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## September 2024 Labor Market Review

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# Economic Growth Region 11

Statistical Data Report for September 2024, Released November 2024

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in September in 5 states, lower in 1 state, and stable in 44 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-two states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 6 states had decreases, and 22 states had little change. The national unemployment rate changed little over the month at 4.1 percent but was 0.3 percentage point higher than in September 2023.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in September, 2.0 percent, followed by Vermont, 2.2 percent, and North Dakota, 2.3 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.7 percent, followed by Nevada, 5.6 percent. In total, 23 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, 4 states and the District had higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 5 states and the District of Columbia and was essentially unchanged in 45 states in September 2024. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 30 states and was essentially unchanged in 20 states and the District.

The largest job gains occurred in New Jersey (+19,200), Colorado (+12,700), and Arizona (+11,200). The largest percentage increase occurred in Idaho (+0.7 percent), followed by the District and Rhode Island (+0.6 percent each).



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties

September 2024 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23
U.S.	168,569,000	162,046,000	6,524,000	3.9%	4.4%	3.6%
IN	3,464,742	3,317,166	147,576	4.3%	4.5%	3.0%
EGR 11	225,010	216,298	8,712	3.9%	4.0%	2.7%
Evansville MSA	159,815	153,397	6,418	4.0%	4.2%	3.0%
Dubois Co.	22,090	21,370	720	3.3%	3.3%	2.2%
Gibson Co.	19,459	18,796	663	3.4%	3.4%	2.3%
Knox Co.	18,469	17,581	888	4.8%	4.9%	2.8%
Perry Co.	9,062	8,723	339	3.7%	3.7%	2.6%
Pike Co.	5,827	5,577	250	4.3%	4.1%	3.0%
Posey Co.	13,242	12,804	438	3.3%	3.4%	2.6%
Spencer Co.	10,946	10,542	404	3.7%	3.9%	2.6%
Vanderburgh Co.	93,206	89,398	3,808	4.1%	4.2%	3.0%
Warrick Co.	32,709	31,507	1,202	3.7%	3.8%	2.7%
Boonville	3,207	3,060	147	4.6%	4.4%	2.9%
Evansville	58,462	55,831	2,631	4.5%	4.6%	3.3%
Jasper	8,283	8,004	279	3.4%	3.3%	2.2%
Mount Vernon	3,166	3,057	109	3.4%	3.5%	2.9%
Petersburg	942	902	40	4.2%	4.2%	3.5%
Princeton	4,814	4,611	203	4.2%	4.3%	2.4%
Rockport	897	848	49	5.5%	5.7%	4.6%
Tell City	3,750	3,618	132	3.5%	3.6%	2.4%
Vincennes	7,571	7,112	459	6.1%	6.3%	3.4%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 10/24 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

## Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): September 2024

U.S. - 4.1%

Illinois - 5.3%

Indiana - 4.3%

Kentucky - 4.9%

Michigan - 4.5%

Ohio - 4.5%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): September 2024

#14 - Knox (4.8%)

#33 - Pike (4.3%)

#42 - Vanderburgh (4.1%)

#66 - Perry (3.7%)

#67 - Spencer (3.7%)

#69 - Warrick (3.7%)

#83 - Gibson (3.4%)

#84 - Dubois (3.3%)

#87 - Posey (3.3%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

**Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to September 2024 from**

CPI Item	Sep-23	Aug-24	Sep-23	Aug-24
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.2%	0.4%	2.0%	0.5%
Housing	4.1%	0.3%	4.8%	0.1%
Apparel	1.8%	2.9%	2.0%	4.1%
Transportation	-1.1%	-0.7%	-1.7%	-1.1%
Medical Care	3.3%	0.3%	2.3%	0.4%
Recreation	0.7%	-0.4%	0.1%	-1.5%
Education & Communication	0.9%	0.2%	0.8%	0.1%
Other Goods & Services	3.5%	0.2%	6.8%	0.5%

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Unemployment Claims: September 2024**

**Region 11**

**Initial Claims**  
 09/07/24 - 114(D)  
 09/14/24 - 131(D)  
 09/21/24 - 131(D)  
 09/28/24 - 138(D)

**Continued Claims**

09/07/24 - 791  
 09/14/24 - 796  
 09/21/24 - 813  
 09/28/24 - 820

**Total Claims**

09/07/24 - 905  
 09/14/24 - 927  
 09/21/24 - 944  
 09/28/24 - 958

**State of Indiana**

**Initial Claims**

09/07/24 - 3,195  
 09/14/24 - 3,045  
 09/21/24 - 2,640  
 09/28/24 - 3,297

**Continued Claims**

09/07/24 - 21,060  
 09/14/24 - 20,311  
 09/21/24 - 20,383  
 09/28/24 - 23,703

**Total Claims**

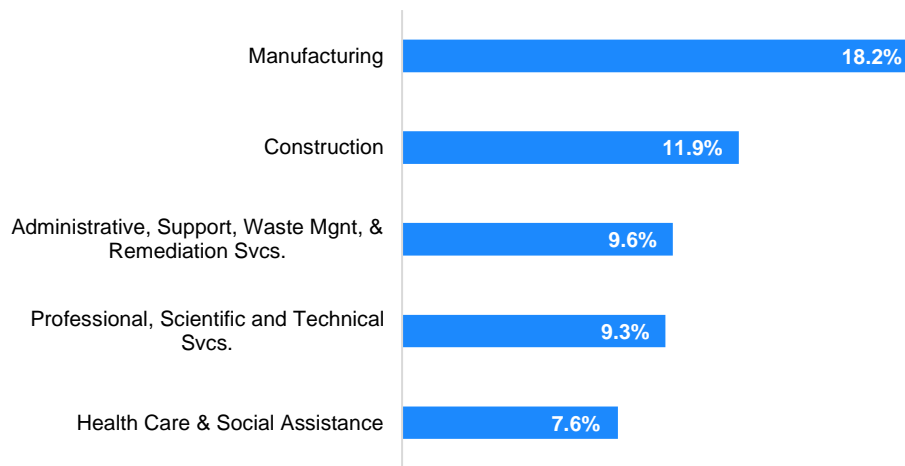
09/07/24 - 24,255  
 09/14/24 - 23,356  
 09/21/24 - 23,023  
 09/28/24 - 27,000

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status

\*Numbers subject to weekly revision  
 Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

**Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 11 Industries September 2024**

**Distribution as a Percent of Total**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

**WARN Notices**

**WARN Notices for Region 11 for September 2024**

Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

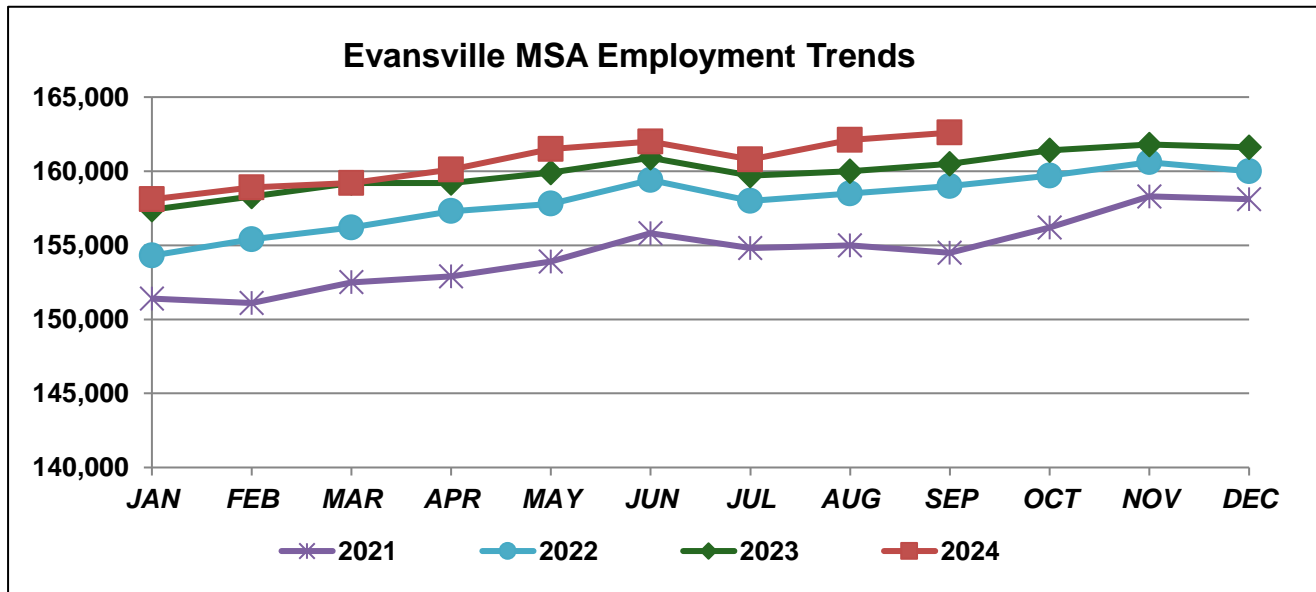
**There are no WARN Notices for September 2024 for EGR 11.**

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices | For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<https://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Evansville MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	September 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23	Aug-24 to Sep-24		Sep-23 to Sep-24	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>162,600</b>	<b>162,100</b>	<b>160,500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>145,900</b>	<b>146,300</b>	<b>144,300</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Goods Producing	33,600	33,700	33,400	-100	-0.3%	200	0.6%
Service-Providing	129,000	128,400	127,100	600	0.5%	1,900	1.5%
Private Service Providing	112,300	112,600	110,900	-300	-0.3%	1,400	1.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	11,000	10,900	10,500	100	0.9%	500	4.8%
Manufacturing	22,600	22,800	22,900	-200	-0.9%	-300	-1.3%
Durable Goods	8,600	8,700	8,800	-100	-1.2%	-200	-2.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	31,000	31,100	30,700	-100	-0.3%	300	1.0%
Wholesale Trade	6,800	6,900	6,600	-100	-1.5%	200	3.0%
Retail Trade	16,400	16,500	16,400	-100	-0.6%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	0.0%	100	2.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,800	7,700	7,700	100	1.3%	100	1.3%
Information	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	0.0%	-100	-6.3%
Financial Activities	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	19,700	19,800	19,700	-100	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	29,300	29,100	28,600	200	0.7%	700	2.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	26,100	26,100	25,600	0	0.0%	500	2.0%
Hospitals	9,200	9,300	9,100	-100	-1.1%	100	1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	16,900	17,000	16,500	-100	-0.6%	400	2.4%
Other Services	7,600	7,800	7,500	-200	-2.6%	100	1.3%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	3,500	3,100	3,400	400	12.9%	100	2.9%
Local Government	11,900	11,400	11,500	500	4.4%	400	3.5%
Local Government Educational Services	7,300	6,900	7,000	400	5.8%	300	4.3%

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

<b>Frequently Listed Jobs</b>	
<b>Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 11 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents
2	Nursing Assistants
3	Registered Nurses
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
5	Production Workers, All Other
6	Cooks, All Other
7	Speech-Language Pathologists
8	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
9	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other
12	Recreation Workers
13	Physical Therapists
14	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
15	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products
16	Real Estate Sales Agents
17	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary
18	Civil Engineers
19	Occupational Therapy Aides
20	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners

<b>Applicant Pool</b>	
<b>Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months</b>	
<b>Occupations</b>	<b># of Applicants</b>
Production Workers, All Other	941
Helpers--Production Workers	452
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	431
Customer Service Representatives	265
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	231
Cashiers	218
Office Clerks, General	205
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	185
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	170
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	162
Managers, All Other	137
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	128
Receptionists and Information Clerks	115
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	115
Construction Laborers	113
Extraction Workers, All Other	111
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	105
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	100
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	100
Retail Salespersons	98

## A look into Indiana's winery production industry

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Indiana's wine industry has experienced significant growth in recent years, impacting the state's agricultural, economic and tourism sectors.

Did you know that Indiana was home to the first successful commercial winery in the United States?

In 1802, Swiss émigré John James Dufour purchased an area of land in southeastern Indiana and, in a nod to his home country, called it "New Switzerland." In what would later become the town of Vevay, Dufour's family planted vines and cultivated the first successful vineyard in the country. Within the next two decades, production reached peaks of 12,000 gallons a year, with regional sales in neighboring states.<sup>1</sup>

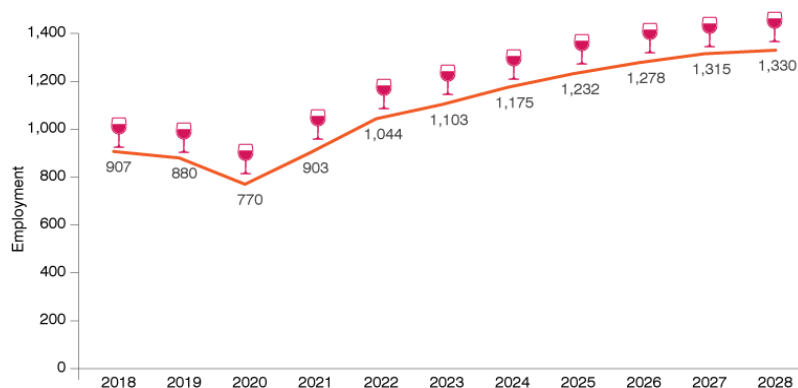
Though that original vineyard no longer exists, Indiana's winery industry has experienced significant growth in more recent decades, impacting the state's agricultural, economic and tourism sectors. Today, there are more than 100 wineries, cideries and meaderies located across the state. These facilities vary in size, production capacity and specialty, offering a diverse assortment of wines, ciders and meads to consumers.

Current Indiana wine production exceeds 1 million gallons a year (or 5 million bottles).<sup>2</sup> According to the Indiana Wine Grape Council, the number of wineries grew tenfold between 1989 and 2022, from nine wineries in 1989 to 118 in 2022.<sup>3</sup> This increase in production establishments over the past decade reflects both the rising popularity of wine consumption and a growing interest in local and regional wine production.

Indiana's wineries are located across various regions of the state. Most wineries are concentrated in the southern and central parts of Indiana, where climate conditions and soils are most conducive for grape cultivation. The largest and oldest winery in Indiana is Oliver Winery in Monroe County, which ranks in the top 30 largest wineries nationwide, according to WineBusiness Monthly.<sup>4</sup> The state's largest producer of wine grapes is Huber's Orchard, found on a 700-acre farm in Clark County.

As of 2023, Indiana ranks 10th in the country in winery employment with 1,104 workers. California, of course, tops the list with employment of 40,621. Two more Pacific Northwest states—Washington and Oregon—are next on the list, but there is a significant dropoff between California and its neighbors to the north. Ohio and Michigan are the only other midwestern states on the list, just slightly besting Indiana with 1,449 and 1,373 workers, respectively.

The growth of Indiana wineries has led to increased employment opportunities within the industry. Data from Lightcast shows a 22% increase in industry employment from 2018 to 2023 and projected growth of 21% from 2023 to 2028 (see Figure 1). Employment growth is not only limited to rural areas where the vineyards are located, but it also extends to urban centers where distribution, marketing and administrative functions are concentrated. The employment provided by wineries is particularly significant for rural communities, where agriculture and tourism are primary economic drivers. Wineries create jobs in rural areas through vineyard cultivation, wine production and hospitality services.



Although growth in these winery employment numbers is strong, the impact of wineries in Indiana extends far beyond the actual vineyard or farm. According to the National Association of American Wineries, the wine industry directly employs 12,084 people in the state, with the vast majority of those jobs outside of the physical winery or vineyard.<sup>5</sup> These jobs span a vast number of industries, including finance, transportation, advertising, wholesaling and manufacturing among others. All told, the wine industry is responsible for nearly \$3.26 billion in total economic activity in Indiana.<sup>6</sup>

One of the industries significantly impacted by Indiana wine production is tourism. The National Association of American Wineries suggests Indiana's wine industry "generates 180,500 tourist visits and \$61.25 million in annual tourism expenditures."<sup>7</sup>

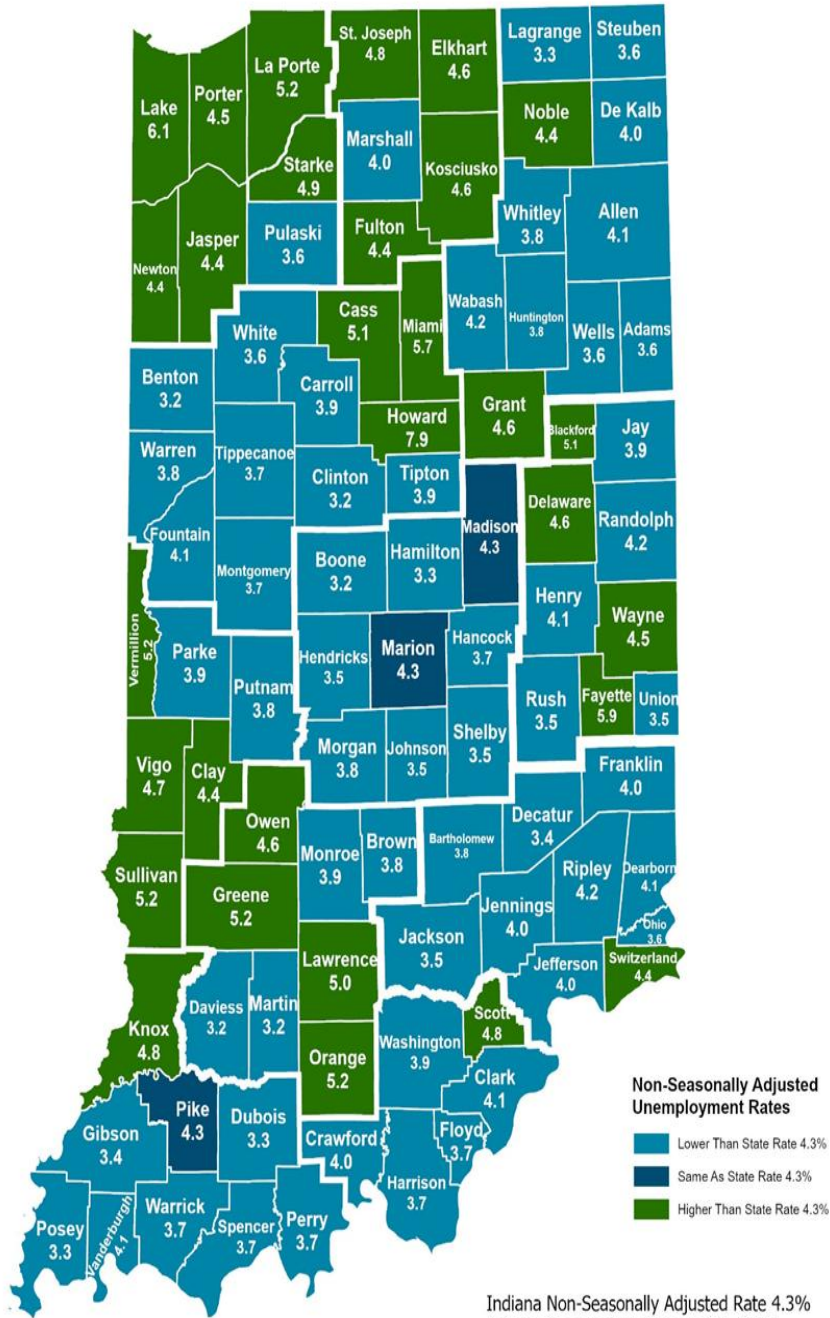
Indiana wineries also play a role in preserving and promoting the state's cultural heritage. Many wineries embrace local traditions and history, incorporating indigenous grape varieties and showcasing regional flavors in their wines. Furthermore, wineries often serve as community hubs, hosting events, festivals and educational programs that celebrate wine culture and foster a sense of community pride.

The presence of more than 100 wineries in Indiana underscores the state's rich winemaking tradition and its potential for further growth and innovation in the wine industry.

If you are interested in a list of Indiana wineries, please visit [indianawineries.com](http://indianawineries.com) for a directory split by region and a map of Indiana wineries.



# County Unemployment Rates September 2024



**Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates**

- Lower Than State Rate 4.3%
- Same As State Rate 4.3%
- Higher Than State Rate 4.3%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.3%  
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.3%  
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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