

# Unemployment rate drops 0.1 percent

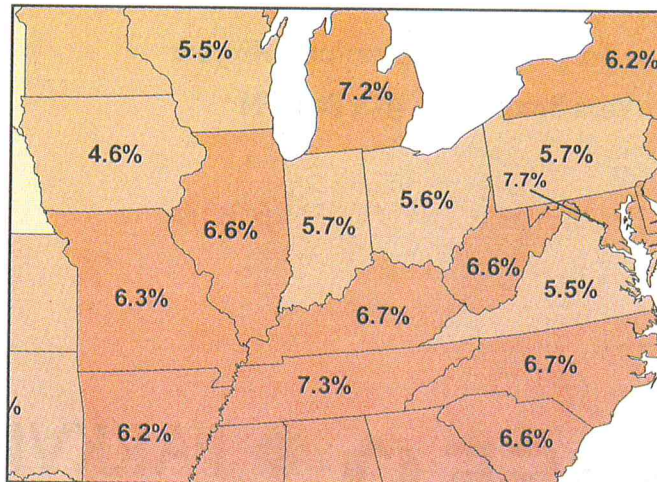
## Manufacturing sector offsets job loss

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Job growth in Indiana's manufacturing sector offset job losses in some of its other workforce sectors last month to nudge its seasonally adjusted unemployment rate down 0.1 percent.

The number of manufacturing jobs in the state grew by 6,000 in September, or 1.2 percent, "which constituted one

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of the largest one-month increases in a decade and ranked as one of the largest in the nation," according to an Indiana Workforce Development employment report released Oct. 21.

The manufacturing job gains offset 1,900 job losses in the leisure and hospitality as well as the trade, transportation and utilities sectors, to increase employment by 4,126. Indiana's unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent in September from 5.8 percent in August.

"September marks the ninth consecutive month Indiana's rate has been below the national average," the report said. "The rate of unemployment in the Hoosier State has now decreased 16 of the last 22 months."

Compared with a year earlier, the size of Indiana's workforce grew 2 percent as its employment increased 3 percent and its unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent from 7.3 percent.

"Indiana's decrease of 1.6 (percentage points) over the past year signifies one of the largest declines in the nation, and the addition of more than 50,000 individuals to Indiana's labor force over the past year ranks as one of the largest increases in the U.S.," the report said.

"Over the past year, Indiana has consistently led the nation in manufacturing growth with an increase of 25,600 jobs," it said.

"Since July 2009, the low point of employment in the state, Indiana has added more than 90,000 Manufacturing jobs, which also ranks the Hoosier State in top five in growth in the United States."