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Economic Growth Region 3

Statistical Data Report for April 2026, Released June 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 3 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 45 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Nineteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 6 states had decreases, and 25 states and the District had little change. South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in April, 2.2 percent, followed by North Dakota, 2.4 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.2 percent. The next highest rates were in California, Delaware, and Nevada, 5.3 percent each. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, was unchanged over the month and was little changed from April 2025.

In April 2026, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 6 states and was essentially unchanged in 44 states and the District of Columbia. The largest job gains occurred in Florida (+40,500), North Carolina (+16,000), and Minnesota (+15,900). The largest percentage increases occurred in New Mexico (+0.6 percent) and Minnesota (+0.5 percent), followed by Colorado, Florida, and Missouri (+0.4 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 1 state and the District, increased in 1 state, and was essentially unchanged in 48 states.



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 2026

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 5.1%

Indiana - 3.2%

Kentucky - 4.3%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 3.9%

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

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

#19 - Grant (2.9%)

#39 - Steuben (2.6%)

#43 - Allen (2.5%)

#49 - Noble (2.5%)

#55 - Wabash (2.5%)

#56 - Adams (2.4%)

#67 - DeKalb (2.3%)

#69 - Huntington (2.3%)

#73 - LaGrange (2.3%)

#90 - Whitley (2.1%)

#91 - Wells (2%)

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

April 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25
U.S.	169,548,000	162,781,000	6,768,000	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
IN	3,467,580	3,372,212	95,368	2.8%	3.6%	3.3%
EGR 3	396,610	386,780	9,830	2.5%	3.3%	3.0%
Fort Wayne MSA	236,513	230,726	5,787	2.4%	3.2%	2.9%
Adams Co.	15,645	15,267	378	2.4%	3.2%	2.9%
Allen Co.	202,997	197,902	5,095	2.5%	3.3%	3.0%
DeKalb Co.	21,970	21,457	513	2.3%	3.1%	3.0%
Grant Co.	31,169	30,251	918	2.9%	3.8%	3.6%
Huntington Co.	19,250	18,805	445	2.3%	3.1%	2.9%
Lagrange Co.	18,313	17,886	427	2.3%	3.0%	2.8%
Noble Co.	21,994	21,443	551	2.5%	3.4%	2.8%
Steuben Co.	17,258	16,812	446	2.6%	3.3%	3.3%
Wabash Co.	14,498	14,133	365	2.5%	3.4%	3.1%
Wells Co.	15,327	15,024	303	2.0%	2.7%	2.5%
Whitley Co.	18,189	17,800	389	2.1%	2.9%	2.9%
Fort Wayne	138,266	134,673	3,593	2.6%	3.4%	3.1%
Marion	12,425	12,012	413	3.3%	4.2%	4.1%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:06/26 | 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.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2026 from				
CPI Item	Apr-25	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.8%	0.9%	4.1%	0.8%
Food & Beverages	3.1%	0.5%	3.1%	0.5%
Housing	3.6%	0.6%	4.7%	0.8%
Apparel	4.2%	-0.4%	5.4%	-0.8%
Transportation	7.1%	2.9%	5.8%	2.7%
Medical Care	2.5%	-0.1%	3.4%	-0.3%
Recreation	2.3%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%
Education & Communication	0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	4.4%	0.9%	0.5%	-1.0%

*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

**Unemployment Claims:
April 2026**

Region 3

Initial Claims

04/04/26 - 244(D)
04/11/26 - 335(D)
04/18/26 - 179(D)
04/25/26 - 145(D)

Continued Claims

04/04/26 - 1,727
04/11/26 - 1,649
04/18/26 - 1,589
04/25/26 - 1,531

Total Claims

04/04/26 - 1,971
04/11/26 - 1,984
04/18/26 - 1,768
04/25/26 - 1,676

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

04/04/26 - 2,727
04/11/26 - 3,629
04/18/26 - 2,479
04/25/26 - 2,138

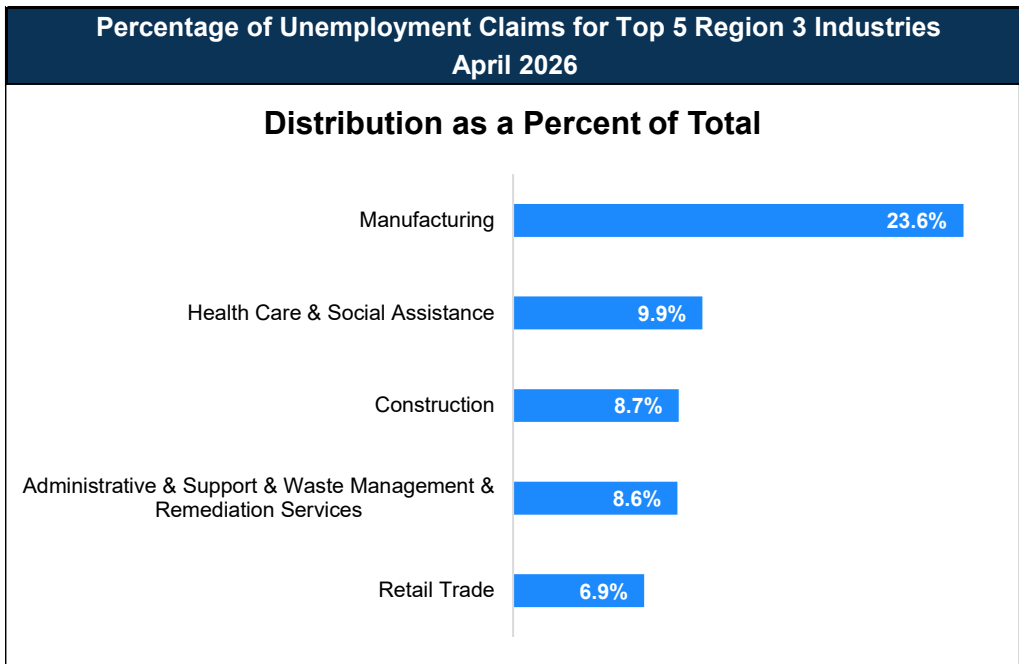
Continued Claims

04/04/26 - 20,966
04/11/26 - 21,000
04/18/26 - 20,087
04/25/26 - 19,380

Total Claims

04/04/26 - 23,693
04/11/26 - 24,629
04/18/26 - 22,566
04/25/26 - 21,518

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development



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WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 3 for April 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

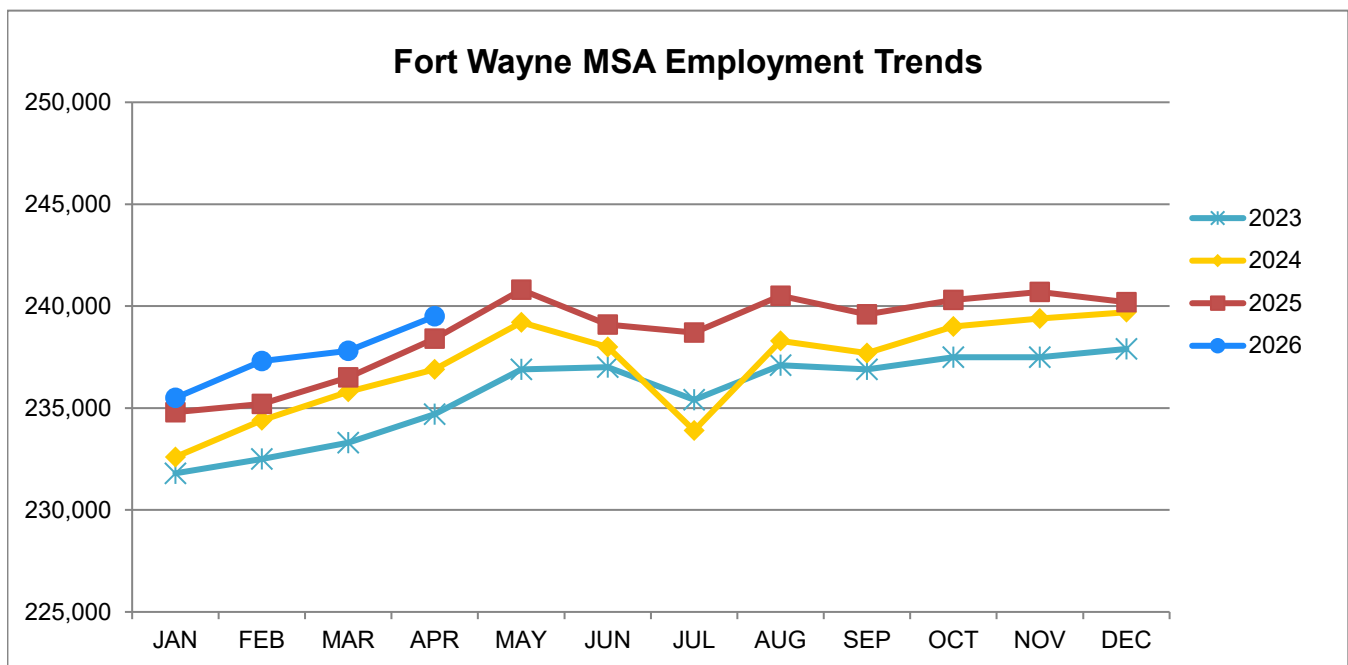
There are no WARN Notices for April 2026 for Region 3.

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>

Fort Wayne MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26 to Apr-26	Apr-25 to Apr-26		
Total Nonfarm	239,500	237,800	238,400	1,700	0.7%	1,100	0.5%
Total Private	216,100	214,800	215,100	1,300	0.6%	1,000	0.5%
Goods Producing	51,900	51,900	51,500	0	0.0%	400	0.8%
Service Providing	187,600	185,900	186,900	1,700	0.9%	700	0.4%
Private Service Providing	164,200	162,900	163,600	1,300	0.8%	600	0.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	13,700	13,600	13,500	100	0.7%	200	1.5%
Total Manufacturing	38,200	38,300	38,000	-100	-0.3%	200	0.5%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	28,200	28,200	28,000	0	0.0%	200	0.7%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,000	0	0.0%	400	5.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	45,200	44,700	45,800	500	1.1%	-600	-1.3%
Wholesale Trade	10,800	10,700	10,800	100	0.9%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	23,900	23,500	23,900	400	1.7%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	10,500	10,500	11,100	0	0.0%	-600	-5.4%
Information	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	12,100	12,100	12,300	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
Professional and Business Services	22,900	22,700	23,200	200	0.9%	-300	-1.3%
Education and Health Services	47,500	47,100	46,000	400	0.9%	1,500	3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	21,200	20,900	21,700	300	1.4%	-500	-2.3%
Other Services	13,600	13,700	12,900	-100	-0.7%	700	5.4%
Total Government	23,400	23,000	23,300	400	1.7%	100	0.4%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	0.0%	-100	-4.6%
State Government	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	0.0%	-100	-2.4%
Local Government	17,200	16,800	16,900	400	2.4%	300	1.8%
Local Government Educational Services	9,300	9,400	9,400	-100	-1.1%	-100	-1.1%

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.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 3 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	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
6	Production Workers, All Other
7	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
8	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
9	Customer Service Representatives
10	Food Service Managers
11	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
12	Physicians, All Other
13	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
14	Nursing Assistants
15	Coaches and Scouts
16	Fast Food and Counter Workers
17	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products
18	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel
19	Medical and Health Services Managers
20	Medical Assistants

Source: Lightcast

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 Occupations Desired by Applicants on their Resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	614
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	338
Customer Service Representatives	303
Helpers--Production Workers	259
Office Clerks, General	198
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	181
Cashiers	180
Managers, All Other	118
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	115
Packers and Packagers, Hand	111
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	99
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	95
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	92
Retail Salespersons	87
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	87
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	86
Receptionists and Information Clerks	84
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	83
Team Assemblers	79
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	79

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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April Indiana Employment

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Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.2%

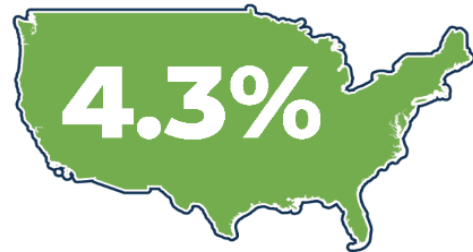


March 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

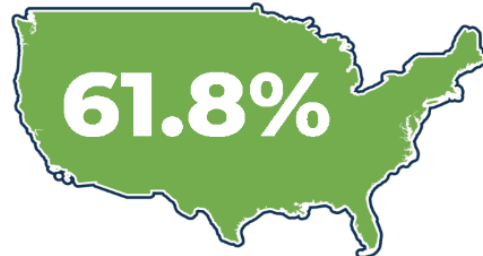
16+: **63.2%**

25-44: **83.8%**

25-54: **83.4%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

94,224

Jobs

As of April 30, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

19,380

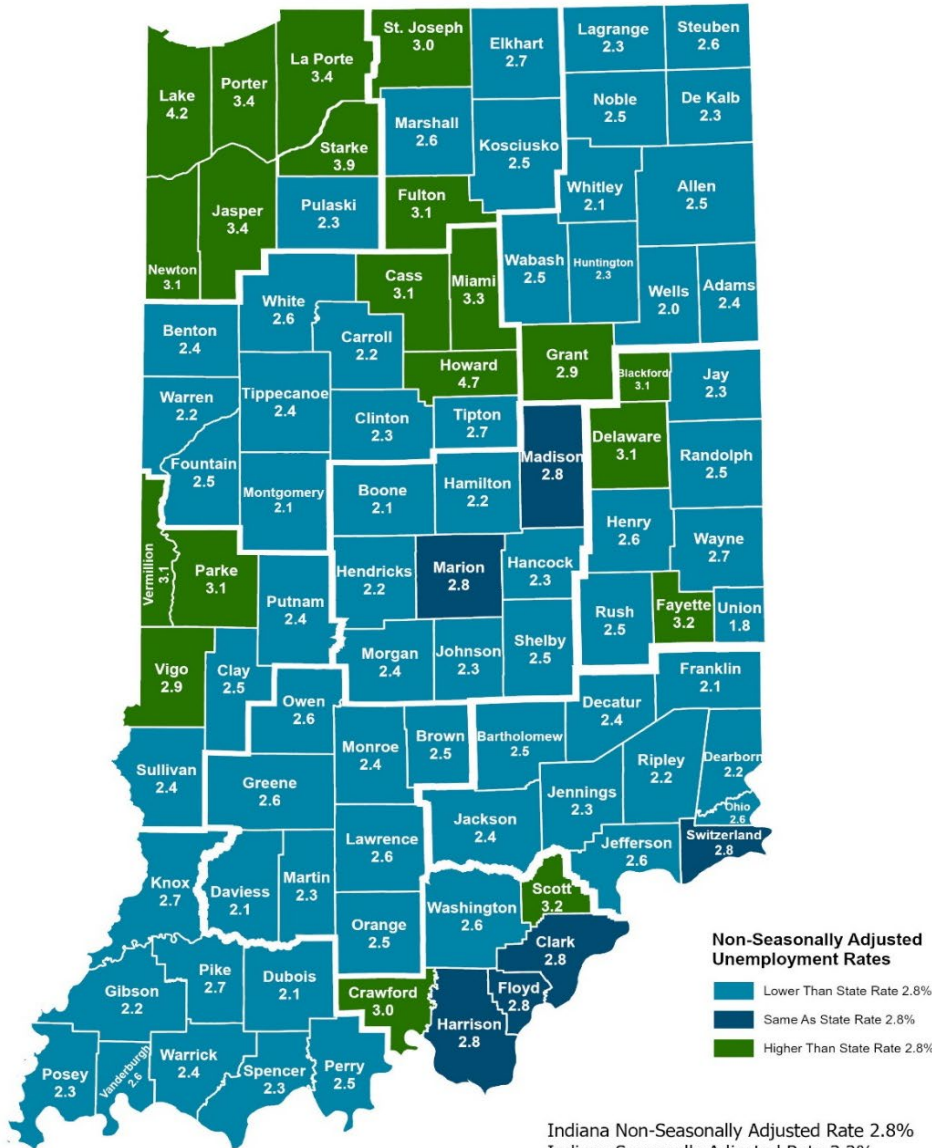


Filed Week Ending May 2, 2026

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 April 2026



Non-Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

- Lower Than State Rate 2.8%
- Same As State Rate 2.8%
- Higher Than State Rate 2.8%

Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 2.8%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.2%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Questions?

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