and June 2018. In comparison to a year ago, the labor force population in the region has risen by 6,713 workers.

The Professional and Business Services sector experienced the largest employment increase over the last month, adding 800 jobs across the region for a total of 27,500 jobs. Seven percent of Northwest Indiana's population is employed by the Professional and Business Services sector.

Education Services saw the largest decline over the past month, marking the highest losses for the second month in a row. This is expected, however, given historic seasonal changes in education employment.

Until next month,

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