



## February 2025 Labor Market Review

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## Economic Growth Region 9

Statistical Data Report for February 2025, Released April 2025

### State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in February in 1 state and stable in 49 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 1 state had a decrease, and 19 states and the district had little change. The national unemployment rate changed little over the month at 4.1 percent but was 0.2 percentage point higher than in February 2024.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 3 states and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia in February 2025. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 17 states and was essentially unchanged in 33 states and the district.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in February, 1.9 percent. Nevada had the highest unemployment rate, 5.8 percent. In total, 18 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, 5 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 27 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9

Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties

February 2025 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb-25	Jan-25	Feb-24
U.S.	170,116,000	162,544,000	7,572,000	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%
IN	3,473,038	3,316,769	156,269	4.5%	4.5%	4.4%
EGR 9	168,172	160,801	7,371	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%
Columbus MSA	39,890	38,127	1,763	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%
Bartholomew Co.	39,890	38,127	1,763	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%
Dearborn Co.	27,029	25,865	1,164	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%
Decatur Co.	13,251	12,658	593	4.5%	4.6%	4.3%
Franklin Co.	11,933	11,406	527	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%
Jackson Co.	23,541	22,661	880	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%
Jefferson Co.	15,516	14,827	689	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%
Jennings Co.	15,137	14,396	741	4.9%	5.1%	4.4%
Ohio Co.	2,993	2,863	130	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%
Ripley Co.	14,841	14,173	668	4.5%	4.6%	4.4%
Switzerland Co.	4,041	3,825	216	5.3%	5.3%	4.9%
Batesville	3,901	3,760	141	3.6%	3.8%	3.5%
Brookville	1,397	1,320	77	5.5%	5.5%	5.6%
Columbus	24,443	23,380	1,063	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%
Greensburg	6,182	5,895	287	4.6%	4.7%	4.2%
Lawrenceburg	2,660	2,499	161	6.1%	6.0%	4.5%
Madison	5,666	5,433	233	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%
North Vernon	3,142	2,967	175	5.6%	5.7%	5.0%
Seymour	10,583	10,178	405	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 03/25 | 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.

Scott County moved out of Louisville KY MSA into Statewide employment

### Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): February 2025

**U.S. - 4.1%**

Illinois - 4.8%

**Indiana - 4.3%**

Kentucky - 5.3%

Michigan - 5.4%

Ohio - 4.7%

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

### Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): February 2025

#11 - Switzerland (5.3%)

#19 - Jennings (4.9%)

#39 - Decatur (4.5%)

#41 - Ripley (4.5%)

#43 - Bartholomew (4.4%)

#45 - Franklin (4.4%)

#46 - Jefferson (4.4%)

#52 - Dearborn (4.3%)

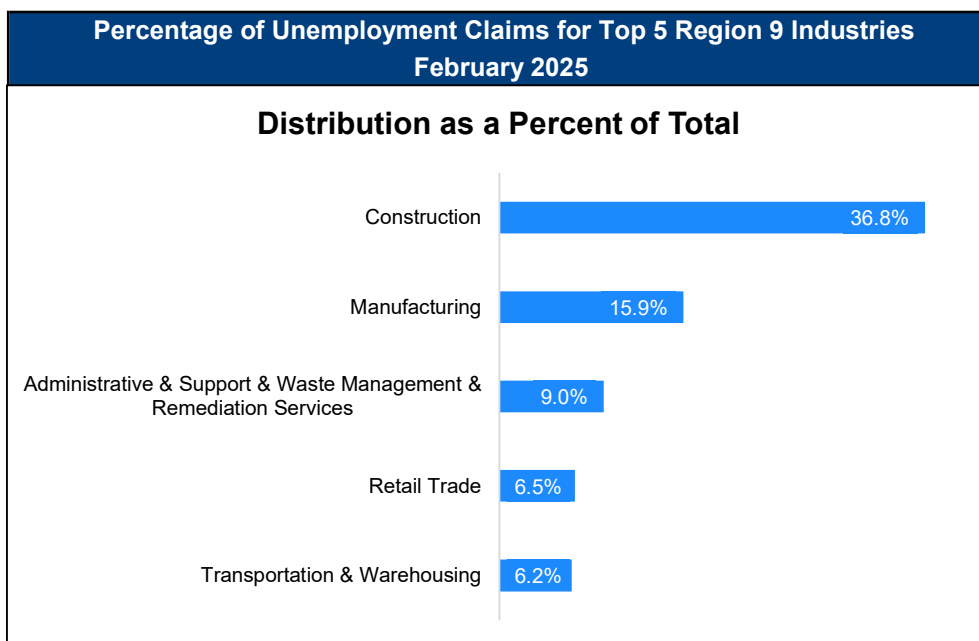
#55 - Ohio (4.3%)

#82 - Jackson (3.7%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2025 from				
CPI Item	Feb-24	Jan-25	Feb-24	Jan-25
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.8%	0.4%	3.1%	0.3%
Food & Beverages	2.6%	0.2%	2.0%	0.0%
Housing	3.9%	0.4%	5.0%	0.6%
Apparel	0.6%	3.4%	1.6%	3.4%
Transportation	1.7%	0.2%	1.2%	-0.4%
Medical Care	2.9%	0.2%	2.9%	-0.5%
Recreation	1.8%	0.5%	1.2%	0.5%
Education & Communication	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	3.3%	0.9%	3.9%	0.8%

\*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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 9 for February 2025				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for February 2025 for EGR 9.**

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>

## Unemployment Claims: February 2025

### Region 9

#### Initial Claims

02/01/25 - 128(D)

02/08/25 - 92(D)

02/15/25 - 54(D)

02/22/25 - 71(D)

#### Continued Claims

02/01/25 - 1,066

02/08/25 - 1,053

02/15/25 - 1,050

02/22/25 - 1,052

#### Total Claims

02/01/25 - 1,194

02/08/25 - 1,145

02/15/25 - 1,104

02/22/25 - 1,123

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

02/01/25 - 3,489

02/08/25 - 3,107

02/15/25 - 3,087

02/22/25 - 3,062

#### Continued Claims

02/01/25 - 28,861

02/08/25 - 30,846

02/15/25 - 28,908

02/22/25 - 26,542

#### Total Claims

02/01/25 - 32,350

02/08/25 - 33,953

02/15/25 - 31,995

02/22/25 - 29,604

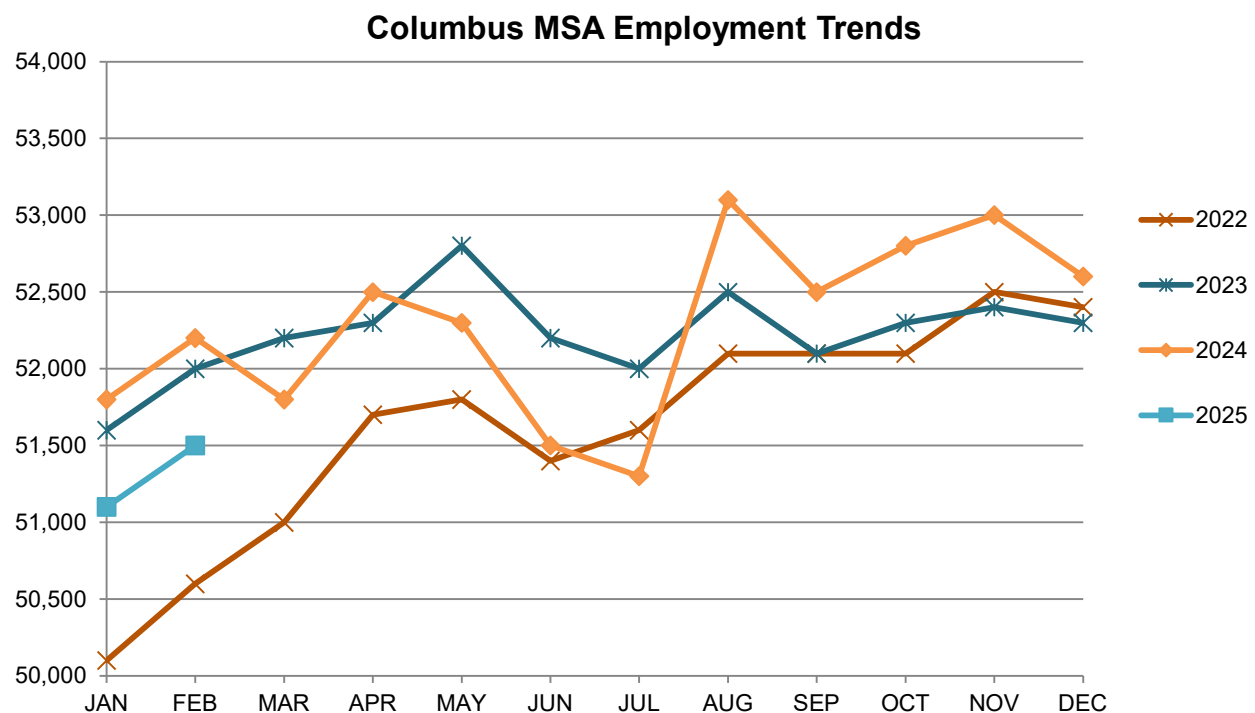
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\*Numbers subject to weekly revision | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Columbus MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	February 2025			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Feb-25	Jan-25	Feb-24	Jan-25 to Feb-25		Feb-24 to Feb-25	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>51,500</b>	<b>51,100</b>	<b>52,200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>45,300</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
Goods Producing	20,900	20,800	21,000	100	0.5%	-100	-0.5%
Service-Providing	30,600	30,300	31,200	300	1.0%	-600	-1.9%
Private Service Providing	24,500	24,500	25,000	0	0.0%	-500	-2.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	0.0%	100	5.9%
Manufacturing	19,100	19,000	19,300	100	0.5%	-200	-1.0%
Durable Goods	17,000	16,900	17,200	100	0.6%	-200	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	0.0%	100	1.3%
Retail Trade	4,800	4,900	4,800	-100	-2.0%	0	0.0%
Information	200	200	300	0	0.0%	-100	-33.3%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	0.0%	100	5.9%
Professional and Business Services	4,600	4,600	5,000	0	0.0%	-400	-8.0%
Education and Health Services	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	800	500	900	300	60.0%	-100	-11.1%
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,200	2,000	2,100	200	10.0%	100	4.8%

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

Franklin Co. has been moved into the Cincinnati OH MSA employment



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.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings in Region 9 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Construction Laborers
2	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse
3	Project Management Specialists
4	Electrical Engineers
5	Financial Quantitative Analysts
6	Customer Service Representatives
7	Administrative Services Managers
8	Cashiers
9	Helpers--Production Workers
10	Industrial Engineers
11	Maintenance Workers, Machinery
12	Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists
13	Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary
14	Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors
15	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers
16	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
17	Gambling Dealers
18	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
19	Helpers--Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers
20	Insurance Underwriters

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of Applicants
Production Workers, All Other	382
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	249
Helpers--Production Workers	168
Customer Service Representatives	143
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	138
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	128
Cashiers	108
Office Clerks, General	98
Construction Laborers	96
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	90
Extraction Workers, All Other	88
Managers, All Other	80
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	79
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	79
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	72
Retail Salespersons	66
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	64
Team Assemblers	62
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	60
Carpenters	58



## SNAPSHOT

# February Indiana Employment

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## Unemployment Rate

\*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

4.3%

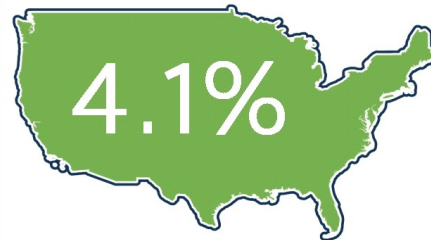


January 2025 Indiana

4.4%



National Unemployment Rate



## LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE\*

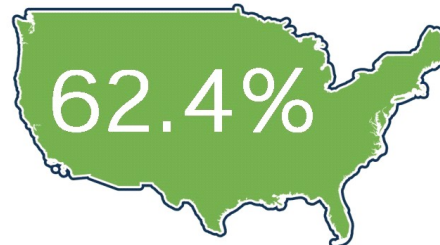
16+: 63.8%

25-44: 86.0%

25-54: 85.5%



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

85,212

Jobs

As of March 4, 2025



Weekly UI Continued Claims

26,542

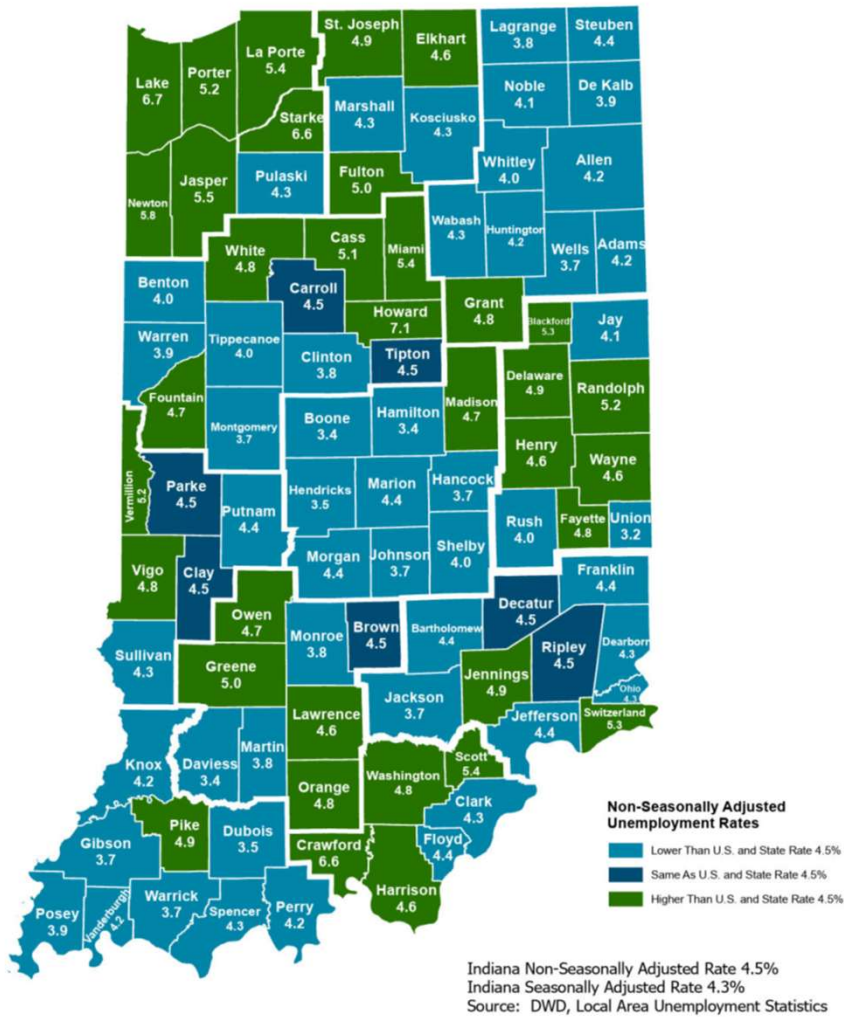


Filed Week Ending March 1, 2025

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

\*The percentage of Hoosiers 16 and older who are either working or actively looking for work. Those not in the labor force include primarily, students, retirees and other non-working populations, such as individuals unable to work due to a disability or illness, or adults responsible for their family's childcare needs.

## County Unemployment Rates February 2025 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



### Questions?

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