



July 2026 Labor Market Review

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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 11

Statistical Data Report for July 2026, Released September 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in July in 10 states and stable in 40 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twelve states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 10 states and the District had decreases, and 28 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.1 percent, changed little both over the month and over the year.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in July, 2.0 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.9 percent. In total, 16 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, 9 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In July, 10 states had unemployment rate decreases: Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Washington (-0.2 percentage point each) and Delaware, Florida, and North Dakota (-0.1 point each). Forty 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 July, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 1 state, decreased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 6 states, decreased in 1 state and the District, and was essentially unchanged in 43 states.

The only job gain occurred in Maryland (+11,700, or +0.4 percent). Employment decreased in New Jersey (-25,600, or -0.6 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

July 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25
U.S.	170,235,000	162,800,000	7,435,000	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%
IN	3,511,303	3,385,244	126,059	3.6%	3.6%	4.2%
EGR 11	221,378	213,944	7,434	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
Evansville MSA	138,509	133,772	4,737	3.4%	3.5%	3.9%
Dubois Co.	22,005	21,323	682	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%
Gibson Co.	17,568	16,999	569	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%
Knox Co.	17,957	17,334	623	3.5%	3.5%	4.1%
Perry Co.	8,694	8,404	290	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%
Pike Co.	5,963	5,755	208	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%
Posey Co.	12,637	12,236	401	3.2%	3.3%	3.8%
Spencer Co.	10,682	10,357	325	3.0%	3.1%	3.4%
Vanderburgh Co.	91,574	88,323	3,251	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%
Warrick Co.	34,298	33,213	1,085	3.2%	3.2%	3.6%
Boonville	3,160	3,046	114	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
Evansville	57,307	55,148	2,159	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%
Jasper	8,078	7,808	270	3.3%	3.5%	3.6%
Mount Vernon	2,932	2,830	102	3.5%	3.7%	4.6%
Petersburg	1,097	1,064	33	3.0%	3.5%	4.4%
Princeton	4,355	4,199	156	3.6%	3.5%	4.0%
Rockport	964	932	32	3.3%	3.2%	3.8%
Tell City	3,500	3,382	118	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%
Vincennes	8,293	7,971	322	3.9%	3.8%	4.3%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 09/26 | 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): July 2026

U.S. - 4.1%

Illinois - 4.9%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.7%

Michigan - 4.9%

Ohio - 3.4%

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

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

#33 - Vanderburgh (3.6%)

#37 - Knox (3.5%)

#42 - Pike (3.5%)

#59 - Perry (3.3%)

#66 - Gibson (3.2%)

#69 - Posey (3.2%)

#72 - Warrick (3.2%)

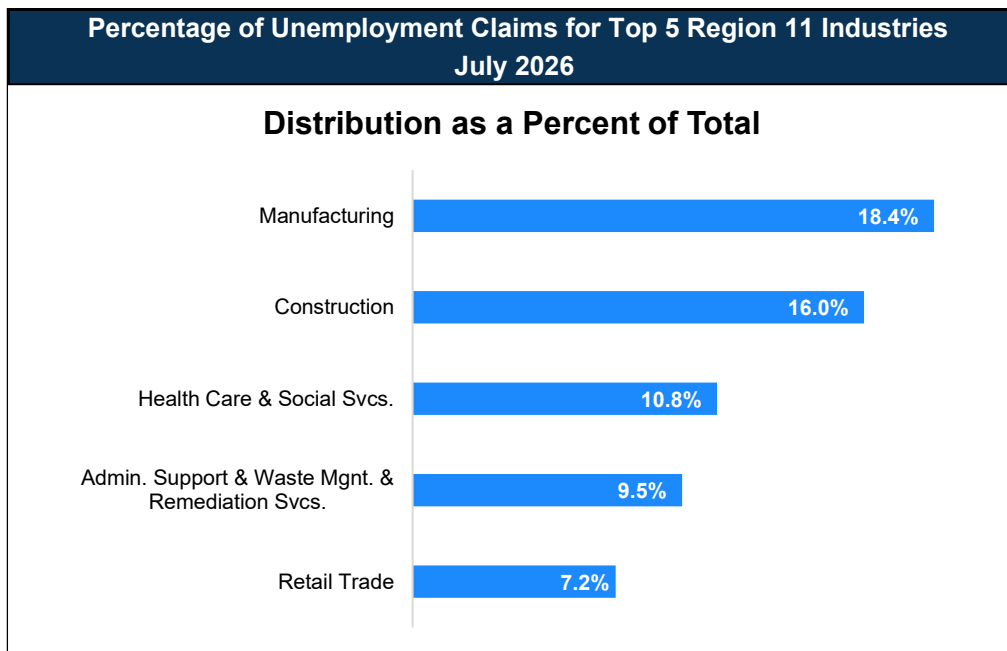
#74 - Dubois (3.1%)

#86 - Spencer (3%)

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to July 2026 from				
CPI Item	Jul-25	Jun-26	Jul-25	Jun-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.4%	0.0%	3.5%	-0.2%
Food & Beverages	2.9%	0.1%	2.7%	0.1%
Housing	3.3%	0.1%	3.8%	0.2%
Apparel	3.9%	-1.3%	6.4%	-0.2%
Transportation	5.8%	-0.6%	5.0%	-1.4%
Medical Care	1.7%	0.2%	1.9%	-0.3%
Recreation	2.6%	0.2%	3.6%	-0.9%
Education & Communication	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%
Other Goods & Services	4.3%	0.0%	1.8%	-0.9%

*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 11 for July 2026				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for July 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: July 2026

Region 11

Initial Claims

07/04/26 - 94(D)

07/11/26 - 103(D)

07/18/26 - 91(D)

07/25/26 - 83(D)

Continued Claims

07/04/26 - 896

07/11/26 - 872

07/18/26 - 856

07/25/26 - 869

Total Claims

07/04/26 - 990

07/11/26 - 975

07/18/26 - 947

07/25/26 - 952

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

07/04/26 - 2,264

07/11/26 - 4,126

07/18/26 - 3,349

07/25/26 - 2,009

Continued Claims

07/04/26 - 19,177

07/11/26 - 20,998

07/18/26 - 18,701

07/25/26 - 18,092

Total Claims

07/04/26 - 21,441

07/11/26 - 25,124

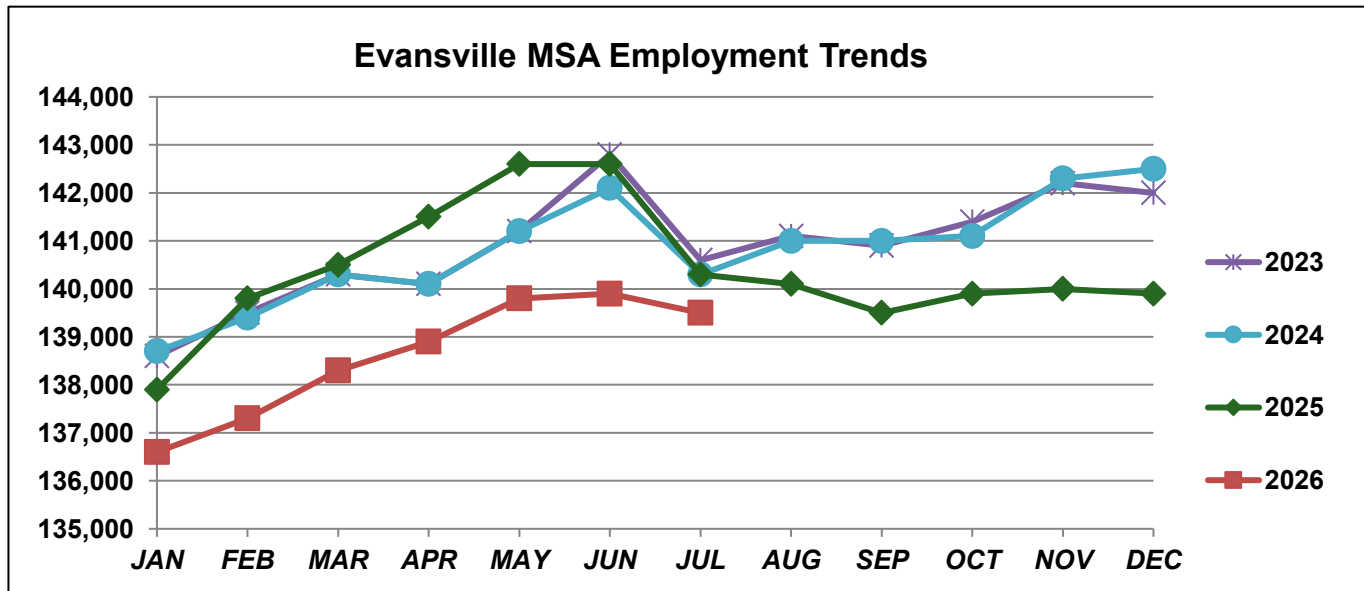
07/18/26 - 22,050

07/25/26 - 20,101

(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	July 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25	Jun-26 to Jul-26		Jul-25 to Jul-26	
Total Nonfarm	139,500	139,900	140,300	-400	-0.3%	-800	-0.6%
Total Private	126,400	126,500	127,400	-100	-0.1%	-1,000	-0.8%
Goods Producing	26,900	26,700	26,800	200	0.8%	100	0.4%
Service-Providing	112,600	113,200	113,500	-600	-0.5%	-900	-0.8%
Private Service Providing	99,500	99,800	100,600	-300	-0.3%	-1,100	-1.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	9,600	9,400	9,100	200	2.1%	500	5.5%
Manufacturing	17,300	17,300	17,700	0	0.0%	-400	-2.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,500	26,500	27,000	0	0.0%	-500	-1.9%
Wholesale Trade	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	14,200	14,300	14,400	-100	-0.7%	-200	-1.4%
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,600	6,500	6,900	100	1.5%	-300	-4.4%
Information	2,000	2,100	2,300	-100	-4.8%	-300	-13.0%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	16,500	16,600	16,600	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Private Education and Health Services	28,000	27,900	27,400	100	0.4%	600	2.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,600	25,400	25,100	200	0.8%	500	2.0%
Hospitals	9,200	9,100	9,000	100	1.1%	200	2.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	14,200	14,300	15,000	-100	-0.7%	-800	-5.3%
Other Services	6,600	6,700	6,600	-100	-1.5%	0	0.0%
Total Government	13,100	13,400	12,900	-300	-2.2%	200	1.6%
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	0.0%	-100	-8.3%
State Government	3,900	3,900	3,100	0	0.0%	800	25.8%
Local Government	8,100	8,400	8,600	-300	-3.6%	-500	-5.8%
Local Government Educational Services	3,900	4,400	4,600	-500	-11.4%	-700	-15.2%

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	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
5	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
6	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
7	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
8	Nursing Assistants
9	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Nurse Practitioners
12	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
13	Production Workers, All Other
14	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
15	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
16	Physicians, All Other
17	General and Operations Managers
18	Food Service Managers
19	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
20	Cooks, Restaurant

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	301
Helpers--Production Workers	139
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	131
Customer Service Representatives	100
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	91
Office Clerks, General	83
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	68
Cashiers	67
Managers, All Other	58
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	55
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	52
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	48
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	44
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	42
General and Operations Managers	42
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	41
Team Assemblers	41
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	39
Receptionists and Information Clerks	39
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	39

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

July Indiana Employment

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Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%



June 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.1%**

25-44: **83.9%**

25-54: **83.5%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

101,704

Jobs

As of Aug 1, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

18,092

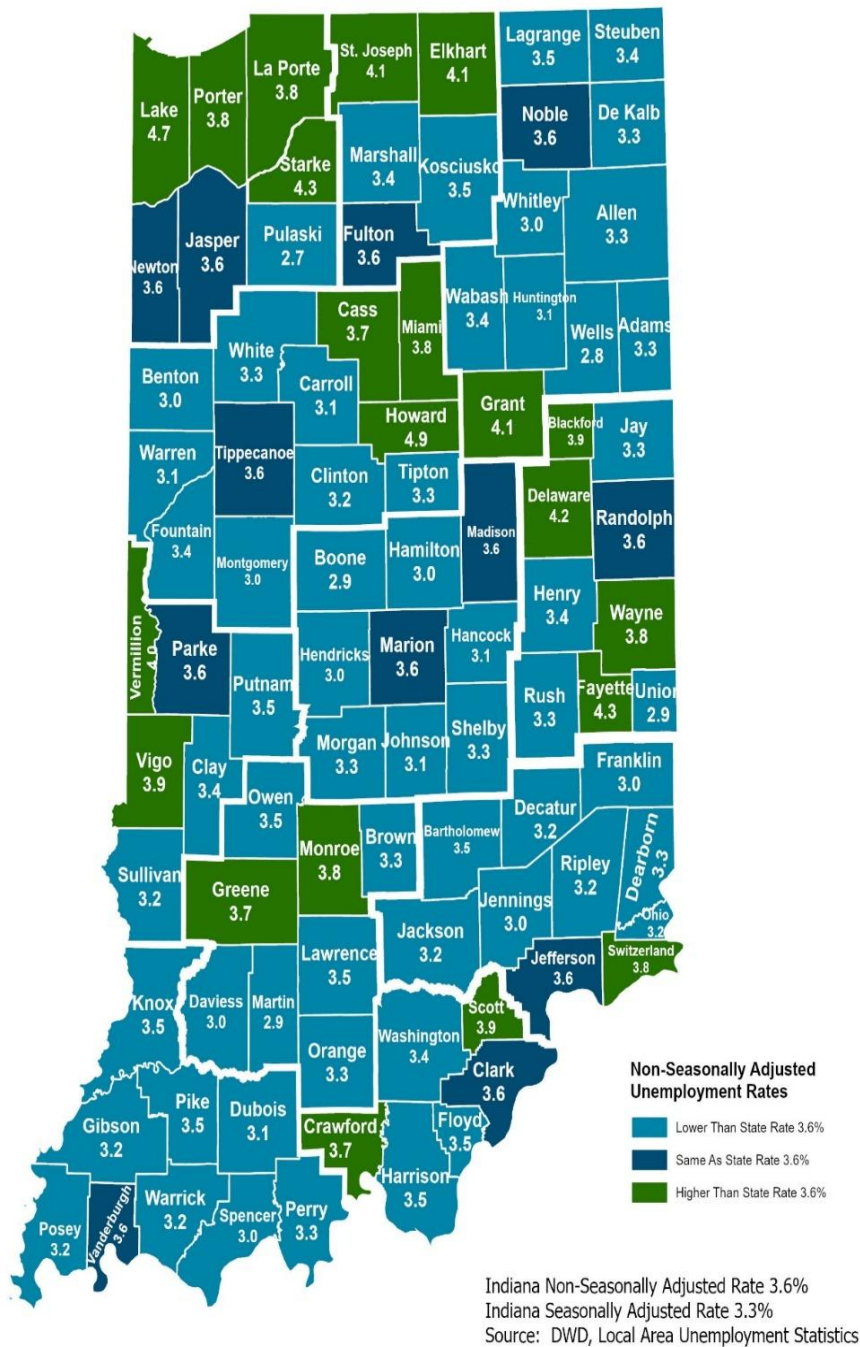


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

* 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 July 2026 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



Questions?

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