



April 2025
Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 8

Statistical Data Report for April 2025, Released June 2025

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.

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.

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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 8

Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen 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

#29 - Owen (3.1%)

#32 - Greene (3%)

#35 - Orange (3%)

#47 - Lawrence (2.9%)

#66 - Brown (2.6%)

#80 - Monroe (2.4%)

#89 - Martin (2.2%)

#91 - Daviess (2.1%)

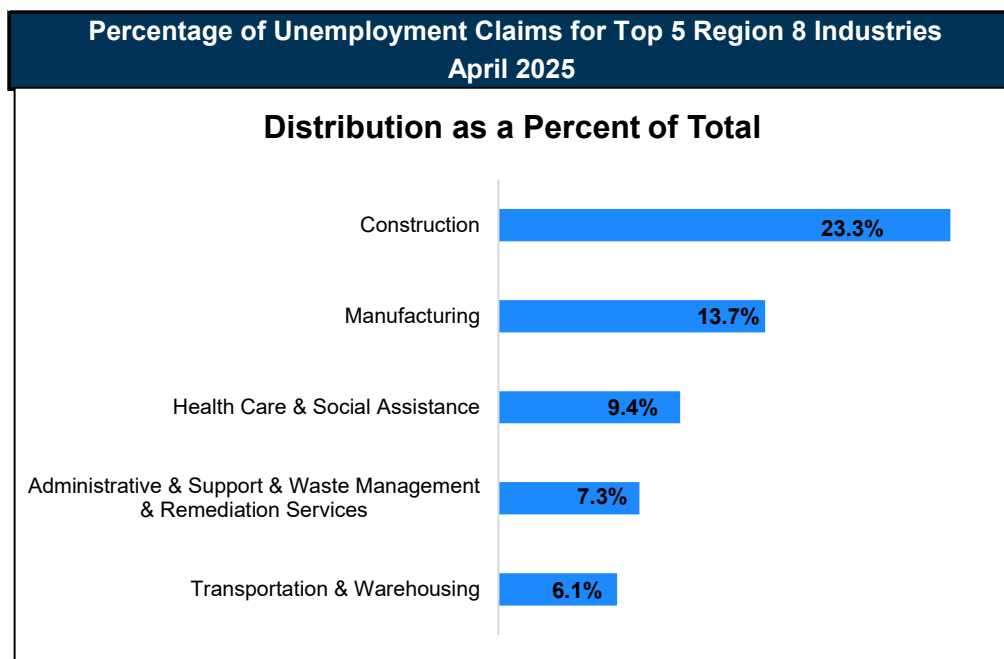
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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 8	163,279	159,095	4,184	2.6%	3.1%	3.3%
Bloomington MSA	87,775	85,613	2,162	2.5%	3.1%	3.1%
Brown Co.	7,878	7,675	203	2.6%	3.3%	3.5%
Daviess Co.	16,348	16,007	341	2.1%	2.5%	2.7%
Greene Co.	14,714	14,274	440	3.0%	3.6%	3.9%
Lawrence Co.	22,067	21,420	647	2.9%	3.4%	3.9%
Martin Co.	5,202	5,086	116	2.2%	2.7%	3.0%
Monroe Co.	76,827	75,008	1,819	2.4%	3.0%	3.1%
Orange Co.	9,295	9,020	275	3.0%	3.6%	3.3%
Owen Co.	10,948	10,605	343	3.1%	3.6%	3.4%
Bloomington	43,082	42,041	1,041	2.4%	3.3%	3.2%

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.

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 8 for April 2025				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for April 2025 for EGR 8.

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 8

Initial Claims

04/05/25 - 64(D)
 04/12/25 - 79(D)
 04/19/25 - 38(D)
 04/26/25 - 29(D)

Continued Claims

04/05/25 - 598
 04/12/25 - 555
 04/19/25 - 497
 04/26/25 - 475

Total Claims

04/05/25 - 662
 04/12/25 - 634
 04/19/25 - 535
 04/26/25 - 504

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

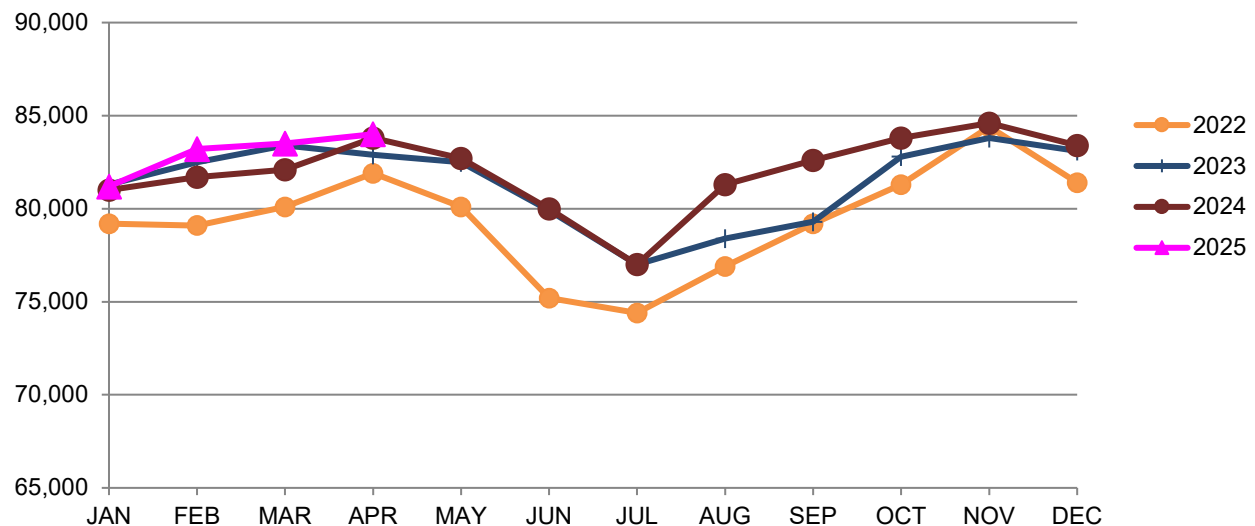
04/05/25 - 25,336
 04/12/25 - 25,354
 04/19/25 - 24,345
 04/26/25 - 23,774

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |
 *Numbers subject to weekly revision Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Bloomington 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	84,000	83,500	83,800	500	0.6%	200	0.2%
Total Private	57,800	57,400	57,500	400	0.7%	300	0.5%
Goods Producing	13,700	13,700	13,900	0	0.0%	-200	-1.4%
Service-Providing	70,300	69,800	69,900	500	0.7%	400	0.6%
Private Service Providing	44,100	43,700	43,600	400	0.9%	500	1.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,300	3,200	3,100	100	3.1%	200	6.5%
Manufacturing	10,400	10,500	10,800	-100	-1.0%	-400	-3.7%
Durable Goods	6,000	6,100	6,100	-100	-1.6%	-100	-1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	10,400	10,400	10,300	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	0.0%	100	4.6%
Retail Trade	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	800	800	800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	0.0%	-100	-3.6%
Professional and Business Services	5,900	5,800	5,800	100	1.7%	100	1.7%
Education and Health Services	12,400	12,400	11,900	0	0.0%	500	4.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	9,300	9,000	9,400	300	3.3%	-100	-1.1%
Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	26,200	26,100	26,300	100	0.4%	-100	-0.4%
Federal Government	400	400	400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	20,100	20,000	20,300	100	0.5%	-200	-1.0%
Local Government	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
Local Government Educational Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	0.0%	100	3.6%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

Bloomington 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 8 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators
3	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
4	Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technologists and Technicians
5	Outdoor Power Equipment and Other Small Engine Mechanics
6	Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses
7	Animal Breeders
8	Compliance Officers
9	Computer Systems Analysts
10	Electrical Engineers
11	Industrial Production Managers
12	Insurance Underwriters
13	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
14	Loan Officers
15	Logistics Analysts
16	Machinists
17	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
18	Parts Salespersons
19	Registered Nurses
20	Retail Salespersons

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
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	261
Production Workers, All Other	259
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	189
Helpers--Production Workers	172
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	162
Cashiers	150
Construction Laborers	129
Office Clerks, General	112
Customer Service Representatives	106
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	106
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	106
Extraction Workers, All Other	105
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	95
Managers, All Other	83
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	82
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	79
Retail Salespersons	77
Carpenters	75
Waiters and Waitresses	68
Receptionists and Information Clerks	66

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

BREAKDOWN

April Indiana Labor Force

Released May 21, 2025



Total Population
6,924,275



Labor Force (Age 16+)
3,483,930



Not in the Labor Force (Age 16+)
1,958,600

Employed
3,349,601

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, April 2025, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployed (Seeking)
134,329

Do Not Want a Job
1,857,200

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, April 2025, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Want a Job (Not Seeking)
101,300

Want a Job (Available to Work Now)
31,600

Potential Workers

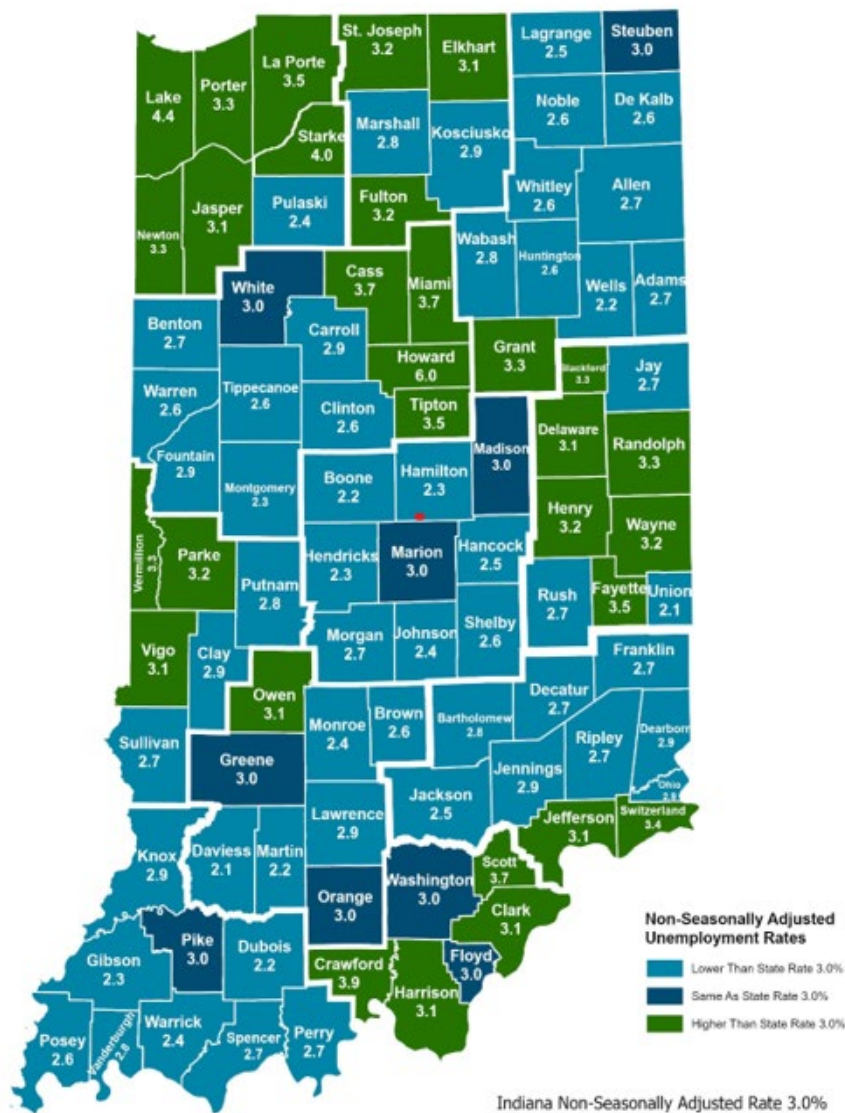
(Unemployed and Seeking a Job + Not in the Labor Force but Want a Job/Available to Work Now)

165,929

More about the US Bureau of Labor Statistics data sources used within:
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS): Capture 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 (i.e. retirees and students) and those that want a job but are not actively seeking work.
U.S. Census Bureau, Indiana Population 2024.

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

County Unemployment Rates April 2025



Questions?

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