



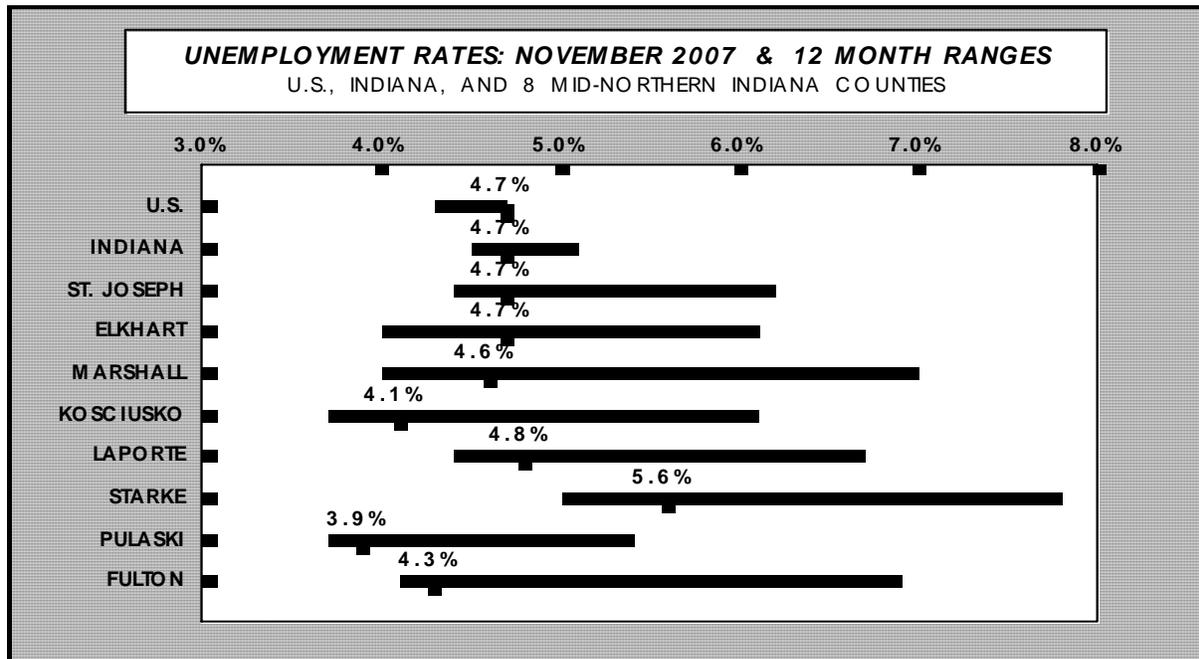
Labor Market Review

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MID-NORTHERN INDIANA EDITION

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES					LABOR FORCE TOTALS		
Area	Unemp Rate Nov 2007	Rank Hi-Lo 1to92	Unemp Rate Yr Ago	Nov 06 to Nov 07 (up/dn)	Total Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed
U.S.*	4.7%		4.5%	up 0.2	154,035,000	147,118,000	6,917,000
Indiana*	4.7%		4.7%	same	3,230,014	3,087,746	142,268
St. Joseph	4.7%	39	4.7%	same	135,005	128,669	6,336
Elkhart	4.7%	37	5.2%	dn 0.5	102,819	97,995	4,824
Marshall	4.6%	41	5.4%	dn 0.8	22,688	21,655	1,033
Kosciusko	4.1%	60	5.1%	dn 1.0	40,787	39,115	1,672
LaPorte	4.8%	39	5.0%	dn 0.2	52,768	50,239	2,529
Starke	5.6%	6	5.8%	dn 0.2	10,612	10,022	590
Pulaski	3.9%	70	4.2%	dn 0.3	6,797	6,530	267
Fulton	4.3%	51	5.0%	dn 0.7	10,275	9,833	442

Notes: Nov 2007 data was released Dec 21, 2007. Data are estimates using federal procedures. Degree of accuracy varies. * Seasonally adjusted - other rates are not adjusted. Data for ranges in the chart below have been updated and revised to the 2007 Benchmark. **The more recent U.S. unemployment rate for Dec 2007 was 5.0%, seasonally adjusted.**



NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT IN INDIANA

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NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
ELKHART-GOSHEN MSA (ELKHART COUNTY)

INDUSTRY	NOV 2007	OCT 2007	NOV 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				OCT 2007 TO NOV 2007	NOV 2006 TO NOV 2007		
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	131,600	131,800	130,200	-200	-0.2%	1,400	1.1%
Total Private Employment	121,700	121,900	120,200	-200	-0.2%	1,500	1.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	66,500	66,800	65,800	-300	-0.4%	700	1.1%
Natural Resources & Construction	4,700	4,800	4,600	-100	-2.1%	100	2.2%
Manufacturing	61,800	62,000	61,200	-200	-0.3%	600	1.0%
---Durable Goods	52,500	52,600	52,300	-100	-0.2%	200	0.4%
Transportation Equipment	31,000	31,100	31,000	-100	-0.3%	0	0.0%
Motor Veh Body/Trailers	24,600	24,500	24,800	100	0.4%	-200	-0.8%
Furniture & Related	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
SERVICE PRODUCING	65,100	65,000	64,400	100	0.2%	700	1.1%
Private Service Providing	55,200	55,100	54,400	100	0.2%	800	1.5%
---Trade,Transportation, Utilities	19,600	19,200	19,300	400	2.1%	300	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	7,100	7,000	7,000	100	1.4%	100	1.4%
Retail Trade	9,900	9,700	9,900	200	2.1%	0	0.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	2,600	2,500	2,400	100	4.0%	200	8.3%
---Information	800	800	800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	9,000	9,200	8,800	-200	-2.2%	200	2.3%
---Educational & Health	11,200	11,200	11,300	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
---Leisure & Hospitality	7,500	7,600	7,200	-100	-1.3%	300	4.2%
Food Svcs / Drinking Places	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	0.0%	200	3.2%
---Other Services	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Government	9,900	9,900	10,000	0	0.0%	-100	-1.0%
---Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	9,300	9,300	9,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Education	6,500	6,500	6,700	0	0.0%	-200	-3.0%

-- EMPLOYMENT DATA ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDRED AND THUS MAY NOT ADD TO THE TOTAL SHOWN
-- MSA - METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (ELKHART-GOSHEN MSA = ELKHART COUNTY)

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT IN INDIANA

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NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

SOUTH BEND - MISHAWAKA MSA*

INDUSTRY	NOV 2007	OCT 2007	NOV 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				OCT 2007 TO NOV 2007	NOV 2006 TO NOV 2007		
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	148,300	148,500	147,800	-200	-0.1%	500	0.3%
Total Private Employment	130,600	130,700	130,000	-100	-0.1%	600	0.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	27,300	27,600	27,000	-300	-1.1%	300	1.1%
Natural Resources & Construction	6,500	6,700	6,500	-200	-3.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	20,800	20,900	20,500	-100	-0.5%	300	1.5%
Transportation Equipment	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	0.0%	200	3.5%
SERVICE PRODUCING	121,000	120,900	120,800	100	0.1%	200	0.2%
Private Service Providing	103,300	103,100	103,000	200	0.2%	300	0.3%
---Trade,Transportation, Utilities	29,600	29,100	29,300	500	1.7%	300	1.0%
Wholesale Trade	8,000	7,900	7,900	100	1.3%	100	1.3%
Retail Trade	16,700	16,300	16,700	400	2.5%	0	0.0%
General Merch Stores	3,800	3,500	3,900	300	8.6%	-100	-2.6%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	0.0%	200	4.3%
---Information	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	7,300	7,400	7,300	-100	-1.4%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	13,100	13,200	13,100	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
---Educational & Health	33,200	33,200	33,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hospitals	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	0.0%	100	1.6%
---Leisure & Hospitality	12,300	12,400	12,300	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Food Svcs / Drinking Places	10,100	10,100	10,000	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
---Other Services	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	17,700	17,800	17,800	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%
---Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	14,000	14,100	14,100	-100	-0.7%	-100	-0.7%

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* MSA - METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SOUTH BEND-MISHAWAKA MSA - ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, IN, & CASS COUNTY, MI)

WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE U.S. POPULATION IN 2006

The U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics has recently released information on population work experience collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to their monthly Current Population Survey (CPS).

A total of 156.7 million persons worked at some point during 2006, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round rose to 68.4 percent in 2006 from 67.5 percent in 2005. The number of persons who experienced some unemployment in 2006 was 14.4 million, about the same as a year earlier.

Highlights from the 2006 data

□ The proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 years old and over that worked at some time during the year was 67.8 percent in 2006, essentially unchanged from 2005.

□ The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round in 2006 (68.4 percent) was up from 2005 (67.5 percent).

□ The "work-experience unemployment rate" -- defined as the number unemployed at some time during the year as a proportion of the number who worked or looked for work during the year -- was 9.1 percent in 2006, little changed from 9.3 percent in 2005.

Persons with employment

The proportion of men who worked at some time during 2006 held at 74.4 percent. The percent of women who worked during 2006, at 61.6 percent, was little changed from a year earlier. The proportions of whites (68.5 percent), blacks (63.6 percent), and Asians (67.5 percent)

that worked some time during the year were essentially unchanged in 2006. The proportion of Hispanics who worked at some point during 2006 (69.1 percent) was up from 2005 (68.0 percent).

Among those with work experience during 2006, 78.0 percent were employed year round (working 50 to 52 weeks, either full or part time), up by 0.6 percentage point from 2005. The percentage of women working year round rose to 74.8 percent in 2006, and the percentage of men employed

year round edged up to 80.9 percent. Of those employed at some time during 2006, 80.9 percent usually worked full time, up from 80.3 percent in 2005. Men were more likely to work full time during the year (87.8 percent) than were women (73.0 percent).

Persons with unemployment

Overall, 14.4 million persons experienced some unemployment in 2006, essentially unchanged from 14.5 million in 2005. The number of persons that experienced some unemployment during the year was down by 2.4 million from its recent high of 16.8 million in 2002.

At 9.1 percent in 2006, the "work-experience unemployment rate" (those looking for work during the year as a percent of those who worked or looked for work during the year) was little changed from 9.3 percent in 2005. The 2006 rate is low by historical standards, but is above the series low of 8.6 percent reached in 2000.

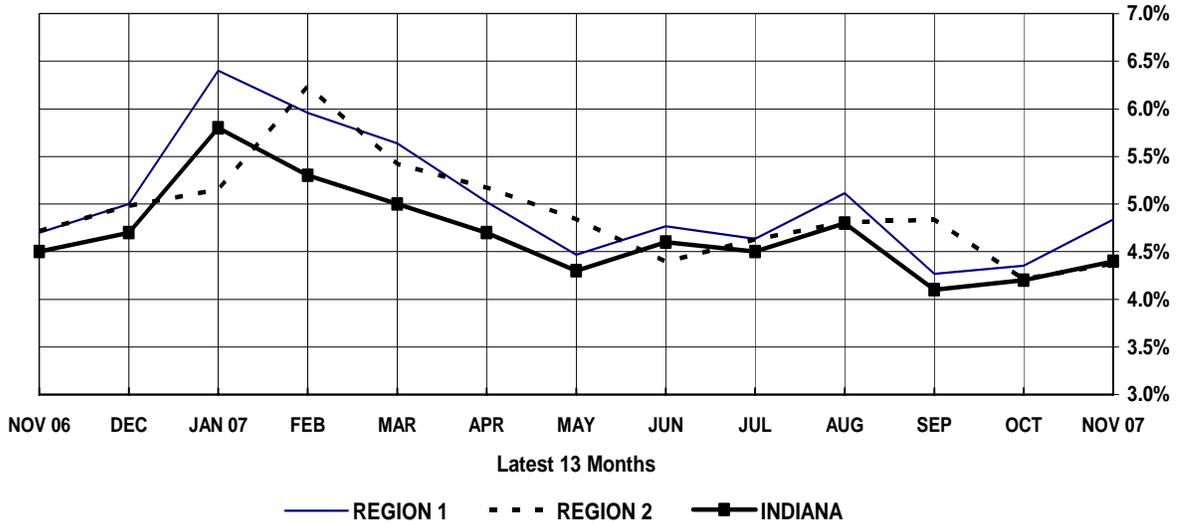
The rate for blacks fell in 2006; however, at 13.0 percent, it was higher than the rates for Hispanics

(10.2 percent), whites (8.5 percent), and Asians (7.3 percent). Overall, men continued to have higher "work-experience unemployment rates" than women in 2006. Among whites, the rate for men (9.0 percent) was higher than that for women (7.9 percent). This also was true for black men and women (14.5 and 11.7 percent, respectively). The rates for Asian men and women (7.5 and 7.0 percent, respectively) were little different from each other, as were the rates for Hispanic men and women (10.7 and 9.6 percent, respectively).

Among those who experienced unemployment in 2006, the median number of weeks spent looking for work was 13.8, down from 14.6 in 2005. About 1.9 million individuals had looked for a job but did not work at all in 2006, down from 2.4 million in 2005. Of the 12.5 million persons who worked during 2006 and also experienced unemployment, 24.5 percent had two or more spells of joblessness, about the same share as in 2005.

Further information from this BLS report including data tables can be accessed via the report table of contents links which are listed at the following Internet address:
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/work.toc.htm> □

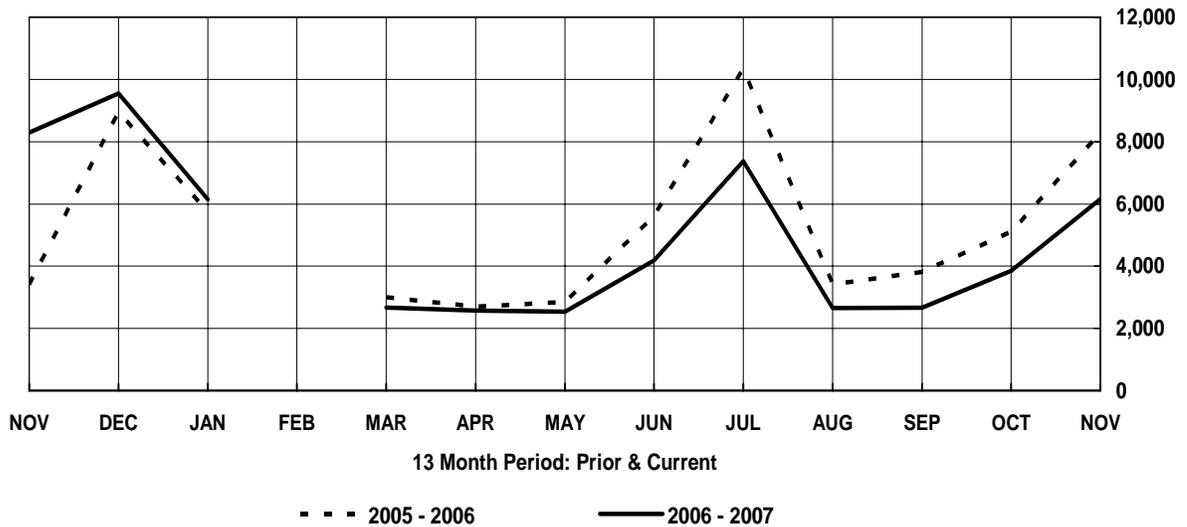
REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES* Region 1, Region 2, & Indiana



* Unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted

Notes: Region 1 consists of Indiana Counties Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, & Pulaski
Region 2 consists of Indiana Counties St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Kosciusko, & Fulton

INITIAL CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS Region 2 Unemployment Benefit Offices



Note: February data is not available.

Initial claims data above is presented through November 07 to make it consistent with other data in this publication.
Region 2 unemployment benefits offices are in the cities of South Bend and Elkhart

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