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**February 2026  
Labor Market Review**

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# Economic Growth Region 7

Statistical Data Report for February 2026, Released April 2026

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in February in 1 state and stable in 49 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirteen states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 2 states had decreases, and 35 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.4 percent, changed little over the month but was 0.2 percentage point higher than in February 2025.

Hawaii and South Dakota had the lowest jobless rates in February, 2.3 percent each. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.5 percent. The next highest rates were in California and Delaware, 5.4 percent each. In total, 21 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.4 percent, 6 states and the District had higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In February 2026, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 2 states, increased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 2 states and the District, increased in 2 states, and was essentially unchanged in 46 states.

Employment decreased in Illinois (-17,800, or -0.3 percent) and Nebraska (-6,500, or -0.6 percent). Employment increased in Arizona (+11,000, or +0.3 percent).

*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.*

February 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb-26	Jan-26	Feb-25
U.S.	170,206,000	162,153,000	8,052,000	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%
IN	3,461,067	3,330,356	130,711	3.8%	3.3%	4.3%
EGR 7	102,439	98,281	4,158	4.1%	3.3%	4.4%
Terre Haute MSA	78,701	75,444	3,257	4.1%	3.4%	4.4%
Clay Co.	12,349	11,877	472	3.8%	3.1%	4.2%
Parke Co.	6,754	6,464	290	4.3%	3.7%	4.3%
Putnam Co.	16,984	16,373	611	3.6%	2.9%	4.2%
Sullivan Co.	9,257	8,908	349	3.8%	3.1%	4.0%
Vermillion Co.	7,245	6,895	350	4.8%	4.1%	4.8%
Vigo Co.	49,850	47,764	2,086	4.2%	3.4%	4.5%
Terre Haute	25,360	24,191	1,169	4.6%	3.6%	4.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 04/26 | 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.



### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 7

Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties

### Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): February 2026

U.S. - 4.4%

Illinois - 5%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.2%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 4.2%

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

### Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): February 2026

#5 - Vermillion (4.8%)

#17 - Parke (4.3%)

#21 - Vigo (4.2%)

#35 - Clay (3.8%)

#40 - Sullivan (3.8%)

#59 - Putnam (3.6%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2026 from				
CPI Item	Feb-25	Jan-26	Feb-25	Jan-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Food & Beverages	3.0%	0.4%	3.0%	0.9%
Housing	3.3%	0.3%	4.6%	0.7%
Apparel	2.5%	4.2%	3.0%	4.2%
Transportation	-0.5%	0.8%	-1.6%	0.5%
Medical Care	3.4%	0.4%	3.7%	0.5%
Recreation	2.3%	0.2%	4.1%	0.4%
Education & Communication	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.8%
Other Goods & Services	5.1%	0.1%	2.4%	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

### Unemployment Claims: February 2026

#### Region 7

##### Initial Claims

02/07/26 - 126(D)

02/14/26 - 68(D)

02/21/26 - 53(D)

02/28/26 - 41(D)

##### Continued Claims

02/07/26 - 760

02/14/26 - 721

02/21/26 - 693

02/28/26 - 648

##### Total Claims

02/07/26 - 886

02/14/26 - 789

02/21/26 - 746

02/28/26 - 689

#### State of Indiana

##### Initial Claims

02/07/26 - 4,025

02/14/26 - 2,941

02/21/26 - 2,469

02/28/26 - 2,514

##### Continued Claims

02/07/26 - 26,734

02/14/26 - 25,628

02/21/26 - 25,117

02/28/26 - 24,518

##### Total Claims

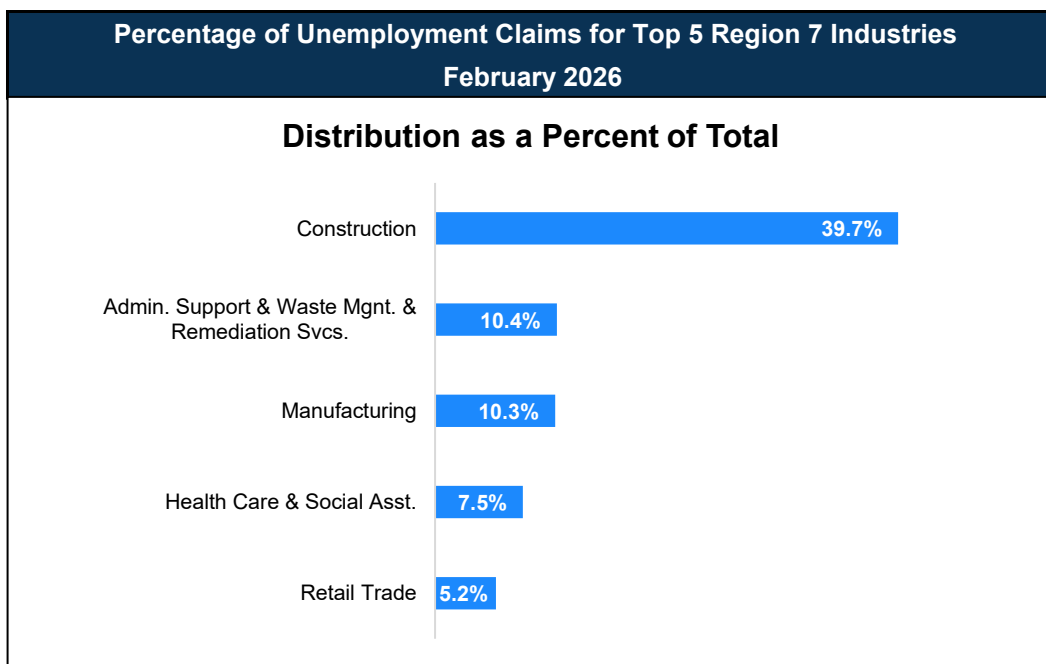
02/07/26 - 30,759

02/14/26 - 28,569

02/21/26 - 27,586

02/28/26 - 27,032

(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



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## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 7 for February 2026				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

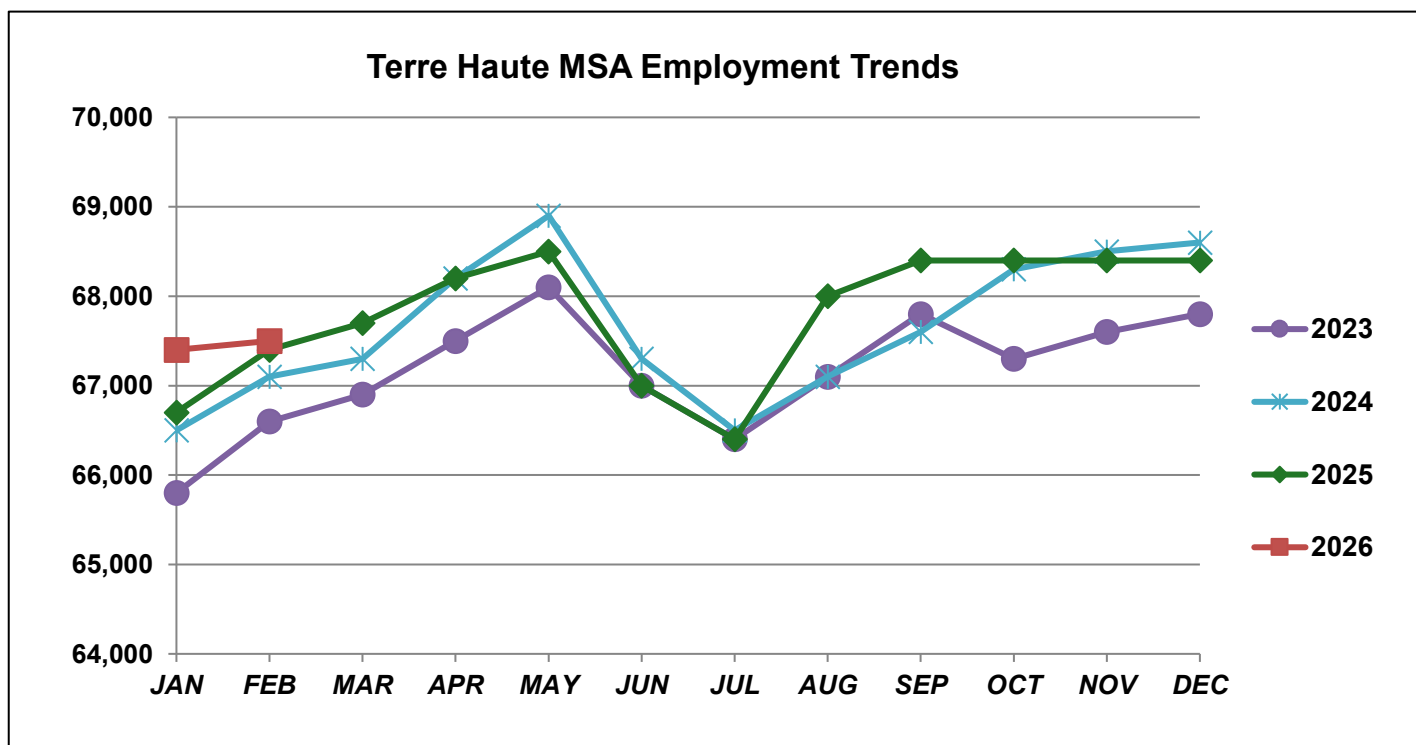
**There are no WARN Notices for February 2026 for EGR 7.**

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>

Terre Haute MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	February 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
	Feb-26	Jan-26	Feb-25	Jan-26 to Feb-26		Feb-25 to Feb-26	
<b>Industry</b>	<b>Feb-26</b>	<b>Jan-26</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>Jan-26 to Feb-26</b>		<b>Feb-25 to Feb-26</b>	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>67,500</b>	<b>67,400</b>	<b>67,400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>55,500</b>	<b>55,400</b>	<b>55,300</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Goods Producing	14,200	14,100	13,900	100	0.7%	300	2.2%
Service-Providing	53,300	53,300	53,500	0	0.0%	-200	-0.4%
Private Service Providing	41,300	41,300	41,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,600	4,600	4,100	0	0.0%	500	12.2%
Manufacturing	9,600	9,500	9,800	100	1.1%	-200	-2.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,100	12,200	12,300	-100	-0.8%	-200	-1.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,400	2,500	2,600	-100	-4.0%	-200	-7.7%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,200	2,300	2,300	-100	-4.4%	-100	-4.4%
Professional and Business Services	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	2.6%	200	5.4%
Private Education and Health Services	12,900	12,800	12,700	100	0.8%	200	1.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,100	7,100	7,400	0	0.0%	-300	-4.1%
Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	0.0%	100	4.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	0.0%	-100	-8.3%
State Government	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0.0%	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.

<b>Frequently Listed Jobs</b>	
<b>Top 20 job listings by number of postings in Region 7 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Registered Nurses
2	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
3	Retail Salespersons
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
5	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
6	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
7	Physical Therapists
8	Nursing Assistants
9	Production Workers, All Other
10	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
11	Food Service Managers
12	Food Preparation Workers
13	Nurse Practitioners
14	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
15	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
16	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
17	Customer Service Representatives
18	Pharmacists
19	Driver/Sales Workers
20	Physicians, All Other

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	102
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	74
Customer Service Representatives	73
Cashiers	67
Helpers--Production Workers	66
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	61
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	45
Office Clerks, General	42
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	38
Managers, All Other	30
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	29
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	28
Carpenters	26
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	26
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	25
Medical Assistants	25
Retail Salespersons	25
Receptionists and Information Clerks	24
Construction Laborers	23
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	22

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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# February Indiana Employment

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## Unemployment Rate

\*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

**3.3%**



January 2026 Indiana

**3.4%**



National Unemployment Rate



## LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE\*

16+: **63.4%**

25-44: **84.3%**

25-54: **83.9%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

**85,672**

**Jobs**

As of February 28, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

**24,518**

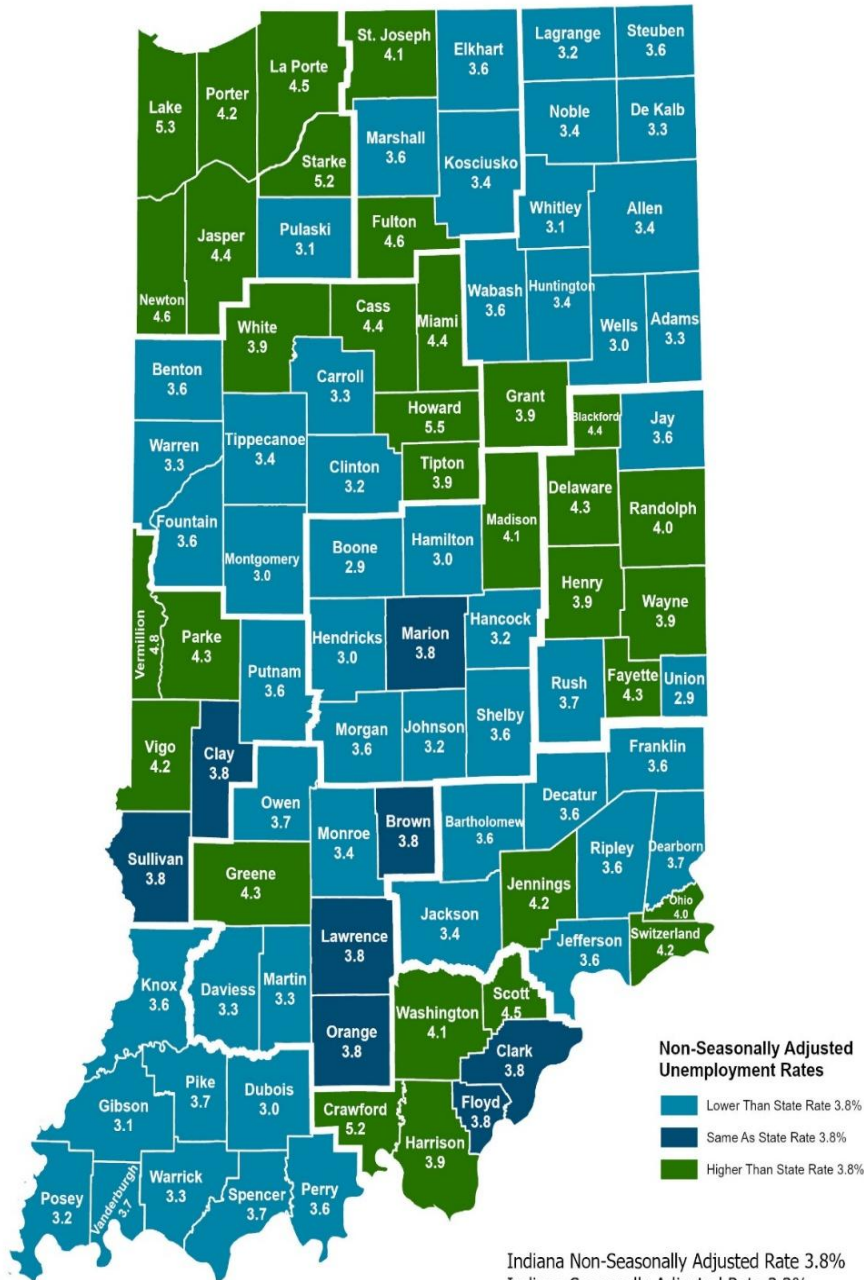


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

\* 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 February 2026



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.8%  
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.3%  
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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