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## Economic Growth Region 9

Statistical Data Report for May 2024, Released July 2024

### State Employment and Unemployment

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.

North Dakota and South Dakota had the lowest jobless rates in May, 2.0 percent each. The next lowest rate was in Vermont, 2.1 percent. The rates in Arizona (3.4 percent) and Tennessee (3.0 percent) set new series lows. (All state series begin in 1976.) The district of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.3 percent, closely followed by California, 5.2 percent, and Nevada, 5.1 percent. In total, 24 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.0 percent, 4 states and the district had higher rates, and 22 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

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 9	166,342	160,313	6,029	3.6%	3.2%	3.1%
Columbus MSA	43,544	42,039	1,505	3.5%	2.9%	2.8%
Bartholomew Co.	43,544	42,039	1,505	3.5%	2.9%	2.8%
Dearborn Co.	25,906	24,924	982	3.8%	3.4%	3.3%
Decatur Co.	14,345	13,878	467	3.3%	2.9%	2.8%
Franklin Co.	11,145	10,740	405	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%
Jackson Co.	22,458	21,691	767	3.4%	2.8%	3.0%
Jefferson Co.	15,175	14,608	567	3.7%	3.2%	3.3%
Jennings Co.	13,572	13,082	490	3.6%	3.4%	3.2%
Ohio Co.	3,208	3,091	117	3.6%	3.2%	3.0%
Ripley Co.	12,425	11,886	539	4.3%	3.8%	3.4%
Switzerland Co.	4,564	4,374	190	4.2%	3.6%	3.4%
Batesville	3,281	3,159	122	3.7%	2.9%	3.0%
Brookville	1,067	1,023	44	4.1%	3.8%	3.4%
Columbus	24,941	24,037	904	3.6%	2.9%	3.0%
Greensburg	6,341	6,124	217	3.4%	3.0%	3.0%
Lawrenceburg	1,983	1,881	102	5.1%	3.6%	5.8%
Madison	5,482	5,278	204	3.7%	3.0%	3.3%
North Vernon	2,893	2,773	120	4.1%	3.6%	3.8%
Seymour	10,190	9,842	348	3.4%	2.8%	3.2%

### 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

#19 - Ripley (4.3%)

#25 - Switzerland (4.2%)

#41 - Dearborn (3.8%)

#48 - Jefferson (3.7%)

#54 - Franklin (3.6%)

#57 - Jennings (3.6%)

#59 - Ohio (3.6%)

#62 - Bartholomew (3.5%)

#71 - Jackson (3.4%)

#77 - Decatur (3.3%)

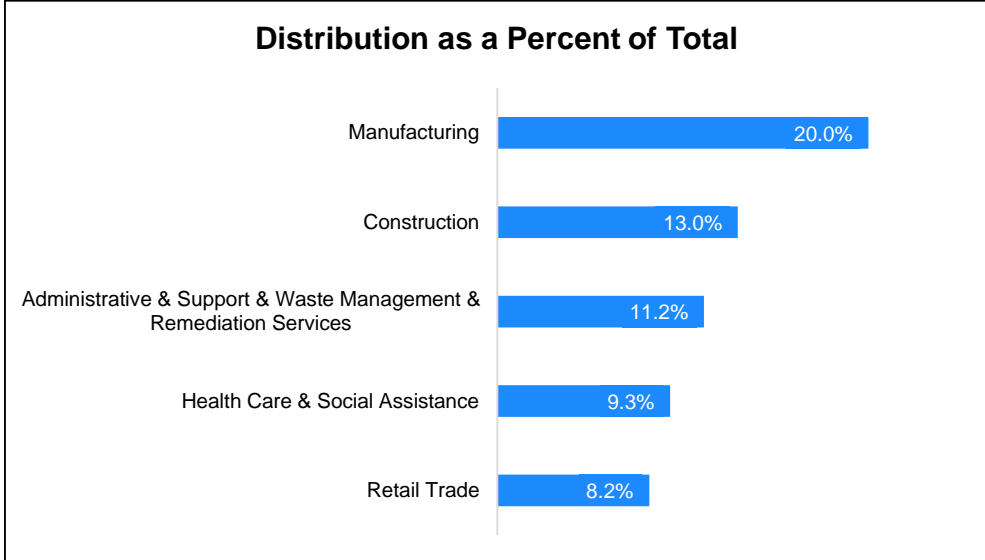
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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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

### Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 9 Industries May 2024



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 9 for May 2024				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for May 2024 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.dolela.gov/programs/facisht/warn.htm>

## Unemployment Claims: May 2024

### Region 9

#### Initial Claims

05/04/24 - 36(D)

05/11/24 - 42(D)

05/18/24 - 34(D)

05/25/24 - 38(D)

#### Continued Claims

05/04/24 - 417

05/11/24 - 407

05/18/24 - 419

05/25/24 - 408

#### Total Claims

05/04/24 - 453

05/11/24 - 449

05/18/24 - 453

05/25/24 - 446

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

05/04/24 - 4,711

05/11/24 - 3,632

05/18/24 - 2,527

05/25/24 - 2,595

#### Continued Claims

05/04/24 - 22,119

05/11/24 - 20,140

05/18/24 - 19,458

05/25/24 - 19,395

#### Total Claims

05/04/24 - 26,830

05/11/24 - 23,772

05/18/24 - 21,985

05/25/24 - 21,990

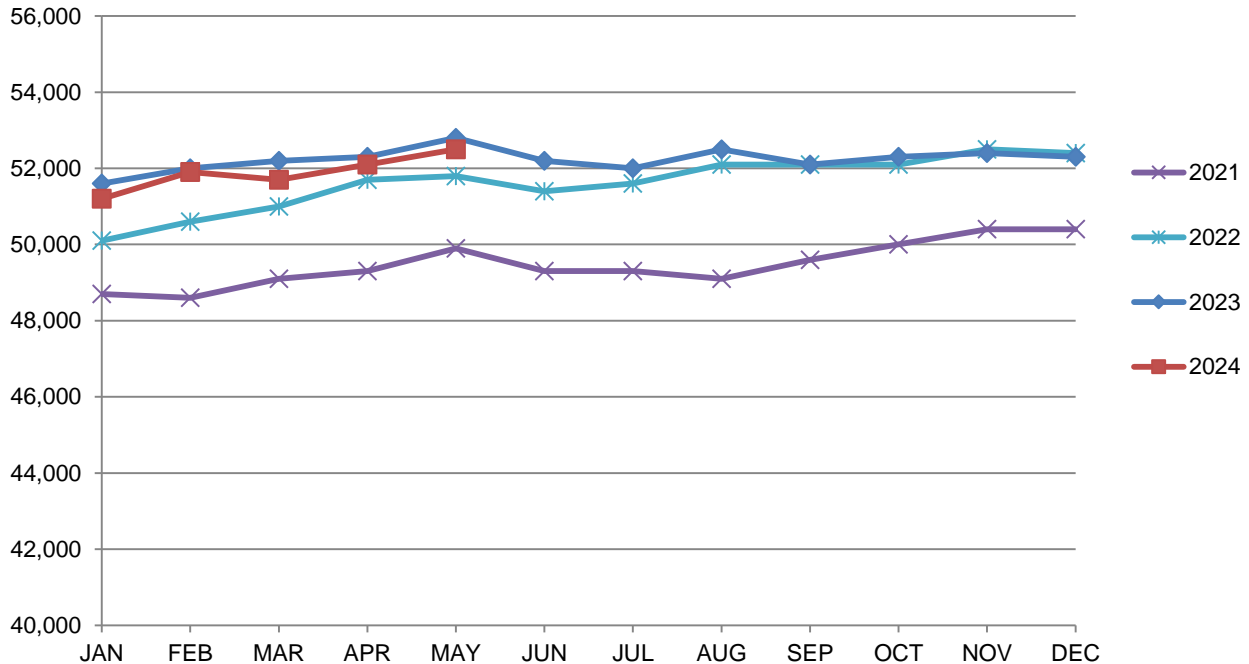
(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

\*Numbers subject to weekly revision | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Columbus MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	May 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	May-24	Apr-24	May-23	Apr-24 to May-24	May-23 to May-24		
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>52,500</b>	<b>52,100</b>	<b>52,800</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>46,200</b>	<b>45,800</b>	<b>46,500</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Goods Producing	21,200	21,200	21,300	0	0.0%	-100	-0.5%
Service-Providing	31,300	30,900	31,500	400	1.3%	-200	-0.6%
Private Service Providing	25,000	24,600	25,200	400	1.6%	-200	-0.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
Manufacturing	19,400	19,400	19,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods	17,300	17,300	17,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,500	7,400	7,600	100	1.4%	-100	-1.3%
Retail Trade	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	100	6.7%
Professional and Business Services	5,000	4,900	5,400	100	2.0%	-400	-7.4%
Education and Health Services	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	0.0%	100	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,400	4,200	4,300	200	4.8%	100	2.3%
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>6,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	900	900	1,000	0	0.0%	-100	-10.0%
Local Government	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	0.0%	100	2.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	0.0%	100	5.0%

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

### Columbus 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 9 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
2	Nursing Assistants
3	Social and Human Service Assistants
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
5	Registered Nurses
6	Industrial Engineers
7	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators
8	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
9	Stockers and Order Fillers
10	Retail Salespersons
11	Industrial Machinery Mechanics
12	Customer Service Representatives
13	Mechanical Engineers
14	Personal Care Aides
15	Physical Therapists
16	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
17	First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers
18	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
19	Psychiatric Technicians
20	News Analysts, Reporters, and Journalists

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	354
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	275
Helpers--Production Workers	169
Cashiers	123
Customer Service Representatives	122
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	118
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	115
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	98
Office Clerks, General	97
Construction Laborers	92
Extraction Workers, All Other	89
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	79
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	73
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	68
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	68
Retail Salespersons	68
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	64
Managers, All Other	61
Carpenters	59
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	59

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# Know your labor market, start your job search: Resources for job seekers



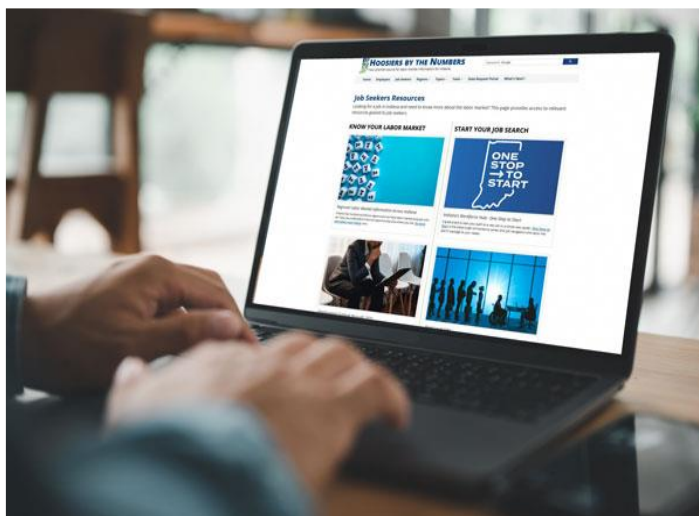
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A new resource on Indiana's labor market information website, Hoosiers by the Numbers, is making its appearance this month. It aims to help Hoosier job seekers accomplish two primary goals:

1. Learn about the types, quality and quantity of jobs available near them and within their region.
2. Start actively searching and applying for jobs in Indiana.

The new **Job Seekers Resources** page gives job seekers the bigger picture of the job market in and around where they live (see the Workforce Economy Dashboard snippet pictured below), while also helping them consider how much those jobs pay compared to others they may qualify for ... or could qualify for with some focused learning or even earning a certificate or two to upgrade their skills.



**3,276,800**

*Total Non-Farm Jobs (SA)*



Indiana saw a monthly increase of **4,100** jobs

**2,848,500**

*Private Sector Jobs (SA)*



Indiana saw a monthly increase of **3,300** jobs

**531,800**

*Manufacturing Jobs (SA)*



Indiana saw a monthly decrease of **-1,300** jobs

**3.5**

*Unemployment Rate (SA)*



monthly data remain unchanged for Indiana

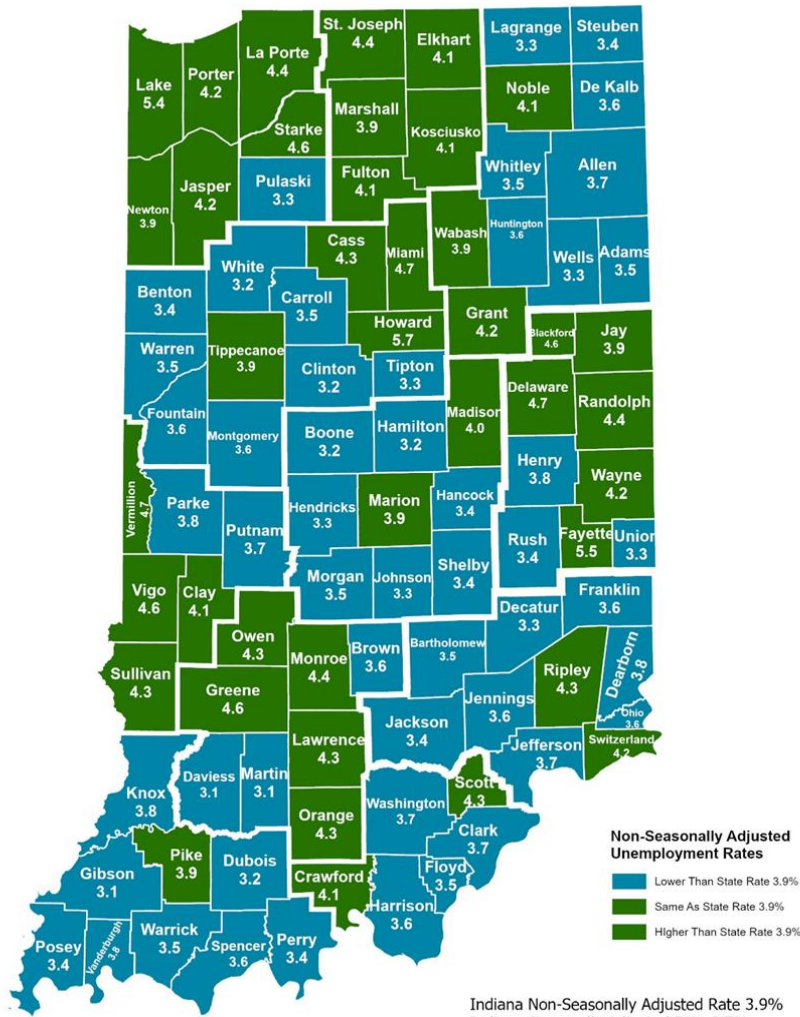
There are multiple resources that users can access at the top of the screen, including the ability to talk with actual labor market analysts that cover each of the 12 regions of the state's workforce development landscape.

Once the job seeker understands the bigger picture and is ready to get assistance, there are resources there that will walk them through the process of finding a job or locating training to upskill and get certifications. Notably, One Stop to Start is the latest navigator tool available that provides personalized assistance with job matching as well as pathways to upgrade skills. The other resource, Next Level Job, provides self-service options for job searching or skills training as well as career planning tools.

Find out more by going to the new Job Seekers Resources:

<https://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/job-seekers.asp>

# County Unemployment Rates May 2024



**Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates**

- Lower Than State Rate 3.9%
- Same As State Rate 3.9%
- Higher Than State Rate 3.9%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.9%  
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.7%  
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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