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Labor Market Review

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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 11

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 rate decreases 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.

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. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 8 states, decreased in the District, and was essentially unchanged in 42 states.

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 (+5,500, 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

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 11	217,716	210,391	7,325	3.4%	3.4%	3.6%
Evansville MSA	135,608	130,942	4,666	3.4%	3.4%	3.7%
Dubois Co.	21,808	21,136	672	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%
Gibson Co.	17,421	16,874	547	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%
Knox Co.	17,775	17,158	617	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%
Perry Co.	8,670	8,380	290	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%
Pike Co.	5,953	5,743	210	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%
Posey Co.	12,415	12,026	389	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%
Spencer Co.	10,481	10,158	323	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%
Vanderburgh Co.	89,557	86,338	3,219	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
Warrick Co.	33,636	32,578	1,058	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%
Boonville	3,092	2,988	104	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%
Evansville	56,046	53,909	2,137	3.8%	3.8%	4.0%
Jasper	8,003	7,740	263	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%
Mount Vernon	2,880	2,781	99	3.4%	3.5%	3.9%
Petersburg	1,103	1,062	41	3.7%	3.0%	4.3%
Princeton	4,309	4,169	140	3.2%	3.6%	3.6%
Rockport	946	914	32	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%
Tell City	3,486	3,372	114	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%
Vincennes	8,219	7,890	329	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%

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.

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

#24 - Vanderburgh (3.6%)

#33 - Knox (3.5%)

#37 - Pike (3.5%)

#49 - Perry (3.3%)

#64 - Dubois (3.1%)

#65 - Gibson (3.1%)

#69 - Posey (3.1%)

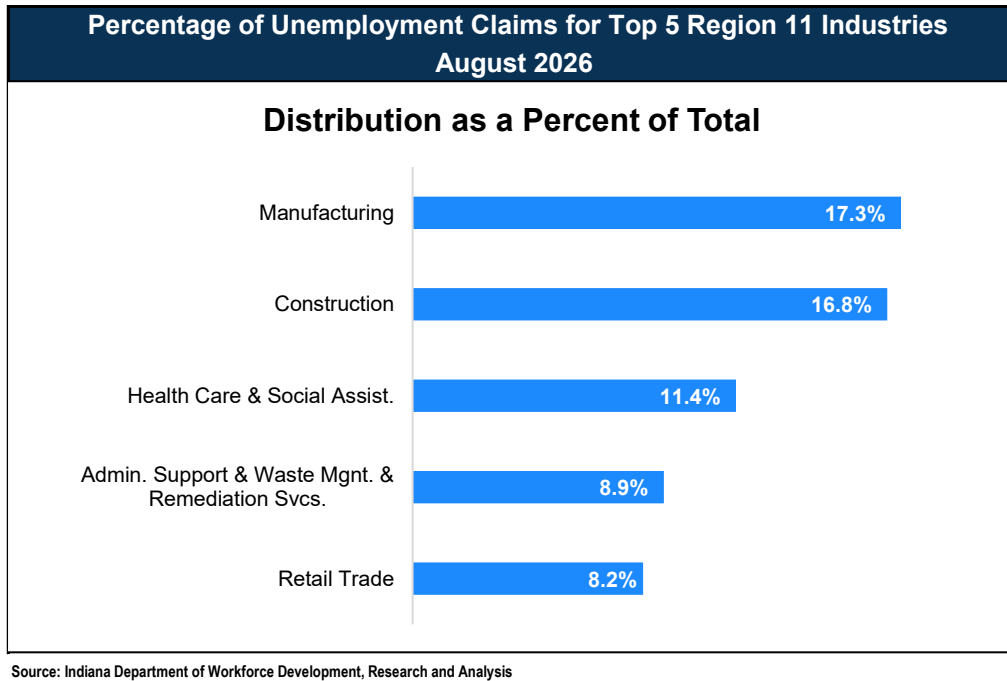
#71 - Spencer (3.1%)

#73 - Warrick (3.1%)

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

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



WARN Notices

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

There are no WARN Notices for August 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: August 2026

Region 11

Initial Claims

08/01/26 - 116(D)
08/08/26 - 112(D)
08/15/26 - 90(D)
08/22/26 - 97(D)
08/29/26 - 100(D)

Continued Claims

08/01/26 - 882
08/08/26 - 873
08/15/26 - 873
08/22/26 - 852
08/29/26 - 855

Total Claims

08/01/26 - 998
08/08/26 - 985
08/15/26 - 963
08/22/26 - 949
08/29/26 - 955

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

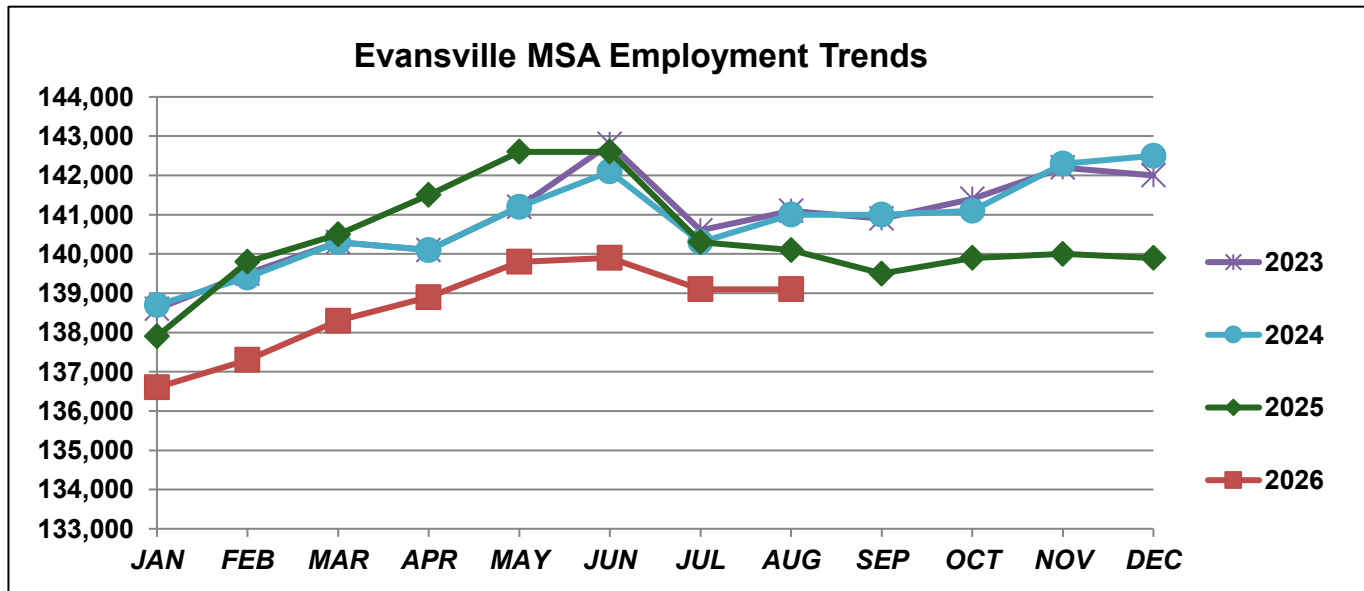
Total Claims

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 Development, Research and Analysis

Evansville MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Jul-26 to Aug-26		Aug-25 to Aug-26	
Total Nonfarm	139,100	139,100	140,100	0	0.0%	-1,000	-0.7%
Total Private	126,000	126,000	127,300	0	0.0%	-1,300	-1.0%
Goods Producing	26,300	26,400	27,000	-100	-0.4%	-700	-2.6%
Service-Providing	112,800	112,700	113,100	100	0.1%	-300	-0.3%
Private Service Providing	99,700	99,600	100,300	100	0.1%	-600	-0.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	9,000	9,000	9,400	0	0.0%	-400	-4.3%
Manufacturing	17,300	17,400	17,600	-100	-0.6%	-300	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,500	26,600	27,100	-100	-0.4%	-600	-2.2%
Wholesale Trade	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	14,200	14,300	14,300	-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	2,000	2,000	2,200	0	0.0%	-200	-9.1%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	16,600	16,600	16,400	0	0.0%	200	1.2%
Private Education and Health Services	27,900	27,800	27,600	100	0.4%	300	1.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,500	25,500	24,900	0	0.0%	600	2.4%
Hospitals	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	0.0%	100	1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	14,300	14,300	14,800	0	0.0%	-500	-3.4%
Other Services	6,700	6,600	6,500	100	1.5%	200	3.1%
Total Government	13,100	13,100	12,800	0	0.0%	300	2.3%
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	0.0%	-100	-8.3%
State Government	4,000	3,900	3,200	100	2.6%	800	25.0%
Local Government	8,000	8,100	8,400	-100	-1.2%	-400	-4.8%
Local Government Educational Services	4,400	3,900	4,800	500	12.8%	-400	-8.3%

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	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
7	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
8	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
9	Customer Service Representatives
10	Nurse Practitioners
11	Nursing Assistants
12	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
13	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
14	Production Workers, All Other
15	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel
16	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
17	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
18	Medical and Health Services Managers
19	Driver/Sales Workers
20	General and Operations Managers

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	265
Helpers--Production Workers	137
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	122
Customer Service Representatives	89
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	88
Office Clerks, General	75
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	68
Cashiers	58
Managers, All Other	54
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	54
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	46
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	44
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	43
General and Operations Managers	39
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	38
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	37
Team Assemblers	37
Receptionists and Information Clerks	36
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	35
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	35

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

August Indiana Employment

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Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%



July 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

16+: **63.0%**

25-44: **84.0%**

25-54: **83.5%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

102,895

Jobs

As of August 30, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

17,551

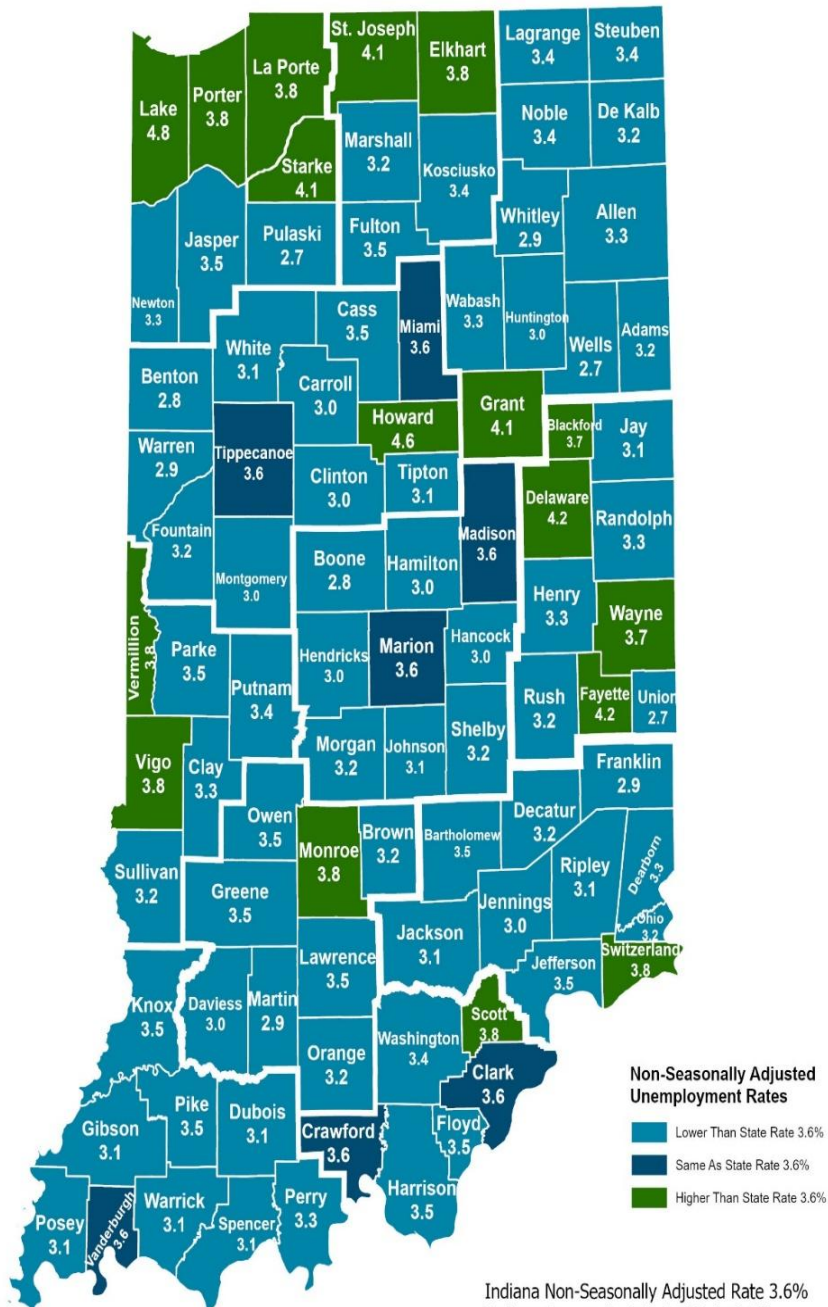


Filed Week Ending September 5, 2026

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 August 2026



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



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