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## Post-Recession Annual Earnings Growth Regionally Outpaced by State, National Increases

Fort Wayne, IN – Average annual earnings in northeast Indiana’s top employing industry sectors have increased in the years since the recession, but not as much as earnings growth statewide and nationally, according to an April Labor Market Information Report released by Northeast Indiana Works.

Average annual earnings in the top 10 industries regionally grew 7.3 percent between 2010 and 2015, compared to 7.6 percent statewide and 9 percent nationally, an analysis completed by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development showed.

Earnings include both wages and benefits.

Overall in northeast Indiana among the top employing industries, average annual earnings rose from \$44,872 to \$48,135. The individual industry increases were:

- Finance and insurance, 13.8 percent, from \$61,110 to \$69,521.
- Wholesale trade, 10 percent, \$52,667 to \$57,959.
- Accommodation and food services, 9.8 percent, \$13,941 to \$15,308.
- Retail trade, 9.5 percent, \$26,538 to \$29,060.
- Health care and social assistance, 8.3 percent, \$45,893 to \$49,693.
- Construction, 8 percent, \$51,162 to \$55,265.
- Government, 5.6 percent, \$49,053 to \$51,812.
- Transportation and warehousing, 5.4 percent, \$49,740 to \$52,431.
- Manufacturing, 2.2 percent, \$61,307 to \$62,665.
- Administrative and support, 0.3 percent, \$28,974 to \$29,057.

The largest industry difference between earnings regionally and nationally was in finance and insurance. Nationally, the average annual earnings in finance and insurance was \$114,265, or 64 percent higher than the average annual earnings in that sector in northeast Indiana.

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**About Northeast Indiana Works:** Northeast Indiana Works, the region's workforce development board, provides public and private financial and employment resources to businesses and individuals for education and skills training to meet the needs of regional industries. The nonprofit sets policy for how public and private funds are utilized to support talent development. It also operates and staffs the 11 county-based WorkOne Northeast career centers in the region. Individuals and companies may access resources and services by visiting or calling WorkOne in their county. To find your local WorkOne, log on to [www.NEINworks.org](http://www.NEINworks.org)

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