



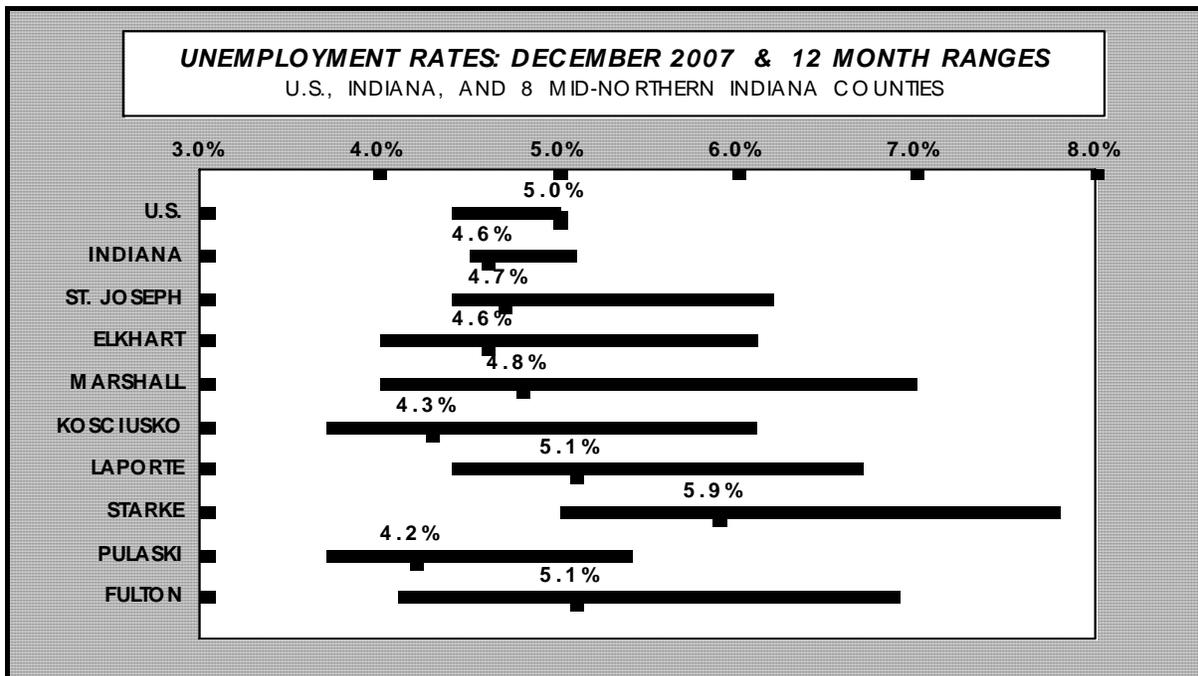
Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES					LABOR FORCE TOTALS		
Area	Unemp Rate Dec 2007	Rank Hi-Lo 1to92	Unemp Rate Yr Ago	Dec 06 to Dec 07 (up/dn)	Total Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed
U.S.*	5.0%		4.4%	up 0.6	153,705,000	146,334,000	7,371,000
Indiana*	4.6%		4.8%	dn 0.2	3,212,529	3,069,699	142,830
St. Joseph	4.7%	47	5.0%	dn 0.3	134,439	128,076	6,363
Elkhart	4.6%	49	5.2%	dn 0.6	102,355	97,602	4,753
Marshall	4.8%	41	5.7%	dn 0.9	22,306	21,231	1,075
Kosciusko	4.3%	59	5.2%	dn 0.9	39,738	38,015	1,723
LaPorte	5.1%	27	5.6%	dn 0.5	52,499	49,815	2,684
Starke	5.9%	6	6.2%	dn 0.3	10,372	9,765	607
Pulaski	4.2%	64	4.3%	dn 0.1	6,684	6,403	281
Fulton	5.1%	25	5.4%	dn 0.3	10,070	9,552	518

Notes: Dec 2007 data was released Jan 18, 2008. 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 Jan 2008 was 4.9%, seasonally adjusted.**



NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT IN INDIANA

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

INDUSTRY	DEC 2007	NOV 2007	DEC 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				NOV 2007 TO DEC 2007		DEC 2006 TO DEC 2007	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	131,300	131,700	130,200	-400	-0.3%	1,100	0.8%
Total Private Employment	121,300	121,800	120,100	-500	-0.4%	1,200	1.0%
GOODS PRODUCING	66,300	66,600	65,800	-300	-0.5%	500	0.8%
Natural Resources & Construction	4,400	4,800	4,500	-400	-8.3%	-100	-2.2%
Manufacturing	61,900	61,800	61,300	100	0.2%	600	1.0%
---Durable Goods	52,600	52,500	52,100	100	0.2%	500	1.0%
Transportation Equipment	30,900	31,000	30,700	-100	-0.3%	200	0.7%
Motor Veh Body/Trailers	24,600	24,600	24,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Furniture & Related	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
SERVICE PRODUCING	65,000	65,100	64,400	-100	-0.2%	600	0.9%
Private Service Providing	55,000	55,200	54,300	-200	-0.4%	700	1.3%
---Trade,Transportation, Utilities	19,600	19,600	19,300	0	0.0%	300	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	10,000	10,000	9,900	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	0.0%	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	8,900	9,000	8,700	-100	-1.1%	200	2.3%
---Educational & Health	11,200	11,200	11,300	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
---Leisure & Hospitality	7,400	7,500	7,200	-100	-1.3%	200	2.8%
Food Svcs / Drinking Places	6,400	6,500	6,300	-100	-1.5%	100	1.6%
---Other Services	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Government	10,000	9,900	10,100	100	1.0%	-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	9,400	9,300	9,500	100	1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Education	6,600	6,500	6,800	100	1.5%	-200	-2.9%

-- 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)

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NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES**SOUTH BEND - MISHAWAKA MSA***

INDUSTRY	DEC 2007	NOV 2007	DEC 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				NOV 2007 TO DEC 2007	DEC 2006 TO DEC 2007		
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	147,900	148,300	147,700	-400	-0.3%	200	0.1%
Total Private Employment	130,100	130,600	129,800	-500	-0.4%	300	0.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	27,100	27,300	26,800	-200	-0.7%	300	1.1%
Natural Resources & Construction	6,200	6,500	6,200	-300	-4.6%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	20,900	20,800	20,600	100	0.5%	300	1.5%
Transportation Equipment	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	0.0%	200	3.5%
SERVICE PRODUCING	120,800	121,000	120,900	-200	-0.2%	-100	-0.1%
Private Service Providing	103,000	103,300	103,000	-300	-0.3%	0	0.0%
---Trade,Transportation, Utilities	29,600	29,600	29,500	0	0.0%	100	0.3%
Wholesale Trade	7,900	7,900	7,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	16,900	16,700	17,000	200	1.2%	-100	-0.6%
General Merch Stores	3,900	3,800	3,800	100	2.6%	100	2.6%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	4,800	5,000	4,600	-200	-4.0%	200	4.3%
---Information	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	7,300	7,300	7,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	13,000	13,100	13,000	-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	5,900	0	0.0%	300	5.1%
---Leisure & Hospitality	12,200	12,300	12,200	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Food Svcs / Drinking Places	10,000	10,100	10,000	-100	-1.0%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	5,500	5,600	5,600	-100	-1.8%	-100	-1.8%
Government	17,800	17,700	17,900	100	0.6%	-100	-0.6%
---Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,400	2,500	2,400	-100	-4.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	14,200	14,000	14,300	200	1.4%	-100	-0.7%

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

SCHOOL/WORK STATUS OF AMERICAN YOUTH AT AGE 20

The U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics has recently released more information from the National Longitudinal survey of youth, a nationally representative survey of about 9,000 young men and women who were born during the years 1980 to 1984. This focuses on the school enrollment and employment experiences of these youths from the October when they were age 19 to the October when they were age 20.

Highlights from the longitudinal survey include:

- ❑ By the October when they were age 20, 79 percent of men had graduated from high school compared with 84 percent of women.
- ❑ Among those who had dropped out of high school by the October when they were age 19, 11 percent had graduated from high school or earned a General Educational Development (GED) credential by the following October. Another 4 percent had not graduated but were enrolled in a training or apprenticeship program and few had reenrolled in high school.
- ❑ Ten percent of male high school graduates who had never enrolled in college were in the Armed Forces during the October when they were age 20, as were 7 percent of the 20-year-old men who had attended college but were no longer enrolled.
- ❑ Forty-two percent of high school dropouts and 20 percent of high school graduates not enrolled in college were neither employed nor in training during the October when they were age 20.

❑ Among high school dropouts who were not enrolled in school, 43 percent of non-Hispanic blacks were not employed in either the October when they were age 19 or the October when they were age 20 compared with 22 percent of non-Hispanic whites and 26 percent of Hispanics.

❑ High school graduates not enrolled in college were employed 78 percent of the weeks between the October when they were age 19 and the following October. By comparison, youths who had dropped out of high school by the October when they were age 19 were employed, on average, 55 percent of those weeks.

Employment & training of youths not in school

At age 20, labor force status differed substantially between high school dropouts, high school graduates who had never attended college, and youths who had left college. High school dropouts were the least likely of these groups to be employed during the October when they were age 20. Black high school dropouts were more likely not to be in the labor force than to be employed. Forty-two percent of black high school dropouts were employed or in the Armed Forces during the October when they were age 20 compared with 54 percent of Hispanic high school dropouts and 63 percent of white dropouts.

Seventy-one percent of high school graduates who had never enrolled in college were employed in civilian jobs during the October when they were age 20. Another 6 percent were enlisted in the Armed Forces, 10 percent of male graduates and 2 percent

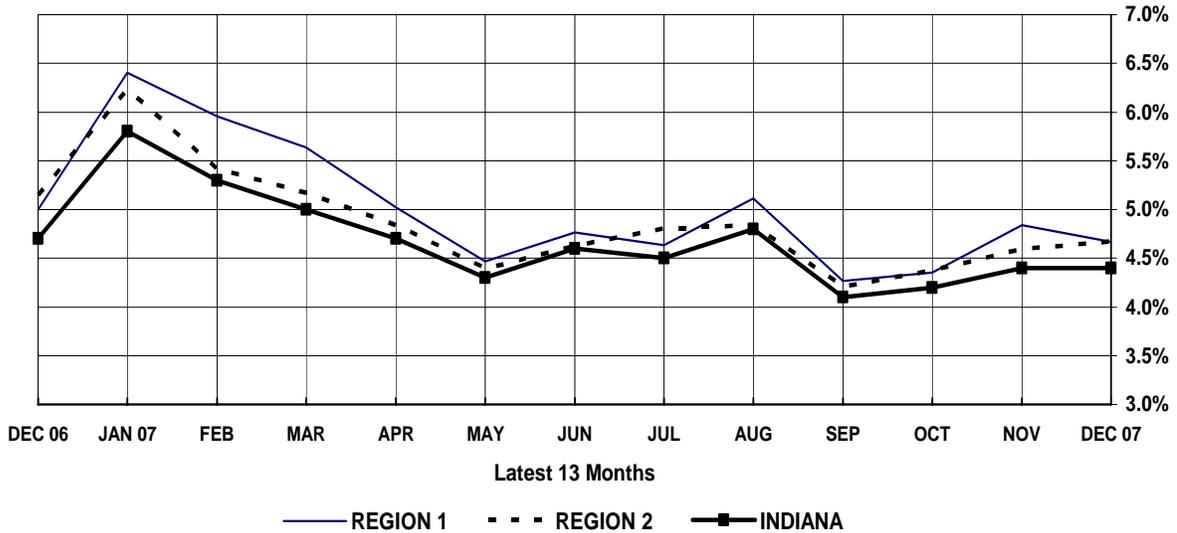
of female graduates. Among high school graduates who had some college experience but were not enrolled in college during the October when they were age 20, 76 percent were employed in civilian jobs and 5 percent were enlisted in the Armed Forces. Women with some college experience but no longer enrolled were more likely than their male counterparts to be employed in civilian jobs; among high school dropouts and high school graduates who had never attended college, men were more likely than women to be employed in civilian jobs.

Forty-two percent of high school dropouts were neither employed nor in training during the October when they were age 20. Fifty-six percent were employed, including 3 percent who were both employed and enrolled in a training program. Another 2 percent of high school dropouts were enrolled in training but not employed. Among high school dropouts, women were more likely than men to be neither employed nor in training. Blacks were more likely than whites or Hispanics to be neither employed nor in training.

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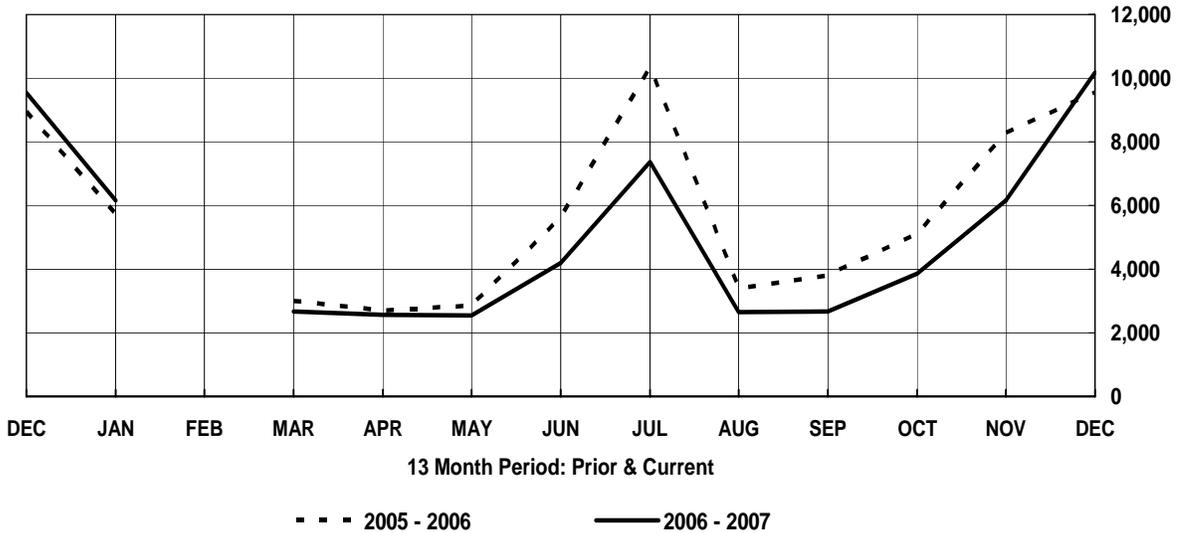
REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES* Region 1, Region 2, & Indiana



* 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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