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National LMI Updates 2015

There were 5.0 million job openings on the last business day of January 2015, little changed from December 2014 - the highest number of job openings since January 2001.

In the week ending February 28, seasonally adjusted **initial claims** numbered 320,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 313,000. Job gains occurred in food services and drinking places, professional and business services, construction, health care, and in transportation and warehousing. Employment in mining was down over the month.

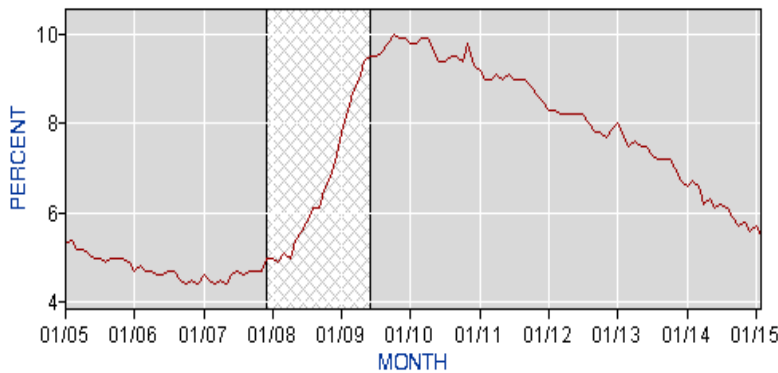
The national unemployment rate for February 2015 was 5.5 down from 5.7 in January 2014.



National Unemployment Trend

February 2015 Top
Companies
Hiring in Hamilton
County

Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



Note: Cross-hatched area represents recession.

- The University of Cincinnati
- Mercy Health System
- Anthem, Inc.
- IBM
- Fifth Third Bank

Hamilton County Job Postings

There were **82,572** total job postings reported for the month of February 2015. **21,016** were unique. These numbers reflect a Posting Intensity of **4-to-1**, meaning that for every 4 postings there is 1 unique job posting.

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Latest Unemployment/Employment Cincinnati Metro and Hamilton County

Unemployment Rates

- Ohio's unemployment rate was 5.1 in January 2015 down from 6.5% in January 2014
- Hamilton County's unemployment rate was 4.8 in January 2015
- The Cincinnati Metro area unemployment was 4.1 in February 2015
- Initial unemployment insurance claims filed in Ohio in January 2015 totaled 56,154 down 16.8% from December 2014
- Initial unemployment insurance claims filed in Hamilton County in February 2015 totaled 2,471 and continued claims were 18,486

Employment

- Total employed in Ohio was 5,455,000 in January 2015, up 22,000 from December, 2014
- Total employed in the Cincinnati Metro was 1,030,200 in January 2015, down 25,700 from December 2014.
- 21,016 Hamilton County unique jobs were posted in February 2015
- Vacancies for Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers; Registered Nurses; Retail Sales Workers; Office Supervisors and Customer Services continued to top the list



\$30.5M in 'Face Forward' grants available to help youth with juvenile records gain job skills and start new careers

WASHINGTON: 03/09/2015
Youth who have been in the juvenile justice system often face numerous challenges as they attempt to enter the workforce and become productive citizens. The stigma that a juvenile record carries can close doors before they even open.

All too often, these hurdles continue into adulthood and become overwhelming barriers that sustain a cycle of crime and incarceration.

Cincinnati Metro Area Jobs Info

- Potential job candidates: 1,111,000
- Direct employers currently competing for employees: 5,140
- Open jobs posted by direct employers: 32,575
- Nationally: 30 candidates job opening

- Locally: 34 candidates per job opening

Help WANTED Online Job Ads January 2015

Percent of Jobs Requiring the Following Education Levels

1. GED/High School: 47.2%
2. Associate Degree: 11.3%
3. Bachelor's Degree: 33.2%
4. Master's Degree: 5.1%
5. Doctoral Degree: 3.3%

Percent of Jobs Offering the Following Salary Ranges

1. Entry-level Jobs (less than \$30,000): 28.1%
2. Middle Income Jobs (\$30,000-\$49,000): 26.4%
3. Upper Middle Income Jobs (\$50,000-\$79,000): 24.5%
4. High Income Jobs (\$80,000-\$99,000): 12.6%
5. Six Figure Jobs (\$100,000+): 8.4%

 2015 WANTED Technologies Corporation

To stop the cycle before it starts, the department launched the "Face Forward" initiative - a program designed to help court-involved youth overcome barriers early on and provide occupational training and credentials that will help them open the door to career success.

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