

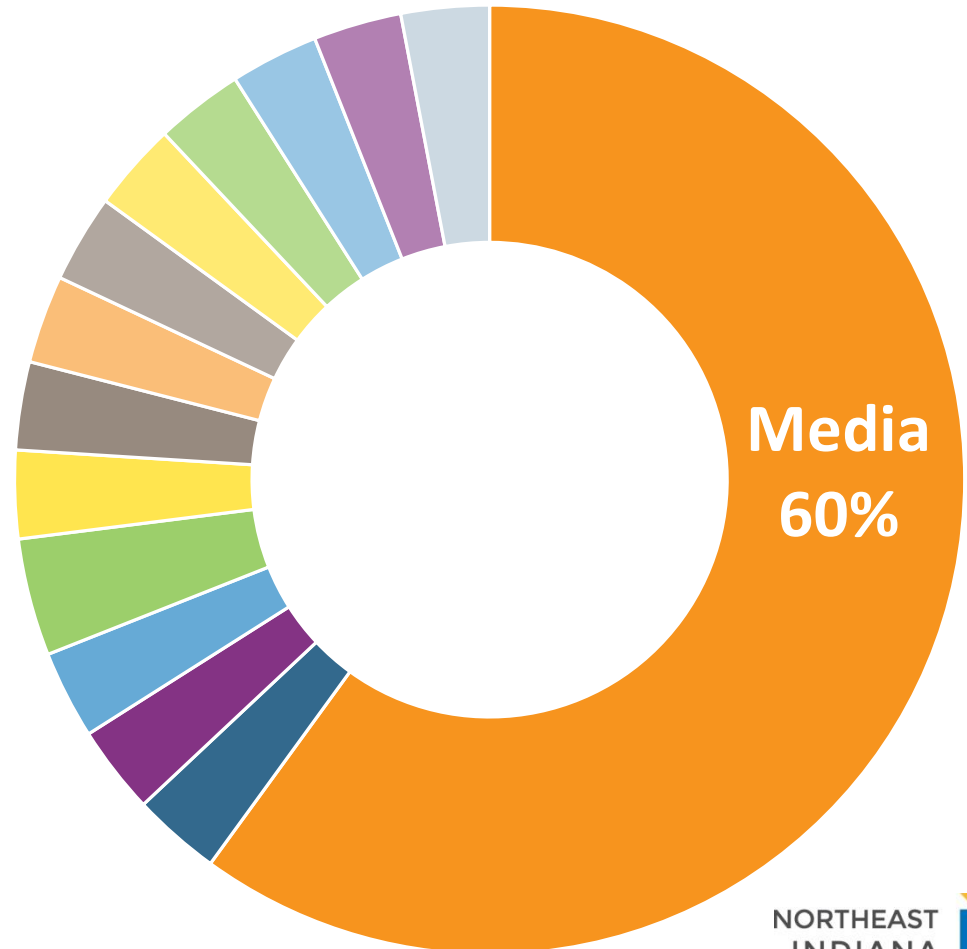


Tapping the Data Gold Mine

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Region Losing Many High School, College Graduates

Forty-eight percent of high school and college graduates in northeast Indiana are no longer in the region five years after graduation, analyses released by Northeast Indiana Works show.

Most other regions in the state, according to the analyses, have higher percentages.

"Nevertheless, the data indicates the need in northeast Indiana to not only continue to encourage talent to return to the region after going away and presumably acquiring skills but also to retain college-informed talent and utilize their knowledge to help companies and the economy prosper," said Northeast Indiana Works President Edmond O'Neal.

WORK TO BE DONE

Help available for frustrated job seekers, employers

Area lags in wage growth

In decade, earnings rise 16% here, 19% state, 22% US

More women work in
**construction,
manufacturing**

Jan 26 - Unemployment is non-existent in Northeast Indiana
Rates less than 1% in most counties

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'An equal opportunity juggernaut': Study reveals local minority groups among hardest hit by pandemic

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Region hits 64,915 jobless claims

5,807 submitted in week ending April 25

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More than 5,800 northeast Indiana residents submitted new claims for unemployment insurance the week ending April 25, far fewer than when Indiana initially became a stay-at-home state.

Figures released Tuesday showed 3,020 of those first-time claims were from Allen

County residents. The Economic Growth Region 3 that includes the overall number is also composed of Adams, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties.

The 5,807 new claims for the region still surpassed the largest number of weekly claims, 5,226 in the last week of December 2008, during the Great Recession,

according to the Purdue University Fort Wayne Community Research Institute. The institute and Northeast Indiana Works have been releasing local numbers, based on data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

Many businesses, including retailers, restaurants and manufacturers, scaled back operations or closed to help enable social distancing rec-

ommendations that came in March with the coronavirus pandemic.

From mid-March through April 25, Region 3 residents have filed 64,915 initial unemployment claims. That is more than the number of people working in Huntington, Steuben, Wabash and Wells counties combined for early March, which was 64,458 people, according to the state's unemployment statistics.

Region 3 is second in the state only to Marion County's Region 12 in the number of claims during the coronavirus shutdown, according to Tuesday's news release.

Region 12, which includes Indianapolis, had 71,610 initial unemployment claims during this period.

"Assuming unemployment claims were filed in close proximity to the time of the layoff, it looks like the number of closures, whether they be temporary or permanent, slowed as the shutdown continued," said Rachel Blakeman, director of Pur-

due University's Community Research Institute.

It's impossible to predict how many people will continue to receive unemployment benefits as the economy begins to reopen, said Rick Farrant, director of communications for Northeast Indiana Works.

"Some businesses may not reopen, some will reopen with leaner staffs, and some people may choose to leave the workforce," Farrant said through email. lisagreen@jg.net

