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Economic Growth Region 6

Statistical Data Report for April 2024, Released June 2024

State Employment and Unemployment

STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT -- APRIL 2024

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 5 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 43 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 1 state had a decrease, and 19 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate changed little at 3.9 percent but was 0.5 percentage point higher than in April 2023. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 6 states and was essentially unchanged in 44 states and the District of Columbia in April 2024. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 31 states and was essentially unchanged in 19 states and the District.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6

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

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): April 2024

U.S. - 3.9%

Illinois - 4.8%

Indiana - 3.6%

Kentucky - 4.6%

Michigan - 3.9%

Ohio - 4%

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

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): April 2024

#3 - Fayette (4.7%)

#13 - Delaware (3.9%)

#16 - Blackford (3.8%)

#20 - Wayne (3.8%)

#29 - Randolph (3.6%)

#35 - Henry (3.4%)

#44 - Jay (3.2%)

#81 - Rush (2.8%)

#89 - Union (2.6%)

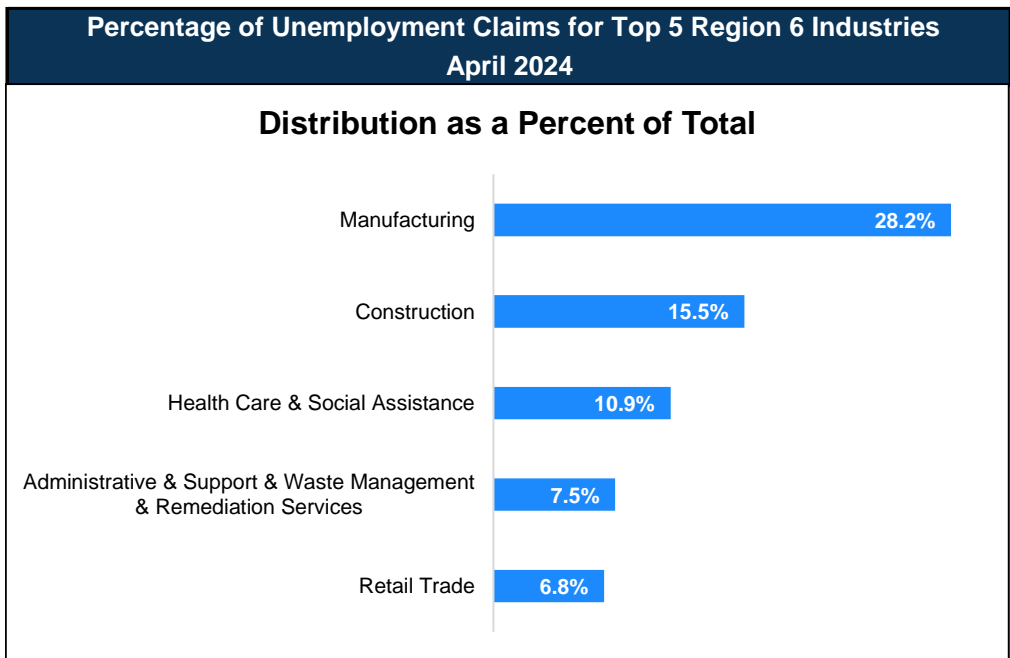
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

April 2024 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23
U.S.	167,484,000	161,590,000	5,894,000	3.5%	3.9%	3.1%
IN	3,383,458	3,267,750	115,708	3.4%	4.1%	2.7%
EGR 6	149,411	143,905	5,506	3.7%	4.5%	2.9%
Muncie MSA	52,655	50,621	2,034	3.9%	4.8%	3.1%
Blackford Co.	4,653	4,474	179	3.8%	4.8%	3.3%
Delaware Co.	52,655	50,621	2,034	3.9%	4.8%	3.1%
Fayette Co.	8,160	7,773	387	4.7%	5.6%	3.6%
Henry Co.	22,326	21,560	766	3.4%	4.2%	2.9%
Jay Co.	8,653	8,377	276	3.2%	3.8%	2.7%
Randolph Co.	11,491	11,078	413	3.6%	4.3%	2.7%
Rush Co.	8,752	8,503	249	2.8%	3.6%	2.2%
Union Co.	3,536	3,443	93	2.6%	3.3%	2.3%
Wayne Co.	29,185	28,076	1,109	3.8%	4.6%	2.8%
Connersville	4,154	3,919	235	5.7%	6.6%	4.3%
Muncie	30,283	29,044	1,239	4.1%	5.2%	3.3%
New Castle	7,628	7,368	260	3.4%	4.0%	3.2%
Richmond	14,226	13,642	584	4.1%	5.0%	3.1%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 05/24 | 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 2024 from				
CPI Item	Apr-23	Mar-24	Apr-23	Mar-24
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.4%	0.4%	2.8%	0.5%
Food & Beverages	2.2%	0.2%	2.1%	0.1%
Housing	4.5%	0.1%	4.4%	0.5%
Apparel	1.3%	-0.1%	1.3%	0.1%
Transportation	3.5%	1.5%	1.0%	0.8%
Medical Care	2.6%	0.3%	2.1%	1.1%
Recreation	1.5%	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%
Education & Communication	0.4%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	4.3%	0.5%	7.1%	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 6 for April 2024				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for April 2024 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 2024

Region 6

Initial Claims

04/06/24 - 74(D)

04/13/24 - 78(D)

04/20/24 - 81(D)

04/27/24 - 94(D)

Continued Claims

04/06/24 - 747

04/13/24 - 714

04/20/24 - 622

04/27/24 - 601

Total Claims

04/06/24 - 821

04/13/24 - 792

04/20/24 - 703

04/27/24 - 695

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

04/06/24 - 2,643

04/13/24 - 3,083

04/20/24 - 2,453

04/27/24 - 2,344

Continued Claims

04/06/24 - 23,195

04/13/24 - 21,745

04/20/24 - 20,331

04/27/24 - 19,795

Total Claims

04/06/24 - 25,838

04/13/24 - 24,828

04/20/24 - 22,784

04/27/24 - 22,139

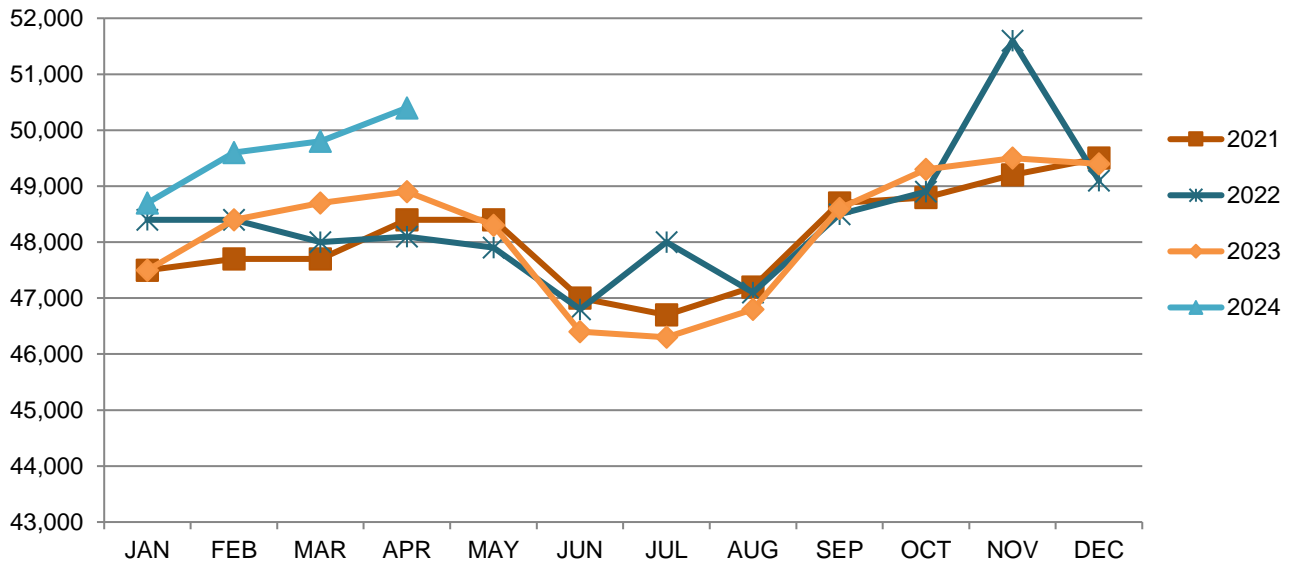
(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development. Numbers subject to revision.

Muncie MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Mar-24 to Apr-24	Apr-23 to Apr-24	Mar-24 to Apr-24	Apr-23 to Apr-24
Total Nonfarm	50,400	50,000	48,900	400	0.8%	1,500	3.1%
Total Private	38,900	38,500	38,200	400	1.0%	700	1.8%
Goods Producing	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Service-Providing	44,800	44,400	43,300	400	0.9%	1,500	3.5%
Private Service Providing	33,300	32,900	32,600	400	1.2%	700	2.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	9,800	9,700	9,400	100	1.0%	400	4.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,000	5,300	100	2.0%	-200	-3.8%
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	0.0%	200	10.0%
Government	11,500	11,500	10,700	0	0.0%	800	7.5%
State Government	5,800	5,700	6,400	100	1.8%	-600	-9.4%
State Government Educational Services	5,600	5,500	6,200	100	1.8%	-600	-9.7%
State Government Excluding Education	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Local Government Educational Services	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	0.0%	100	4.8%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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	Registered Nurses
2	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
4	Nursing Assistants
5	Business Operations Specialists, All Other
6	Food Preparation Workers
7	Production Workers, All Other
8	Cashiers
9	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
10	Helpers--Production Workers
11	Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders
12	General and Operations Managers
13	Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary
14	Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other
15	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
16	Recreation Workers
17	Speech-Language Pathologists
18	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
19	Business Teachers, Postsecondary
20	Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors

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	744
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	528
Helpers--Production Workers	328
Customer Service Representatives	290
Cashiers	231
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	224
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	149
Office Clerks, General	139
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	132
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	127
Packers and Packagers, Hand	113
Construction Laborers	112
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	110
Team Assemblers	109
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	102
Managers, All Other	100
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	98
Extraction Workers, All Other	95
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	92
Waiters and Waitresses	92

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

BREAKDOWN
April Indiana Labor Force

Released May 17, 2024



Total Population
6,862,199



Labor Force (Age 16+)
3,378,923

Employed
3,257,417

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, April 2024, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployed (Seeking)
121,506



Not in the Labor Force (Age 16+)
2,027,000

Do Not Want a Job
1,914,800

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, April 2024, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Want a Job (Not Seeking)
112,300

Want a Job (Available to Work Now)
32,000

Potential Workers

(Unemployed and Seeking a Job + Not in the Labor Force but Want a Job/Available to Work Now)

153,506

More about the US Bureau of Labor Statistics data sources used within:
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS): Captures Indiana's labor force, which includes those currently employed and those who are unemployed and actively seeking work.
Current Population Survey (CPS): Captures individuals not participating in Indiana's Labor Force. This set includes non-participants that do not want a job (i.e. retirees and students) and those that want a job, but are not actively seeking work.
U.S. Census Bureau, Indiana Population, 2023.

Resource: Notes on Using Current Population Survey (CPS) Subnational Data and Differences Between CPS and LAUS Estimates

County Unemployment Rates April 2024

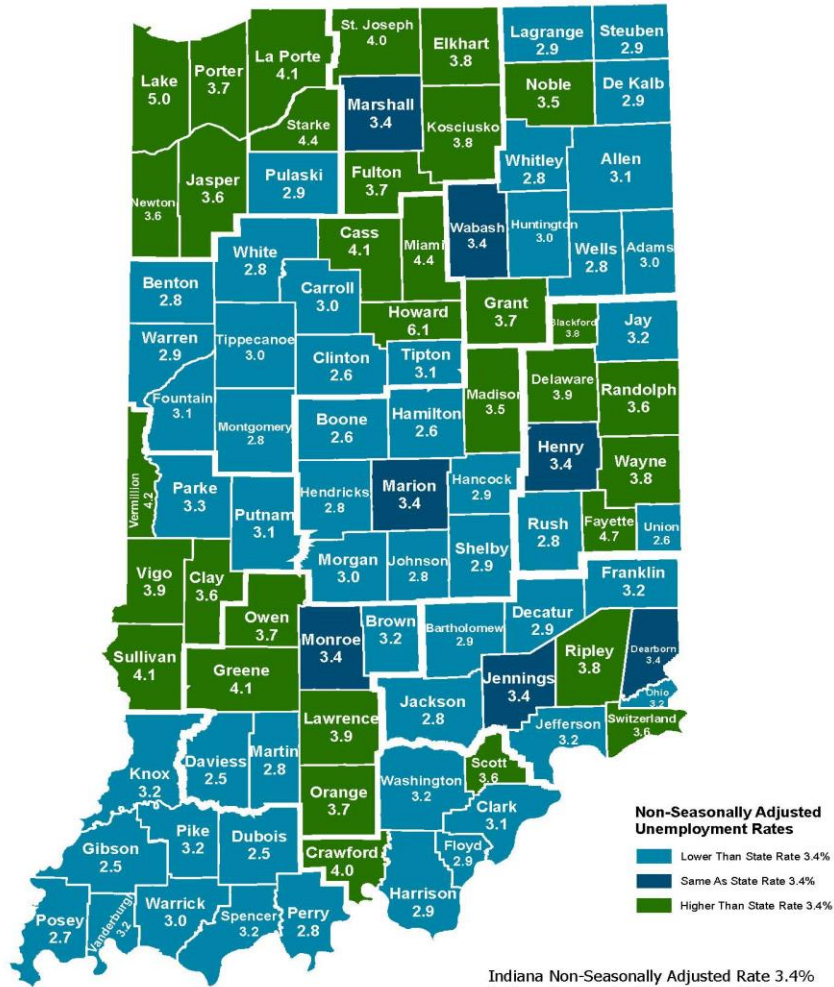


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Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.4%
Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.6%
Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics