

RANKING OF COUNTY DATA
Unemployment Rates by County

February 2024 (Preliminary)

Prepared March 21, 2024

RANK	AREA	RATE	RANK	AREA	RATE
1	Lake	6.0	47	Brown	4.0
2	Howard	5.8	48	Huntington	4.0
3	Starke	5.5	49	Knox	4.0
4	Fayette	5.4	50	Marion	4.0
5	LaPorte	5.2	51	Warren	4.0
6	Sullivan	5.2	52	Allen	3.9
7	Vermillion	5.2	53	Fountain	3.9
8	Crawford	5.1	54	Jefferson	3.9
9	Delaware	5.1	55	Morgan	3.9
10	Greene	5.0	56	Tippecanoe	3.9
11	Vigo	5.0	57	Vanderburgh	3.9
12	Blackford	4.9	58	Carroll	3.8
13	Fulton	4.9	59	Clark	3.8
14	Jasper	4.9	60	Decatur	3.8
15	Owen	4.9	61	Ohio	3.8
16	Lawrence	4.8	62	Warrick	3.8
17	Miami	4.8	63	Adams	3.7
18	Newton	4.8	64	Bartholomew	3.7
19	Ripley	4.8	65	DeKalb	3.6
20	St. Joseph	4.8	66	Floyd	3.6
21	Cass	4.7	67	Hancock	3.6
22	Jennings	4.7	68	Harrison	3.6
23	Porter	4.6	69	Montgomery	3.6
24	Randolph	4.6	70	Perry	3.6
25	Wayne	4.6	71	Pulaski	3.6
26	Franklin	4.5	72	Rush	3.6
27	Madison	4.5	73	Shelby	3.6
28	Orange	4.5	74	Tipton	3.6
29	Scott	4.5	75	Wells	3.6
30	Elkhart	4.4	76	Whitley	3.6
31	Henry	4.4	77	LaGrange	3.5
32	Monroe	4.4	78	Martin	3.5
33	Clay	4.3	79	Steuben	3.5
34	Grant	4.3	80	Benton	3.4
35	Kosciusko	4.2	81	Jackson	3.4
36	Marshall	4.2	82	Johnson	3.4
37	Noble	4.2	83	Union	3.4
38	Parke	4.2	84	White	3.4
39	Pike	4.2	85	Boone	3.3
40	Switzerland	4.2	86	Clinton	3.3
41	Wabash	4.2	87	Dubois	3.3
42	Dearborn	4.1	88	Hendricks	3.3
43	Jay	4.1	89	Posey	3.3
44	Putnam	4.1	90	Hamilton	3.2
45	Spencer	4.1	91	Daviess	3.1
46	Washington	4.1	92	Gibson	3.0

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
HUNTINGTON				
February 2024	17,897	17,187	710	4.0
January 2024	17,811	17,158	653	3.7
February 2023 (Benchmark)	18,264	17,622	642	3.5
JACKSON				
February 2024	22,475	21,709	766	3.4
January 2024	22,484	21,792	692	3.1
February 2023 (Benchmark)	22,675	21,941	734	3.2
JASPER (GARY MSA)				
February 2024	15,739	14,961	778	4.9
January 2024	15,629	14,924	705	4.5
February 2023 (Benchmark)	15,967	15,235	732	4.6
JAY				
February 2024	8,700	8,342	358	4.1
January 2024	8,660	8,336	324	3.7
February 2023 (Benchmark)	8,928	8,621	307	3.4
JEFFERSON				
February 2024	15,002	14,419	583	3.9
January 2024	14,862	14,339	523	3.5
February 2023 (Benchmark)	15,015	14,473	542	3.6
JENNINGS				
February 2024	13,295	12,676	619	4.7
January 2024	13,287	12,705	582	4.4
February 2023 (Benchmark)	13,407	12,833	574	4.3
JOHNSON (INDIANAPOLIS-CARMEL-ANDERSON MSA)				
February 2024	87,084	84,090	2,994	3.4
January 2024	86,545	83,850	2,695	3.1
February 2023 (Benchmark)	86,602	83,987	2,615	3.0
KNOX				
February 2024	17,357	16,669	688	4.0
January 2024	17,139	16,518	621	3.6
February 2023 (Benchmark)	18,169	17,568	601	3.3
KOSCIUSKO				
February 2024	39,590	37,911	1,679	4.2
January 2024	39,439	37,912	1,527	3.9
February 2023 (Benchmark)	40,292	38,828	1,464	3.6
LAGRANGE				
February 2024	20,533	19,816	717	3.5
January 2024	20,361	19,692	669	3.3
February 2023 (Benchmark)	20,901	20,200	701	3.4
LAKE (GARY MSA)				
February 2024	224,277	210,811	13,466	6.0
January 2024	223,525	210,692	12,833	5.7
February 2023 (Benchmark)	227,526	214,667	12,859	5.7
LA PORTE (MICHIGAN CITY-LAPORTE MSA)				
February 2024	46,927	44,465	2,462	5.2
January 2024	46,762	44,421	2,341	5.0
February 2023 (Benchmark)	47,286	44,940	2,346	5.0
LAWRENCE				
February 2024	19,779	18,824	955	4.8
January 2024	19,653	18,756	897	4.6
February 2023 (Benchmark)	20,252	19,289	963	4.8
MADISON (INDIANAPOLIS-CARMEL-ANDERSON MSA)				
February 2024	60,459	57,738	2,721	4.5
January 2024	60,099	57,549	2,550	4.2
February 2023 (Benchmark)	60,282	57,652	2,630	4.4
MARION (INDIANAPOLIS-CARMEL-ANDERSON MSA)				
February 2024	507,623	487,307	20,316	4.0
January 2024	504,412	486,006	18,406	3.6
February 2023 (Benchmark)	504,937	486,560	18,377	3.6
MARSHALL				
February 2024	23,011	22,051	960	4.2
January 2024	22,875	21,993	882	3.9
February 2023 (Benchmark)	23,123	22,210	913	3.9
MARTIN				
February 2024	5,203	5,021	182	3.5
January 2024	5,211	5,037	174	3.3
February 2023 (Benchmark)	5,232	5,065	167	3.2

Huntington County Unemployment Statistics - 2024

Month	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Rate One Year Ago	Available Jobs One Year Ago	Currently Available Jobs
January	17,785	17,131	654	3.70%	3%	520	276
February	17,897	17,187	710	4.00%	4%	484	263
March							
April							
May							
June							
July							
August							
September							
October							
November							
December							
Average	17,841	17,159	682	3.85%	3%	502	269.5

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Area Manager

Teijin Automotive Technologies **2.9** ★
Huntington, IN 46750

\$90,000 - \$95,000 a year Full-time


- Work with production team leads to implement the company's policies and goals.
- Implement and drive continuous improvement activities through implementation of...

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Warehouse Associate

All Star Auto Lights **2.7** ★
Huntington, IN 46750

\$17 - \$18 an hour Full-time **Monday to Friday**

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- Manage purchase orders for inbound/outbound shipments.
- The ideal candidate will pull and pack product to ship out and verify the product is identified correctly...

Handyman Assistant

Homier LLC 2.1 ★
Huntington, IN 46750

\$13 - \$15 an hour Full-time 40 hours per week 8 hour shift +1

➤ Easily apply

- High school diploma or equivalent; Certificate in HVAC, building maintenance technology or relevant field will be a plus.
- Pay: \$13.00 - \$15.00 per hour.

Active Today

Hiring multiple candidates

Office/Clerical Production

Homier LLC 2.1 ★
Huntington, IN 46750

\$12 an hour Full-time Monday to Friday +2

➤ Easily apply

- We currently have first shift data entry openings.
- Previous experience with data entry, keyboarding, scanners and label printers preferred.

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New

Lab Technician

Teijin Automotive Technologies 2.9 ★
Huntington, IN 46750

\$21 - \$24 an hour Full-time 8 hour shift +1

➤ Easily apply

- As directed, performs research, testing, data gathering, measurements, or engineering analysis laboratory or manufacturing environment.

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Warehouse Associate - Starting at \$13.00/hour

Homier LLC 2.1 ★
Huntington, IN 46750

\$13 an hour Full-time Day shift +3

➤ Easily apply

- Previous experience with data entry, keyboarding, scanners and label printers preferred.
- Homier LLC/Bobbi & Bricka offers the top clothing and accessories...

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Production Supervisor

NOVAE LLC
Markle, IN 46770

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➤ Easily apply

- Bachelor's degree preferred but not required OR experience in the management field.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge.

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New

Environmental, Health & Safety Coordinator

Teijin Automotive Technologies 2.9 ★
Huntington, IN 46750

\$51,000 - \$61,000 a year Full-time

- A bachelor's degree in environmental science, safety or health-related field preferred.
- Plans and facilitates the conduct of plant safety inspections with other...

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New

Production Manager

Sortera Technologies, Inc. 2.6 ★
Markle, IN 46770

⚡ Typically responds within 5 days

\$70,000 - \$90,000 a year Full-time Monday to Friday

➤ Easily apply

- Sortera Technologies is bringing state-of-the-art artificial intelligence to the industrial scrap metal recycling and reuse industry.

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Forklift Operator & Materials Handler



ALH Building Systems
Markle, IN

- The ideal candidate will excel in unloading and loading large lumber shipments for various transportation duties, as well as accurately fulfilling lumber...

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General Labor - Manufacturing



ALH Building Systems
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- Measure, cut, and assemble wooden components with the aid of various power tools.
- Knowledge of basic tools and machinery.

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Crew Supervisor



Gebhart Holdings
Huntington, IN 46750

\$22.05 - \$27.56 an hour

- Forklift license required – on the job training and licensure will be provided.
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LKQ
Huntington, IN 46750

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- They check for defects, assemble products, monitor manufacturing equipment, and closely follow safety procedures to prevent accidents in environments where...

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Area jobless rate surges with labor force

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The Journal Gazette

Nearly 8,435 workers in the Fort Wayne metro area were without jobs last month as unemployment jumped to 3.9% - up a half a percentage point from February 2023.

But the preliminary figures released Monday also show that labor force surged, including nearly 1,460 more people last month than February a year ago.

Allan, Wells and Whitley counties make up the Fort Wayne metro area.

The labor force last month included nearly 218,700 people, with about 210,265 of them working, figures from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development show.

In February 2023, the labor force had just over 220,155 people, with more than 212,585 employed. In January, the jobless rate was 3.5%, with 7,695 unemployed in a labor force of 217,421.

Workforce development suggests comparing data for the same month year over year due to seasonal fluctua-

tions with hiring.

Nationally, the February jobless rate was 4.2% or 3.9% when seasonally adjusted. In February 2023, unemployment was 3.9% or 3.6% when adjusted.

Among Indiana's 92 counties, Lake had the highest February unemployment - 6%, followed by Howard at 5.8%. Gibson County had the lowest at 3%.

In Indiana last month, unemployment was 4.2%, or 3.5% when adjusted for seasonal factors. In February 2023, those percentages were

3.8 and 3.2, respectively.

Rachel Blakeman, director of Purdue University Fort Wayne's Community Research Institute, noted that nine Indiana counties had unemployment rates above 5% while 35 were below the state's for February.

"Looking at the labor market data from January and February, 2024 is definitely indicating an economic softening compared to this time a year ago," Blakeman said in an emailed statement.

"The shift from one to three counties with an unemploy-

ment rate above 5% to nearing 10% of the state's counties is definitely a notable event for February."

Rick Farrant, communications director for Northeast Indiana Works, also commented on employer demand for workers easing. That's been evident in recent hiring events the organization helps facilitate.

"It's a little too early to tell if that is having a significant impact on the unemployment rate," Farrant said in a statement.

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Unemployment

February jobless rates for northeast Indiana

Kosciusko	4.2%	Noble	4.2%	DeKalb	3.6%
Whitley	3.6%	Allen	3.9%	Stauben	3.5%
Huntington	4.0%	Wells	3.6%	Adams	3.7%
Wabash	4.2%				

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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development