



**July 2026
Labor Market Review**

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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 7

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.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in July, 2.0 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.9 percent. In total, 16 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, 9 states and the District had higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In July, 10 states had unemployment rate decreases: Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Washington (-0.2 percentage point each) and Delaware, Florida, and North Dakota (-0.1 point each). Forty 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.

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. 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 only job gain occurred in Maryland (+11,700, or +0.4 percent). Employment decreased in New Jersey (-25,600, or -0.6 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): 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

#9 - Vermillion (4%)

#12 - Vigo (3.9%)

#30 - Parke (3.6%)

#43 - Putnam (3.5%)

#44 - Clay (3.4%)

#71 - Sullivan (3.2%)

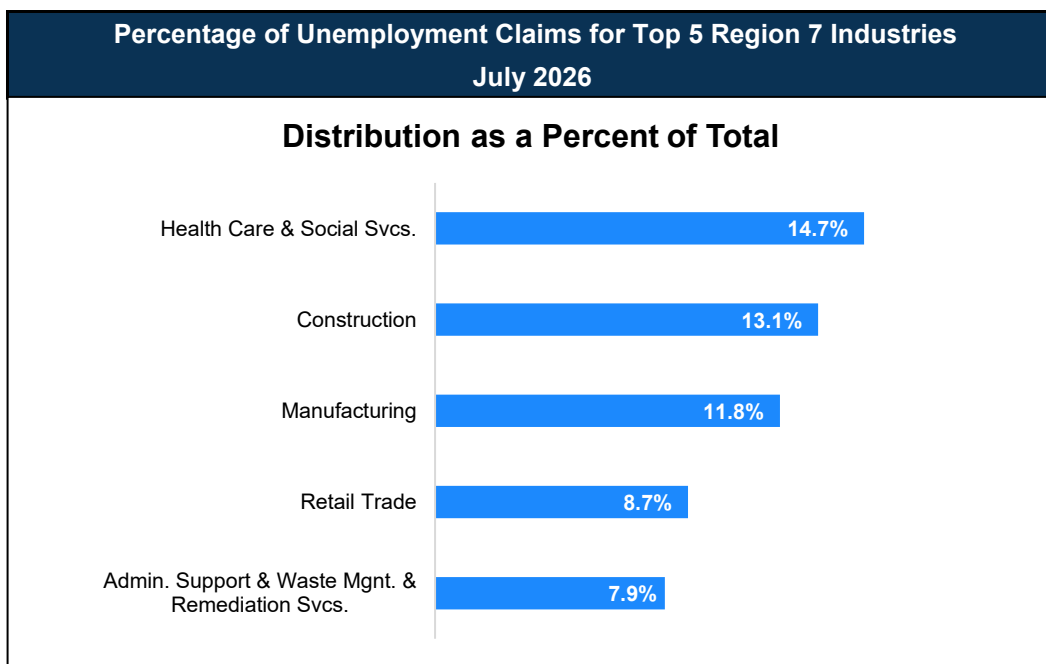
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development,
Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment
Statistics

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 7	103,991	100,162	3,829	3.7%	3.7%	4.3%
Terre Haute MSA	79,250	76,295	2,955	3.7%	3.7%	4.4%
Clay Co.	12,435	12,012	423	3.4%	3.5%	4.1%
Parke Co.	7,327	7,066	261	3.6%	3.8%	4.1%
Putnam Co.	17,414	16,801	613	3.5%	3.5%	4.2%
Sullivan Co.	9,420	9,116	304	3.2%	3.2%	3.9%
Vermillion Co.	7,326	7,035	291	4.0%	3.9%	4.5%
Vigo Co.	50,069	48,132	1,937	3.9%	3.8%	4.5%
Terre Haute	25,507	24,378	1,129	4.4%	4.2%	5.1%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 09/26 | 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 7 for July 2026				
Company	City	County	# of Workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for July 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: July 2026

Region 7

Initial Claims

07/04/26 - 33(D)

07/11/26 - 47(D)

07/18/26 - 32(D)

07/25/26 - 47(D)

Continued Claims

07/04/26 - 387

07/11/26 - 397

07/18/26 - 394

07/25/26 - 380

Total Claims

07/04/26 - 420

07/11/26 - 444

07/18/26 - 426

07/25/26 - 427

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

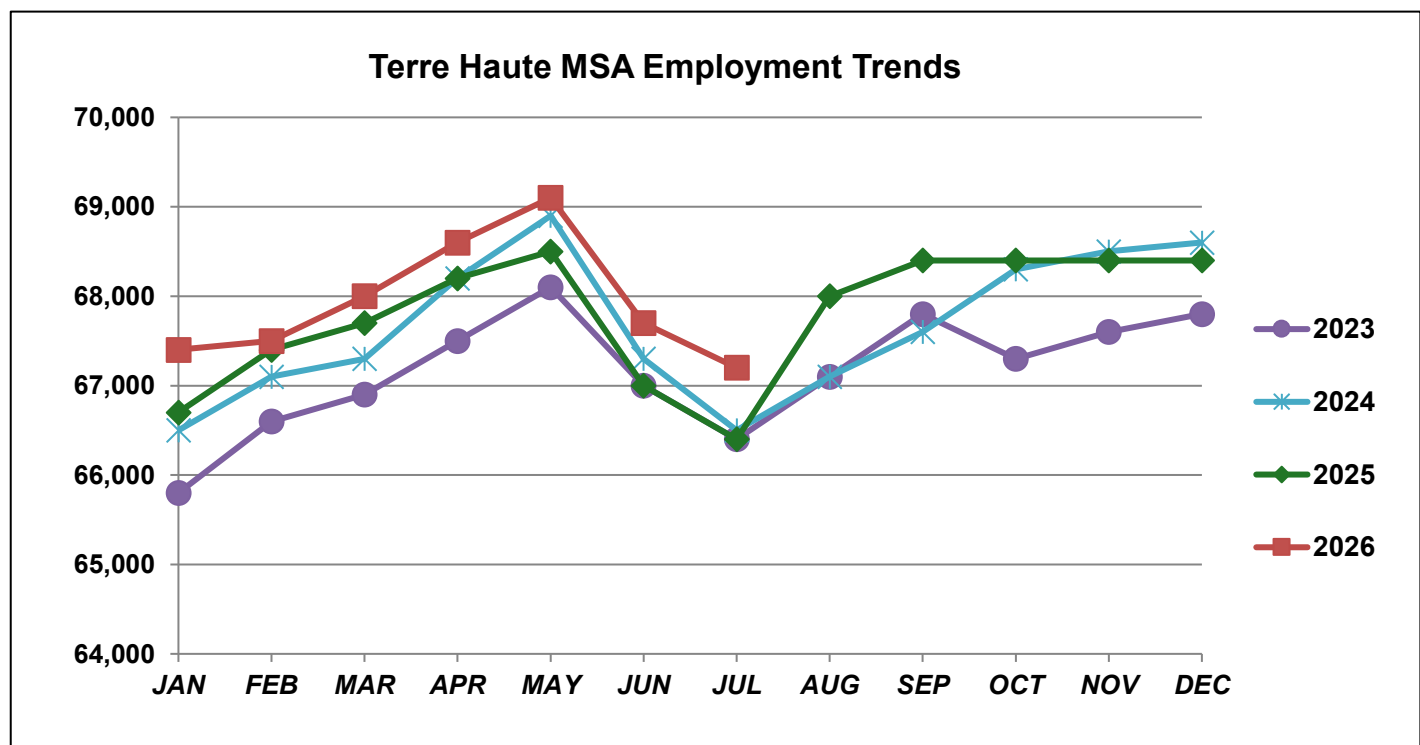
07/18/26 - 22,050

07/25/26 - 20,101

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

Terre Haute 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	67,200	67,700	66,400	-500	-0.7%	800	1.2%
Total Private	56,500	56,300	55,800	200	0.4%	700	1.3%
Goods Producing	14,700	14,600	14,400	100	0.7%	300	2.1%
Service-Providing	52,500	53,100	52,000	-600	-1.1%	500	1.0%
Private Service Providing	41,800	41,700	41,400	100	0.2%	400	1.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	5,100	5,000	4,800	100	2.0%	300	6.3%
Manufacturing	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,200	12,100	12,100	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100	-5.6%
Retail Trade	8,000	8,000	7,800	0	0.0%	200	2.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,500	2,400	2,500	100	4.2%	0	0.0%
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	3,900	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Private Education and Health Services	12,900	12,900	12,500	0	0.0%	400	3.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,300	7,300	7,500	0	0.0%	-200	-2.7%
Other Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	10,700	11,400	10,600	-700	-6.1%	100	0.9%
Federal Government	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	0.0%	-100	-8.3%
State Government	3,400	3,900	3,300	-500	-12.8%	100	3.0%
Local Government	6,200	6,400	6,100	-200	-3.1%	100	1.6%
Local Government Educational Services	2,800	3,000	2,800	-200	-6.7%	0	0.0%

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

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	82
Helpers--Production Workers	64
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	56
Cashiers	53
Office Clerks, General	46
Customer Service Representatives	45
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	40
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	25
Medical Assistants	24
Managers, All Other	23
Receptionists and Information Clerks	22
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	21
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	21
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	21
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	19
Carpenters	18
Packers and Packagers, Hand	18
Waiters and Waitresses	18
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	17
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	16

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

SNAPSHOT

July Indiana Employment

Released August 21, 2026



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

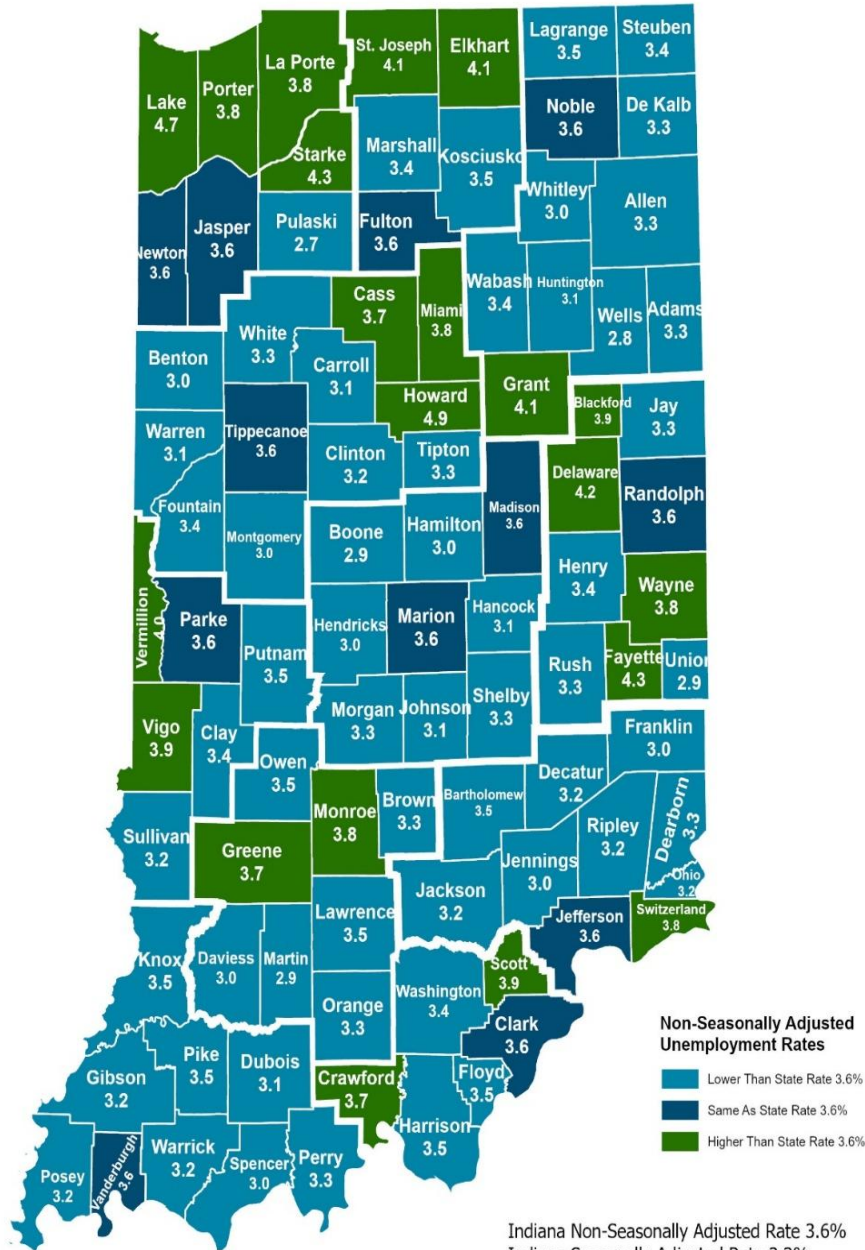


Filed Week Ending August 1, 2026

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



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