



**May 2026
Labor Market Review**

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Economic Growth Region 3

Statistical Data Report for May 2026, Released July 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in May in 6 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 42 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Sixteen states had unemployment rate increases from May 2025, the largest of which were in Connecticut (+1.3 percentage points) and Florida (+1.1 points). Six states had over-the-year rate decreases, the largest of which was in Ohio (-1.0 percentage point). Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia had jobless rates that were not notably different from those of a year earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, was unchanged both over the month and over the year.

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Economic Growth Region (EGR) 3

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): May 2026

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 5.1%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.5%

Michigan - 5.1%

Ohio - 3.7%

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

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

#12 - Grant (3.5%)

#45 - Noble (3.1%)

#49 - Steuben (3.1%)

#50 - Adams (3%)

#51 - Allen (3%)

#59 - Wabash (3%)

#61 - DeKalb (2.9%)

#76 - LaGrange (2.8%)

#86 - Huntington (2.7%)

#88 - Whitley (2.7%)

#91 - Wells (2.5%)

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

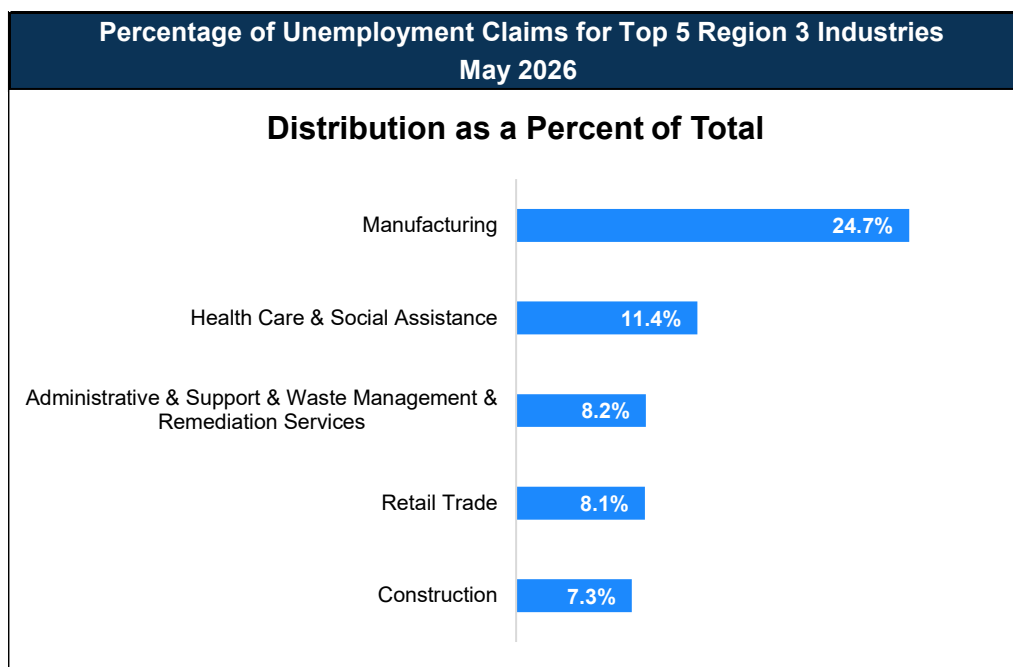
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May 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	May-26	Apr-26	May-25
U.S.	169,801,000	162,897,000	6,904,000	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%
IN	3,516,430	3,403,025	113,405	3.2%	2.8%	3.6%
EGR 3	403,446	391,417	12,029	3.0%	2.5%	3.4%
Fort Wayne MSA	239,977	232,942	7,035	2.9%	2.4%	3.4%
Adams Co.	16,250	15,762	488	3.0%	2.4%	3.4%
Allen Co.	205,603	199,450	6,153	3.0%	2.5%	3.4%
DeKalb Co.	22,428	21,784	644	2.9%	2.3%	3.4%
Grant Co.	31,407	30,306	1,101	3.5%	2.9%	4.2%
Huntington Co.	19,766	19,224	542	2.7%	2.3%	3.1%
LaGrange Co.	18,982	18,446	536	2.8%	2.3%	3.2%
Noble Co.	22,476	21,775	701	3.1%	2.5%	3.4%
Steuben Co.	17,324	16,788	536	3.1%	2.6%	3.7%
Wabash Co.	14,836	14,390	446	3.0%	2.5%	3.4%
Wells Co.	15,719	15,333	386	2.5%	2.0%	2.9%
Whitley Co.	18,655	18,159	496	2.7%	2.1%	3.2%
Fort Wayne	140,030	135,726	4,304	3.1%	2.6%	3.5%
Marion	12,546	12,034	512	4.1%	3.3%	4.8%

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.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to May 2026 from				
CPI Item	May-25	Apr-26	May-25	Apr-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	4.2%	0.6%	5.0%	1.1%
Food & Beverages	3.0%	0.1%	3.2%	0.4%
Housing	3.6%	0.3%	4.6%	0.3%
Apparel	4.8%	-0.4%	6.1%	0.2%
Transportation	9.3%	2.3%	10.1%	4.1%
Medical Care	2.6%	0.3%	3.6%	0.5%
Recreation	2.6%	0.3%	4.8%	0.7%
Education & Communication	0.8%	0.7%	1.1%	0.9%
Other Goods & Services	4.9%	0.8%	2.7%	2.1%

*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 3 for May 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for May 2026 for Region 3.

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 2026

Region 3

Initial Claims

05/02/26 - 183(D)

05/09/26 - 247(D)

05/16/26 - 229(D)

05/23/26 - 153(D)

05/30/26 - 156(D)

Continued Claims

05/02/26 - 1,513

05/09/26 - 1,527

05/16/26 - 1,433

05/23/26 - 1,349

05/30/26 - 1,510

Total Claims

05/02/26 - 1,696

05/09/26 - 1,774

05/16/26 - 1,662

05/23/26 - 1,502

05/30/26 - 1,666

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

05/02/26 - 2,224

05/09/26 - 2,550

05/16/26 - 2,385

05/23/26 - 1,976

05/30/26 - 2,164

Continued Claims

05/02/26 - 19,186

05/09/26 - 18,867

05/16/26 - 18,012

05/23/26 - 18,611

05/30/26 - 18,982

Total Claims

05/02/26 - 21,410

05/09/26 - 21,417

05/16/26 - 20,397

05/23/26 - 20,587

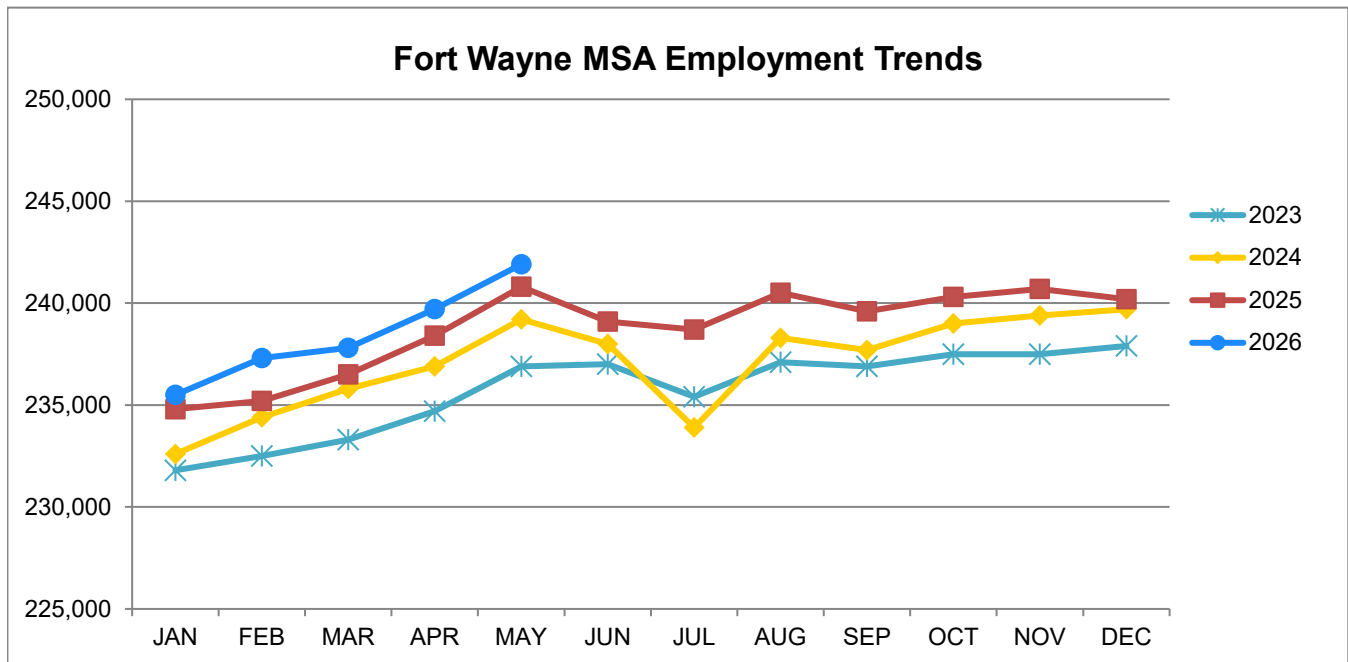
05/30/26 - 21,146

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Fort Wayne MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	May 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	May-26	Apr-26	May-25	Apr-26 to May-26		May-25 to May-26	
Total Nonfarm	241,900	239,700	240,800	2,200	0.9%	1,100	0.5%
Total Private	218,300	216,300	217,300	2,000	0.9%	1,000	0.5%
Goods Producing	52,400	51,900	52,000	500	1.0%	400	0.8%
Service Providing	189,500	187,800	188,800	1,700	0.9%	700	0.4%
Private Service Providing	165,900	164,400	165,300	1,500	0.9%	600	0.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	14,100	13,700	13,900	400	2.9%	200	1.4%
Total Manufacturing	38,300	38,200	38,100	100	0.3%	200	0.5%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	28,100	28,200	28,100	-100	-0.4%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,200	-100	-1.2%	100	1.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	45,800	45,500	45,800	300	0.7%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	10,900	10,800	10,800	100	0.9%	100	0.9%
Retail Trade	24,300	24,200	24,000	100	0.4%	300	1.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	10,600	10,500	11,000	100	1.0%	-400	-3.6%
Information	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	12,100	12,100	12,300	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
Professional and Business Services	23,300	22,900	23,400	400	1.8%	-100	-0.4%
Education and Health Services	47,400	47,400	46,100	0	0.0%	1,300	2.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	21,900	21,200	22,400	700	3.3%	-500	-2.2%
Other Services	13,700	13,600	13,600	100	0.7%	100	0.7%
Total Government	23,600	23,400	23,500	200	0.9%	100	0.4%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	0.0%	-100	-4.6%
State Government	4,000	4,100	4,100	-100	-2.4%	-100	-2.4%
Local Government	17,500	17,200	17,200	300	1.7%	300	1.7%
Local Government Educational Services	9,500	9,300	9,500	200	2.2%	0	0.0%

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.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 3 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	Production Workers, All Other
7	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
8	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
9	Food Service Managers
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Physicians, All Other
12	Nursing Assistants
13	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
14	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
15	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
16	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
17	Driver/Sales Workers
18	Medical and Health Services Managers
19	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel
20	Fast Food and Counter Workers

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	722
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	391
Customer Service Representatives	327
Helpers--Production Workers	304
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	216
Cashiers	209
Office Clerks, General	207
Managers, All Other	131
Packers and Packagers, Hand	127
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	124
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	106
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	106
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	105
Team Assemblers	102
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	99
Retail Salespersons	98
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	93
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	90
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	90
Receptionists and Information Clerks	88

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

May Indiana Employment

Released June 23, 2026



Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%

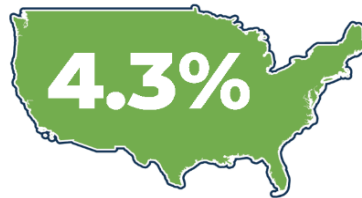


April 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.2%**

25-44: **83.9%**

25-54: **83.4%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

94,059
Jobs

As of May 31, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

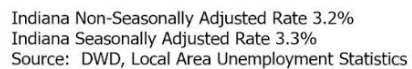
19,068



Filed Week Ending June 6, 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.



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