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## October 2024 Labor Market Review

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# Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for October 2024, Released December 2024

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in October in 3 states, higher in 1 state, and stable in 46 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, 6 states had decreases, and 20 states had little change. The national unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 4.1 percent but was 0.3 percentage point higher than in October 2023.

Nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 2 states and was essentially unchanged in 48 states and the District of Columbia in October 2024. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 27 states and was essentially unchanged in 23 states and the District.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

October 2024 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Oct-24	Sep-24	Oct-23
U.S.	168,569,000	161,938,000	6,631,000	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%
IN	3,460,202	3,322,315	137,887	4.0%	4.3%	3.1%
Gary Metro Div	342,209	325,205	17,004	5.0%	5.6%	4.1%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	48,521	46,278	2,243	4.6%	5.2%	3.5%
EGR 1	407,460	387,505	19,955	4.9%	5.5%	4.0%
Lake Co.	231,721	219,276	12,445	5.4%	6.1%	4.5%
Porter Co.	87,357	83,738	3,619	4.1%	4.5%	3.3%
LaPorte Co.	48,521	46,278	2,243	4.6%	5.2%	3.5%
Newton Co.	6,857	6,580	277	4.0%	4.4%	3.2%
Jasper Co.	16,274	15,611	663	4.1%	4.4%	3.0%
Starke Co.	9,784	9,319	465	4.8%	5.0%	3.5%
Pulaski Co.	6,946	6,703	243	3.5%	3.7%	2.5%
East Chicago	9,831	9,126	705	7.2%	7.8%	6.0%
Hammond	34,032	32,100	1,932	5.7%	6.5%	5.1%
Munster	11,709	11,223	486	4.2%	4.6%	3.1%
Dyer	8,769	8,438	331	3.8%	4.2%	3.2%
Schererville	16,134	15,454	680	4.2%	4.8%	3.4%
Crown Point	15,927	15,265	662	4.2%	4.7%	3.6%
Griffith	8,751	8,352	399	4.6%	4.9%	3.8%
Highland	12,448	11,835	613	4.9%	5.2%	3.6%
Gary	26,683	24,471	2,212	8.3%	10.0%	8.0%
Merrillville	17,109	16,072	1,037	6.1%	6.7%	5.1%
Hobart	14,635	13,918	717	4.9%	5.4%	4.1%
Lake Station	4,905	4,539	366	7.5%	8.7%	5.6%
Portage	18,161	17,271	890	4.9%	5.5%	4.0%
Chesterton	7,236	6,913	323	4.5%	4.7%	3.7%
Valparaiso	16,884	16,207	677	4.0%	4.3%	3.2%
Michigan City	12,918	12,230	688	5.3%	6.1%	3.9%
LaPorte	9,647	9,220	427	4.4%	4.8%	3.8%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:11/24 | 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): October 2024

U.S. - 4.1%

Illinois - 5.3%

Indiana - 4.4%

Kentucky - 5%

Michigan - 4.7%

Ohio - 4.3%

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

## Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): October 2024

#4 - Lake (5.4%)

#8 - Starke (4.8%)

#10 - LaPorte (4.6%)

#27 - Jasper (4.1%)

#28 - Porter (4.1%)

#34 - Newton (4%)

#68 - Pulaski (3.5%)

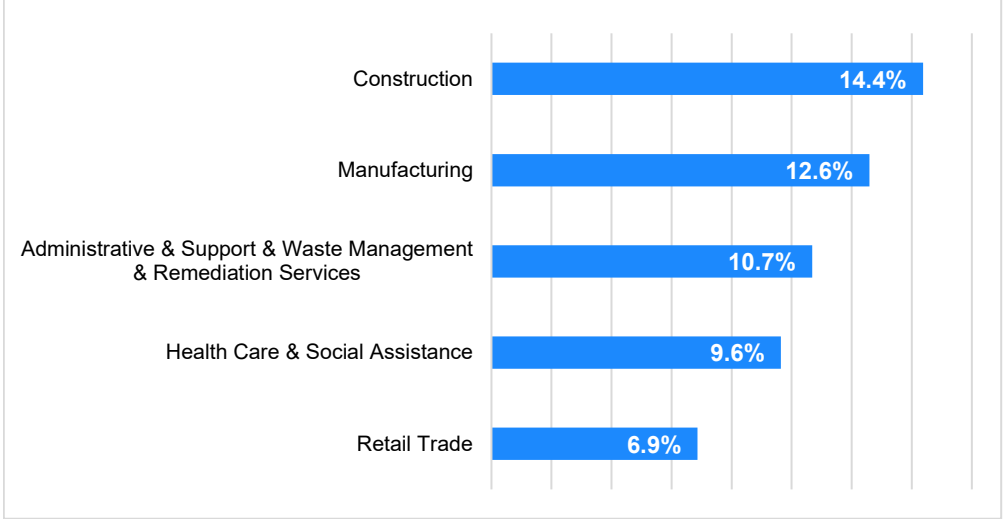
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Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for October 2024			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$36.63	43.1	\$1,578.75
Manufacturing	\$26.38	40.6	\$1,071.03
Durable Goods	\$27.39	41.9	\$1,147.64
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$25.77	40.8	\$1,051.42
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$30.72	41.5	\$1,274.88
Non-Durable Goods	\$23.58	37.4	\$881.89
Retail Trade	\$18.60	29.2	\$543.12
Financial Activities	\$27.68	37.6	\$1,040.77
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$30.87	32.8	\$1,012.54
Accommodation and Food Services	\$16.00	23.9	\$382.40
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$15.62	23.4	\$365.51

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

**Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries  
October 2024**

**Distribution as a Percent of Total**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

**WARN Notices**

WARN Notices for Region 1 for October 2024				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for October 2024 for Region 1.**

Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations				
Company	City	County	# Affected	Notice Date
True Value Company, LLC	Chicago, IL	Cook, IL	482	10/16/24
PepsiCo, Inc.	Chicago, IL	Cook, IL	131	10/28/24

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:  
October 2024**

**Region 1**

**Initial Claims**

10/05/24 - 369(D)  
10/12/24 - 392(D)  
10/19/24 - 338(D)  
10/26/24 - 333(D)

**Continued Claims**

10/05/24 - 2,185  
10/12/24 - 2,193  
10/19/24 - 2,133  
10/26/24 - 2,074

**Total Claims**

10/05/24 - 2,554  
10/12/24 - 2,585  
10/19/24 - 2,471  
10/26/24 - 2,407

**State of Indiana**

**Initial Claims**

10/05/24 - 5,910  
10/12/24 - 3,737  
10/19/24 - 3,082  
10/26/24 - 3,152

**Continued Claims**

10/05/24 - 20,932  
10/12/24 - 20,745  
10/19/24 - 21,386  
10/26/24 - 20,802

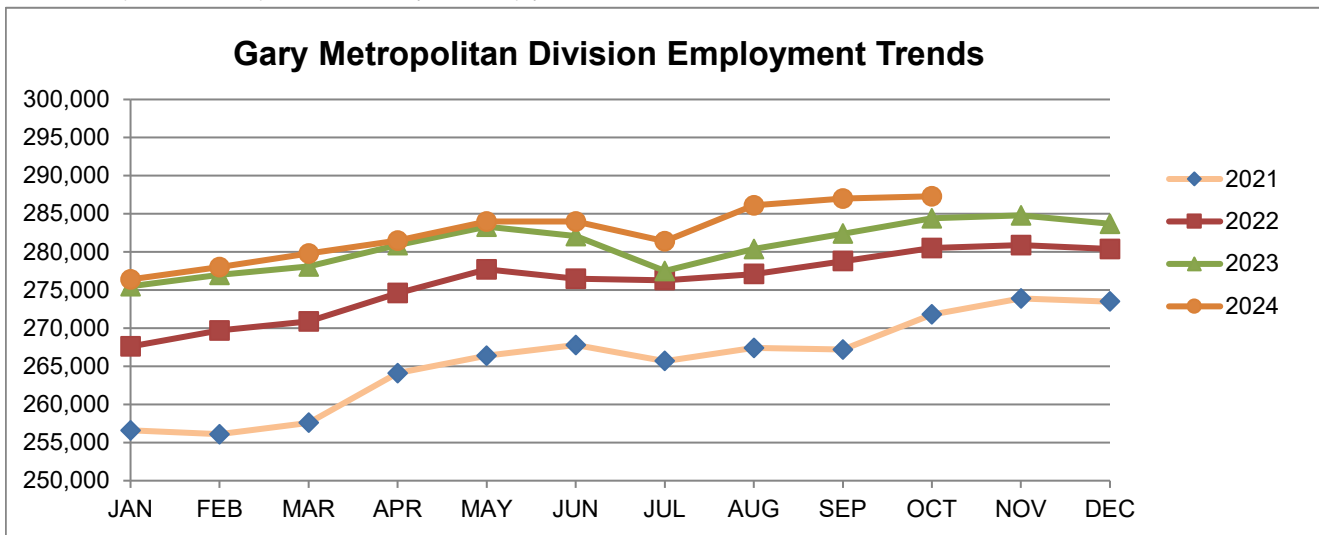
**Total Claims**

10/05/24 - 26,842  
10/12/24 - 24,482  
10/19/24 - 24,468  
10/26/24 - 23,954

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	October 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Oct-24	Sep-24	Oct-23	Sep-24 to Oct-24		Oct-23 to Oct-24	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>287,300</b>	<b>287,000</b>	<b>284,400</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>254,000</b>	<b>253,200</b>	<b>251,300</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Goods Producing	52,500	52,600	52,600	-100	-0.2%	-100	-0.2%
Service Providing	234,800	234,400	231,800	400	0.2%	3,000	1.3%
Private Service Providing	201,500	200,600	198,700	900	0.5%	2,800	1.4%
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	34,500	34,400	0	0.0%	100	0.3%
Durable Goods	24,800	24,900	25,400	-100	-0.4%	-600	-2.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	60,800	60,200	60,500	600	1.0%	300	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	10,500	10,400	10,400	100	1.0%	100	1.0%
Retail Trade	32,300	31,900	32,100	400	1.3%	200	0.6%
General Merchandise Stores	7,500	7,300	7,300	200	2.7%	200	2.7%
Other Gen Merch Stores	5,500	5,300	5,300	200	3.8%	200	3.8%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	18,000	17,900	18,000	100	0.6%	0	0.0%
Information	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	9,300	9,300	9,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Professional and Business Services	29,800	29,700	29,500	100	0.3%	300	1.0%
Employment Services	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	51,300	51,000	49,900	300	0.6%	1,400	2.8%
Educational Services	6,100	5,800	5,700	300	5.2%	400	7.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	45,200	45,200	44,200	0	0.0%	1,000	2.3%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,400	13,400	13,200	0	0.0%	200	1.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	34,200	34,200	33,400	0	0.0%	800	2.4%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	4,000	4,100	4,100	-100	-2.4%	-100	-2.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	30,200	30,100	29,300	100	0.3%	900	3.1%
Other Services	14,300	14,400	14,200	-100	-0.7%	100	0.7%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>33,300</b>	<b>33,800</b>	<b>33,100</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	0.0%	-100	-4.8%
State Government	3,900	3,800	3,900	100	2.6%	0	0.0%
Local Government	27,400	28,000	27,100	-600	-2.1%	300	1.1%
Local Government Educational Services	16,000	15,800	15,900	200	1.3%	100	0.6%

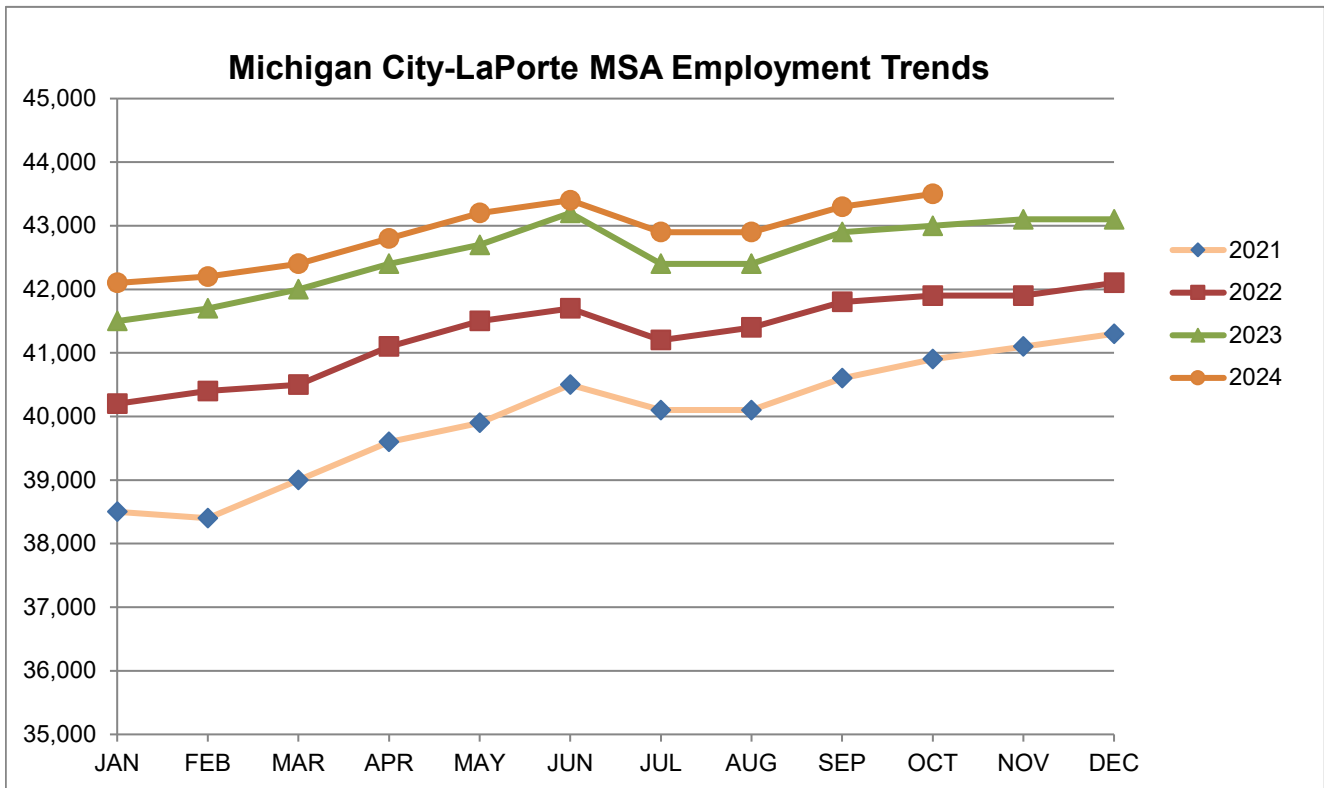
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Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	October 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Oct-24	Sep-24	Oct-23	Sep-24 to Oct-24	Oct-23 to Oct-24	Oct-23 to Oct-24	Oct-23 to Oct-24
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>43,500</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>37,200</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Goods Producing	11,100	11,100	10,900	0	0.0%	200	1.8%
Service Providing	32,400	32,200	32,100	200	0.6%	300	0.9%
Private Service Providing	26,100	25,900	25,700	200	0.8%	400	1.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	0.0%	200	8.3%
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	9,000	8,900	8,800	100	1.1%	200	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,100	5,000	5,100	100	2.0%	0	0.0%
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	6,200	6,100	6,100	100	1.6%	100	1.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	0.0%	100	2.1%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
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	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	0.0%	-100	-2.3%
Local Government Educational Services	2,400	2,300	2,400	100	4.4%	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	Security Guards
2	Door-to-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers
3	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
4	Correctional Officers and Jailers
5	Amusement and Recreation Attendants
6	Production Workers, All Other
7	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
8	Tellers
9	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse
10	Nursing Assistants
11	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
12	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
13	Registered Nurses
14	Physical Therapists
15	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other
16	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
17	Managers, All Other
18	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
19	Medical Assistants
20	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	1,044
Helpers--Production Workers	937
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	797
Customer Service Representatives	641
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	580
Cashiers	526
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	524
Construction Laborers	415
Office Clerks, General	372
Managers, All Other	288
Carpenters	288
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	286
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	268
Retail Salespersons	268
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	265
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	262
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	253
Extraction Workers, All Other	237
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	236
Receptionists and Information Clerks	226

\* 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.

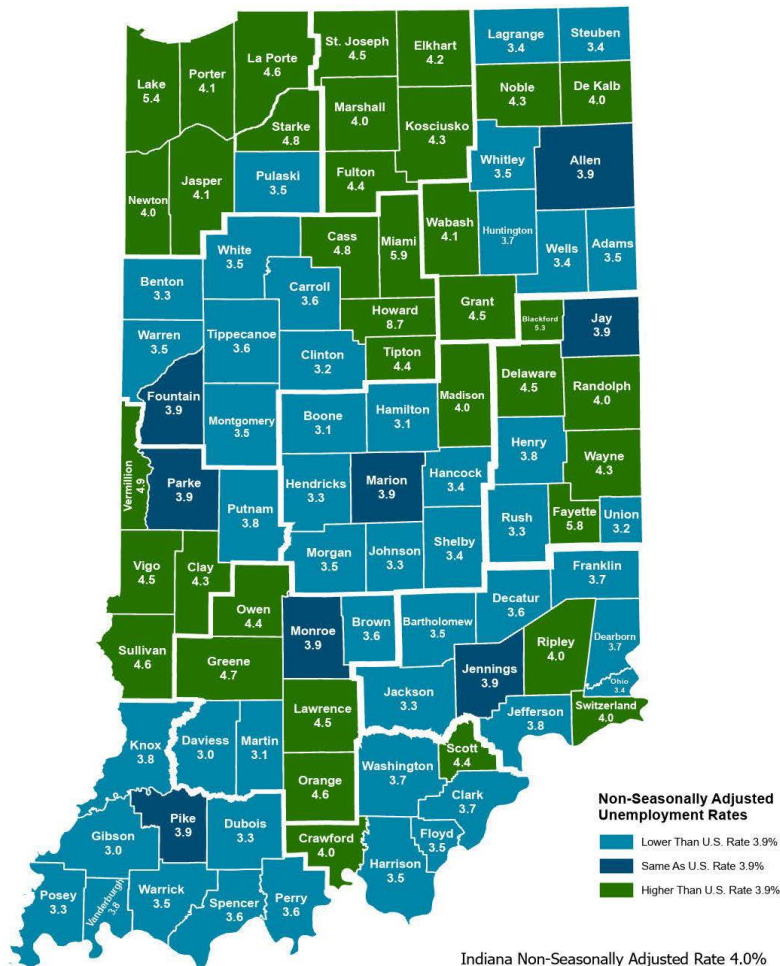
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to October 2024 from						
CPI Item	Oct-23	Sep-24	Oct-23	Sep-24	Oct-23	Sep-24
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.0%	-0.4%	2.1%	0.2%	2.0%	0.1%
Housing	3.8%	0.0%	4.2%	0.2%	4.6%	-0.1%
Apparel	3.1%	-1.8%	0.3%	-1.7%	2.6%	-0.3%
Transportation	4.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.7%	-0.3%
Medical Care	4.3%	-1.1%	3.3%	0.3%	1.9%	0.2%
Recreation	2.8%	0.6%	1.0%	0.3%	1.0%	0.4%
Education & Communication	2.3%	-0.5%	0.8%	-0.3%	-0.1%	-0.6%
Other Goods & Services	8.2%	-0.8%	3.3%	0.4%	5.3%	-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

## County Unemployment Rates Compared to U.S. Rate

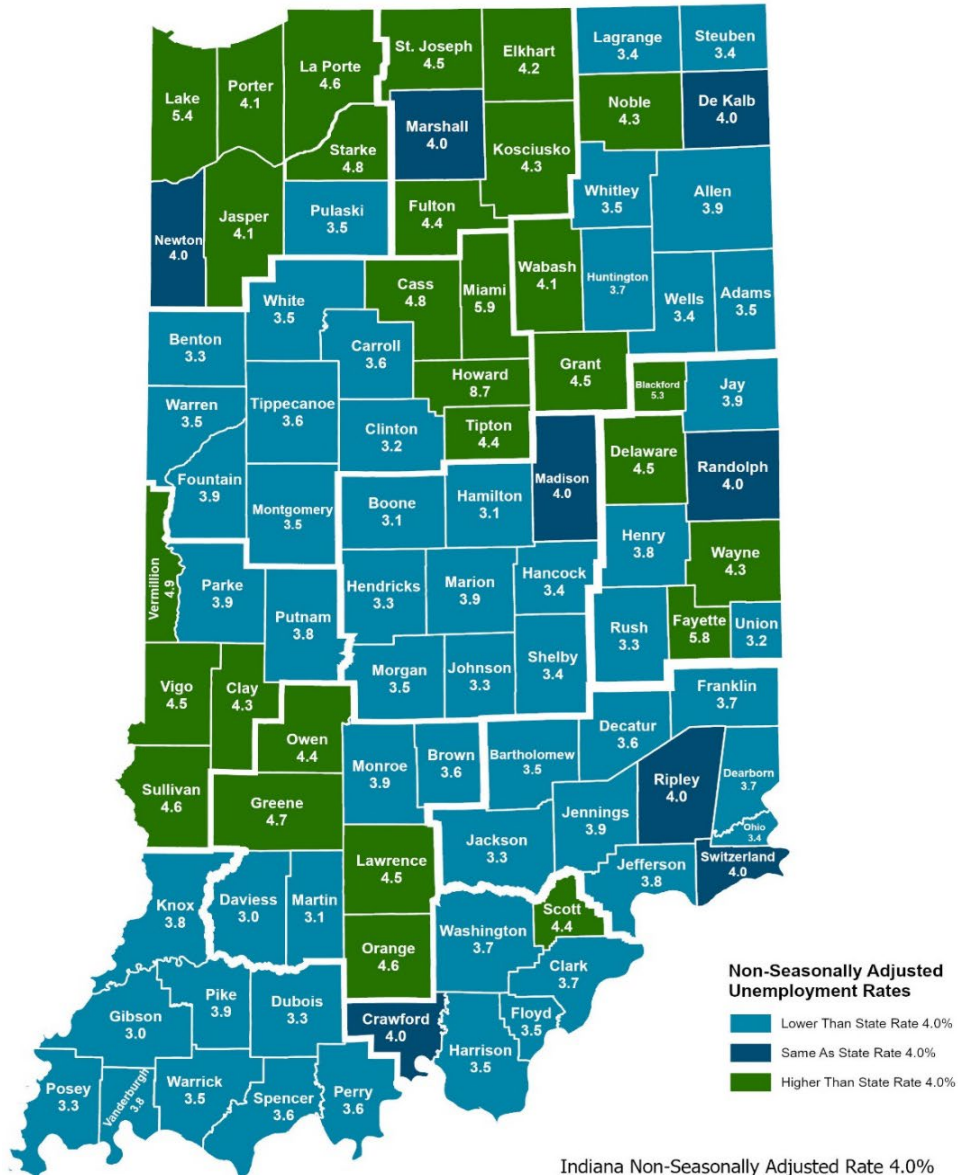
### County Unemployment Rates October 2024 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



# County Unemployment Rates Compared to State Rate



## County Unemployment Rates October 2024 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



**Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates**

- Lower Than State Rate 4.0%
- Same As State Rate 4.0%
- Higher Than State Rate 4.0%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.0%  
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.9%  
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

**Questions?**  
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