



**April 2026**  
**Labor Market Review**

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## Economic Growth Region 11

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.

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 2026, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 6 states and was essentially unchanged in 44 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 1 state and the District, increased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 48 states.

The largest job gains occurred in Florida (+40,500), North Carolina (+16,000), and Minnesota (+15,900). The largest percentage increases occurred in New Mexico (+0.6 percent) and Minnesota (+0.5 percent), followed by Colorado, Florida, and Missouri (+0.4 percent each).

*This news release presents statistics from two monthly programs. The civilian labor force and unemployment data are modeled based largely on a survey of households. These data pertain to people by where they reside. The employment data are from an establishment survey that measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry. These data pertain to jobs on payrolls defined by where the establishments are located.*



### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

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

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 11	214,851	209,531	5,320	2.5%	3.2%	2.9%
Evansville MSA	134,832	131,394	3,438	2.5%	3.3%	2.9%
Dubois Co.	21,518	21,070	448	2.1%	2.8%	2.4%
Gibson Co.	17,299	16,916	383	2.2%	2.9%	2.4%
Knox Co.	17,347	16,878	469	2.7%	3.4%	3.1%
Perry Co.	8,393	8,186	207	2.5%	3.4%	3.0%
Pike Co.	5,465	5,316	149	2.7%	3.5%	3.1%
Posey Co.	12,173	11,895	278	2.3%	3.0%	2.9%
Spencer Co.	9,997	9,771	226	2.3%	3.1%	2.9%
Vanderburgh Co.	89,305	86,939	2,366	2.6%	3.4%	3.1%
Warrick Co.	33,354	32,560	794	2.4%	3.1%	2.6%
Boonville	3,077	2,986	91	3.0%	3.7%	2.8%
Evansville	55,904	54,284	1,620	2.9%	3.7%	3.4%
Jasper	7,889	7,716	173	2.2%	3.0%	2.5%
Mount Vernon	2,814	2,751	63	2.2%	3.3%	3.2%
Petersburg	1,011	983	28	2.8%	3.8%	4.2%
Princeton	4,292	4,179	113	2.6%	3.3%	2.7%
Rockport	907	879	28	3.1%	3.7%	3.2%
Tell City	3,377	3,294	83	2.5%	3.6%	3.0%
Vincennes	8,000	7,761	239	3.0%	3.8%	3.3%

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.

### 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

#28 - Knox (2.7%)

#29 - Pike (2.7%)

#40 - Vanderburgh (2.6%)

#51 - Perry (2.5%)

#65 - Warrick (2.4%)

#75 - Posey (2.3%)

#77 - Spencer (2.3%)

#80 - Gibson (2.2%)

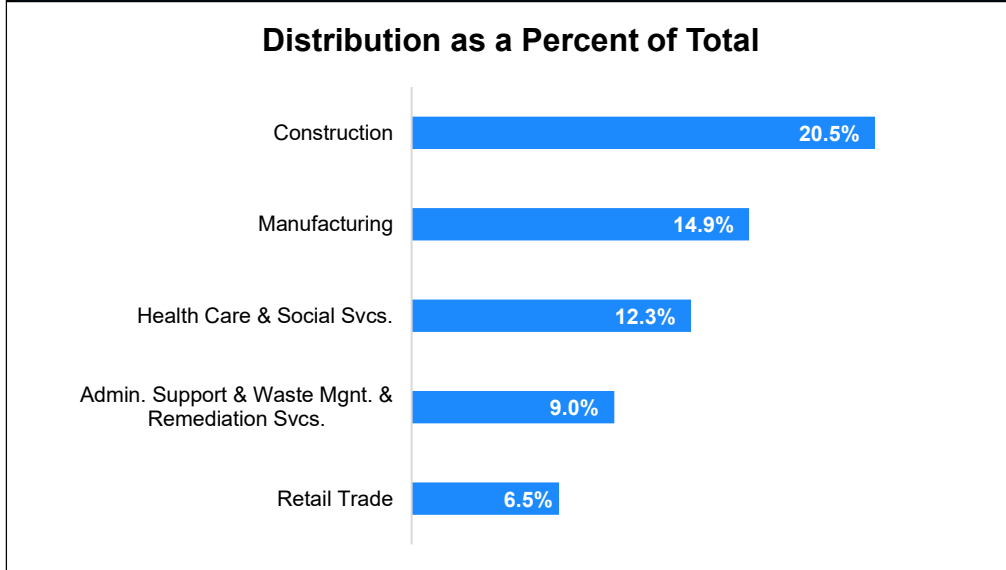
#87 - Dubois (2.1%)

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

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*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
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

### Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 11 Industries April 2026



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 11 for April 2026				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date
Oakland City Univ, Inc.	Oakland City	Gibson	167	4/1/2026
RESRG Automotive	Evansville	Vanderburgh	266	4/14/2026

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 11

#### Initial Claims

04/04/26 - 87(D)  
04/11/26 - 90(D)  
04/18/26 - 97(D)  
04/25/26 - 116(D)

#### Continued Claims

04/04/26 - 836  
04/11/26 - 816  
04/18/26 - 806  
04/25/26 - 783

#### Total Claims

04/04/26 - 923  
04/11/26 - 906  
04/18/26 - 903  
04/25/26 - 899

### 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

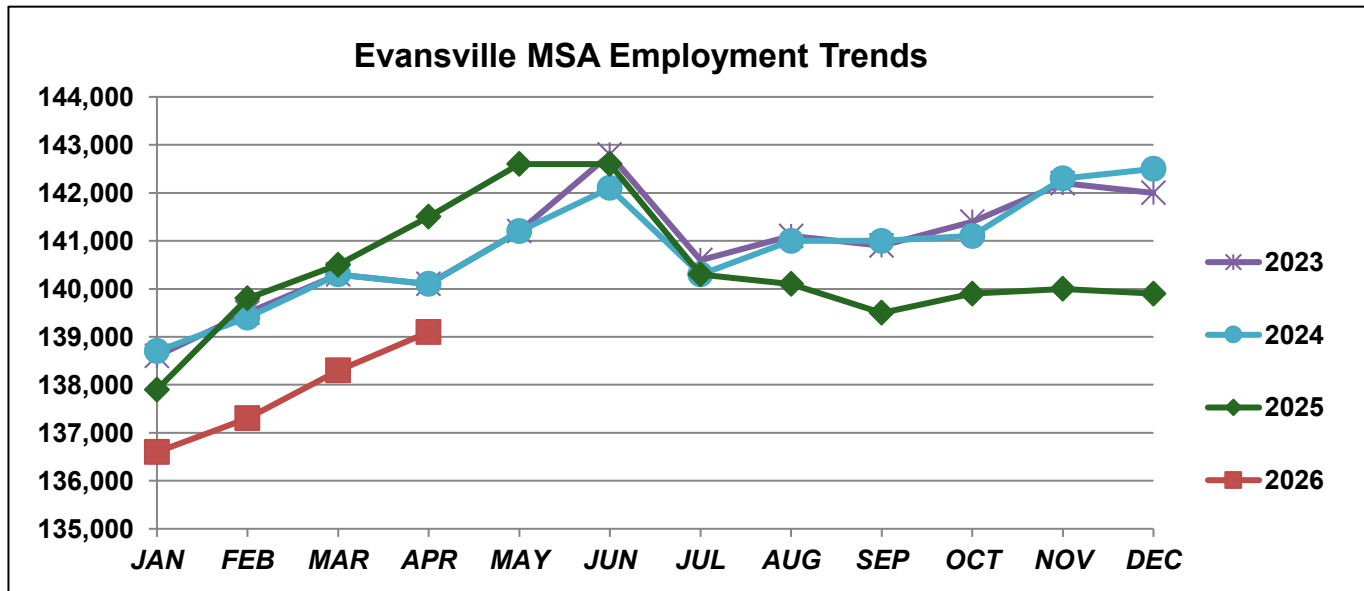
#### Total Claims

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 Development, Research and Analysis

Evansville MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26 to Apr-26		Apr-25 to Apr-26	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>139,100</b>	<b>138,300</b>	<b>141,500</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-2,400</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>125,600</b>	<b>124,900</b>	<b>126,900</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
Goods Producing	26,100	26,000	27,100	100	0.4%	-1,000	-3.7%
Service-Providing	113,000	112,300	114,400	700	0.6%	-1,400	-1.2%
Private Service Providing	99,500	98,900	99,800	600	0.6%	-300	-0.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	9,000	8,900	9,600	100	1.1%	-600	-6.3%
Manufacturing	17,100	17,100	17,500	0	0.0%	-400	-2.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,500	26,400	27,100	100	0.4%	-600	-2.2%
Wholesale Trade	5,600	5,600	5,900	0	0.0%	-300	-5.1%
Retail Trade	14,300	14,200	14,200	100	0.7%	100	0.7%
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,600	6,600	7,000	0	0.0%	-400	-5.7%
Information	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,600	5,700	5,600	-100	-1.8%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	16,400	16,100	16,300	300	1.9%	100	0.6%
Private Education and Health Services	28,100	27,900	27,400	200	0.7%	700	2.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,300	25,200	24,600	100	0.4%	700	2.9%
Hospitals	9,100	9,100	8,700	0	0.0%	400	4.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	14,200	14,100	14,900	100	0.7%	-700	-4.7%
Other Services	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	0.0%	200	3.1%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>
Federal Government	1,200	1,100	1,200	100	9.1%	0	0.0%
State Government	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Local Government	8,400	8,400	9,600	0	0.0%	-1,200	-12.5%
Local Government Educational Services	4,500	4,600	5,900	-100	-2.2%	-1,400	-23.7%

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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data. Henderson County is now in Kentucky's Balance of State (Statewide). This will account for a drop in employment for the MSA.

<b>Frequently Listed Jobs</b>	
<b>Top 20 job listings by number of postings in Region 11 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Registered Nurses
2	Retail Salespersons
3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
4	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
5	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
6	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
7	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
8	Customer Service Representatives
9	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
10	Nursing Assistants
11	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
12	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers
13	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
14	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
15	Nurse Practitioners
16	Stockers and Order Fillers
17	Medical and Health Services Managers
18	Physicians, All Other
19	Production Workers, All Other
20	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel

Source: Lightcast, Job Postings Table.

<b>Applicant Pool</b>	
<b>Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months</b>	
<b>Occupations</b>	<b># of Applicants</b>
Production Workers, All Other	336
Helpers--Production Workers	132
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	129
Customer Service Representatives	121
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	96
Office Clerks, General	83
Cashiers	76
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	76
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	65
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	57
Managers, All Other	49
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	44
General and Operations Managers	44
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	43
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	43
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	42
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	41
Receptionists and Information Clerks	41
Team Assemblers	41
Retail Salespersons	40

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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# April Indiana Employment

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## Unemployment Rate

\*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.2%

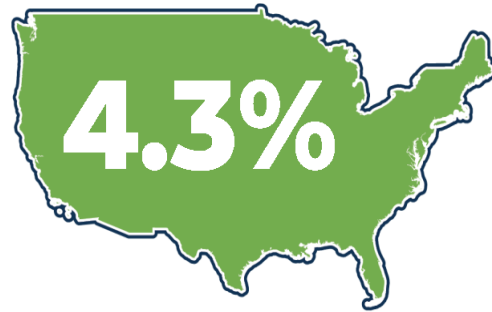


March 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



## LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE\*

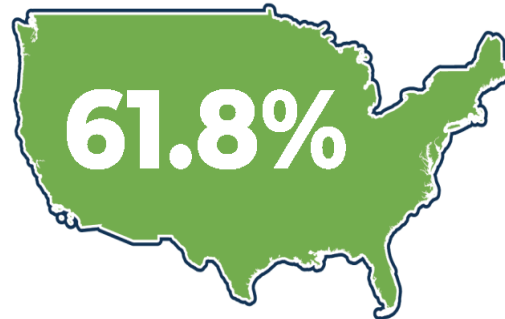
16+: 63.2%

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

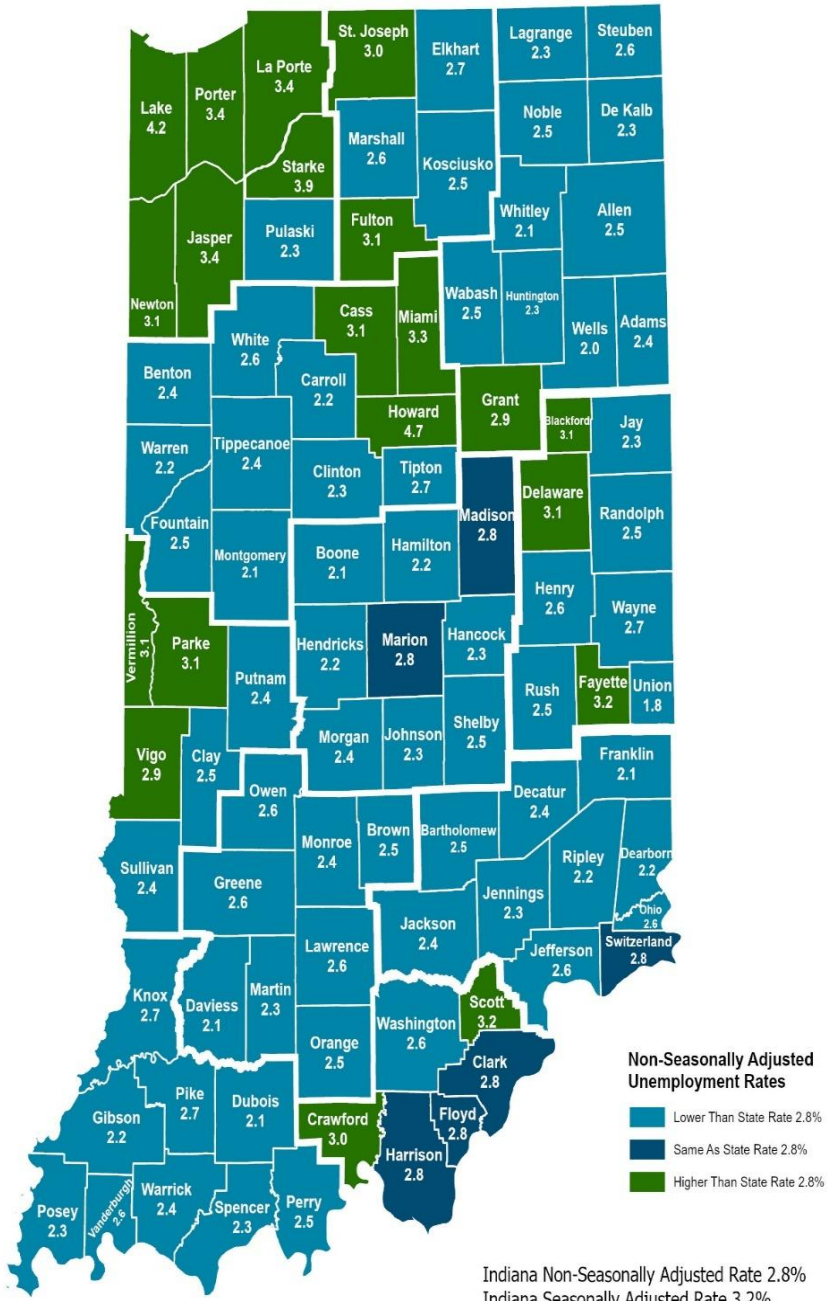


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

\* 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 April 2026



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 2.8%  
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.2%  
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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