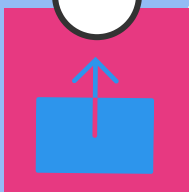


Northwest Indiana Labor Market Highlights

September 2018

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

AUGUST 2018 DATA



Unemployment Rate rose to **4.7%**



Labor Force decreased by **5,529**



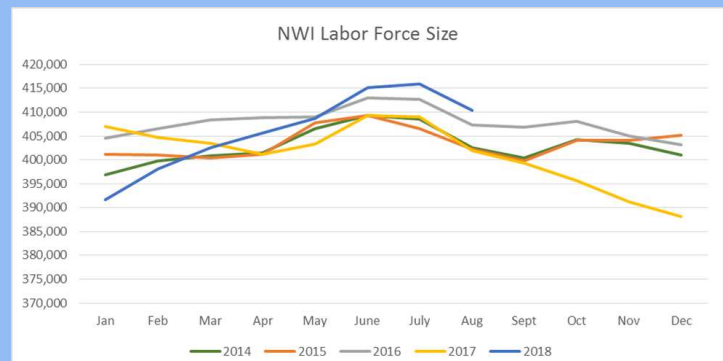
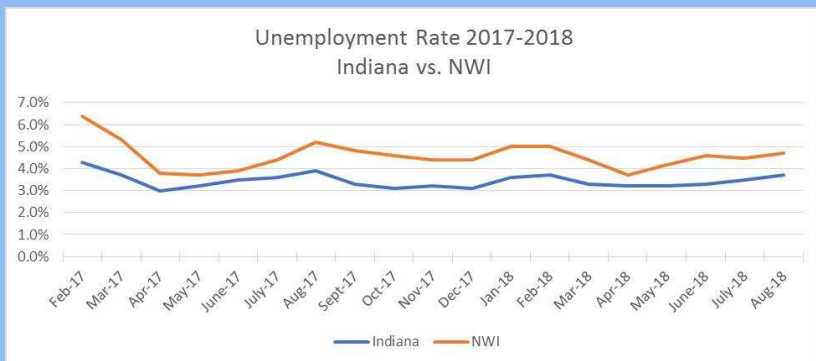
Employment decreased by **6,181**



Largest Gain Educational Services
5,200 jobs



Largest Decline Retail Services
-200 jobs



	Aug - 18	July - 18	June - 18	Aug - 17	Change	
					Month	Year
Labor Force	410,356	415,885	415,074	401,921	-5,529	8,435
Employed	391,019	397,200	395,950	381,021	-6,181	9,998
Unemployed	19,337	18,685	19,124	20,900	652	-1,563

The latest data (July 2018) for Northwest Indiana (NWI) shows a decrease in the civilian labor force as well as employment. The unemployment rate increased for both NWI and the state as a whole from the previous month to 4.7% and 3.7%, respectively.

Between August 2018 and July 2018, the NWI Region labor force decreased by 5,529 workers – a reversal from the period between July 2018 and June 2018 that saw an increase of 699 workers. More broadly, the labor force population in the region has risen by 8,435 workers, suggesting the month over month decline represents seasonal churn as opposed to larger issues in the labor market.

Local Government Education Services experienced the largest increase in employment over the last month by adding 5,200 workers. This represents a reversal from the previous two months in which the sector faced decreases of 3,600 and 3,400.

The retail trade sector faced the largest decline over the month, shedding 200 workers since July. However, despite this monthly decline and the sectors overall struggles nationwide, Retail Trade employment in the region has increased by 200 from a year ago.

Until next month,

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