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Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for April 2024, Released June 2024

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 5 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 43 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 1 state had a decrease, and 19 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate changed little at 3.9 percent but was 0.5 percentage point higher than in April 2023.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 6 states and was essentially unchanged in 44 states and the District of Columbia in April 2024. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 31 states and was essentially unchanged in 19 states and the District.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

April 2024 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23
U.S.	167,484,000	161,590,000	5,894,000	3.5%	3.9%	3.1%
IN	3,383,458	3,267,750	115,708	3.4%	4.1%	2.7%
Gary Metro Div	335,599	320,375	15,224	4.5%	5.5%	3.7%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	47,262	45,312	1,950	4.1%	5.0%	3.3%
EGR 1	399,139	381,352	17,787	4.5%	5.4%	3.6%
Lake Co.	227,547	216,278	11,269	5.0%	6.0%	4.0%
Porter Co.	85,683	82,538	3,145	3.7%	4.4%	3.0%
LaPorte Co.	47,262	45,312	1,950	4.1%	5.0%	3.3%
Newton Co.	6,613	6,375	238	3.6%	4.5%	3.3%
Jasper Co.	15,756	15,184	572	3.6%	4.7%	2.9%
Starke Co.	9,554	9,137	417	4.4%	5.4%	3.4%
Pulaski Co.	6,724	6,528	196	2.9%	3.5%	2.4%
East Chicago	9,652	9,001	651	6.7%	7.9%	5.6%
Hammond	33,474	31,661	1,813	5.4%	6.5%	4.2%
Munster	11,495	11,069	426	3.7%	4.4%	2.6%
Dyer	8,658	8,322	336	3.9%	4.2%	2.7%
Schererville	15,802	15,243	559	3.5%	4.6%	3.1%
Crown Point	15,748	15,056	692	4.4%	5.1%	3.1%
Griffith	8,613	8,237	376	4.4%	5.5%	3.5%
Highland	12,138	11,673	465	3.8%	4.7%	3.5%
Gary	26,048	24,136	1,912	7.3%	8.4%	6.8%
Merrillville	16,811	15,852	959	5.7%	6.7%	4.5%
Hobart	14,381	13,728	653	4.5%	5.5%	3.6%
Lake Station	4,816	4,477	339	7.0%	9.6%	4.8%
Portage	17,820	17,024	796	4.5%	5.3%	3.7%
Chesterton	7,082	6,814	268	3.8%	4.4%	3.0%
Valparaiso	16,530	15,975	555	3.4%	4.3%	2.6%
Michigan City	12,554	11,975	579	4.6%	5.3%	3.8%
LaPorte	9,419	9,028	391	4.2%	5.1%	3.0%

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): April 2024

U.S. - 3.9%

Illinois - 4.8%

Indiana - 3.6%

Kentucky - 4.6%

Michigan - 3.9%

Ohio - 4%

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

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

#2 - Lake (5%)

#5 - Starke (4.4%)

#9 - LaPorte (4.1%)

#25 - Porter (3.7%)

#27 - Jasper (3.6%)

#28 - Newton (3.6%)

#70 - Pulaski (2.9%)

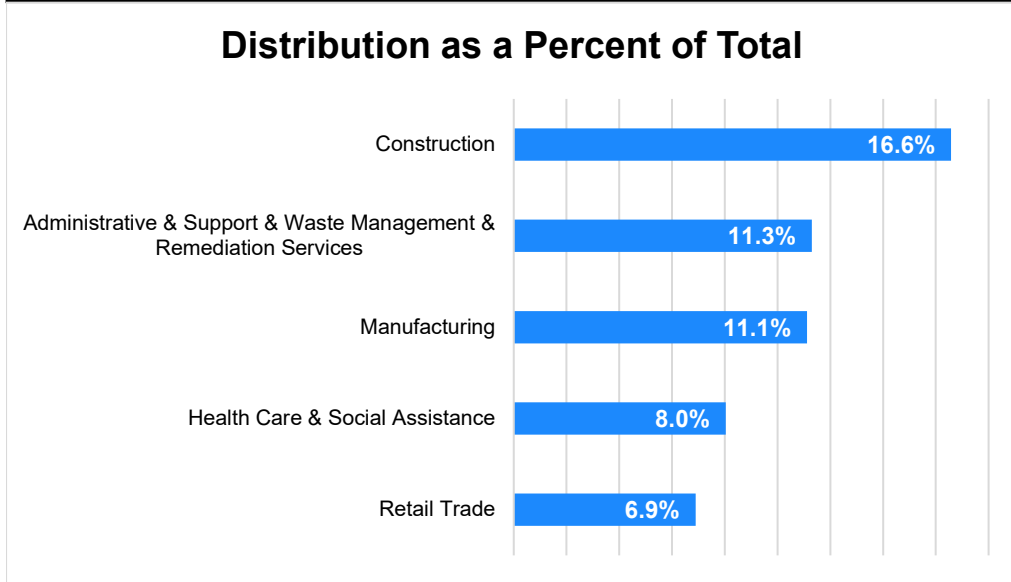
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:05/24 | 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

Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for April 2024			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$34.51	37.5	\$1,294.13
Manufacturing	\$25.76	39.7	\$1,022.67
Durable Goods	\$26.64	41.4	\$1,102.90
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$26.49	42.3	\$1,120.53
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$29.47	41.4	\$1,220.06
Non-Durable Goods	\$23.20	35.5	\$823.60
Retail Trade	\$19.38	28.0	\$542.64
Financial Activities	\$28.47	36.7	\$1,044.85
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$29.01	32.0	\$928.32
Accommodation and Food Services	\$16.02	24.6	\$394.09
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$15.25	23.5	\$358.38

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 for April 2024				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
There are no WARN Notices for April 2024 for Region 1.				
Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations				
Company	City	County	# Affected	Notice Date
11 companies in the counties of Cook, Will and Kankakee, Illinois	Various	Various	1,593	4/1-4/30/2024

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: April 2024

Region 1

Initial Claims

04/06/24 - 250(D)

04/13/24 - 304(D)

04/20/24 - 262(D)

04/27/24 - 257(D)

Continued Claims

04/06/24 - 2,161

04/13/24 - 1,954

04/20/24 - 1,902

04/27/24 - 1,895

Total Claims

04/06/24 - 2,411

04/13/24 - 2,258

04/20/24 - 2,164

04/27/24 - 2,152

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

04/06/24 - 2,643

04/13/24 - 3,083

04/20/24 - 2,453

04/27/24 - 2,344

Continued Claims

04/06/24 - 23,195

04/13/24 - 21,745

04/20/24 - 20,331

04/27/24 - 19,795

Total Claims

04/06/24 - 25,838

04/13/24 - 24,828

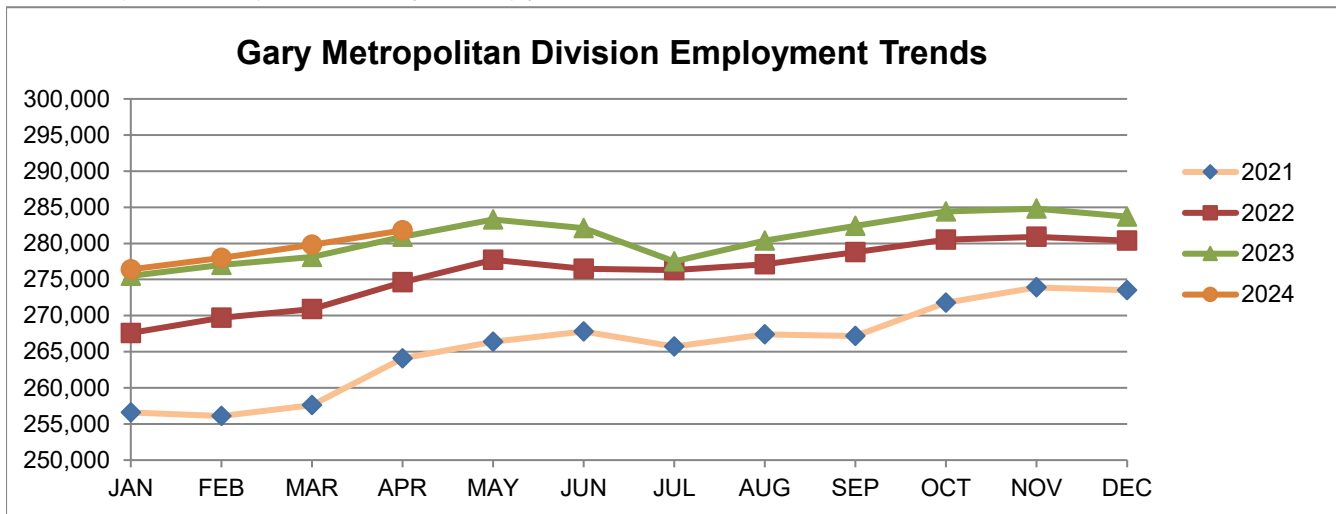
04/20/24 - 22,784

04/27/24 - 22,139

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	April 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Mar-24 to Apr-24		Apr-23 to Apr-24	
Total Nonfarm	281,800	279,800	280,900	2,000	0.7%	900	0.3%
Total Private	248,900	246,700	248,300	2,200	0.9%	600	0.2%
Goods Producing	52,000	50,900	52,100	1,100	2.2%	-100	-0.2%
Service Providing	229,800	228,900	228,800	900	0.4%	1,000	0.4%
Private Service Providing	196,900	195,800	196,200	1,100	0.6%	700	0.4%
Mining and Logging	100	100	100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	17,600	16,900	17,700	700	4.1%	-100	-0.6%
Construction	17,500	16,800	17,600	700	4.2%	-100	-0.6%
Manufacturing	34,400	34,000	34,400	400	1.2%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods	25,100	24,900	25,400	200	0.8%	-300	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	59,600	59,500	59,500	100	0.2%	100	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	10,400	10,500	10,100	-100	-1.0%	300	3.0%
Retail Trade	31,500	31,400	31,700	100	0.3%	-200	-0.6%
General Merchandise Stores	7,200	7,200	6,800	0	0.0%	400	5.9%
Other Gen Merch Stores	5,300	5,300	5,000	0	0.0%	300	6.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	17,700	17,600	17,700	100	0.6%	0	0.0%
Information	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	9,100	9,100	9,200	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Professional and Business Services	29,100	28,600	29,700	500	1.8%	-600	-2.0%
Employment Services	3,500	3,500	4,300	0	0.0%	-800	-18.6%
Education and Health Services	50,000	50,000	48,900	0	0.0%	1,100	2.3%
Educational Services	5,700	5,500	5,600	200	3.6%	100	1.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	44,300	44,500	43,300	-200	-0.5%	1,000	2.3%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,200	13,300	12,900	-100	-0.8%	300	2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,100	32,400	33,200	700	2.2%	-100	-0.3%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	3,900	3,700	3,900	200	5.4%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	29,200	28,700	29,300	500	1.7%	-100	-0.3%
Other Services	14,200	14,400	13,900	-200	-1.4%	300	2.2%
Total Government	32,900	33,100	32,600	-200	-0.6%	300	0.9%
Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	0.0%	-100	-4.8%
State Government	3,900	3,900	4,300	0	0.0%	-400	-9.3%
Local Government	27,000	27,200	26,200	-200	-0.7%	800	3.1%
Local Government Educational Services	16,000	16,300	15,400	-300	-1.8%	600	3.9%

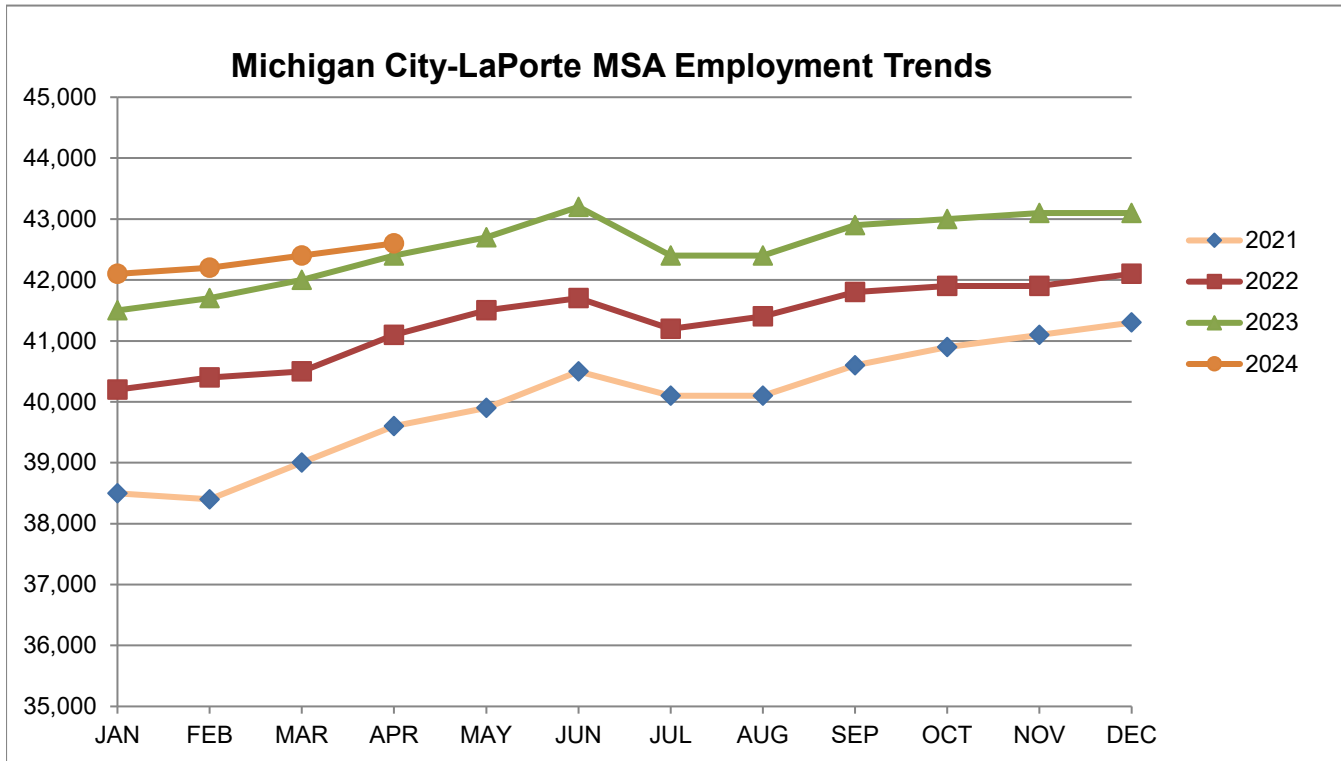
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Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Mar-24 to Apr-24	Apr-23 to Apr-24		
Total Nonfarm	42,600	42,400	42,400	200	0.5%	200	0.5%
Total Private	36,400	36,200	36,000	200	0.6%	400	1.1%
Goods Producing	10,800	10,700	11,000	100	0.9%	-200	-1.8%
Service Providing	31,800	31,700	31,400	100	0.3%	400	1.3%
Private Service Providing	25,600	25,500	25,000	100	0.4%	600	2.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,400	2,300	2,400	100	4.4%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,600	0	0.0%	-200	-2.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,800	8,800	8,600	0	0.0%	200	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	0.0%	100	5.6%
Retail Trade	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.0%	100	7.7%
Professional and Business Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	6,100	6,100	5,800	0	0.0%	300	5.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,700	4,600	4,800	100	2.2%	-100	-2.1%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.0%	100	7.7%
Total Government	6,200	6,200	6,400	0	0.0%	-200	-3.1%
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	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	0.0%	-200	-4.7%
Local Government Educational Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	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	Personal Care Aides
2	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse
3	Registered Nurses
4	Stockers and Order Fillers
5	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
6	Retail Salespersons
7	Correctional Officers and Jailers
8	Fast Food and Counter Workers
9	Nursing Assistants
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
12	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
13	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
14	Electrical Engineers
15	Industrial Engineers
16	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
17	Production Workers, All Other
18	Critical Care Nurses
19	Non-Destructive Testing Specialists
20	Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

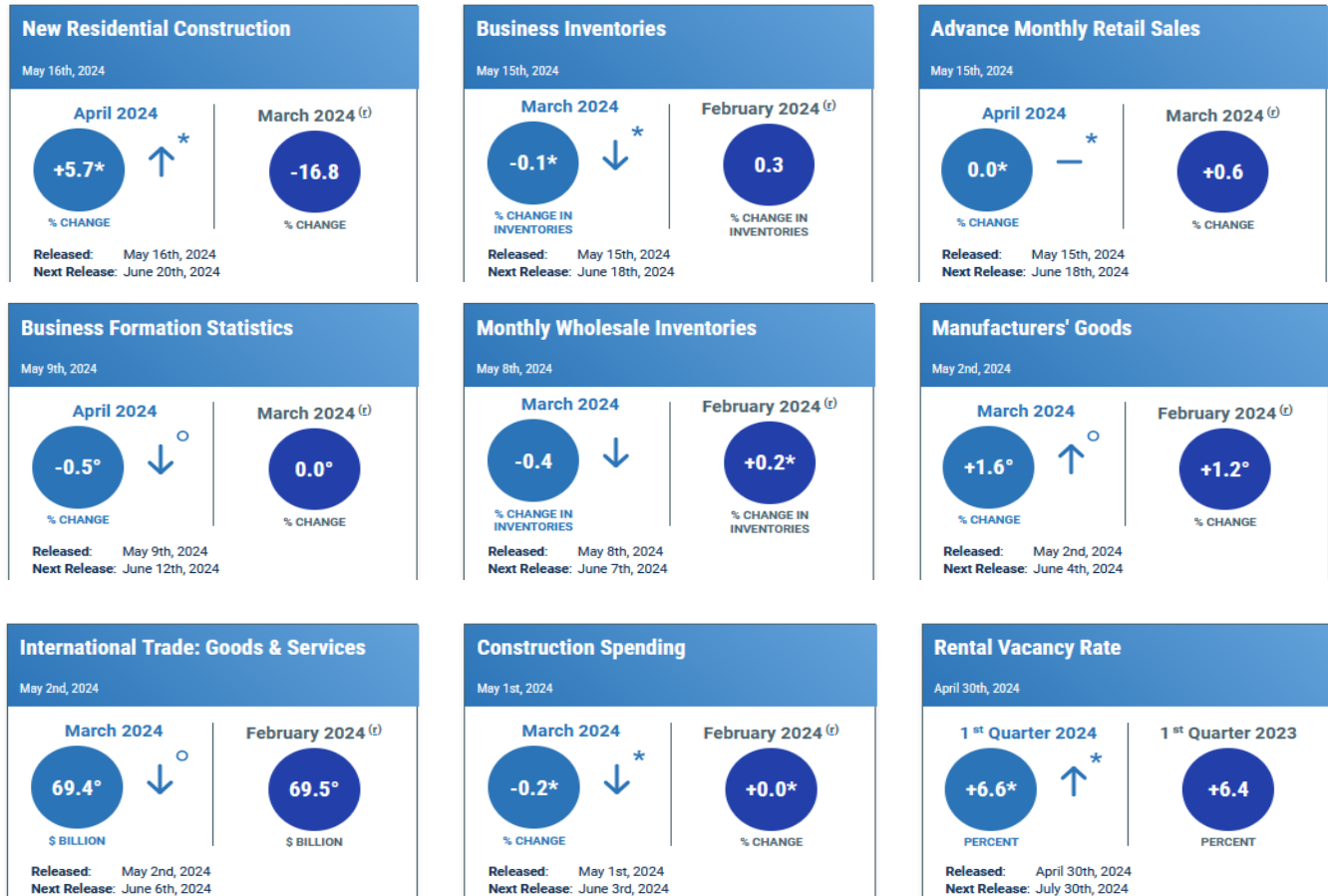
Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	1,042
Helpers--Production Workers	989
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	827
Customer Service Representatives	636
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	619
Cashiers	556
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	542
Construction Laborers	412
Office Clerks, General	376
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	303
Retail Salespersons	296
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	275
Managers, All Other	274
Carpenters	267
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	267
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	265
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	259
Extraction Workers, All Other	253
Receptionists and Information Clerks	232
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	229

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2024 from						
CPI Item	Apr-23	Mar-24	Apr-23	Mar-24	Apr-23	Mar-24
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.0%	0.6%	3.4%	0.4%	2.8%	0.5%
Food & Beverages	2.6%	0.1%	2.2%	0.2%	2.1%	0.1%
Housing	3.6%	0.5%	4.5%	0.1%	4.4%	0.5%
Apparel	0.7%	0.2%	1.3%	-0.1%	1.3%	0.1%
Transportation	3.8%	1.6%	3.5%	1.5%	1.0%	0.8%
Medical Care	3.7%	-0.2%	2.6%	0.3%	2.1%	1.1%
Recreation	-1.7%	0.4%	1.5%	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	12.2%	4.5%	4.3%	0.5%	7.1%	0.9%

*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

Census Bureau Index of Economic Activity



All estimates are seasonally adjusted except for the Rental Vacancy Rate and Home Ownership Rate. None of the estimates are adjusted for price changes.

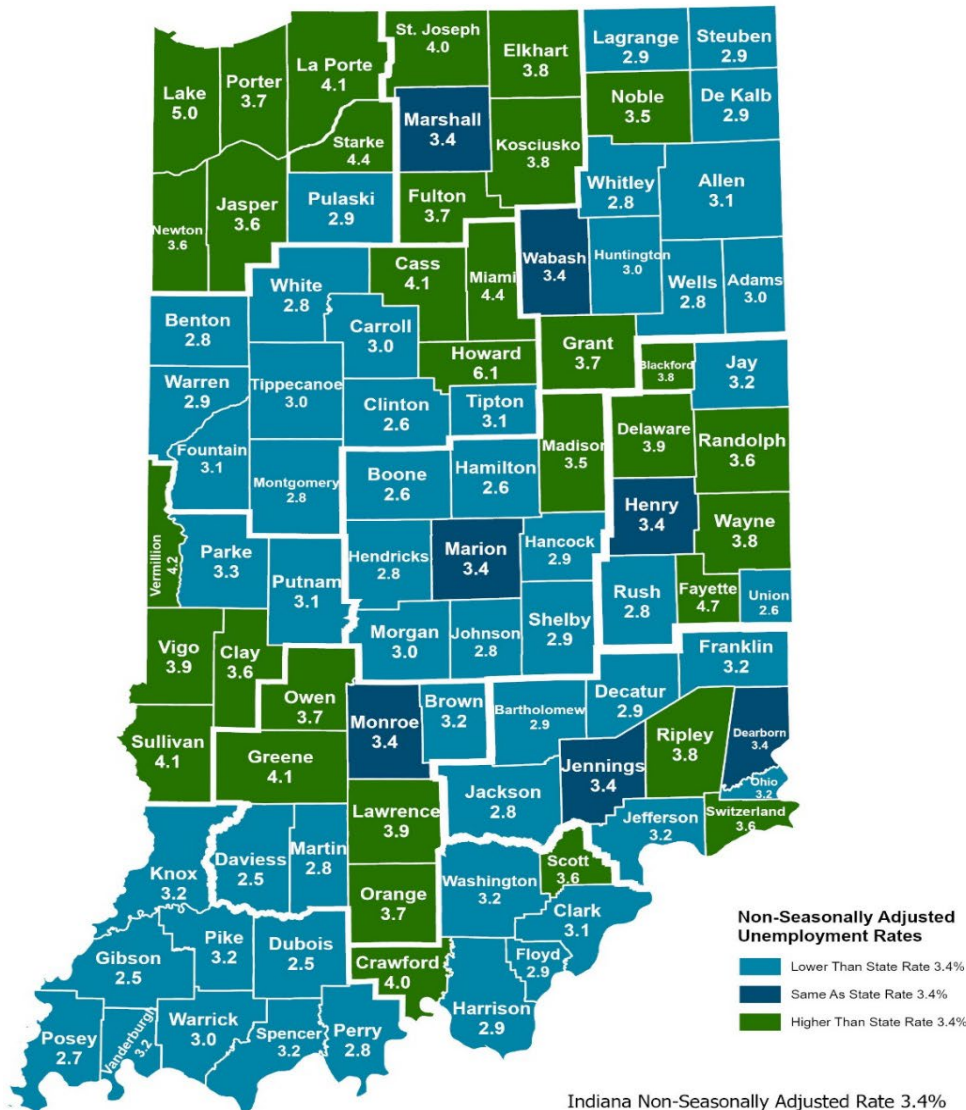
(*) The 90% confidence interval includes zero. The Census Bureau does not have sufficient statistical evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero.

(°) Statistical significance is not applicable or not measurable for these surveys. The Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders estimates are not based on a probability sample, so we can neither measure the sampling error of these estimates nor compute confidence intervals.

(r) Revised.

<https://www.census.gov/economic-indicators/> Visited 5/22/2024

County Unemployment Rates April 2024



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.4%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.6%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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