

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for November 2007

Region 11

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LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES NOVEMBER 2007 PRELIMINARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	NUMBER EMPLOYED	NUMBER UNEMPL.	U.R. 11/07(p)	U.R. 10/07	U.R. 11/06
U.S.	154,035,000	147,118,000	6,917,000	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%
INDIANA	3,230,014	3,087,746	142,268	4.4%	4.2%	4.5%
EGR 11*	221,702	212,930	8,772	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%
Evansville MSA**	185,191	177,426	7,765	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Dubois	22,022	21,384	638	2.9%	2.7%	3.1%
Gibson	17,411	16,739	672	3.9%	4.1%	4.0%
Henderson Co., KY	23,833	22,800	1,033	4.3%	4.9%	4.1%
Knox	19,298	18,526	772	4.0%	3.9%	4.4%
Perry	9,667	9,278	389	4.0%	3.6%	4.1%
Pike	6,069	5,851	218	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%
Posey	13,940	13,424	516	3.7%	3.7%	4.2%
Spencer	10,267	9,856	411	4.0%	3.5%	4.1%
Vanderburgh	92,213	88,185	4,028	4.4%	4.3%	4.4%
Warrick	30,815	29,687	1,128	3.7%	3.5%	3.8%
Webster Co., KY	6,979	6,591	388	5.6%	6.1%	4.4%
Boonville	3,314	3,151	163	4.9%	4.6%	5.0%
Evansville	59,837	56,911	2,926	4.9%	4.8%	5.1%
Jasper	7,197	6,997	200	2.8%	2.7%	3.1%
Mount Vernon	3,524	3,360	164	4.7%	4.7%	5.1%
Petersburg	996	955	41	4.1%	4.4%	6.0%
Princeton	4,178	3,953	225	5.4%	5.4%	5.2%
Rockport	964	914	50	5.2%	5.7%	6.0%
Tell City	3,922	3,752	170	4.3%	3.6%	4.4%
Vincennes	8,987	8,575	412	4.6%	4.5%	5.4%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in November. Overall, 23 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 17 states and the District of Columbia registered decreases, and 10 states had no changes, reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 23 states and the District of Columbia, up in 23 states, and unchanged in 4 states.

In November, Michigan again reported the highest unemployment rate, 7.4 percent, followed by Alaska and Mississippi, at 6.4 and 6.3 percent, respectively. Idaho continued to record the lowest jobless rate, 2.7 percent. Four additional states posted rates below 3.0 percent in November: South Dakota and Utah at 2.8 percent each, and Hawaii and Wyoming at 2.9 percent each.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported that unemployment rates were higher in November than a year earlier in 175 of the 369 metropolitan areas, lower in 165 areas, and unchanged in 29 areas. Thirty-four metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent, while three areas recorded rates higher than 10.0 percent.

*EGR 11 includes Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties. **Evansville MSA includes Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana and Henderson and Webster Counties in Kentucky.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK - NOV 2007	COUNTY	NOV 2007 RATE (p)
1	Fayette	7.2%
49	Vanderburgh	4.4%
64	Knox	4.0%
67	Perry	4.0%
68	Spencer	4.0%
69	Gibson	3.9%
79	Posey	3.7%
81	Warrick	3.7%
84	Pike	3.6%
92	Dubois	2.9%

SURROUNDING STATES NOVEMBER 2007

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois - 4.8% Indiana - 4.4% Kentucky - 4.6% Michigan - 6.9% Ohio - 5.3%



EVANSVILLE MSA

(Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana and Henderson and Webster Counties in Kentucky)

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	NOV <u>2007</u>	OCT <u>2007</u>	NOV <u>2006</u>	CHANGE FROM			
				OCT 2007		NOV 2006	
				TO <u>NOV 2007</u>	TO <u>NOV 2007</u>	TO <u>NOV 2007</u>	TO <u>NOV 2007</u>
Total Nonfarm	183,900	183,900	181,800	+0	+0.0%	+2,100	+1.2%
Goods Producing	48,100	48,500	47,900	-400	-0.8%	+200	+0.4%
Mining & Construction	14,600	14,900	14,000	-300	-2.0%	+600	+4.3%
Manufacturing	33,500	33,600	33,900	-100	-0.3%	-400	-1.2%
Durable Goods	19,100	19,000	19,100	+100	+0.5%	+0	+0.0%
Service Providing	135,800	135,400	133,900	+400	+0.3%	+1,900	+1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	36,700	36,300	37,200	+400	+1.1%	-500	-1.3%
Wholesale Trade	7,800	7,900	7,700	-100	-1.3%	+100	+1.3%
Retail Trade	19,000	18,400	19,500	+600	+3.3%	-500	-2.6%
General Merchandise Stores	4,100	3,700	4,100	+400	+10.8%	+0	+0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,900	10,000	10,000	-100	-1.0%	-100	-1.0%
Information Services	3,500	3,200	2,800	+300	+9.4%	+700	+25.0%
Financial Activities	6,200	6,200	6,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional & Business Services	17,700	18,000	17,700	-300	-1.7%	+0	+0.0%
Educational & Health Services	28,800	28,700	27,800	+100	+0.3%	+1,000	+3.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	23,600	23,500	23,200	+100	+0.4%	+400	+1.7%
Hospitals	9,400	9,400	9,200	+0	+0.0%	+200	+2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality Services	17,100	17,100	16,800	+0	+0.0%	+300	+1.8%
Food Services & Drinking Places	12,400	12,400	13,000	+0	+0.0%	-600	-4.6%
Other Services	7,500	7,500	7,400	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.4%
Government	18,300	18,400	18,000	-100	-0.5%	+300	+1.7%
Federal Government	1,400	1,400	1,300	+0	+0.0%	+100	+7.7%
State Government	4,000	4,000	3,900	+0	+0.0%	+100	+2.6%
Local Government	12,900	13,000	12,800	-100	-0.8%	+100	+0.8%
Local Government Education	7,300	7,300	7,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%

EVANSVILLE, IN-KY MSA HOURS AND EARNINGS

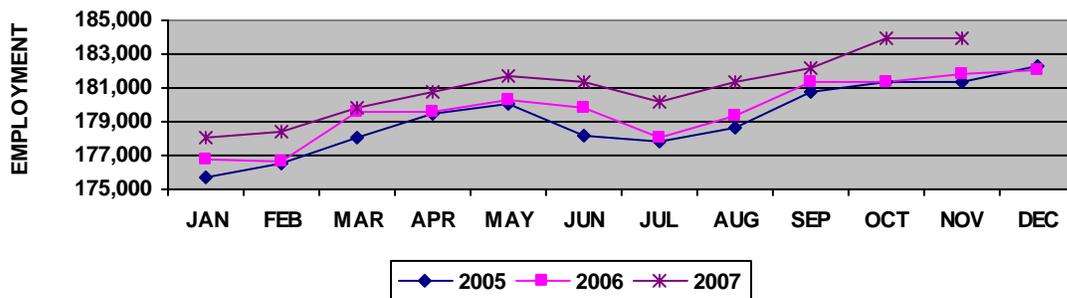
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV <u>2007</u>	OCT <u>2007</u>	NOV <u>2006</u>	NOV <u>2007</u>	OCT <u>2007</u>	NOV <u>2006</u>	NOV <u>2007</u>	OCT <u>2007</u>	NOV <u>2006</u>
	Manufacturing	\$903	\$907	\$919	42.2	41.9	40.8	\$21.39	\$21.64
Retail Trade	\$401	\$385	\$375	34.5	32.7	33.1	\$11.62	\$11.78	\$11.32

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2006 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2008.

Average earnings are gross figures and are affected by premium pay for overtime, incentive rates, shift differentials, and changes in basic hourly rates. Figures cover production workers in manufacturing and non-supervisory employees in other industry divisions.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EVANSVILLE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



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/>.

Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) Quick Facts Indiana, Economic Growth Region 11, & Evansville Metropolitan Statistical Area (Indiana Counties only)

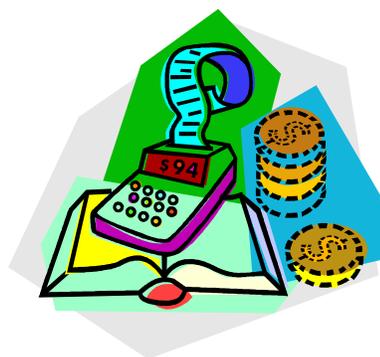
QWI Quick Facts	Evansville MSA (IN Counties)	EGR 11	Indiana
Total Employment	156,133	214,867	2,882,252
Net Job Flows	-5,056	-4,641	-41,333
Job Creation	6,680	10,591	195,459
New Hires	22,494	29,379	455,243
Separations	32,828	42,794	652,650
Turnover	10.9%	10.7%	11.8%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$3,265	\$3,139	\$3,265
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$1,797	\$1,786	\$1,940

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 4th Quarter 2006.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U)

Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2007 from:

	Nov. 06	Oct. 07
U.S. City Average		
All Items	4.3%	.6%
Food & Beverages	4.7%	.2%
Housing	3.1%	.0%
Apparel	-.4%	-.5%
Transportation	9.6%	3.1%
Medical Care	5.0%	.4%
Recreation	.6%	.1%
Education & Communication	2.8%	-.1%
Other Goods & Services	3.7%	.2%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	4.1%	.7%



*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>Nov. 2007</u>	<u>Oct. 2007</u>	<u>Nov. 2006</u>	<u>Previous Month % Change</u>	<u>Previous Year % Change</u>
<u>INITIAL CLAIMS</u>					
Evansville	1,803	1,546	2,221	16.6%	-18.8%
Vincennes	648	605	745	7.1%	-13.0%
Indiana	42,158	37,086	40,923	13.7%	3.0%
<u>TOTAL CLAIMS*</u>					
Evansville	10,158	10,307	11,157	-1.4%	-9.0%
Vincennes	3,448	3,514	4,187	-1.9%	-17.6%
Indiana	237,104	238,343	241,826	-.5%	-2.0%

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



REGION 11 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 11 (Evansville and Vincennes) received during November 2007. 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 following construction wages should not be used as "prevailing wage rates."

SELECTED NOVEMBER 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 11

<u>OCCUPATIONAL TITLES</u>	<u>MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE</u>	<u>AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM HOURLY WAGE</u>
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	\$8.00	\$8.67	\$10.00
Home Health, Personal & Home Care Aides, & Attendants	5.85	7.16	9.25
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	5.85	6.25	8.00
Assemblers	8.50	9.93	16.00
Salespersons: Retail	5.85	8.08	12.00
Janitors & Cleaners	5.85	7.51	8.50
Food Preparation & Service Workers	5.85	6.38	7.50
Production Inspectors, Testers, & Graders	8.50	9.44	11.00
Truck Drivers, Light-Including Delivery	5.85	14.53	31.25
Cashiers	5.85	7.01	9.30
Production Laborers	8.50	9.54	10.34
Automobile Master Mechanics	8.75	11.10	16.00
Chefs & Head Cooks	6.38	7.70	9.92
Cooks: Restaurant	5.85	7.09	8.50
Route Drivers	\$5.85	\$10.65	\$15.33

REGION 11* APPLICANT POOL

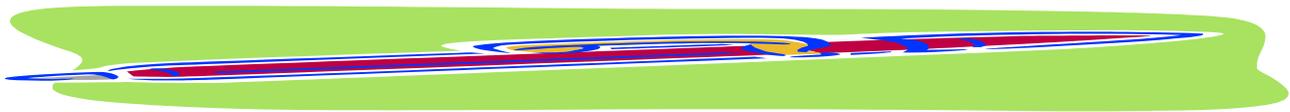
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The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

<u>REGION 11 JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Assemblers	4,401
Production Laborers	3,505
All Other Machine Operators	2,310
All Other Hand Workers	2,153
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,121
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,814
General Office Clerks	1,576
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,492
Production Inspectors, Testers, & Graders	1,468
Plastic Molding & Casting Machine Operators	1,440
Cashiers, General	1,409
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,302
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,278
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	1,249
Production Helpers	1,213
File Clerks	1,144
Administrative Assistants	1,118
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,116
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,068
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,044

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 11* 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 (11/25/07)</u>	<u>Average Annual Wage Demand</u>	<u>Median Annual Wage Demand</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>
EGR 11*	\$21,923	\$18,720	10,726
Dubois	\$22,160	\$20,800	341
Gibson	\$21,754	\$20,800	654
Knox	\$17,115	\$16,640	1,876
Perry	\$26,139	\$20,800	174
Pike	\$20,806	\$18,720	220
Posey	\$27,030	\$20,800	607
Spencer	\$21,137	\$20,800	339
Vanderburgh	\$22,514	\$18,720	5,458
Warrick	\$23,385	\$20,800	1,057



* Region 11 and EGR 11 include Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties.

2006 POPULATION ESTIMATES

The U.S. Census Bureau provides population estimates for the nation, states, counties and cities and towns. The following table compares 2000 Census data to 2006 Population Estimates.

AREA	2000 CENSUS	2006 POPULATION ESTIMATE
Indiana	6,080,485	6,313,520
Dubois	39,674	41,212
Jasper	12,100	13,976
Gibson	32,500	33,396
Princeton	8,175	8,641
Knox	39,256	38,241
Vincennes	18,701	17,997
Perry	18,899	18,843
Tell City	7,845	7,595
Pike	12,837	12,855
Petersburg	2,570	2,511
Posey	27,061	26,765
Mount Vernon	7,478	7,186
Spencer	20,391	20,596
Rockport	2,160	2,091
Vanderburgh	171,922	173,356
Evansville	121,582	115,738
Warrick	52,383	57,090
Boonville	6,834	6,761



OCCUPATIONS & STARTING WAGES REPORT

Indiana Economic Growth Region 11's Occupations and Starting Wages Report for 2007 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 a Region' from the map at the bottom of the page; you will then find a link to Regional Publications. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may email cboatman@dwd.in.gov or call Cathy Boatman at (812) 424-4473 extension 237.



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