



May 2025 Labor Market Review

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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 11

Statistical Data Report for May 2025, Released July 2025

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in May 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. Twenty-four states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 4 states had decreases, and 22 states had little change. The national unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.2 percent but was 0.2 percentage point higher than in May 2024.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in May, 1.8 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.9 percent, followed by Nevada, 5.5 percent, and Michigan, 5.4 percent. In total, 21 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.2 percent, 4 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In May 2025, nonfarm payroll employment was essentially unchanged in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 18 states and was essentially unchanged in 32 states and the District of Columbia.

The largest job gains occurred in Texas (+213,300), Florida (+148,700), and New York (+100,400). The largest percentage increases occurred in South Carolina (+2.7 percent), Idaho (+2.6 percent), and Utah (+2.4 percent).



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties

May 2025 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	May-25	Apr-25	May-24
U.S.	170,216,000	163,401,000	6,815,000	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%
IN	3,496,249	3,377,094	119,155	3.4%	3.0%	4.0%
EGR 11	219,682	212,851	6,831	3.1%	2.6%	3.7%
Evansville MSA	137,757	133,385	4,372	3.2%	2.7%	3.8%
Dubois Co.	22,277	21,654	623	2.8%	2.2%	3.3%
Gibson Co.	17,254	16,764	490	2.8%	2.3%	3.4%
Knox Co.	17,594	17,017	577	3.3%	2.9%	3.8%
Perry Co.	8,667	8,394	273	3.1%	2.7%	3.6%
Pike Co.	5,591	5,399	192	3.4%	2.9%	4.1%
Posey Co.	12,550	12,161	389	3.1%	2.6%	3.7%
Spencer Co.	10,542	10,238	304	2.9%	2.7%	3.8%
Vanderburgh Co.	91,201	88,208	2,993	3.3%	2.8%	3.9%
Warrick Co.	34,006	33,016	990	2.9%	2.4%	3.6%
Boonville	3,140	3,047	93	3.0%	2.5%	4.3%
Evansville	57,217	55,224	1,993	3.5%	3.1%	4.1%
Jasper	8,096	7,857	239	3.0%	2.3%	3.5%
Mount Vernon	2,920	2,821	99	3.4%	3.0%	4.1%
Petersburg	1,037	996	41	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%
Princeton	4,249	4,119	130	3.1%	2.5%	3.7%
Rockport	960	928	32	3.3%	3.2%	5.1%
Tell City	3,490	3,384	106	3.0%	2.7%	3.3%
Vincennes	8,102	7,821	281	3.5%	3.1%	4.1%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 06/25 | 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.

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): May 2025

U.S. - 4.2%

Illinois - 4.8%

Indiana - 3.7%

Kentucky - 5%

Michigan - 5.4%

Ohio - 4.9%

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

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

#36 - Pike (3.4%)

#41 - Knox (3.3%)

#44 - Vanderburgh (3.3%)

#65 - Perry (3.1%)

#66 - Posey (3.1%)

#80 - Spencer (2.9%)

#81 - Warrick (2.9%)

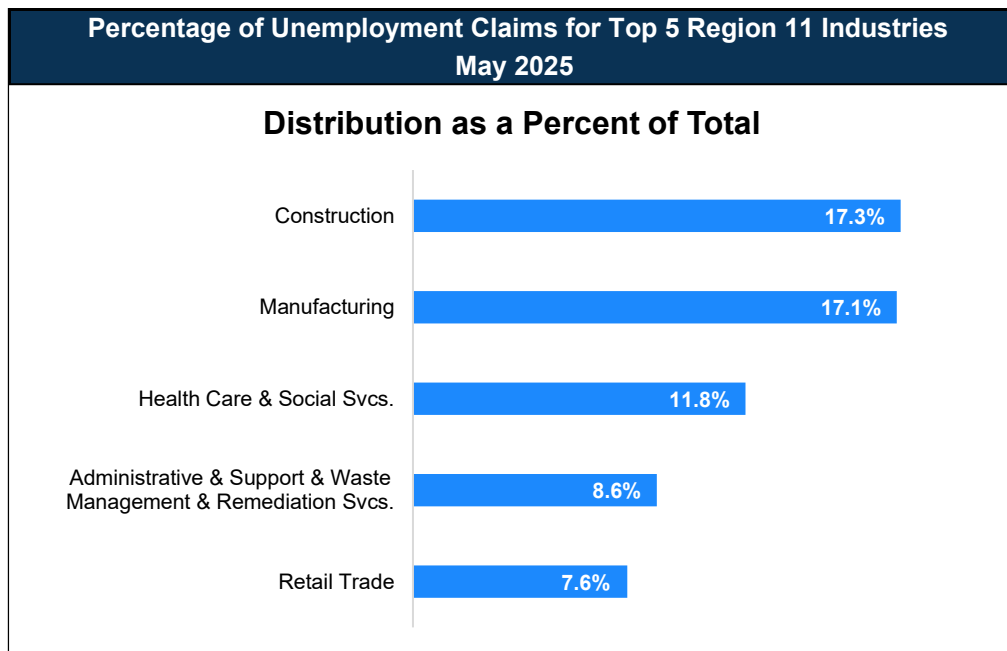
#82 - Dubois (2.8%)

#83 - Gibson (2.8%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to May 2025 from				
CPI Item	May-24	Apr-25	May-24	Apr-25
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.4%	0.2%	2.4%	0.2%
Food & Beverages	2.8%	0.2%	2.5%	0.3%
Housing	4.0%	0.3%	4.5%	0.4%
Apparel	-0.9%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-0.4%
Transportation	-1.3%	0.2%	-1.5%	0.0%
Medical Care	2.5%	0.2%	1.8%	0.3%
Recreation	1.8%	0.0%	2.6%	0.2%
Education & Communication	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	-0.2%
Other Goods & Services	3.8%	0.3%	3.4%	-0.1%

*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 11 for May 2025				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for May 2025 for EGR 11.

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: May 2025

Region 11

Initial Claims

05/03/25 - 83(D)

05/10/25 - 101(D)

05/17/25 - 114(D)

05/24/25 - 93(D)

05/31/25 - 116(D)

Continued Claims

05/03/25 - 781

05/10/25 - 762

05/17/25 - 784

05/24/25 - 808

05/31/25 - 825

Total Claims

05/03/25 - 864

05/10/25 - 863

05/17/25 - 898

05/24/25 - 901

05/31/25 - 941

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

05/03/25 - 2,749

05/10/25 - 2,564

05/17/25 - 2,512

05/24/25 - 2,504

05/31/25 - 2,504

Continued Claims

05/03/25 - 21,137

05/10/25 - 20,537

05/17/25 - 20,644

05/24/25 - 20,243

05/31/25 - 21,697

Total Claims

05/03/25 - 23,886

05/10/25 - 23,101

05/17/25 - 23,156

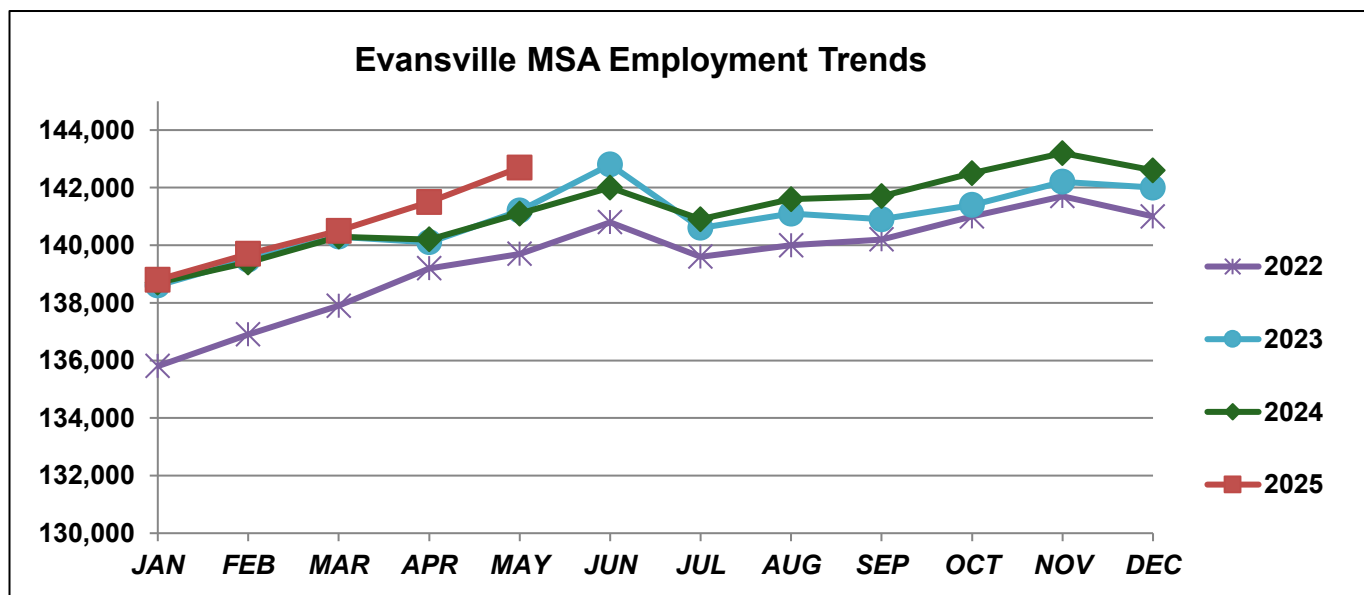
05/24/25 - 22,747

05/31/25 - 24,201

(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 Development, Research and Analysis

Evansville MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	May 2025			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	May-25	Apr-25	May-24	Apr-25 to May-25		May-24 to May-25	
Total Nonfarm	142,700	141,500	141,100	1,200	0.9%	1,600	1.1%
Total Private	128,400	127,400	126,600	1,000	0.8%	1,800	1.4%
Goods Producing	28,000	27,800	27,300	200	0.7%	700	2.6%
Service-Providing	114,700	113,700	113,800	1,000	0.9%	900	0.8%
Private Service Providing	100,400	99,600	99,300	800	0.8%	1,100	1.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,300	10,000	9,600	300	3.0%	700	7.3%
Manufacturing	17,700	17,800	17,700	-100	-0.6%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	27,200	27,100	27,600	100	0.4%	-400	-1.5%
Wholesale Trade	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	14,300	14,200	14,600	100	0.7%	-300	-2.1%
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,200	7,200	7,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Information	2,100	2,100	1,900	0	0.0%	200	10.5%
Financial Activities	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
Professional and Business Services	17,700	17,400	17,300	300	1.7%	400	2.3%
Education and Health Services	26,200	26,200	25,300	0	0.0%	900	3.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	23,400	23,200	22,600	200	0.9%	800	3.5%
Hospitals	7,600	7,500	7,300	100	1.3%	300	4.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	15,000	14,700	14,900	300	2.0%	100	0.7%
Other Services	6,600	6,500	6,600	100	1.5%	0	0.0%
Total Government	14,300	14,100	14,500	200	1.4%	-200	-1.4%
Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	3,600	3,500	3,600	100	2.9%	0	0.0%
Local Government	9,500	9,400	9,700	100	1.1%	-200	-2.1%
Local Government Educational Services	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	0.0%	-200	-3.4%

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



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Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 11 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse
2	Agricultural Equipment Operators
3	Physical Therapists
4	Physical Therapist Assistants
5	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
6	Motor Vehicle Operators, All Other
7	Helpers--Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers
8	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
9	Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
10	Occupational Therapists
11	Occupational Therapy Assistants
12	Architectural and Engineering Managers
13	Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products
14	Civil Engineers
15	Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other
16	Cooks, Restaurant
17	Dentists, General
18	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians
19	Industrial Machinery Mechanics
20	Industrial Production Managers

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect. * Due to an upgrade in the reporting system, there is a notable change in Job Postings recorded. The tool used to measure Job Postings was upgraded to prevent malicious or false postings. While customers adjust to the enhancements a drop in the record is to be expected.

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of Applicants
Production Workers, All Other	891
Helpers--Production Workers	374
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	358
Customer Service Representatives	263
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	229
Cashiers	207
Office Clerks, General	172
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	155
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	147
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	135
Managers, All Other	130
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	112
Construction Laborers	109
Extraction Workers, All Other	108
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	100
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	97
Packers and Packagers, Hand	91
Retail Salespersons	90
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	88
Receptionists and Information Clerks	85

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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May Indiana Employment

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Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.7%

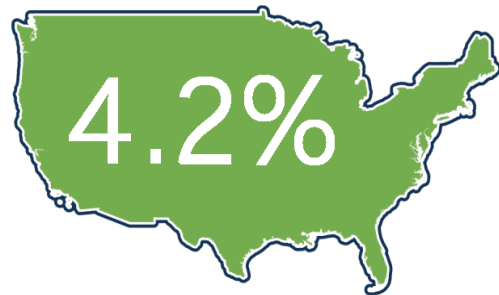


April 2025 Indiana

3.9%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

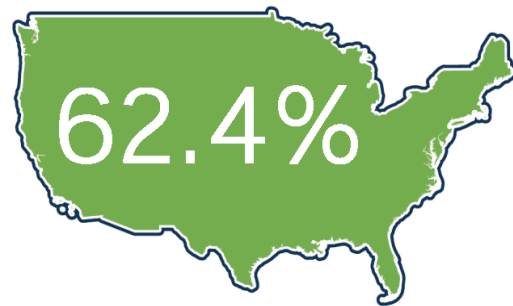
16+: 63.7%

25-44: 85.3%

25-54: 84.8%



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

87,114
Jobs

As of June 1, 2025



Weekly UI Continued Claims

21,755

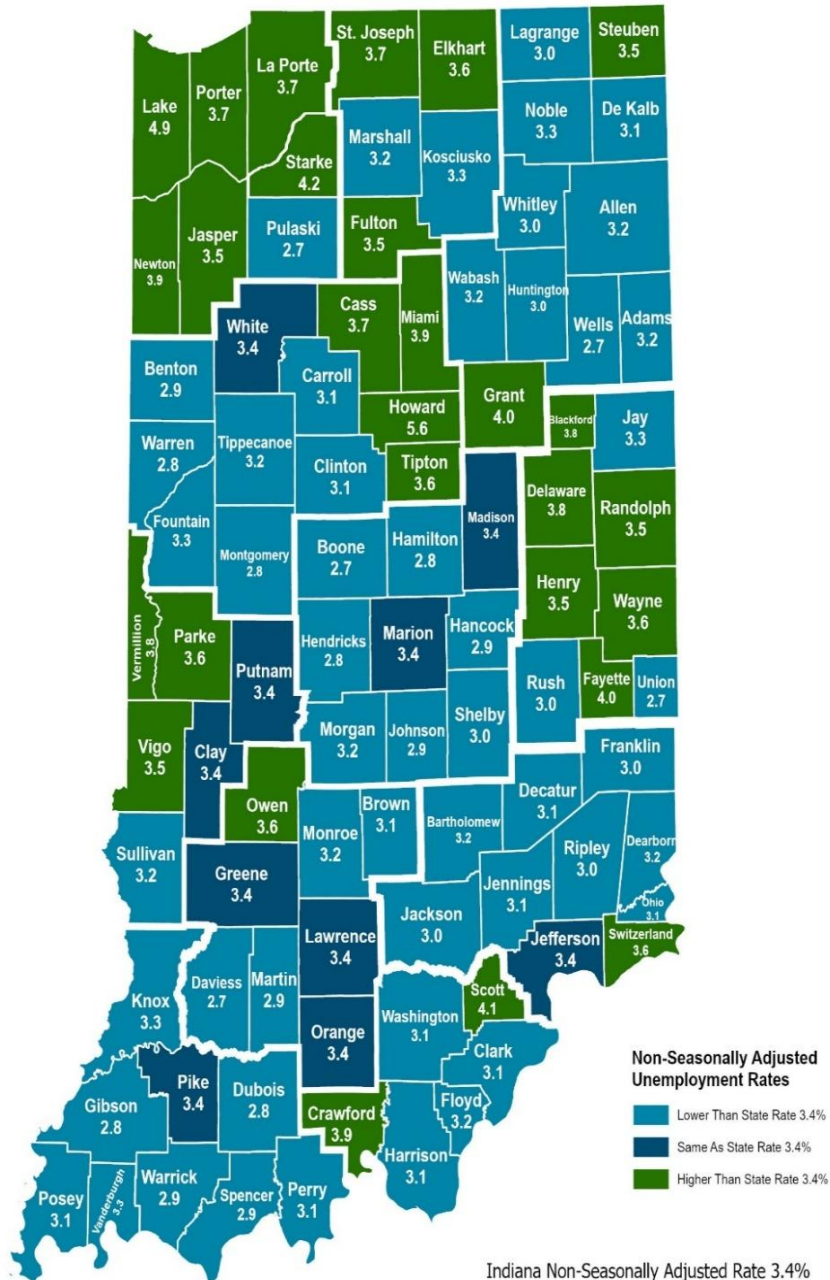


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

* 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.

County Unemployment Rates May 2025



Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



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



Questions?

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