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Labor Market Review**

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Economic Growth Region 10

Statistical Data Report for March 2026, Released May 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were little changed in March in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Fourteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 2 states had decreases, and 34 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, changed little over the month and from March 2025.

In March 2026, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 3 states and was essentially unchanged in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 3 states and the District, increased in 3 states, and was essentially unchanged in 44 states.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in March, 2.3 percent, followed by Hawaii, 2.4 percent, and North Dakota, 2.5 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.3 percent. The next highest rate was in Delaware, 5.4 percent, followed by California and Nevada, 5.3 percent each. In total, 17 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.3 percent, 8 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In March, unemployment rates were little changed from a month earlier in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Fourteen states had unemployment rate increases from March 2025, the largest of which were in Connecticut and Florida (+1.1 percentage points each). The only over-the-year rate decreases were in Ohio (-0.7 percentage point) and Indiana (-0.4 point). Thirty-four states and the District of Columbia had jobless rates that were not notably different from those of a year earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.

March 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mar-26	Feb-26	Mar-25
U.S.	170,102,000	162,764,000	7,337,000	4.3%	4.7%	4.2%
IN	3,470,481	3,346,967	123,514	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%
EGR 10	158,089	152,451	5,638	3.6%	3.9%	3.5%
Clark Co.	67,594	65,240	2,354	3.5%	3.8%	3.3%
Crawford Co.	4,550	4,345	205	4.5%	5.2%	4.8%
Floyd Co.	41,893	40,443	1,450	3.5%	3.8%	3.4%
Harrison Co.	19,519	18,826	693	3.6%	4.0%	3.6%
Scott Co.	10,677	10,237	440	4.1%	4.6%	4.5%
Washington Co.	13,856	13,360	496	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%
Corydon	1,512	1,467	45	3.0%	4.3%	3.6%
Jeffersonville	27,970	26,976	994	3.6%	3.9%	3.4%
New Albany	18,492	17,766	726	3.9%	4.4%	4.0%
Salem	3,179	3,063	116	3.6%	4.0%	3.3%
Scottsburg	2,787	2,647	140	5.0%	5.5%	4.3%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 05/26 | 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



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 10

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): March 2026

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 5.1%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.2%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 4.1%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): March 2026

#4 - Crawford (4.5%)

#13 - Scott (4.1%)

#24 - Harrison (3.6%)

#26 - Washington (3.6%)

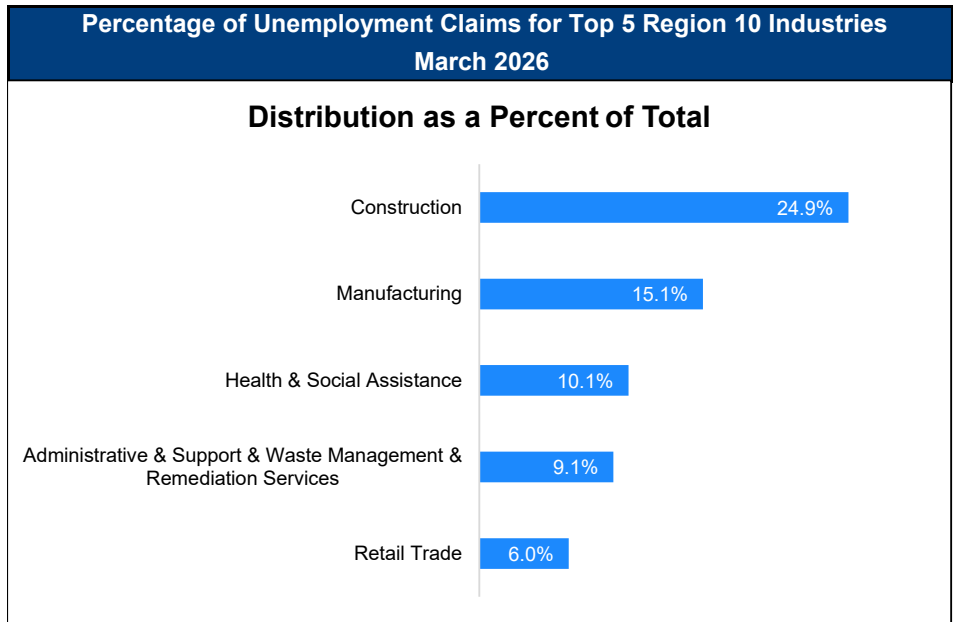
#29 - Clark (3.5%)

#31 - Floyd (3.5%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to March 2026 from				
CPI Item	Mar-25	Feb-26	Mar-25	Feb-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.3%	1.0%	3.4%	0.9%
Food & Beverages	2.6%	0.1%	2.3%	0.0%
Housing	3.4%	0.4%	4.0%	-0.1%
Apparel	3.4%	1.8%	3.6%	0.9%
Transportation	5.0%	5.1%	3.8%	5.4%
Medical Care	3.1%	-0.1%	3.9%	0.1%
Recreation	2.2%	-0.1%	4.3%	0.5%
Education & Communication	0.0%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	3.8%	-0.3%	2.3%	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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

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

There are no WARN Notices for March 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: March 2026

Region 10

Initial Claims

03/07/26 - 80(D)

03/14/26 - 60(D)

03/21/26 - 48(D)

03/28/26 - 58(D)

Continued Claims

03/07/26 - 706

03/14/26 - 645

03/21/26 - 621

03/28/26 - 591

Total Claims

03/07/26 - 786

03/14/26 - 705

03/21/26 - 669

03/28/26 - 649

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

03/07/26 - 2,586

03/14/26 - 2,608

03/21/26 - 2,418

03/28/26 - 2,279

Continued Claims

03/07/26 - 23,875

03/14/26 - 22,954

03/21/26 - 21,974

03/28/26 - 20,972

Total Claims

03/07/26 - 26,461

03/14/26 - 25,562

03/21/26 - 24,392

03/28/26 - 23,251

(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

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

Source: Lightcast

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Customer Service Representatives	100
Production Workers, All Other	77
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	69
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	68
Office Clerks, General	62
Cashiers	61
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	56
Helpers--Production Workers	48
Managers, All Other	36
General and Operations Managers	32
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	30
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	29
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	27
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	27
Construction Laborers	26
Team Assemblers	26
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	25
Medical Assistants	25
Retail Salespersons	25
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	24

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect.

SNAPSHOT

March Indiana Employment

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Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%



February 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.3%**

25-44: **83.9%**

25-54: **83.5%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

98,050

Jobs

As of March 29, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

20,972

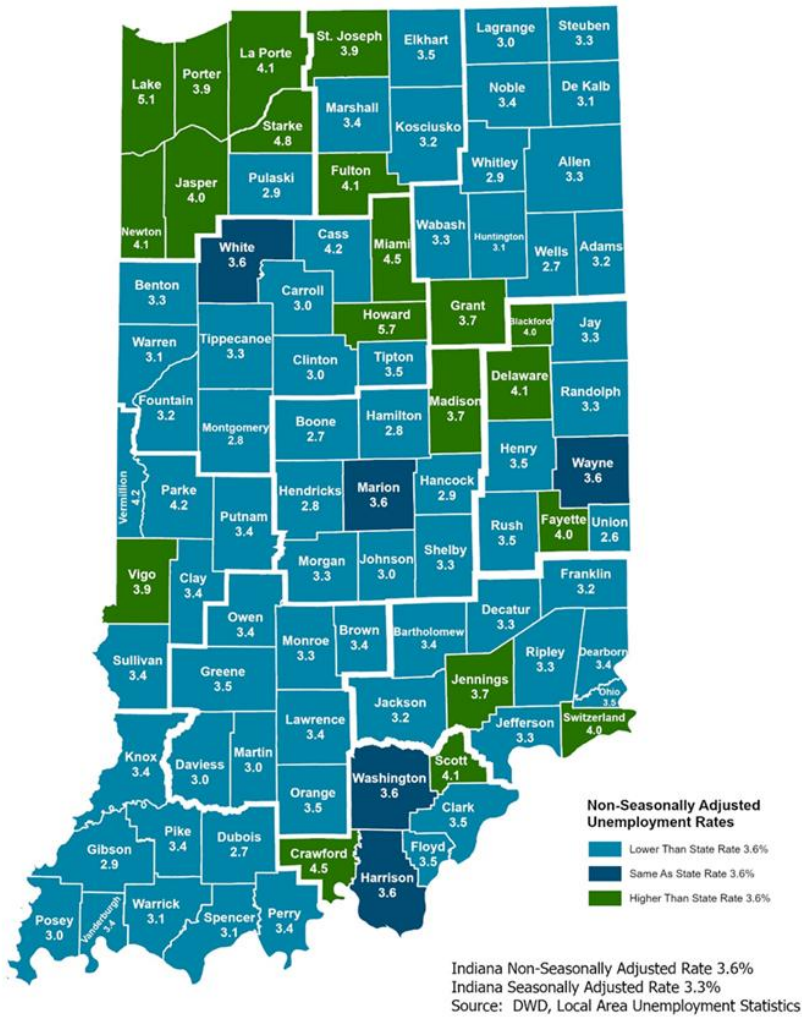


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

* 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.

County Unemployment Rates March 2026



Questions?

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