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Economic Growth Region 8

Statistical Data Report for May 2025, Released July 2025

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in May in 3 states, lower in 2 states, and stable in 45 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-four states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 4 states had decreases, and 22 states had little change. The national unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.2 percent but was 0.2 percentage point higher than in May 2024.

In May 2025, nonfarm payroll employment was essentially unchanged in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 18 states and was essentially unchanged in 32 states and the District.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in May, 1.8 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.9 percent, followed by Nevada, 5.5 percent, and Michigan, 5.4 percent. In total, 21 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.2 percent, 4 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

May 2025 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	May-25	Apr-25	May-24
U.S.	170,216,000	163,401,000	6,815,000	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%
IN	3,496,249	3,377,094	119,155	3.4%	3.0%	4.0%
EGR 8	160,223	155,053	5,170	3.2%	2.6%	3.8%
Bloomington MSA	84,089	81,339	2,750	3.3%	2.5%	3.9%
Brown Co.	8,000	7,753	247	3.1%	2.6%	3.8%
Daviess Co.	16,745	16,288	457	2.7%	2.1%	3.3%
Greene Co.	14,681	14,177	504	3.4%	3.0%	4.2%
Lawrence Co.	21,882	21,143	739	3.4%	2.9%	4.2%
Martin Co.	5,335	5,182	153	2.9%	2.3%	3.3%
Monroe Co.	73,567	71,193	2,374	3.2%	2.4%	3.9%
Orange Co.	9,491	9,171	320	3.4%	3.0%	3.8%
Owen Co.	10,522	10,146	376	3.6%	3.2%	3.9%
Bloomington	41,323	39,902	1,421	3.4%	2.4%	4.2%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 06/25 | 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) 8

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): May 2025

U.S. - 4.2%

Illinois - 4.8%

Indiana - 3.7%

Kentucky - 5%

Michigan - 5.4%

Ohio - 4.9%

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

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

#18 - Owen (3.6%)

#30 - Greene (3.4%)

#32 - Lawrence (3.4%)

#35 - Orange (3.4%)

#51 - Monroe (3.2%)

#56 - Brown (3.1%)

#79 - Martin (2.9%)

#89 - Daviess (2.7%)

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

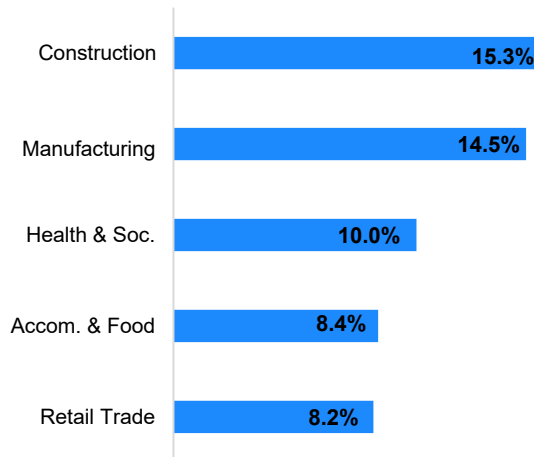
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to May 2025 from

CPI Item	May-24	Apr-25	May-24	Apr-25
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.4%	0.2%	2.4%	0.2%
Food & Beverages	2.8%	0.2%	2.5%	0.3%
Housing	4.0%	0.3%	4.5%	0.4%
Apparel	-0.9%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-0.4%
Transportation	-1.3%	0.2%	-1.5%	0.0%
Medical Care	2.5%	0.2%	1.8%	0.3%
Recreation	1.8%	0.0%	2.6%	0.2%
Education & Communication	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	-0.2%
Other Goods & Services	3.8%	0.3%	3.4%	-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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 8 Industries May 2025

Distribution as a Percent of Total



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 8 for May 2025

Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for May 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: May 2025

Region 8

Initial Claims

05/03/25 - 41(D)
 05/10/25 - 50(D)
 05/17/25 - 74(D)
 05/24/25 - 55(D)
 05/31/25 - 62(D)

Continued Claims

05/03/25 - 504
 05/10/25 - 509
 05/17/25 - 508
 05/24/25 - 509
 05/31/25 - 517

Total Claims

05/03/25 - 545
 05/10/25 - 559
 05/17/25 - 582
 05/24/25 - 564
 05/31/25 - 579

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

05/03/25 - 2,749
 05/10/25 - 2,564
 05/17/25 - 2,512
 05/24/25 - 2,504
 05/31/25 - 2,504

Continued Claims

05/03/25 - 21,137
 05/10/25 - 20,537
 05/17/25 - 20,644
 05/24/25 - 20,243
 05/31/25 - 21,697

Total Claims

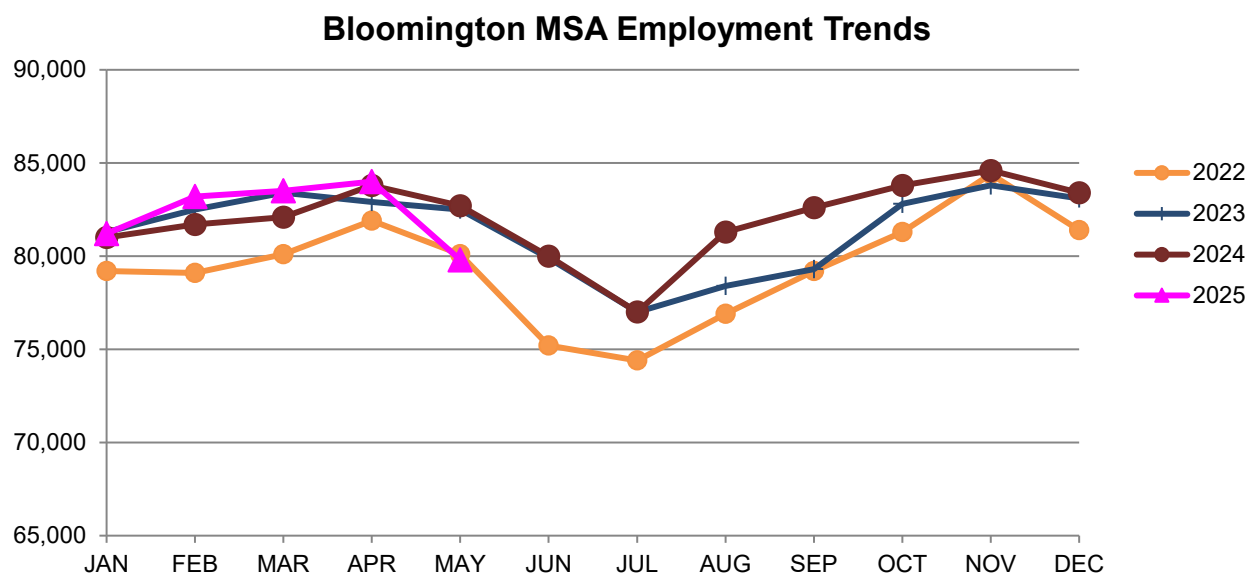
05/03/25 - 23,886
 05/10/25 - 23,101
 05/17/25 - 23,156
 05/24/25 - 22,747
 05/31/25 - 24,201

(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	May 2025			# Change	% Change	# Change % Change
Industry	May-25	Apr-25	May-24	Apr-25 to May-25	May-24 to May-25	
Total Nonfarm	79,800	84,000	82,700	-4,200	-5.0%	-2,900 -3.5%
Total Private	57,700	57,800	56,500	-100	-0.2%	1,200 2.1%
Goods Producing	13,800	13,700	13,900	100	0.7%	-100 -0.7%
Service-Providing	66,000	70,300	68,800	-4,300	-6.1%	-2,800 -4.1%
Private Service Providing	43,900	44,100	42,600	-200	-0.5%	1,300 3.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,400	3,300	3,200	100	3.0%	200 6.3%
Manufacturing	10,400	10,400	10,700	0	0.0%	-300 -2.8%
Durable Goods	6,000	6,000	6,100	0	0.0%	-100 -1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	10,300	10,400	10,200	-100	-1.0%	100 1.0%
Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	0.0%	100 4.6%
Retail Trade	6,700	6,800	6,600	-100	-1.5%	100 1.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	0.0%	-100 -7.1%
Information	800	800	800	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Professional and Business Services	6,000	6,000	5,700	0	0.0%	300 5.3%
Education and Health Services	12,400	12,400	11,900	0	0.0%	500 4.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	9,100	9,200	8,700	-100	-1.1%	400 4.6%
Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Total Government	22,100	26,200	26,200	-4,100	-15.7%	-4,100 -15.7%
Federal Government	300	400	300	-100	-25.0%	0 0.0%
State Government	16,100	20,100	20,300	-4,000	-19.9%	-4,200 -20.7%
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



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	Machinists
3	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators
4	Family Medicine Physicians
5	Insurance Underwriters
6	Personal Care Aides
7	Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors
8	Human Resources Managers
9	Management Analysts
10	Obstetricians and Gynecologists
11	Upholsterers
12	Packers and Packagers, Hand
13	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
14	Loan Officers
15	Logistics Analysts
16	Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks
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	252
Production Workers, All Other	249
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	188
Helpers--Production Workers	168
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	153
Cashiers	150
Construction Laborers	127
Office Clerks, General	114
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	101
Customer Service Representatives	100
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	100
Extraction Workers, All Other	98
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	94
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	81
Managers, All Other	80
Carpenters	77
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	77
Retail Salespersons	77
Waiters and Waitresses	66
Receptionists and Information Clerks	63

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

BREAKDOWN

May Indiana Labor Force

Released June 24, 2025



Total Population
6,924,275



Labor Force (Age 16+)

3,485,635



Not in the Labor Force (Age 16+)

1,950,100

Employed
3,357,028

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

Unemployed
(Seeking)
128,607

Do Not Want a Job
1,854,000

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

Want a Job
(Not Seeking)
96,000

Want a Job
(Available to Work Now)
31,700

Potential Workers

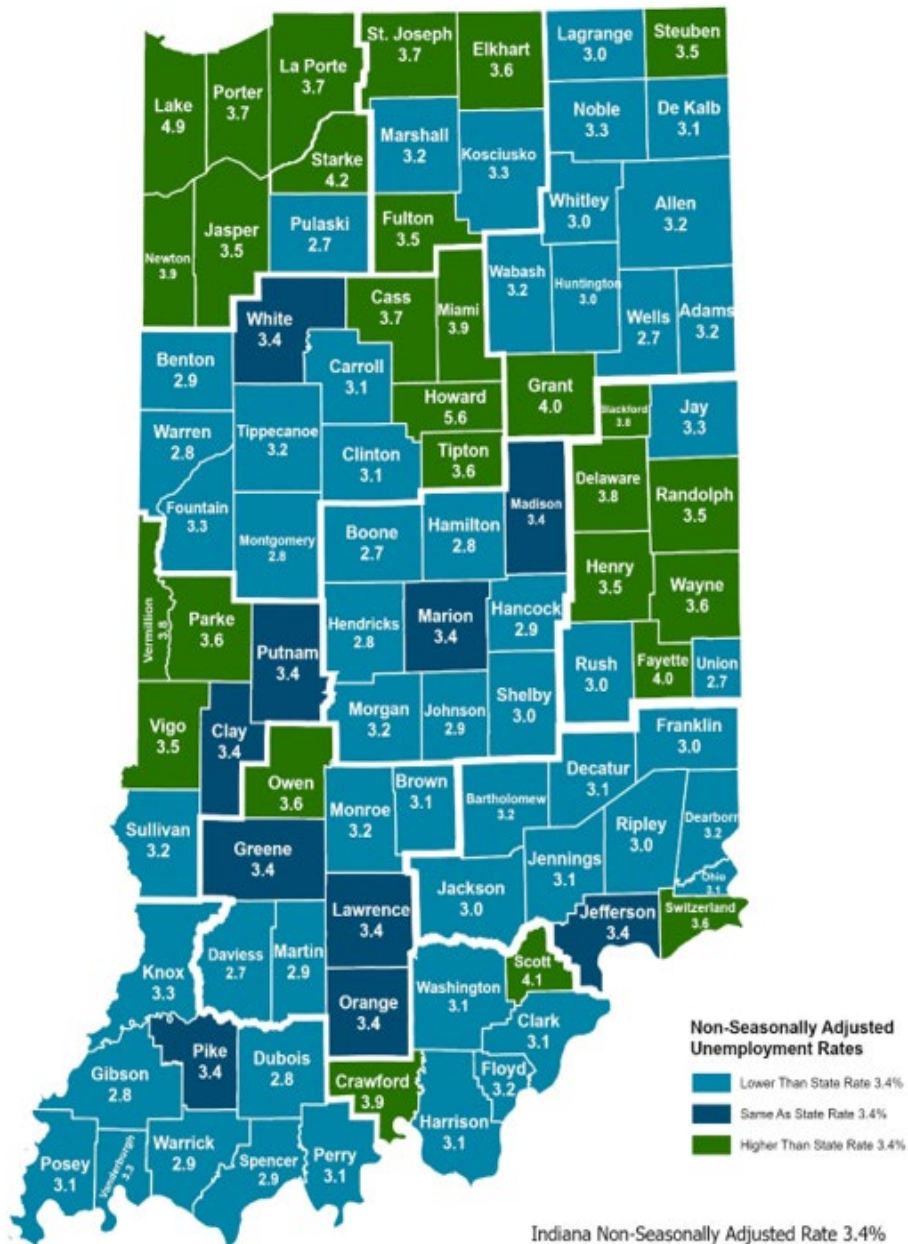
(Unemployed and Seeking a Job + Not in the Labor Force but Want a Job/Available to Work Now)

160,307

More about the US Bureau of Labor Statistics data sources used within:
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS): Captures 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 May 2025



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.4%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.7%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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