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Economic Growth Region 10

Statistical Data Report for May 2026, Released July 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in May in 6 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 42 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Sixteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 6 states had decreases, and 28 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, was unchanged both over the month and over the year.

In May, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 2 states and was essentially unchanged in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 2 states, decreased in 1 state and the District, and was essentially unchanged in 47 states.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in May, 2.1 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.1 percent. The next highest rate was in California, 5.3 percent. In total, 18 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.3 percent, 7 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In May, six states had unemployment rate decreases: Delaware, Massachusetts, Ohio, Rhode Island, and South Carolina (-0.2 percentage point each) and South Dakota (-0.1 point). Two states had rate increases: Alabama and Kentucky (+0.2 percentage point each). The remaining 42 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 changes.

In May 2026, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 2 states and was essentially unchanged in 48 states and the District of Columbia. The job gains occurred in North Carolina (+17,400, or +0.3 percent) and West Virginia (+9,700, or +1.4 percent).



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 10

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): May 2026

- U.S. - 4.3%
- Illinois - 5.1%
- Indiana - 3.3%
- Kentucky - 4.5%
- Michigan - 5.1%
- Ohio - 3.7%

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

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

- #3 - Scott (3.8%)
- #7 - Clark (3.6%)
- #8 - Crawford (3.6%)
- #11 - Floyd (3.5%)
- #13 - Harrison (3.5%)
- #38 - Washington (3.2%)

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

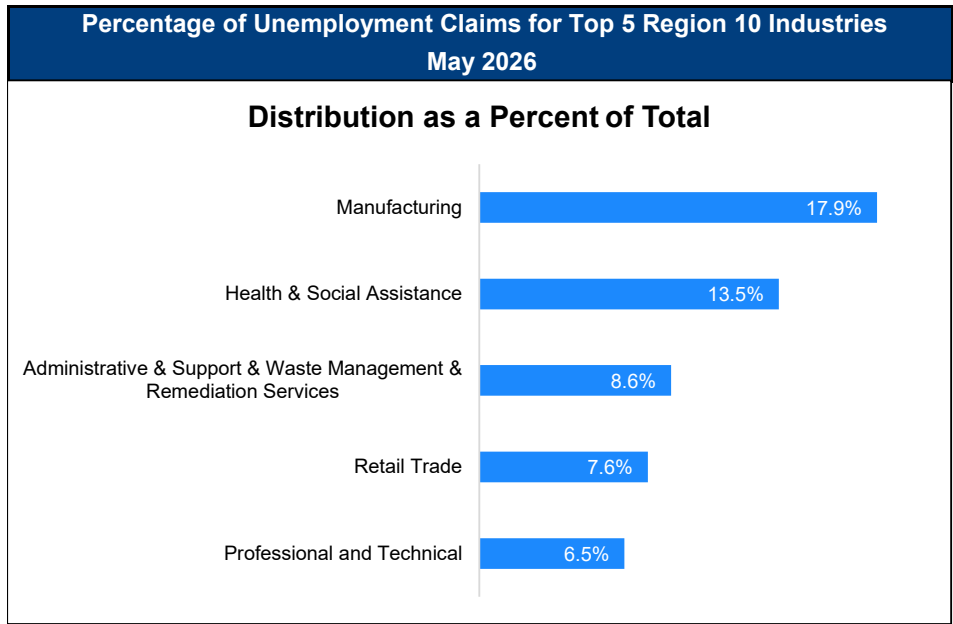
May 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	May-26	Apr-26	May-25
U.S.	169,801,000	162,897,000	6,904,000	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%
IN	3,516,430	3,403,025	113,405	3.2%	2.8%	3.6%
EGR 10	160,325	154,669	5,656	3.5%	3.1%	3.5%
Clark Co.	68,404	65,956	2,448	3.6%	3.2%	3.4%
Crawford Co.	4,624	4,458	166	3.6%	3.1%	4.2%
Floyd Co.	42,524	41,043	1,481	3.5%	3.1%	3.5%
Harrison Co.	19,750	19,052	698	3.5%	3.1%	3.4%
Scott Co.	10,743	10,336	407	3.8%	3.2%	4.3%
Washington Co.	14,280	13,824	456	3.2%	2.8%	3.4%
Corydon	1,547	1,484	63	4.1%	3.9%	3.1%
Jeffersonville	28,335	27,272	1,063	3.8%	3.2%	3.5%
New Albany	18,708	18,029	679	3.6%	3.6%	3.9%
Salem	3,302	3,169	133	4.0%	3.5%	3.5%
Scottsburg	2,807	2,673	134	4.8%	4.2%	4.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 06/26 | 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 May 2026 from				
CPI Item	May-25	Apr-26	May-25	Apr-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	4.2%	0.6%	5.0%	1.1%
Food & Beverages	3.0%	0.1%	3.2%	0.4%
Housing	3.6%	0.3%	4.6%	0.3%
Apparel	4.8%	-0.4%	6.1%	0.2%
Transportation	9.3%	2.3%	10.1%	4.1%
Medical Care	2.6%	0.3%	3.6%	0.5%
Recreation	2.6%	0.3%	4.8%	0.7%
Education & Communication	0.8%	0.7%	1.1%	0.9%
Other Goods & Services	4.9%	0.8%	2.7%	2.1%

*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 May 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for May 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: May 2026

Region 10

Initial Claims

05/02/26 - 43(D)
05/09/26 - 57(D)
05/16/26 - 50(D)
05/23/26 - 48(D)
05/30/26 - 59(D)

Continued Claims

05/02/26 - 489
05/09/26 - 484
05/16/26 - 494
05/23/26 - 467
05/30/26 - 463

Total Claims

05/02/26 - 532
05/09/26 - 541
05/16/26 - 544
05/23/26 - 515
05/30/26 - 522

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

05/02/26 - 2,224
05/09/26 - 2,550
05/16/26 - 2,385
05/23/26 - 1,976
05/30/26 - 2,164

Continued Claims

05/02/26 - 19,186
05/09/26 - 18,867
05/16/26 - 18,012
05/23/26 - 18,611
05/30/26 - 18,982

Total Claims

05/02/26 - 21,410
05/09/26 - 21,417
05/16/26 - 20,397
05/23/26 - 20,587
05/30/26 - 21,146

(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	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
6	Physical Therapists
7	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
8	Customer Service Representatives
9	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
10	Nursing Assistants
11	Food Service Managers
12	Pharmacy Technicians
13	Security Guards
14	Production Workers, All Other
15	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
16	Cashiers
17	Stockers and Order Fillers
18	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
19	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
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	290
Production Workers, All Other	290
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	215
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	207
Helpers--Production Workers	204
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	178
Office Clerks, General	170
Cashiers	165
Managers, All Other	122
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	99
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	95
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	94
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	84
Construction Laborers	80
Receptionists and Information Clerks	79
Retail Salespersons	77
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	75
Packers and Packagers, Hand	72
Medical Assistants	68
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	68

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect.

SNAPSHOT

May Indiana Employment

Released June 23, 2026



Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%



April 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.2%**

25-44: **83.9%**

25-54: **83.4%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

94,059

Jobs

As of May 31, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

19,068



Filed Week Ending June 6, 2026

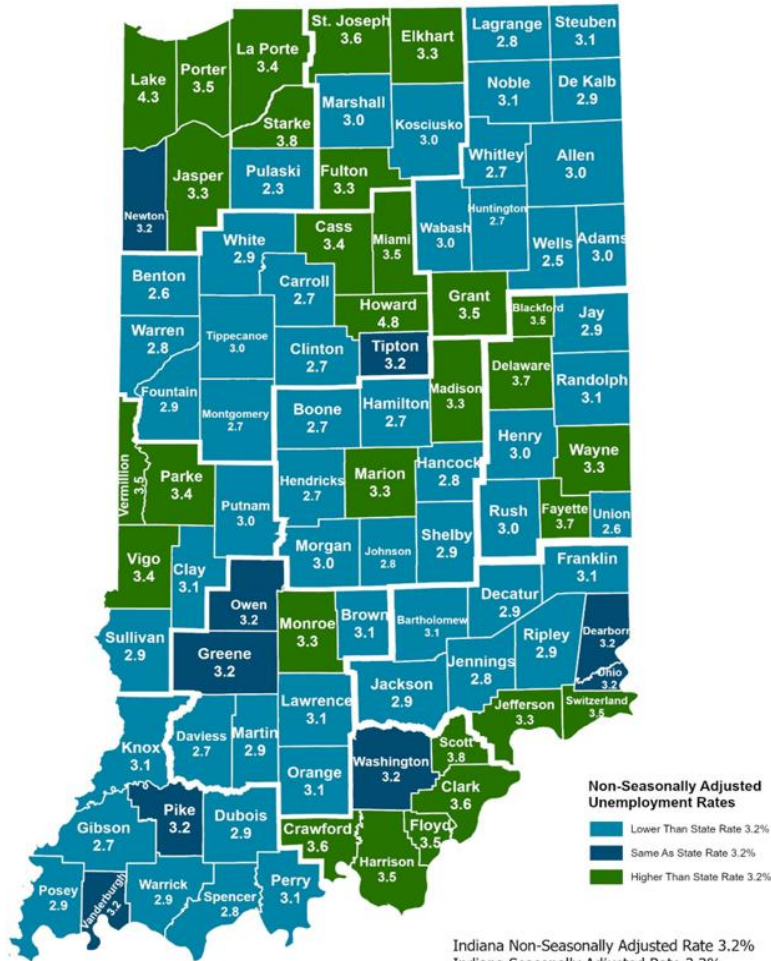
Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

* 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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