

## LABOR MARKET REVIEW



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# Economic Growth Region 6

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.

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.

In April, Rhode Island had the largest over-the-month unemployment rate decrease (-0.7 percentage point), followed by Hawaii (-0.6 point) and Virginia (-0.4 point). Thirty-eight states 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.

The largest unemployment rate decrease from April 2020 occurred in Nevada (-21.5 percentage points). The next largest over-the-year jobless rate decrease was in Michigan (-18.7 percentage points), with another 10 states experiencing declines of 10.0 points or more.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne 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

#6 - Fayette (5%)

#15 - Delaware (4.5%)

#25 - Blackford (4.1%)

#32 - Wayne (4%)

#38 - Henry (3.7%)

#39 - Randolph (3.7%)

#48 - Rush (3.4%)

#86 - Jay (2.7%)

#90 - Union (2.4%)

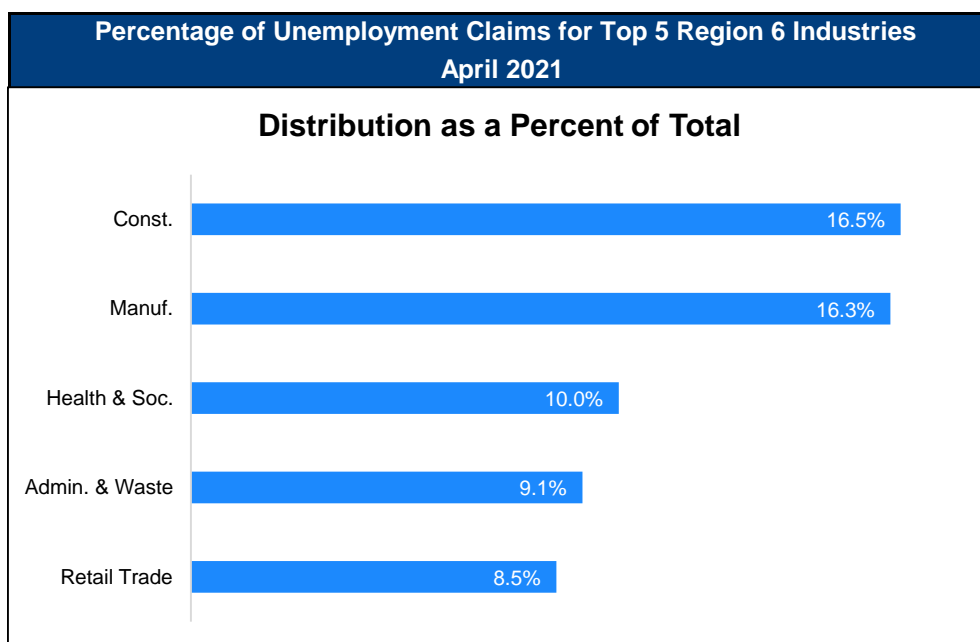
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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 6	152,763	146,683	6,080	4.0%	4.6%	16.5%
Muncie MSA	52,400	50,068	2,332	4.5%	4.9%	16.0%
Blackford Co.	5,011	4,804	207	4.1%	4.8%	21.2%
Delaware Co.	52,400	50,068	2,332	4.5%	4.9%	16.0%
Fayette Co.	8,968	8,521	447	5.0%	5.6%	23.5%
Henry Co.	22,077	21,269	808	3.7%	4.3%	15.9%
Jay Co.	9,364	9,113	251	2.7%	3.8%	19.8%
Randolph Co.	11,133	10,724	409	3.7%	4.5%	16.1%
Rush Co.	8,876	8,578	298	3.4%	3.9%	17.7%
Union Co.	3,423	3,341	82	2.4%	3.3%	14.7%
Wayne Co.	31,511	30,265	1,246	4.0%	4.6%	14.0%
Connersville	4,565	4,303	262	5.7%	6.6%	27.4%
Muncie	30,233	28,757	1,476	4.9%	5.5%	15.9%
New Castle	7,623	7,281	342	4.5%	4.7%	18.0%
Richmond	15,437	14,724	713	4.6%	5.3%	16.3%

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 6 for April 2021				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for April 2021 for EGR 6.**

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 6

#### Initial Claims

04/03/21 - 628(D)

04/10/21 - 4,031

04/17/21 - 2,132

04/24/21 - 786(D)

#### Continued Claims

04/03/21 - 1,745

04/10/21 - 1,710

04/17/21 - 1,712

04/24/21 - 1,725

#### Total Claims

04/03/21 - 2,373

04/10/21 - 5,741

04/17/21 - 3,844

04/24/21 - 2,511

### 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

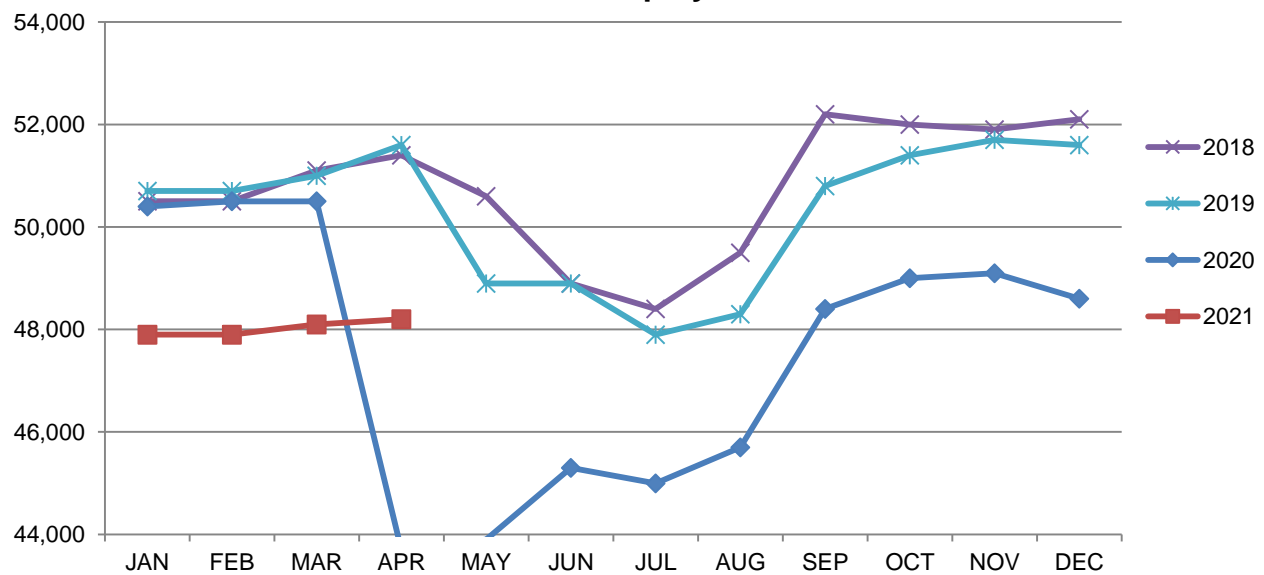
(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Muncie 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>48,200</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>43,700</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>36,400</b>	<b>36,300</b>	<b>31,700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
Goods Producing	5,000	5,000	4,300	0	0.0%	700	16.3%
Service-Providing	43,200	43,000	39,400	200	0.5%	3,800	9.6%
Private Service Providing	31,400	31,300	27,400	100	0.3%	4,000	14.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,600	1,600	1,400	0	0.0%	200	14.3%
Manufacturing	3,400	3,400	2,900	0	0.0%	500	17.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,000	8,100	7,300	-100	-1.2%	700	9.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,600	5,700	5,000	-100	-1.8%	600	12.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	0.0%	100	8.3%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	9,300	9,300	8,600	0	0.0%	700	8.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,900	4,800	3,300	100	2.1%	1,600	48.5%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,200	0	0.0%	600	50.0%
Government	11,800	11,700	12,000	100	0.9%	-200	-1.7%
State Government	7,800	7,700	8,100	100	1.3%	-300	-3.7%
State Government Educational Services	7,600	7,500	7,900	100	1.3%	-300	-3.8%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,700	3,600	3,600	100	2.8%	100	2.8%
Local Government Educational Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,700	1,600	1,600	100	6.3%	100	6.3%

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

### Muncie 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 in Region 6 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity
3	Registered Nurses
4	Customer Service Representatives
5	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
6	Social and Human Service Assistants
7	Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs
8	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
9	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators
10	Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health
11	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop
12	Home Health Aides
13	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
14	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
15	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
16	Managers, All Other
17	Food Processing Workers, All Other
18	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
19	Nursery Workers
20	Child, Family, and School Social Workers

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	3,954
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	2,872
Helpers--Production Workers	1,905
Cashiers	1,248
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,128
Customer Service Representatives	1,117
Office Clerks, General	744
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	729
Nursing Assistants	704
Team Assemblers	638
Packers and Packagers, Hand	607
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	594
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	585
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	583
Managers, All Other	574
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	569
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	568
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	554
Retail Salespersons	530
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	519

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



# Census results: Indiana adds nearly 302,000 new residents since 2010



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The U.S. Census Bureau recently released its first results from the 2020 U.S. Census, and revealed that Indiana added 301,726 residents since the last census was taken in 2010—a 4.7% increase. Indiana's official population count was 6,785,528 as of April 1, 2020.

This once-a-decade head count shows that Indiana's numeric change over the past 10 years was roughly 25% lower than its population growth between 2000 and 2010, and was the third-lowest gain between censuses since 1940.

In terms of the pace of change, Indiana's 4.7% increase marks the state's second-lowest growth rate over a decade, with only the 1% uptick during the 1980s coming in at a lower level. This slowdown is not unique to Indiana, however, as the U.S. as a whole posted its lowest growth rate since the Great Depression.

Indiana's slower rate of growth since 2010 appears to be driven largely by a decline in natural increase (i.e., the difference between the numbers of births and deaths). According to the Census Bureau's population estimates program, Indiana had an average annual natural increase of nearly 32,200 residents per year during the 2000s, but that measure dropped to 20,400 over the past decade.

With an aging population, the state was bound to see somewhat lower levels of natural increase, but shifts in both mortality rates and especially fertility rates<sup>1</sup> in recent years have triggered a steeper decline than would have seemed likely a decade ago.

Looking around the country, most of the nation's fastest-growing states are found in the West and the South led by Utah (18.4%), Idaho (17.3%) and Texas (15.9%). Among neighboring states, Indiana's growth rate outpaced Illinois (-0.1%), Kentucky (3.8%), Michigan (2.0%) and Ohio (2.3%). The state's rate of change ranked 29th-fastest nationally. Three states lost population over the decade, with West Virginia showing the greatest decline at -3.2%.

Indiana's population growth was strong enough to ensure that the state retained its nine seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Indiana's allotment of U.S. representatives was 13 in 1920 but the state lost seats following the censuses of 1930, 1940, 1980 and 2000. Indiana has roughly 754,476 residents for each representative, up from 722,398 in 2010. The United States has an average of 761,169 people per representative in 2020.

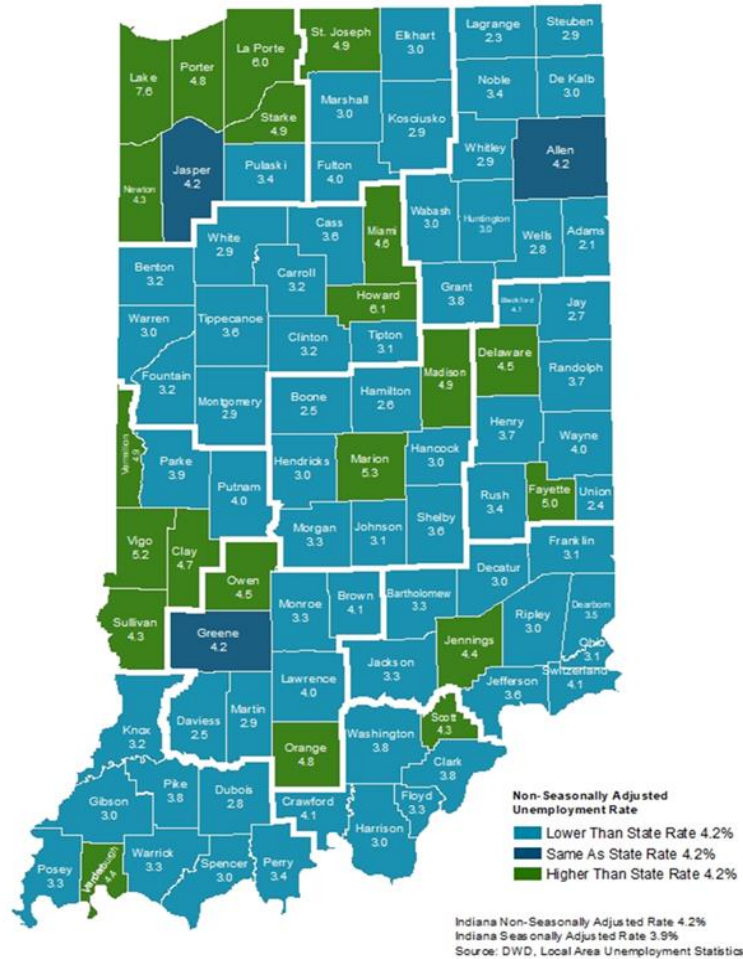
In all, seven of the nation's 435 congressional seats will be reassigned based on the Census data. Neighboring Illinois, Michigan and Ohio are among the states to lose representation. Meanwhile, six states will pick up at least one seat, with Texas being the lone state to add two new representatives.

With 39.5 million residents, California is the most populous state in the country followed by Texas, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania. Indiana is the nation's 17th most populous state.

## Watch for more Census releases later this year

The Census Bureau will issue several more data releases from the 2020 Census over the coming months. These releases will provide an in-depth look at the characteristics of the U.S. population in great geographic detail.

## County Unemployment Rates April 2021



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