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Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for July 2023, Released September 2023

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in July in 7 states, higher in 3 states, and stable in 40 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-three states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 5 states and the District had increases, and 22 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 3.5 percent, changed little over the month and was the same as in July 2022. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 4 states and was essentially unchanged in 46 states and the District of Columbia in July 2023. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 36 states and was essentially unchanged in 14 states and the District



July 2023 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Jul-23	Jun-23	Jul-22
U.S.	168,354,000	161,982,000	6,372,000	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
IN	3,459,605	3,321,627	137,978	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%
Gary Metro Div	344,572	326,345	18,227	5.3%	5.2%	4.4%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	47,179	45,047	2,132	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%
EGR 1	408,852	387,798	21,054	5.1%	5.1%	4.3%
Lake Co.	233,275	219,693	13,582	5.8%	5.8%	4.8%
Porter Co.	87,694	84,004	3,690	4.2%	4.1%	3.5%
LaPorte Co.	47,179	45,047	2,132	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%
Newton Co.	7,052	6,758	294	4.2%	3.9%	3.9%
Jasper Co.	16,551	15,890	661	4.0%	3.7%	3.5%
Starke Co.	9,956	9,495	461	4.6%	4.1%	4.1%
Pulaski Co.	7,145	6,911	234	3.3%	3.2%	2.8%
East Chicago	9,979	9,143	836	8.4%	8.5%	7.8%
Hammond	34,289	32,161	2,128	6.2%	6.2%	4.9%
Munster	11,709	11,244	465	4.0%	3.8%	3.4%
Dyer	8,814	8,454	360	4.1%	3.9%	3.0%
Schererville	16,195	15,484	711	4.4%	4.2%	3.5%
Crown Point	15,989	15,294	695	4.3%	4.2%	3.5%
Griffith	8,788	8,367	421	4.8%	5.3%	4.6%
Highland	12,399	11,858	541	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%
Gary	27,317	24,517	2,800	10.3%	10.2%	8.4%
Merrillville	17,201	16,102	1,099	6.4%	6.5%	5.3%
Hobart	14,684	13,945	739	5.0%	5.5%	4.7%
Lake Station	4,851	4,547	304	6.3%	6.1%	5.7%
Portage	18,218	17,326	892	4.9%	5.0%	4.6%
Chesterton	7,298	6,935	363	5.0%	4.4%	2.8%
Valparaiso	16,930	16,259	671	4.0%	3.6%	3.6%
Michigan City	12,561	11,905	656	5.2%	5.2%	4.6%
LaPorte	9,396	8,975	421	4.5%	4.1%	3.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:08/23 | 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.

Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): July 2023

U.S. - 3.5%

Illinois - 4%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 3.8%

Michigan - 3.6%

Ohio - 3.3%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): July 2023

#1 - Lake (5.8%)

#9 - Starke (4.6%)

#11 - LaPorte (4.5%)

#20 - Newton (4.2%)

#22 - Porter (4.2%)

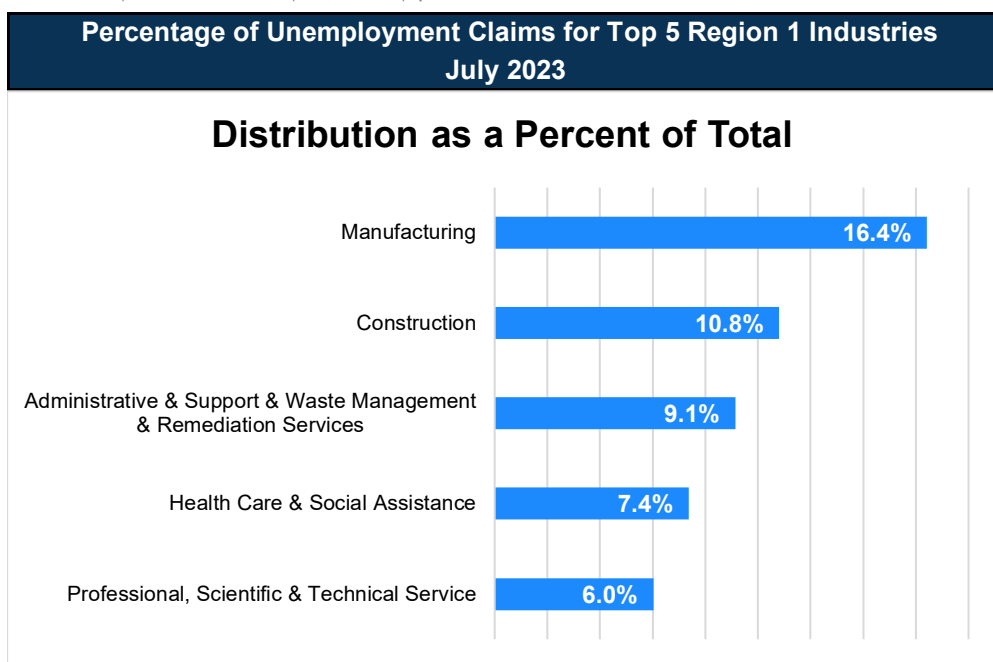
#28 - Jasper (4%)

#71 - Pulaski (3.3%)

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

Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for July 2023			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$34.18	43.2	\$1,476.58
Manufacturing	\$24.67	41.0	\$1,011.47
Durable Goods	\$25.07	41.9	\$1,050.43
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$25.08	42.7	\$1,070.92
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$28.69	40.4	\$1,159.08
Non-Durable Goods	\$23.65	39.0	\$922.35
Retail Trade	\$18.39	28.9	\$531.47
Financial Activities	\$27.57	35.4	\$975.98
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$28.74	32.8	\$942.67
Accommodation and Food Services	\$15.79	24.0	\$378.96
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$15.53	23.3	\$361.85

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 for July 2023				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
Franciscan Alliance, Inc	Various	Various	61	7/10/2023
Monosol	Merrillville	Lake	45	7/26/2023
Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations				
Company	City	County	# Affected	Notice Date
Yellow Corporation dba YRC Freight	Statewide	Statewide	All	07/30/23

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: July 2023

Region 1

Initial Claims

07/01/23 - 303(D)
07/08/23 - 335(D)
07/15/23 - 296(D)
07/22/23 - 272(D)
07/29/23 - 272(D)

Continued Claims

07/01/23 - 1,859
07/08/23 - 427
07/15/23 - 1,679
07/22/23 - 1,596
07/29/23 - 1,649

Total Claims

07/01/23 - 2,162
07/08/23 - 762
07/15/23 - 1,975
07/22/23 - 1,868
07/29/23 - 1,921

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

07/01/23 - 4,504
07/08/23 - 5,033
07/15/23 - 3,673
07/22/23 - 3,081
07/29/23 - 2,720

Continued Claims

07/01/23 - 24,820
07/08/23 - 22,615
07/15/23 - 21,191
07/22/23 - 19,558
07/29/23 - 19,459

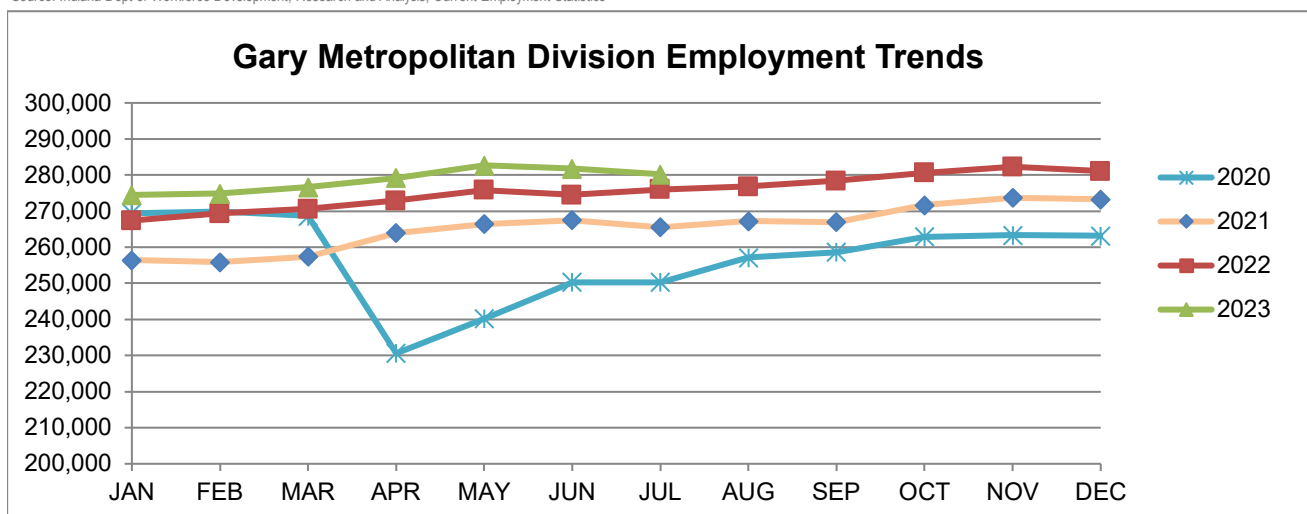
Total Claims

07/01/23 - 29,324
07/08/23 - 27,648
07/15/23 - 24,864
07/22/23 - 22,639
07/29/23 - 22,179

(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	July 2023			# Change	% Change	# Change % Change
Industry	Jul-23	Jun-23	Jul-22	Jun-23 to Jul-23	Jul-22 to Jul-23	
Total Nonfarm	280,200	281,800	276,000	-1,600	-0.6%	4,200 1.5%
Total Private	251,600	250,200	248,100	1,400	0.6%	3,500 1.4%
Goods Producing	53,100	53,500	53,000	-400	-0.8%	100 0.2%
Service Providing	227,100	228,300	223,000	-1,200	-0.5%	4,100 1.8%
Private Service Providing	198,500	196,700	195,100	1,800	0.9%	3,400 1.7%
Mining and Logging	100	100	100	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	19,300	19,500	18,700	-200	-1.0%	600 3.2%
Construction	19,200	19,400	18,600	-200	-1.0%	600 3.2%
Manufacturing	33,800	34,000	34,300	-200	-0.6%	-500 -1.5%
Durable Goods	25,200	25,100	25,500	100	0.4%	-300 -1.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	60,300	60,200	60,300	100	0.2%	0 0.0%
Wholesale Trade	10,300	10,300	10,200	0	0.0%	100 1.0%
Retail Trade	32,700	32,500	32,700	200	0.6%	0 0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	7,200	7,100	6,800	100	1.4%	400 5.9%
Other Gen Merch Stores	5,200	5,100	4,800	100	2.0%	400 8.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	17,300	17,400	17,400	-100	-0.6%	-100 -0.6%
Information	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100 -5.3%
Financial Activities	9,200	9,000	9,000	200	2.2%	200 2.2%
Professional and Business Services	28,100	27,500	28,400	600	2.2%	-300 -1.1%
Employment Services	4,500	4,400	5,000	100	2.3%	-500 -10.0%
Education and Health Services	49,500	48,700	46,700	800	1.6%	2,800 6.0%
Educational Services	4,300	4,500	4,000	-200	-4.4%	300 7.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	45,200	44,200	42,700	1,000	2.3%	2,500 5.9%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,300	13,200	13,100	100	0.8%	200 1.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	34,300	34,500	34,100	-200	-0.6%	200 0.6%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	4,500	4,600	4,500	-100	-2.2%	0 0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	29,800	29,900	29,600	-100	-0.3%	200 0.7%
Other Services	15,300	15,000	14,700	300	2.0%	600 4.1%
Total Government	28,600	31,600	27,900	-3,000	-9.5%	700 2.5%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	0.0%	100 5.0%
State Government	3,900	4,000	3,700	-100	-2.5%	200 5.4%
Local Government	22,600	25,500	22,200	-2,900	-11.4%	400 1.8%
Local Government Educational Services	10,600	13,500	10,600	-2,900	-21.5%	0 0.0%

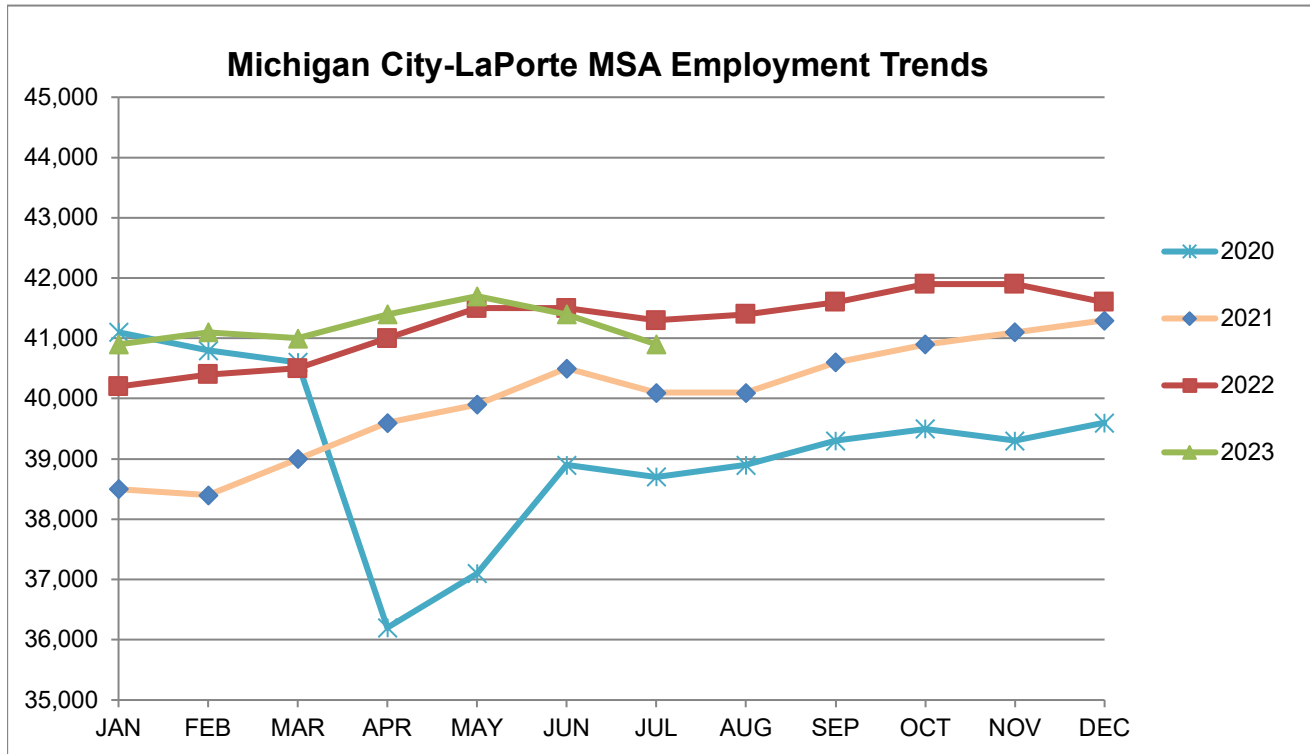
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Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	July 2023			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Jul-23	Jun-23	Jul-22	Jun-23 to Jul-23		Jul-22 to Jul-23	
Total Nonfarm	40,900	41,400	41,300	-500	-1.2%	-400	-1.0%
Total Private	35,400	35,100	35,800	300	0.9%	-400	-1.1%
Goods Producing	10,700	10,500	10,700	200	1.9%	0	0.0%
Service Providing	30,200	30,900	30,600	-700	-2.3%	-400	-1.3%
Private Service Providing	24,700	24,600	25,100	100	0.4%	-400	-1.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,400	2,300	2,300	100	4.4%	100	4.4%
Manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,400	100	1.2%	-100	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,000	8,000	8,500	0	0.0%	-500	-5.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100	-5.6%
Retail Trade	4,900	4,900	5,100	0	0.0%	-200	-3.9%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,400	1,300	1,400	100	7.7%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	5,500	6,300	5,500	-800	-12.7%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,400	4,200	3,400	-800	-19.1%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	1,700	2,300	1,700	-600	-26.1%	0	0.0%

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Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Construction Laborers
3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
4	Critical Care Nurses
5	Retail Salespersons
6	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
7	Stockers and Order Fillers
8	Nursing Assistants
9	Tellers
10	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers
11	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
12	Customer Service Representatives
13	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
14	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Postsecondary
15	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
16	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
17	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists
18	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
19	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
20	Physical Therapists

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 postings
Production Workers, All Other	1,529
Helpers--Production Workers	1,462
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,274
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	1,069
Cashiers	1,007
Customer Service Representatives	979
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	615
Office Clerks, General	579
Construction Laborers	565
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	501
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	455
Retail Salespersons	436
Carpenters	424
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	419
Receptionists and Information Clerks	406
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	393
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	386
Managers, All Other	376
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	369
Extraction Workers, All Other	365

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to July 2023 from						
CPI Item	Jul-22	Jun-23	Jul-22	Jun-23	Jul-22	Jun-23
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.2%	0.0%	3.2%	0.2%	2.9%	0.3%
Food & Beverages	4.6%	0.8%	4.8%	0.3%	5.1%	0.3%
Housing	3.0%	0.1%	6.2%	0.3%	5.6%	0.8%
Apparel	2.1%	-2.1%	3.2%	-1.0%	3.1%	-0.3%
Transportation	-3.4%	-1.2%	-3.0%	0.2%	-2.4%	-0.6%
Medical Care	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.3%
Recreation	11.6%	-0.2%	4.1%	0.1%	5.4%	-0.2%
Education & Communication	1.1%	0.6%	1.2%	0.0%	1.4%	0.1%
Other Goods & Services	5.9%	1.5%	6.1%	0.1%	6.5%	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

Snapshot

July Indiana Employment

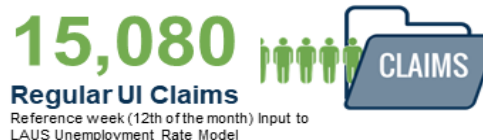
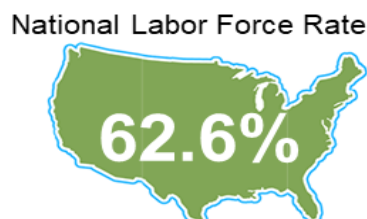


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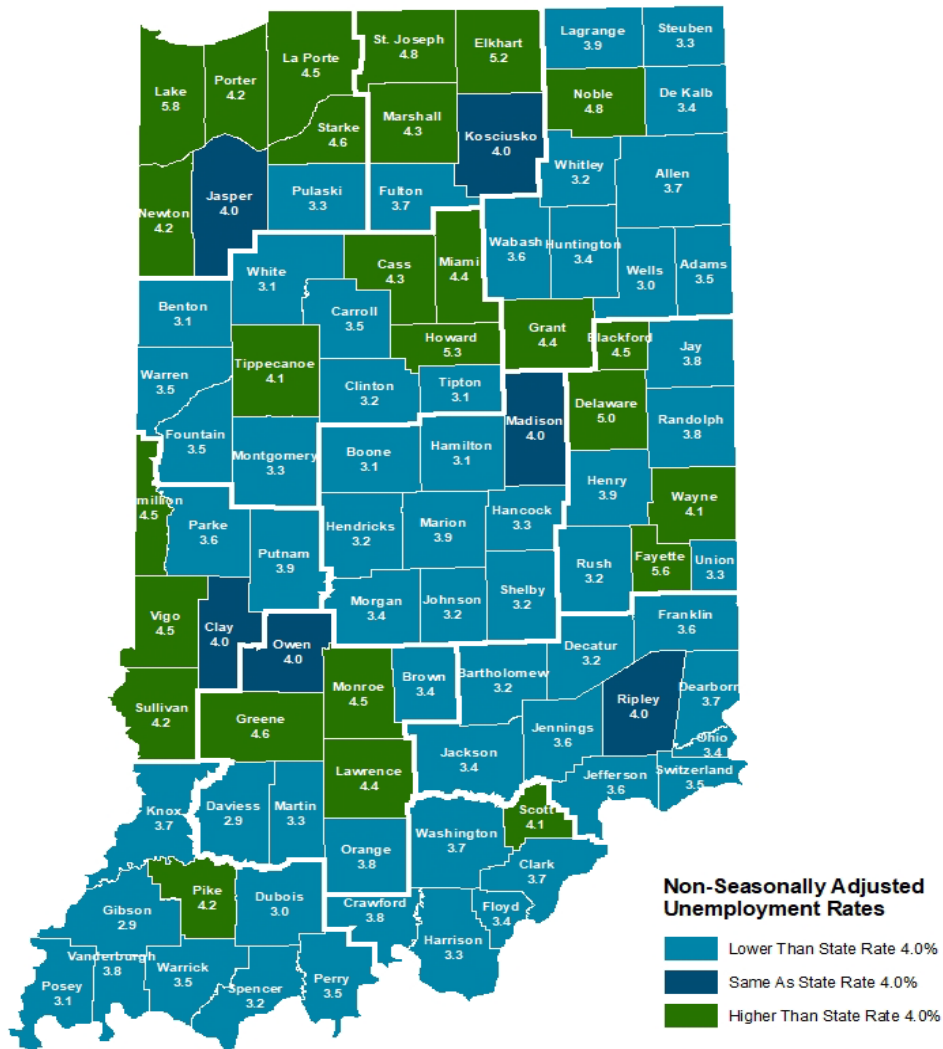


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Indiana Career Connect

County Unemployment Rates July 2023



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.0%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.3%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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