



**May 2026
Labor Market Review**

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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 7

Statistical Data Report for May 2026, Released July 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in May in 6 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 42 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Sixteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 6 states had decreases, and 28 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, was unchanged both over the month and over the year.

In May, six states had unemployment rate decreases: Delaware, Massachusetts, Ohio, Rhode Island, and South Carolina (-0.2 percentage point each) and South Dakota (-0.1 point). Two states had rate increases: Alabama and Kentucky (+0.2 percentage point each). The remaining 42 states and the District of Columbia 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.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in May, 2.1 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 6.1 percent. The next highest rate was in California, 5.3 percent. In total, 18 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.3 percent, 7 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 2 states and was essentially unchanged in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 2 states, decreased in 1 state and the District, and was essentially unchanged in 47 states. The job gains occurred in North Carolina (+17,400, or +0.3 percent) and West Virginia (+9,700, or +1.4 percent).

This news release presents statistics from two monthly programs. The civilian labor force and unemployment data are modeled based largely on a survey of households. These data pertain to people by where they reside. The employment data are from an establishment survey that measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry. These data pertain to jobs on payrolls defined by where the establishments are located.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 7

Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): May 2026

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 5.1%

Indiana - 3.3%

Kentucky - 4.5%

Michigan - 5.1%

Ohio - 3.7%

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

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

#17 - Vermillion (3.5%)

#20 - Parke (3.4%)

#21 - Vigo (3.4%)

#41 - Clay (3.1%)

#56 - Putnam (3%)

#70 - Sullivan (2.9%)

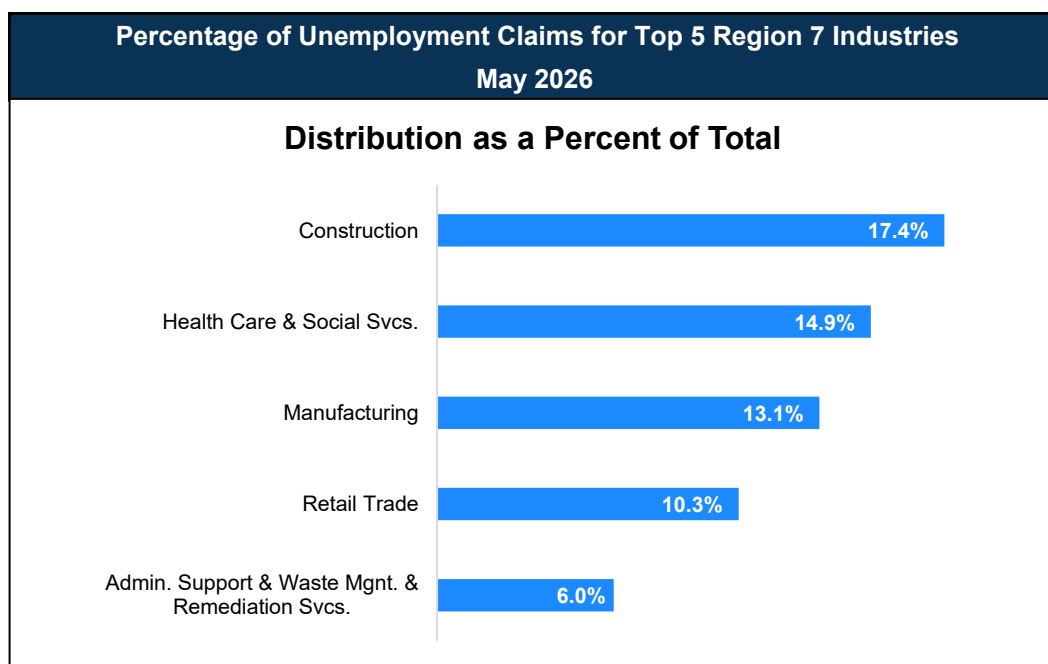
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

May 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	May-26	Apr-26	May-25
U.S.	169,801,000	162,897,000	6,904,000	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%
IN	3,516,430	3,403,025	113,405	3.2%	2.8%	3.6%
EGR 7	105,571	102,123	3,448	3.3%	2.7%	3.7%
Terre Haute MSA	80,477	77,816	2,661	3.3%	2.8%	3.7%
Clay Co.	12,635	12,238	397	3.1%	2.5%	3.6%
Parke Co.	7,307	7,060	247	3.4%	3.0%	3.8%
Putnam Co.	17,787	17,247	540	3.0%	2.4%	3.5%
Sullivan Co.	9,627	9,350	277	2.9%	2.4%	3.4%
Vermillion Co.	7,490	7,228	262	3.5%	3.0%	4.0%
Vigo Co.	50,725	49,000	1,725	3.4%	2.8%	3.8%
Terre Haute	25,803	24,817	986	3.8%	3.2%	4.2%

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 May 2026 from				
CPI Item	May-25	Apr-26	May-25	Apr-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	4.2%	0.6%	5.0%	1.1%
Food & Beverages	3.0%	0.1%	3.2%	0.4%
Housing	3.6%	0.3%	4.6%	0.3%
Apparel	4.8%	-0.4%	6.1%	0.2%
Transportation	9.3%	2.3%	10.1%	4.1%
Medical Care	2.6%	0.3%	3.6%	0.5%
Recreation	2.6%	0.3%	4.8%	0.7%
Education & Communication	0.8%	0.7%	1.1%	0.9%
Other Goods & Services	4.9%	0.8%	2.7%	2.1%

*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 7 for May 2026				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for May 2026 for EGR 7.

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: May 2026

Region 7

Initial Claims

05/02/26 - 28(D)

05/09/26 - 48(D)

05/16/26 - 24(D)

05/23/26 - 19(D)

05/30/26 - 35(D)

Continued Claims

05/02/26 - 417

05/09/26 - 416

05/16/26 - 417

05/23/26 - 385

05/30/26 - 371

Total Claims

05/02/26 - 445

05/09/26 - 464

05/16/26 - 441

05/23/26 - 404

05/30/26 - 406

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

05/02/26 - 2,224

05/09/26 - 2,550

05/16/26 - 2,385

05/23/26 - 1,976

05/30/26 - 2,164

Continued Claims

05/02/26 - 19,186

05/09/26 - 18,867

05/16/26 - 18,012

05/23/26 - 18,611

05/30/26 - 18,982

Total Claims

05/02/26 - 21,410

05/09/26 - 21,417

05/16/26 - 20,397

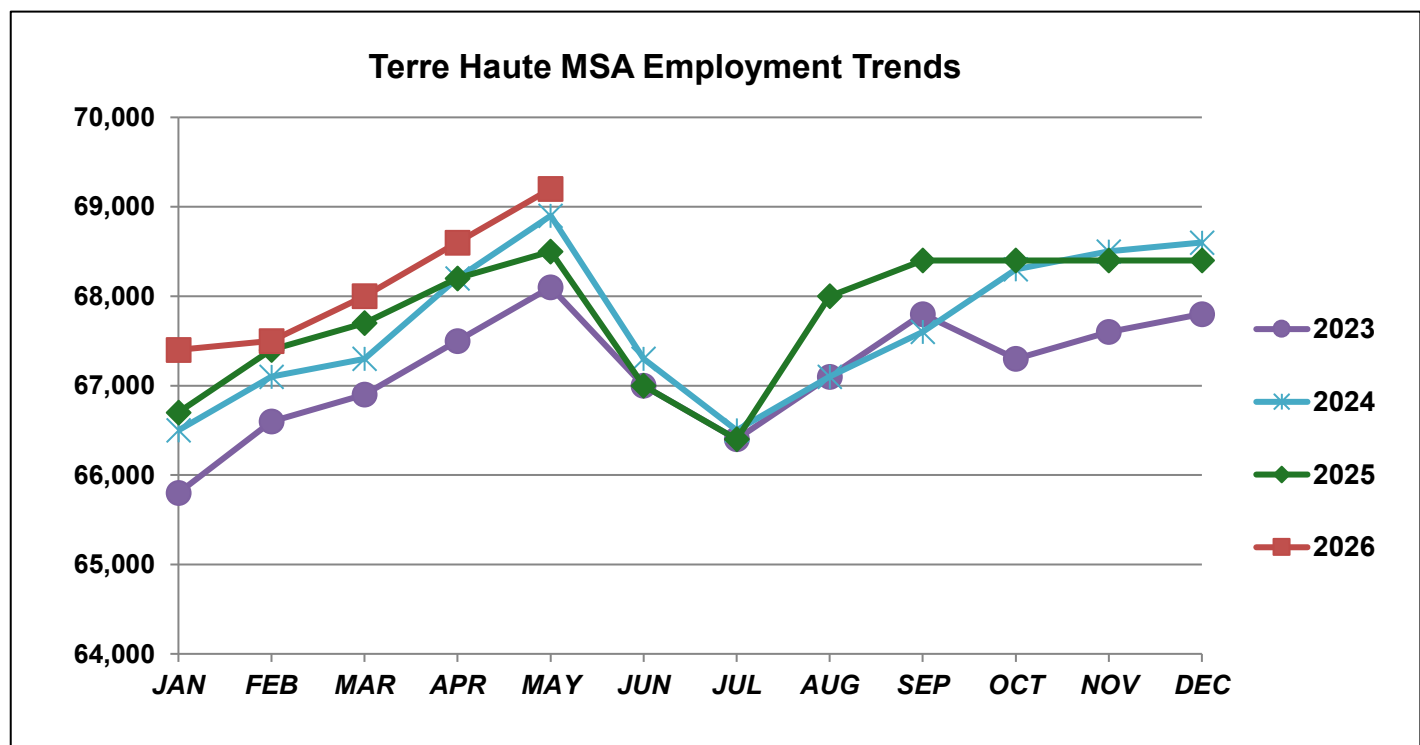
05/23/26 - 20,587

05/30/26 - 21,146

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

Terre Haute MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	May 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	May-26	Apr-26	May-25	Apr-26 to May-26		May-25 to May-26	
Total Nonfarm	69,200	68,600	68,500	600	0.9%	700	1.0%
Total Private	56,400	56,100	55,800	300	0.5%	600	1.1%
Goods Producing	14,500	14,300	14,300	200	1.4%	200	1.4%
Service-Providing	54,700	54,300	54,200	400	0.7%	500	0.9%
Private Service Providing	41,900	41,800	41,500	100	0.2%	400	1.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,900	4,700	4,600	200	4.3%	300	6.5%
Manufacturing	9,600	9,600	9,700	0	0.0%	-100	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,100	12,100	12,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,000	8,000	7,900	0	0.0%	100	1.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	0.0%	-100	-4.0%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Private Education and Health Services	12,900	12,900	12,600	0	0.0%	300	2.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,500	7,400	7,500	100	1.4%	0	0.0%
Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	0.0%	100	4.0%
Total Government	12,800	12,500	12,700	300	2.4%	100	0.8%
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	0.0%	-100	-8.3%
State Government	4,500	4,400	4,400	100	2.3%	100	2.3%
Local Government	7,200	7,000	7,100	200	2.9%	100	1.4%
Local Government Educational Services	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	0.0%	100	2.9%

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 postings in Region 7 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
3	Retail Salespersons
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
5	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
6	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
7	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
8	Nursing Assistants
9	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
10	Food Service Managers
11	Food Preparation Workers
12	Production Workers, All Other
13	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
14	Customer Service Representatives
15	Medical and Health Services Managers
16	Stockers and Order Fillers
17	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
18	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
19	Nurse Practitioners
20	Pharmacists

Source: Lightcast, Job Postings Table.

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of Applicants
Production Workers, All Other	104
Helpers--Production Workers	73
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	72
Cashiers	67
Customer Service Representatives	63
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	50
Office Clerks, General	50
Managers, All Other	32
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	30
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	29
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	29
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	27
Receptionists and Information Clerks	26
Medical Assistants	25
Carpenters	23
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	23
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	23
Retail Salespersons	23
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	22
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	21

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

May Indiana Employment

Released June 23, 2026



Unemployment Rate

*seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Rate

3.3%

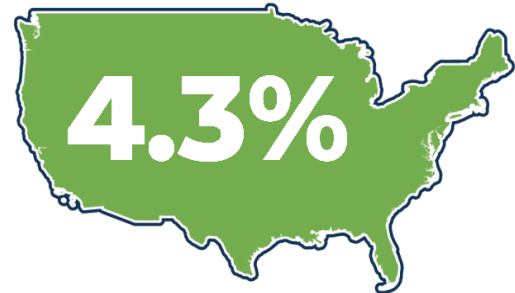


April 2026 Indiana

3.3%



National Unemployment Rate



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE*

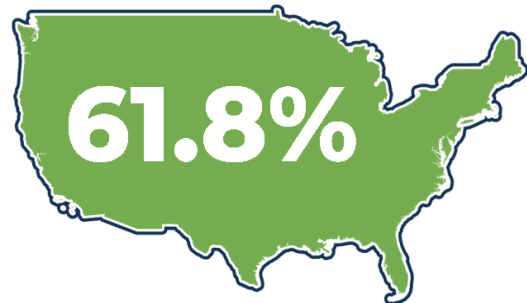
16+: **63.2%**

25-44: **83.9%**

25-54: **83.4%**



National Labor Force



Open Job Postings

94,059

Jobs

As of May 31, 2026



Weekly UI Continued Claims

19,068

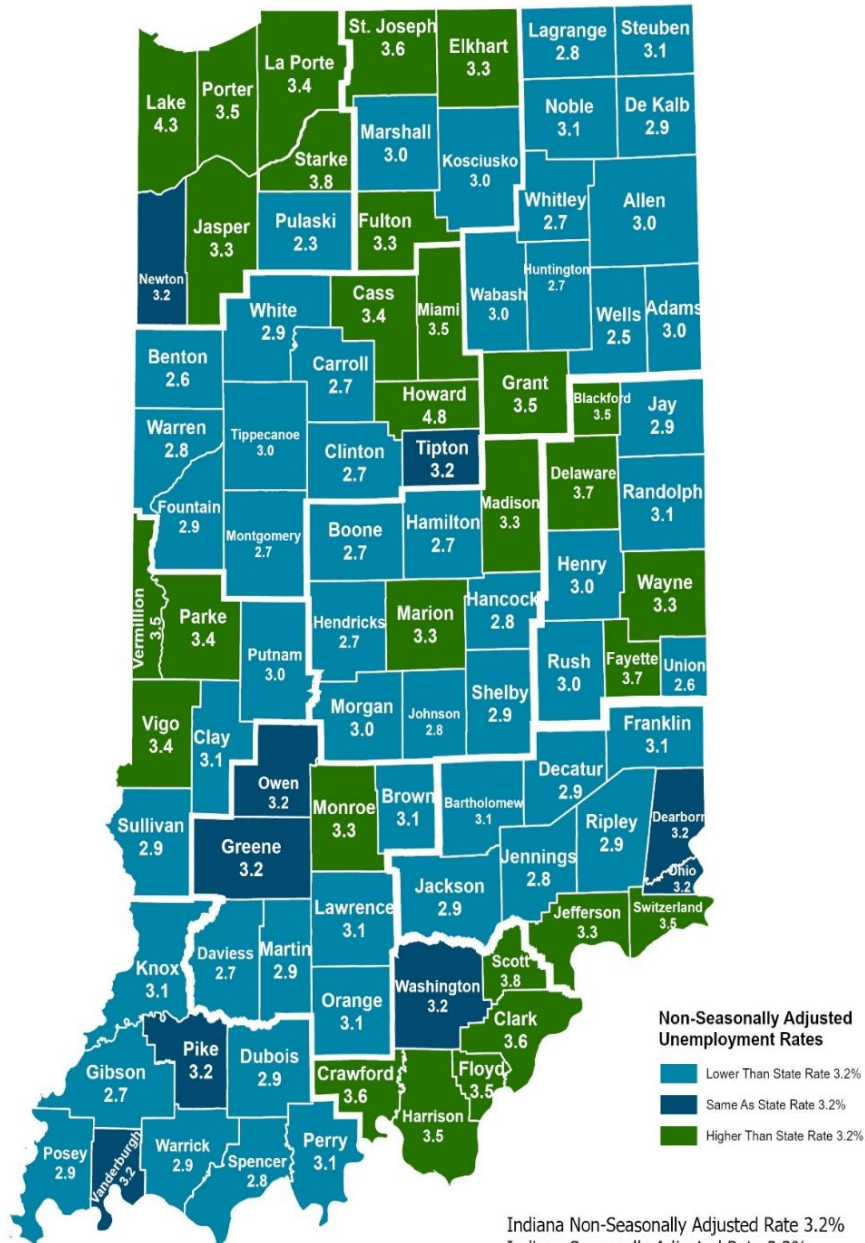


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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Career Connect

* 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 May 2026



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.2%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 3.3%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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