



Welcome to Economic Growth Region 6 Highlights

2005 Edition

Economic Growth Region 6 is comprised of nine counties; Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne

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SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 HIGHLIGHTS

Economic Growth Region 6 population estimate for 2004 was 347,741 down 1.4 percent from the 2000 Census total. During this same time period, Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569 was up by 2.6 percent.

According to the 2000 Census 182,103 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 79.5 percent of the twenty-five and up region population. Of that population, 32,460 or 14.2 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 3,223 persons graduating high school that year, 2,545 or 79 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 10,529 workers or 5.1 percent of the workforce commuted into Economic Growth Region 6 in 2003. Madison County was sending the most workers into the region. Conversely, 24,684 or 11.1 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of Economic Growth Region 6. Marion County received the most workers from Economic Growth Region 6.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 6.5 percent, above Indiana's annual average of 5.2 percent. The region's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 168,620. Of that labor force 157,740 were employed and 10,880 were unemployed.

For the year 2004 there were 128,860 jobs at industries within the region. The largest employing industry in the region was education and health services (includes private and government employment) with 26.6 percent of the total industry employment. Manufacturing was second at 22.6 percent.

The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was education and health services (includes private and government employment) increasing by 311 workers or 0.9 percent above 2001. 16.2 percent of employers in the region employed 20 or more workers and those represented 76.8 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the region was \$30,211 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The region average wage was an increase of 7.4 percent over the 2001 region industry average wage. None of the region's 11 industry supersectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The region's manufacturing industry had the highest average earnings at \$43,417 per year, with education and health services (includes private and government employment) second at \$31,838, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was leisure and hospitality services at \$10,577. The same industries statewide paid an average \$47,638, \$34,206, and \$13,875 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

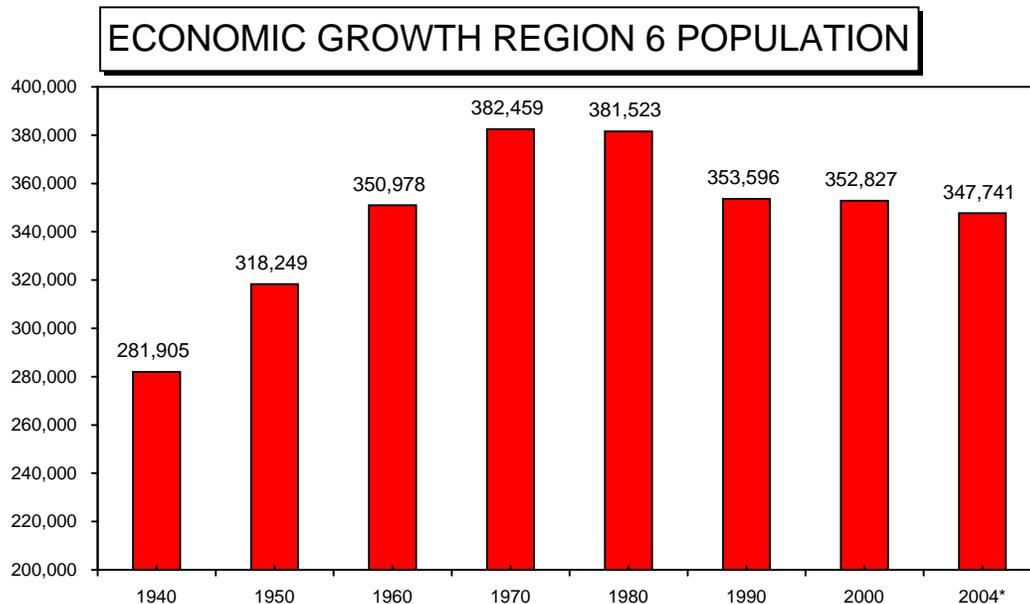
ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 AND CITY POPULATION

REGION & Cities/Towns	1990 Census	2000 Census	2004 Population Estimates	NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004
REGION 6	353,596	352,827	347,741	(5,086)	-1.4%
Muncie	71,035	67,430	67,166	(264)	-0.4%
Richmond	38,705	39,124	37,943	(1,181)	-3.0%
New Castle	17,753	17,780	18,944	1,164	6.5%
Connersville	15,550	15,411	14,445	(966)	-6.3%
Hartford City	6,960	6,928	6,702	(226)	-3.3%
Portland	6,483	6,437	6,249	(188)	-2.9%

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 POPULATION

YEAR	POPULATION	NUMERICAL CHANGE	% CHANGE
1940	281,905	20,731	7.9%
1950	318,249	36,344	12.9%
1960	350,978	32,729	10.3%
1970	382,459	31,481	9.0%
1980	381,523	(936)	-0.2%
1990	353,596	(27,927)	-7.3%
2000	352,827	(769)	-0.2%
2004*	347,741	(5,086)	-1.4%

* population estimate



EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

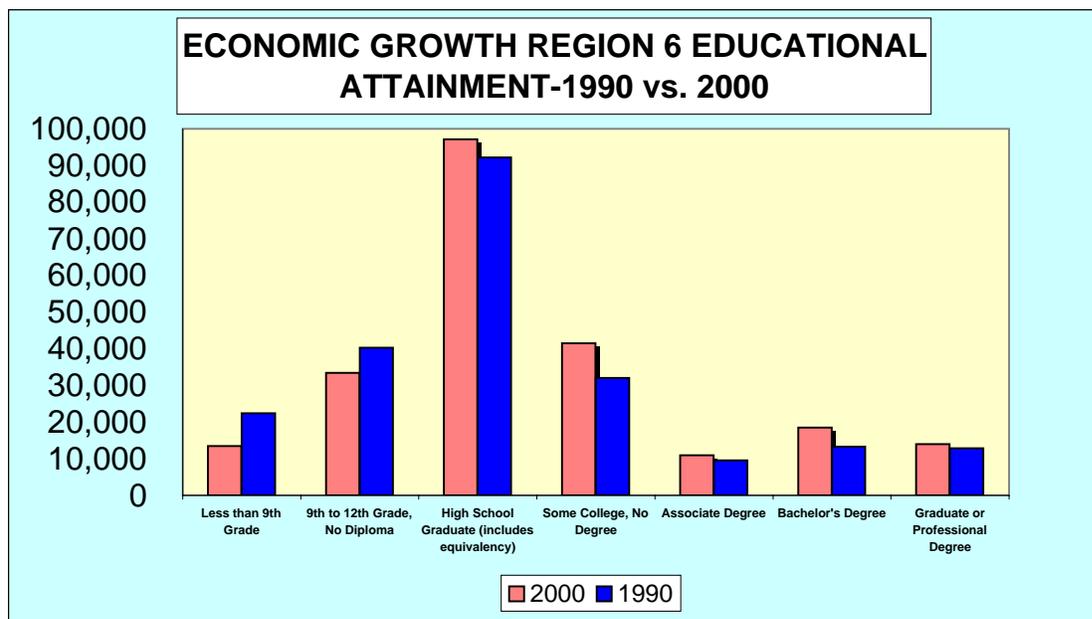
ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

2004 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATION INTENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Graduates	3,223	100.0%
Total to Higher Education	2,545	79.0%
Four-Year Institution	1,752	54.4%
Two-Year Institution	514	15.9%
Vocation/Tech. Institution	279	8.7%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION LEVEL	1990	% IN 1990	2000	% IN 2000
Less than 9th Grade	22,435	10.1%	13,487	5.9%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	40,260	18.1%	33,443	14.6%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	92,193	41.4%	97,176	42.4%
Some College, No Degree	32,044	14.4%	41,487	18.1%
Associate Degree	9,564	4.3%	10,980	4.8%
Bachelor's Degree	13,240	5.9%	18,470	8.1%
Graduate or Professional Degree	12,806	5.8%	13,990	6.1%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	222,542	100%	229,033	100%



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center, Stats Indiana and U.S. Census Bureau.

COMMUTING PATTERNS

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 COMMUTING PATTERNS

Number of persons who live in Economic Growth Region 6 and work (labor force)	221,429
Number of persons who live in Economic Growth Region 6 and work in EG Region 6	196,745
Number of persons who live out of and work in Economic Growth Region 6	10,529
Total number of persons who work in Economic Growth Region 6 (work force)	207,274

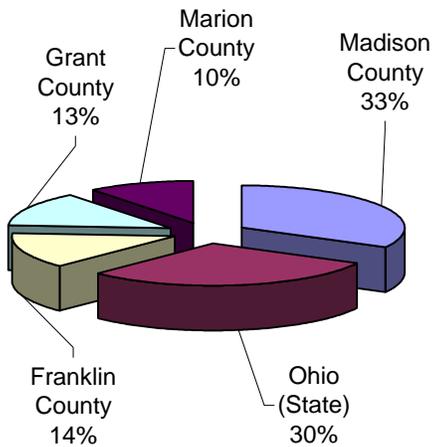
Top five areas sending workers INTO Economic Growth Region 6:

Madison County	2,045
Ohio (State)	1,839
Franklin County	854
Grant County	834
Marion County	650
Total of above	6,222 workers equals 3% of work force

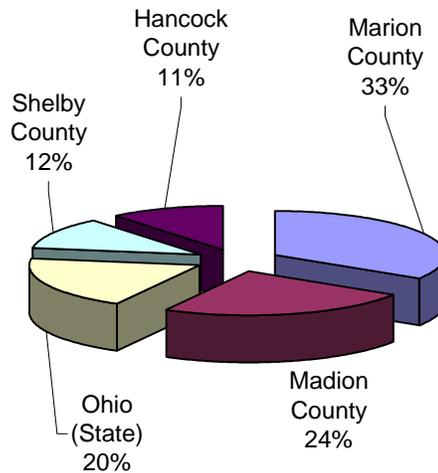
Top five areas receiving workers FROM Economic Growth Region 6:

Marion County	5,465
Madison County	3,908
Ohio (State)	3,149
Shelby County	1,884
Hancock County	1,734
Total of above	16,140 workers equals 7.3% of labor force

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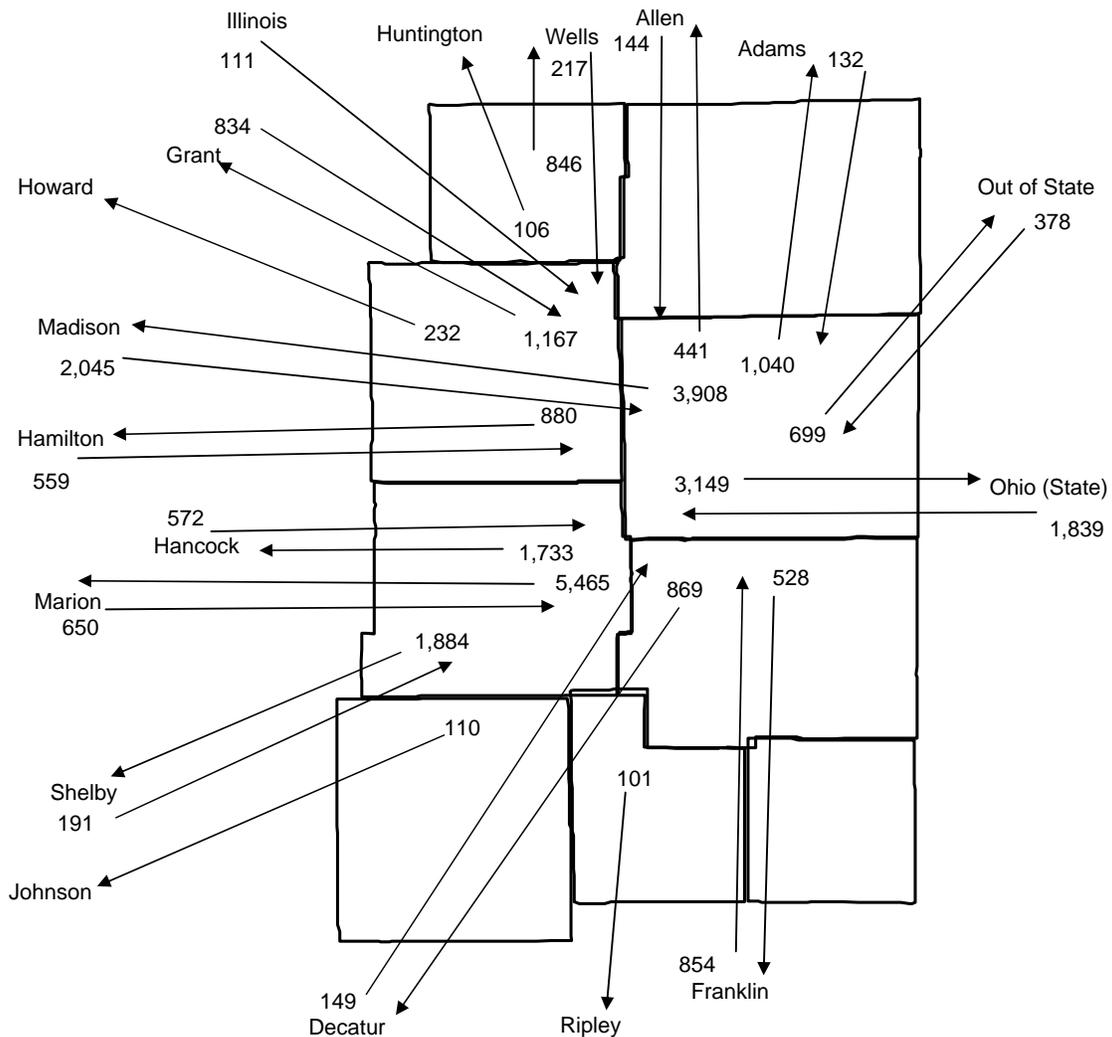


Top five areas receiving workers FROM Economic Growth Region 6:



COMMUTING PATTERNS MAP

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6



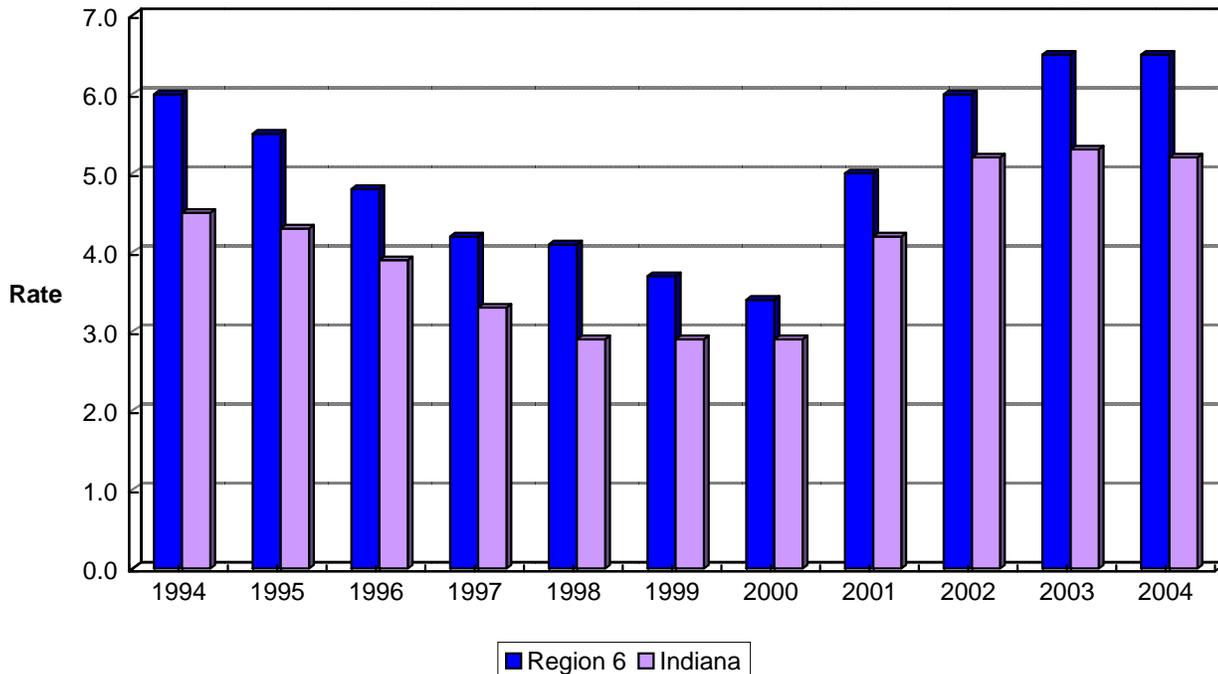
Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003. Report generated by STATS Indiana, January 26, 2005. Counts of under 100 are not included. Commuters to/ from IL, MI, KY, OH, WI, and PA are reported separately and are not included in the 'Out of State' category.

LABOR FORCE INFORMATION

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 LABOR FORCE (1994-2004)

	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Region 6 RATE	Indiana RATE
1994	186,150	174,940	11,210	6.0	4.5
1995	188,650	178,330	10,320	5.5	4.3
1996	185,280	176,460	8,820	4.8	3.9
1997	183,590	175,920	7,670	4.2	3.3
1998	181,220	173,800	7,420	4.1	2.9
1999	178,860	172,330	6,530	3.7	2.9
2000	175,520	169,470	6,050	3.4	2.9
2001	175,360	166,560	8,800	5.0	4.2
2002	173,300	162,920	10,380	6.0	5.2
2003	172,170	161,000	11,170	6.5	5.3
2004	168,620	157,740	10,880	6.5	5.2

**AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Economic Growth Region 6 vs. Indiana 1994-2004**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

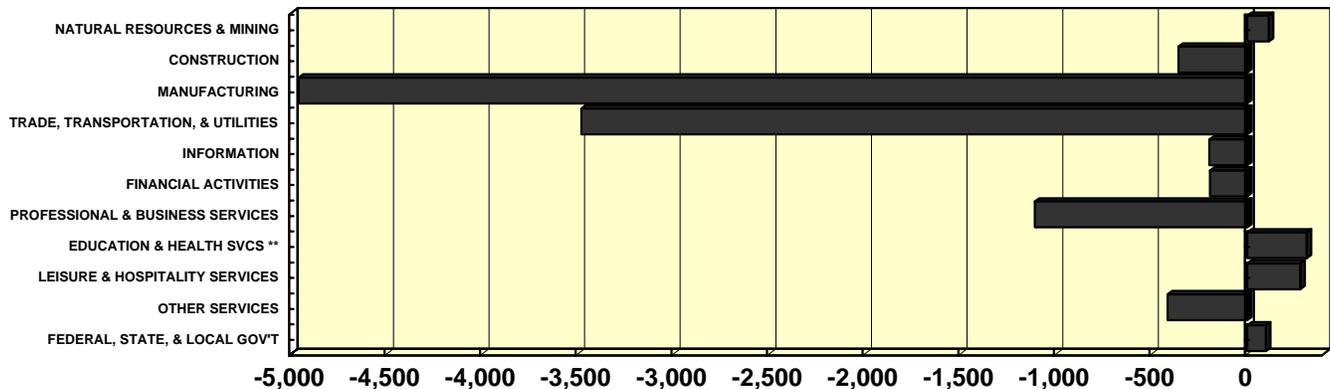
Reflects new modeling approach and reestimation as of March 2005.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	2004 NO. OF FIRMS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT				NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **	7,219	138,560	135,190	131,622	128,860	-9,700	-7.0%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	85	694	708	736	806	112	16.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	71	555	567	603	671	116	20.9%
Mining	15	140	141	133	135	-5	-3.6%
CONSTRUCTION	743	5,111	4,807	4,762	4,751	-360	-7.0%
MANUFACTURING	546	34,116	32,613	30,152	29,155	-4,961	-14.5%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	1,849	26,675	24,277	23,323	23,192	-3,483	-13.1%
Wholesale Trade	365	3,400	3,385	3,351	3,459	59	1.7%
Retail Trade	1,219	17,877	17,261	16,871	16,543	-1,334	-7.5%
Transportation & Warehousing	230	4,891	3,132	2,592	2,670	-2,221	-45.4%
Utilities	35	507	500	509	520	13	2.6%
INFORMATION	89	1,609	1,544	1,466	1,410	-199	-12.4%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	707	4,891	4,847	4,767	4,696	-195	-4.0%
Finance & Insurance	455	3,678	3,671	3,695	3,612	-66	-1.8%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	253	1,213	1,176	1,072	1,084	-129	-10.6%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	742	8,550	8,576	8,263	7,439	-1,111	-13.0%
Professional & Technical Services	426	2,697	2,637	2,592	2,623	-74	-2.7%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	41	948	903	935	1,007	59	6.2%
Administrative & Waste Services	275	4,904	5,035	4,736	3,810	-1,094	-22.3%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	765	34,005	35,021	35,462	34,316	311	0.9%
Educational Services **	138	14,132	14,428	14,479	14,034	-98	-0.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	627	19,873	20,593	20,983	20,281	408	2.1%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	689	11,386	11,215	11,144	11,664	278	2.4%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	110	960	1,004	1,024	1,040	80	8.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	579	10,426	10,211	10,120	10,624	198	1.9%
OTHER SERVICES	687	4,007	3,835	3,720	3,590	-417	-10.4%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	422	22,970	23,316	23,413	23,067	97	0.4%

Change in Economic Growth Region 6 Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry.
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Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

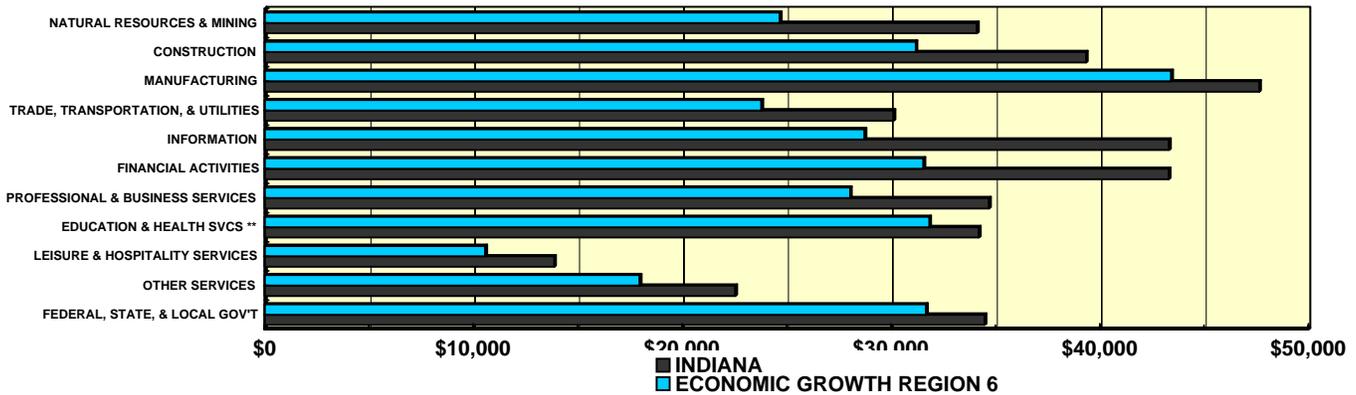
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INDUSTRY EARNINGS

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6						INDIANA	2004
	2001	2002	2003	2004	CHANGE 2001 to 2004		2004	Region 6
	WAGES	WAGES	WAGES	WAGES	DOLLARS	PERCENT	WAGES	% DIFFERENCE
							FROM INDIANA	
ALL INDUSTRIES**	\$28,127	\$28,988	\$29,724	\$30,211	\$2,084	7.4%	\$34,693	-14.8%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$23,778	\$24,572	\$24,583	\$24,682	\$904	3.8%	\$34,117	-38.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$19,711	\$20,655	\$20,025	\$20,232	\$521	2.6%	\$25,490	-26.0%
Mining	\$39,930	\$40,275	\$45,224	\$46,801	\$6,871	17.2%	\$49,836	-6.5%
CONSTRUCTION	\$30,391	\$31,581	\$31,385	\$31,185	\$794	2.6%	\$39,343	-26.2%
MANUFACTURING	\$39,717	\$41,936	\$44,028	\$43,417	\$3,700	9.3%	\$47,638	-9.7%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$21,575	\$22,135	\$22,852	\$23,796	\$2,221	10.3%	\$30,126	-26.6%
Wholesale Trade	\$32,985	\$33,504	\$34,429	\$35,595	\$2,610	7.9%	\$46,107	-29.5%
Retail Trade	\$16,991	\$17,739	\$18,210	\$18,862	\$1,871	11.0%	\$21,445	-13.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$27,670	\$29,684	\$31,846	\$32,345	\$4,675	16.9%	\$35,135	-8.6%
Utilities	\$47,907	\$49,635	\$54,695	\$58,386	\$10,479	21.9%	\$62,844	-7.6%
INFORMATION	\$27,794	\$28,187	\$27,739	\$28,736	\$942	3.4%	\$43,315	-50.7%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$28,227	\$29,400	\$30,372	\$31,562	\$3,335	11.8%	\$43,304	-37.2%
Finance & Insurance	\$29,467	\$31,160	\$31,965	\$33,361	\$3,894	13.2%	\$48,404	-45.1%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$24,467	\$23,906	\$24,884	\$25,564	\$1,097	4.5%	\$28,852	-12.9%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$26,933	\$25,985	\$26,934	\$28,044	\$1,111	4.1%	\$34,701	-23.7%
Professional & Technical Services	\$29,567	\$30,356	\$30,975	\$31,914	\$2,347	7.9%	\$45,324	-42.0%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$48,202	\$47,174	\$46,158	\$49,313	\$1,111	2.3%	\$66,811	-35.5%
Administrative & Waste Services	\$21,373	\$19,894	\$20,927	\$19,759	-\$1,614	-7.6%	\$22,727	-15.0%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$29,433	\$29,821	\$30,340	\$31,838	\$2,405	8.2%	\$34,206	-7.4%
Educational Services **	\$30,073	\$30,291	\$30,749	\$32,487	\$2,414	8.0%	\$33,107	-1.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$28,979	\$29,491	\$30,058	\$31,389	\$2,410	8.3%	\$34,965	-11.4%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$9,815	\$10,124	\$10,254	\$10,577	\$762	7.8%	\$13,875	-31.2%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$12,120	\$12,280	\$12,409	\$12,687	\$567	4.7%	\$25,802	-103.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$9,602	\$9,912	\$10,036	\$10,371	\$769	8.0%	\$11,574	-11.6%
OTHER SERVICES	\$16,651	\$17,003	\$17,546	\$17,970	\$1,319	7.9%	\$22,543	-25.4%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$29,152	\$29,630	\$30,192	\$31,676	\$2,524	8.7%	\$34,484	-8.9%

Economic Growth Region 6 and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings Comparison



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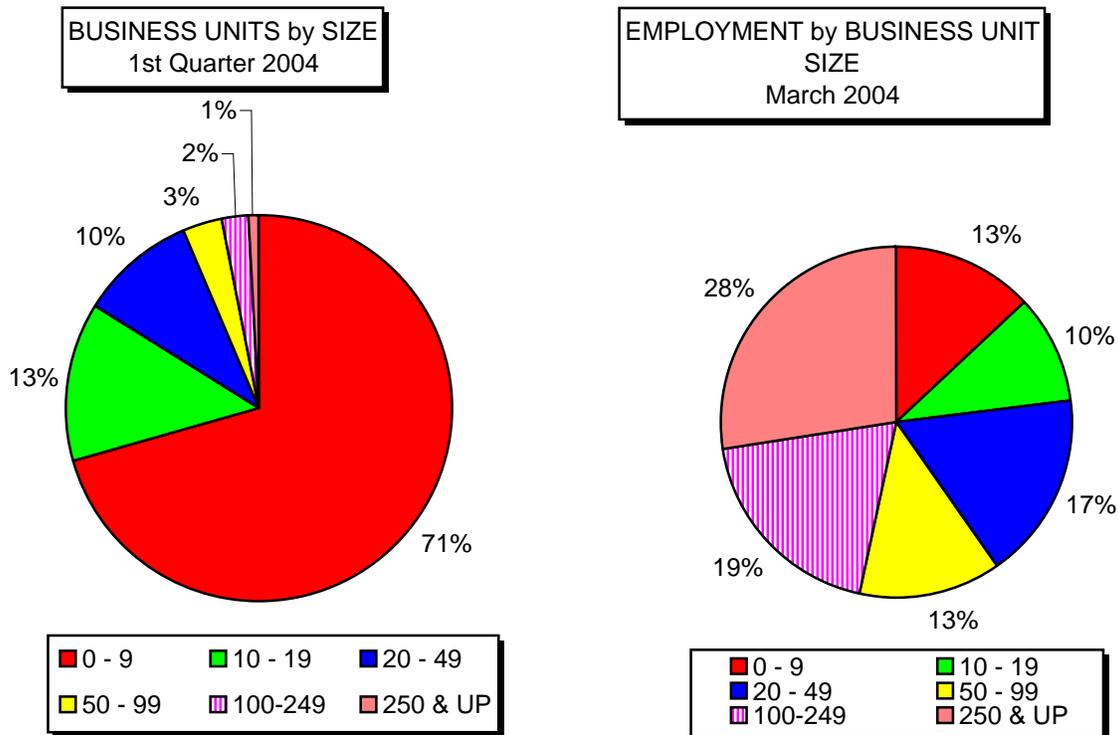
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FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

UNIT SIZE (Number Employed)	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE MARCH 2004
0 - 9	5,119	16,677
10 - 19	956	12,822
20 - 49	707	21,656
50 - 99	245	16,584
100-249	159	24,433
250 & UP	62	35,161
TOTAL	7,248	127,333

Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.



SOURCE: Covered Employment, Research & Analysis, Indiana Department of Workforce Development



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For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

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The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

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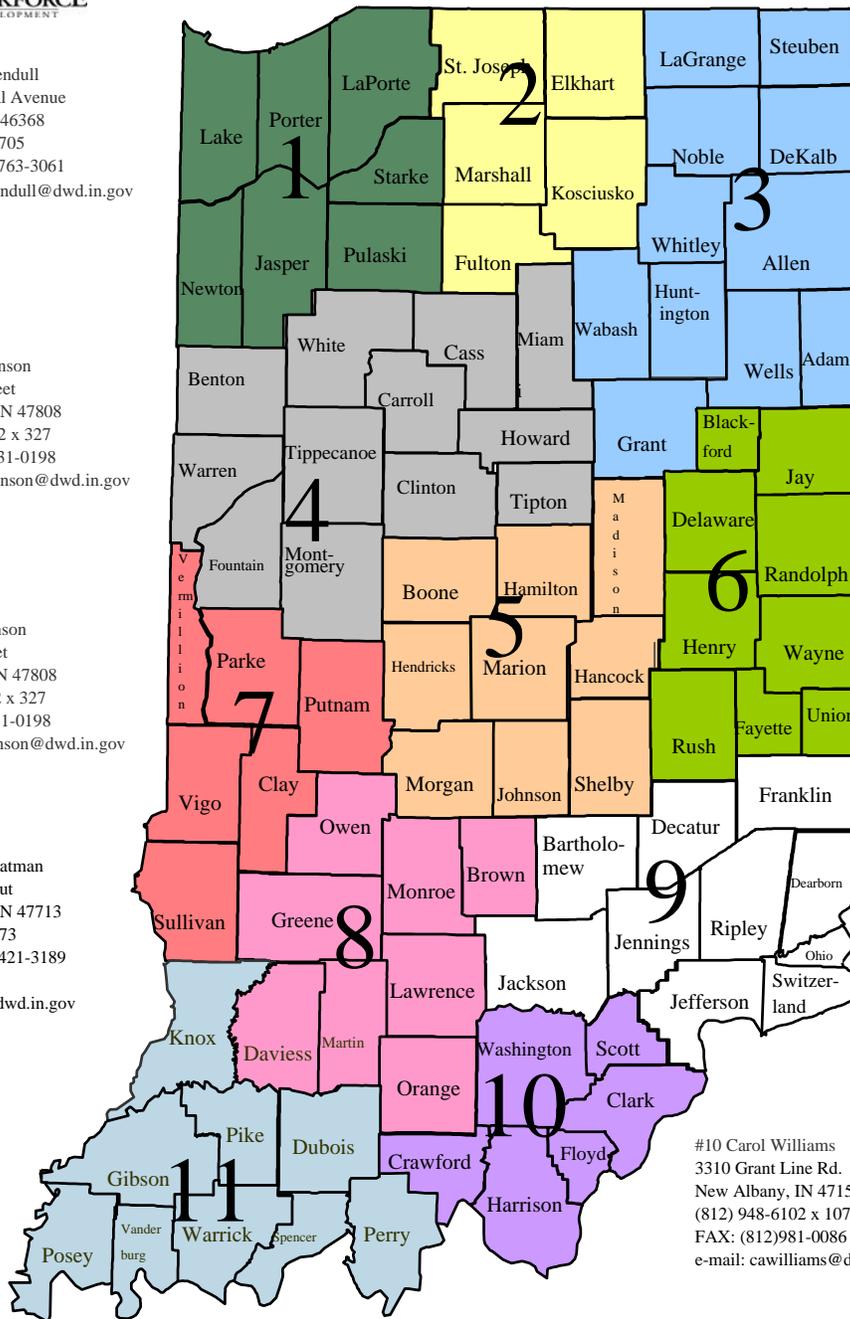
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