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Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for July 2024, Released September 2024

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in July in 13 states, lower in 1 state, and stable in 36 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-eight states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 2 states had decreases, and 20 states had little change. The national unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 4.3 percent and was 0.8 percentage point higher than in July 2023.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 2 states, decreased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia in July 2024. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 28 states and was essentially unchanged in 22 states and the District.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke Counties

| July 2024 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted) | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Area | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Jul-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-23 |
| U.S. | 169,723,000 | 162,038,000 | 7,685,000 | 4.5% | 4.3% | 3.8% |
| IN | 3,451,630 | 3,279,702 | 171,928 | 5.0% | 4.4% | 3.7% |
| Gary Metro Div | 341,424 | 320,630 | 20,794 | 6.1% | 5.5% | 4.9% |
| MichCity-LaPorte MSA | 48,718 | 46,076 | 2,642 | 5.4% | 5.0% | 4.0% |
| EGR 1 | 407,412 | 383,137 | 24,275 | 6.0% | 5.4% | 4.7% |
| Lake Co. | 230,912 | 215,715 | 15,197 | 6.6% | 5.9% | 5.4% |
| Porter Co. | 86,959 | 82,499 | 4,460 | 5.1% | 4.6% | 3.9% |
| LaPorte Co. | 48,718 | 46,076 | 2,642 | 5.4% | 5.0% | 4.0% |
| Newton Co. | 7,015 | 6,691 | 324 | 4.6% | 4.2% | 3.8% |
| Jasper Co. | 16,538 | 15,725 | 813 | 4.9% | 4.5% | 3.6% |
| Starke Co. | 10,010 | 9,461 | 549 | 5.5% | 4.9% | 4.3% |
| Pulaski Co. | 7,260 | 6,970 | 290 | 4.0% | 3.5% | 3.0% |
| East Chicago | 9,975 | 8,978 | 997 | 10.0% | 8.3% | 7.7% |
| Hammond | 34,040 | 31,578 | 2,462 | 7.2% | 6.4% | 5.8% |
| Munster | 11,653 | 11,041 | 612 | 5.3% | 4.9% | 3.7% |
| Dyer | 8,717 | 8,301 | 416 | 4.8% | 4.8% | 3.7% |
| Schererville | 15,941 | 15,203 | 738 | 4.6% | 4.4% | 4.0% |
| Crown Point | 15,869 | 15,017 | 852 | 5.4% | 4.9% | 4.0% |
| Griffith | 8,657 | 8,216 | 441 | 5.1% | 4.8% | 4.7% |
| Highland | 12,319 | 11,643 | 676 | 5.5% | 4.9% | 4.0% |
| Gary | 26,800 | 24,073 | 2,727 | 10.2% | 9.0% | 9.5% |
| Merrillville | 17,060 | 15,811 | 1,249 | 7.3% | 6.8% | 5.9% |
| Hobart | 14,538 | 13,692 | 846 | 5.8% | 5.2% | 4.7% |
| Lake Station | 4,910 | 4,465 | 445 | 9.1% | 8.2% | 5.8% |
| Portage | 18,099 | 17,016 | 1,083 | 6.0% | 5.5% | 4.6% |
| Chesterton | 7,180 | 6,811 | 369 | 5.1% | 4.6% | 4.6% |
| Valparaiso | 16,828 | 15,968 | 860 | 5.1% | 4.7% | 3.6% |
| Michigan City | 12,960 | 12,177 | 783 | 6.0% | 5.5% | 4.7% |
| LaPorte | 9,692 | 9,180 | 512 | 5.3% | 5.1% | 4.0% |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:08/24 | 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. Gary Division; Lake, Porter, Jasper and Newton Counties. Michigan City-LaPorte MSA: Laporte County

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): July 2024

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 5.2%

Indiana - 4%

Kentucky - 4.7%

Michigan - 4.4%

Ohio - 4.5%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): July 2024

#5 - Lake (6.6%)

#17 - Starke (5.5%)

#20 - LaPorte (5.4%)

#28 - Porter (5.1%)

#36 - Jasper (4.9%)

#53 - Newton (4.6%)

#81 - Pulaski (4%)

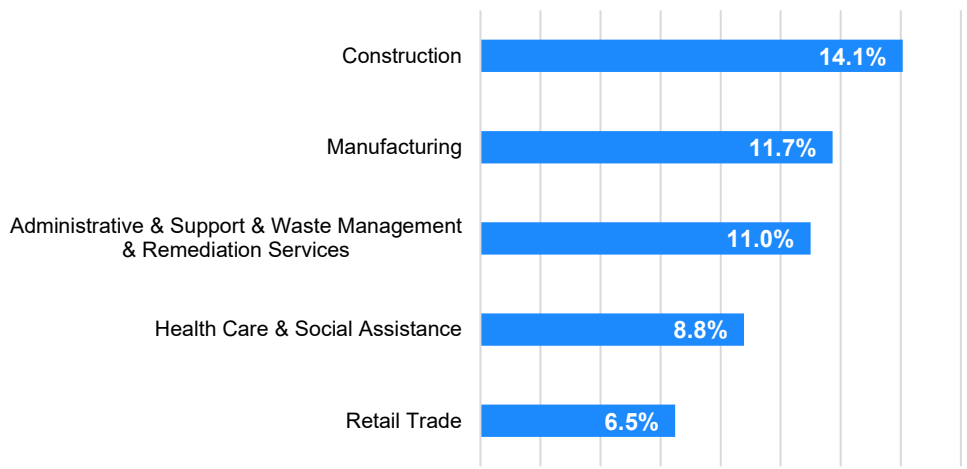
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

| Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for July 2024 | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Industry | Avg. Earnings per hr | Avg. # of hours worked per week | Avg. Earnings per week |
| Construction | \$35.10 | 38.1 | \$1,337.31 |
| Manufacturing | \$26.33 | 38.6 | \$1,016.34 |
| Durable Goods | \$27.24 | 39.4 | \$1,073.26 |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | \$26.66 | 41.3 | \$1,101.06 |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | \$30.79 | 37.9 | \$1,166.94 |
| Non-Durable Goods | \$23.95 | 36.6 | \$876.57 |
| Retail Trade | \$18.08 | 29.0 | \$524.32 |
| Financial Activities | \$27.63 | 37.7 | \$1,041.65 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | \$29.50 | 32.4 | \$955.80 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | \$15.81 | 23.0 | \$363.63 |
| Food Services and Drinking Places | \$15.40 | 22.5 | \$346.50 |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries July 2024

Distribution as a Percent of Total



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

| WARN Notices for Region 1 for July 2024 | | | | |
|---|------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Company | City | County | # affected | Notice Date |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

There are no WARN Notices for July 2024 for Region 1.

| Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations | | | | |
|---|------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Company | City | County | # Affected | Notice Date |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

There are no WARN Notices for nearby locations

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 2024

Region 1

Initial Claims

07/06/24 - 355(D)
07/13/24 - 526(D)
07/20/24 - 321(D)
07/27/24 - 346(D)

Continued Claims

07/06/24 - 2,294
07/13/24 - 2,336
07/20/24 - 2,254
07/27/24 - 2,201

Total Claims

07/06/24 - 2,649
07/13/24 - 2,862
07/20/24 - 2,575
07/27/24 - 2,547

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

07/06/24 - 5,729
07/13/24 - 4,322
07/20/24 - 3,045
07/27/24 - 2,733

Continued Claims

07/06/24 - 22,019
07/13/24 - 23,222
07/20/24 - 20,275
07/27/24 - 19,820

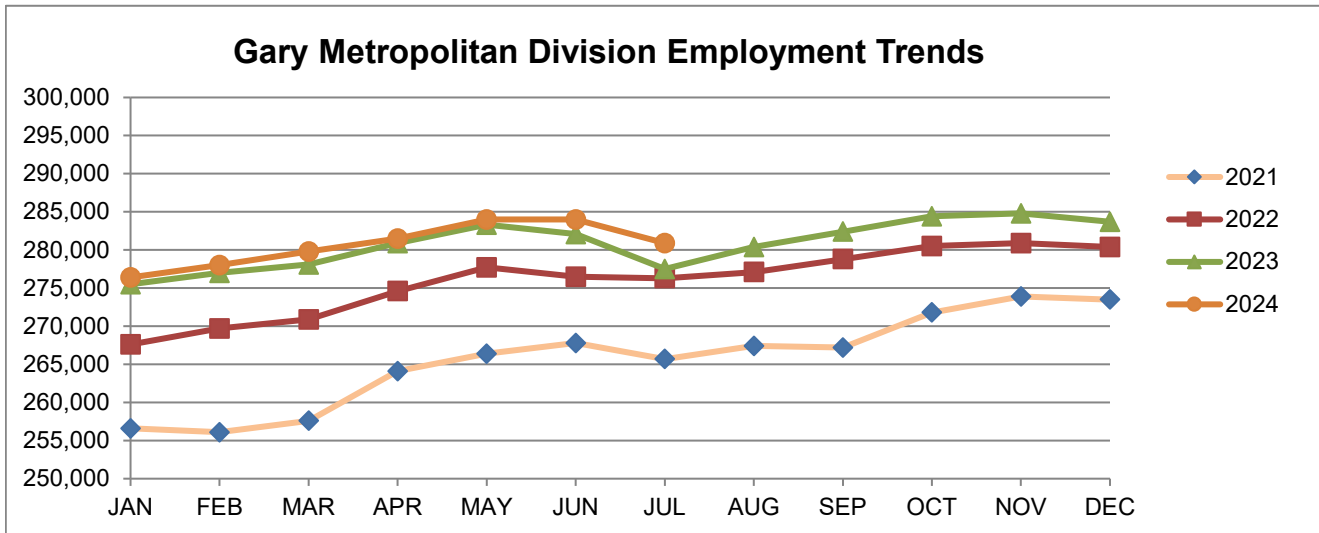
Total Claims

07/06/24 - 27,748
07/13/24 - 27,544
07/20/24 - 23,320
07/27/24 - 22,553

Notes: (D) Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues | Numbers subject to weekly revision | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

| Gary Metropolitan Division | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wage and Salaried Employment | July 2024 | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| Industry | Jul-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-23 | Jun-24 to Jul-24 | Jul-23 to Jul-24 | Jul-23 to Jul-24 | Jul-23 to Jul-24 |
| Total Nonfarm | 280,900 | 284,000 | 277,500 | -3,100 | -1.1% | 3,400 | 1.2% |
| Total Private | 252,100 | 252,000 | 249,800 | 100 | 0.0% | 2,300 | 0.9% |
| Goods Producing | 52,500 | 52,500 | 52,300 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 0.4% |
| Service Providing | 228,400 | 231,500 | 225,200 | -3,100 | -1.3% | 3,200 | 1.4% |
| Private Service Providing | 199,600 | 199,500 | 197,500 | 100 | 0.1% | 2,100 | 1.1% |
| Mining and Logging | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Mining, Logging and Construction | 18,000 | 18,100 | 18,200 | -100 | -0.6% | -200 | -1.1% |
| Construction | 17,900 | 18,000 | 18,100 | -100 | -0.6% | -200 | -1.1% |
| Manufacturing | 34,500 | 34,400 | 34,100 | 100 | 0.3% | 400 | 1.2% |
| Durable Goods | 25,100 | 25,100 | 25,000 | 0 | 0.0% | 100 | 0.4% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 60,100 | 59,900 | 59,600 | 200 | 0.3% | 500 | 0.8% |
| Wholesale Trade | 10,500 | 10,500 | 10,300 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 1.9% |
| Retail Trade | 31,900 | 31,900 | 31,800 | 0 | 0.0% | 100 | 0.3% |
| General Merchandise Stores | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,000 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 4.3% |
| Other Gen Merch Stores | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,100 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 5.9% |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities | 17,700 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 200 | 1.1% | 200 | 1.1% |
| Information | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,900 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -5.3% |
| Financial Activities | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,500 | 0 | 0.0% | -300 | -3.2% |
| Professional and Business Services | 29,700 | 29,500 | 29,600 | 200 | 0.7% | 100 | 0.3% |
| Employment Services | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,900 | 100 | 2.8% | -200 | -5.1% |
| Education and Health Services | 50,000 | 50,000 | 48,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 1,800 | 3.7% |
| Educational Services | 4,800 | 4,900 | 4,300 | -100 | -2.0% | 500 | 11.6% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 45,200 | 45,100 | 43,900 | 100 | 0.2% | 1,300 | 3.0% |
| General Medical and Surgical Hospitals | 13,400 | 13,300 | 13,200 | 100 | 0.8% | 200 | 1.5% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 34,400 | 34,400 | 34,100 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 0.9% |
| Arts, Entertainment and Recreation | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,500 | 0 | 0.0% | -200 | -4.4% |
| Food Services and Drinking Places | 30,100 | 30,100 | 29,600 | 0 | 0.0% | 500 | 1.7% |
| Other Services | 14,400 | 14,700 | 14,600 | -300 | -2.0% | -200 | -1.4% |
| Total Government | 28,800 | 32,000 | 27,700 | -3,200 | -10.0% | 1,100 | 4.0% |
| Federal Government | 2,100 | 2,000 | 2,100 | 100 | 5.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| State Government | 3,300 | 3,400 | 3,300 | -100 | -2.9% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Local Government | 23,400 | 26,600 | 22,300 | -3,200 | -12.0% | 1,100 | 4.9% |
| Local Government Educational Services | 10,800 | 14,400 | 10,500 | -3,600 | -25.0% | 300 | 2.9% |

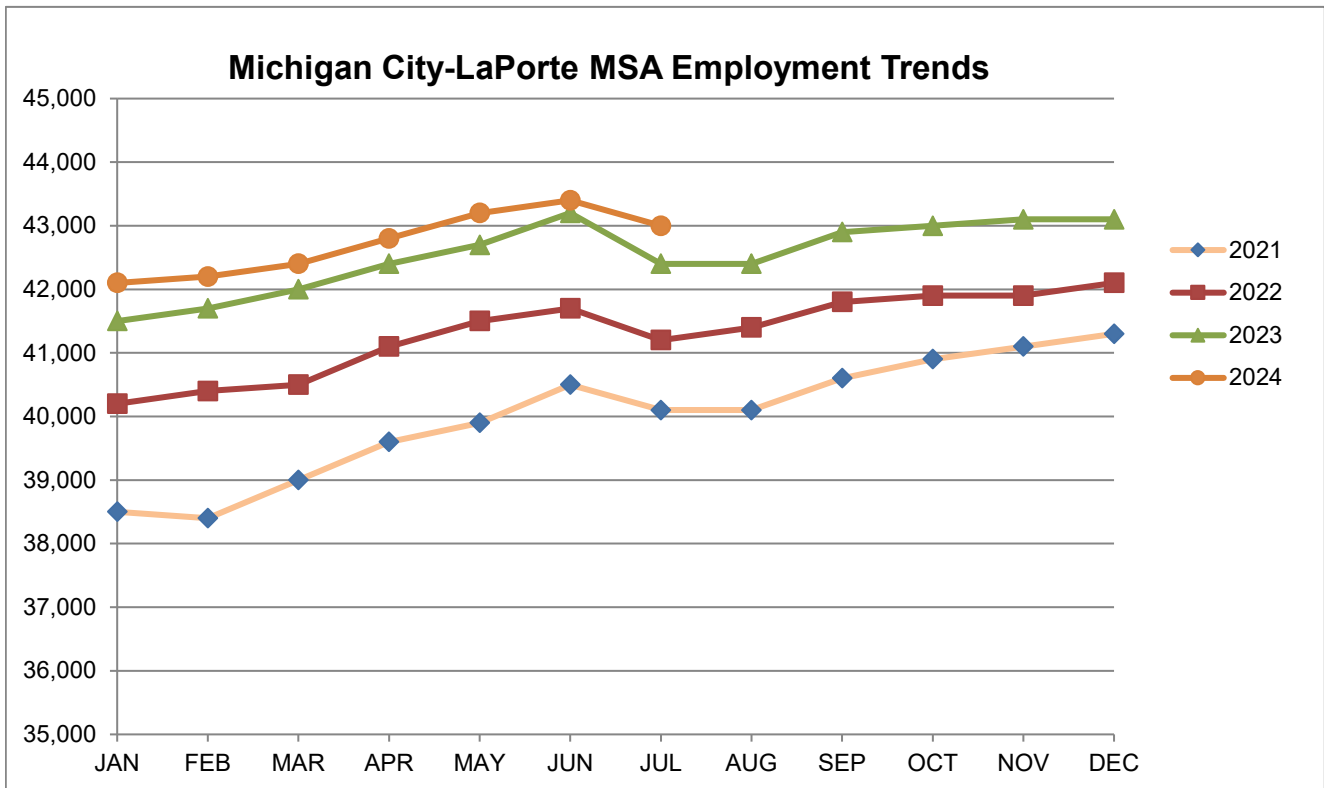
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| Michigan City-LaPorte MSA | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wage and Salaried Employment | July 2024 | | | # Change | % Change | # Change | % Change |
| Industry | Jul-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-23 | Jun-24 to Jul-24 | Jul-23 to Jul-24 | Jul-23 to Jul-24 | Jul-23 to Jul-24 |
| Total Nonfarm | 43,000 | 43,400 | 42,400 | -400 | -0.9% | 600 | 1.4% |
| Total Private | 37,300 | 37,000 | 36,800 | 300 | 0.8% | 500 | 1.4% |
| Goods Producing | 11,200 | 11,100 | 11,100 | 100 | 0.9% | 100 | 0.9% |
| Service Providing | 31,800 | 32,300 | 31,300 | -500 | -1.6% | 500 | 1.6% |
| Private Service Providing | 26,100 | 25,900 | 25,700 | 200 | 0.8% | 400 | 1.6% |
| Mining, Logging and Construction | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,500 | 0 | 0.0% | 100 | 4.0% |
| Manufacturing | 8,600 | 8,500 | 8,600 | 100 | 1.2% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 9,000 | 8,800 | 8,700 | 200 | 2.3% | 300 | 3.5% |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Retail Trade | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,100 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -2.0% |
| Information | 200 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Professional and Business Services | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Education and Health Services | 6,100 | 6,100 | 5,900 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 3.4% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,100 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -2.0% |
| Other Services | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total Government | 5,700 | 6,400 | 5,600 | -700 | -10.9% | 100 | 1.8% |
| Federal Government | 200 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| State Government | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Local Government | 3,600 | 4,300 | 3,500 | -700 | -16.3% | 100 | 2.9% |
| Local Government Educational Services | 1,800 | 2,300 | 1,800 | -500 | -21.7% | 0 | 0.0% |

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| Frequently Listed Jobs | |
|--|--|
| Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 in the past month | |
| Rank | Occupations |
| 1 | Correctional Officers and Jailers |
| 2 | Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers |
| 3 | Production Workers, All Other |
| 4 | Registered Nurses |
| 5 | New Accounts Clerks |
| 6 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other |
| 7 | Maintenance and Repair Workers, General |
| 8 | Physical Therapists |
| 9 | Emergency Medical Technicians |
| 10 | First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers |
| 11 | Helpers--Production Workers |
| 12 | Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses |
| 13 | Nursing Assistants |
| 14 | Accountants and Auditors |
| 15 | Home Health Aides |
| 16 | Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers |
| 17 | Office Clerks, General |
| 18 | Paramedics |
| 19 | Tellers |
| 20 | Animal Caretakers |

| Applicant Pool | |
|--|------------------------|
| Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months | |
| Occupations | # of applicants |
| Production Workers, All Other | 1,022 |
| Helpers--Production Workers | 950 |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 799 |
| Customer Service Representatives | 628 |
| Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other | 590 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 535 |
| Cashiers | 512 |
| Construction Laborers | 407 |
| Office Clerks, General | 375 |
| Maintenance and Repair Workers, General | 294 |
| Managers, All Other | 286 |
| Retail Salespersons | 275 |
| Carpenters | 268 |
| Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators | 266 |
| Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 261 |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | 260 |
| Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other | 257 |
| Extraction Workers, All Other | 238 |
| Receptionists and Information Clerks | 237 |
| Construction and Related Workers, All Other | 224 |

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.

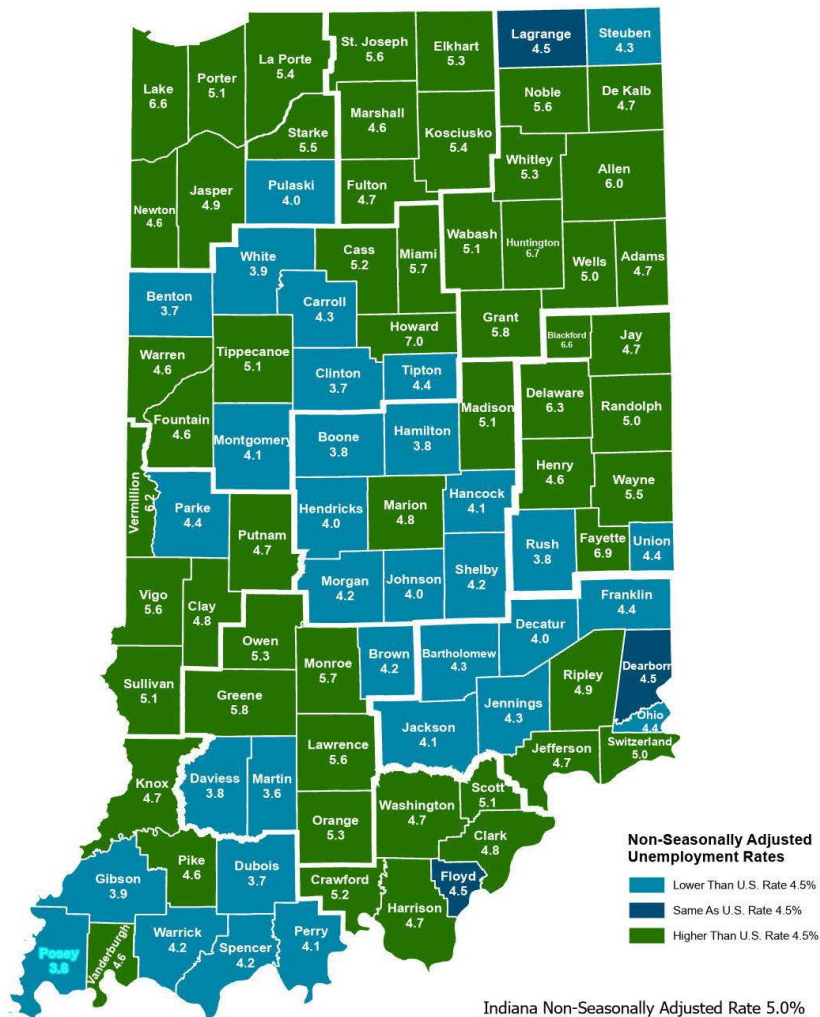
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

| Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to July 2024 from | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| CPI Item | Jul-23 | Jun-24 | Jul-23 | Jun-24 | Jul-23 | Jun-24 |
| | Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI | | U.S. City | | Midwest Region* | |
| All Items | 3.7% | 0.6% | 2.9% | 0.1% | 2.7% | 0.5% |
| Food & Beverages | 2.1% | 0.9% | 2.2% | 0.2% | 1.8% | 0.4% |
| Housing | 4.8% | 0.6% | 4.4% | 0.3% | 4.2% | 0.6% |
| Apparel | 1.1% | 2.9% | 0.2% | -1.6% | 0.5% | -0.4% |
| Transportation | 3.6% | -0.5% | 1.0% | -0.1% | 0.4% | 0.3% |
| Medical Care | 4.0% | 0.8% | 3.2% | -0.2% | 2.4% | 0.2% |
| Recreation | -0.1% | 1.5% | 1.4% | 0.1% | 1.5% | 1.6% |
| Education & Communication | 2.2% | 0.4% | 0.9% | 0.2% | 0.6% | 0.3% |
| Other Goods & Services | 11.2% | 0.6% | 4.2% | 0.2% | 6.7% | 0.6% |

*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

County Unemployment Rates Compared to U.S. Rate

County Unemployment Rates July 2024 - Non Seasonally Adjusted

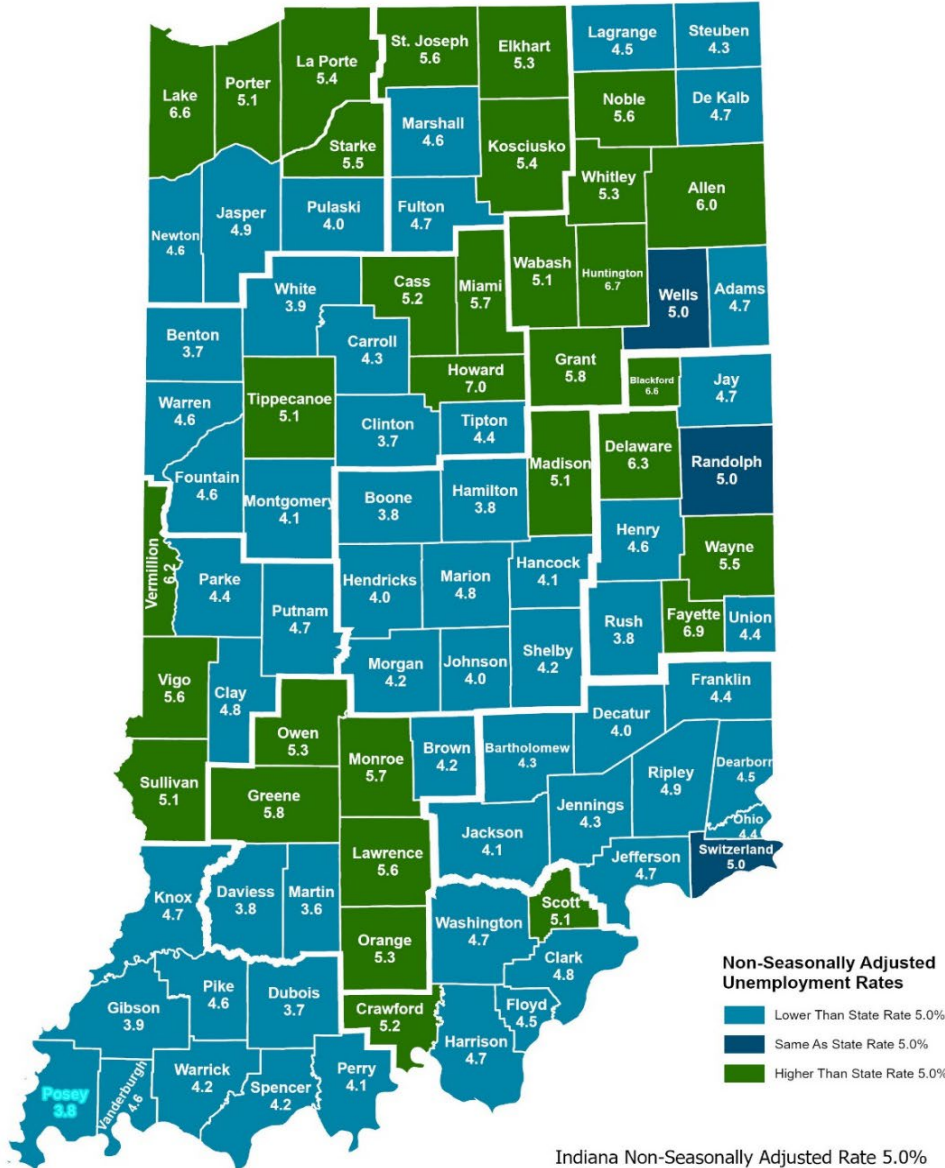


Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 5.0%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.0%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

County Unemployment Rates Compared to State Rate



County Unemployment Rates July 2024



Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

- Lower Than State Rate 5.0%
- Same As State Rate 5.0%
- Higher Than State Rate 5.0%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 5.0%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.0%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Questions?

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