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Economic Growth Region 10

Statistical Data Report for April 2026, Released June 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 3 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 45 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Nineteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 6 states had decreases, and 25 states and the district had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, was unchanged over the month and was little changed from April 2025.

In April 2026, non-farm payroll employment increased in 6 states and was essentially unchanged in 44 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, non-farm payroll employment decreased in 1 state and the district, increased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 48 states.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in April, 2.2 percent, followed by North Dakota, 2.4 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.2 percent. The next highest rates were in California, Delaware, and Nevada, 5.3 percent each. In total, 17 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.3 percent, 6 states and the district had higher rates, and 27 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In April, 3 states had unemployment rate decreases: Ohio (-0.2 percentage point) and North Dakota and South Dakota (-0.1 point each). Two states had rate increases: Connecticut (+0.2 percentage point) and Florida (+0.1 point). The remaining 45 states and the district of Columbia had jobless rates that were not notably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 10

Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): April 2026

- U.S. - 4.3%**
- Illinois - 5.1%
- Indiana - 3.2%**
- Kentucky - 4.3%
- Michigan - 5%
- Ohio - 3.9%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): April 2026

- #9 - Scott (3.2%)
- #17 - Crawford (3%)
- #21 - Clark (2.8%)
- #22 - Floyd (2.8%)
- #23 - Harrison (2.8%)
- #41 - Washington (2.6%)

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

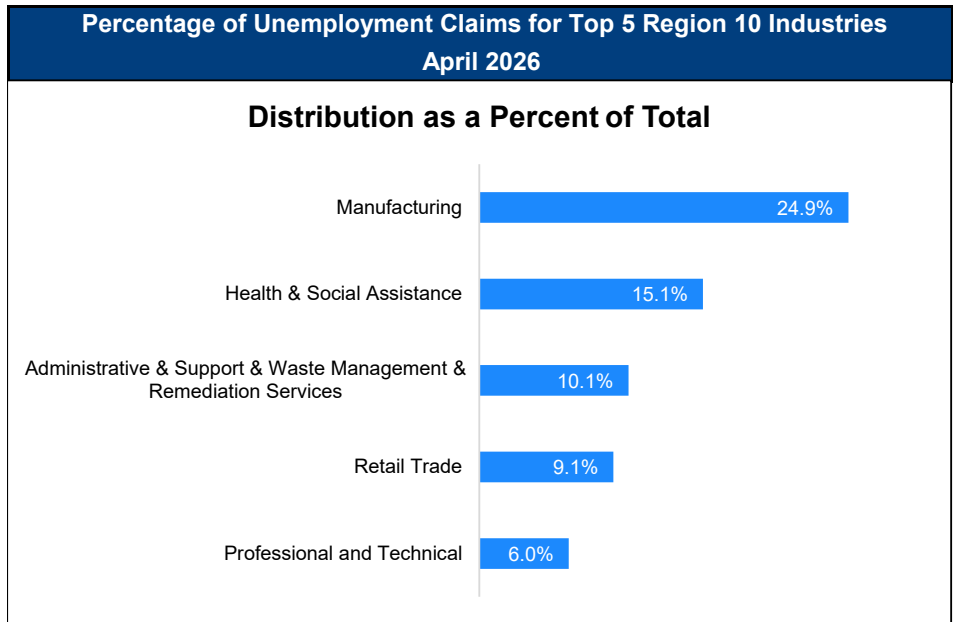
April 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25
U.S.	169,548,000	162,781,000	6,768,000	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
IN	3,467,580	3,372,212	95,368	2.8%	3.6%	3.3%
EGR 10	158,181	153,718	4,463	2.8%	3.6%	3.5%
Clark Co.	67,706	65,783	1,923	2.8%	3.5%	3.5%
Crawford Co.	4,539	4,405	134	3.0%	4.5%	4.3%
Floyd Co.	41,995	40,833	1,162	2.8%	3.5%	3.3%
Harrison Co.	19,503	18,961	542	2.8%	3.6%	3.5%
Scott Co.	10,570	10,235	335	3.2%	4.1%	3.9%
Washington Co.	13,868	13,501	367	2.6%	3.6%	3.4%
Corydon	1,523	1,477	46	3.0%	3.0%	3.4%
Jeffersonville	28,001	27,201	800	2.9%	3.6%	3.8%
New Albany	18,529	17,937	592	3.2%	4.0%	4.1%
Salem	3,199	3,095	104	3.3%	3.6%	3.1%
Scottsburg	2,758	2,647	111	4.0%	5.0%	3.8%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 06/26 | 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.

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2026 from				
CPI Item	Apr-25	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.8%	0.9%	4.1%	0.8%
Food & Beverages	3.1%	0.5%	3.1%	0.5%
Housing	3.6%	0.6%	4.7%	0.8%
Apparel	4.2%	-0.4%	5.4%	-0.8%
Transportation	7.1%	2.9%	5.8%	2.7%
Medical Care	2.5%	-0.1%	3.4%	-0.3%
Recreation	2.3%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%
Education & Communication	0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	4.4%	0.9%	0.5%	-1.0%

*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 10 for April 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for April 2026 for EGR 10.

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: April 2026

Region 10

Initial Claims
04/04/26 - 79(D)
04/11/26 - 77(D)
04/18/26 - 55(D)
04/25/26 - 31(D)

Continued Claims
04/04/26 - 559
04/11/26 - 552
04/18/26 - 540
04/25/26 - 497

Total Claims
04/04/26 - 638
04/11/26 - 629
04/18/26 - 595
04/25/26 - 528

State of Indiana

Initial Claims
04/04/26 - 2,727
04/11/26 - 3,629
04/18/26 - 2,479
04/25/26 - 2,138

Continued Claims
04/04/26 - 20,966
04/11/26 - 21,000
04/18/26 - 20,087
04/25/26 - 19,380

Total Claims
04/04/26 - 23,693
04/11/26 - 24,629
04/18/26 - 22,566
04/25/26 - 21,518

(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 Analysis

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

Source: Lightcast

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Customer Service Representatives	100
Production Workers, All Other	77
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	69
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	68
Office Clerks, General	62
Cashiers	61
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	56
Helpers--Production Workers	48
Managers, All Other	36
General and Operations Managers	32
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	30
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	29
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	27
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	27
Construction Laborers	26
Team Assemblers	26
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	25
Medical Assistants	25
Retail Salespersons	25
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	24

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect.

SNAPSHOT

April Indiana Employment

Released May 22, 2026



Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.2%



March 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.2%**

25-44: **83.8%**

25-54: **83.4%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

94,224

Jobs

As of April 30, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

19,380



Filed Week Ending May 2, 2026

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.

