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Economic Growth Region 10

Statistical Data Report for September 2026, Released November 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in September in 5 states and stable in 45 states and the district of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty states and the district had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 7 states had increases, and 23 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.2 percent, changed little both over the month and over the year.

In September, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 2 states, decreased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 7 states, decreased in the district, and was essentially unchanged in 43 states.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in September, 2.0 percent, followed by North Dakota, 2.2 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.6 percent. In total, 20 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.2 percent, 2 states and the District had higher rates, and 28 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In September, five states had unemployment rates decreases: Maryland and New Hampshire (-0.2 percentage point each) and Florida, Nevada, and Pennsylvania (-0.1 point each). Forty-five 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.

September 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25
U.S.	170,298,000	163,439,000	6,859,000	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%
IN	3,500,854	3,373,034	127,820	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%
EGR 10	160,209	154,322	5,887	3.7%	3.5%	3.4%
Clark Co.	68,427	65,911	2,516	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%
Crawford Co.	4,632	4,448	184	4.0%	3.6%	3.8%
Floyd Co.	42,518	40,992	1,526	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%
Harrison Co.	19,682	18,970	712	3.6%	3.5%	3.3%
Scott Co.	10,855	10,408	447	4.1%	3.8%	4.2%
Washington Co.	14,095	13,593	502	3.6%	3.4%	3.4%
Corydon	1,547	1,478	69	4.5%	4.5%	3.7%
Jeffersonville	28,304	27,254	1,050	3.7%	3.6%	3.6%
New Albany	18,765	18,007	758	4.0%	3.8%	4.0%
Salem	3,237	3,116	121	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%
Scottsburg	2,819	2,691	128	4.5%	3.9%	5.2%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 10/26 | 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



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 10

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): September 2026

U.S. - 4.2%

Illinois - 4.6%

Indiana - 3.4%

Kentucky - 4.7%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 3.4%

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

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

#7 - Scott (4.1%)

#11 - Crawford (4%)

#22 - Clark (3.7%)

#37 - Floyd (3.6%)

#38 - Harrison (3.6%)

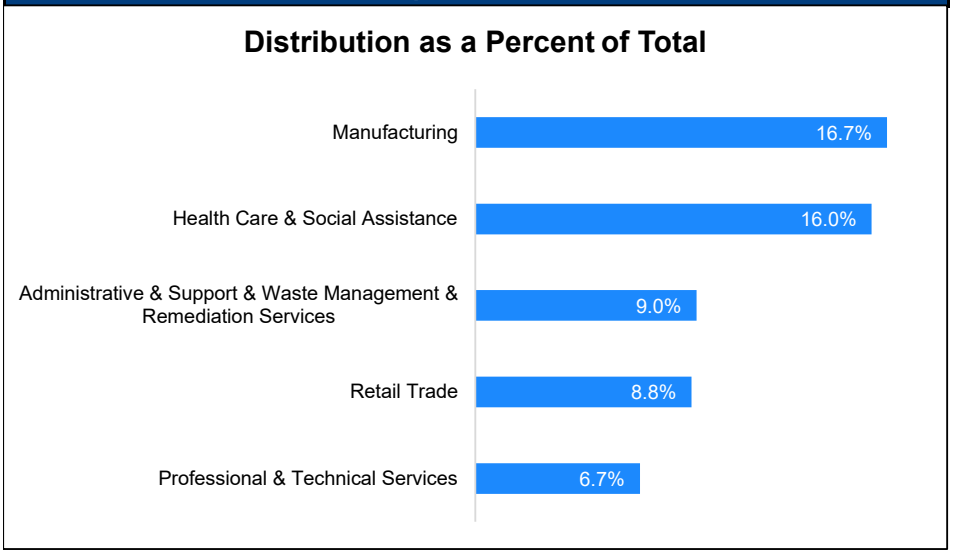
#46 - Washington (3.6%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to September 2026 from				
CPI Item	Sep-25	Aug-26	Sep-25	Aug-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	**3.7%**	**0.6%**	**4.2%**	**0.9%**
Food & Beverages	2.4%	0.1%	2.5%	0.2%
Housing	3.3%	0.3%	4.1%	0.5%
Apparel	3.4%	2.4%	4.2%	4.3%
Transportation	7.9%	1.7%	8.4%	4.3%
Medical Care	1.5%	0.1%	1.7%	0.6%
Recreation	2.8%	0.5%	3.8%	0.6%
Education & Communication	2.3%	0.4%	2.5%	0.9%
Other Goods & Services	4.1%	0.4%	2.6%	1.2%

*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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 10 Industries September 2026



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 10 for September 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for September 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: September 2026

Region 10

Initial Claims
09/05/26 - 44(D)
09/12/26 - 53(D)
09/19/26 - 54(D)
09/26/26 - 41(D)

Continued Claims
09/05/26 - 483
09/12/26 - 487
09/19/26 - 475
09/26/26 - 453

Total Claims
09/05/26 - 527
09/12/26 - 540
09/19/26 - 529
09/26/26 - 494

State of Indiana

Initial Claims
09/05/26 - 2,136
09/12/26 - 1,893
09/19/26 - 2,060
09/26/26 - 1,848

Continued Claims
09/05/26 - 17,275
09/12/26 - 17,319
09/19/26 - 17,043
09/26/26 - 16,671

Total Claims
09/05/26 - 19,411
09/12/26 - 19,212
09/19/26 - 19,103
09/26/26 - 18,519

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status | *Numbers subject to weekly revision I 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	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
6	Security Guards
7	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
8	Production Workers, All Other
9	Physical Therapists
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Pharmacy Technicians
12	Medical and Health Services Managers
13	Pharmacists
14	Food Service Managers
15	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
16	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
17	Nursing Assistants
18	General and Operations Managers
19	Not Classified
20	Cashiers

Source: Lightcast

Applicant Pool

Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months

Occupations	# of applicants
Customer Service Representatives	268
Production Workers, All Other	251
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	186
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	184
Helpers--Production Workers	174
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	158
Office Clerks, General	147
Cashiers	145
Managers, All Other	111
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	89
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	84
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	82
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	79
Construction Laborers	75
General and Operations Managers	69
Receptionists and Information Clerks	68
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	64
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	63
Team Assemblers	63
Medical Assistants	61

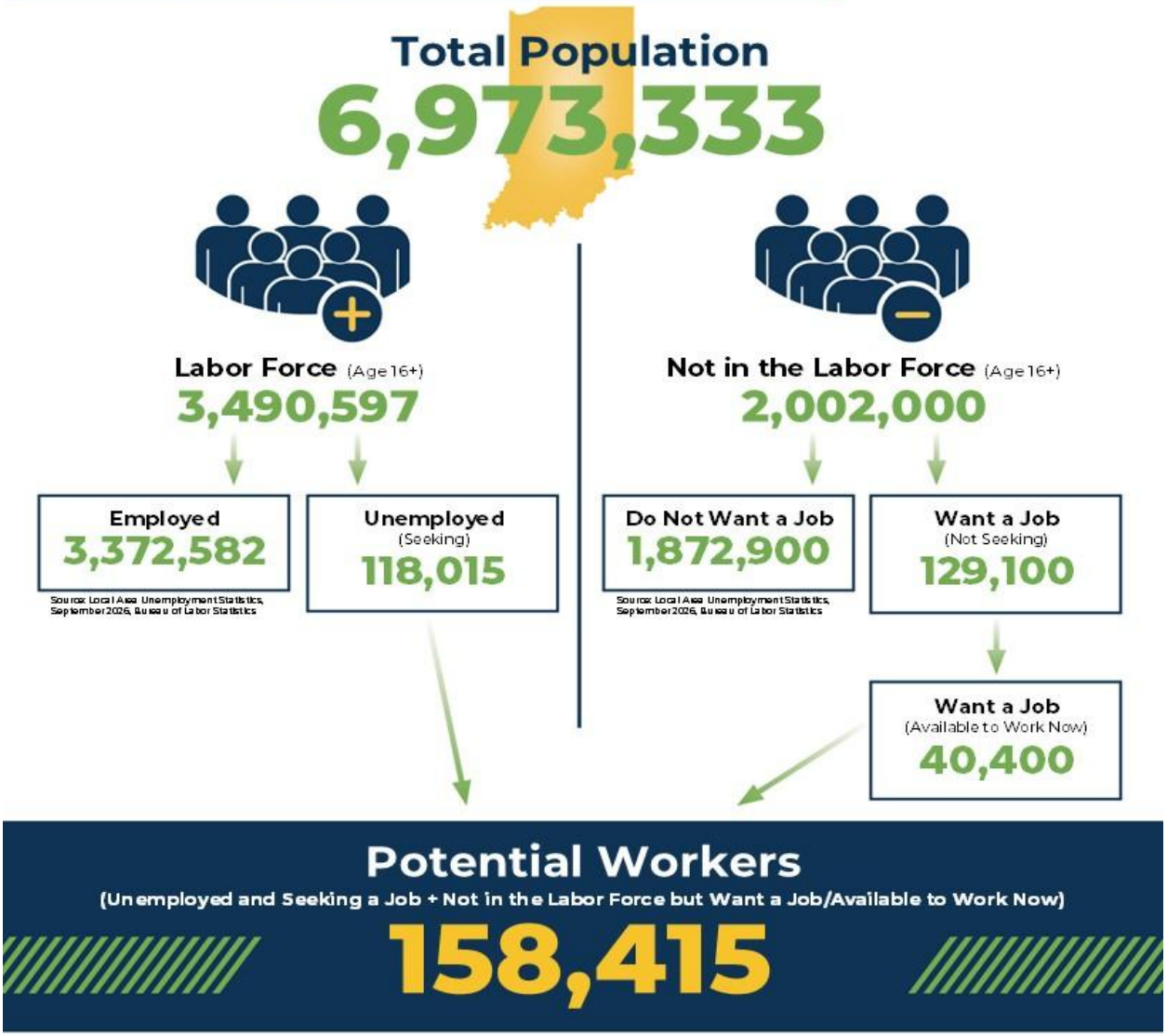
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect.

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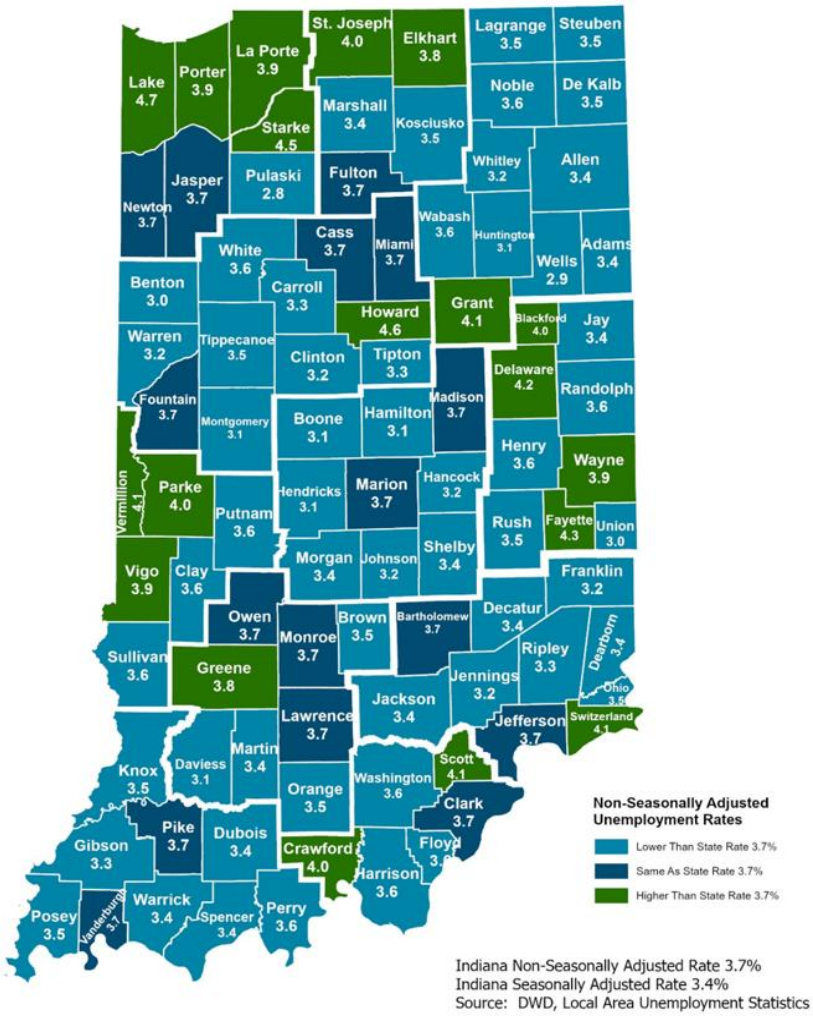
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More about the US Bureau of Labor Statistics data sources used within:
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS): Captures Indiana's labor force which includes those currently employed and those who are unemployed and actively seeking work.
Current Population Survey (CPS): Captures individuals not participating in Indiana's Labor Force. This set includes non-participants that do not want a job (i.e. retirees and students) and those that want a job but are not actively seeking work.
U.S. Census Bureau, Indiana Population 2025

Resource Notes on Using Current Population Survey (CPS) Subnational Data and Differences Between CPS ad LAUS Estimates

County Unemployment Rates
September 2026



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.7%
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.4%
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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