



# The Northwest Indiana COINCIDENT INDEX

## April 2017 Release

The Northwest Indiana Coincident Index rose to 144.3 in April, an increase of 0.1 points (approximately +0.1%). Retail sales grew 0.3% this month, up 1% year-to-date and 4.5% from last April. Meanwhile, Northwest Indiana added roughly 100 jobs, bringing total employment in the region to about 278,900. Average weekly hours worked in manufacturing also grew modestly by 0.1 to 41.9, having changed little over the previous year. Steel production in the state fell by 59,000 net tones (-3.0%), however.

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

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**144.3**

Index

(+0.1)

(change)

**Moderate Growth**

Six-month

(+0.7%)

Forecast

### NWI Employment

