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Economic Growth Region 9

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 rates 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.

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.

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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9

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

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 9	167,699	162,153	5,546	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%
Columbus MSA	39,313	37,931	1,382	3.5%	3.6%	4.0%
Bartholomew Co.	39,313	37,931	1,382	3.5%	3.6%	4.0%
Dearborn Co.	27,709	26,800	909	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
Decatur Co.	13,236	12,811	425	3.2%	3.2%	4.0%
Franklin Co.	12,227	11,864	363	3.0%	3.1%	3.5%
Jackson Co.	23,222	22,485	737	3.2%	3.3%	3.7%
Jefferson Co.	15,212	14,657	555	3.6%	3.6%	4.3%
Jennings Co.	14,803	14,352	451	3.0%	3.0%	3.7%
Ohio Co.	3,061	2,964	97	3.2%	3.3%	3.9%
Ripley Co.	14,735	14,268	467	3.2%	3.2%	3.7%
Switzerland Co.	4,181	4,021	160	3.8%	3.9%	4.5%
Batesville	3,927	3,826	101	2.6%	2.7%	3.7%
Brookville	1,419	1,377	42	3.0%	3.1%	3.5%
Columbus	24,120	23,258	862	3.6%	3.6%	4.1%
Greensburg	6,130	5,940	190	3.1%	3.2%	3.8%
Lawrenceburg	2,667	2,588	79	3.0%	3.0%	3.2%
Madison	5,530	5,348	182	3.3%	3.4%	4.3%
North Vernon	3,074	2,956	118	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%
Seymour	10,630	10,287	343	3.2%	3.4%	3.8%

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.

Scott County moved out of Louisville KY MSA into Statewide employment

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

#17 - Switzerland (3.8%)

#25 - Jefferson (3.6%)

#34 - Bartholomew (3.5%)

#54 - Dearborn (3.3%)

#65 - Decatur (3.2%)

#67 - Jackson (3.2%)

#68 - Ohio (3.2%)

#70 - Ripley (3.2%)

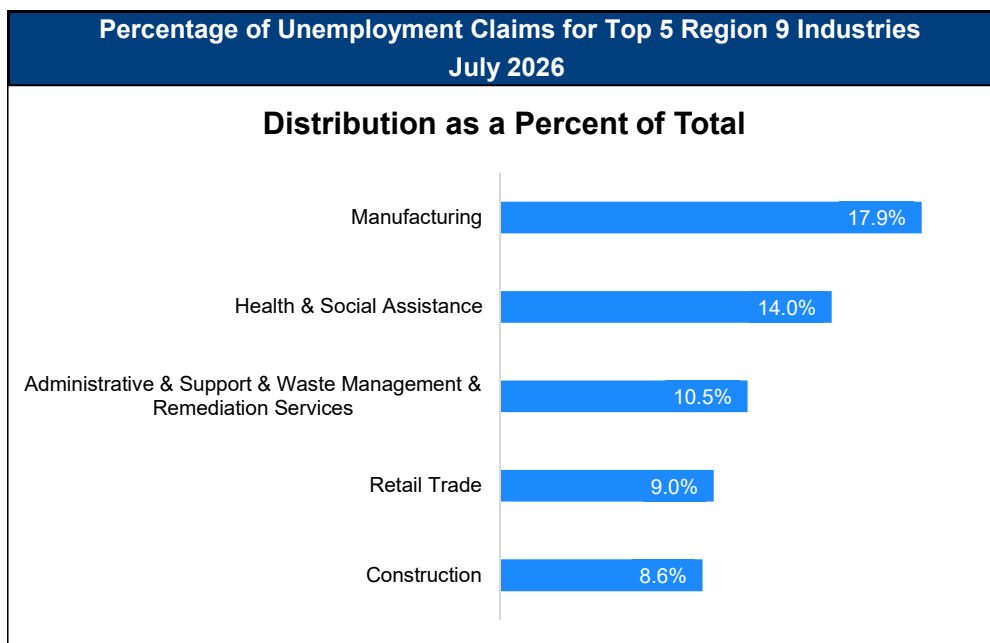
#81 - Franklin (3%)

#84 - Jennings (3%)

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

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 9 for July 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for July 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: July 2026

Region 9

Initial Claims

07/04/26 - 14(D)

07/11/26 - 40(D)

07/18/26 - 35(D)

07/25/26 - 30(D)

Continued Claims

07/04/26 - 413

07/11/26 - 428

07/18/26 - 421

07/25/26 - 445

Total Claims

07/04/26 - 427

07/11/26 - 468

07/18/26 - 456

07/25/26 - 475

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

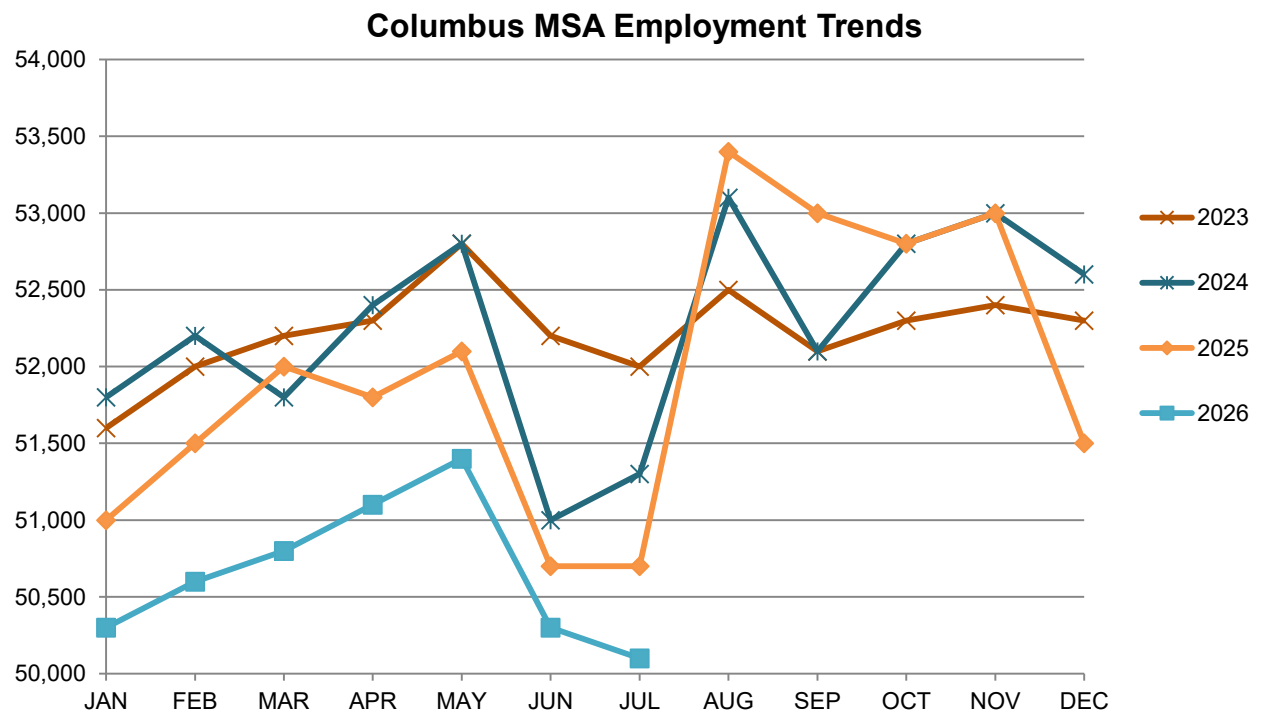
07/25/26 - 20,101

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

Columbus 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	50,100	50,300	50,700	-200	-0.4%	-600	-1.2%
Total Private	45,600	45,700	46,300	-100	-0.2%	-700	-1.5%
Goods Producing	20,200	20,200	20,700	0	0.0%	-500	-2.4%
Service-Providing	29,900	30,100	30,000	-200	-0.7%	-100	-0.3%
Private Service Providing	25,400	25,500	25,600	-100	-0.4%	-200	-0.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	18,200	18,200	18,700	0	0.0%	-500	-2.7%
Durable Goods	16,200	16,100	16,700	100	0.6%	-500	-3.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,600	7,700	7,600	-100	-1.3%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
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	5,100	4,900	0	0.0%	200	4.1%
Education and Health Services	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,900	4,000	4,200	-100	-2.5%	-300	-7.1%
Other Services	1,800	1,700	1,800	100	5.9%	0	0.0%
Total Government	4,500	4,600	4,400	-100	-2.2%	100	2.3%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	700	700	600	0	0.0%	100	16.7%
Local Government	3,600	3,700	3,600	-100	-2.7%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	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



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	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
2	Registered Nurses
3	Retail Salespersons
4	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
5	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
6	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
7	Customer Service Representatives
8	Unclassified Occupation
9	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
10	Production Workers, All Other
11	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
12	Nursing Assistants
13	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
14	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
15	Industrial Engineers
16	Coaches and Scouts
17	Fast Food and Counter Workers
18	Food Service Managers
19	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
20	Health Technologists and Technicians, 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	470
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	295
Customer Service Representatives	187
Helpers--Production Workers	187
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	152
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	147
Cashiers	131
Office Clerks, General	130
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	114
Construction Laborers	108
Managers, All Other	102
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	96
Extraction Workers, All Other	90
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	88
Retail Salespersons	87
Team Assemblers	84
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	83
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	74
Receptionists and Information Clerks	71
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	70

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

July Indiana Employment

Released August 21, 2026



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

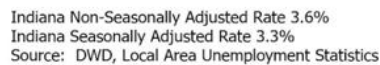
18,092



Filed Week Ending August 1, 2026

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.



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