



June 2026 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for June 2026, Released August 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in June in 8 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 40 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 7 states had decreases, and 30 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.2 percent, changed little both over the month and over the year.

In June, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 3 states, decreased in 1, and was essentially unchanged in 46 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 4 states, decreased in 1 state and the District, and was essentially unchanged in 45 states.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in June, 2.0 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.0 percent. In total, 17 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.2 percent, 8 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

June 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25
U.S.	170,198,000	162,722,000	7,476,000	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%
IN	3,533,790	3,406,758	127,032	3.6%	3.2%	3.9%
EGR 6	157,325	151,368	5,957	3.8%	3.4%	4.2%
Muncie MSA	52,730	50,521	2,209	4.2%	3.7%	4.5%
Blackford Co.	5,198	4,993	205	3.9%	3.5%	4.3%
Delaware Co.	52,730	50,521	2,209	4.2%	3.7%	4.5%
Fayette Co.	10,150	9,722	428	4.2%	3.7%	4.5%
Henry Co.	22,880	22,091	789	3.4%	3.1%	3.9%
Jay Co.	9,745	9,421	324	3.3%	2.9%	3.7%
Randolph Co.	12,503	12,078	425	3.4%	3.0%	4.0%
Rush Co.	8,494	8,204	290	3.4%	3.0%	3.6%
Union Co.	4,389	4,266	123	2.8%	2.5%	2.9%
Wayne Co.	31,236	30,072	1,164	3.7%	3.3%	4.2%
Connersville	5,558	5,286	272	4.9%	4.1%	4.7%
Muncie	29,915	28,561	1,354	4.5%	4.1%	5.0%
New Castle	8,412	8,133	279	3.3%	3.0%	3.9%
Richmond	15,786	15,121	665	4.2%	3.7%	4.7%

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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): June 2026

U.S. - 4.2%

Illinois - 5.1%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.7%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 3.6%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): June 2026

#3 - Delaware (4.2%)

#4 - Fayette (4.2%)

#9 - Blackford (3.9%)

#28 - Wayne (3.7%)

#44 - Henry (3.4%)

#49 - Randolph (3.4%)

#50 - Rush (3.4%)

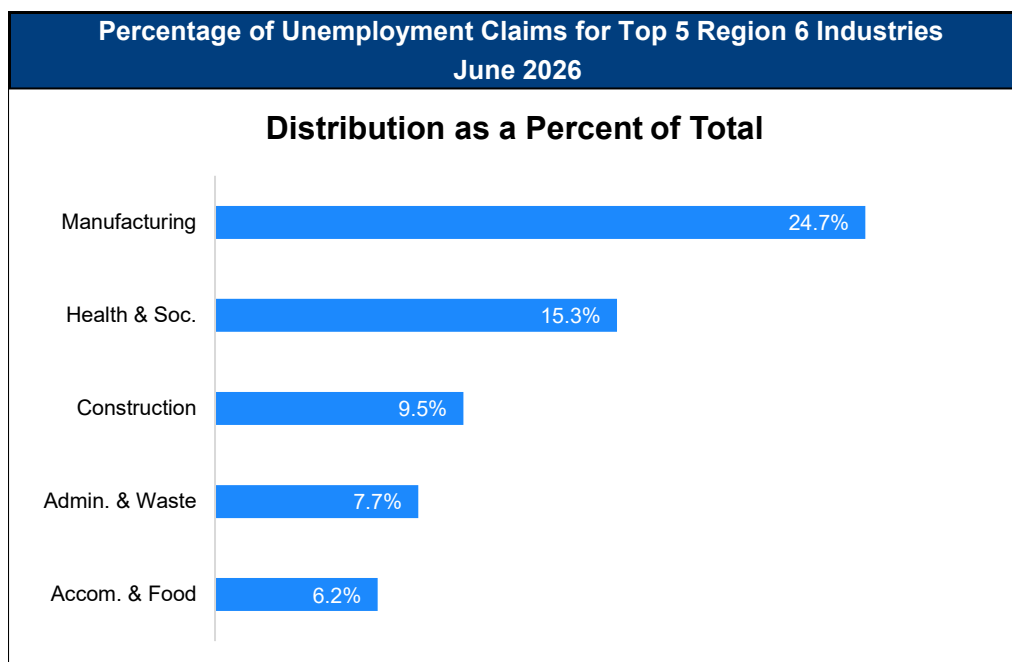
#59 - Jay (3.3%)

#91 - Union (2.8%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to June 2026 from				
CPI Item	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-25	May-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.5%	-0.3%	3.8%	-0.5%
Food & Beverages	3.0%	0.2%	2.5%	-0.1%
Housing	3.3%	0.2%	3.9%	0.4%
Apparel	3.9%	-1.2%	4.4%	-1.8%
Transportation	6.5%	-2.4%	6.4%	-3.0%
Medical Care	2.0%	-0.1%	2.5%	0.0%
Recreation	2.8%	0.4%	5.2%	0.4%
Education & Communication	-0.1%	-0.8%	-0.1%	-0.9%
Other Goods & Services	4.6%	0.1%	2.5%	0.7%

*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 June 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
Conduent Commercial Solutions, LLC	Statewide		7	6/26/2026

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: June 2026

Region 6

Initial Claims

06/06/26 - 79(D)

06/13/26 - 80(D)

06/20/26 - 57(D)

06/27/26 - 64(D)

Continued Claims

06/06/26 - 619

06/13/26 - 628

06/20/26 - 609

06/27/26 - 619

Total Claims

06/06/26 - 698

06/13/26 - 708

06/20/26 - 666

06/27/26 - 683

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

06/06/26 - 2,897

06/13/26 - 2,365

06/20/26 - 2,043

06/27/26 - 2,171

Continued Claims

06/06/26 - 18,273

06/13/26 - 18,019

06/20/26 - 18,111

06/27/26 - 17,890

Total Claims

06/06/26 - 21,170

06/13/26 - 20,384

06/20/26 - 20,154

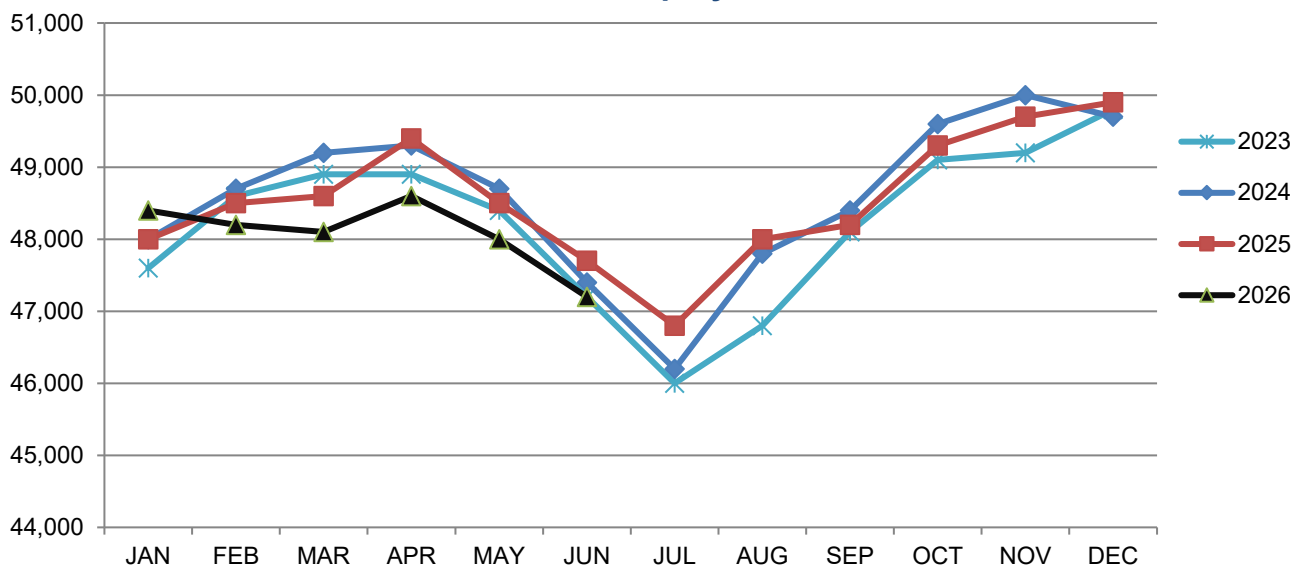
06/27/26 - 20,061

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

Muncie MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	June 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25	May-26 to Jun-26		Jun-25 to Jun-26	
Total Nonfarm	47,200	48,000	47,700	-800	-1.7%	-500	-1.1%
Total Private	38,400	38,200	38,300	200	0.5%	100	0.3%
Goods Producing	5,900	5,800	5,700	100	1.7%	200	3.5%
Service-Providing	41,300	42,200	42,000	-900	-2.1%	-700	-1.7%
Private Service Providing	32,500	32,400	32,600	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,700	1,600	1,600	100	6.3%	100	6.3%
Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,900	8,000	8,300	-100	-1.3%	-400	-4.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	0.0%	-100	-7.1%
Retail Trade	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-200	-3.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,000	1,000	1,100	0	0.0%	-100	-9.1%
Information	300	300	400	0	0.0%	-100	-25.0%
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	0.0%	-100	-4.2%
Education and Health Services	10,300	10,200	10,200	100	1.0%	100	1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	5,000	5,200	0	0.0%	-200	-3.9%
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	8,800	9,800	9,400	-1,000	-10.2%	-600	-6.4%
State Government	4,800	6,000	5,000	-1,200	-20.0%	-200	-4.0%
State Government Educational Services	4,600	5,800	4,800	-1,200	-20.7%	-200	-4.2%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,500	3,700	3,600	-200	-5.4%	-100	-2.8%
Local Government Educational Services	1,900	2,100	1,900	-200	-9.5%	0	0.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	0.0%	-100	-5.9%

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.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of postings in Region 6 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Driver/Sales Workers and Truck Drivers
2	Physicians
3	Registered Nurses
4	Retail Salespersons
5	Therapists
6	Building Cleaning Workers
7	Laborers and Material Movers
8	First-Line Supervisors of Sales Workers
9	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
10	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
11	Nursing Assistants, Orderlies, and Psychiatric Aides
12	Food Service Managers
13	Miscellaneous Healthcare Support Occupations
14	Counselors
15	Postsecondary Teachers
16	Designers
17	Miscellaneous Production Workers
18	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
19	Athletes, Coaches, Umpires, and Related Workers
20	Medical and Health Services Managers

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	275
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	181
Customer Service Representatives	131
Helpers--Production Workers	104
Cashiers	93
Office Clerks, General	81
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	78
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	62
Team Assemblers	57
Extraction Workers, All Other	49
Managers, All Other	49
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	48
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	47
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	46
Receptionists and Information Clerks	44
Construction Laborers	41
Retail Salespersons	41
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	40
Waiters and Waitresses	40
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	37

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

BREAKDOWN June Indiana Labor Force

Released July 21, 2026



Total Population
6,973,333



Labor Force (Age 16+)
3,491,269



Not in the Labor Force (Age 16+)
1,984,300

Employed
3,376,293

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, June 2026, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployed [Seeking]
114,976

Do Not Want a Job
1,855,500

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, June 2026, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Want a Job [Not Seeking]
128,900

Want a Job [Available to Work Now]
44,700

Potential Workers

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

159,676

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.
Current Population Survey (CPS): Captures individuals not participating in Indiana's Labor Force. This set includes non-participants that do not want a job (e.g. retirees and students) and those that want a job but are not actively seeking work.
U.S. Census Bureau, Indiana Population 2025

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

County Unemployment Rates June 2026



Questions?

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