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Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for September 2023, Released November 2023

State Employment and Unemployment

STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT -- September 2023

Unemployment rates were higher in September in 16 states and stable in 34 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Twenty-four states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 10 states and the District had increases, and 16 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 3.8 percent, was unchanged over the month but was 0.3 percentage point higher than in September 2022. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 6 states and was essentially unchanged in 44 states and the District of Columbia in September 2023. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 36 states and was essentially unchanged in 14 states and the District. Unemployment Maryland had the lowest jobless rate in September, 1.6 percent. The next lowest rates were in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Vermont, 1.9 percent each. The rates in Maryland (1.6 percent), Pennsylvania (3.4 percent), and Rhode Island (2.6 percent) set new series lows. (All state series begin in 1976)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

September 2023 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22
U.S.	167,718,000	161,669,000	6,049,000	3.6%	3.9%	3.3%
IN	3,397,364	3,284,422	112,942	3.3%	3.7%	2.5%
EGR 6	149,647	144,348	5,299	3.5%	4.0%	2.6%
Muncie MSA	50,979	49,025	1,954	3.8%	4.4%	2.7%
Blackford Co.	4,823	4,634	189	3.9%	4.6%	2.9%
Delaware Co.	50,979	49,025	1,954	3.8%	4.4%	2.7%
Fayette Co.	8,278	7,911	367	4.4%	5.0%	3.7%
Henry Co.	22,104	21,358	746	3.4%	3.7%	2.7%
Jay Co.	9,064	8,799	265	2.9%	3.2%	2.3%
Randolph Co.	12,018	11,649	369	3.1%	3.4%	2.4%
Rush Co.	9,235	8,997	238	2.6%	2.9%	2.0%
Union Co.	3,683	3,574	109	3.0%	3.4%	1.9%
Wayne Co.	29,463	28,401	1,062	3.6%	3.8%	2.6%
Connersville	4,202	3,988	214	5.1%	5.8%	5.0%
Muncie	29,332	28,129	1,203	4.1%	4.8%	2.8%
New Castle	7,581	7,299	282	3.7%	4.2%	2.9%
Richmond	14,401	13,800	601	4.2%	4.4%	2.8%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 10/23 | 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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): September 2023

U.S. - 3.8%

Illinois - 4.4%

Indiana - 3.6%

Kentucky - 4.1%

Michigan - 3.9%

Ohio - 3.4%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): September 2023

#2 - Fayette (4.4%)

#4 - Blackford (3.9%)

#8 - Delaware (3.8%)

#17 - Wayne (3.6%)

#25 - Henry (3.4%)

#48 - Randolph (3.1%)

#56 - Union (3%)

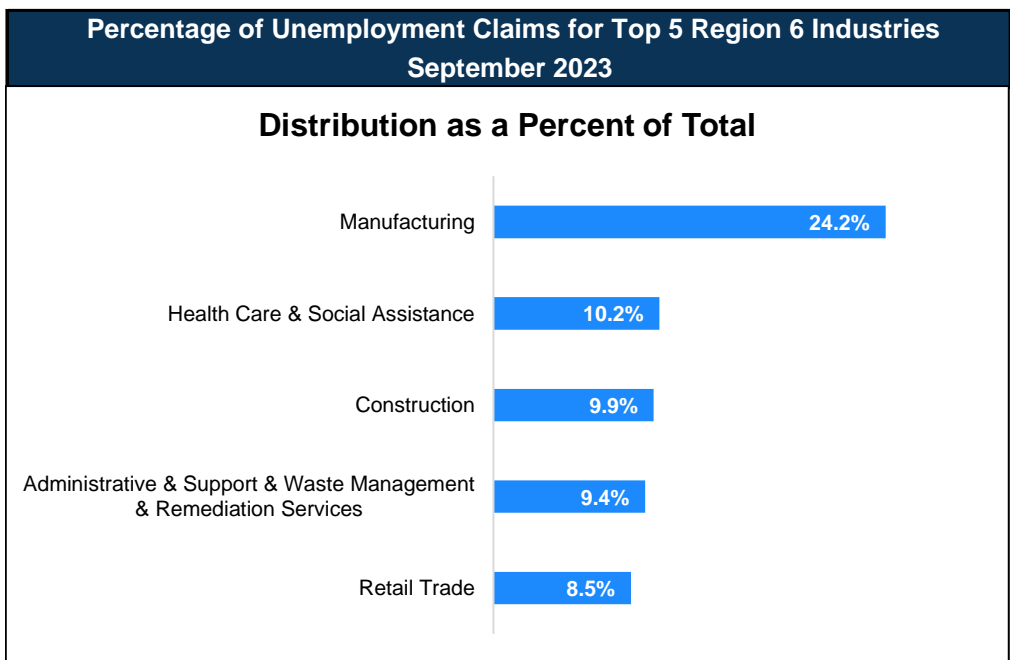
#63 - Jay (2.9%)

#86 - Rush (2.6%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to September 2023 from				
CPI Item	Sep-22	Aug-23	Sep-22	Aug-23
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.7%	0.2%	3.2%	0.1%
Food & Beverages	3.7%	0.2%	3.6%	0.3%
Housing	5.6%	0.5%	4.5%	0.2%
Apparel	2.3%	1.4%	3.2%	1.6%
Transportation	2.4%	-0.6%	2.5%	-0.9%
Medical Care	-1.4%	0.1%	-0.8%	-0.3%
Recreation	3.9%	0.4%	4.2%	0.3%
Education & Communication	1.0%	0.3%	0.8%	-0.1%
Other Goods & Services	6.0%	0.6%	5.9%	0.4%

*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 6 for September 2023				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
IU Health Blackford Hospital	Harford City	Blackford	84	8/28/2023

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 2023

Region 6

Initial Claims

09/02/23 - 84(D)

09/09/23 - 67(D)

09/16/23 - 90(D)

09/23/23 - 73(D)

09/30/23 - 48(D)

Continued Claims

09/02/23 - 619

09/09/23 - 673

09/16/23 - 546

09/23/23 - 539

09/30/23 - 550

Total Claims

09/02/23 - 703

09/09/23 - 740

09/16/23 - 636

09/23/23 - 612

09/30/23 - 598

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

09/02/23 - 3,296

09/09/23 - 5,923

09/16/23 - 3,162

09/23/23 - 2,457

09/30/23 - 2,763

Continued Claims

09/02/23 - 23,196

09/09/23 - 23,558

09/16/23 - 18,914

09/23/23 - 19,101

09/30/23 - 19,531

Total Claims

09/02/23 - 26,492

09/09/23 - 29,481

09/16/23 - 22,076

09/23/23 - 21,558

09/30/23 - 22,294

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

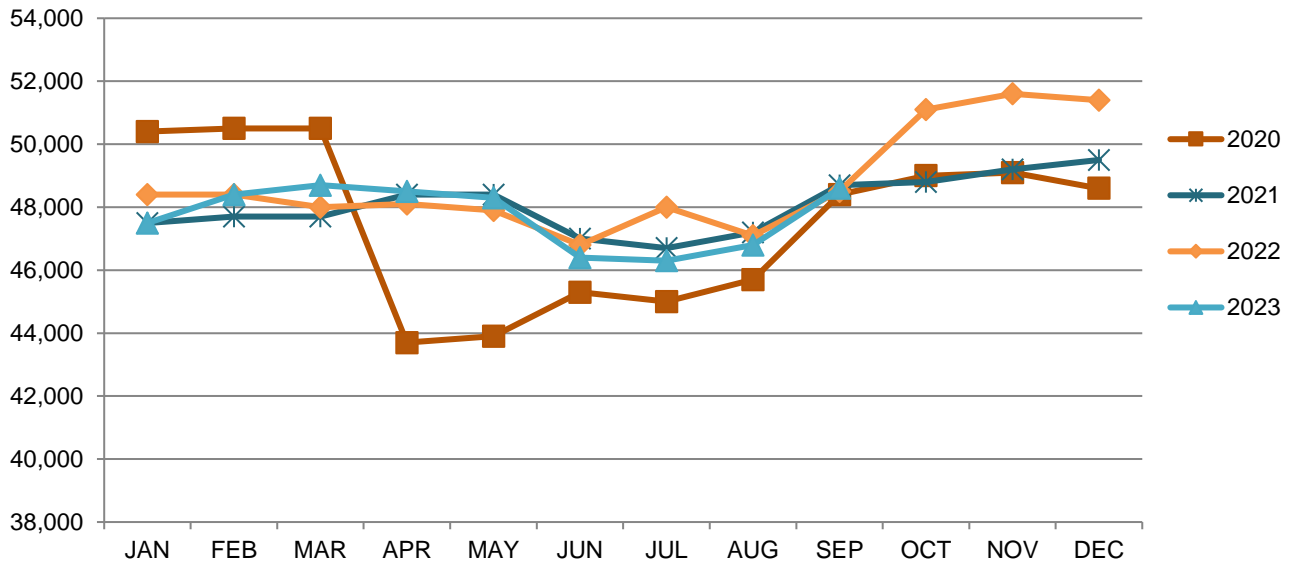
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development.

Numbers subject to revision.

Muncie MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	September 2023			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22	Aug-23 to Sep-23	Sep-22 to Sep-23	Sep-22 to Sep-23	Sep-22 to Sep-23
Total Nonfarm	48,600	46,800	48,500	1,800	3.9%	100	0.2%
Total Private	37,800	37,700	38,400	100	0.3%	-600	-1.6%
Goods Producing	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
Service-Providing	43,200	41,400	43,000	1,800	4.4%	200	0.5%
Private Service Providing	32,400	32,300	32,900	100	0.3%	-500	-1.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,500	8,400	8,400	100	1.2%	100	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	100	8.3%
Retail Trade	6,000	5,900	6,000	100	1.7%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	300	300	400	0	0.0%	-100	-25.0%
Financial Activities	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	9,600	9,500	9,600	100	1.1%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	0.0%	100	5.6%
Government	10,800	9,100	10,100	1,700	18.7%	700	6.9%
State Government	6,900	5,500	6,100	1,400	25.5%	800	13.1%
State Government Educational Services	6,700	5,300	5,900	1,400	26.4%	800	13.6%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,700	3,600	3,700	100	2.8%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,100	2,000	2,100	100	5.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

Muncie MSA Employment Trends



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 in Region 6 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Social and Human Service Assistants
3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
4	Nursing Assistants
5	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Postsecondary
6	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
7	Recreation Workers
8	Retail Salespersons
9	Stockers and Order Fillers
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
12	Production Workers, All Other
13	Speech-Language Pathologists
14	Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors
15	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
16	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
17	Operations Research Analysts
18	Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary
19	Food Preparation Workers
20	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary

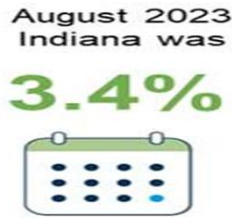
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of Applicants
Production Workers, All Other	1,310
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	909
Helpers--Production Workers	574
Cashiers	478
Customer Service Representatives	474
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	386
Office Clerks, General	268
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	263
Team Assemblers	217
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	203
Waiters and Waitresses	197
Packers and Packagers, Hand	195
Construction Laborers	190
Managers, All Other	189
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	183
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	181
Extraction Workers, All Other	171
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	170
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	170
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	169

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE **seasonally adjusted*



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE



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

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TOTAL POPULATION
6.8 Million

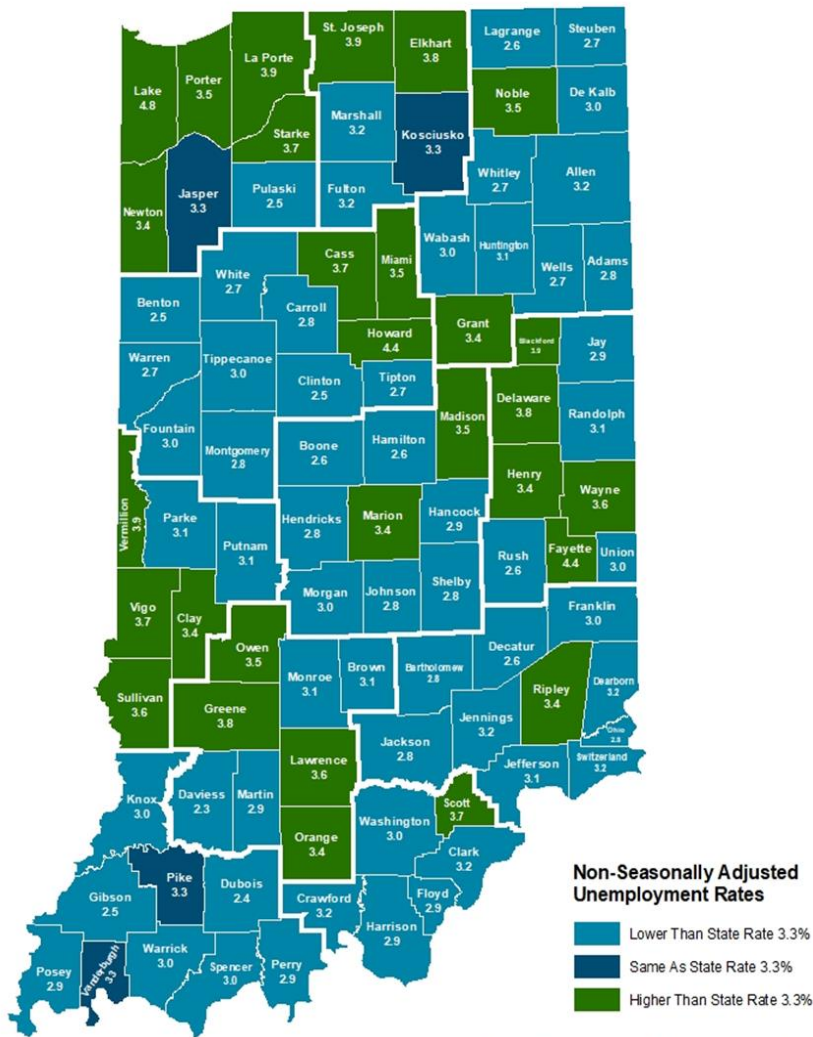


Potential Workers
(Unemployed + Want a Job, Out of Labor Force)
143,196

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 (e.g., retirees and students) and those that want a job, but are not actively seeking work.
U.S. Census Bureau, Indiana Population 2023.

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

County Unemployment Rates September 2023



Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

- Lower Than State Rate 3.3%
- Same As State Rate 3.3%
- Higher Than State Rate 3.3%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.3%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.6%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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