



July 2026 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 8

Statistical Data Report for July 2026, Released September 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in July in 10 states and stable in 40 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twelve states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 10 states and the District had decreases, and 28 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.1 percent, changed little both over the month and over the year.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in July, 2.0 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.9 percent. In total, 16 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, 9 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In July, 10 states had unemployment rate decreases: Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Washington (-0.2 percentage point each) and Delaware, Florida, and North Dakota (-0.1 point each). Forty states and the District of Columbia had jobless rates that were not notably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.

In July, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 1 state, decreased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 6 states, decreased in 1 state and the District, and was essentially unchanged in 43 states.

The only job gain occurred in Maryland (+11,700, or +0.4 percent). Employment decreased in New Jersey (-25,600, or -0.6 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) 8

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): July 2026

U.S. - 4.1%

Illinois - 4.9%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.7%

Michigan - 4.9%

Ohio - 3.4%

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

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

#15 - Monroe (3.8%)

#21 - Greene (3.7%)

#40 - Lawrence (3.5%)

#41 - Owen (3.5%)

#53 - Brown (3.3%)

#58 - Orange (3.3%)

#80 - Daviess (3%)

#89 - Martin (2.9%)

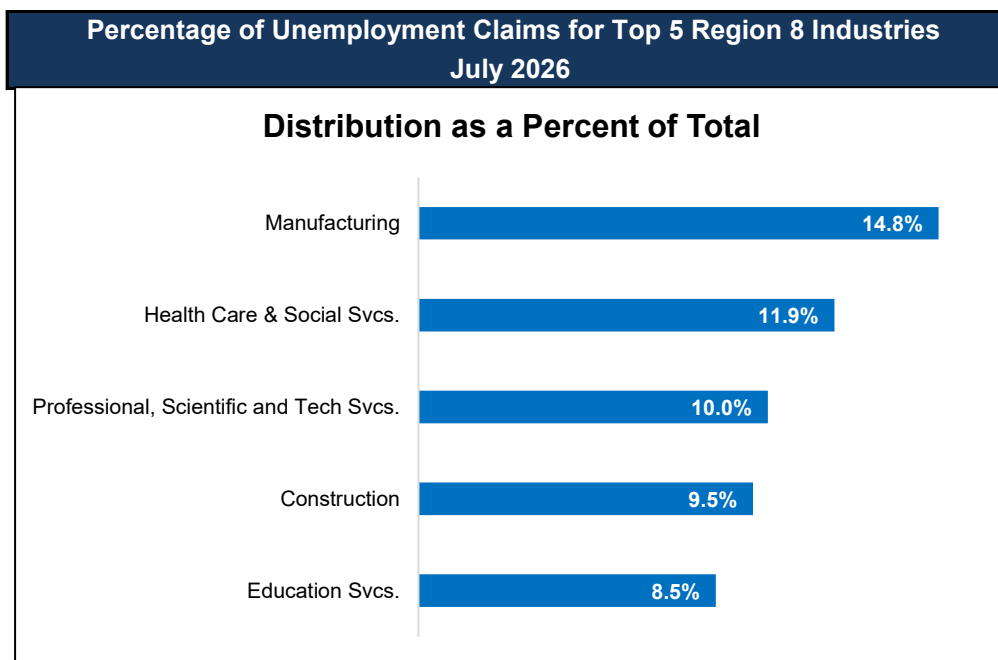
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

July 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25
U.S.	170,235,000	162,800,000	7,435,000	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%
IN	3,511,303	3,385,244	126,059	3.6%	3.6%	4.2%
EGR 8	158,509	152,899	5,610	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%
Bloomington MSA	82,481	79,405	3,076	3.7%	3.8%	4.4%
Brown Co.	8,001	7,740	261	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%
Daviess Co.	16,716	16,216	500	3.0%	3.1%	3.6%
Greene Co.	14,442	13,906	536	3.7%	3.7%	4.1%
Lawrence Co.	21,911	21,148	763	3.5%	3.6%	4.0%
Martin Co.	5,304	5,148	156	2.9%	3.3%	3.3%
Monroe Co.	72,094	69,385	2,709	3.8%	3.8%	4.4%
Orange Co.	9,654	9,336	318	3.3%	3.4%	4.1%
Owen Co.	10,387	10,020	367	3.5%	3.8%	4.1%
Bloomington	40,807	39,074	1,733	4.2%	4.1%	5.0%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 08/26 | 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 July 2026 from				
CPI Item	Jul-25	Jun-26	Jul-25	Jun-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.4%	0.0%	3.5%	-0.2%
Food & Beverages	2.9%	0.1%	2.7%	0.1%
Housing	3.3%	0.1%	3.8%	0.2%
Apparel	3.9%	-1.3%	6.4%	-0.2%
Transportation	5.8%	-0.6%	5.0%	-1.4%
Medical Care	1.7%	0.2%	1.9%	-0.3%
Recreation	2.6%	0.2%	3.6%	-0.9%
Education & Communication	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%
Other Goods & Services	4.3%	0.0%	1.8%	-0.9%

*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 July 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for July 2026 for Region 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: July 2026

Region 8

Initial Claims

07/04/26 - 49(D)

07/11/26 - 59(D)

07/18/26 - 35(D)

07/25/26 - 25(D)

Continued Claims

07/04/26 - 498

07/11/26 - 513

07/18/26 - 501

07/25/26 - 496

Total Claims

07/04/26 - 547

07/11/26 - 572

07/18/26 - 536

07/25/26 - 521

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

07/04/26 - 2,264

07/11/26 - 4,126

07/18/26 - 3,349

07/25/26 - 2,009

Continued Claims

07/04/26 - 19,177

07/11/26 - 20,998

07/18/26 - 18,701

07/25/26 - 18,092

Total Claims

07/04/26 - 21,441

07/11/26 - 25,124

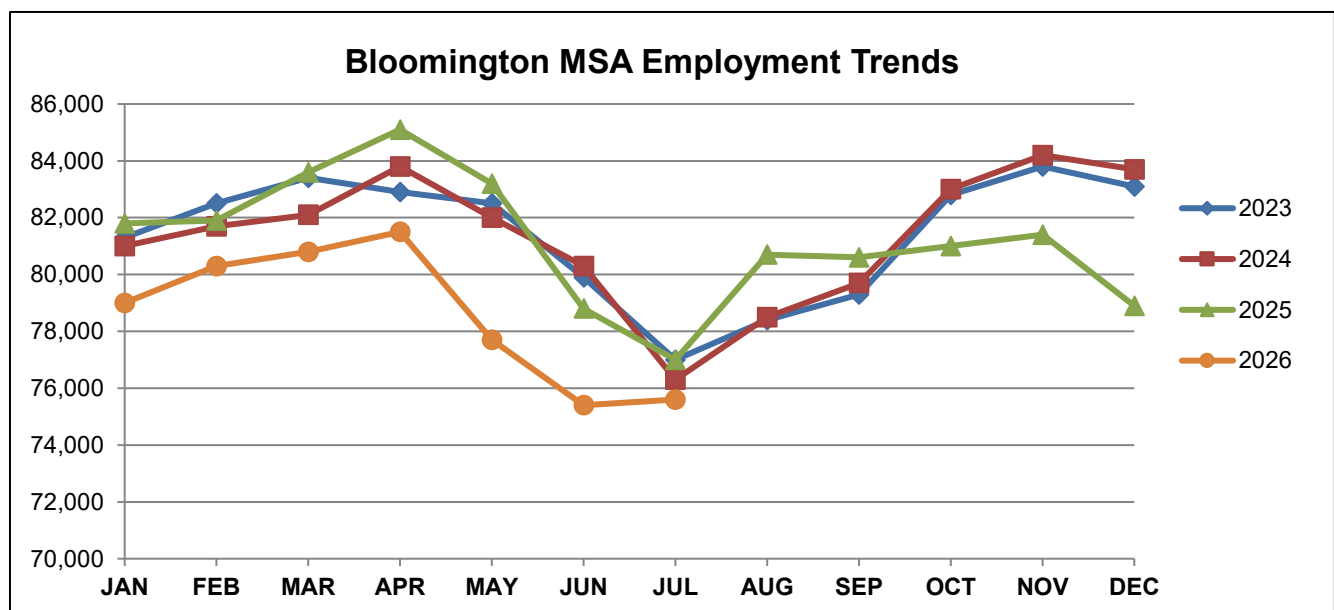
07/18/26 - 22,050

07/25/26 - 20,101

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

Bloomington MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	July 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25	Jun-26 to Jul-26		Jul-25 to Jul-26	
Total Nonfarm	75,600	75,400	77,000	200	0.3%	-1,400	-1.8%
Total Private	57,700	57,500	56,800	200	0.4%	900	1.6%
Goods Producing	14,500	14,400	14,100	100	0.7%	400	2.8%
Service-Providing	61,100	61,000	62,900	100	0.2%	-1,800	-2.9%
Private Service Providing	43,200	43,100	42,700	100	0.2%	500	1.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,000	3,900	3,700	100	2.6%	300	8.1%
Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,400	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Durable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	9,900	9,900	9,800	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	0.0%	200	3.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%	-100	-7.7%
Information	800	800	800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	12,400	12,300	12,400	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	8,700	8,700	8,300	0	0.0%	400	4.8%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	17,900	17,900	20,200	0	0.0%	-2,300	-11.4%
Federal Government	300	300	400	0	0.0%	-100	-25.0%
State Government	12,600	12,800	15,100	-200	-1.6%	-2,500	-16.6%
Local Government	5,000	4,800	4,700	200	4.2%	300	6.4%
Local Government Educational Services	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	3,200	3,000	2,800	200	6.7%	400	14.3%

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 8 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
3	Retail Salespersons
4	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
5	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
6	Customer Service Representatives
7	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
8	Medical and Health Services Managers
9	Nursing Assistants
10	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
11	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
12	Physical Therapists
13	Stockers and Order Fillers
14	Postsecondary Teachers
15	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
16	Food Preparation Workers
17	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
18	Food Service Managers
19	Nurse Practitioners
20	Production Workers, All Other

Source: Lightcast

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	106
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	91
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	90
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	67
Office Clerks, General	67
Cashiers	59
Helpers--Production Workers	55
Customer Service Representatives	53
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	48
Construction Laborers	44
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	41
Managers, All Other	40
Medical Assistants	37
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	31
Retail Salespersons	31
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	30
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	28
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	27
Team Assemblers	27
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	26

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

July Indiana Employment

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Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%



June 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.1%**

25-44: **83.9%**

25-54: **83.5%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

101,704

Jobs

As of August 1, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

18,092

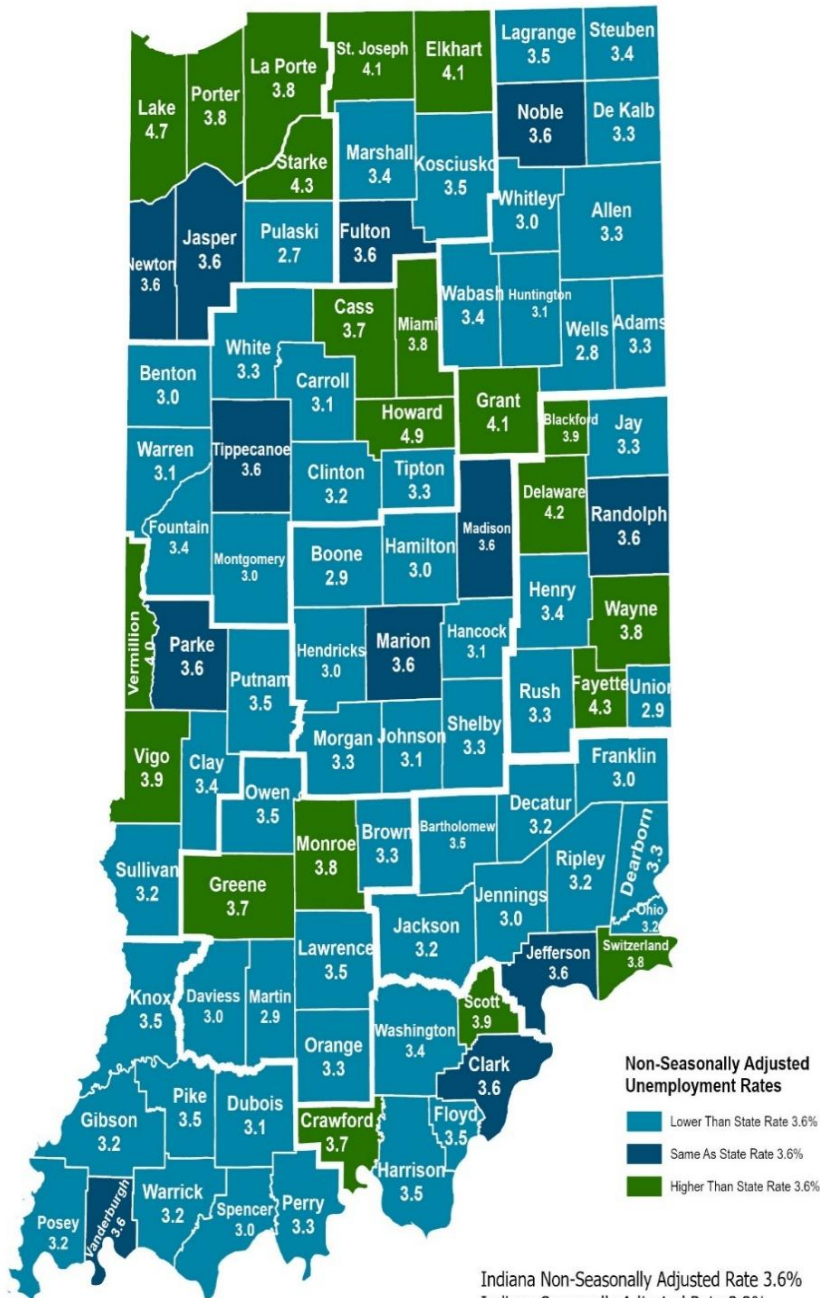


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

* 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 child care needs.

County Unemployment Rates July 2026 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



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