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Economic Growth Region 9

Statistical Data Report for September 2024, Released November 2024

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were higher in September in five states, lower in one state, and stable in 44 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-two states and the district had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, six states had decreases, and 22 states had little change. The national unemployment rate changed little over the month at 4.1 percent but was 0.3 percentage point higher than in September 2023.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in five states and the District of Columbia and was essentially unchanged in 45 states in September 2024. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 30 states and was essentially unchanged in 20 states and the District.

South Dakota had the lowest jobless rate in September, 2.0 percent, followed by Vermont, 2.2 percent, and North Dakota, 2.3 percent. The District of Columbia had the highest unemployment rate, 5.7 percent, followed by Nevada, 5.6 percent. In total, 23 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 4.1 percent, 4 states and the District had higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9

Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties

September 2024 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23
U.S.	168,569,000	162,046,000	6,524,000	3.9%	4.4%	3.6%
IN	3,464,742	3,317,166	147,576	4.3%	4.5%	3.0%
EGR 9	170,213	163,656	6,557	3.9%	3.9%	2.7%
Columbus MSA	44,478	42,806	1,672	3.8%	3.7%	2.6%
Bartholomew Co.	44,478	42,806	1,672	3.8%	3.7%	2.6%
Dearborn Co.	26,298	25,230	1,068	4.1%	4.1%	3.0%
Decatur Co.	14,628	14,126	502	3.4%	3.4%	2.4%
Franklin Co.	11,005	10,569	436	4.0%	3.9%	2.8%
Jackson Co.	23,311	22,486	825	3.5%	3.6%	2.5%
Jefferson Co.	15,399	14,788	611	4.0%	4.2%	2.8%
Jennings Co.	14,024	13,461	563	4.0%	4.0%	2.9%
Ohio Co.	3,238	3,122	116	3.6%	3.7%	2.6%
Ripley Co.	13,109	12,552	557	4.2%	4.3%	3.1%
Switzerland Co.	4,723	4,516	207	4.4%	4.3%	3.1%
Batesville	3,412	3,274	138	4.0%	3.6%	2.7%
Brookville	1,050	1,007	43	4.1%	3.5%	3.2%
Columbus	25,480	24,475	1,005	3.9%	3.9%	2.7%
Greensburg	6,459	6,233	226	3.5%	3.5%	2.6%
Lawrenceburg	2,057	1,904	153	7.4%	7.4%	4.6%
Madison	5,561	5,343	218	3.9%	4.3%	2.8%
North Vernon	2,996	2,853	143	4.8%	4.3%	3.4%
Seymour	10,570	10,202	368	3.5%	3.7%	2.5%

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): September 2024

U.S. - 4.1%

Illinois - 5.3%

Indiana - 4.3%

Kentucky - 4.9%

Michigan - 4.5%

Ohio - 4.5%

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

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

#30 - Switzerland (4.4%)

#35 - Ripley (4.2%)

#39 - Dearborn (4.1%)

#45 - Franklin (4%)

#46 - Jefferson (4%)

#47 - Jennings (4%)

#55 - Bartholomew (3.8%)

#71 - Ohio (3.6%)

#77 - Jackson (3.5%)

#82 - Decatur (3.4%)

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

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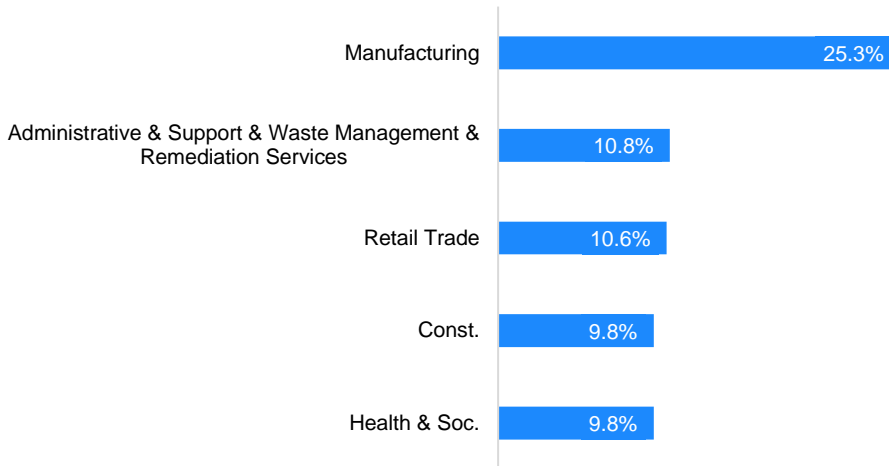
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to September 2024 from

CPI Item	Sep-23	Aug-24	Sep-23	Aug-24
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	2.4%	0.2%	2.5%	0.0%
Food & Beverages	2.2%	0.4%	2.0%	0.5%
Housing	4.1%	0.3%	4.8%	0.1%
Apparel	1.8%	2.9%	2.0%	4.1%
Transportation	-1.1%	-0.7%	-1.7%	-1.1%
Medical Care	3.3%	0.3%	2.3%	0.4%
Recreation	0.7%	-0.4%	0.1%	-1.5%
Education & Communication	0.9%	0.2%	0.8%	0.1%
Other Goods & Services	3.5%	0.2%	6.8%	0.5%

*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

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 9 Industries September 2024

Distribution as a Percent of Total



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 9 for September 2024

Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for September 2024 for EGR 9.

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>

Unemployment Claims: September 2024

Region 9

Initial Claims

09/07/24 - 40(D)
09/14/24 - 69(D)
09/21/24 - 33(D)
09/28/24 - 63(D)

Continued Claims

09/07/24 - 498
09/14/24 - 491
09/21/24 - 478
09/28/24 - 472

Total Claims

09/07/24 - 538
09/14/24 - 560
09/21/24 - 511
09/28/24 - 535

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

09/07/24 - 3,195
09/14/24 - 3,045
09/21/24 - 2,640
09/28/24 - 3,297

Continued Claims

09/07/24 - 21,060
09/14/24 - 20,311
09/21/24 - 20,383
09/28/24 - 23,703

Total Claims

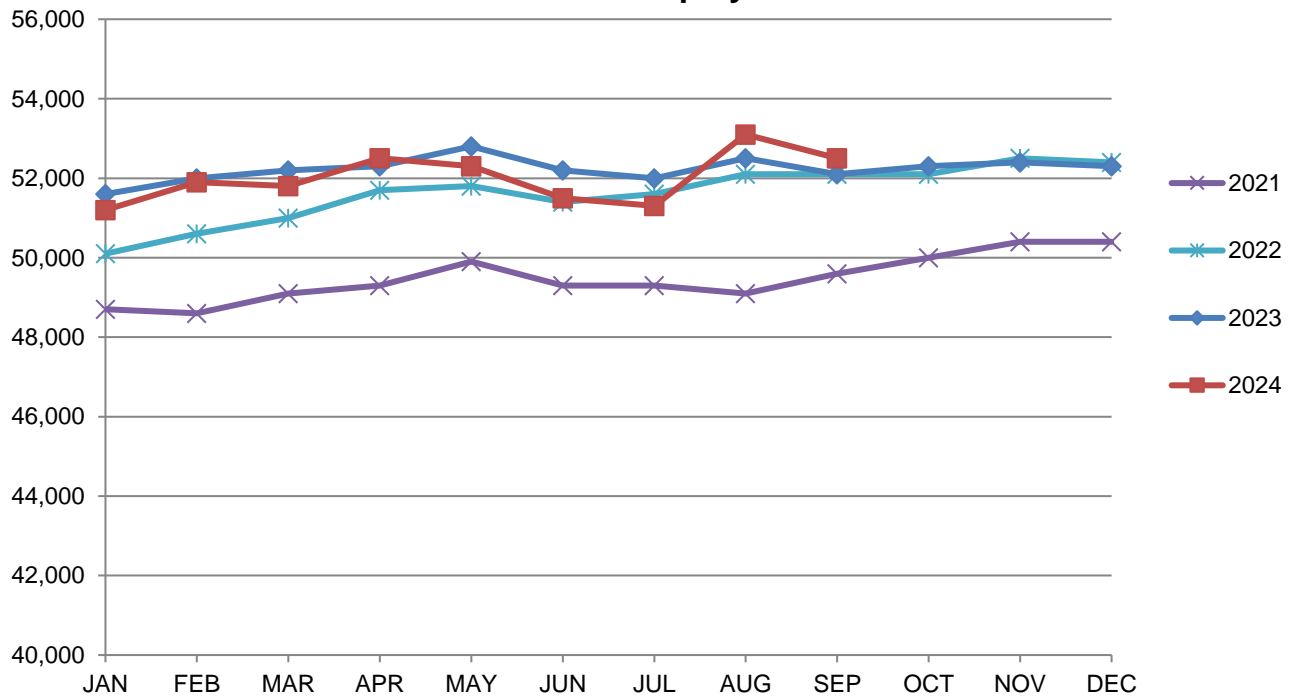
09/07/24 - 24,255
09/14/24 - 23,356
09/21/24 - 23,023
09/28/24 - 27,000

(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

Columbus MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	September 2024			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23	Aug-24 to Sep-24	Sep-23 to Sep-24		
Total Nonfarm	52,500	53,100	52,100	-600	-1.1%	400	0.8%
Total Private	46,100	46,600	45,900	-500	-1.1%	200	0.4%
Goods Producing	21,100	21,400	21,200	-300	-1.4%	-100	-0.5%
Service-Providing	31,400	31,700	30,900	-300	-1.0%	500	1.6%
Private Service Providing	25,000	25,200	24,700	-200	-0.8%	300	1.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	19,300	19,600	19,400	-300	-1.5%	-100	-0.5%
Durable Goods	17,300	17,500	17,300	-200	-1.1%	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,600	7,500	7,500	100	1.3%	100	1.3%
Retail Trade	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	5,000	5,100	5,000	-100	-2.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	0.0%	100	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,300	4,400	4,200	-100	-2.3%	100	2.4%
Other Services	1,400	1,500	1,400	-100	-6.7%	0	0.0%
Total Government	6,400	6,500	6,200	-100	-1.5%	200	3.2%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	1,000	1,000	900	0	0.0%	100	11.1%
Local Government	5,200	5,300	5,100	-100	-1.9%	100	2.0%
Local Government Educational Services	2,100	2,000	2,000	100	5.0%	100	5.0%

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

Columbus 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 9 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Nursing Assistants
2	Registered Nurses
3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
4	Managers, All Other
5	Security Guards
6	Project Management Specialists
7	Mechanical Engineers
8	Logisticians
9	Computer Systems Analysts
10	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
11	Speech-Language Pathologists
12	Tellers
13	Customer Service Representatives
14	Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors
15	Medical and Health Services Managers
16	Massage Therapists
17	Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other
18	Mechatronics Engineers
19	Marketing Managers
20	Occupational Therapists

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect. * Due to an upgrade in the reporting system, there is a notable change in Job Postings recorded. The tool used to measure Job Postings was upgraded to prevent malicious or false postings. While customers adjust to the enhancements a drop in the record is to be expected

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of Applicants
Production Workers, All Other	853
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	634
Helpers--Production Workers	422
Customer Service Representatives	297
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	291
Cashiers	287
Office Clerks, General	206
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	202
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	193
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	182
Managers, All Other	175
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	174
Construction Laborers	170
Retail Salespersons	161
Extraction Workers, All Other	159
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	142
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	135
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	133
Packers and Packagers, Hand	130
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	130

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Cantine dell'Indiana: Indiana's wine production industry

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Did you know that Indiana was home to the first successful commercial winery in the United States?

In 1802, Swiss émigré John James Dufour purchased an area of land in southeastern Indiana and, in a nod to his home country, called it “New Switzerland.” In what would later become the town of Vevay, Dufour’s family planted vines and cultivated the first successful vineyard in the country. Within the next two decades, production reached peaks of 12,000 gallons a year, with regional sales in neighboring states.

Though that original vineyard no longer exists, Indiana's winery industry has experienced significant growth in more recent decades, impacting the state's agricultural, economic and tourism sectors. Today, there are more than 100 wineries, cideries and meaderies located across the state. These facilities vary in size, production capacity and specialty, offering a diverse assortment of wines, ciders and meads to consumers.



Current Indiana wine production exceeds 1 million gallons a year (or 5 million bottles).² According to the Indiana Wine Grape Council, the number of wineries grew tenfold between 1989 and 2022, from nine wineries in 1989 to 118 in 2022.³ This increase in production establishments over the past decade reflects both the rising popularity of wine consumption and a growing interest in local and regional wine production.

Table 1: Top 10 states in winery employment

State	Employment
California	40,621
Washington	5,389
Oregon	4,241
Texas	3,528
New York	3,452
Virginia	2,597
Pennsylvania	2,358
Ohio	1,449
Michigan	1,373
Indiana	1,104

Note: This is employment data for NAICS 31213 (wineries).
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Employment and Wages data for 2023

Indiana's wineries are located across various regions of the state. Most wineries are concentrated in the southern and central parts of Indiana, where climate conditions and soils are most conducive for grape cultivation. The largest and oldest winery in Indiana is Oliver Winery in Monroe County, which ranks in the top 30 largest wineries nationwide, according to *WineBusiness Monthly*.⁴ The state’s largest producer of wine grapes is Huber’s Orchard, found on a 700-acre farm in Clark County.

As of 2023, Indiana ranks 10th in the country in winery employment with 1,104 workers (see **Table 1**). California, of course, tops the list with employment of 40,621. Two more Pacific Northwest states—Washington and Oregon—are next on the list, but there is a significant drop-off between California and its neighbors to the north. Ohio and Michigan are the only other midwestern states on the list, just slightly besting Indiana with 1,449 and 1,373 workers, respectively.

The growth of Indiana wineries has led to increased employment opportunities within the industry. Data from Lightcast shows a 22% increase in industry employment from 2018 to 2023 and projected growth of 21% from 2023 to 2028

(see **Figure 1**). Employment growth is not only limited to rural areas where the vineyards are located, but it also extends to urban centers where distribution, marketing and administrative functions are concentrated. The employment provided by wineries is particularly significant for rural communities, where agriculture and tourism are primary economic drivers. Wineries create jobs in rural areas through vineyard cultivation, wine production and hospitality services.

Although growth in these winery employment numbers is strong, the impact of wineries in

Indiana extends far beyond the actual vineyard or farm. According to the National Association of American Wineries, the wine industry directly employs 12,084 people in the state, with the vast majority of those jobs outside of the physical winery or vineyard.⁵ These jobs span a vast number of industries, including finance, transportation, advertising, wholesaling and manufacturing among others. All told, the wine industry is responsible for nearly \$3.26 billion in total economic activity in Indiana.⁶

One of the industries significantly impacted by Indiana wine production is tourism. The National Association of American Wineries suggests Indiana's wine industry “generates 180,500 tourist visits and \$61.25 million in annual tourism expenditures.”⁷ Indiana wineries also play a role in preserving and promoting the state's cultural heritage. Many wineries embrace local traditions and history, incorporating indigenous grape varieties and showcasing regional flavors in their wines. Furthermore, wineries often serve as community hubs, hosting events, festivals and educational programs that celebrate wine culture and foster a sense of community pride.

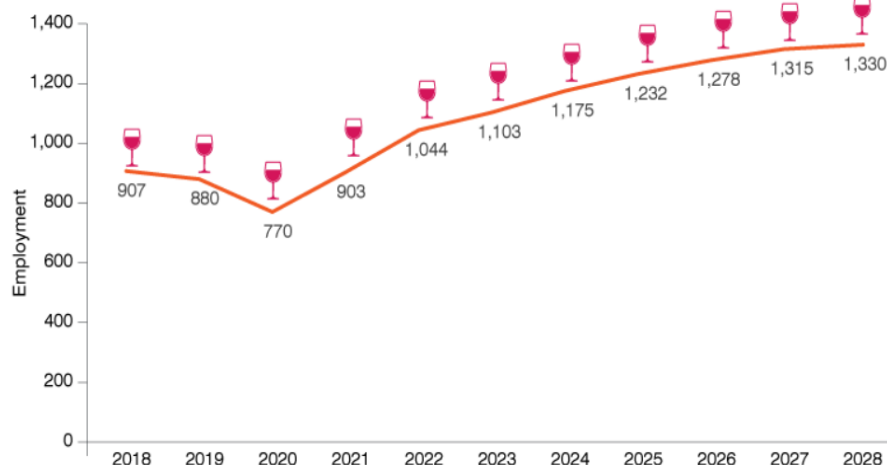
The presence of more than 100 wineries in Indiana underscores the state's rich winemaking tradition and its potential for further growth and innovation in the wine industry.

If you are interested in a list of Indiana wineries, please visit indianawineries.com for a directory split by region and a map of Indiana wineries.

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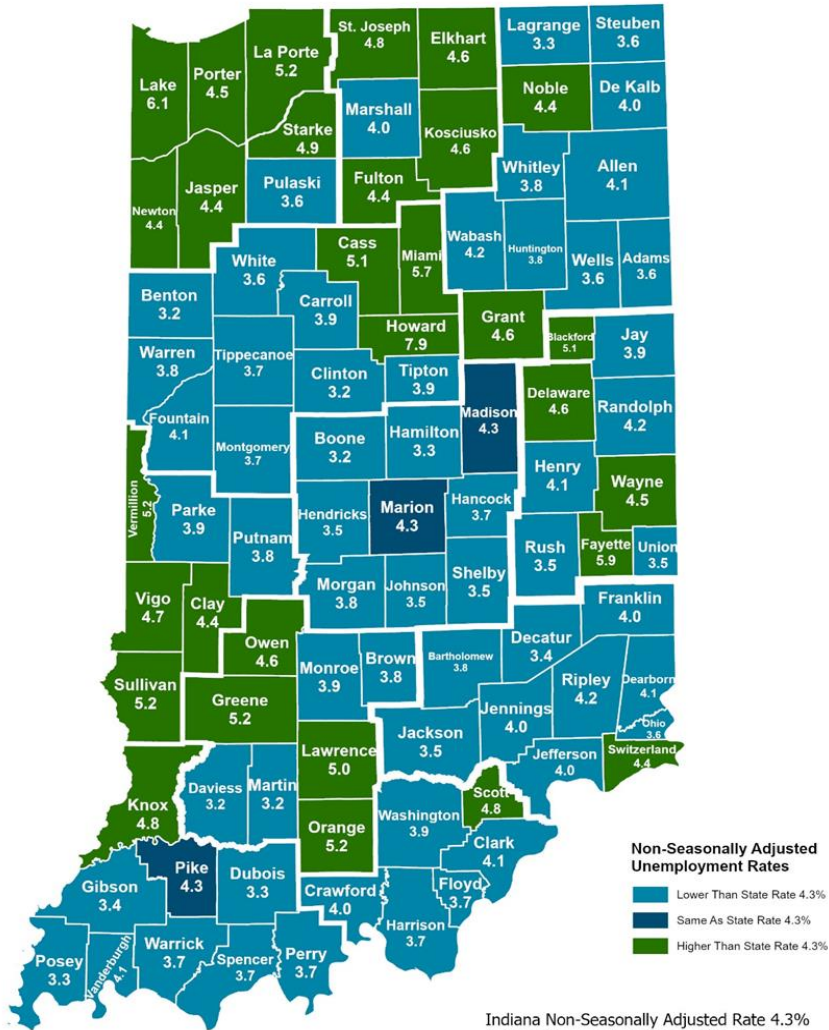
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Figure 1: Indiana’s winery industry employment and projected employment



Note: This is employment data for NAICS 31213 (wineries). Data from 2024 to 2028 are projections.
Source: Lightcast

County Unemployment Rates September 2024



Indiana Non-Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.3%
 Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Rate 4.3%
 Source: DWD, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



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