



August 2026 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 10

Statistical Data Report for August 2026, Released October 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in August in 8 states and the District of Columbia and stable in 42 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Fourteen states and the district had jobless rates decreased from a year earlier, 10 states had increases, and 26 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.1 percent, was unchanged over the month and was little changed from August 2025.

In August 2026, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 4 states and was essentially unchanged in 46 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 8 states, decreased in the District, and was essentially unchanged in 42 states.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in August, 2.0 percent, followed by North Dakota, 2.2 percent. The rate in Ohio (3.3 percent) set a new series low. (All state series begin in 1976.) The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.7 percent. In total, 19 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, 6 states and the district had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In August 2026, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 4 states and was essentially unchanged in 46 states and the District of Columbia. The job gains occurred in California (+39,400, or +0.2 percent), Wisconsin (+11,800, or +0.4 percent), South Carolina (+10,800, or +0.4 percent), and New Mexico.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 10

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): August 2026

U.S. - 4.1%

Illinois - 4.7%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.7%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 3.3%

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

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

#12 - Scott (3.8%)

#18 - Clark (3.6%)

#19 - Crawford (3.6%)

#27 - Floyd (3.5%)

#30 - Harrison (3.5%)

#43 - Washington (3.4%)

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

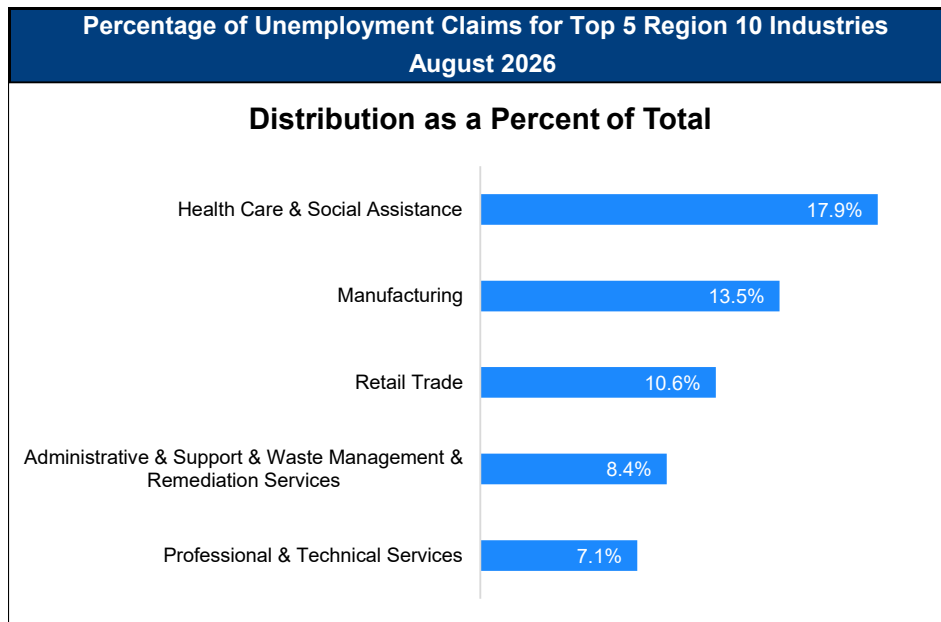
August 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25
U.S.	170,048,000	162,667,000	7,381,000	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%
IN	3,488,974	3,364,991	123,983	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
EGR 10	159,302	153,660	5,642	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%
Clark Co.	67,904	65,466	2,438	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%
Crawford Co.	4,626	4,461	165	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%
Floyd Co.	42,289	40,811	1,478	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%
Harrison Co.	19,531	18,852	679	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%
Scott Co.	10,779	10,373	406	3.8%	3.9%	4.4%
Washington Co.	14,173	13,697	476	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%
Corydon	1,539	1,469	70	4.5%	4.1%	3.7%
Jeffersonville	28,067	27,070	997	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%
New Albany	18,638	17,927	711	3.8%	3.9%	4.4%
Salem	3,259	3,140	119	3.7%	4.1%	3.5%
Scottsburg	2,790	2,682	108	3.9%	4.2%	5.1%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 10/26 | 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 August 2026 from				
CPI Item	Aug-25	Jul-26	Aug-25	Jul-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.4%	0.3%	3.6%	0.4%
Food & Beverages	2.6%	0.1%	2.5%	0.5%
Housing	3.1%	0.2%	3.7%	0.0%
Apparel	3.6%	1.9%	4.0%	0.6%
Transportation	6.2%	0.5%	5.8%	1.0%
Medical Care	1.6%	-0.1%	1.6%	-0.2%
Recreation	2.7%	0.0%	3.8%	0.8%
Education & Communication	2.1%	1.9%	2.4%	1.9%
Other Goods & Services	4.2%	0.1%	2.2%	0.3%

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

There are no WARN Notices for August 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: August 2026

Region 10

Initial Claims

08/01/26 - 38(D)

08/08/26 - 41(D)

08/15/26 - 45(D)

08/22/26 - 46(D)

08/29/26 - 29(D)

Continued Claims

08/01/26 - 492

08/08/26 - 483

08/15/26 - 457

08/22/26 - 467

08/29/26 - 470

Total Claims

08/01/26 - 530

08/08/26 - 524

08/15/26 - 502

08/22/26 - 513

08/29/26 - 499

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

08/01/26 - 1,953

08/08/26 - 2,319

08/15/26 - 2,213

08/22/26 - 2,273

08/29/26 - 2,318

Continued Claims

08/01/26 - 18,164

08/08/26 - 17,953

08/15/26 - 17,757

08/22/26 - 17,631

08/29/26 - 17,551

Total Claims

08/01/26 - 20,117

08/08/26 - 20,272

08/15/26 - 19,970

08/22/26 - 19,904

08/29/26 - 19,869

(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	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
6	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
7	Physical Therapists
8	Customer Service Representatives
9	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
10	Security Guards
11	Nursing Assistants
12	Production Workers, All Other
13	Food Service Managers
14	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
15	Pharmacy Technicians
16	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
17	Stockers and Order Fillers
18	Medical and Health Services Managers
19	General and Operations Managers
20	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners

Source: Lightcast

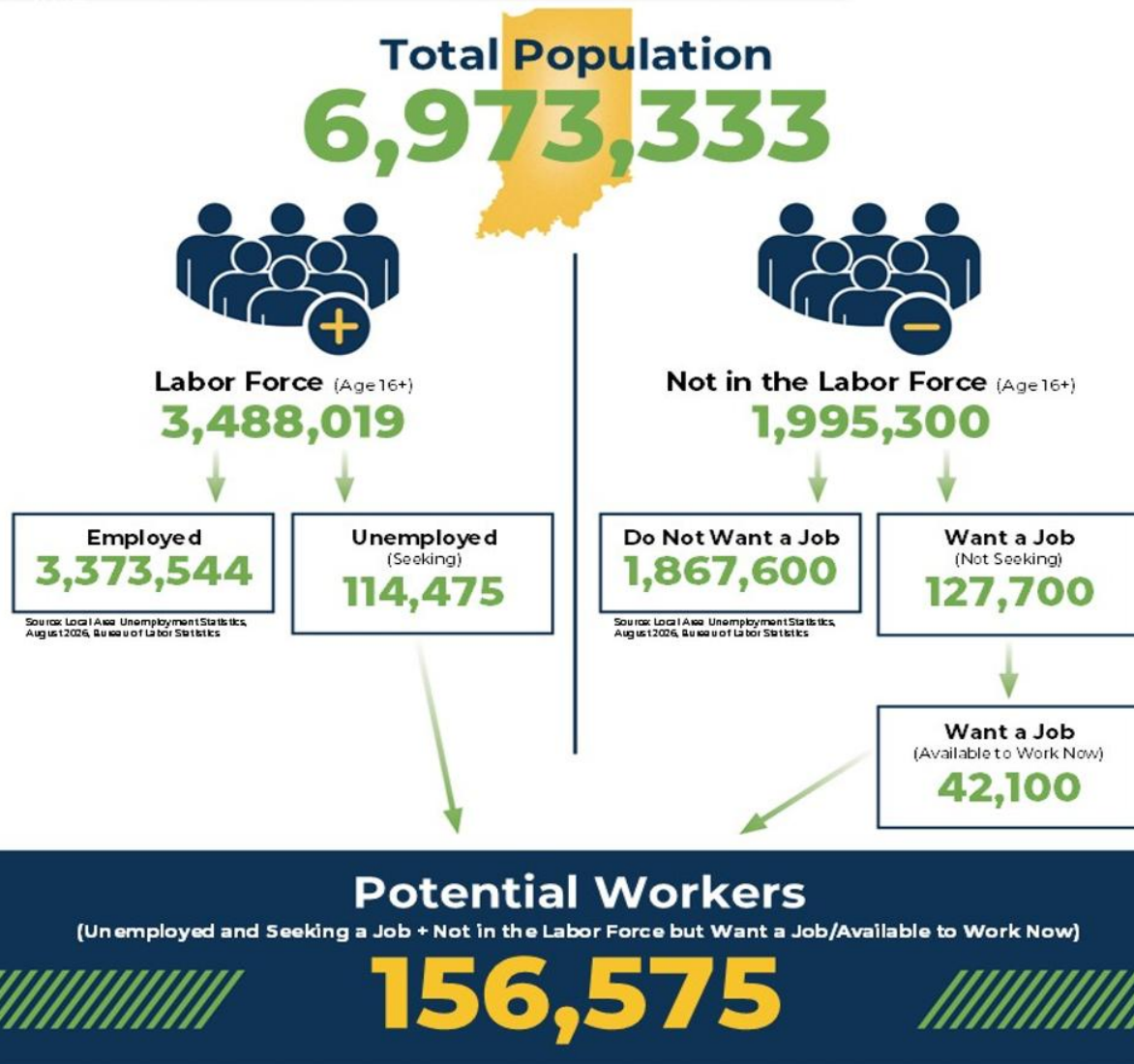
Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Customer Service Representatives	276
Production Workers, All Other	261
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	192
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	190
Helpers--Production Workers	183
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	164
Office Clerks, General	153
Cashiers	150
Managers, All Other	111
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	91
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	87
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	85
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	82
Construction Laborers	74
Receptionists and Information Clerks	73
General and Operations Managers	69
Retail Salespersons	67
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	66
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	64
Packers and Packagers, Hand	62

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect.

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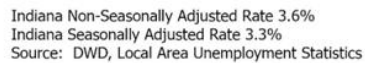
August Indiana Labor Force

Released September 18,
2025



More about the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data sources used within:
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS): Captures Indiana's labor force which includes those currently employed and those who are unemployed and actively seeking work.
Current Population Survey (CPS): Captures individuals not participating in Indiana's Labor Force. This set includes non-participants that do not want a job (i.e. retirees and students) and those that want a job but are not actively seeking work.
U.S. Census Bureau, Indiana Population 2025

Resource Notes on Using Current Population Survey (CPS) Subnational Data and Differences Between CPS and LAUS Estimates

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