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**April 2022**  
**Labor Market Review**

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# Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for April 2022, Released June 2022

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 13 states and the District of Columbia and stable in 37 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. All 50 states and the District had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier. The national unemployment rate, 3.6 percent, was unchanged over the month but was 2.4 percentage points lower than in April 2021.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 11 states and was essentially unchanged in 39 states and the District of Columbia in April 2022. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 49 states and the District and was essentially unchanged in 1 state.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke Counties

## Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): April 2022

**U.S. - 3.6%**

Illinois - 4.6%

**Indiana - 2.2%**

Kentucky - 3.9%

Michigan - 4.3%

Ohio - 4%

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

## Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): April 2022

#1 - Lake (3.9%)

#4 - LaPorte (3%)

#6 - Starke (2.7%)

#16 - Newton (2.4%)

#22 - Porter (2.3%)

#30 - Jasper (2.2%)

#39 - Pulaski (2%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:05/22 | 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.  
Area Unemployment Statistics  
Labor Market Review EGR 1

April 2022 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-22	Mar-22	Apr-21
U.S.	163,449,000	157,991,000	5,458,000	3.3%	3.8%	5.7%
IN	3,357,756	3,285,479	72,277	2.2%	2.7%	3.9%
Gary Metro Div	331,595	320,464	11,131	3.4%	4.1%	6.2%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	46,311	44,935	1,376	3.0%	3.9%	5.7%
EGR 1	393,574	380,691	12,883	3.3%	4.1%	6.1%
Lake Co.	224,893	216,234	8,659	3.9%	4.6%	7.1%
Porter Co.	84,510	82,550	1,960	2.3%	3.0%	4.4%
LaPorte Co.	46,311	44,935	1,376	3.0%	3.9%	5.7%
Newton Co.	6,583	6,422	161	2.4%	3.4%	4.3%
Jasper Co.	15,609	15,258	351	2.2%	3.2%	3.9%
Starke Co.	9,307	9,059	248	2.7%	3.6%	4.8%
Pulaski Co.	6,361	6,233	128	2.0%	2.6%	3.1%
East Chicago	9,498	8,999	499	5.3%	6.6%	12.7%
Hammond	33,023	31,654	1,369	4.1%	5.2%	8.3%
Munster	11,299	11,067	232	2.1%	2.8%	3.6%
Dyer	8,556	8,321	235	2.7%	3.0%	3.4%
Schererville	15,716	15,240	476	3.0%	3.6%	4.4%
Crown Point	15,487	15,053	434	2.8%	3.3%	4.2%
Griffith	8,546	8,236	310	3.6%	4.2%	6.3%
Highland	12,098	11,671	427	3.5%	4.2%	4.8%
Gary	25,771	24,131	1,640	6.4%	6.9%	14.2%
Merrillville	16,543	15,849	694	4.2%	4.8%	8.7%
Hobart	14,272	13,725	547	3.8%	4.9%	6.8%
Lake Station	4,717	4,476	241	5.1%	6.2%	7.3%
Portage	17,554	17,026	528	3.0%	3.7%	5.8%
Chesterton	6,972	6,815	157	2.3%	3.1%	4.1%
Valparaiso	16,301	15,978	323	2.0%	2.7%	3.9%
Michigan City	12,273	11,875	398	3.2%	4.3%	8.0%
LaPorte	9,190	8,952	238	2.6%	3.3%	5.5%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:05/22 | 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.

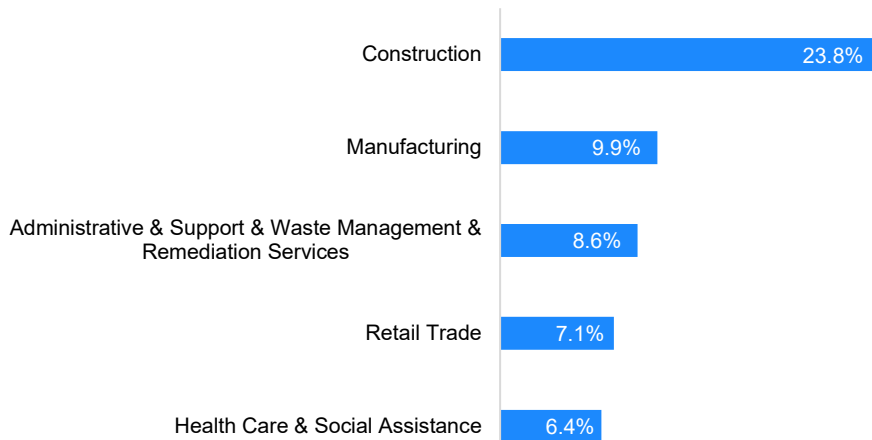
### Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for April 2022

Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$31.30	38.1	\$1,192.53
Manufacturing	\$23.10	40.8	\$942.48
Durable Goods	\$23.56	41.1	\$968.32
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$22.13	39.6	\$876.35
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$26.15	38.6	\$1,009.39
Non-Durable Goods	\$21.96	40.0	\$878.40
Retail Trade	\$18.47	28.9	\$533.78
Financial Activities	\$26.78	36.9	\$988.18
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$26.04	32.5	\$846.30
Accommodation and Food Services	\$14.73	22.9	\$337.32
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$14.29	22.4	\$320.10

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

### Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries April 2022

#### Distribution as a Percent of Total



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

### WARN Notices for Region 1 for April 2022

Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for April 2022 for Region 1.

### Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations

Company	City	County	# Affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for nearby locations

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/factsheet/warn.htm>

## Unemployment Claims: April 2022

### Region 1

#### Initial Claims

04/02/22 - 509(D)  
04/09/22 - 1,066(D)  
04/16/22 - 826(D)  
04/23/22 - 973(D)  
04/30/22 - 841(D)

#### Continued Claims

04/02/22 - 1,703  
04/09/22 - 1,569  
04/16/22 - 1,466  
04/23/22 - 1,377  
04/30/22 - 1,309

#### Total Claims

04/02/22 - 2,212  
04/09/22 - 2,635  
04/16/22 - 2,292  
04/23/22 - 2,350  
04/30/22 - 2,150

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

04/02/22 - 3,383  
04/09/22 - 6,576  
04/16/22 - 5,758  
04/23/22 - 6,399  
04/30/22 - 5,779

#### Continued Claims

04/02/22 - 21,762  
04/09/22 - 23,849  
04/16/22 - 23,327  
04/23/22 - 20,459  
04/30/22 - 18,646

#### Total Claims

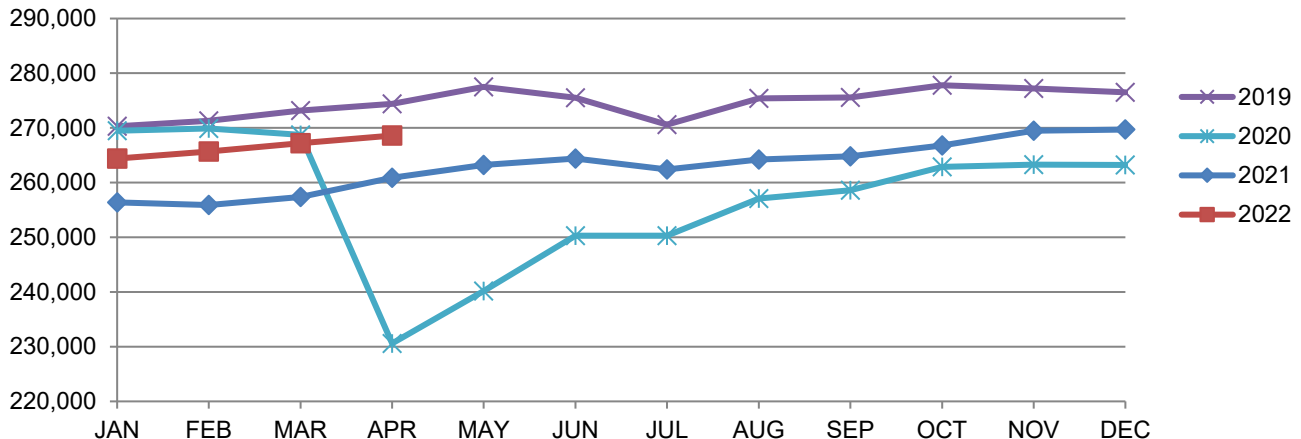
04/02/22 - 25,145  
04/09/22 - 30,425  
04/16/22 - 29,085  
04/23/22 - 26,858  
04/30/22 - 24,425

(D) Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Gary Metropolitan Division							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2022			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-22	Mar-22	Apr-21	Mar-22 to Apr-22		Apr-21 to Apr-22	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>268,600</b>	<b>267,200</b>	<b>260,900</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>236,500</b>	<b>235,200</b>	<b>229,400</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Goods Producing	51,600	50,500	48,400	1,100	2.2%	3,200	6.6%
Service Providing	217,000	216,700	212,500	300	0.1%	4,500	2.1%
Private Service Providing	184,900	184,700	181,000	200	0.1%	3,900	2.2%
Mining and Logging	200	200	100	0	0.0%	100	100.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	18,400	17,100	16,300	1,300	7.6%	2,100	12.9%
Construction	18,200	16,900	16,200	1,300	7.7%	2,000	12.4%
Manufacturing	33,200	33,400	32,100	-200	-0.6%	1,100	3.4%
Durable Goods	24,800	24,900	24,000	-100	-0.4%	800	3.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	57,200	57,800	57,300	-600	-1.0%	-100	-0.2%
Wholesale Trade	9,300	9,200	9,200	100	1.1%	100	1.1%
Retail Trade	31,600	32,000	31,600	-400	-1.3%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	6,900	6,800	6,600	100	1.5%	300	4.6%
Other Gen Merch Stores	4,900	4,800	4,700	100	2.1%	200	4.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	16,300	16,600	16,500	-300	-1.8%	-200	-1.2%
Information	1,800	1,800	1,600	0	0.0%	200	12.5%
Financial Activities	9,000	9,000	9,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	26,200	25,500	25,300	700	2.8%	900	3.6%
Employment Services	4,200	4,200	3,800	0	0.0%	400	10.5%
Education and Health Services	48,200	48,100	47,400	100	0.2%	800	1.7%
Educational Services	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	0.0%	100	2.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	43,200	43,100	42,500	100	0.2%	700	1.7%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,300	13,300	13,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	32,100	32,300	30,700	-200	-0.6%	1,400	4.6%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	4,000	3,900	5,500	100	2.6%	-1,500	-27.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	28,100	28,400	25,200	-300	-1.1%	2,900	11.5%
Other Services	10,400	10,200	9,700	200	2.0%	700	7.2%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Federal Government	2,000	1,900	1,900	100	5.3%	100	5.3%
State Government	4,500	4,400	4,200	100	2.3%	300	7.1%
Local Government	25,600	25,700	25,400	-100	-0.4%	200	0.8%
Local Government Educational Services	15,100	15,200	14,600	-100	-0.7%	500	3.4%

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

## Gary Metropolitan Division Employment Trends

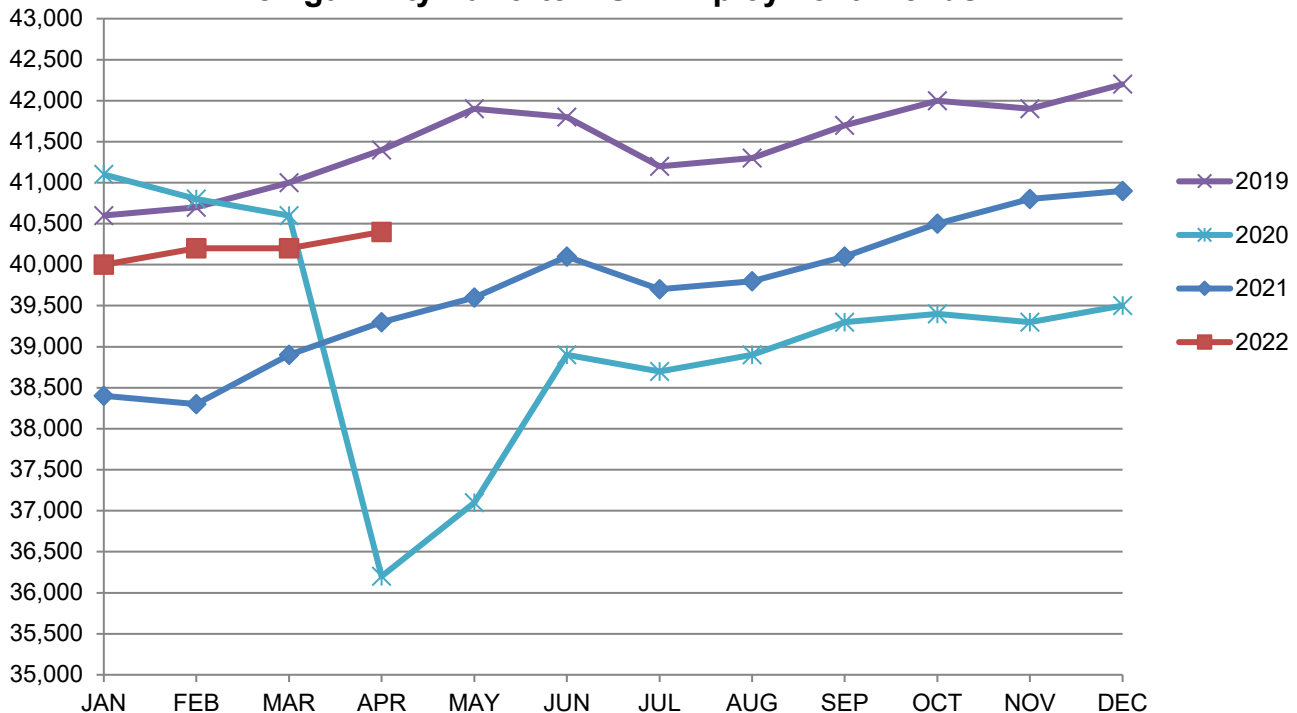


Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates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

Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2022			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-22	Mar-22	Apr-21	Mar-22 to Apr-22		Apr-21 to Apr-22	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>40,400</b>	<b>40,200</b>	<b>39,300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>33,900</b>	<b>33,700</b>	<b>32,900</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Goods Producing	9,800	9,600	9,400	200	2.1%	400	4.3%
Service Providing	30,600	30,600	29,900	0	0.0%	700	2.3%
Private Service Providing	24,100	24,100	23,500	0	0.0%	600	2.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,000	1,800	1,900	200	11.1%	100	5.3%
Manufacturing	7,800	7,800	7,500	0	0.0%	300	4.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,200	8,300	8,200	-100	-1.2%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	0.0%	100	2.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	100	8.3%
Professional and Business Services	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	0.0%	200	7.7%
Education and Health Services	5,900	5,800	5,700	100	1.7%	200	3.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	0.0%	100	2.2%
Other Services	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Local Government Educational Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

### Michigan City-LaPorte MSA Employment Trends



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 by number of openings in Region 1 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel
2	Production Workers, All Other
3	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
4	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse
5	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
6	Registered Nurses
7	Nursing Assistants
8	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
9	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Retail Salespersons
12	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
13	Stockers and Order Fillers
14	Tellers
15	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
16	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
17	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers
18	Industrial Engineers
19	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
20	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Helpers--Production Workers	2,560
Production Workers, All Other	2,495
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,968
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	1,796
Cashiers	1,648
Customer Service Representatives	1,451
Office Clerks, General	889
Construction Laborers	838
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	830
Retail Salespersons	726
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	716
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	713
Managers, All Other	707
Receptionists and Information Clerks	681
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	656
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	641
Carpenters	634
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	614
Packers and Packagers, Hand	586
Extraction Workers, All Other	580

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



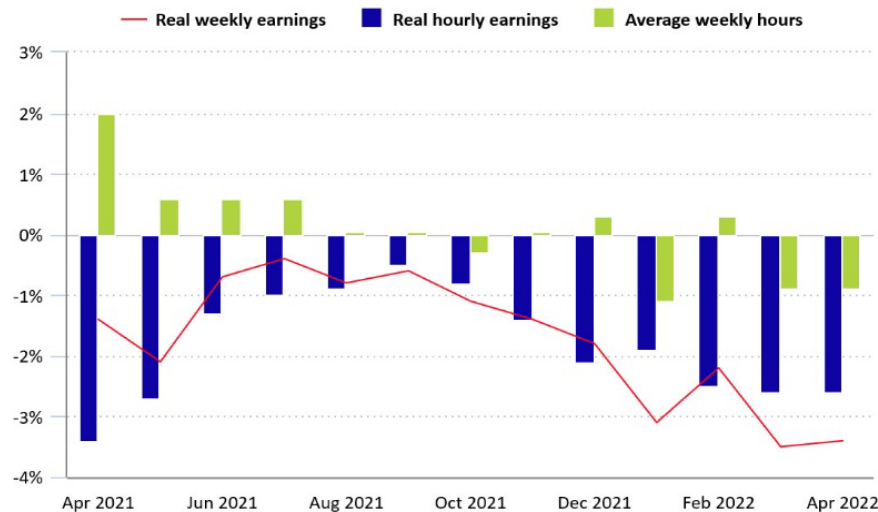
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2022 from						
CPI Item	Apr-21	Mar-22	Apr-21	Mar-22	Apr-21	Mar-22
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	7.2%	0.4%	8.3%	0.6%	8.2%	0.5%
Food & Beverages	10.0%	1.2%	9.0%	1.0%	10.7%	1.3%
Housing	5.8%	0.4%	6.5%	0.6%	6.3%	0.4%
Apparel	5.5%	-4.2%	5.4%	-1.4%	4.5%	-0.7%
Transportation	19.6%	1.1%	19.9%	0.9%	19.4%	0.6%
Medical Care	0.8%	0.1%	3.2%	0.3%	2.2%	0.2%
Recreation	1.4%	0.2%	4.3%	0.4%	4.6%	0.7%
Education & Communication	-1.5%	0.0%	1.0%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.1%
Other Goods & Services	4.5%	0.3%	5.7%	0.4%	6.0%	0.4%

\*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

## Real average hourly earnings decreased 2.6 percent from April 2021 to April 2022

Real average hourly earnings—that is, earnings that have been adjusted for changes in consumer prices—decreased 2.6 percent from April 2021 to April 2022. The change in real average hourly earnings combined with a 0.9-percent decrease in the average workweek resulted in a 3.4-percent decrease in real average weekly earnings over this period.

**12-month percent changes in real average hourly and weekly earnings and average weekly hours for all private employees, April 2021 to April 2022**



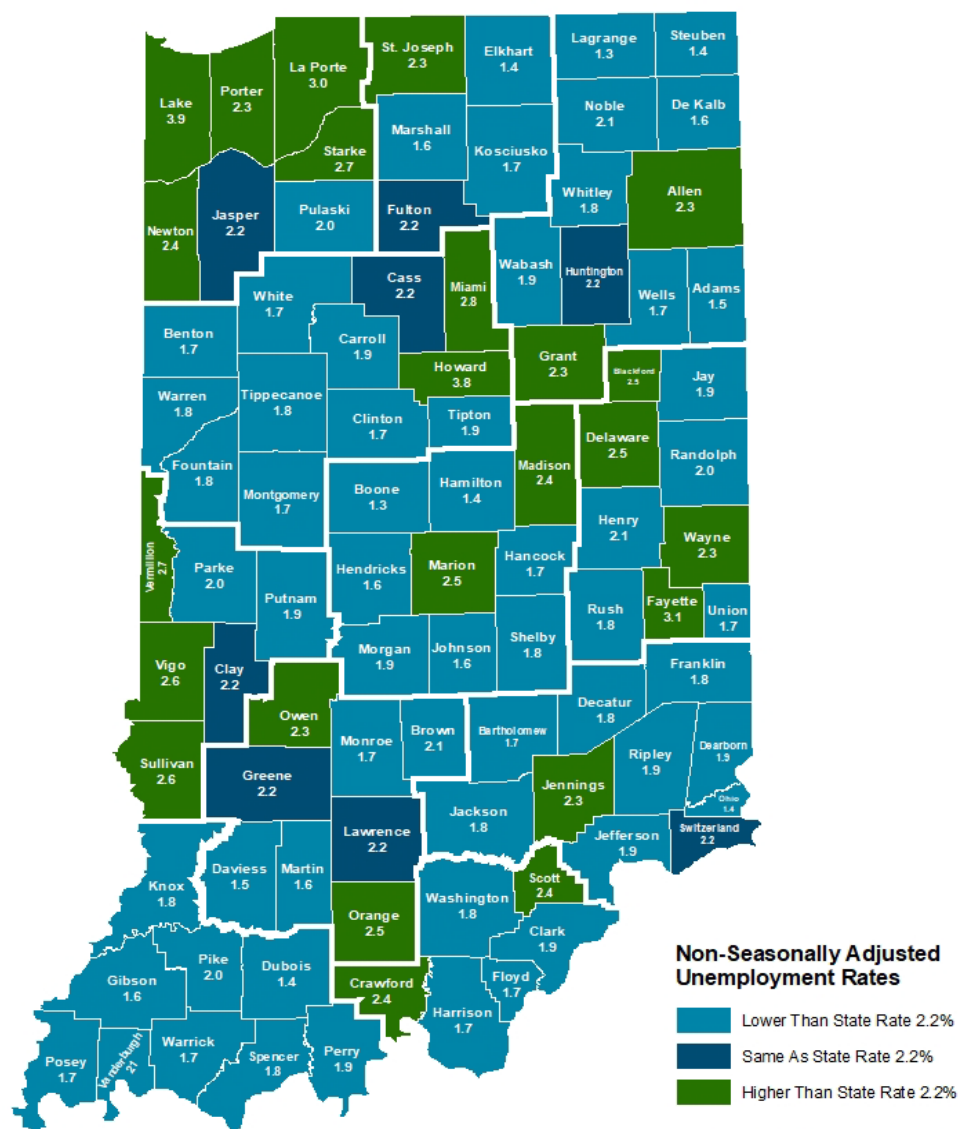
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

April 2022 is the thirteenth consecutive month of over-the-year decreases in real average hourly earnings; the last increase was 1.7 percent for the year ended March 2021.

These data are from the Current Employment Statistics survey and are seasonally adjusted. Earnings for the most recent 2 months are preliminary. For more information, see "Real Earnings — April 2022." The Consumer Price Index is used to adjust earnings for inflation.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, The Economics Daily, Real average hourly earnings decreased 2.6 percent from April 2021 to April 2022 at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2022/real-average-hourly-earnings-decreased-2-6-percent-from-april-2021-to-april-2022.htm> (visited May 25, 2022).

## County Unemployment Rates April 2022



### Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

- Lower Than State Rate 2.2%
- Same As State Rate 2.2%
- Higher Than State Rate 2.2%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 2.2%  
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 2.2%  
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

### Questions?

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