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Economic Growth Region 11

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.

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 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.

Employment increased in Texas (+46,800, or +0.3 percent), Florida (+28,100, or +0.3 percent), and Tennessee (+12,100, or +0.4 percent).

This news release presents statistics from two monthly programs. The civilian labor force and unemployment data are modeled based largely on a survey of households. These data pertain to people by where they reside. The employment data are from an establishment survey that measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry. These data pertain to jobs on payrolls defined by where the establishments are located.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 11

Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties

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 11	215,687	208,721	6,966	3.2%	3.5%	3.4%
Evansville MSA	134,947	130,476	4,471	3.3%	3.5%	3.4%
Dubois Co.	21,874	21,277	597	2.7%	3.0%	2.9%
Gibson Co.	17,350	16,842	508	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%
Knox Co.	17,820	17,208	612	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%
Perry Co.	8,422	8,138	284	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%
Pike Co.	5,600	5,409	191	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%
Posey Co.	12,145	11,786	359	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%
Spencer Co.	9,674	9,371	303	3.1%	3.7%	3.5%
Vanderburgh Co.	89,425	86,348	3,077	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
Warrick Co.	33,377	32,342	1,035	3.1%	3.3%	3.1%
Boonville	3,080	2,966	114	3.7%	4.2%	3.9%
Evansville	55,992	53,915	2,077	3.7%	4.0%	3.8%
Jasper	8,024	7,791	233	2.9%	3.3%	3.1%
Mount Vernon	2,818	2,726	92	3.3%	3.9%	3.5%
Petersburg	1,038	1,000	38	3.7%	4.1%	3.9%
Princeton	4,301	4,161	140	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%
Rockport	875	843	32	3.7%	4.5%	4.2%
Tell City	3,394	3,275	119	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Vincennes	8,223	7,913	310	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%

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.

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

#42 - Knox (3.4%)

#47 - Perry (3.4%)

#48 - Pike (3.4%)

#51 - Vanderburgh (3.4%)

#72 - Spencer (3.1%)

#74 - Warrick (3.1%)

#81 - Posey (3%)

#82 - Gibson (2.9%)

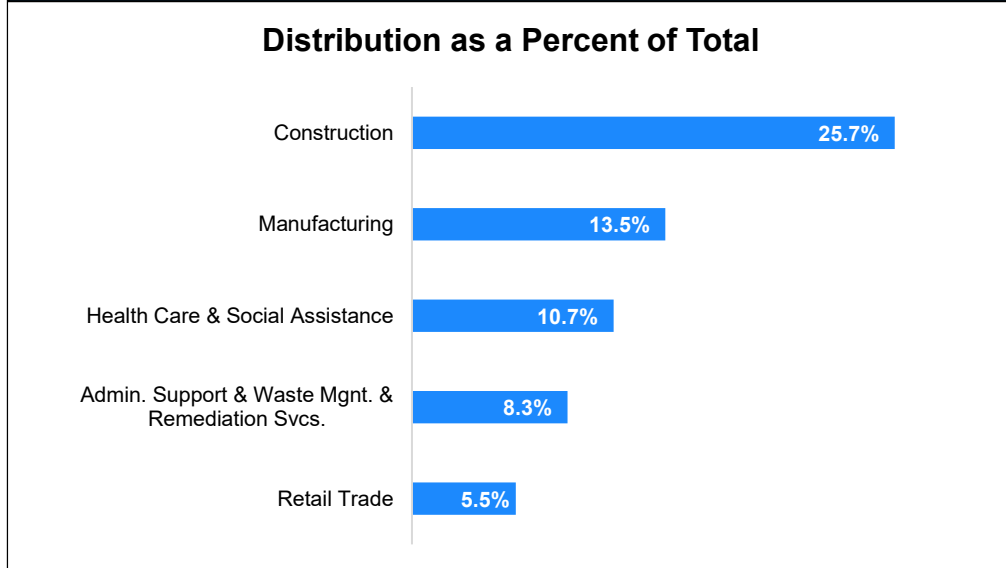
#90 - Dubois (2.7%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, 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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 11 Industries March 2026



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 11 for March 2026				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for March 2026 for EGR 11.

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 11

Initial Claims

03/07/26 - 129(D)

03/14/26 - 131(D)

03/21/26 - 118(D)

03/28/26 - 87(D)

Continued Claims

03/07/26 - 1,032

03/14/26 - 964

03/21/26 - 927

03/28/26 - 867

Total Claims

03/07/26 - 1,161

03/14/26 - 1,095

03/21/26 - 1,045

03/28/26 - 954

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

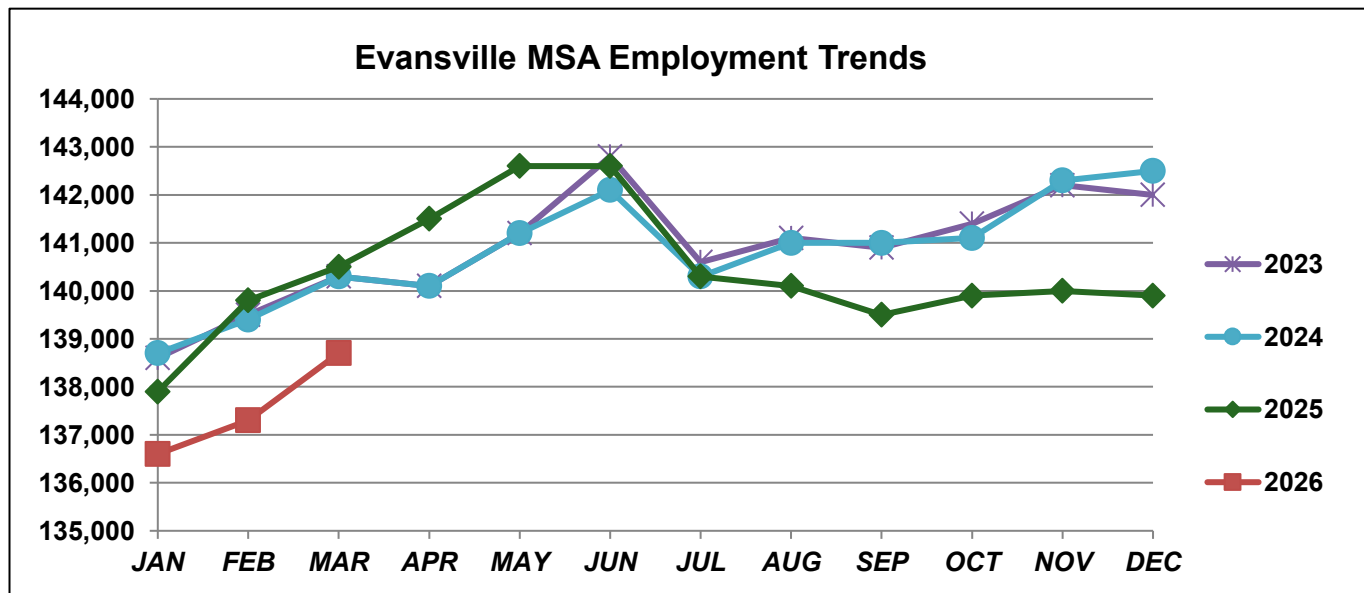
03/21/26 - 24,392

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 Development, Research and Analysis

Evansville MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	March 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Mar-26	Feb-26	Mar-25	Feb-26 to Mar-26		Mar-25 to Mar-26	
Total Nonfarm	138,700	137,300	140,500	1,400	1.0%	-1,800	-1.3%
Total Private	125,300	124,100	126,300	1,200	1.0%	-1,000	-0.8%
Goods Producing	26,100	25,700	27,000	400	1.6%	-900	-3.3%
Service-Providing	112,600	111,600	113,500	1,000	0.9%	-900	-0.8%
Private Service Providing	99,200	98,400	99,300	800	0.8%	-100	-0.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	8,900	8,700	9,300	200	2.3%	-400	-4.3%
Manufacturing	17,200	17,000	17,700	200	1.2%	-500	-2.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,400	26,300	27,000	100	0.4%	-600	-2.2%
Wholesale Trade	5,600	5,600	5,800	0	0.0%	-200	-3.5%
Retail Trade	14,200	14,100	14,100	100	0.7%	100	0.7%
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,600	6,600	7,100	0	0.0%	-500	-7.0%
Information	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,600	5,600	100	1.8%	100	1.8%
Professional and Business Services	16,200	16,000	16,200	200	1.3%	0	0.0%
Private Education and Health Services	28,000	28,000	27,600	0	0.0%	400	1.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,300	25,200	24,800	100	0.4%	500	2.0%
Hospitals	9,100	9,100	8,900	0	0.0%	200	2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	14,100	13,800	14,500	300	2.2%	-400	-2.8%
Other Services	6,700	6,600	6,300	100	1.5%	400	6.4%
Total Government	13,400	13,200	14,200	200	1.5%	-800	-5.6%
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	0.0%	-100	-8.3%
State Government	3,900	3,700	3,400	200	5.4%	500	14.7%
Local Government	8,400	8,400	9,600	0	0.0%	-1,200	-12.5%
Local Government Educational Services	4,600	4,700	5,900	-100	-2.1%	-1,300	-22.0%

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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data. Henderson County is now in Kentucky's Balance of State (Statewide). This will account for a drop in employment for the MSA.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of postings in Region 11 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	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
7	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
8	Customer Service Representatives
9	Nursing Assistants
10	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
11	Food Service Managers
12	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
13	Production Workers, All Other
14	Medical and Health Services Managers
15	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
16	Fast Food and Counter Workers
17	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
18	Nurse Practitioners
19	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
20	Stockers and Order Fillers

Source: Lightcast, Job Postings Table.

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of Applicants
Production Workers, All Other	289
Helpers--Production Workers	114
Customer Service Representatives	110
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	106
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	83
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	70
Office Clerks, General	70
Cashiers	63
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	58
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	51
General and Operations Managers	41
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	40
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	39
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	39
Managers, All Other	39
Receptionists and Information Clerks	37
Team Assemblers	37
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	35
Construction Laborers	35
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	33

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

March Indiana Employment

Released May 6, 2026



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



Filed Week Ending April 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.

County Unemployment Rates March 2026



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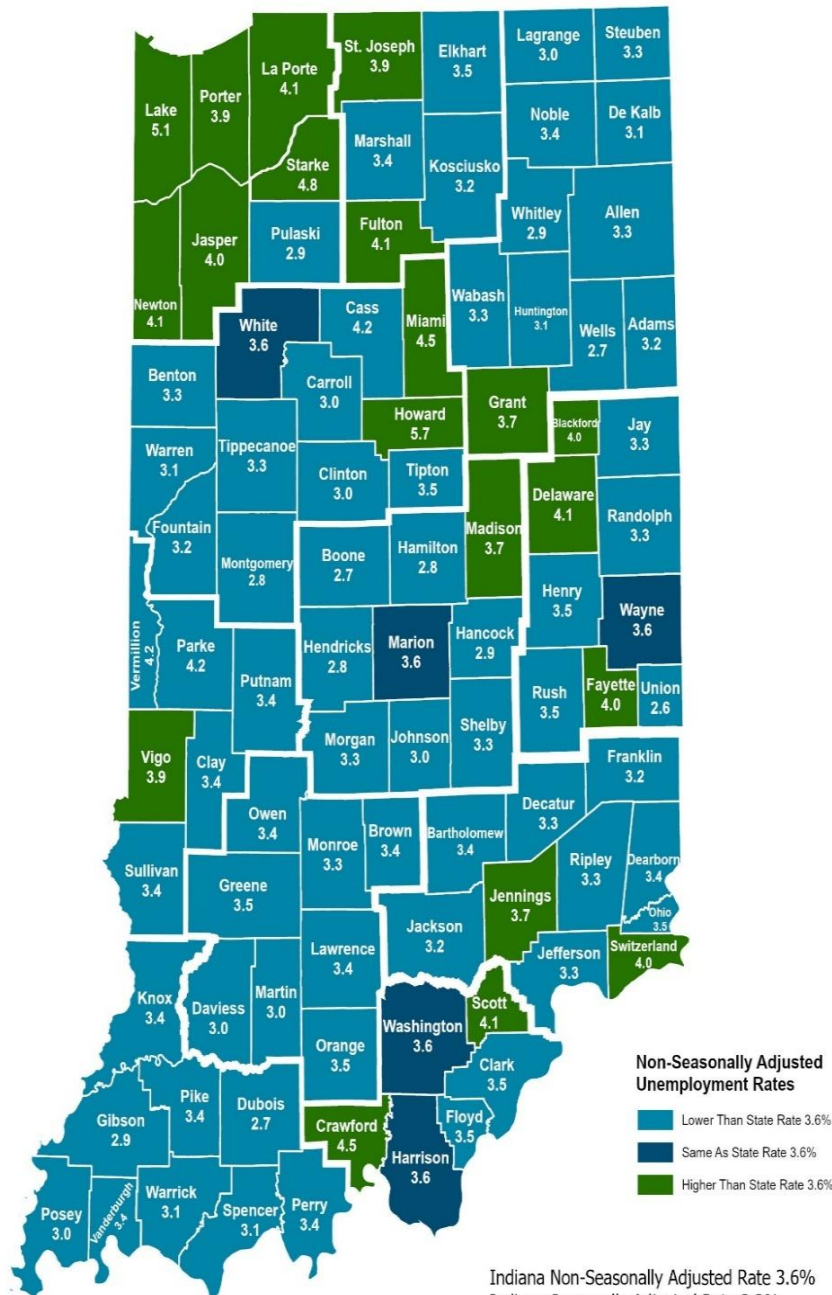
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**Non-Seasonally Adjusted
Unemployment Rates**

- Lower Than State Rate 3.6%
- Same As State Rate 3.6%
- Higher Than State Rate 3.6%

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