



## April 2021 Labor Market Review

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## LABOR MARKET REVIEW

# Economic Growth Region 8

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.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 9 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 2 states, and was essentially unchanged in 39 states in April 2021. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in all states and the District.

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.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 8

Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen 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

#11 - Orange (4.8%)

#16 - Owen (4.5%)

#23 - Greene (4.2%)

#26 - Brown (4.1%)

#30 - Lawrence (4%)

#52 - Monroe (3.3%)

#79 - Martin (2.9%)

#89 - Daviess (2.5%)

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 8	149,799	144,424	5,375	3.6%	4.2%	12.0%
Bloomington MSA	77,610	74,917	2,693	3.5%	4.1%	10.0%
Brown Co.	7,500	7,191	309	4.1%	4.6%	15.5%
Daviess Co.	16,565	16,145	420	2.5%	3.0%	7.5%
Greene Co.	13,347	12,788	559	4.2%	4.8%	11.9%
Lawrence Co.	20,873	20,045	828	4.0%	4.6%	16.6%
Martin Co.	5,282	5,127	155	2.9%	3.3%	7.7%
Monroe Co.	68,560	66,277	2,283	3.3%	4.0%	9.8%
Orange Co.	8,622	8,211	411	4.8%	5.7%	27.0%
Owen Co.	9,050	8,640	410	4.5%	4.9%	11.7%
Bloomington	37,466	36,175	1,291	3.4%	4.3%	9.5%

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*	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
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

**Unemployment Claims:  
April 2021**

**Region 8**

**Initial Claims**

04/03/21 - 670  
04/10/21 - 3,650  
04/17/21 - 2,775  
04/24/21 - 732

**Continued Claims**

04/03/21 - 1,431  
04/10/21 - 1,465  
04/17/21 - 1,441  
04/24/21 - 1,384

**Total Claims**

04/03/21 - 2,101  
04/10/21 - 5,115  
04/17/21 - 4,216  
04/24/21 - 2,116

**State of Indiana**

**Initial Claims**

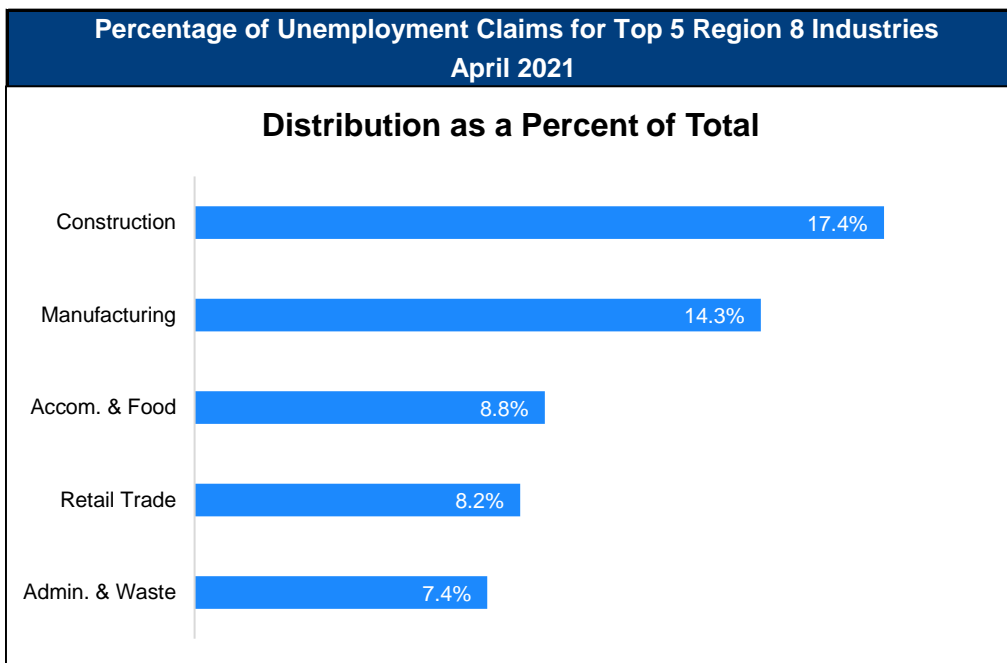
04/03/21 - 8,071  
04/10/21 - 9,542  
04/17/21 - 14,026  
04/24/21 - 14,507

**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



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

**WARN Notices**

WARN Notices for Region 8 for April 2021				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

**There are no WARN Notices for April 2021 for Region 8.**

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:

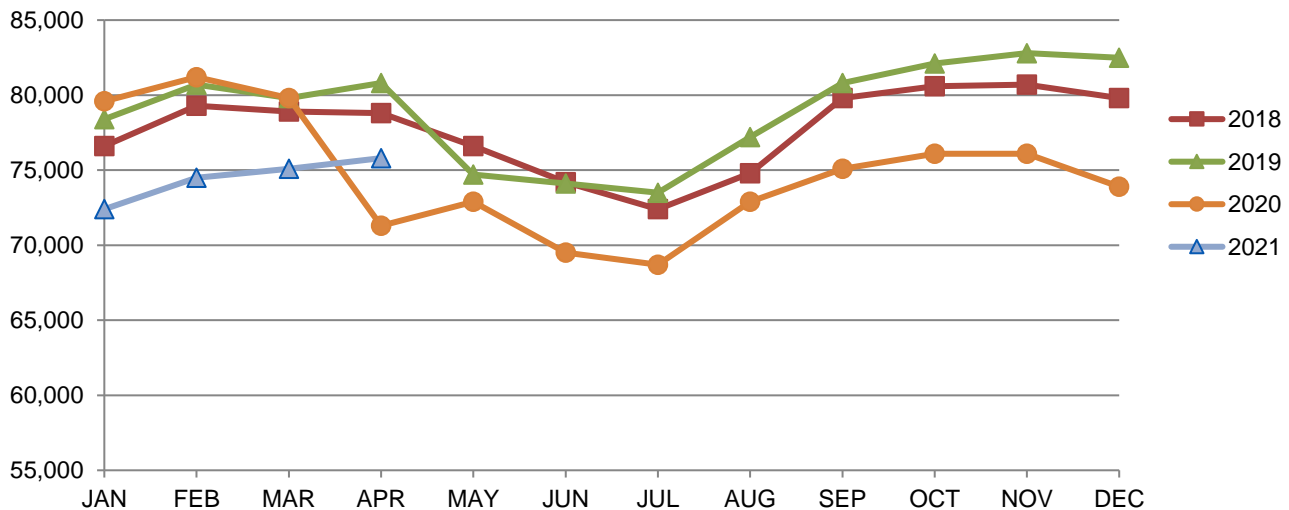
<https://www.dolela.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

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

Bloomington 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>75,800</b>	<b>75,100</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>52,100</b>	<b>51,600</b>	<b>45,200</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
Goods Producing	12,900	12,800	12,100	100	0.8%	800	6.6%
Service-Providing	62,900	62,300	59,200	600	1.0%	3,700	6.3%
Private Service Providing	39,200	38,800	33,100	400	1.0%	6,100	18.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,300	3,200	2,800	100	3.1%	500	17.9%
Manufacturing	9,600	9,600	9,300	0	0.0%	300	3.2%
Durable Goods	6,100	6,000	6,300	100	1.7%	-200	-3.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	9,500	9,500	8,400	0	0.0%	1,100	13.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,600	6,600	5,500	0	0.0%	1,100	20.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	800	800	900	0	0.0%	-100	-11.1%
Financial Activities	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	0.0%	200	7.1%
Professional and Business Services	5,400	5,500	4,900	-100	-1.8%	500	10.2%
Education and Health Services	10,900	10,900	10,200	0	0.0%	700	6.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,600	7,100	4,600	500	7.0%	3,000	65.2%
Other Services	2,000	2,000	1,300	0	0.0%	700	53.9%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>26,100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>-2,400</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>
Federal Government	300	300	400	0	0.0%	-100	-25.0%
State Government	18,400	18,300	20,700	100	0.6%	-2,300	-11.1%
Local Government	5,000	4,900	5,000	100	2.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	0.0%	-100	-4.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	2,600	2,500	2,500	100	4.0%	100	4.0%

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

### Bloomington 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.

<b>Frequently Listed Jobs</b>	
<b>Top 20 job listings in Region 8 in the past month</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupations</b>
1	Social and Human Service Assistants
2	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
3	Home Health Aides
4	Packers and Packagers, Hand
5	Registered Nurses
6	Order Fillers, Wholesale and Retail Sales
7	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
8	Personal Care Aides
9	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
10	Nursing Assistants
11	Medical and Health Services Managers
12	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
13	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria
14	Security Guards
15	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food
16	Customer Service Representatives
17	Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other
18	Food Preparation Workers
19	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
20	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers

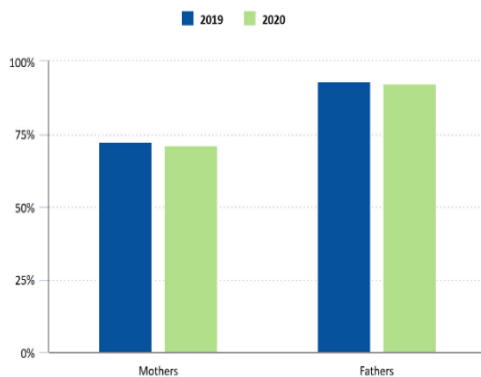
<b>Applicant Pool</b>	
<b>Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months</b>	
<b>Occupations</b>	<b># of applicants</b>
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	1,619
Production Workers, All Other	1,378
Helpers--Production Workers	893
Cashiers	823
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	585
Office Clerks, General	535
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	535
Customer Service Representatives	510
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	455
Receptionists and Information Clerks	422
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	418
Construction Laborers	409
Extraction Workers, All Other	408
Retail Salespersons	406
Nursing Assistants	388
Waiters and Waitresses	378
Managers, All Other	372
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	363
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	344
Carpenters	330

# TED: The Economics Daily

## Labor force participation declines for mothers and fathers in 2020

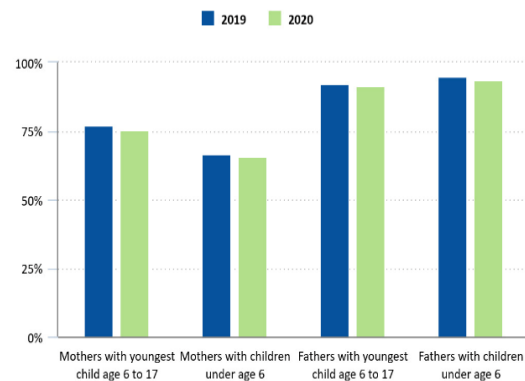
The labor force participation rate for mothers with children under the age of 18 was 71.2 percent in 2020, down from 72.3 percent in 2019. The participation rate for fathers with children under the age of 18, at 92.3 percent in 2020, also declined from the rate in 2019 (93.3 percent). This decline in labor force participation among parents, especially mothers, likely reflects not only pandemic-related job losses, but also the shift of many schools to distance learning and the temporary closure of many daycare facilities during the pandemic.

Labor force participation rates of mothers and fathers, 2019 and 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor force participation rates of mothers and fathers, by age of youngest child, 2019 and 2020

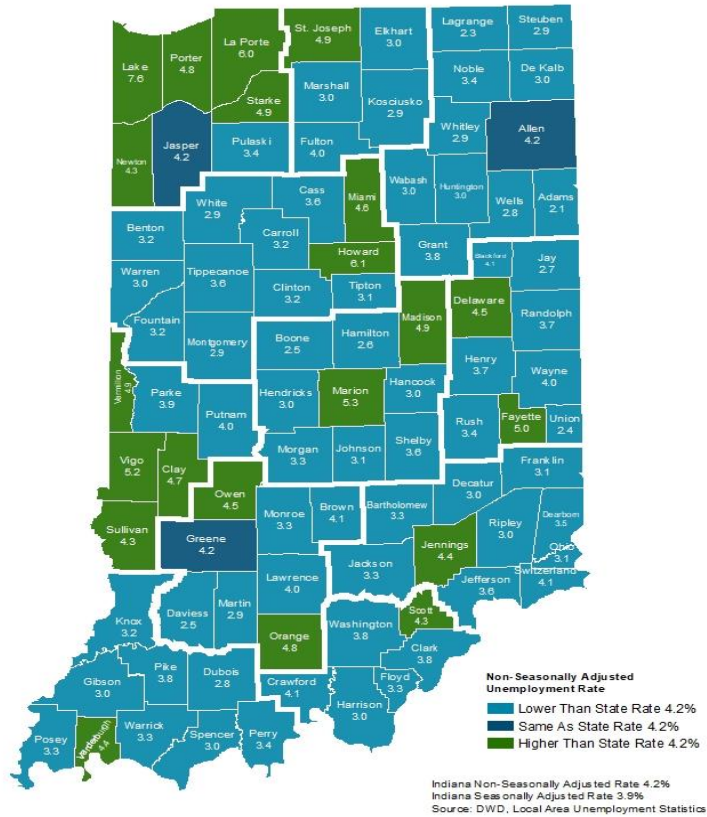


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In 2020, mothers of older children remained more likely to participate in the labor force than mothers with younger children. The participation rate for mothers with children under the age of 6, at 65.8 percent, was lower than that of mothers whose youngest child was age 6 to 17, at 75.4 percent. By comparison, fathers with children under age 6 were more likely to participate in the labor force than those whose youngest child was age 6 to 17 (93.4 percent versus 91.4 percent).

These data are from the Current Population Survey. For more information, see "Employment Characteristics of Families — 2020." Parents are people with own children who are under age 18 living in the household. Own children are sons, daughters, step-children, or adopted children. Not included are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other related or unrelated children, and children not living in the household. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, The Economics Daily, Labor force participation declines for mothers and fathers in 2020 at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2021/labor-force-participation-declines-for-mothers-and-fathers-in-2020.htm> (visited May 04, 2021).

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