

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

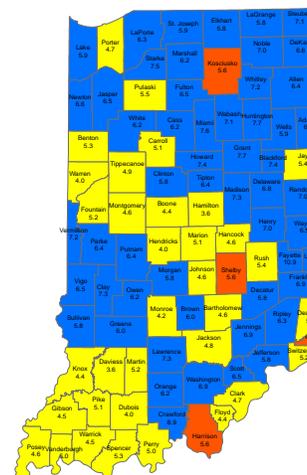
Statistical Data Report for March 2008

Released May 2008



The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

March Non Seasonal Unemployment Rate



Non Seasonal Unemployment Rate

- Below State Rate
- Same as State Rate - 5.6%
- Above State Rate

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK March 2008	COUNTY
1	Fayette (10.9%)
3	Grant
4	Huntington
13	Whitley
14	Steuben
15	Wabash
17	Noble
23	DeKalb
31	Allen
35	Adams
47	Wells
52	LaGrange
92	Hamilton (3.6%)

March 2008 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted) State Release Date: 04/18/07			
	03/08	02/07	03/07
U.S.	5.2	5.2	4.5
INDIANA	5.6	5.3	4.9
FORT WAYNE MSA	6.4	5.2	4.9
EGR 3	6.7	5.7	5.2
COUNTY:			
Adams	6.3	8.0	4.9
Allen	6.4	5.2	4.9
DeKalb	6.6	5.9	6.1
Grant	7.7	7.0	6.5
Huntington	7.7	5.3	5.2
LaGrange	5.8	5.4	4.9
Noble	7.0	6.1	5.6
Steuben	7.1	6.7	6.7
Wabash	7.1	6.2	5.1
Wells	5.9	5.2	4.9
Whitley	7.2	5.4	4.6
CITY:			
Angola	8.3	7.3	7.1
Auburn	6.8	5.8	6.2
Bluffton	5.4	5.8	5.4
Columbia City	7.4	5.7	5.0
Decatur	8.6	11.7	6.6
Fort Wayne	6.7	5.5	4.9
Huntington	7.6	6.0	5.7
Indianapolis(Cons)	5.1	4.8	4.6
Kendallville	7.1	6.9	5.7
Marion	9.2	8.4	7.2
Wabash City	8.9	7.9	6.3
OTHER MSA'S			
Indianapolis	4.8	4.5	4.2
Gary	5.7	5.7	5.5
Evansville	5.0	4.9	4.8



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT March 2008

(Not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	5.7%
Kentucky	6.1%
Michigan	7.9%
Ohio	6.1%

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

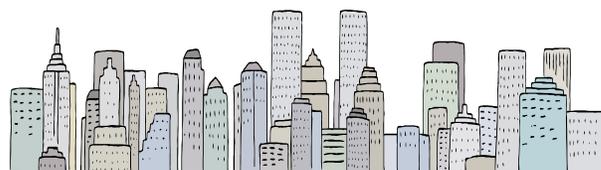
The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported the regional and state unemployment rates were generally higher in March. Overall, 36 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 5 states registered decreases and 9 states had no change in their rates. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 39 states, down in 9 states and unchanged in 2 states.

Michigan continued to report the highest state unemployment rate, 7.2 percent. The states with the next highest rates were Alaska, 6.7%; California, 6.2%; Rhode Island, 6.1%; and Mississippi, 6.0%. South Dakota again posted the lowest rate, 2.5%, followed by Nebraska at 2.9%. Overall, 19 states reported unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 5 states recorded measurably higher rates, and 26 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation.



FORT WAYNE MSA

WAGE AND SALARIED



	Fort Wayne MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	MARCH	FEBRUARY	MARCH	FEB. 2008		MAR. 2007	
	2008	2008	2007	TO	TO	TO	TO
				MAR. 2008	MAR. 2008	MAR. 2008	MAR. 2008
Total Nonfarm	212,700	213,900	217,100	-1,200	-0.6%	-4,400	-2.0%
Total Private	189,800	191,100	194,400	-1,300	-0.7%	-4,600	-2.4%
Goods Producing	44,800	47,000	48,900	-2,200	-4.7%	-4,100	-8.4%
Service-Providing	167,900	166,900	168,200	+1,000	+0.6%	-300	-0.2%
Private Srvc Provide	145,000	144,100	145,500	+900	+0.6%	-500	-0.3%
Mining & Construction	10,300	10,000	10,700	+300	+3.0%	-400	-3.7%
Manufacturing	34,500	37,000	38,200	-2,500	-6.8%	-3,700	-9.7%
Durable Goods	25,000	27,700	28,800	-2,700	-9.7%	-3,800	-13.2%
Computer and Electronic	4,600	4,600	4,400	+0	+0.0%	+200	+4.5%
Transportation Equipment	3,500	6,100	6,500	-2,600	-42.6%	-3,000	-46.2%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	45,400	45,200	45,800	+200	+0.4%	-400	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	12,700	12,800	12,900	-100	-0.8%	-200	-1.6%
Retail Trade	22,200	22,000	22,400	+200	+0.9%	-200	-0.9%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,500	10,400	10,500	+100	+1.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	3,900	3,800	3,800	+100	+2.6%	+100	+2.6%
Financial Activities	11,700	11,700	11,800	+0	+0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Professional and Business	20,600	20,300	20,700	+300	+1.5%	-100	-0.5%
Educational and Health	36,800	36,800	36,300	+0	+0.0%	+500	+1.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	18,700	18,400	19,100	+300	+1.6%	-400	-2.1%
Food Services and Drinking	15,800	15,600	16,300	+200	+1.3%	-500	-3.1%
Other Services	7,900	7,900	8,000	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.3%
Government	22,900	22,800	22,700	+100	+0.4%	+200	+0.9%
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	3,700	3,700	3,700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	16,900	16,800	16,700	+100	+0.6%	+200	+1.2%
Local Govt Education	10,000	10,000	10,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
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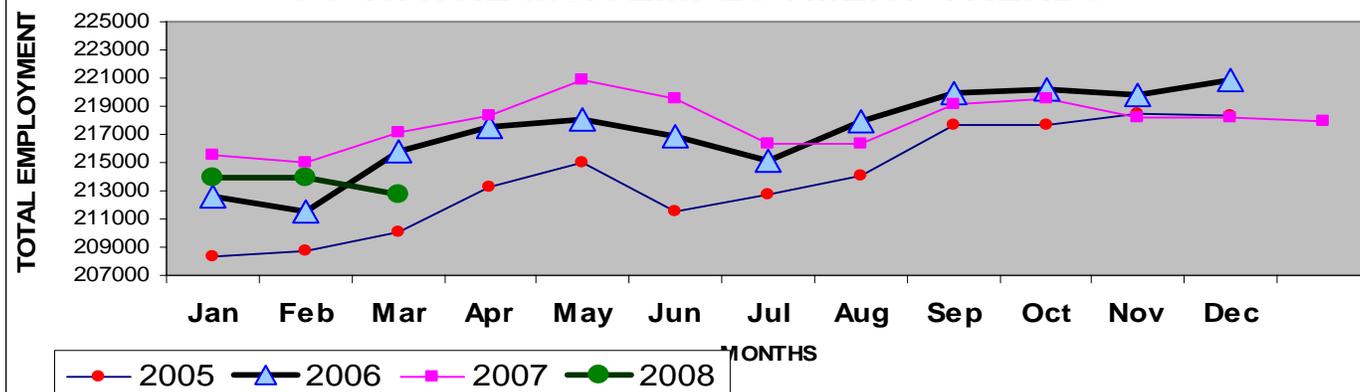
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Changes

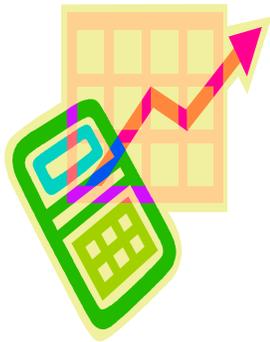
Effective with the release of 2007 annual average estimates the labor force data were revised to incorporate updated population controls, reestimation of models, and adjustment to new division and national control totals. In addition, effective with the release of February 2008 local area unemployment statistics revision of the prior month's estimates will resume.

In addition, establishment survey data reflect conversion to the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For more information on the update to NAICS 2007 <http://www.bls.gov/sae/saenaics07.htm>
BLS has discontinued publication of all metropolitan area hours and earnings series from the Current Employment Statistics survey. Also all nonfarm employment series for 65 small metropolitan areas have been discontinued. For a list of discontinued series, see "Reductions to Current Employment Statistics Metropolitan Area Series at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/msareductions.htm>

FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	March 2008	February 2008	Previous Month % Change	March 2007	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	10,570	9,091	16.3%	9,891	6.9%
Auburn	17,502	15,318	14.3%	14,457	21.1%
Fort Wayne	34,354	23,323	47.3%	19,986	71.9%
Marion	15,086	12,388	21.8%	8,323	81.3%
Muncie	15,447	12,557	23.0%	11,387	35.7%
Richmond	9,005	8,386	7.4%	4,143	117.4%
INDIANA	405,189	359,844	12.6%	310,135	30.6%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics

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.



REGION 3 APPLICANT POOL

April 27, 2008

REGION 3 JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
Assemblers (Factory Work)	5,225
Production Laborers	4,306
All Other Machine Operators	3,075
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,858
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,273
All Other Hand Workers	2,115
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,657
General Office Clerks	1,538
Cashiers, General	1,528
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	1,432
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,350
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,243
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,192
Order Fillers - Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,138
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,134
Administrative Assistants	1,132
Other Hand Material Movers	1,126
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Oper	1,108
Machine Assemblers	1,087
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,078



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.



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/>.

QWI Quick Facts	Economic Growth Region 3 (Q1 2007)
Total Employment	338,345
Net Job Flows	-9,866
Job Creation	13,395
New Hires	42,215
Separations	58,055
Turnover	9.60%
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$3,014
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,844

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3 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.



AREA (4/27/08)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
Indiana	\$26,566	\$20,800	123,557
EGR 3*	\$26,022	\$20,800	13,989
Adams	\$29,182	\$23,400	352
Allen	\$25,887	\$20,800	5,854
De Kalb	\$24,807	\$20,800	1,055
Grant	\$23,027	\$18,720	2,546
Huntington	\$25,486	\$20,800	608
Lagrange	\$26,573	\$24,960	398
Noble	\$31,176	\$20,800	938
Steuben	\$26,204	\$20,800	677
Wabash	\$31,067	\$22,880	736
Wells	\$30,595	\$24,960	370
Whitley	\$25,476	\$22,100	455



Consumer Price Index



1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2007	0.1	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.7	-0.3
2008	0.6	0.2	0.9									

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2007	1.2	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.3	1.8	3.1	3.7	4.1	3.8
2008	4.3	3.8	3.7									

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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