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Economic Growth Region 9

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.

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

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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9

Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties

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 9	165,092	161,191	3,901	2.4%	3.2%	3.1%
Columbus MSA	39,170	38,196	974	2.5%	3.4%	3.1%
Bartholomew Co.	39,170	38,196	974	2.5%	3.4%	3.1%
Dearborn Co.	27,002	26,403	599	2.2%	2.9%	3.1%
Decatur Co.	12,891	12,588	303	2.4%	3.3%	2.9%
Franklin Co.	11,839	11,595	244	2.1%	2.8%	2.9%
Jackson Co.	22,790	22,249	541	2.4%	3.2%	2.8%
Jefferson Co.	15,293	14,900	393	2.6%	3.3%	3.4%
Jennings Co.	14,634	14,301	333	2.3%	3.7%	3.3%
Ohio Co.	2,985	2,908	77	2.6%	3.2%	3.2%
Ripley Co.	14,447	14,122	325	2.2%	3.1%	3.0%
Switzerland Co.	4,041	3,929	112	2.8%	3.7%	3.8%
Batesville	3,839	3,771	68	1.8%	2.4%	2.6%
Brookville	1,377	1,346	31	2.3%	3.0%	3.2%
Columbus	24,029	23,421	608	2.5%	3.3%	3.2%
Greensburg	5,973	5,836	137	2.3%	3.5%	3.2%
Lawrenceburg	2,611	2,550	61	2.3%	2.8%	4.3%
Madison	5,570	5,437	133	2.4%	3.0%	3.1%
North Vernon	3,035	2,946	89	2.9%	4.0%	3.6%
Seymour	10,426	10,179	247	2.4%	3.0%	2.7%

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.

Scott County moved out of Louisville KY MSA into Statewide employment

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

#26 - Switzerland (2.8%)

#34 - Jefferson (2.6%)

#37 - Ohio (2.6%)

#44 - Bartholomew (2.5%)

#58 - Decatur (2.4%)

#59 - Jackson (2.4%)

#71 - Jennings (2.3%)

#79 - Dearborn (2.2%)

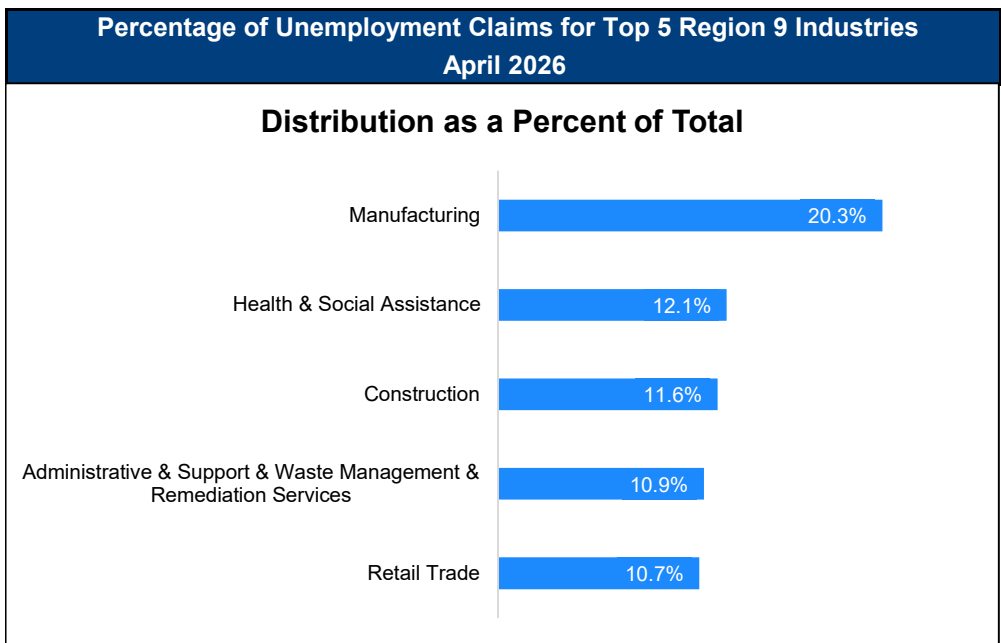
#83 - Ripley (2.2%)

#88 - Franklin (2.1%)

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

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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 9 for April 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for April 2026 for EGR 9.

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 2026

Region 9

Initial Claims

04/04/26 - 33(D)

04/11/26 - 43(D)

04/18/26 - 34(D)

04/25/26 - 53(D)

Continued Claims

04/04/26 - 509

04/11/26 - 467

04/18/26 - 436

04/25/26 - 427

Total Claims

04/04/26 - 542

04/11/26 - 510

04/18/26 - 470

04/25/26 - 480

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

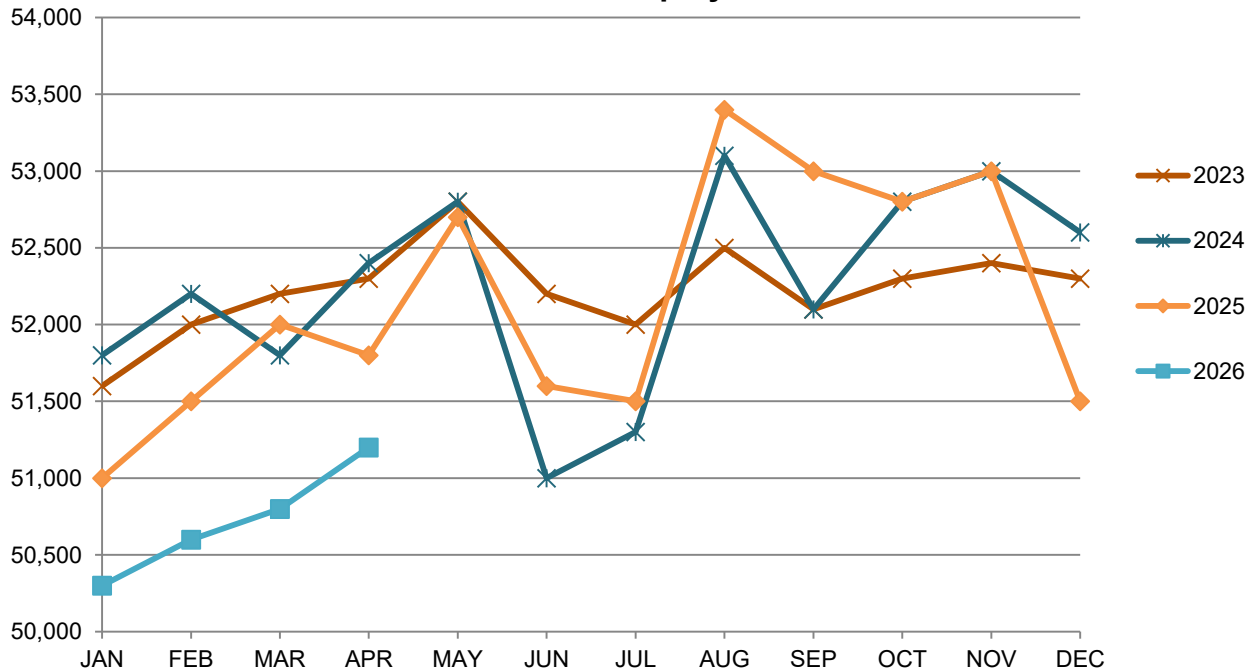
(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status | *Numbers subject to weekly revision | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Columbus MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26 to Apr-26	Apr-25 to Apr-26		
Total Nonfarm	51,200	50,800	51,800	400	0.8%	-600	-1.2%
Total Private	45,000	44,600	45,400	400	0.9%	-400	-0.9%
Goods Producing	19,800	19,900	20,500	-100	-0.5%	-700	-3.4%
Service-Providing	31,400	30,900	31,300	500	1.6%	100	0.3%
Private Service Providing	25,200	24,700	24,900	500	2.0%	300	1.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	0.0%	100	5.6%
Manufacturing	17,900	18,000	18,700	-100	-0.6%	-800	-4.3%
Durable Goods	16,000	16,100	16,700	-100	-0.6%	-700	-4.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,500	7,300	7,500	200	2.7%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	200	200	300	0	0.0%	-100	-33.3%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	5,100	4,900	4,900	200	4.1%	200	4.1%
Education and Health Services	4,900	4,800	4,800	100	2.1%	100	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	0.0%	100	6.3%
Total Government	6,200	6,200	6,400	0	0.0%	-200	-3.1%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,300	0	0.0%	-200	-3.8%
Local Government Educational Services	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

Franklin Co. has been moved into the Cincinnati OH MSA employment

Columbus 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 by number of postings in Region 9 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	Customer Service Representatives
6	Home Health Aides
7	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
8	Production Workers, All Other
9	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
10	Food Service Managers
11	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
12	Nursing Assistants
13	Stockers and Order Fillers
14	Fast Food and Counter Workers
15	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
16	Physical Therapists
17	Food Preparation Workers
18	Medical and Health Services Managers
19	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
20	Cashiers

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	127
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	77
Customer Service Representatives	61
Office Clerks, General	55
Helpers--Production Workers	49
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	46
Cashiers	45
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	39
Retail Salespersons	36
Construction Laborers	35
Managers, All Other	34
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	33
Team Assemblers	33
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	31
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	30
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	27
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	25
Medical Assistants	24
General and Operations Managers	23
Machinists	23

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%

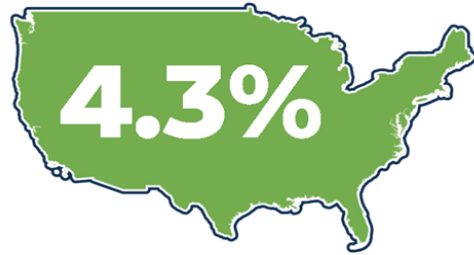


March 2026 Indiana

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

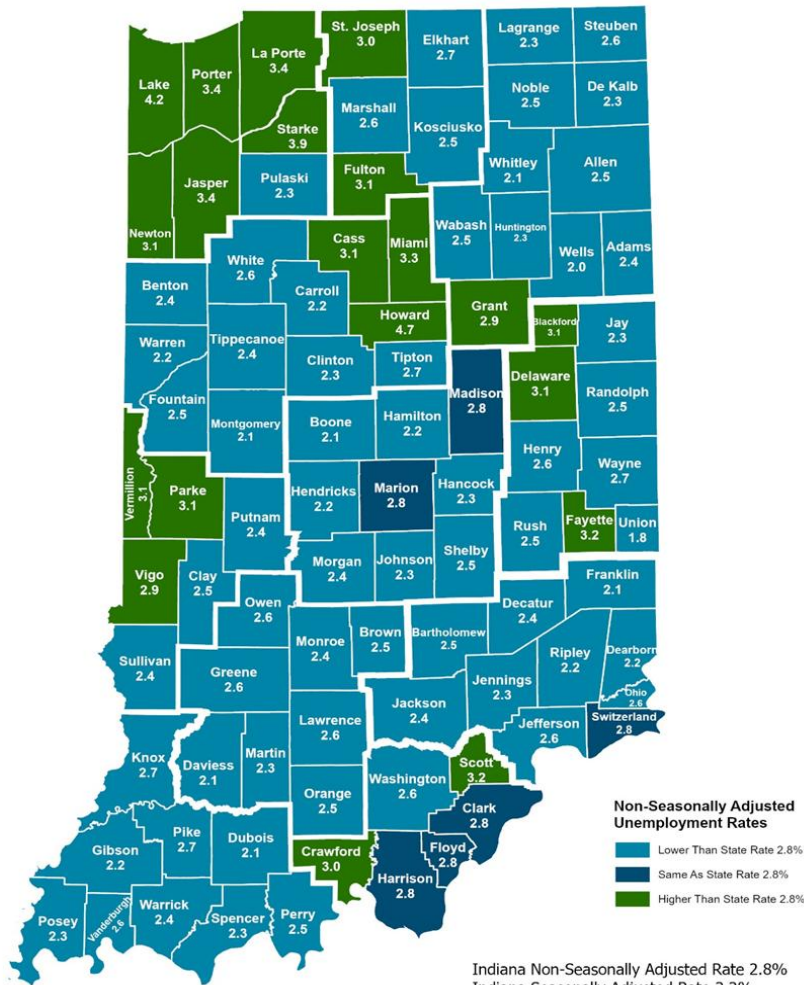


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

*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



**Non-Seasonally Adjusted
Unemployment Rates**

- Lower Than State Rate 2.8%
- Same As State Rate 2.8%
- Higher Than State Rate 2.8%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 2.8%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.2%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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