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June 2026
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Economic Growth Region 1

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.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

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

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%
Lake-Porter-Jasper Div	361,897	345,905	15,992	4.4%	4.1%	4.8%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	53,436	51,425	2,011	3.8%	3.5%	4.0%
EGR 1	434,235	415,590	18,645	4.3%	3.9%	4.7%
Lake Co.	246,586	234,985	11,601	4.7%	4.3%	5.1%
Porter Co.	90,832	87,336	3,496	3.8%	3.5%	4.1%
LaPorte Co.	53,436	51,425	2,011	3.8%	3.5%	4.0%
Newton Co.	7,090	6,830	260	3.7%	3.3%	4.2%
Jasper Co.	17,389	16,754	635	3.7%	3.3%	3.8%
Starke Co.	9,792	9,384	408	4.2%	3.8%	4.7%
Pulaski Co.	9,110	8,876	234	2.6%	2.3%	2.9%
East Chicago	11,165	10,607	558	5.0%	4.8%	6.4%
Hammond	36,866	35,204	1,662	4.5%	4.1%	5.0%
Munster	12,278	11,744	534	4.3%	4.0%	4.0%
Dyer	8,618	8,297	321	3.7%	3.5%	3.4%
Schererville	16,263	15,592	671	4.1%	3.7%	4.0%
Crown Point	17,232	16,453	779	4.5%	4.1%	4.4%
Griffith	9,488	9,106	382	4.0%	3.7%	5.0%
Highland	12,507	12,000	507	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%
Gary	24,662	22,800	1,862	7.6%	7.1%	9.0%
Merrillville	18,645	17,768	877	4.7%	4.4%	5.8%
Hobart	15,614	14,914	700	4.5%	4.2%	5.0%
Lake Station	5,585	5,278	307	5.5%	5.3%	6.4%
Portage	19,430	18,577	853	4.4%	4.0%	4.8%
Chesterton	7,601	7,332	269	3.5%	3.3%	3.8%
Valparaiso	18,307	17,631	676	3.7%	3.3%	3.8%
Michigan City	13,991	13,417	574	4.1%	3.7%	4.8%
LaPorte	11,500	11,073	427	3.7%	3.5%	3.7%

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

#2 - Lake (4.7%)

#5 - Starke (4.2%)

#15 - LaPorte (3.8%)

#20 - Porter (3.8%)

#24 - Jasper (3.7%)

#27 - Newton (3.7%)

#92 - Pulaski (2.6%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:07/26 | 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. Gary Division has been renamed to Lake-Porter-Jasper Counties Division but still includes Newton County. Michigan City-LaPorte MSA: LaPorte County

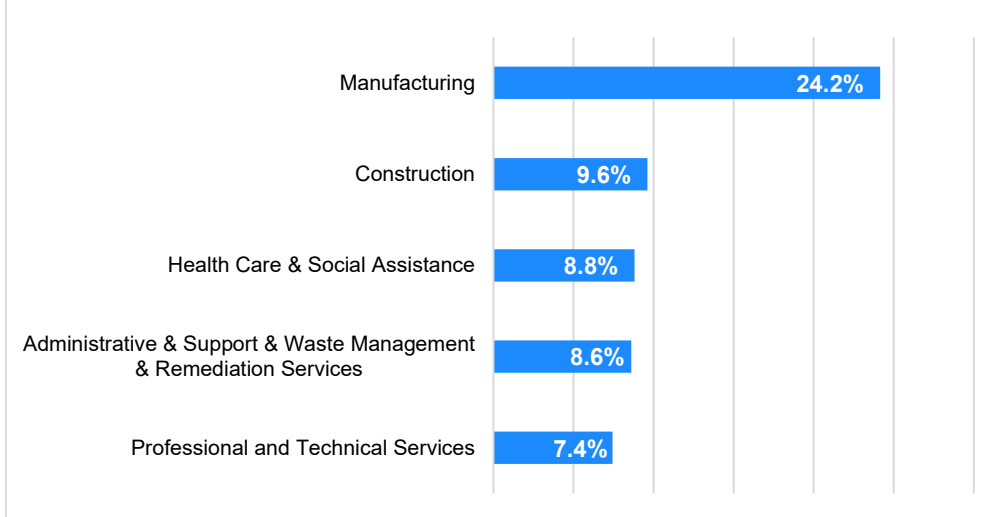
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Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for June 2026			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$41.92	42.2	\$1,769.02
Manufacturing	\$26.43	43.9	\$1,160.28
Durable Goods	\$27.18	45.5	\$1,236.69
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$27.06	41.6	\$1,125.70
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$28.60	40.1	\$1,146.86
Non-Durable Goods	\$24.50	40.1	\$982.45
Retail Trade	\$20.76	29.4	\$610.34
Financial Activities	\$30.61	37.0	\$1,132.57
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$31.06	32.5	\$1,009.45
Accommodation and Food Services	\$16.76	22.9	\$383.80

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries June 2026

Distribution as a Percent of Total



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 for June 2026				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
Conduent Commercial Solutions, LLC	Statewide		7	6/26/2026

Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations				
Company	City	County	# Affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for nearby locations

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 1

Initial Claims

06/06/26 - 305(D)

06/13/26 - 305(D)

06/20/26 - 276(D)

06/27/26 - 252(D)

Continued Claims

06/06/26 - 2,467

06/13/26 - 2,460

06/20/26 - 2,384

06/27/26 - 2,337

Total Claims

06/06/26 - 2,772

06/13/26 - 2,765

06/20/26 - 2,660

06/27/26 - 2,589

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

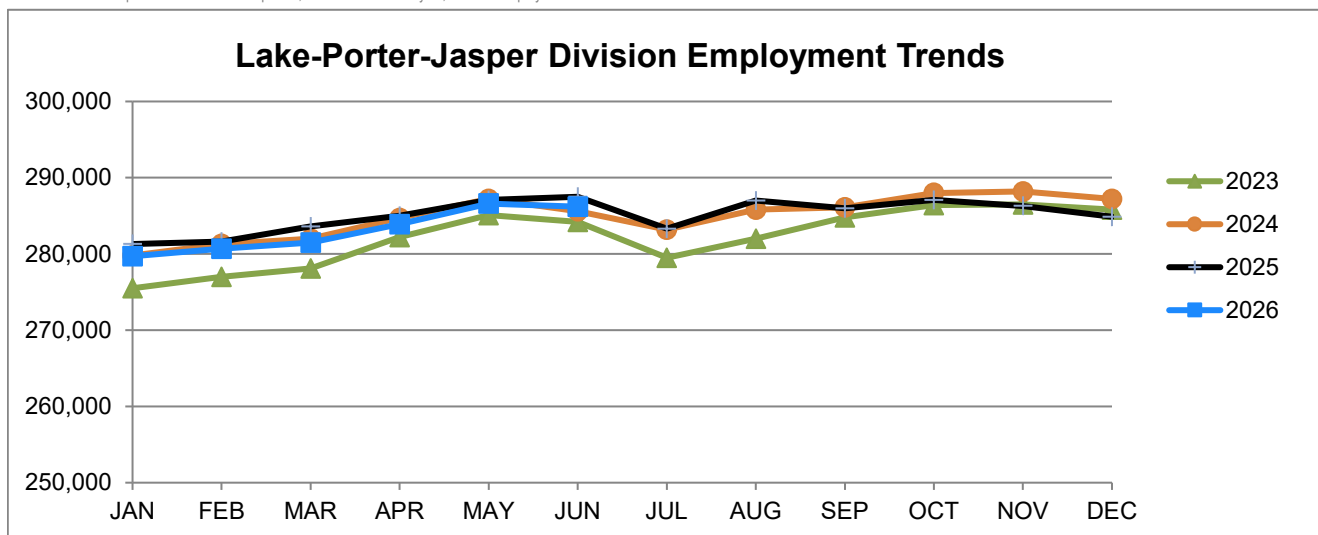
06/20/26 - 20,154

06/27/26 - 20,061

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

Lake-Porter-Jasper Division							
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	286,200	286,600	287,500	-400	-0.1%	-1,300	-0.5%
Total Private	254,000	253,300	254,800	700	0.3%	-800	-0.3%
Goods Producing	53,500	53,200	53,100	300	0.6%	400	0.8%
Service Providing	232,700	233,400	234,400	-700	-0.3%	-1,700	-0.7%
Private Service Providing	200,500	200,100	201,700	400	0.2%	-1,200	-0.6%
Mining and Logging	100	100	100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	18,900	18,900	19,200	0	0.0%	-300	-1.6%
Construction	18,800	18,800	19,100	0	0.0%	-300	-1.6%
Manufacturing	34,600	34,300	33,900	300	0.9%	700	2.1%
Durable Goods	25,000	24,800	24,300	200	0.8%	700	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	60,400	60,100	60,500	300	0.5%	-100	-0.2%
Wholesale Trade	10,900	10,900	10,700	0	0.0%	200	1.9%
Retail Trade	31,700	31,500	31,800	200	0.6%	-100	-0.3%
General Merchandise Stores	7,200	7,200	6,900	0	0.0%	300	4.4%
Other Gen Merch Stores	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	0.0%	100	2.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	17,800	17,700	18,000	100	0.6%	-200	-1.1%
Information	1,700	1,700	2,000	0	0.0%	-300	-15.0%
Financial Activities	9,700	9,600	9,700	100	1.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	30,700	30,200	29,200	500	1.7%	1,500	5.1%
Employment Services	3,300	3,200	3,300	100	3.1%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	51,300	51,800	51,400	-500	-1.0%	-100	-0.2%
Educational Services	5,000	5,600	5,200	-600	-10.7%	-200	-3.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	46,300	46,200	46,200	100	0.2%	100	0.2%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,500	13,400	13,500	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	32,200	32,300	33,900	-100	-0.3%	-1,700	-5.0%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	3,600	3,600	4,300	0	0.0%	-700	-16.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	28,600	28,700	29,600	-100	-0.4%	-1,000	-3.4%
Other Services	14,500	14,400	15,000	100	0.7%	-500	-3.3%
Total Government	32,200	33,300	32,700	-1,100	-3.3%	-500	-1.5%
Federal Government	1,900	1,900	2,000	0	0.0%	-100	-5.0%
State Government	3,600	4,100	3,900	-500	-12.2%	-300	-7.7%
Local Government	26,700	27,300	26,800	-600	-2.2%	-100	-0.4%
Local Government Educational Services	14,100	15,700	13,900	-1,600	-10.2%	200	1.4%

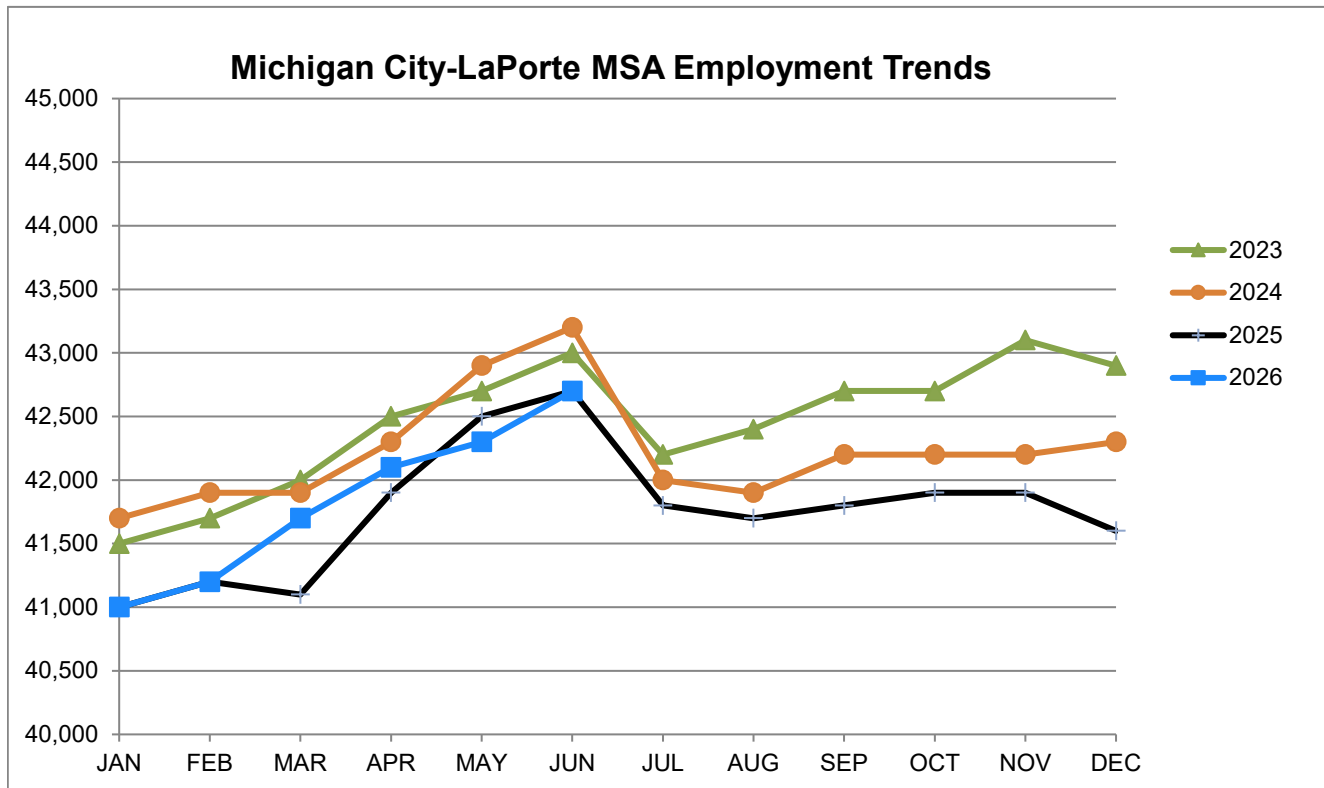
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Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	June 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25	May-26 to Jun-26		Jun-25 to Jun-26	
Total Nonfarm	42,700	42,300	42,700	400	1.0%	0	0.0%
Total Private	36,100	35,900	36,200	200	0.6%	-100	-0.3%
Goods Producing	10,700	10,600	10,600	100	0.9%	100	0.9%
Service Providing	32,000	31,700	32,100	300	1.0%	-100	-0.3%
Private Service Providing	25,400	25,300	25,600	100	0.4%	-200	-0.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	0.0%	100	4.4%
Manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,300	100	1.2%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,600	8,600	8,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,700	1,700	-100	-5.9%	-100	-5.9%
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	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	0.0%	-100	-7.1%
Professional and Business Services	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,200	5,100	5,400	100	2.0%	-200	-3.7%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	100	6.7%
Total Government	6,600	6,400	6,500	200	3.1%	100	1.5%
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	4,500	4,300	4,400	200	4.7%	100	2.3%
Local Government Educational Services	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	0.0%	-100	-4.2%

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



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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	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
2	Registered Nurses
3	Retail Salespersons
4	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
5	Physicians, All Other
6	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
7	Customer Service Representatives
8	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
9	Nursing Assistants
10	Food Service Managers
11	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
12	Medical and Health Services Managers
13	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
14	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
15	Medical Assistants
16	Coaches and Scouts
17	Food Preparation Workers
18	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
19	Cashiers
20	Physical Therapists

Source: Lightcast

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	503
Production Workers, All Other	393
Helpers--Production Workers	364
Customer Service Representatives	353
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	298
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	263
Cashiers	259
Office Clerks, General	204
Construction Laborers	197
Medical Assistants	172
Receptionists and Information Clerks	139
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	133
Retail Salespersons	131
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	121
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	118
Managers, All Other	117
Carpenters	112
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	111
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	110
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	109

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to June 2026 from						
CPI Item	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-25	May-26
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.5%	-0.9%	3.5%	-0.3%	3.8%	-0.5%
Food & Beverages	2.3%	-0.3%	3.0%	0.2%	2.5%	-0.1%
Housing	3.6%	0.2%	3.3%	0.2%	3.9%	0.4%
Apparel	4.2%	-6.1%	3.9%	-1.2%	4.4%	-1.8%
Transportation	3.1%	-3.9%	6.5%	-2.4%	6.4%	-3.0%
Medical Care	-0.9%	0.2%	2.0%	-0.1%	2.5%	0.0%
Recreation	2.5%	0.0%	2.8%	0.4%	5.2%	0.4%
Education & Communication	-3.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.8%	-0.1%	-0.9%
Other Goods & Services	-0.9%	-3.1%	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

SNAPSHOT
June Indiana Employment
Released July 21, 2026

Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%

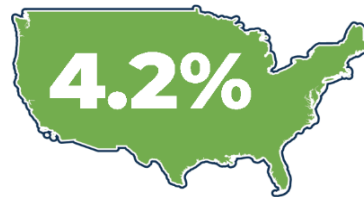


May 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.2%**

25-44: **83.8%**

25-54: **83.4%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

100,062
Jobs

As of July 1, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

18,023



Filed Week Ending July 4, 2026

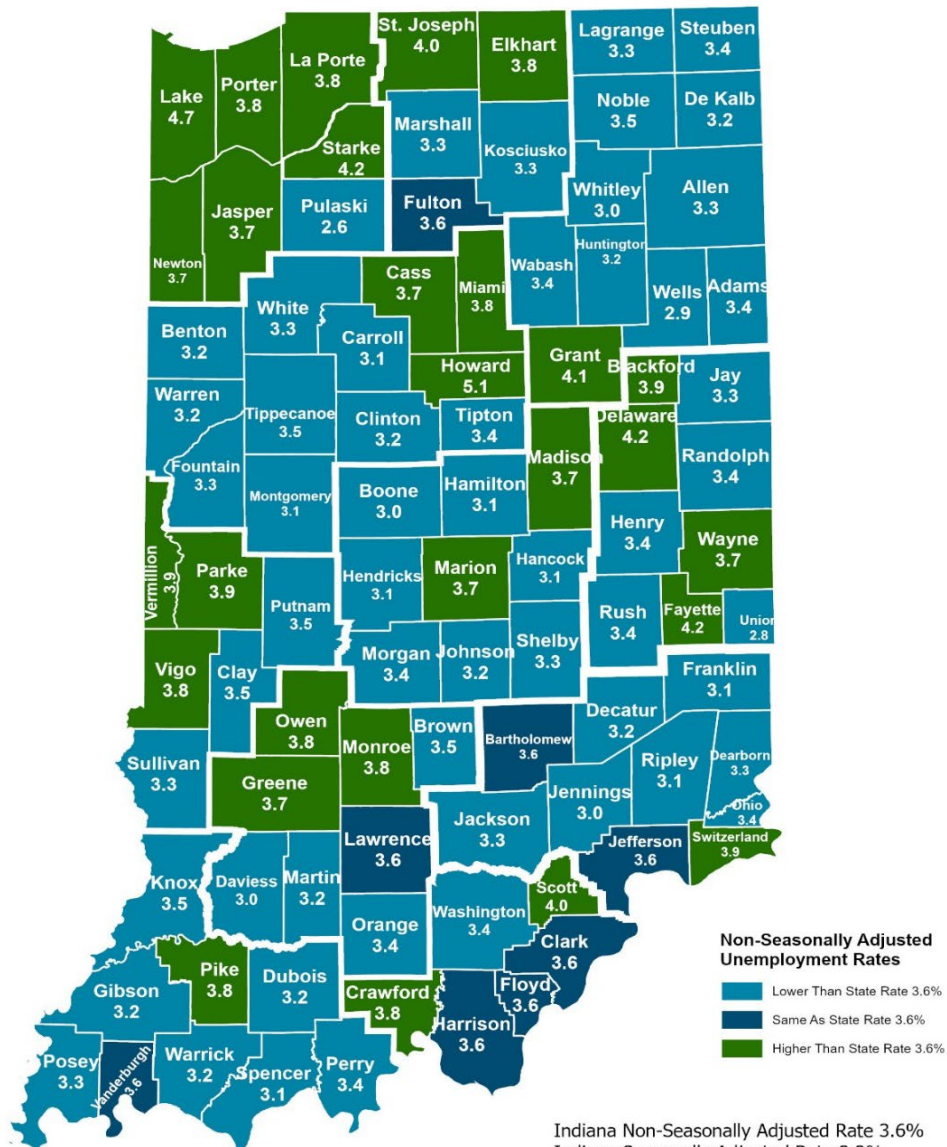
Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

*The percentage of Hoosiers 16 and older who are either working or actively looking for work. Those not in the labor force include primarily, students, retirees and other non-working populations, such as individuals unable to work due to a disability or illness, or adults responsible for their family's childcare needs.



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County Unemployment Rates June 2026



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.6%
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.3%
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Questions?

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