



July 2026 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 3

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.

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. The only job gain occurred in Maryland (+11,700, or +0.4 percent). Employment decreased in New Jersey (-25,600, or 0.6 percent). 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 largest job gains occurred in Texas (+165,600), California (+112,700), and North Carolina (+51,600). The largest percentage increase occurred in Minnesota (+1.4 percent), followed by Louisiana and South Carolina (+1.3 percent each). The job losses occurred in Virginia (-47,900, or -1.1 percent) and the District (-31,500, or -4.2 percent).



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 3

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

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

#7 - Grant (4.1%)

#29 - Noble (3.6%)

#39 - LaGrange (3.5%)

#48 - Steuben (3.4%)

#49 - Wabash (3.4%)

#51 - Adams (3.3%)

#52 - Allen (3.3%)

#55 - DeKalb (3.3%)

#76 - Huntington (3.1%)

#87 - Whitley (3%)

#91 - Wells (2.8%)

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

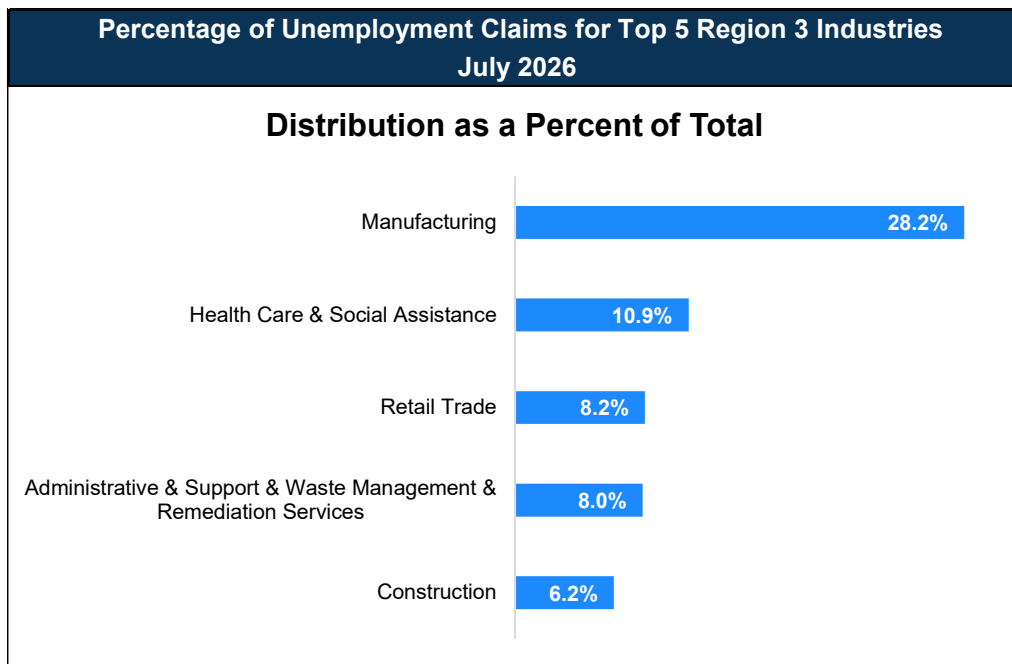
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July 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25
U.S.	170,235,000	162,800,000	7,435,000	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%
IN	3,511,303	3,385,244	126,059	3.6%	3.6%	4.2%
EGR 3	401,436	387,924	13,512	3.4%	3.4%	4.0%
Fort Wayne MSA	240,906	233,056	7,850	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
Adams Co.	16,216	15,685	531	3.3%	3.4%	4.0%
Allen Co.	206,621	199,768	6,853	3.3%	3.3%	3.9%
DeKalb Co.	21,646	20,925	721	3.3%	3.3%	3.7%
Grant Co.	29,917	28,681	1,236	4.1%	4.2%	5.0%
Huntington Co.	19,734	19,132	602	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%
Lagrange Co.	18,158	17,517	641	3.5%	3.4%	4.7%
Noble Co.	22,801	21,972	829	3.6%	3.4%	4.4%
Steuben Co.	17,614	17,008	606	3.4%	3.5%	4.3%
Wabash Co.	14,444	13,948	496	3.4%	3.4%	4.0%
Wells Co.	15,664	15,218	446	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%
Whitley Co.	18,621	18,070	551	3.0%	3.0%	3.6%
Fort Wayne	140,771	135,943	4,828	3.4%	3.5%	4.0%
Marion	11,957	11,389	568	4.8%	4.8%	5.4%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:08/26 | 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 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 3 for July 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for July 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>

Unemployment Claims: July 2026

Region 3

Initial Claims

07/04/26 - 277(D)

07/11/26 - 479(D)

07/18/26 - 315(D)

07/25/26 - 142(D)

Continued Claims

07/04/26 - 1,611

07/11/26 - 1,685

07/18/26 - 1,459

07/25/26 - 1,429

Total Claims

07/04/26 - 1,888

07/11/26 - 2,164

07/18/26 - 1,774

07/25/26 - 1,571

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

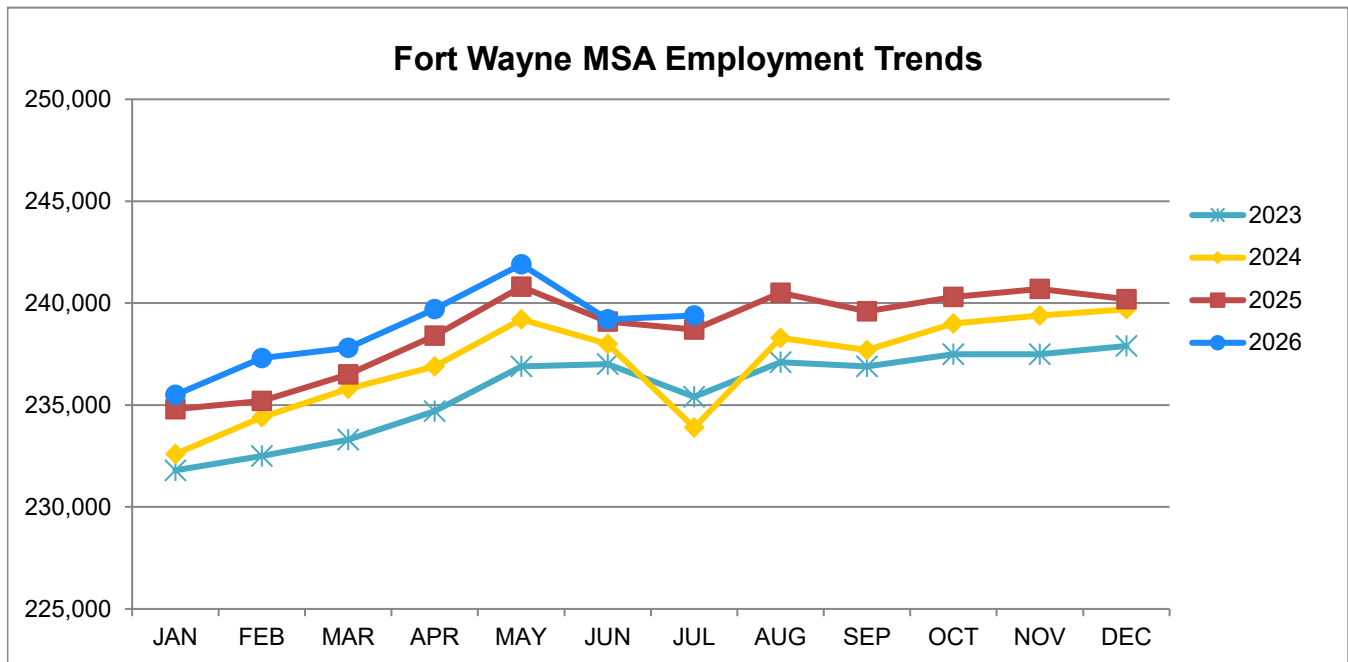
07/25/26 - 20,101

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Fort Wayne 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	239,400	239,200	238,700	200	0.1%	700 0.3%
Total Private	219,800	219,200	219,100	600	0.3%	700 0.3%
Goods Producing	53,400	53,100	52,700	300	0.6%	700 1.3%
Service Providing	186,000	186,100	186,000	-100	-0.1%	0 0.0%
Private Service Providing	166,400	166,100	166,400	300	0.2%	0 0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	14,900	14,500	14,300	400	2.8%	600 4.2%
Total Manufacturing	38,500	38,600	38,400	-100	-0.3%	100 0.3%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	28,200	28,300	28,500	-100	-0.4%	-300 -1.1%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,300	0	0.0%	100 1.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	45,900	45,700	45,900	200	0.4%	0 0.0%
Wholesale Trade	11,000	10,800	10,900	200	1.9%	100 0.9%
Retail Trade	24,100	24,300	23,900	-200	-0.8%	200 0.8%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	10,800	10,600	11,100	200	1.9%	-300 -2.7%
Information	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100 -5.6%
Financial Activities	12,200	12,100	12,400	100	0.8%	-200 -1.6%
Professional and Business Services	23,400	23,400	23,400	0	0.0%	0 0.0%
Education and Health Services	47,900	47,800	46,100	100	0.2%	1,800 3.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	21,600	21,700	22,600	-100	-0.5%	-1,000 -4.4%
Other Services	13,700	13,700	14,200	0	0.0%	-500 -3.5%
Total Government	19,600	20,000	19,600	-400	-2.0%	0 0.0%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	0.0%	-100 -4.6%
State Government	3,400	3,500	3,500	-100	-2.9%	-100 -2.9%
Local Government	14,100	14,400	13,900	-300	-2.1%	200 1.4%
Local Government Educational Services	7,600	8,000	6,000	-400	-5.0%	1,600 26.7%

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

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	588
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	308
Customer Service Representatives	274
Helpers--Production Workers	241
Cashiers	178
Office Clerks, General	171
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	167
Managers, All Other	114
Packers and Packagers, Hand	108
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	97
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	97
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	92
Team Assemblers	89
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	87
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	86
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	77
Retail Salespersons	74
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	74
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	71
Material Moving Workers, All Other	71

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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July Indiana Employment

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Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%

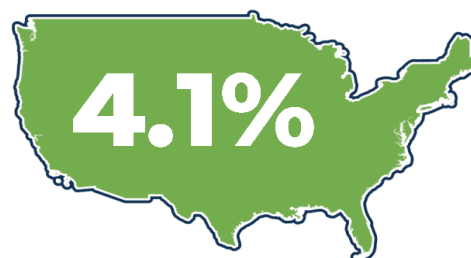


June 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

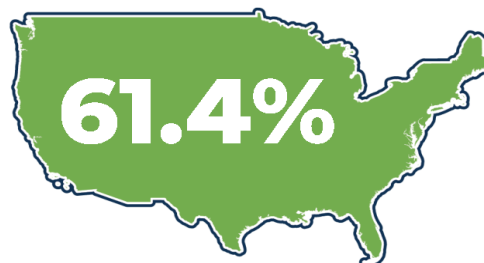
16+: **63.1%**

25-44: **83.9%**

25-54: **83.5%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

101,704

Jobs

As of August 1, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

18,092

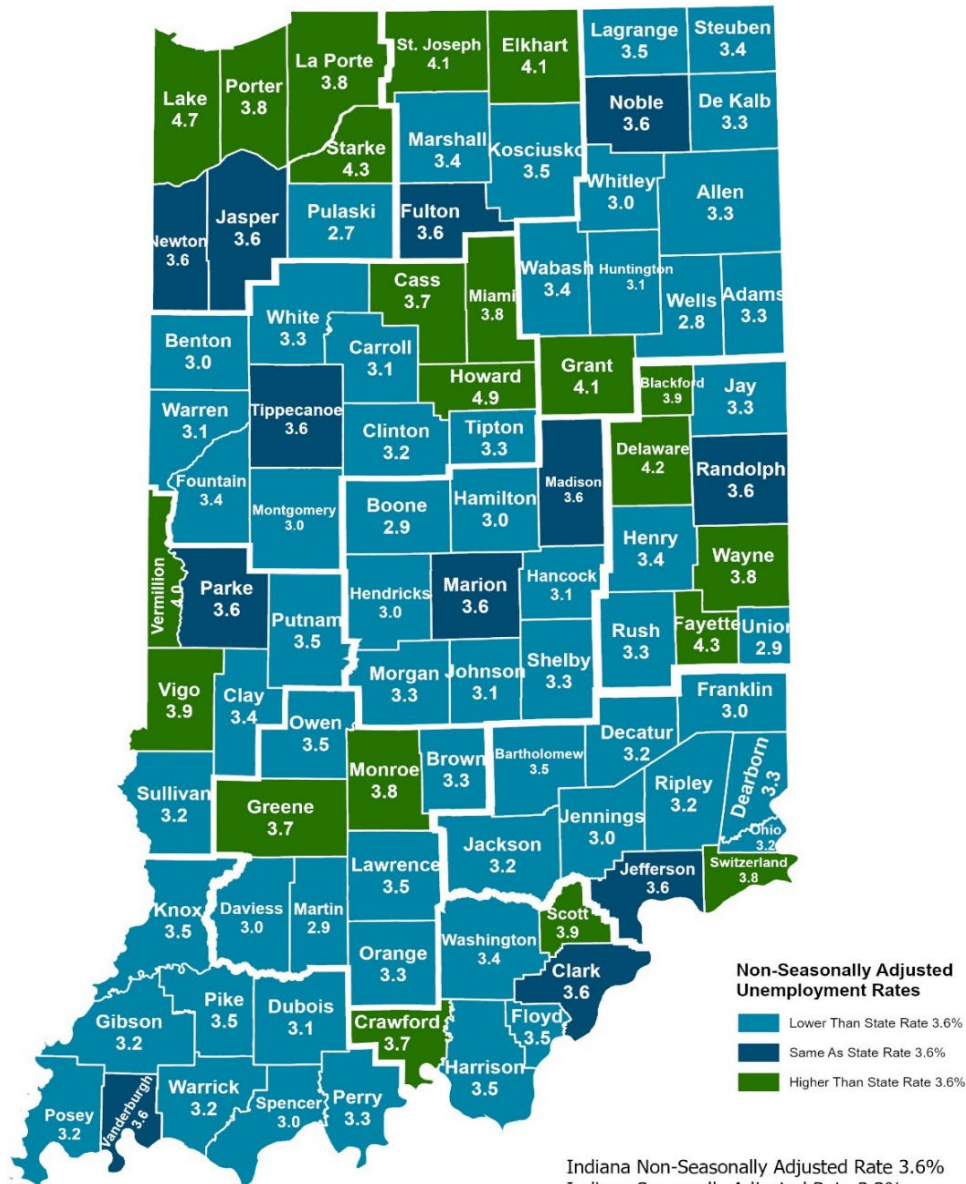


Filed Week Ending August 1, 2026

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 July 2026 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



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



Questions?

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