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Labor Market Review**

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Economic Growth Region 7

Statistical Data Report for March 2026, Released May 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were little changed in March in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Fourteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 2 states had decreases, and 34 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, changed little over the month and from March 2025.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in March, 2.3 percent, followed by Hawaii, 2.4 percent, and North Dakota, 2.5 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.3 percent. The next highest rate was in Delaware, 5.4 percent, followed by California and Nevada, 5.3 percent each. In total, 17 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.3 percent, 8 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In March 2026, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 3 states and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 3 states and the District, increased in 3 states, and was essentially unchanged in 44 states.

Employment increased in Texas (+46,800, or +0.3 percent), Florida (+28,100, or +0.3 percent), and Tennessee (+12,100, or +0.4 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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 7

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): March 2026

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 5.1%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.2%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 4.1%

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

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

#7 - Parke (4.2%)

#8 - Vermillion (4.2%)

#20 - Vigo (3.9%)

#40 - Clay (3.4%)

#49 - Putnam (3.4%)

#50 - Sullivan (3.4%)

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

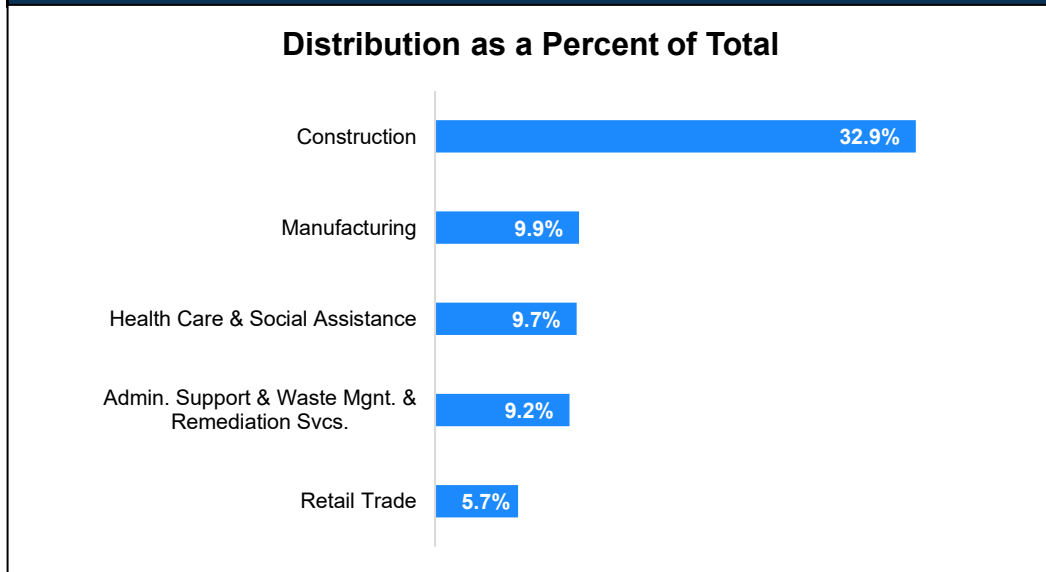
March 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mar-26	Feb-26	Mar-25
U.S.	170,102,000	162,764,000	7,337,000	4.3%	4.7%	4.2%
IN	3,470,481	3,346,967	123,514	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%
EGR 7	102,903	99,022	3,881	3.8%	4.1%	3.8%
Terre Haute MSA	78,990	75,970	3,020	3.8%	4.1%	3.9%
Clay Co.	12,380	11,956	424	3.4%	3.8%	3.6%
Parke Co.	6,842	6,558	284	4.2%	4.4%	3.9%
Putnam Co.	17,071	16,494	577	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%
Sullivan Co.	9,308	8,989	319	3.4%	3.8%	3.5%
Vermillion Co.	7,269	6,961	308	4.2%	4.8%	4.2%
Vigo Co.	50,033	48,064	1,969	3.9%	4.2%	4.0%
Terre Haute	25,467	24,343	1,124	4.4%	4.6%	4.5%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 05/26 | 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 March 2026 from				
CPI Item	Mar-25	Feb-26	Mar-25	Feb-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.3%	1.0%	3.4%	0.9%
Food & Beverages	2.6%	0.1%	2.3%	0.0%
Housing	3.4%	0.4%	4.0%	-0.1%
Apparel	3.4%	1.8%	3.6%	0.9%
Transportation	5.0%	5.1%	3.8%	5.4%
Medical Care	3.1%	-0.1%	3.9%	0.1%
Recreation	2.2%	-0.1%	4.3%	0.5%
Education & Communication	0.0%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	3.8%	-0.3%	2.3%	0.7%

*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 7 Industries
March 2026**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

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

There are no WARN Notices for March 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>

Unemployment Claims: March 2026

Region 7

Initial Claims

03/07/26 - 39(D)

03/14/26 - 73(D)

03/21/26 - 42(D)

03/28/26 - 41(D)

Continued Claims

03/07/26 - 646

03/14/26 - 588

03/21/26 - 546

03/28/26 - 490

Total Claims

03/07/26 - 685

03/14/26 - 661

03/21/26 - 588

03/28/26 - 531

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

03/07/26 - 2,586

03/14/26 - 2,608

03/21/26 - 2,418

03/28/26 - 2,279

Continued Claims

03/07/26 - 23,875

03/14/26 - 22,954

03/21/26 - 21,974

03/28/26 - 20,972

Total Claims

03/07/26 - 26,461

03/14/26 - 25,562

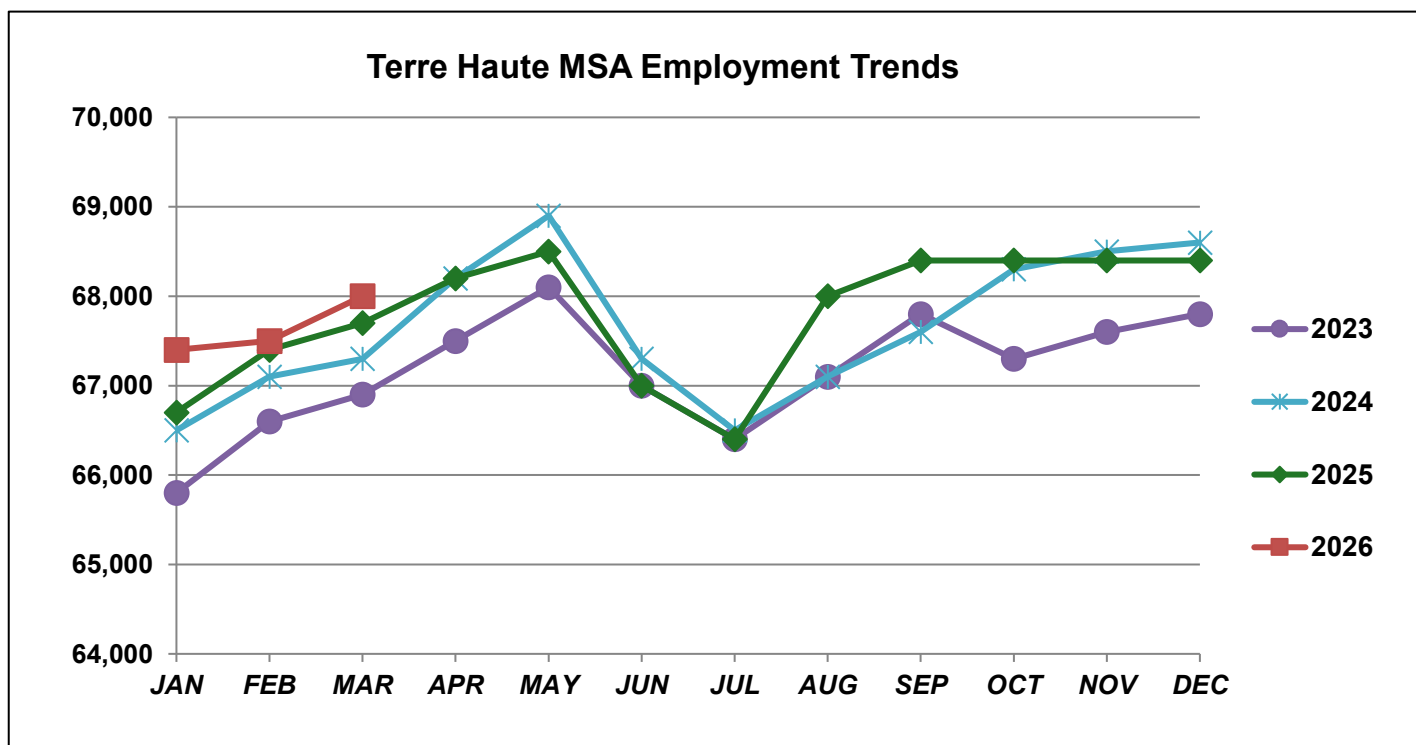
03/21/26 - 24,392

03/28/26 - 23,251

(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

Terre Haute MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	March 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
	Mar-26	Feb-26	Mar-25	Feb-26 to Mar-26		Mar-25 to Mar-26	
Industry							
Total Nonfarm	68,000	67,500	67,700	500	0.7%	300	0.4%
Total Private	55,800	55,500	55,500	300	0.5%	300	0.5%
Goods Producing	14,300	14,200	14,000	100	0.7%	300	2.1%
Service-Providing	53,700	53,300	53,700	400	0.8%	0	0.0%
Private Service Providing	41,500	41,300	41,500	200	0.5%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,700	4,600	4,200	100	2.2%	500	11.9%
Manufacturing	9,600	9,600	9,800	0	0.0%	-200	-2.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,100	12,100	12,200	0	0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,000	8,000	7,900	0	0.0%	100	1.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	0.0%	-200	-7.7%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,300	2,200	2,300	100	4.6%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Private Education and Health Services	12,800	12,900	12,700	-100	-0.8%	100	0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,300	7,100	7,400	200	2.8%	-100	-1.4%
Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	0.0%	100	4.0%
Total Government	12,200	12,000	12,200	200	1.7%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	0.0%	-100	-8.3%
State Government	4,100	3,900	4,100	200	5.1%	0	0.0%
Local Government	7,000	7,000	6,900	0	0.0%	100	1.5%
Local Government Educational Services	3,700	3,600	3,600	100	2.8%	100	2.8%

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 postings in Region 7 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
4	Retail Salespersons
5	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
6	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
7	Food Service Managers
8	Physical Therapists
9	Nursing Assistants
10	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
11	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
12	Food Preparation Workers
13	Production Workers, All Other
14	Nurse Practitioners
15	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
16	Pharmacists
17	Stockers and Order Fillers
18	Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers
19	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
20	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers

Source: Lightcast, Job Postings Table.

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of Applicants
Production Workers, All Other	85
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	61
Cashiers	56
Customer Service Representatives	55
Helpers--Production Workers	54
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	49
Office Clerks, General	37
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	28
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	26
Managers, All Other	24
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	23
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	23
Receptionists and Information Clerks	22
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	21
Retail Salespersons	20
Medical Assistants	19
Carpenters	18
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	18
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	18
Packers and Packagers, Hand	16

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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March Indiana Employment

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Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%



February 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.3%**

25-44: **83.9%**

25-54: **83.5%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

98,050

Jobs

As of March 29, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

20,972

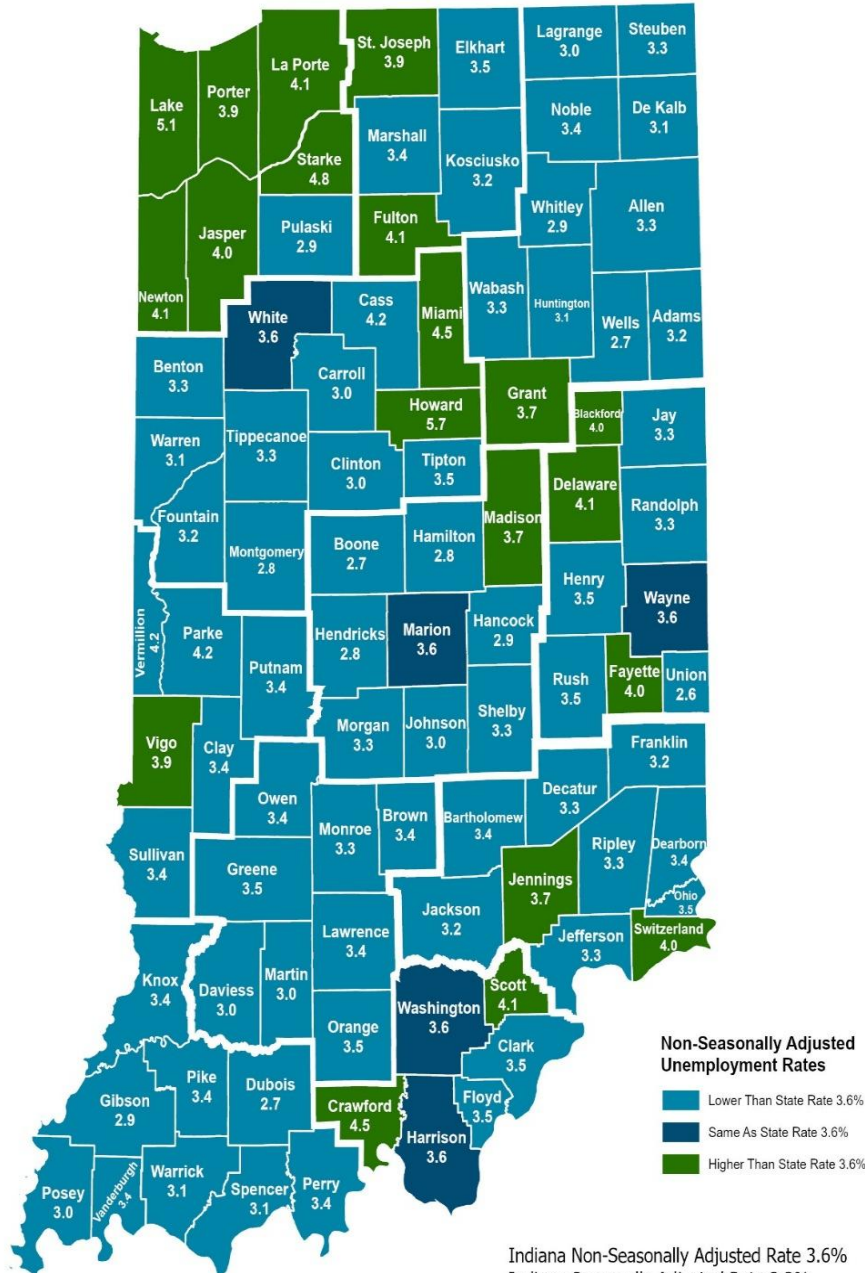


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

* 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 March 2026



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