

## The Northwest Indiana COINCIDENT INDEX

## **April 2018 Release**

In April the Northwest Indiana Coincident Index rose by 0.5 points to 146.3, following a strong month of March. The increase was driven by continued strong growth in employment (+1.1%) and retail sales (+0.4%) but slowed some by a decline in steel production (-5.6%). The forecast for economic growth over the next six months continues to remain stable at 1%.

The Northwest Indiana Coincident Index measures the current pulse of the economy in Northwest Indiana. The current value of the Index and a sixmonth forecast is released every month.

## **Questions & Comments?**

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