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Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for August 2025, Released October 2025

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in August in 3 states, lower in 2 states, and stable in 45 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Seventeen states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 9 states had decreases, and 24 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, changed little over the month and from August 2024.

In August 2025, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 1 state, decreased in the District, and was essentially unchanged in 49 states. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 20 states and was essentially unchanged in 30 states and the District.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

August 2025 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24
U.S.	171,035,000	163,288,000	7,747,000	4.5%	4.6%	4.4%
IN	3,497,226	3,363,130	134,096	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%
Lake-Porter-Jasper Div	352,584	336,148	16,436	4.7%	5.1%	5.7%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	51,792	49,775	2,017	3.9%	4.3%	4.9%
EGR 1	420,888	401,780	19,108	4.5%	4.9%	5.5%
Lake Co.	240,179	228,101	12,078	5.0%	5.4%	6.2%
Porter Co.	88,562	85,088	3,474	3.9%	4.4%	4.7%
LaPorte Co.	51,792	49,775	2,017	3.9%	4.3%	4.9%
Newton Co.	6,788	6,532	256	3.8%	4.2%	4.5%
Jasper Co.	17,055	16,427	628	3.7%	4.0%	4.2%
Starke Co.	9,475	9,042	433	4.6%	5.1%	5.4%
Pulaski Co.	7,037	6,815	222	3.2%	3.4%	3.9%
East Chicago	11,041	10,369	672	6.1%	6.3%	7.4%
Hammond	36,154	34,408	1,746	4.8%	5.3%	6.6%
Munster	11,949	11,444	505	4.2%	4.5%	4.7%
Dyer	8,371	8,088	283	3.4%	3.8%	4.5%
Schererville	15,735	15,143	592	3.8%	4.3%	4.8%
Crown Point	16,662	15,949	713	4.3%	4.8%	5.0%
Griffith	9,297	8,898	399	4.3%	4.7%	4.5%
Highland	12,218	11,717	501	4.1%	4.5%	5.4%
Gary	24,517	22,268	2,249	9.2%	9.3%	10.8%
Merrillville	18,085	17,028	1,057	5.8%	6.3%	7.1%
Hobart	15,273	14,540	733	4.8%	5.2%	5.4%
Lake Station	5,446	5,154	292	5.4%	6.5%	8.2%
Portage	18,948	18,124	824	4.3%	4.9%	5.6%
Chesterton	7,444	7,166	278	3.7%	4.4%	5.2%
Valparaiso	17,705	17,013	692	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%
Michigan City	13,655	13,025	630	4.6%	4.9%	5.8%
LaPorte	11,093	10,703	390	3.5%	3.9%	4.5%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:09/25 | 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. Gary Division has been renamed to Lake-Porter-Jasper Counties Division but still includes Newton County. Michigan City-LaPorte MSA: Laporte County

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): August 2025

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 4.4%

Indiana - 3.6%

Kentucky - 4.7%

Michigan - 5.2%

Ohio - 5%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): August 2025

#2 - Lake (5%)

#5 - Starke (4.6%)

#22 - LaPorte (3.9%)

#25 - Porter (3.9%)

#32 - Newton (3.8%)

#38 - Jasper (3.7%)

#85 - Pulaski (3.2%)

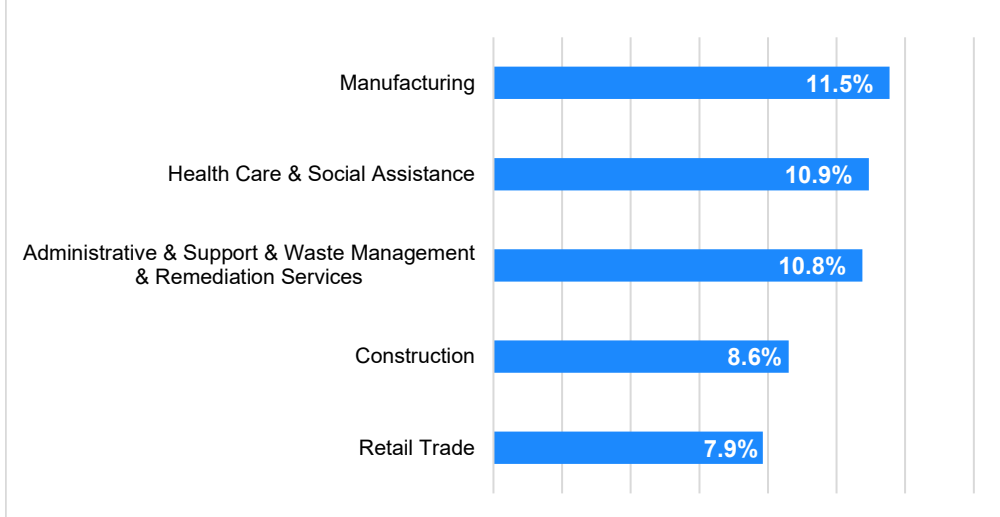
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Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for August 2025			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$38.48	41.9	\$1,612.31
Manufacturing	\$25.08	43.3	\$1,085.96
Durable Goods	\$25.90	44.3	\$1,147.37
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$25.59	42.4	\$1,085.02
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$27.47	42.6	\$1,170.22
Non-Durable Goods	\$23.04	41.0	\$944.64
Retail Trade	\$19.88	28.9	\$574.53
Financial Activities	\$28.97	38.2	\$1,106.65
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$30.93	32.5	\$1,005.23
Accommodation and Food Services	\$16.56	23.6	\$390.82
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$16.40	23.6	\$387.04

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries August 2025

Distribution as a Percent of Total



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 for August 2025				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
There are no WARN Notices for August 2025 for Region 1.				
Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations				
Company	City	County	# Affected	Notice Date
Diverse Facility Solutions	Chicago, IL	Cook, IL	276	8/12/25
United Maintenance Company, Inc.	Chicago, IL	Cook, IL	91	8/25/25

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: August 2025

Region 1

Initial Claims

08/02/25 - 300(D)
08/09/25 - 300(D)
08/16/25 - 298(D)
08/23/25 - 288(D)
08/30/25 - 294(D)

Continued Claims

08/02/25 - 2,187
08/09/25 - 2,100
08/16/25 - 1,997
08/23/25 - 1,999
08/30/25 - 1,989

Total Claims

08/02/25 - 2,487
08/09/25 - 2,400
08/16/25 - 2,295
08/23/25 - 2,287
08/30/25 - 2,283

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

08/02/25 - 2,550
08/09/25 - 2,607
08/16/25 - 2,574
08/23/25 - 2,653
08/30/25 - 2,361

Continued Claims

08/02/25 - 20,778
08/09/25 - 20,124
08/16/25 - 20,093
08/23/25 - 19,843
08/30/25 - 19,494

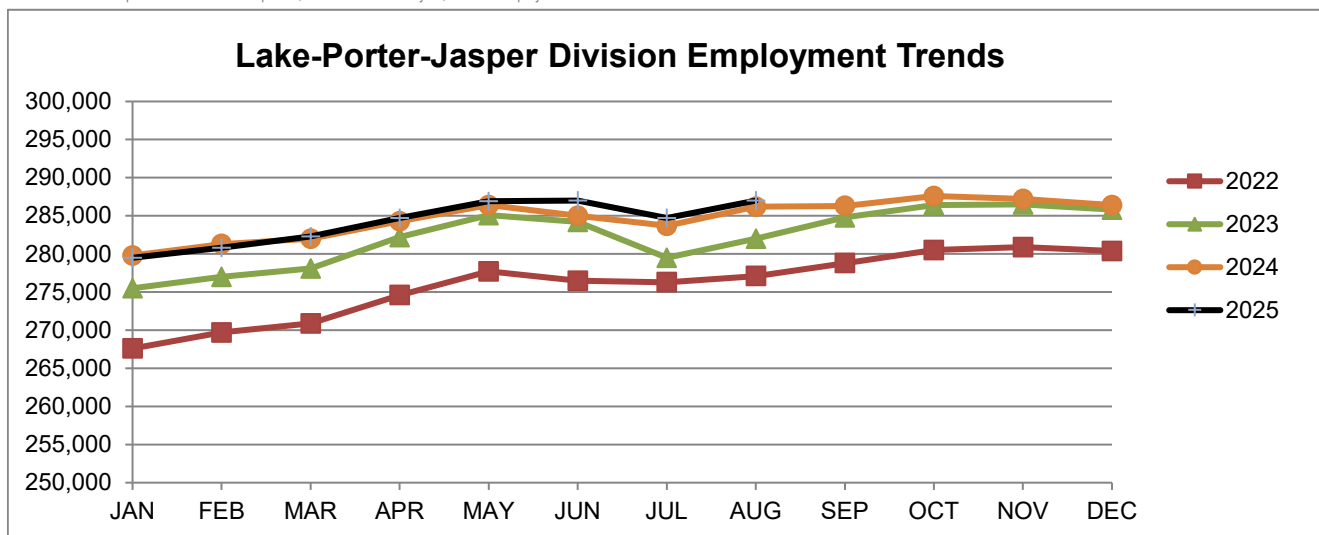
Total Claims

08/02/25 - 23,328
08/09/25 - 22,731
08/16/25 - 22,667
08/23/25 - 22,496
08/30/25 - 21,855

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

Lake-Porter-Jasper Division							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2025			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24	Jul-25 to Aug-25		Aug-24 to Aug-25	
Total Nonfarm	287,000	284,700	286,200	2,300	0.8%	800	0.3%
Total Private	256,000	256,300	254,800	-300	-0.1%	1,200	0.5%
Goods Producing	52,300	52,200	52,900	100	0.2%	-600	-1.1%
Service Providing	234,700	232,500	233,300	2,200	1.0%	1,400	0.6%
Private Service Providing	203,700	204,100	201,900	-400	-0.2%	1,800	0.9%
Mining and Logging	100	100	100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	18,400	18,200	18,800	200	1.1%	-400	-2.1%
Construction	18,300	18,100	18,700	200	1.1%	-400	-2.1%
Manufacturing	33,900	34,000	34,100	-100	-0.3%	-200	-0.6%
Durable Goods	24,800	24,900	25,100	-100	-0.4%	-300	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	61,200	61,500	61,300	-300	-0.5%	-100	-0.2%
Wholesale Trade	11,400	11,500	11,100	-100	-0.9%	300	2.7%
Retail Trade	31,800	32,200	31,900	-400	-1.2%	-100	-0.3%
General Merchandise Stores	7,100	7,200	7,100	-100	-1.4%	0	0.0%
Other Gen Merch Stores	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	0.0%	200	3.9%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	18,000	17,800	18,300	200	1.1%	-300	-1.6%
Information	1,900	1,900	2,000	0	0.0%	-100	-5.0%
Financial Activities	9,300	9,300	9,500	0	0.0%	-200	-2.1%
Professional and Business Services	30,000	30,000	29,000	0	0.0%	1,000	3.5%
Employment Services	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	0.0%	-100	-3.0%
Education and Health Services	52,800	52,700	51,100	100	0.2%	1,700	3.3%
Educational Services	5,400	5,300	5,100	100	1.9%	300	5.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	47,400	47,400	46,000	0	0.0%	1,400	3.0%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	14,300	14,300	13,800	0	0.0%	500	3.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,500	33,600	33,900	-100	-0.3%	-400	-1.2%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	3,900	3,900	4,300	0	0.0%	-400	-9.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	29,600	29,700	29,600	-100	-0.3%	0	0.0%
Other Services	15,000	15,100	15,100	-100	-0.7%	-100	-0.7%
Total Government	31,000	28,400	31,400	2,600	9.2%	-400	-1.3%
Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	3,500	3,700	4,300	-200	-5.4%	-800	-18.6%
Local Government	25,500	22,700	25,100	2,800	12.3%	400	1.6%
Local Government Educational Services	13,400	10,100	13,000	3,300	32.7%	400	3.1%

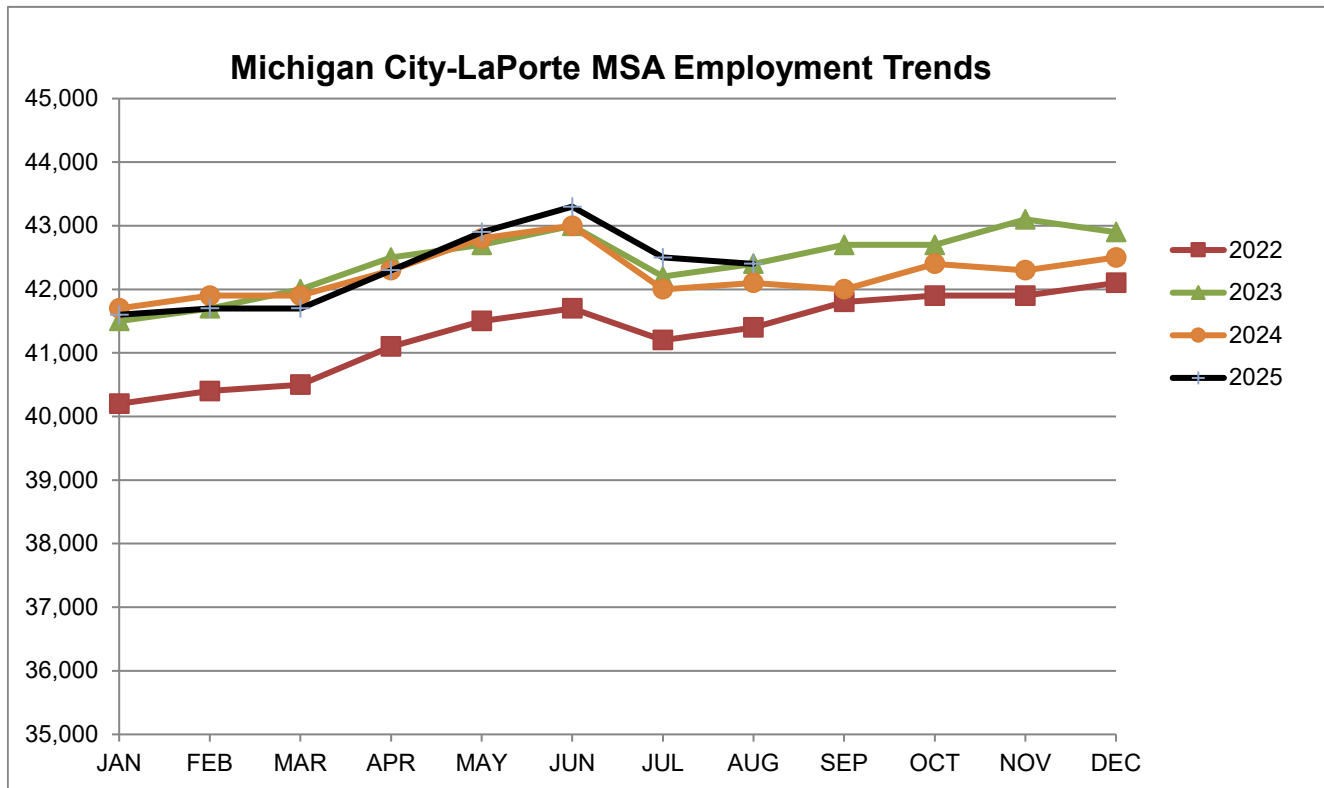
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Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2025			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24	Jul-25 to Aug-25		Aug-24 to Aug-25	
Total Nonfarm	42,400	42,500	42,100	-100	-0.2%	300	0.7%
Total Private	36,500	36,600	36,300	-100	-0.3%	200	0.6%
Goods Producing	11,100	11,100	10,900	0	0.0%	200	1.8%
Service Providing	31,300	31,400	31,200	-100	-0.3%	100	0.3%
Private Service Providing	25,400	25,500	25,400	-100	-0.4%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	0.0%	100	4.2%
Manufacturing	8,600	8,600	8,500	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,500	8,600	8,600	-100	-1.2%	-100	-1.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	0.0%	-100	-7.1%
Professional and Business Services	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	0.0%	200	7.7%
Education and Health Services	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	0.0%	100	1.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,100	5,200	0	0.0%	-100	-1.9%
Other Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	5,900	5,900	5,800	0	0.0%	100	1.7%
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	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Local Government Educational Services	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	0.0%	100	5.6%

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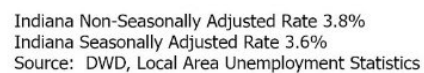
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Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of postings in Region 1 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Retail Salespersons
3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
4	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
5	Customer Service Representatives
6	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
7	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
8	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
9	Fast Food and Counter Workers
10	Food Preparation Workers
11	Food Service Managers
12	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
13	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
14	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
15	Cashiers
16	Medical and Health Services Managers
17	Stockers and Order Fillers
18	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
19	Nursing Assistants
20	Production Workers, All Other

Source: Lightcast

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	788
Helpers--Production Workers	730
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	703
Customer Service Representatives	562
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	487
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	467
Cashiers	440
Construction Laborers	385
Office Clerks, General	314
Carpenters	277
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	245
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	231
Managers, All Other	223
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	222
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	221
Retail Salespersons	221
Medical Assistants	212
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	208
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	208
Receptionists and Information Clerks	204

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



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