

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for February 2008

Region 10

April 2008

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FEBRUARY 2008 PRELIMINARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	NUMBER EMPLOYED	NUMBER UNEMPL.	U.R. 2/08(p)	U.R. 1/08	U.R. 8/07
U.S.	152,503,000	144,550,000	7,953,000	5.2%	5.4%	4.9%
INDIANA	3,190,190	3,022,923	167,267	5.2%	5.1%	5.3%
Louisville, KY-IN MSA	623,266	588,502	34,764	5.6%	5.6%	5.9%
EGR 10*	143,174	135,785	7,389	5.2%	5.2%	5.4%
Clark	54,788	52,174	2,614	4.8%	4.8%	5.0%
Crawford	5,265	4,824	441	8.4%	8.5%	8.6%
Floyd	37,913	36,242	1,671	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%
Harrison	19,784	18,687	1,097	5.5%	5.7%	5.6%
Scott	11,120	10,472	648	5.8%	5.6%	6.1%
Washington	14,304	13,386	918	6.4%	6.2%	7.0%
Corydon	1,454	1,347	107	7.4%	8.0%	8.0%
Jeffersonville	15,312	14,574	738	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%
New Albany	18,378	17,473	905	4.9%	5.0%	5.3%
Salem	2,982	2,779	203	6.8%	6.7%	8.6%
Scottsburg	2,820	2,661	159	5.6%	5.7%	7.2%



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*EGR 10 includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington Counties.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK - FEB 2008	COUNTY	FEB 2008 RATE (p)
1	Fayette	10.3%
2	Crawford	8.4%
25	Washington	6.4%
41	Scott	5.8%
46	Harrison	5.5%
70	Clark	4.8%
80	Floyd	4.4%
92	Hamilton	3.4%

****Note:** LAUS 2007 sub-state county estimates reflect monthly preliminary estimates. Prior years' estimates were benchmarked in 2007. Revised/benchmarked estimates for LAUS sub-state areas for 2003-2007 will be available on April 18, 2008. The statewide benchmark revisions for LAUS 2007 estimates have already been updated.
Changes: Effective with the release of 2007 annual average estimates the labor force data were revised to incorporate updated population controls, re-estimation of models, and adjustment to new division and national control totals. In addition, effective with the release of February 2008, local area unemployment statistics revision of the prior month's estimates will resume.

REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in February. Overall, 20 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 19 states registered increases, and 11 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 26 states and the District of Columbia, down in 20 states, and unchanged in 4 states. The Midwest continued to record the highest unemployment rate among the regions. Michigan again reported the highest jobless rate at 7.2 percent. South Dakota once more recorded the lowest rate at 2.6 percent.

Unemployment rates were higher in February than a year earlier in 246 of the 369 metropolitan areas, lower in 101 areas, and unchanged in 22 areas. Ten areas, 9 of which are located in California, recorded jobless rates of at least 10.0 percent and 11 areas registered rates below 3.0 percent.

SURROUNDING STATES FEBRUARY 2008 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois - 6.0% Indiana - 5.2% Kentucky - 6.2% Michigan - 7.8% Ohio - 6.0%



ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 10

(Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington Counties)

AVERAGE QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT

<u>NAICS INDUSTRY</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER 2007</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER 2006</u>	<u># CHANGE FROM 3Q06 TO 3Q07</u>	<u>% CHANGE FROM 3Q06 TO 3Q07</u>
TOTAL COVERED EMPLOYMENT (includes Federal Employment)	104,129	102,819	1,310	1.3%
Natural Resources & Mining	795	780	15	1.9%
Construction	5,693	6,085	-392	-6.4%
Manufacturing	20,409	20,560	-151	-.7%
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	23,791	23,253	538	2.3%
Information Services	987	908	79	8.7%
Financial Activities	4,224	4,373	-149	-3.4%
Professional & Business Services	7,811	7,376	435	5.9%
Educational & Health Services*	19,554	19,304	250	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	12,590	11,974	616	5.1%
Other Services	2,709	2,542	167	6.6%
Public Administration	5,564	5,645	-81	-1.4%

*Educational and Health Services include both public and private facilities.

Current quarter data may have changed due to the receipt of additional statistics or data corrections.

Industry sectors may not add to total due to inclusion of unclassified data in total covered employment.

EGR 10 AVERAGE INDUSTRY EARNINGS WEEKLY WAGES

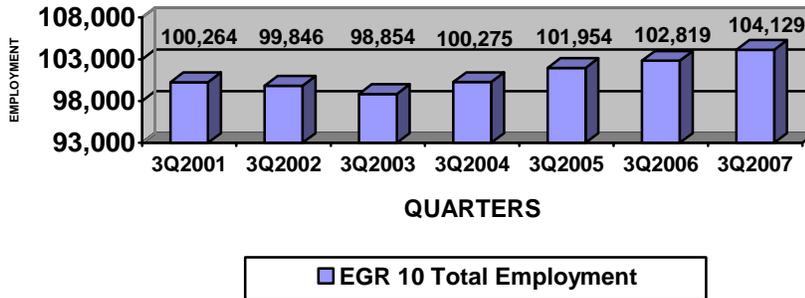
<u>NAICS INDUSTRY</u>	<u>3RDQ 2007</u>	<u>3RDQ 2006</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE FROM 3Q06 TO 3Q07</u>	<u>% CHANGE FROM 3Q06 TO 3Q07</u>
TOTAL NONFARM (includes Federal Employment)	\$609	\$594	\$ 15	2.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	\$690	\$640	\$ 50	7.8%
Construction	\$694	\$665	\$ 29	4.3%
Manufacturing	\$795	\$748	\$ 47	6.3%
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	\$573	\$564	\$ 9	1.6%
Information Services	\$590	\$559	\$ 31	5.5%
Financial Activities	\$714	\$725	- \$ 11	-1.5%
Professional & Business Services	\$550	\$511	\$ 39	7.7%
Educational & Health Services*	\$666	\$663	\$ 3	.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	\$293	\$289	\$ 4	1.3%
Other Services	\$417	\$403	\$ 13	3.3%
Public Administration	\$602	\$586	\$ 15	2.6%



Notes for both tables: The above tables include employees working for firms subject to the Indiana Employment and Training Services Act. Unemployment insurance tax records are a very comprehensive count of workers by industrial category. The Act, in general, includes employers with one or more employees. Railroads, small nonprofit institutions, and churches are excluded. Only part of the employment in private households and on farms is included. Federal government employees are covered by a federal unemployment insurance program but are included in these figures. Educational and Health Services include both public and private employment.

Average Weekly Wages are computed from quarterly earnings and average employment. These figures are computed from payroll totals so they include all employees.

EGR 10 Total Employment 3rd Quarter 2001 - 3rd Quarter 2007 Quarterly Averages



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Local Employment Dynamics – Industry Focus Indiana Economic Growth Region 10 Top 10 Industries Ranked on Greatest Growth in Employment

INDUSTRY	% EMPLOYMENT GROWTH 1Q06-1Q07
1. Paper Mfg.	41.6%
2. Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores	34.3%
3. Management of Companies & Enterprises	33.1%
4. Fabricated Metal Products Mfg.	21.5%
5. Computer & Electronic Products Mfg.	21.3%
6. Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	20.5%
7. Motion Picture & Sound Recording Industries	18.3%
8. Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	18.1%
9. Electronic & Appliance Stores	17.3%
10. Miscellaneous Mfg.	15.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 1st Quarter 2007.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U)

Unadjusted percent change to February 2008 from:

	Feb 07	Jan 08
U.S. City Average		
All Items	4.0%	.3%
Food & Beverages	4.5%	.3%
Housing	2.8%	.4%
Apparel	-1.0%	1.8%
Transportation	9.0%	-.2%
Medical Care	4.5%	.3%
Recreation	1.1%	.3%
Education & Communication	3.2%	.0%
Other Goods & Services	2.9%	.3%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	3.8%	.2%



*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. 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

ANNUAL COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



<u>Local Office</u>	<u>Feb. 2007</u>	<u>Jan. 2007</u>	<u>% Change from Previous Month</u>
<u>INITIAL CLAIMS</u>			
New Albany	1,048	1,837	-43.0%
Indiana	36,895	59,048	-37.5%
<u>TOTAL CLAIMS*</u>			
New Albany	11,406	12,315	-7.4%
Indiana	359,844	400,081	-10.1%

*Total Claims include both initial and continued unemployment insurance claims.



REGION 10 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development office in New Albany received during February 2008. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings. The construction wages should not be used as "prevailing wage rates."

SELECTED FEBRUARY 2008 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 10

<u>OCCUPATIONAL TITLES</u>	<u>MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE</u>	<u>AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM HOURLY WAGE</u>
Metal Fabricators, Structural Metal Products	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$17.00
Security Guards	6.75	7.71	9.00
Production Laborers	9.00	10.22	12.05
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Laborers	7.00	8.57	12.00
Lawn Maintenance Workers	8.00	10.33	16.00
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	5.85	7.29	8.00
Truck Drivers, Heavy	8.00	13.62	26.44
Bookkeepers	10.00	15.33	19.23
Maintenance Repairers: General Utility	10.00	14.10	17.00
Cooks: Restaurant	5.85	7.44	8.37
Accounting Clerks	10.00	14.62	19.23
Cashiers, General	5.85	6.19	8.00
General Office Clerks	5.85	10.38	14.00
Janitors & Cleaners	5.85	6.38	6.75
Licensed Practical Nurses	15.00	15.67	17.00
Machinists	11.50	14.63	18.00
Receptionists/Information Clerks	\$5.85	\$8.38	\$10.00



REGION 10* APPLICANT POOL

February 24, 2008



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

<u>REGION 10 JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Production Laborers	1,109
Assemblers	1,066
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	613
General Office Clerks	573
Hand Packers & Packagers	535
Production Helpers	512
All Other Machine Operators	511
Cashiers, General	502
Receptionists/Information Clerks	469
All Other Hand Workers	425
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	423
File Clerks	411
Administrative Assistants	410
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	346
Customer Service Representatives	325
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	325
Secretaries – Other	286
Postal Service Clerks	282
Other Hand Material Movers	271
Truck Drivers, Light-Including Delivery	266

The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 10* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index.



<u>AREA (2/24/08)</u>	<u>Average Annual Wage Demand</u>	<u>Median Annual Wage Demand</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>
EGR 10	\$25,137	\$20,800	5,145
Clark	\$27,436	\$20,800	1,700
Crawford	\$21,193	\$18,720	428
Floyd	\$27,155	\$20,800	1,077
Harrison	\$24,408	\$20,800	773
Scott	\$21,569	\$20,800	584
Washington	\$22,347	\$20,800	583



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**2006 MEDIAN EARNINGS by EDUCATION LEVELS
for POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER
Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN, Clark County, and Floyd County Indiana**

Education Level	Evansville MSA Median Earnings	Clark Co. Median Earnings	Floyd Co. Median Earnings
Population 25 and over with earnings	\$31,426	\$30,752	\$32,381
Less than high school graduate	\$19,663	\$16,767	\$26,227
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	\$26,255	\$25,197	\$30,414
Some college or associate's degree	\$31,157	\$35,169	\$32,157
Bachelor's degree	\$43,317	\$46,534	\$43,634
Graduate degree	\$50,815	\$46,378	\$58,813



**OCCUPATIONS & STARTING WAGES
REPORT AVAILABLE**

Indiana Economic Growth Region 10's Occupations and Starting Wages Report for April 2007 – March 2008 is now available. This report provides minimum, average, and maximum starting wage data for job openings listed with local area WorkOne offices. If you would like a copy of this publication, you may download the report from our web site at: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>. Please select 'Publications' on the left side of the screen; next select 'Regional Publications' in the middle of the page. From the map, please select the region you are interested in. You will then find a section for Labor Market Reviews. You may receive an email copy by contacting Cathy Boatman at (812) 424-4473 extension 237 or emailing cboatman@dwd.in.gov.



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