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## May 2024 Labor Market Review

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## Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for May 2024, Released July 2024

### State Employment and Unemployment

#### STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT -- May 2024

Unemployment rates were lower in May in 4 states, higher in 3 states, and stable in 43 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty-three states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 2 states had decreases, and 15 states had little change. The national unemployment rate changed little at 4.0 percent but was 0.3 percentage point higher than in May 2023. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 7 states and the District of Columbia and was essentially unchanged in 43 states in May 2024. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 30 states and was essentially unchanged in 20 states and the District.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties

### Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): May 2024

**U.S. - 4%**

Illinois - 4.9%

**Indiana - 3.7%**

Kentucky - 4.6%

Michigan - 3.9%

Ohio - 4.2%

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

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

#2 - Fayette (5.5%)

#4 - Delaware (4.7%)

#7 - Blackford (4.6%)

#13 - Randolph (4.4%)

#26 - Wayne (4.2%)

#34 - Jay (3.9%)

#42 - Henry (3.8%)

#74 - Rush (3.4%)

#83 - Union (3.3%)

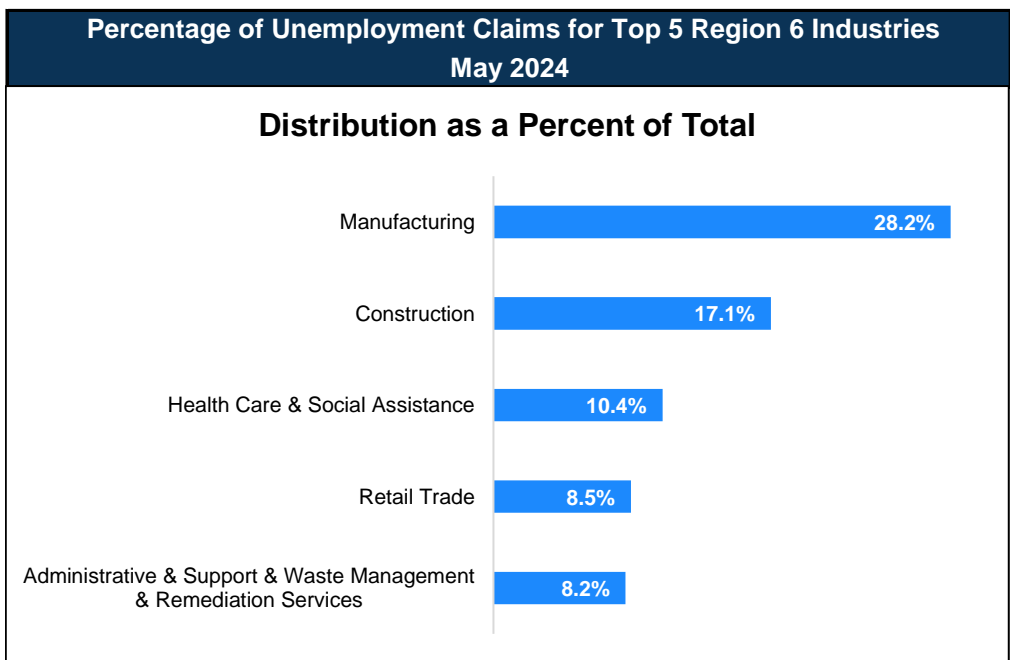
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

May 2024 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	May-24	Apr-24	May-23
U.S.	167,576,000	161,341,000	6,235,000	3.7%	3.5%	3.4%
IN	3,383,814	3,250,957	132,857	3.9%	3.4%	3.4%
EGR 6	147,565	141,173	6,392	4.3%	3.7%	3.7%
Muncie MSA	50,479	48,105	2,374	4.7%	3.9%	4.0%
Blackford Co.	4,602	4,391	211	4.6%	3.8%	4.2%
Delaware Co.	50,479	48,105	2,374	4.7%	3.9%	4.0%
Fayette Co.	8,192	7,739	453	5.5%	4.8%	4.4%
Henry Co.	22,271	21,419	852	3.8%	3.4%	3.5%
Jay Co.	8,728	8,388	340	3.9%	3.2%	3.2%
Randolph Co.	11,629	11,120	509	4.4%	3.6%	3.5%
Rush Co.	8,912	8,611	301	3.4%	2.8%	2.9%
Union Co.	3,577	3,458	119	3.3%	2.6%	3.0%
Wayne Co.	29,175	27,942	1,233	4.2%	3.8%	3.5%
Connorsville	4,163	3,901	262	6.3%	5.7%	5.1%
Muncie	29,103	27,601	1,502	5.2%	4.1%	4.4%
New Castle	7,624	7,320	304	4.0%	3.4%	3.8%
Richmond	14,246	13,577	669	4.7%	4.1%	3.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 06/24 | 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.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to May 2024 from				
CPI Item	May-23	Apr-24	May-23	Apr-24
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.1%	0.1%	1.5%	0.2%
Housing	4.6%	0.3%	4.6%	0.7%
Apparel	0.8%	-0.8%	1.7%	-0.4%
Transportation	2.9%	0.0%	0.6%	-0.2%
Medical Care	3.1%	0.5%	2.5%	-0.1%
Recreation	1.3%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.9%
Education & Communication	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.4%
Other Goods & Services	3.8%	0.1%	6.9%	0.3%

\*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 6 for May 2024				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
Cygnus Home Services, LLC	Muncie	Delaware	21	6/3/2024

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: May 2024

### Region 6

#### Initial Claims

05/06/24 - 202(D)

05/13/24 - 82(D)

05/20/24 - 81(D)

05/27/24 - 75(D)

#### Continued Claims

05/06/24 - 641

05/13/24 - 609

05/20/24 - 602

05/27/24 - 589

#### Total Claims

05/06/24 - 843

05/13/24 - 691

05/20/24 - 683

05/27/24 - 664

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

05/06/24 - 4,711

05/13/24 - 3,632

05/20/24 - 2,527

05/27/24 - 2,595

#### Continued Claims

05/06/24 - 22,119

05/13/24 - 20,140

05/20/24 - 19,458

05/27/24 - 19,395

#### Total Claims

05/06/24 - 26,830

05/13/24 - 23,772

05/20/24 - 21,985

05/27/24 - 21,990

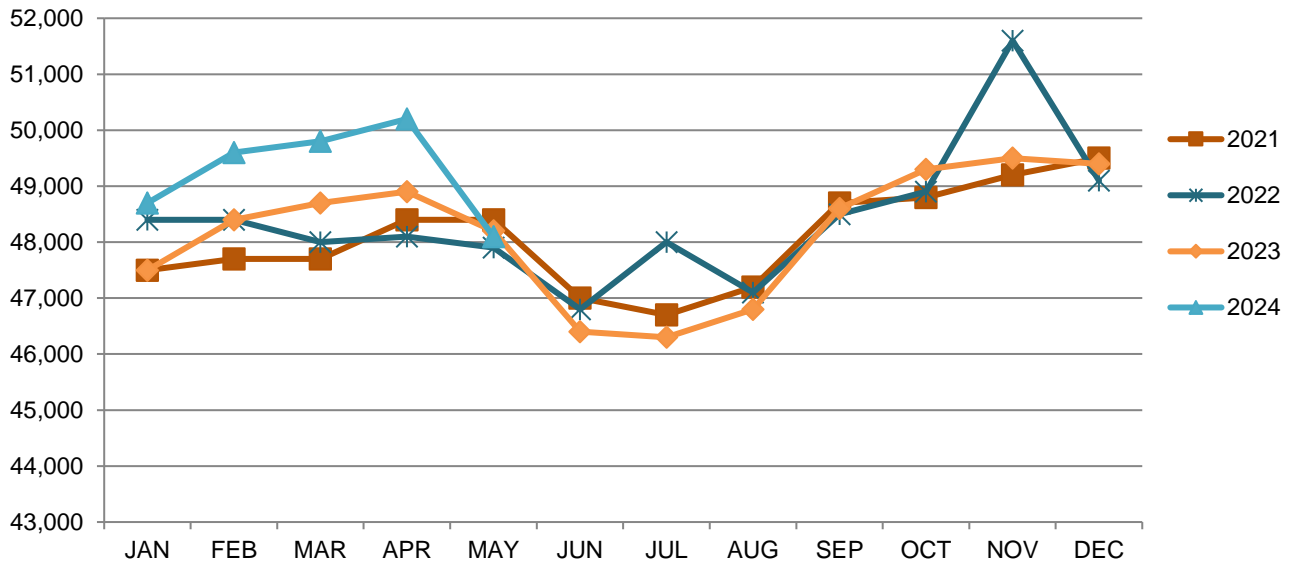
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development. Numbers subject to revision.

Muncie MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	May 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	May-24	Apr-24	May-23	Apr-24 to May-24	May-23 to May-24	Apr-24 to May-24	May-23 to May-24
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>48,100</b>	<b>50,200</b>	<b>48,200</b>	<b>-2,100</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>39,100</b>	<b>38,900</b>	<b>37,700</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
Goods Producing	5,700	5,600	5,400	100	1.8%	300	5.6%
Service-Providing	42,400	44,600	42,800	-2,200	-4.9%	-400	-0.9%
Private Service Providing	33,400	33,300	32,300	100	0.3%	1,100	3.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,700	1,600	1,500	100	6.3%	200	13.3%
Manufacturing	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	300	300	400	0	0.0%	-100	-25.0%
Financial Activities	2,200	2,100	2,100	100	4.8%	100	4.8%
Education and Health Services	9,700	9,800	9,300	-100	-1.0%	400	4.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,200	5,100	5,200	100	2.0%	0	0.0%
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	0.0%	100	4.8%
Government	9,000	11,300	10,500	-2,300	-20.4%	-1,500	-14.3%
State Government	4,100	5,600	6,100	-1,500	-26.8%	-2,000	-32.8%
State Government Educational Services	3,900	5,400	5,900	-1,500	-27.8%	-2,000	-33.9%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Local Government Educational Services	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	0.0%	100	4.8%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

### Muncie 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.

<b>Frequently Listed Jobs</b>	
<b>Top 20 job listings in Region 6 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Registered Nurses
2	Cashiers
3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
4	Nursing Assistants
5	Tellers
6	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
7	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
8	Social and Human Service Assistants
9	Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary
10	Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders
11	Food Preparation Workers
12	Speech-Language Pathologists
13	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
14	Financial Specialists, All Other
15	English Language and Literature Teachers, Postsecondary
16	Stockers and Order Fillers
17	Physical Therapists
18	Business Teachers, Postsecondary
19	Communications Teachers, Postsecondary
20	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

<b>Applicant Pool</b>	
<b>Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months</b>	
<b>Occupations</b>	<b># of Applicants</b>
Production Workers, All Other	666
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	449
Helpers--Production Workers	297
Customer Service Representatives	255
Cashiers	214
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	197
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	132
Office Clerks, General	124
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	122
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	116
Construction Laborers	105
Packers and Packagers, Hand	99
Team Assemblers	99
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	98
Managers, All Other	92
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	92
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	91
Extraction Workers, All Other	85
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	85
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	83

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



**BREAKDOWN**  
**May Indiana Labor Force**

Released June 25, 2024



**Total Population**  
**6,862,199**



**Labor Force (Age 16+)**  
**3,377,185**

**Employed**  
**3,252,622**

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, May 2024, Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Unemployed (Seeking)**  
**124,563**



**Not in the Labor Force (Age 16+)**  
**2,026,800**

**Do Not Want a Job**  
**1,912,500**

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, May 2024, Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Want a Job (Not Seeking)**  
**114,400**

**Want a Job (Available to Work Now)**  
**31,200**

**Potential Workers**

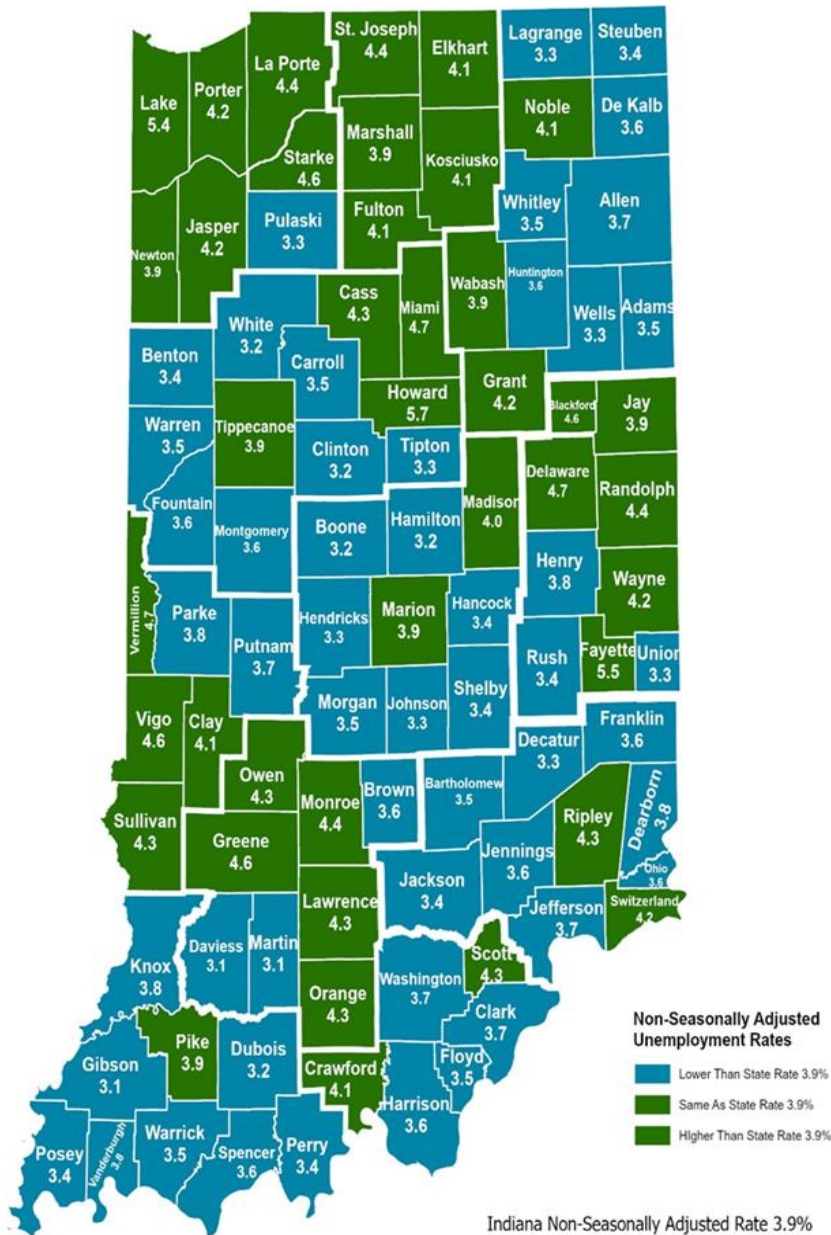
(Unemployed and Seeking a Job + Not in the Labor Force but Want a Job/Available to Work Now)

**155,763**

More about the US Bureau of Labor Statistics data sources used within:  
 Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS): Captures Indiana's labor force, which includes those currently employed and those who are unemployed and actively seeking work.  
 Census Population Survey (CPS): Captures individuals not participating in Indiana's Labor Force. This set includes non-participants that do not want a job (i.e. retirees and students) and those that want a job, but are not actively seeking work.  
 U.S. Census Bureau, Indiana Population 2023.

Resource: Notes on Using Census Population Survey (CPS) Subnational Data and Differences Between CPS and LAUS Estimates

## County Unemployment Rates May 2024



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