

## LABOR MARKET REVIEW



**April 2021  
Labor Market Review**

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# Economic Growth Region 3

Statistical Data Report for April 2021, Released June 2021

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 12 states and the District of Columbia and stable in 38 states, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-eight states and the District had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier and two states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 6.1 percent, was little changed over the month, but was 8.7 percentage points lower than in April 2020.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 9 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 2 states, and was essentially unchanged in 39 states in April 2021. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in all states and the District.

Hawaii had the highest unemployment rate in April, 8.5 percent, followed by California, 8.3 percent, and New Mexico and New York, 8.2 percent each. Nebraska, New Hampshire, South Dakota, and Utah had the lowest rates, 2.8 percent each. In total, 27 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 6.1 percent, 11 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 12 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 3

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties

## Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): April 2021

**U.S. - 6.1%**

Illinois - 7.1%

**Indiana - 3.9%**

Kentucky - 4.7%

Michigan - 4.9%

Ohio - 4.7%

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

## Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): April 2021

#22 - Allen (4.2%)

#35 - Grant (3.8%)

#45 - Noble (3.4%)

#66 - DeKalb (3%)

#72 - Huntington (3%)

#76 - Wabash (3%)

#81 - Steuben (2.9%)

#83 - Whitley (2.9%)

#85 - Wells (2.8%)

#91 - LaGrange (2.3%)

#92 - Adams (2.1%)

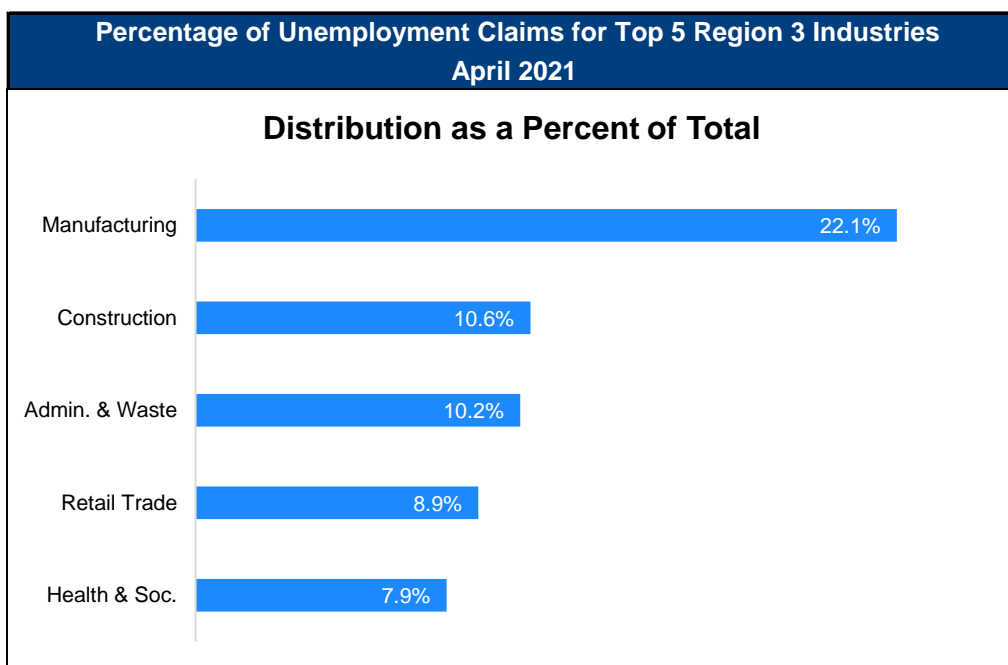
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

April 2021 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-21	Mar-21	Apr-20
U.S.	160,379,000	151,160,000	9,220,000	5.7%	6.2%	14.4%
IN	3,327,059	3,187,375	139,684	4.2%	4.6%	16.5%
EGR 3	386,228	372,395	13,833	3.6%	4.1%	20.0%
Fort Wayne MSA	215,764	207,062	8,702	4.0%	4.5%	19.0%
Adams Co.	16,987	16,630	357	2.1%	3.0%	20.3%
Allen Co.	184,612	176,808	7,804	4.2%	4.6%	19.5%
DeKalb Co.	22,726	22,054	672	3.0%	3.6%	21.1%
Grant Co.	32,923	31,677	1,246	3.8%	4.4%	13.7%
Huntington Co.	18,269	17,726	543	3.0%	3.8%	18.9%
LaGrange Co.	19,797	19,350	447	2.3%	2.9%	32.7%
Noble Co.	23,753	22,934	819	3.4%	4.1%	28.9%
Steuben Co.	20,803	20,210	593	2.9%	3.7%	20.2%
Wabash Co.	15,206	14,752	454	3.0%	3.8%	15.7%
Wells Co.	13,974	13,579	395	2.8%	3.4%	16.0%
Whitley Co.	17,178	16,675	503	2.9%	3.5%	17.0%
Fort Wayne	128,604	122,617	5,987	4.7%	5.1%	20.3%
Marion	12,977	12,376	601	4.6%	5.6%	13.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:05/21 | 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.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2021 from				
CPI Item	Apr-20	Mar-21	Apr-20	Mar-21
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	4.2%	0.8%	4.9%	0.8%
Food & Beverages	2.3%	0.5%	2.1%	0.4%
Housing	2.6%	0.4%	3.4%	0.5%
Apparel	1.9%	-0.1%	1.7%	-0.9%
Transportation	14.9%	3.1%	17.8%	3.3%
Medical Care	1.5%	0%	1.9%	-0.4%
Recreation	2.1%	0.8%	2.7%	0.4%
Education & Communication	1.7%	0.3%	1.5%	-0.1%
Other Goods & Services	2.7%	0.2%	1.9%	0.4%

\*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 3 for April 2021				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for April 2021 for Region 3**

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: April 2021

### Region 3

#### Initial Claims

04/03/21 - 1,611  
04/10/21 - 8,337  
04/17/21 - 5,697  
04/24/21 - 1,918

#### Continued Claims

04/03/21 - 3,698  
04/10/21 - 3,784  
04/17/21 - 3,773  
04/24/21 - 3,895

#### Total Claims

04/03/21 - 5,309  
04/10/21 - 12,121  
04/17/21 - 9,470  
04/24/21 - 5,813

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

04/03/21 - 8,071  
04/10/21 - 9,542  
04/17/21 - 14,026  
04/24/21 - 14,507

#### Continued Claims

04/03/21 - 57,103  
04/10/21 - 58,333  
04/17/21 - 59,616  
04/24/21 - 64,342

#### Total Claims

04/03/21 - 65,174  
04/10/21 - 67,875  
04/17/21 - 73,642  
04/24/21 - 78,849

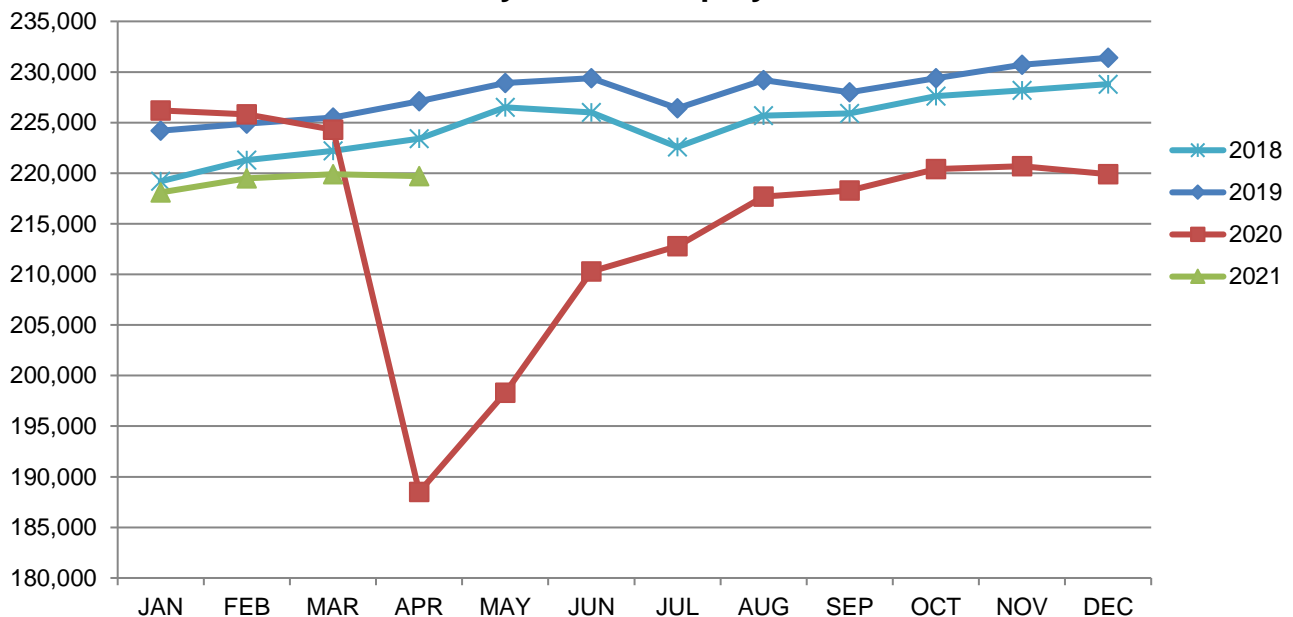
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Fort Wayne MSA						
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2021			# Change	% Change	# Change % Change
Industry	Apr-21	Mar-21	Apr-20	Mar-21 to Apr-21	Apr-20 to Apr-21	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>219,700</b>	<b>219,900</b>	<b>188,500</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>31,200 16.6%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>198,700</b>	<b>199,100</b>	<b>168,400</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>30,300 18.0%</b>
Goods Producing	47,300	47,500	37,800	-200	-0.4%	9,500 25.1%
Service Providing	172,400	172,400	150,700	0	0.0%	21,700 14.4%
Private Service Providing	151,400	151,600	130,600	-200	-0.1%	20,800 15.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	11,200	10,900	10,900	300	2.8%	300 2.8%
Total Manufacturing	36,100	36,600	26,900	-500	-1.4%	9,200 34.2%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	27,000	26,900	19,700	100	0.4%	7,300 37.1%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	8,200	8,100	1,800	100	1.2%	6,400 355.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	43,700	43,700	38,700	0	0.0%	5,000 12.9%
Wholesale Trade	10,200	10,200	9,800	0	0.0%	400 4.1%
Retail Trade	23,600	23,600	20,300	0	0.0%	3,300 16.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	9,900	9,900	8,600	0	0.0%	1,300 15.1%
Information	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Financial Activities	11,900	11,900	11,900	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Professional and Business Services	22,000	22,700	18,700	-700	-3.1%	3,300 17.7%
Education and Health Services	42,100	42,100	39,400	0	0.0%	2,700 6.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	19,200	18,700	12,400	500	2.7%	6,800 54.8%
Other Services	10,400	10,400	7,400	0	0.0%	3,000 40.5%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>900 4.5%</b>
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
State Government	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	0.0%	-100 -3.1%
Local Government	15,700	15,500	14,700	200	1.3%	1,000 6.8%
Local Government Educational Services	9,100	9,000	8,400	100	1.1%	700 8.3%

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

### Fort Wayne MSA Employment Trends



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.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 3 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Social and Human Service Assistants
2	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
3	Home Health Aides
4	Packers and Packagers, Hand
5	Registered Nurses
6	Order Fillers, Wholesale and Retail Sales
7	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
8	Personal Care Aides
9	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
10	Nursing Assistants
11	Medical and Health Services Managers
12	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
13	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria
14	Security Guards
15	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food
16	Customer Service Representatives
17	Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other
18	Food Preparation Workers
19	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
20	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 Occupations Desired by Applicants on their Resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	9,059
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	5,658
Helpers--Production Workers	3,817
Cashiers	2,489
Customer Service Representatives	2,284
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,030
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,815
Office Clerks, General	1,385
Packers and Packagers, Hand	1,374
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	1,240
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,236
Retail Salespersons	1,206
Nursing Assistants	1,200
Managers, All Other	1,158
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,115
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,109
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	1,076
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	1,048
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	979
Team Assemblers	899

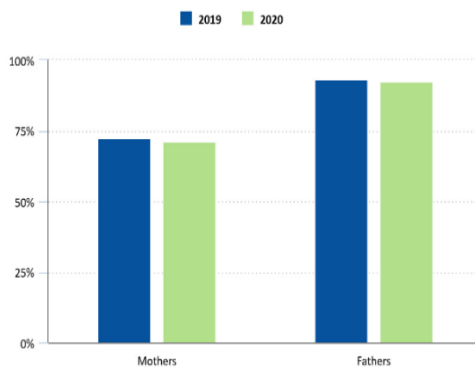
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# TED: The Economics Daily

## *Labor force participation declines for mothers and fathers in 2020*

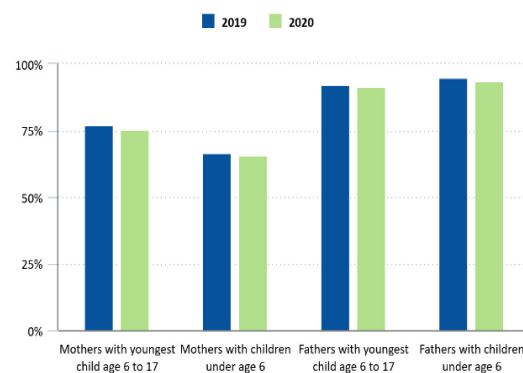
The labor force participation rate for mothers with children under the age of 18 was 71.2 percent in 2020, down from 72.3 percent in 2019. The participation rate for fathers with children under the age of 18, at 92.3 percent in 2020, also declined from the rate in 2019 (93.3 percent). This decline in labor force participation among parents, especially mothers, likely reflects not only pandemic-related job losses, but also the shift of many schools to distance learning and the temporary closure of many daycare facilities during the pandemic.

Labor force participation rates of mothers and fathers, 2019 and 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor force participation rates of mothers and fathers, by age of youngest child, 2019 and 2020

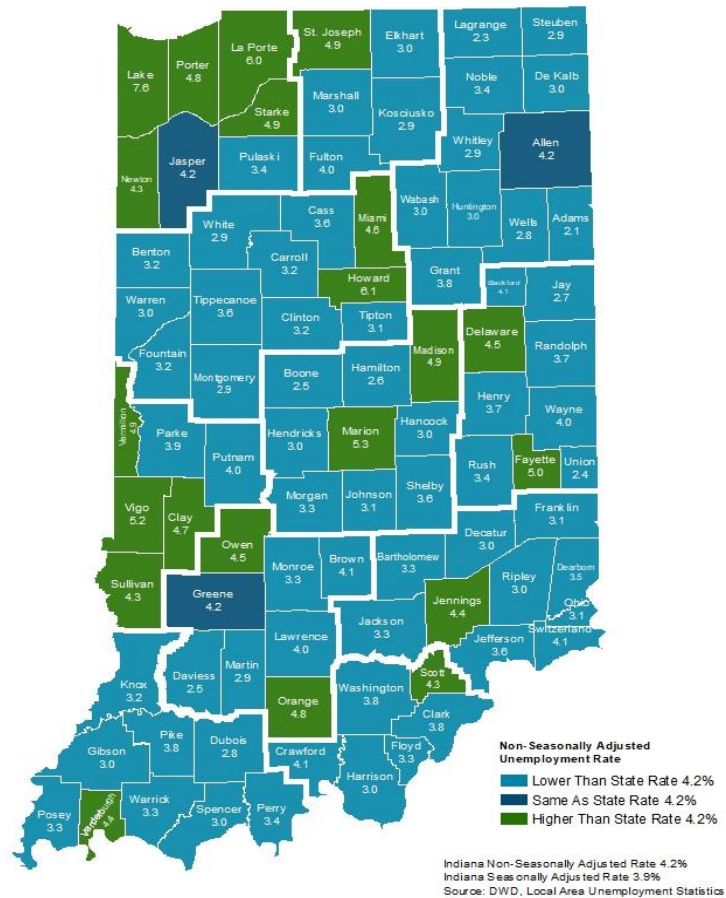


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In 2020, mothers of older children remained more likely to participate in the labor force than mothers with younger children. The participation rate for mothers with children under the age of 6, at 65.8 percent, was lower than that of mothers whose youngest child was age 6 to 17, at 75.4 percent. By comparison, fathers with children under age 6 were more likely to participate in the labor force than those whose youngest child was age 6 to 17 (93.4 percent versus 91.4 percent).

These data are from the Current Population Survey. For more information, see "Employment Characteristics of Families — 2020." Parents are people with own children who are under age 18 living in the household. Own children are sons, daughters, step-children, or adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related or unrelated children, and children not living in the household. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, The Economics Daily, Labor force participation declines for mothers and fathers in 2020 at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2021/labor-force-participation-declines-for-mothers-and-fathers-in-2020.htm> (visited May 04, 2021).

## County Unemployment Rates April 2021



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