

# March 2014 Economic Briefing

A summary of the Indianapolis regional economy



## Marion County Unemployment Drops over Two Percent from 2013 Numbers

According to January unemployment figures, Marion County has experienced a decrease in the unemployment rate of 2.5 percent YTD, coming in below the national average and on par with state numbers.

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped 0.4 percent to 6.4 percent in January and is now at the lowest point since September of 2008 (6.3 percent). The rate of unemployment in Indiana remains below all neighboring states and is now lower than the national rate by 0.2 percent. Prior to the benchmarking process, the last time Indiana's rate was lower than the national rate was June of 2012.

| January 2014 Unemployment Rates    |        |        |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                    | Jan'14 | Dec'13 | Jan'13 |
| Marion County, IN                  | 6.4    | 6.4    | 8.9    |
| Indianapolis-MSA                   | 5.9    | 5.8    | 8.2    |
| State of Indiana (seasonally adj.) | 6.4    | 6.8    | 7.9    |
| U.S. (seasonally adj.)             | 6.6    | 6.7    | 7.9    |

| Indianapolis Regional Unemployment Rate Rankings by County<br>Ranking in State (highest to lowest rate out of 92 counties) |                          |      |
|--|--------------------------|------|
| County   | Unemployment Rate Jan'14 | Rank |
| Madison  | 7.9%                     | 22   |
| Morgan   | 6.9%                     | 41   |
| Shelby   | 6.7%                     | 47   |
| Marion   | 6.4%                     | 53   |
| Hancock  | 5.8%                     | 74   |
| Johnson  | 5.6%                     | 76   |
| Boone  | 5.5%                     | 80   |
| Hendricks  | 5.1%                     | 88   |
| Hamilton   | 4.5%                     | 92   |

| Labor Force Estimates, January 2014 |             |             |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|                                     | Labor Force | Employed    | Unemployed |
| U.S.                                | 154,381,000 | 143,526,000 | 10,855,000 |
| Indiana                             | 3,159,603   | 2,950,298   | 209,305    |
| Marion County                       | 460,697     | 431,345     | 29,352     |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

## Employment by Industry

| Indianapolis MSA Employment by Industry (1,000s) |            |        |                            |                    |
|--|------------|--------|----------------------------|--------------------|
|  | Jan'14 (p) | Dec'13 | Change from Previous Month | Change from Jan'13 |
| Construction                                     | 38         | 42     | -4                         | 0                  |
| Manufacturing                                    | 84         | 84     | 0                          | 1                  |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities              | 196        | 206    | -10                        | 3                  |
| Wholesale Trade                                  | 45         | 46     | -1                         | 0                  |
| Retail Trade                                     | 96         | 102    | -6                         | 2                  |
| Transportation and Utilities                     | 56         | 58     | -2                         | 1                  |
| Information                                      | 16         | 16     | 0                          | 0                  |
| Financial Activities                             | 61         | 61     | 0                          | 3                  |
| Professional and Business Services               | 137        | 146    | -9                         | 2                  |
| Education and Health Services                    | 134        | 138    | -4                         | 0                  |
| Leisure and Hospitality                          | 89         | 94     | -5                         | 0                  |
| Government                                       | 119        | 123    | -4                         | 0                  |

(p) = preliminary

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Recent News

### Classes in Science, Tech, Engineering Give Kids a Leg Up on Good Jobs - Fox59.com

The Indy Chamber released its final economic development numbers for Indianapolis and the region for 2013. The Indianapolis region experienced economic growth in both new and retained job commitments and capital expenditures.

[Read more at Fox59.com](#)

### Indy Chamber, IPS Release Results of IPS Operational Analysis

Leaders from the Indy Chamber and Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) gathered to release the results of their IPS Operational Analysis, an in-depth review of IPS operations in areas of finance, human resources, information technology, facilities, and transportation.

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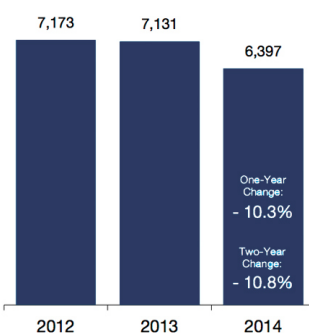
## Residential Real Estate

Below is Indianapolis regional housing data for January 2014, showing an increase of 9.4 percent in year-over-year average sales price. The region experienced a decrease in the year-over-year new listings of 23.9 percent.

| Indianapolis Regional Real Estate Statistics |           |           |          |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|
|  | Jan'14    | Jan'13    | % Change |
| New Listings                                 | 2,250     | 2,958     | - 23.9%  |
| Closed Sales                                 | 1,416     | 1,642     | - 22.6%  |
| Median Sales Price                           | \$125,750 | \$120,000 | + 4.8%   |
| Average Sales Price                          | \$162,787 | \$148,812 | + 9.4%   |

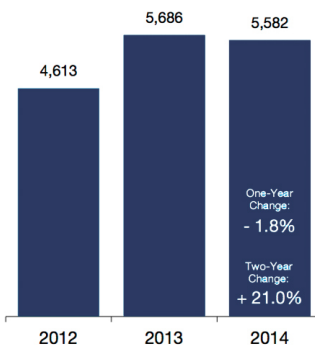
### Past Three Month Average for Indianapolis Region

#### 3 Month



#### NEW LISTINGS

#### 3 Month



#### CLOSED SALES

Source: MIBOR [www.mibor.com](http://www.mibor.com)

## Airport Passenger & Cargo Traffic

The number of air passengers at Indianapolis International Airport decreased in January 2014 as compared to the previous year by 5.4 percent, and total air cargo also decreased by 13.7 percent.

| Indianapolis International Airport Air Traffic |         |            |          |
|--|---------|------------|----------|
| Total Passengers (YTD)                         |         |            |          |
| Jan '14  | Jan '13 | Difference | % Change |
| 499,367  | 527,741 | -28,374    | - 5.4%   |
| Air Cargo (YTD in tons)                        |         |            |          |
| Jan '14  | Jan '13 | Difference | % Change |
| 80,020   | 92,772  | -12,752    | -13.7%   |

Source: Indianapolis Airport Authority

## Commercial Real Estate

| Indianapolis Region 4th Quarter 2013 Industrial Statistics |           |      |         |
|--|-----------|------|---------|
|  | Current   | Year | Quarter |
| Vacancy  | 4.9%      | ↑    | ↑       |
| Warehouse Average Rate (NNN)                               | \$3.69    | ↑    | ↑       |
| Net Absorption (YTD)                                       | 1,936,226 | ↓    | ↑       |
| Vacant (SF)  | 11.56 M   | ↑    | ↑       |

| Indianapolis Region 4th Quarter 2013 Suburban Office Statistics |         |      |         |
|---|---------|------|---------|
|   | Current | Year | Quarter |
| Vacancy   | 18.6%   | ↓    | ↔       |
| Average Asking Rate (SF)  | \$16.21 | ↔    | ↑       |
| Net Absorption (YTD)  | 363,011 | ↑    | ↑       |

| Indianapolis Region 4th Quarter 2013 Downtown/CBD Office Statistics |         |      |         |
|---|---------|------|---------|
|   | Current | Year | Quarter |
| Vacancy   | 20.3%   | ↔    | ↔       |
| Average Asking Rate (SF)  | \$17.68 | ↑    | ↔       |
| Net Absorption (YTD)  | -81,842 | ↑    | ↓       |

Source: Cassidy Turley [www.CassidyTurley.com](http://www.CassidyTurley.com)

## IndyGo Fixed Route Ridership

IndyGo saw a 15.5 percent decrease in YTD ridership from January 2013 to 2014. Current month totals reflect the same YTD numbers for the first month of the year.

| IndyGo Fixed Route Ridership   |         |          |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Total Passengers (YTD)         |         |          |
| 2013                           | 2014    | % Change |
| 812,082                        | 685,815 | -15.5%   |
| Total Passengers Current Month |         |          |
| Jan'13                         | Jan'14  | % Change |
| 812,082                        | 685,815 | -15.5%   |

Source: IndyGo [www.indygo.net](http://www.indygo.net)

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