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Economic Growth Region 7

Statistical Data Report for April 2026, Released June 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 3 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 45 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Nineteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 6 states had decreases, and 25 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, was unchanged over the month and was little changed from April 2025.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in April, 2.2 percent, followed by North Dakota, 2.4 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.2 percent. The next highest rates were in California, Delaware, and Nevada, 5.3 percent each. In total, 17 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.3 percent, 6 states and the District had higher rates, and 27 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In April 2026, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 6 states and was essentially unchanged in 44 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 1 state and the District, increased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 48 states.

The largest job gains occurred in Florida (+40,500), North Carolina (+16,000), and Minnesota (+15,900). The largest percentage increases occurred in New Mexico (+0.6 percent) and Minnesota (+0.5 percent), followed by Colorado, Florida, and Missouri (+0.4 percent each).

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): April 2026

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 5.1%

Indiana - 3.2%

Kentucky - 4.3%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 3.9%

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

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

#15 - Parke (3.1%)

#16 - Vermillion (3.1%)

#20 - Vigo (2.9%)

#46 - Clay (2.5%)

#62 - Putnam (2.4%)

#63 - Sullivan (2.4%)

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

April 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25
U.S.	169,548,000	162,781,000	6,768,000	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
IN	3,467,580	3,372,212	95,368	2.8%	3.6%	3.3%
EGR 7	103,600	100,759	2,841	2.7%	3.8%	3.3%
Terre Haute MSA	79,270	77,065	2,205	2.8%	3.8%	3.3%
Clay Co.	12,446	12,131	315	2.5%	3.4%	3.1%
Parke Co.	6,874	6,664	210	3.1%	4.2%	3.5%
Putnam Co.	17,456	17,030	426	2.4%	3.3%	3.1%
Sullivan Co.	9,351	9,125	226	2.4%	3.4%	2.9%
Vermillion Co.	7,284	7,061	223	3.1%	4.2%	3.6%
Vigo Co.	50,189	48,748	1,441	2.9%	3.9%	3.3%
Terre Haute	25,520	24,690	830	3.3%	4.4%	3.7%

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 April 2026 from				
CPI Item	Apr-25	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.8%	0.9%	4.1%	0.8%
Food & Beverages	3.1%	0.5%	3.1%	0.5%
Housing	3.6%	0.6%	4.7%	0.8%
Apparel	4.2%	-0.4%	5.4%	-0.8%
Transportation	7.1%	2.9%	5.8%	2.7%
Medical Care	2.5%	-0.1%	3.4%	-0.3%
Recreation	2.3%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%
Education & Communication	0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	4.4%	0.9%	0.5%	-1.0%

*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: April 2026

Region 7

Initial Claims

04/04/26 - 24(D)

04/11/26 - 50(D)

04/18/26 - 46(D)

04/25/26 - 38(D)

Continued Claims

04/04/26 - 463

04/11/26 - 426

04/18/26 - 425

04/25/26 - 411

Total Claims

04/04/26 - 487

04/11/26 - 476

04/18/26 - 471

04/25/26 - 449

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

04/04/26 - 2,727

04/11/26 - 3,629

04/18/26 - 2,479

04/25/26 - 2,138

Continued Claims

04/04/26 - 20,966

04/11/26 - 21,000

04/18/26 - 20,087

04/25/26 - 19,380

Total Claims

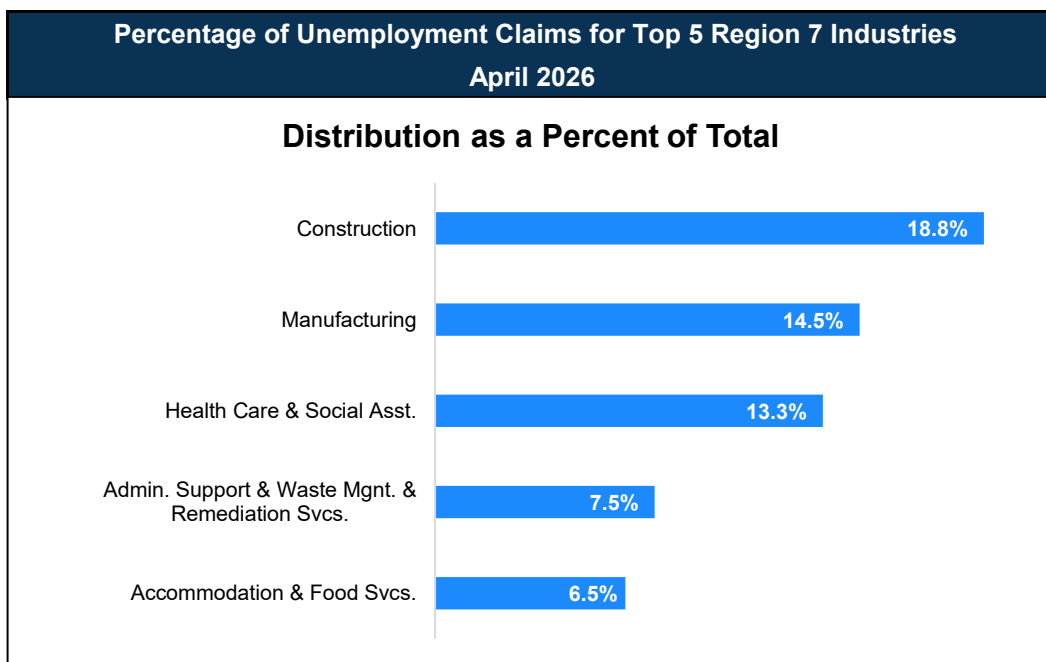
04/04/26 - 23,693

04/11/26 - 24,629

04/18/26 - 22,566

04/25/26 - 21,518

(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 April 2026				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

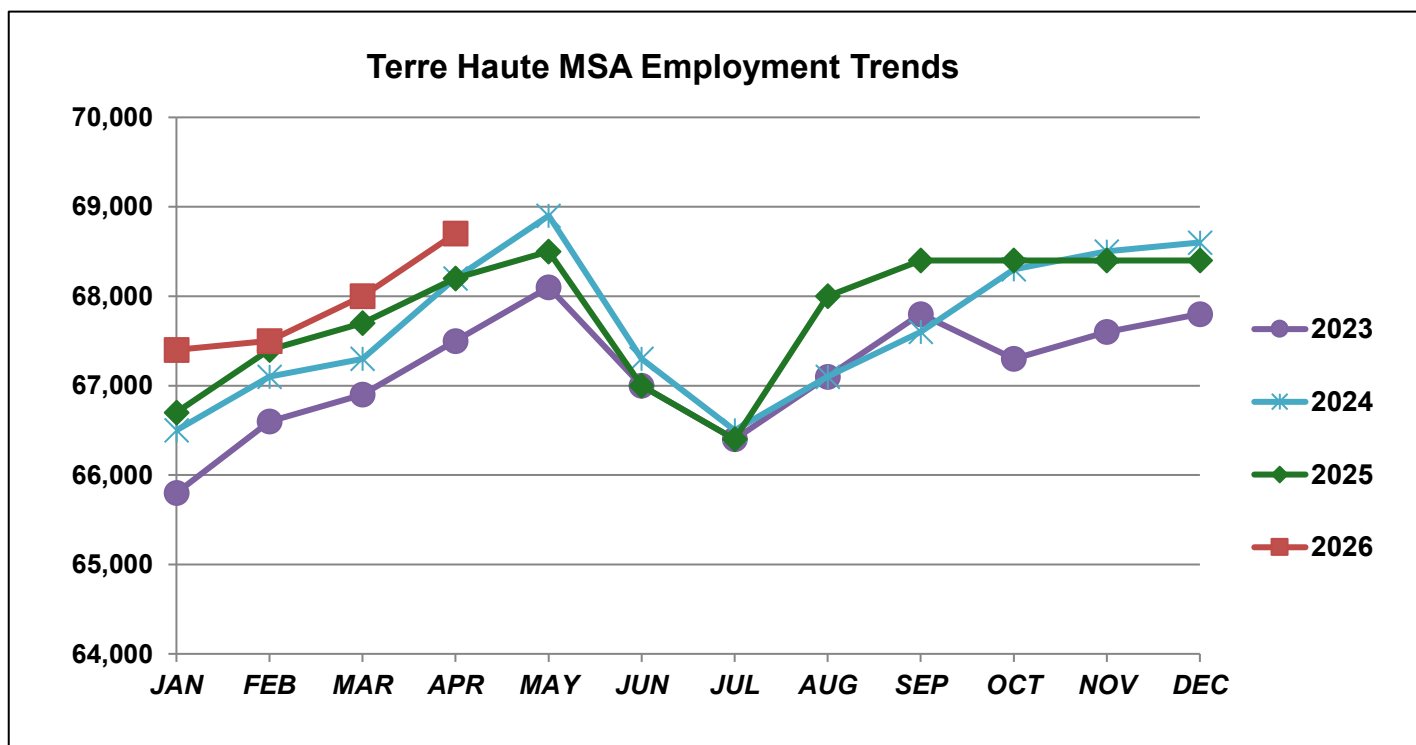
There are no WARN Notices for April 2026 for EGR 7.

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	April 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26 to Apr-26		Apr-25 to Apr-26	
Industry	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26 to Apr-26		Apr-25 to Apr-26	
Total Nonfarm	68,700	68,000	68,200	700	1.0%	500	0.7%
Total Private	56,200	55,800	55,700	400	0.7%	500	0.9%
Goods Producing	14,400	14,300	14,100	100	0.7%	300	2.1%
Service-Providing	54,300	53,700	54,100	600	1.1%	200	0.4%
Private Service Providing	41,800	41,500	41,600	300	0.7%	200	0.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,800	4,700	4,400	100	2.1%	400	9.1%
Manufacturing	9,600	9,600	9,700	0	0.0%	-100	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,100	12,100	12,300	0	0.0%	-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	2,400	2,600	0	0.0%	-200	-7.7%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	4,000	3,900	4,000	100	2.6%	0	0.0%
Private Education and Health Services	12,900	12,800	12,600	100	0.8%	300	2.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,400	7,300	7,500	100	1.4%	-100	-1.3%
Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	0.0%	200	8.3%
Total Government	12,500	12,200	12,500	300	2.5%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	0.0%	-100	-8.3%
State Government	4,400	4,100	4,400	300	7.3%	0	0.0%
Local Government	7,000	7,000	6,900	0	0.0%	100	1.5%
Local Government Educational Services	3,600	3,700	3,500	-100	-2.7%	100	2.9%

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	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	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
8	Nursing Assistants
9	Medical and Health Services Managers
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Food Service Managers
12	Food Preparation Workers
13	Stockers and Order Fillers
14	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
15	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
16	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
17	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
18	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
19	Production Workers, All Other
20	Cashiers

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	91
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	70
Cashiers	63
Helpers--Production Workers	63
Customer Service Representatives	56
Office Clerks, General	48
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	46
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	29
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	29
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	27
Managers, All Other	26
Receptionists and Information Clerks	24
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	23
Medical Assistants	22
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	21
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	21
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	20
Retail Salespersons	20
Carpenters	19
Waiters and Waitresses	19

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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April Indiana Employment

Released May 22, 2026



Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.2%

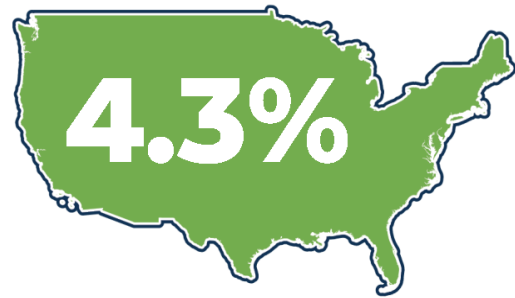


March 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

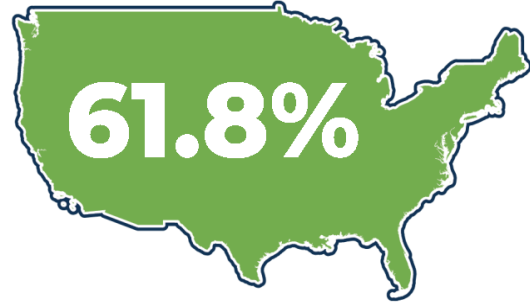
16+: 63.2%

25-44: 83.8%

25-54: 83.4%



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

94,224

Jobs

As of April 30, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

19,380

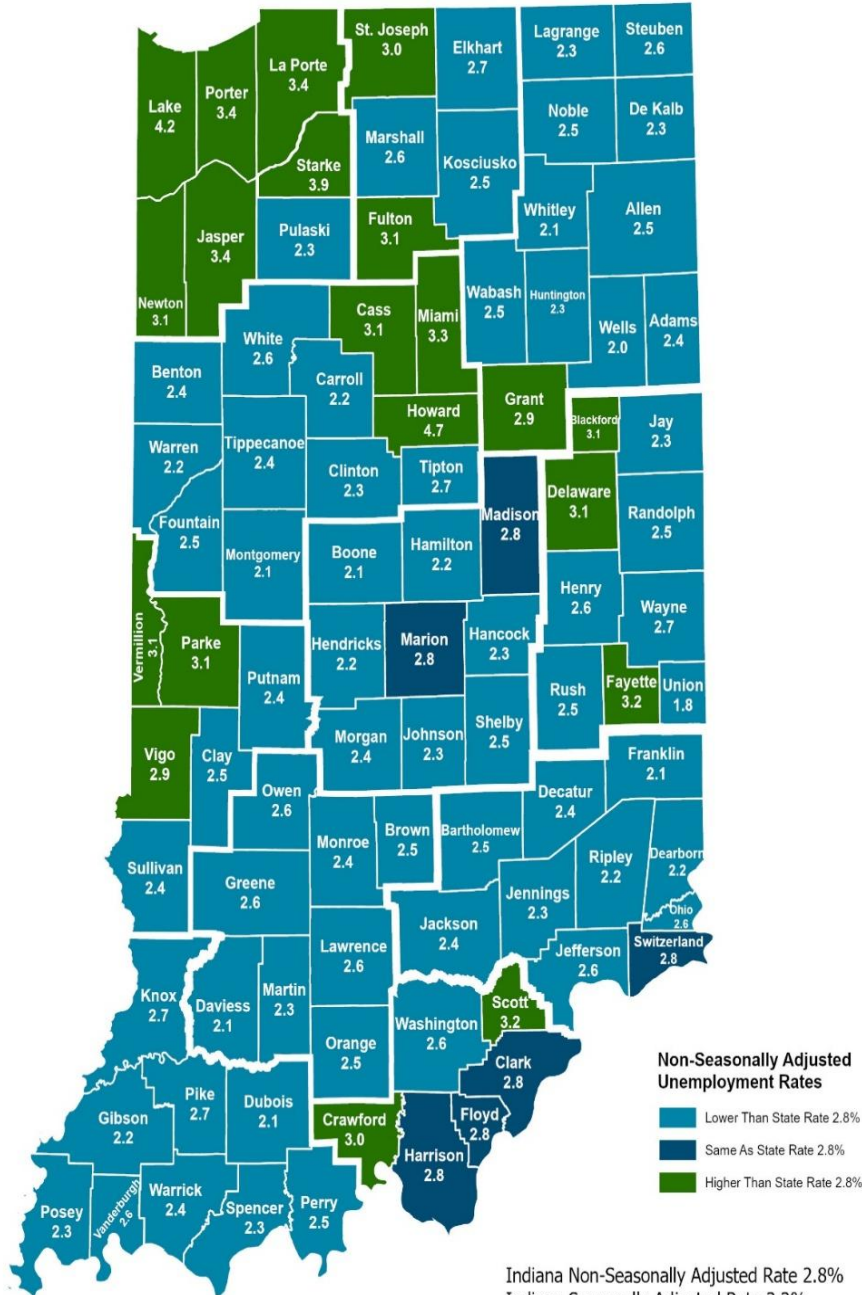


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

*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 April 2026



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