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**February 2026  
Labor Market Review**

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## Economic Growth Region 10

Statistical Data Report for February 2026, Released April 2026

### State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in February in 1 state and stable in 49 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirteen states and the district had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 2 states had decreases, and 35 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.4 percent, changed little over the month but was 0.2 percentage point higher than in February 2025.

In February 2026, non-farm payroll employment decreased in 2 states, increased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 2 states and the district, increased in 2 states, and was essentially unchanged in 46 states.

Hawaii and South Dakota had the lowest jobless rates in February, 2.3 percent each. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.5 percent. The next highest rates were in California and Delaware, 5.4 percent each. In total, 21 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.4 percent, 6 states and the district had higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In February, Florida had the only unemployment rate change (+0.1 percentage point). The remaining 49 states and the District of Columbia had jobless rates that were not notably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant change.

In February 2026, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 2 states, increased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Employment decreased in Illinois (-17,800, or -0.3 percent) and Nebraska (-6,500, or -0.6 percent). Employment increased in Arizona (+11,000, or +0.3 percent).



### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 10

Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington Counties

### Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): February 2026

**U.S. - 4.4%**

Illinois - 5%

**Indiana - 3.3%**

Kentucky - 4.2%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 4.2%

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

### Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): February 2026

#3 - Crawford (5.2%)

#9 - Scott (4.5%)

#24 - Washington (4.1%)

#28 - Harrison (3.9%)

#34 - Clark (3.8%)

#36 - Floyd (3.8%)

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

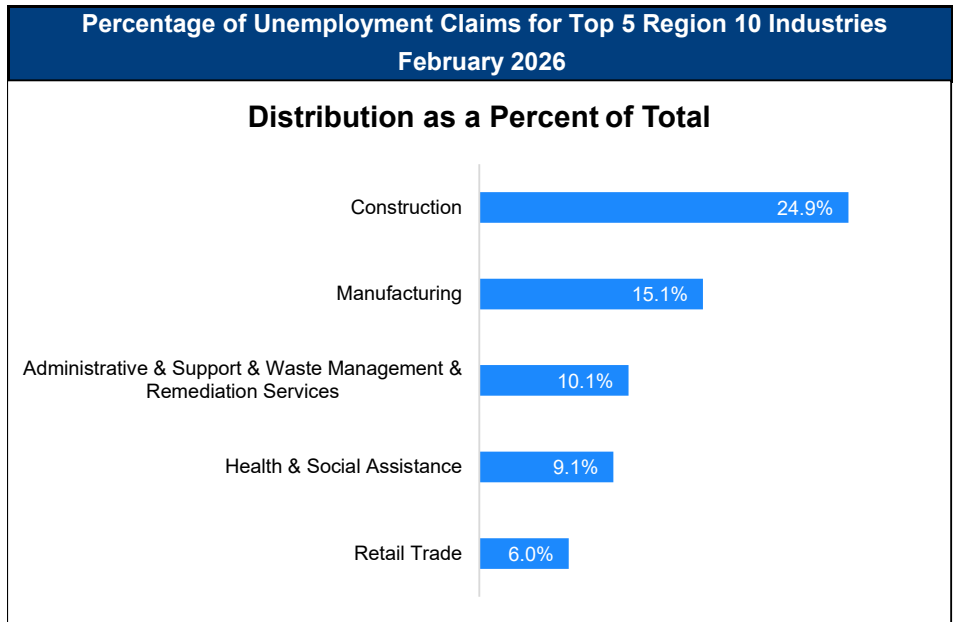
February 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb-26	Jan-26	Feb-25
U.S.	170,206,000	162,153,000	8,052,000	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%
IN	3,461,067	3,330,356	130,711	3.8%	3.3%	4.3%
EGR 10	157,908	151,712	6,196	3.9%	3.3%	4.4%
Clark Co.	67,480	64,933	2,547	3.8%	3.2%	4.2%
Crawford Co.	4,556	4,318	238	5.2%	4.6%	6.3%
Floyd Co.	41,888	40,291	1,597	3.8%	3.2%	4.2%
Harrison Co.	19,472	18,703	769	3.9%	3.4%	4.5%
Scott Co.	10,678	10,195	483	4.5%	3.8%	5.1%
Washington Co.	13,834	13,272	562	4.1%	3.2%	4.6%
Corydon	1,525	1,457	68	4.5%	4.0%	4.9%
Jeffersonville	27,918	26,849	1,069	3.8%	3.3%	4.1%
New Albany	18,516	17,699	817	4.4%	3.7%	4.9%
Salem	3,169	3,043	126	4.0%	3.2%	4.4%
Scottsburg	2,785	2,636	149	5.4%	4.3%	5.5%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 04/26 | 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.

Franklin Co. has been moved into the Cincinnati OH MSA employment

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2026 from				
CPI Item	Feb-25	Jan-26	Feb-25	Jan-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Food & Beverages	3.0%	0.4%	3.0%	0.9%
Housing	3.3%	0.3%	4.6%	0.7%
Apparel	2.5%	4.2%	3.0%	4.2%
Transportation	-0.5%	0.8%	-1.6%	0.5%
Medical Care	3.4%	0.4%	3.7%	0.5%
Recreation	2.3%	0.2%	4.1%	0.4%
Education & Communication	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.8%
Other Goods & Services	5.1%	0.1%	2.4%	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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 10 for February 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for February 2026 for EGR 10.**

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: February 2026

### Region 10

#### Initial Claims

02/07/26 - 173  
02/14/26 - 91(D)  
02/21/26 - 86(D)  
02/28/26 - 65(D)

#### Continued Claims

02/07/26 - 884  
02/14/26 - 847  
02/21/26 - 769  
02/28/26 - 718

#### Total Claims

02/07/26 - 1,057  
02/14/26 - 938  
02/21/26 - 855  
02/28/26 - 783

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

02/07/26 - 4,025  
02/14/26 - 2,941  
02/21/26 - 2,469  
02/28/26 - 2,514

#### Continued Claims

02/07/26 - 26,734  
02/14/26 - 25,628  
02/21/26 - 25,117  
02/28/26 - 24,518

#### Total Claims

02/07/26 - 30,759  
02/14/26 - 28,569  
02/21/26 - 27,586  
02/28/26 - 27,032

(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 Analysis

<b>Frequently Listed Jobs</b>	
<b>Top 20 job listings by number of postings in Region 10 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Registered Nurses
2	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
3	Retail Salespersons
4	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
5	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
6	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
7	Customer Service Representatives
8	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
9	Physical Therapists
10	Security Guards
11	Medical and Health Services Managers
12	Nursing Assistants
13	Production Workers, All Other
14	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
15	Pharmacy Technicians
16	Food Service Managers
17	Stockers and Order Fillers
18	Food Preparation Workers
19	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
20	Dietitians and Nutritionists

Source: Lightcast

<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>
Customer Service Representatives	115
Production Workers, All Other	95
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	77
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	75
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	71
Cashiers	69
Office Clerks, General	69
Helpers--Production Workers	60
Managers, All Other	46
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	40
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	37
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	34
Construction Laborers	33
General and Operations Managers	32
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	32
Retail Salespersons	30
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	30
Team Assemblers	29
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	28
Data Entry Keyers	27

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect.

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# February Indiana Employment

Released April 22, 2026



## Unemployment Rate

\*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

**3.3%**



January 2026 Indiana

**3.4%**



National Unemployment Rate



## LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE\*

16+: **63.4%**

25-44: **84.3%**

25-54: **83.9%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

**85,672**

**Jobs**

As of February 28, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

**24,518**



**CLAIMS**

Filed Week Ending March 7, 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.

