



April 2025 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for April 2025, Released June 2025

State Employment and Unemployment

STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT---

Unemployment rates were higher in April in 3 states and the District of Columbia, lower in 2 states, and stable in 45 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-six states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 1 state had a decrease, and 23 states had little change. The national unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.2 percent but was 0.3 percentage point higher than in April 2024.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in April, 1.8 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.8 percent, followed by Nevada, 5.6 percent. In total, 19 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.2 percent, 6 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In April 2025, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 5 states and was essentially unchanged in 45 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 16 states and was essentially unchanged in 34 states and the District.

Job gains occurred in Texas (+37,700, or +0.3 percent), Ohio (+22,200, or +0.4 percent), North Carolina (+18,100, or +0.4 percent), Arizona (+14,200, or +0.4 percent), and Connecticut (+6,900, or +0.4 percent).

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

April 2025 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-25	Mar-25	Apr-24
U.S.	170,622,000	164,043,000	6,580,000	3.9%	4.2%	3.5%
IN	3,476,454	3,373,288	103,166	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%
EGR 6	156,161	151,346	4,815	3.1%	3.7%	3.7%
Muncie MSA	54,086	52,435	1,651	3.1%	3.8%	3.9%
Blackford Co.	5,059	4,894	165	3.3%	4.2%	3.7%
Delaware Co.	54,086	52,435	1,651	3.1%	3.8%	3.9%
Fayette Co.	10,432	10,069	363	3.5%	4.0%	4.0%
Henry Co.	22,351	21,644	707	3.2%	3.7%	3.6%
Jay Co.	9,206	8,956	250	2.7%	3.2%	3.0%
Randolph Co.	12,015	11,624	391	3.3%	3.7%	3.6%
Rush Co.	8,267	8,042	225	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%
Union Co.	4,086	4,002	84	2.1%	2.4%	2.4%
Wayne Co.	30,659	29,680	979	3.2%	3.6%	3.8%
Connersville	5,697	5,475	222	3.9%	4.4%	4.6%
Muncie	30,715	29,699	1,016	3.3%	4.1%	4.2%
New Castle	8,218	7,969	249	3.0%	3.5%	3.3%
Richmond	15,489	14,931	558	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 05/25 | 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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): April 2025

U.S. - 4.2%

Illinois - 4.8%

Indiana - 3.9%

Kentucky - 5.2%

Michigan - 5.5%

Ohio - 4.9%

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

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

#8 - Fayette (3.5%)

#12 - Blackford (3.3%)

#16 - Randolph (3.3%)

#19 - Henry (3.2%)

#22 - Wayne (3.2%)

#24 - Delaware (3.1%)

#59 - Jay (2.7%)

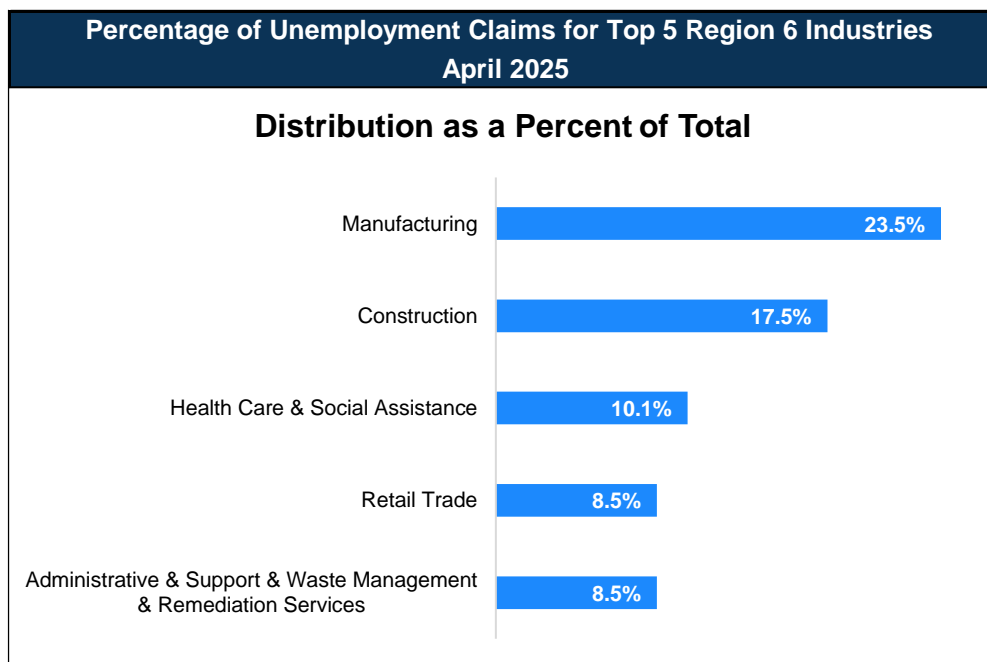
#63 - Rush (2.7%)

#92 - Union (2.1%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2025 from				
CPI Item	Apr-24	Mar-25	Apr-24	Mar-25
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.3%	0.3%	2.4%	0.2%
Food & Beverages	2.7%	0.0%	2.4%	-0.2%
Housing	4.0%	0.4%	4.8%	0.2%
Apparel	-0.7%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-2.5%
Transportation	-1.5%	0.9%	-1.7%	0.8%
Medical Care	2.7%	0.4%	1.4%	0.2%
Recreation	1.6%	-0.1%	1.6%	0.0%
Education & Communication	0.2%	-0.2%	0.3%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	3.6%	0.3%	3.9%	0.8%

*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 April 2025				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
SSC Services for Education dba Muncie Community Schools	Muncie	Delaware	58	4/23/2025

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 2025

Region 6

Initial Claims

04/05/25 - 84(D)

04/12/25 - 101(D)

04/19/25 - 87(D)

04/26/25 - 87(D)

Continued Claims

04/05/25 - 893

04/12/25 - 857

04/19/25 - 811

04/26/25 - 792

Total Claims

04/05/25 - 977

04/12/25 - 958

04/19/25 - 898

04/26/25 - 879

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

04/05/25 - 2,496

04/12/25 - 3,104

04/19/25 - 2,609

04/26/25 - 2,566

Continued Claims

04/05/25 - 22,840

04/12/25 - 22,250

04/19/25 - 21,736

04/26/25 - 21,208

Total Claims

04/05/25 - 25,336

04/12/25 - 25,354

04/19/25 - 24,345

04/26/25 - 23,774

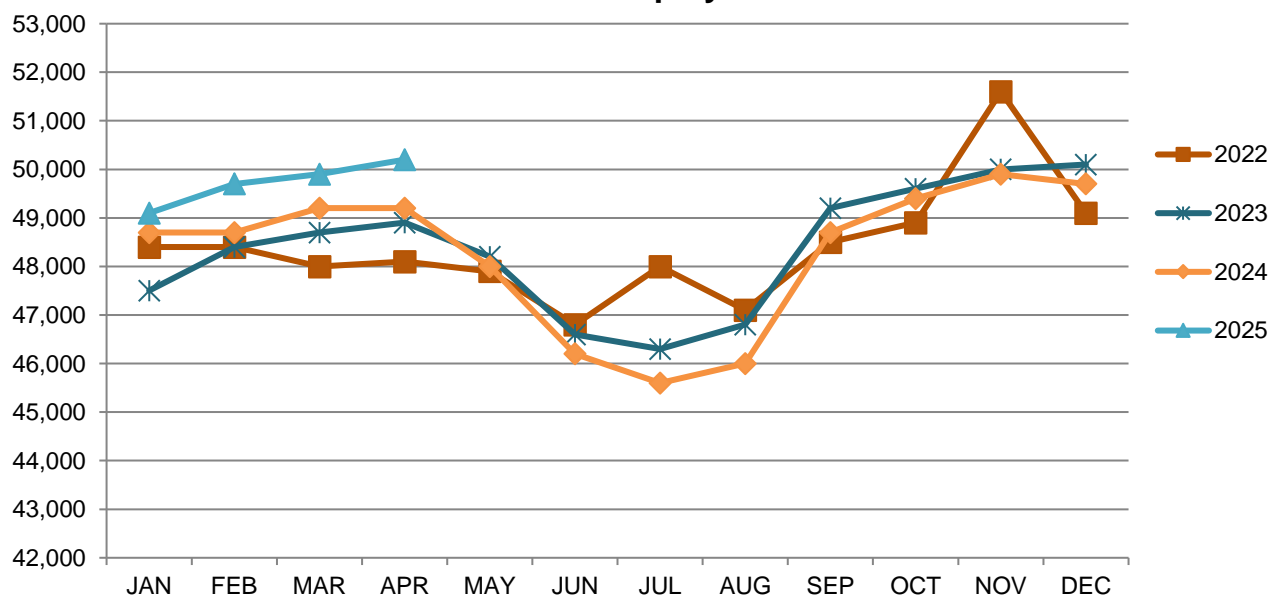
(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development. Numbers subject to revision.

Muncie MSA						
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2025			# Change	% Change	# Change % Change
Industry	Apr-25	Mar-25	Apr-24	Mar-25 to Apr-25	Apr-24 to Apr-25	
Total Nonfarm	50,200	49,900	49,200	300	0.6%	1,000 2.0%
Total Private	39,200	38,900	38,600	300	0.8%	600 1.6%
Goods Producing	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	0.0%	-100 -1.8%
Service-Providing	44,600	44,300	43,500	300	0.7%	1,100 2.5%
Private Service Providing	33,600	33,300	32,900	300	0.9%	700 2.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	0.0%	-100 -2.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	0.0%	-100 -1.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Retail Trade	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	0.0%	-100 -1.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Information	400	400	300	0	0.0%	100 33.3%
Financial Activities	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	0.0%	100 4.4%
Education and Health Services	10,200	10,100	9,900	100	1.0%	300 3.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,400	5,300	100	1.9%	200 3.8%
Other Services	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	0.0%	100 5.0%
Government	11,000	11,000	10,600	0	0.0%	400 3.8%
State Government	7,100	7,000	6,500	100	1.4%	600 9.2%
State Government Educational Services	6,900	6,800	6,300	100	1.5%	600 9.5%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Local Government	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	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	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse
2	Production Workers, All Other
3	Agricultural Equipment Operators
4	Managers, All Other
5	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers
6	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
7	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
8	Chefs and Head Cooks
9	Childcare Workers
10	Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
11	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
12	Lathe and Turning Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
13	Physicians, All Other
14	Prepress Technicians and Workers
15	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
16	Mechanical Engineers
17	Pest Control Workers
18	Production Workers, All Other
19	Public Relations Specialists
20	Tool and Die Makers

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	824
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	516
Helpers--Production Workers	336
Customer Service Representatives	296
Cashiers	248
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	229
Office Clerks, General	152
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	140
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	129
Construction Laborers	125
Managers, All Other	125
Team Assemblers	120
Extraction Workers, All Other	115
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	115
Retail Salespersons	111
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	109
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	104
Packers and Packagers, Hand	100
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	95
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	94

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

April Indiana Employment

Released May 21, 2025



Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.9%



March 2025 Indiana

4.1%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.7%**

25-44: **85.6%**

25-54: **85.0%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

88,613

Jobs

As of May 1, 2025



Weekly UI Continued Claims

21,736

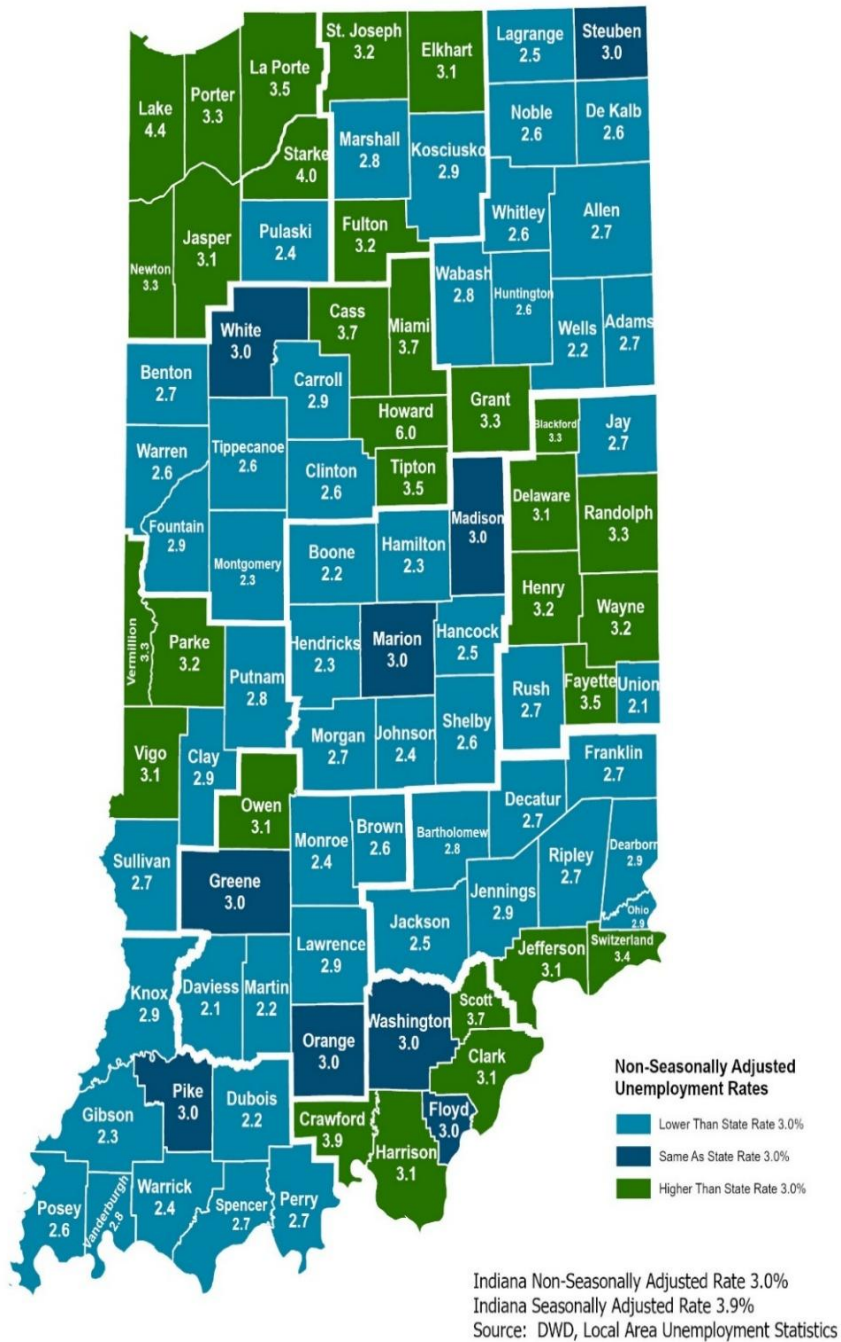


Filed Week Ending April 26, 2025

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 2025



Questions?

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