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## August 2024 Labor Market Review

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# Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for August 2024, Released October 2024

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in August in 6 states and the District of Columbia, lower in 1 state, and stable in 43 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-five states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 4 states had decreases, and 21 states had little change. The national unemployment rate changed little over the month at 4.2 percent but was 0.4 percentage point higher than in August 2023.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 4 states, decreased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 45 states and the District of Columbia in August 2024. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 30 states and was essentially unchanged in 20 states and the District.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

August 2024 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug-24	Jul-24	Aug-23
U.S.	168,763,000	161,348,000	7,415,000	4.4%	4.5%	3.9%
IN	3,434,542	3,281,737	152,805	4.4%	5.0%	3.5%
Gary Metro Div	339,856	320,058	19,798	5.8%	6.1%	5.0%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	48,065	45,577	2,488	5.2%	5.4%	4.0%
EGR 1	405,058	381,989	23,069	5.7%	6.0%	4.8%
Lake Co.	230,124	215,493	14,631	6.4%	6.6%	5.5%
Porter Co.	86,520	82,389	4,131	4.8%	5.1%	3.9%
LaPorte Co.	48,065	45,577	2,488	5.2%	5.4%	4.0%
Newton Co.	6,923	6,613	310	4.5%	4.6%	3.9%
Jasper Co.	16,289	15,563	726	4.5%	4.9%	3.6%
Starke Co.	9,997	9,486	511	5.1%	5.5%	4.1%
Pulaski Co.	7,140	6,868	272	3.8%	4.0%	2.8%
East Chicago	9,828	8,968	860	8.8%	9.9%	7.4%
Hammond	33,939	31,546	2,393	7.1%	7.2%	5.6%
Munster	11,572	11,029	543	4.7%	5.2%	3.7%
Dyer	8,665	8,292	373	4.3%	4.8%	4.0%
Schererville	15,933	15,188	745	4.7%	4.7%	4.4%
Crown Point	15,759	15,002	757	4.8%	5.4%	4.6%
Griffith	8,620	8,208	412	4.8%	5.1%	4.5%
Highland	12,281	11,631	650	5.3%	5.5%	3.6%
Gary	26,811	24,049	2,762	10.3%	10.3%	9.9%
Merrillville	17,032	15,795	1,237	7.3%	7.3%	5.9%
Hobart	14,494	13,678	816	5.6%	5.8%	5.0%
Lake Station	4,906	4,460	446	9.1%	8.9%	5.7%
Portage	18,056	16,993	1,063	5.9%	6.0%	4.8%
Chesterton	7,164	6,802	362	5.1%	5.1%	4.6%
Valparaiso	16,706	15,946	760	4.5%	5.1%	3.2%
Michigan City	12,808	12,045	763	6.0%	6.1%	4.5%
LaPorte	9,560	9,080	480	5.0%	5.2%	4.1%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:09/24 | 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): August 2024

U.S. - 4.2%

Illinois - 5.3%

Indiana - 4.2%

Kentucky - 4.8%

Michigan - 4.5%

Ohio - 4.5%

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

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

#3 - Lake (6.4%)

#11 - LaPorte (5.2%)

#15 - Starke (5.1%)

#22 - Porter (4.8%)

#28 - Jasper (4.5%)

#30 - Newton (4.5%)

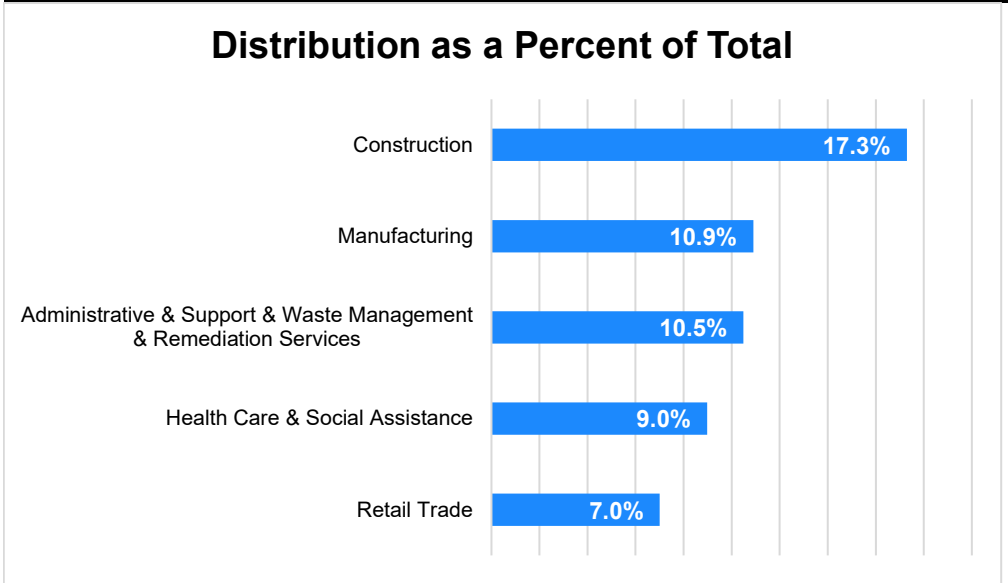
#65 - Pulaski (3.8%)

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

Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for August 2024			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$34.95	41.2	\$1,439.94
Manufacturing	\$25.86	40.9	\$1,057.67
Durable Goods	\$26.81	43.0	\$1,152.83
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$26.08	44.3	\$1,155.34
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$29.83	41.1	\$1,226.01
Non-Durable Goods	\$23.11	35.9	\$829.65
Retail Trade	\$18.86	29.1	\$548.83
Financial Activities	\$27.40	37.5	\$1,027.50
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$29.91	32.6	\$975.07
Accommodation and Food Services	\$15.81	23.5	\$371.54
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$15.32	23.2	\$355.42

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

### Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries August 2024



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

### WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 for August 2024				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
Triple Canopy (Security Guards and Patrol)	Various	Various	123	7/23/2024

Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations				
Company	City	County	# Affected	Notice Date
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Lockport, IL	Will, IL	278	8/14/24
Genpact, LLC	Chicago, IL	Cook, IL	158	8/26/24
Nucor Tubular Products Chicago	Chicago, IL	Cook, IL	47	8/28/24
Wheatland Tube, LLC	Chicago, IL	Cook, IL	238	8/30/24

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: August 2024

#### Region 1

##### Initial Claims

08/03/24 - 292(D)  
 08/10/24 - 366(D)  
 08/17/24 - 443(D)  
 08/24/24 - 445(D)  
 08/31/24 - 410(D)

##### Continued Claims

08/03/24 - 2,242  
 08/10/24 - 2,310  
 08/17/24 - 2,337  
 08/24/24 - 2,318  
 08/31/24 - 2,316

##### Total Claims

08/03/24 - 2,534  
 08/10/24 - 2,676  
 08/17/24 - 2,780  
 08/24/24 - 2,763  
 08/31/24 - 2,726

#### State of Indiana

##### Initial Claims

08/03/24 - 2,751  
 08/10/24 - 2,831  
 08/17/24 - 3,685  
 08/24/24 - 3,880  
 08/31/24 - 3,084

##### Continued Claims

08/03/24 - 20,129  
 08/10/24 - 20,394  
 08/17/24 - 21,156  
 08/24/24 - 21,828  
 08/31/24 - 21,967

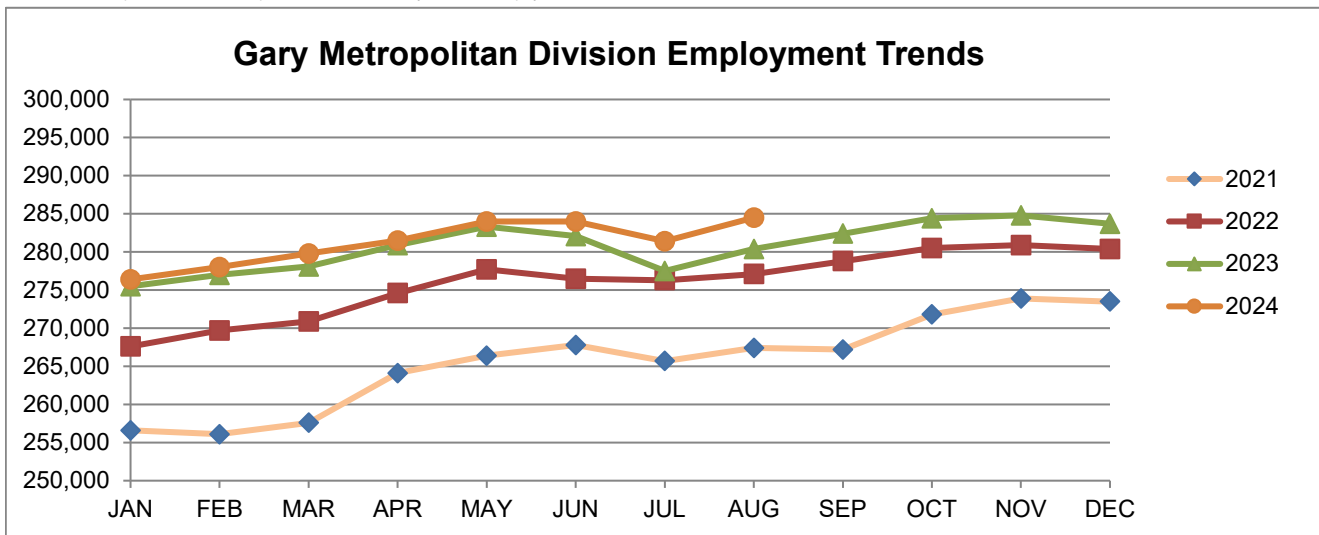
##### Total Claims

08/03/24 - 22,880  
 08/10/24 - 23,225  
 08/17/24 - 24,841  
 08/24/24 - 25,708  
 08/31/24 - 25,051

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	August 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-24	Jul-24	Aug-23	Jul-24 to Aug-24	Aug-23 to Aug-24	Aug-23 to Aug-24	Aug-23 to Aug-24
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>284,500</b>	<b>281,400</b>	<b>280,400</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>253,100</b>	<b>252,800</b>	<b>250,100</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
Goods Producing	52,800	52,500	52,100	300	0.6%	700	1.3%
Service Providing	231,700	228,900	228,300	2,800	1.2%	3,400	1.5%
Private Service Providing	200,300	200,300	198,000	0	0.0%	2,300	1.2%
Mining and Logging	100	100	100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	18,200	18,000	17,800	200	1.1%	400	2.3%
Construction	18,100	17,900	17,700	200	1.1%	400	2.3%
Manufacturing	34,600	34,500	34,300	100	0.3%	300	0.9%
Durable Goods	25,000	25,000	25,200	0	0.0%	-200	-0.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	59,900	60,200	59,700	-300	-0.5%	200	0.3%
Wholesale Trade	10,500	10,500	10,300	0	0.0%	200	1.9%
Retail Trade	31,700	32,000	31,900	-300	-0.9%	-200	-0.6%
General Merchandise Stores	7,200	7,300	7,000	-100	-1.4%	200	2.9%
Other Gen Merch Stores	5,400	5,400	5,100	0	0.0%	300	5.9%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	17,700	17,700	17,500	0	0.0%	200	1.1%
Information	1,800	1,800	2,000	0	0.0%	-200	-10.0%
Financial Activities	9,300	9,300	9,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Professional and Business Services	29,800	29,700	29,600	100	0.3%	200	0.7%
Employment Services	3,800	3,700	3,900	100	2.7%	-100	-2.6%
Education and Health Services	50,100	50,200	48,700	-100	-0.2%	1,400	2.9%
Educational Services	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	0.0%	100	2.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	45,300	45,400	44,000	-100	-0.2%	1,300	3.0%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,300	13,400	13,200	-100	-0.8%	100	0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	34,600	34,600	33,900	0	0.0%	700	2.1%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	4,200	4,300	4,400	-100	-2.3%	-200	-4.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	30,400	30,300	29,500	100	0.3%	900	3.1%
Other Services	14,800	14,500	14,700	300	2.1%	100	0.7%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>28,600</b>	<b>30,300</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Federal Government	2,000	2,100	2,100	-100	-4.8%	-100	-4.8%
State Government	3,300	3,300	3,600	0	0.0%	-300	-8.3%
Local Government	26,100	23,200	24,600	2,900	12.5%	1,500	6.1%
Local Government Educational Services	13,900	10,700	12,900	3,200	29.9%	1,000	7.8%

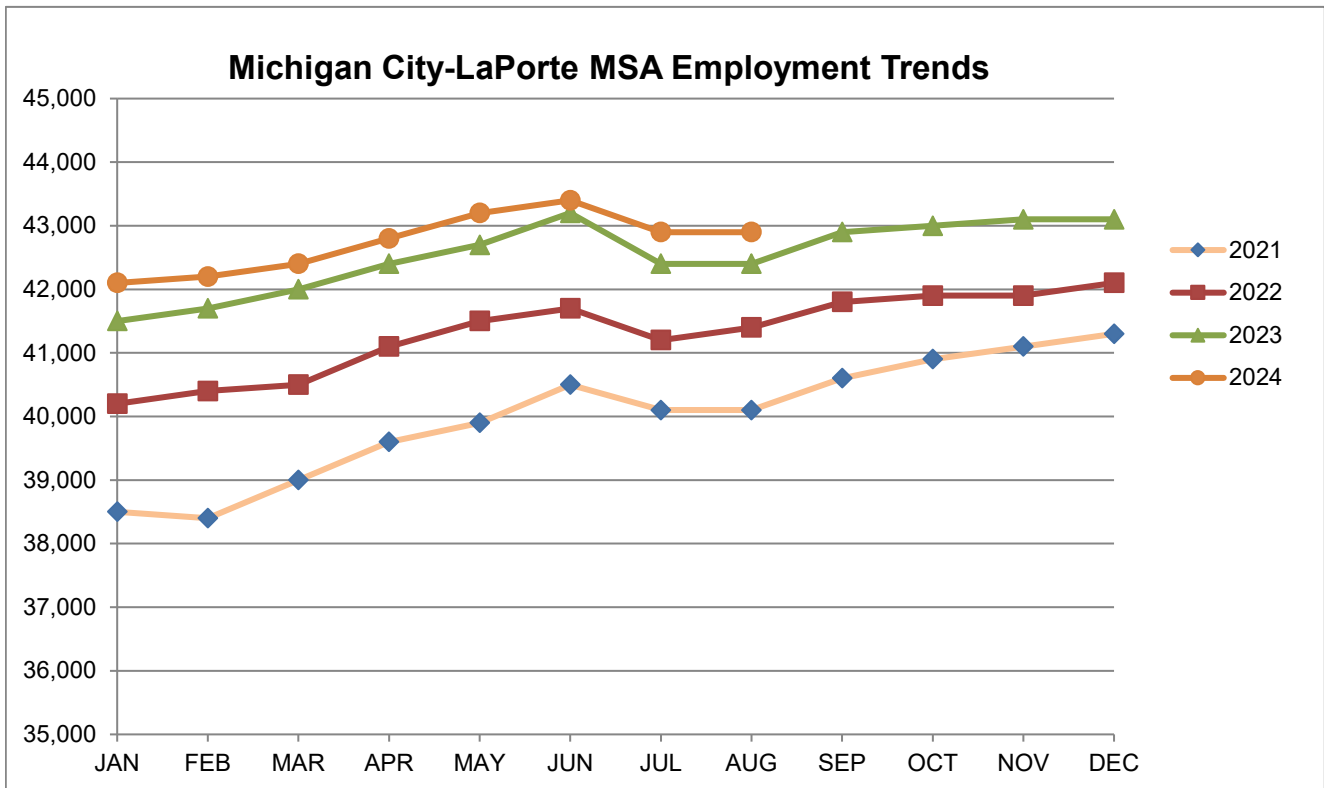
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Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-24	Jul-24	Aug-23	Jul-24 to Aug-24	Aug-23 to Aug-24	Jul-24 to Aug-24	Aug-23 to Aug-24
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>42,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>37,200</b>	<b>37,200</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Goods Producing	11,100	11,200	11,000	-100	-0.9%	100	0.9%
Service Providing	31,800	31,700	31,400	100	0.3%	400	1.3%
Private Service Providing	26,100	26,000	25,600	100	0.4%	500	2.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	0.0%	100	4.0%
Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	8,500	-100	-1.2%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	9,000	8,900	8,700	100	1.1%	300	3.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	0.0%	100	5.6%
Retail Trade	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
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	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	0.0%	200	3.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.7%</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	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	0.0%	-100	-2.7%
Local Government Educational Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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<b>Frequently Listed Jobs</b>	
<b>Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Security Guards
2	Correctional Officers and Jailers
3	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse
4	Nursing Assistants
5	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
6	Registered Nurses
7	Helpers--Production Workers
8	Carpenters
9	Engineers, All Other
10	Door-to-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers
11	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other
12	Biological Technicians
13	Customer Service Representatives
14	Ambulance Drivers and Attendants, Except Emergency Medical Technicians
15	Emergency Medical Technicians
16	Paramedics
17	Construction Laborers
18	Managers, All Other
19	Physical Therapists
20	Loan Officers

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect. \* 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.

<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	1,047
Helpers--Production Workers	958
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	809
Customer Service Representatives	649
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	600
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	528
Cashiers	513
Construction Laborers	417
Office Clerks, General	379
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	295
Managers, All Other	292
Carpenters	273
Retail Salespersons	272
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	269
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	266
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	263
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	262
Extraction Workers, All Other	237
Receptionists and Information Clerks	228
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	227

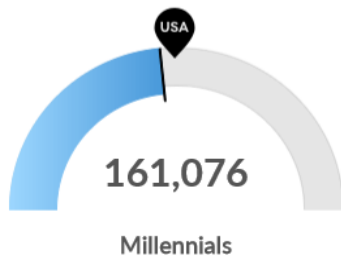
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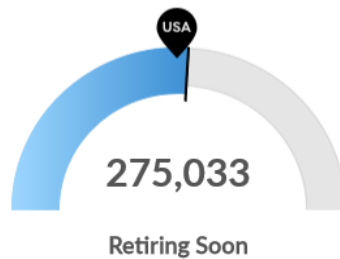
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2024 from						
CPI Item	Aug-23	Jul-24	Aug-23	Jul-24	Aug-23	Jul-24
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.1%	-0.1%	2.0%	0.1%	1.8%	-0.1%
Housing	5.4%	0.3%	4.4%	0.3%	5.0%	0.3%
Apparel	1.2%	2.1%	0.3%	1.7%	-0.5%	0.9%
Transportation	2.0%	-0.3%	-1.0%	-0.7%	-1.4%	-0.6%
Medical Care	2.6%	-0.1%	3.0%	0.1%	1.5%	0.2%
Recreation	2.1%	0.2%	1.6%	0.0%	1.9%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	2.9%	1.0%	1.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.3%
Other Goods & Services	11.6%	-0.3%	3.9%	0.2%	6.8%	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

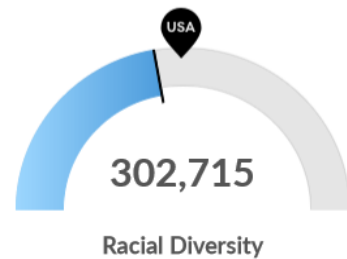
## Economic Growth Region 1 Population Characteristics



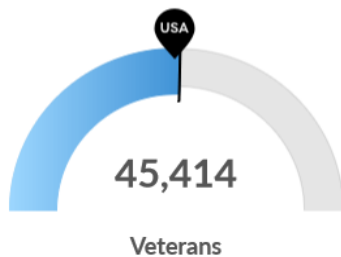
Your area has 161,076 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 176,699.



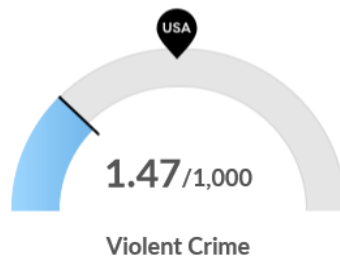
Retirement risk is about average in your area. The national average for an area this size is 260,424 people 55 or older, while there are 275,033 here.



Racial diversity is low in your area. The national average for an area this size is 357,369 racially diverse people, while there are 302,715 here.



Your area has 45,414 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 44,426.



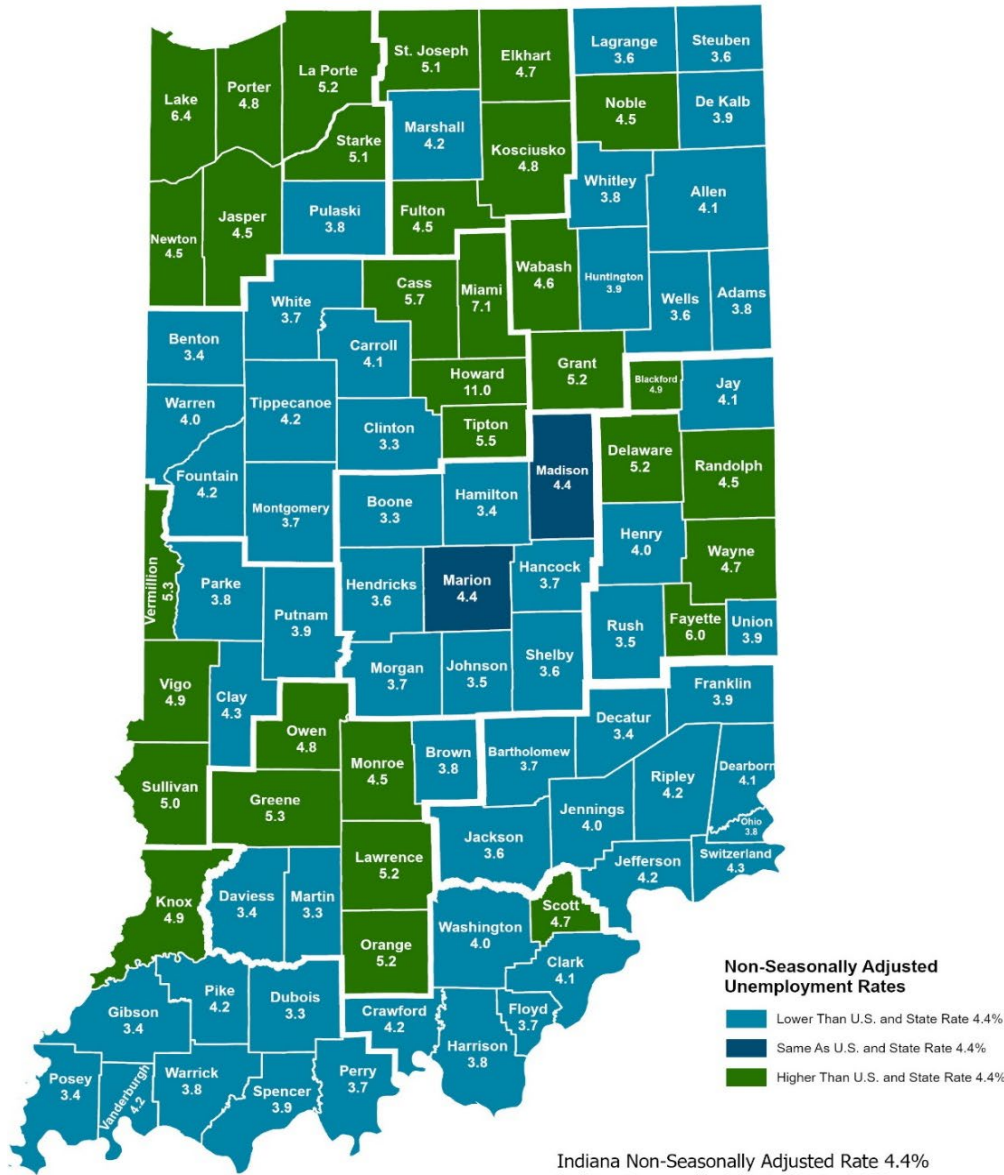
Your area has 1.47 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.6 per 1,000 people.



Your area has 9.59 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 18.22 per 1,000 people.

Source: Lightcast

# County Unemployment Rates August 2024 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



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### Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

- Lower Than U.S. and State Rate 4.4%
- Same As U.S. and State Rate 4.4%
- Higher Than U.S. and State Rate 4.4%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.4%  
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.2%

Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics