

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

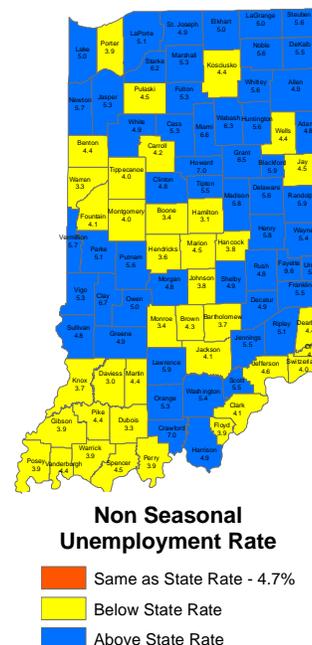
Statistical Data Report for April 2008

Released June 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.

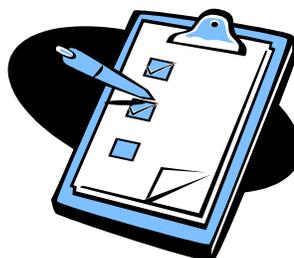
April Non Seasonal Unemployment Rate



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK	COUNTY
1	Fayette (9.6%)
6	Grant
7	Wabash
17	Huntington
18	Noble
20	Steuben
21	Whitley
22	DeKalb
40	LaGrange
43	Allen
50	Adams
66	Wells
92	Daviess (3.0%)

April 2008 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)			
State Release Date: 05/16/08			
	04/08	03/08	04/07
U.S.	4.8	5.2	4.3
INDIANA	4.7	5.6	4.5
FORT WAYNE MSA	4.9	6.4	4.5
EGR 3	5.3	6.7	4.8
COUNTY:			
Adams	4.8	6.3	4.4
Allen	4.9	6.4	4.6
DeKalb	5.5	6.6	5.4
Grant	6.5	7.7	6.1
Huntington	5.6	7.7	4.7
LaGrange	5.0	5.8	4.5
Noble	5.6	7.0	5.1
Steuben	5.6	7.1	6.1
Wabash	6.3	7.1	4.7
Wells	4.4	5.9	4.4
Whitley	5.6	7.1	4.0
CITY:			
Angola	7.1	8.3	6.6
Auburn	5.8	6.8	5.4
Bluffton	4.5	5.4	4.9
Columbia City	6.0	7.4	4.5
Decatur	6.3	8.5	6.0
Fort Wayne	5.2	6.7	4.6
Huntington	6.2	7.6	5.3
Indianapolis(Cons)	4.4	5.1	4.4
Kendallville	6.1	7.2	5.5
Marion	7.9	9.2	6.8
Wabash City	9.0	8.9	5.9
OTHER MSA'S			
Indianapolis	4.1	4.8	3.9
Gary	4.7	5.7	4.7
Evansville	4.3	5.0	4.6



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT April 2008 (Not seasonally adjusted)	
Illinois	5.4%
Kentucky	5.5%
Michigan	6.6%
Ohio	5.5%

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 little changed in April. Overall, 28 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 14 states registered increases and 8 states had no change in their rates. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 35 states, down in 13 states and unchanged in 2 states. South Dakota and Wyoming recorded the lowest unemployment rate, 2.6% each. Michigan continued to report the highest state unemployment rate, 6.9%. The states with the next highest rates were Alaska, 6.7%; California, 6.2%; and Rhode Island, 6.1%. Overall, 21 states reported unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 6 states recorded measurably higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation.



FORT WAYNE MSA

WAGE AND SALARIED



Fort Wayne MSA				CHANGE FROM	
	APRIL 2008	MARCH 2008	APRIL 2007	MAR. 2008 TO APR. 2008	APR. 2007 TO APR. 2008
Total Nonfarm	215,100	212,900	218,300	+2,200 +1.0%	-3,200 -1.5%
Total Private	192,500	189,900	195,900	+2,600 +1.4%	-3,400 -1.7%
Goods Producing	46,000	44,600	49,200	+1,400 +3.1%	-3,200 -6.5%
Service-Providing	169,100	168,300	169,100	+800 +0.5%	+0 +0.0%
Private Srvc Provide	146,500	145,300	146,700	+1,200 +0.8%	-200 -0.1%
Mining & Construction	11,000	10,200	11,200	+800 +7.8%	-200 -1.8%
Manufacturing	35,000	34,400	38,000	+600 +1.7%	-3,000 -7.9%
Durable Goods	26,300	24,900	28,500	+1,400 +5.6%	-2,200 -7.7%
Computer and Electronic	4,600	4,600	4,400	+0 +0.0%	+200 +4.5%
Transportation Equipment	4,800	3,500	6,500	+1,300 +37.1%	-1,700 -26.2%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	45,700	45,500	46,100	+200 +0.4%	-400 -0.9%
Wholesale Trade	12,800	12,800	12,900	+0 +0.0%	-100 -0.8%
Retail Trade	22,300	22,200	22,600	+100 +0.5%	-300 -1.3%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,600	10,500	10,600	+100 +1.0%	+0 +0.0%
Information	3,900	3,900	3,800	+0 +0.0%	+100 +2.6%
Financial Activities	11,700	11,700	11,900	+0 +0.0%	-200 -1.7%
Professional and Business	20,800	20,600	21,100	+200 +1.0%	-300 -1.4%
Educational and Health	36,800	36,900	36,100	-100 -0.3%	+700 +1.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	19,500	18,700	19,600	+800 +4.3%	-100 -0.5%
Food Services and Drinking	16,200	15,900	16,600	+300 +1.9%	-400 -2.4%
Other Services	8,100	8,000	8,100	+100 +1.3%	+0 +0.0%
Government	22,600	23,000	22,400	-400 -1.7%	+200 +0.9%
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%
State Government	3,600	3,700	3,600	-100 -2.7%	+0 +0.0%
Local Government	16,700	17,000	16,500	-300 -1.8%	+200 +1.2%
Local Govt Education	9,800	10,000	9,800	-200 -2.0%	+0 +0.0%

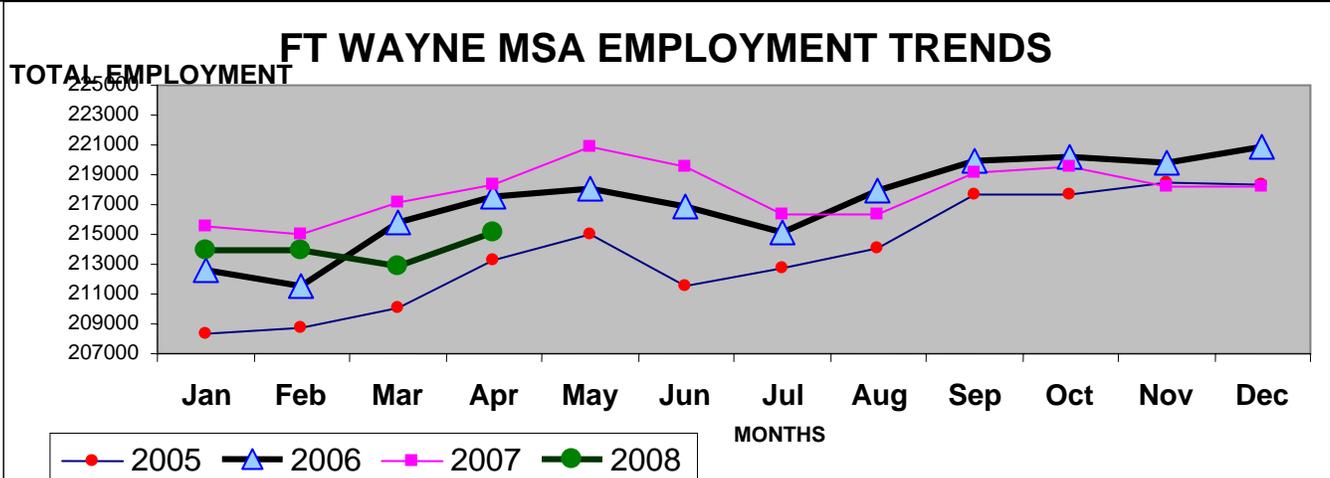
NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

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>



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	April 2008	March 2008	Previous Month % Change	April 2007	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	8,071	10,570	-23.6%	9,750	-17.2%
Auburn	12,561	17,502	-28.2%	13,299	-5.5%
Fort Wayne	23,605	34,354	-31.3%	19,565	20.6%
Marion	12,320	15,086	-18.3%	8,246	49.4%
Muncie	11,740	15,447	-24.0%	10,323	13.7%
Richmond	7,600	9,005	-15.6%	4,630	64.1%
INDIANA	319,418	405,189	-21.2%	288,300	10.8%

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

Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

Top 10 industries ranked on the greatest employment

Rank	Industry	Average Quarterly Employment(1)	Average Quarterly New Hire Employment(2)	New Hire Earnings(3)
	All NAICS subsectors	308,368	28,143	\$1,844
1	Food Services and Drinking Places	25,008	3,491	\$704
2	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	19,683	1,133	\$3,157
3	Administrative and Support Services	17,819	3,787	\$1,203
4	Ambulatory Health Care Services	12,964	788	\$2,403
5	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	12,314	852	\$2,248
6	Hospitals	10,575	544	\$2,427
7	Specialty Trade Contractors	10,571	823	\$2,558
8	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	10,306	765	\$2,797
9	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	9,627	1,084	\$1,562
10	General Merchandise Stores	8,912	894	\$988



Source: U.S Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (Private firms only)

Reference Quarter: Penultimate quarter as the final quarter in a four-quarter average. Time period is 2006 3rd Qt, 2006 4th Qt, 2007 1st Qt and 2007 2nd Qt.

(1)Beginning of Quarter Employment, total number of workers who were employed by the same employer in both the current and previous quarter.

(2)Industries with the highest average of new hires in stable jobs during the last year. If no information appears for an age/sex category, then either no workers exist or the information is suppressed for confidentiality.

(3)Industries with the highest average monthly earnings for new hires in stable jobs during the last year. If no information appears for an age/sex category, then either no workers exist or the information is suppressed for confidentiality.

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/>.

Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

Occupation Titles	Minimum Wage	Average Wage	Maximum Wage
Production Laborers	\$7.00	\$12.51	\$18.00
Assemblers (Factory Work)	\$7.00	\$11.15	\$14.71
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	\$7.00	\$9.68	\$11.93
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	\$7.00	\$8.50	\$10.00
Hand Packers & Packagers	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Sewing Machine Operators, Non-Garment	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Welders, Production	\$14.00	\$14.28	\$14.55
Sewers, Hand	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Metal Fabricators, Structural Metal Prod	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
Other Hand Material Movers	\$10.00	\$10.25	\$10.50
Industrial Production Managers	\$11.97	\$18.40	\$27.40
Production Machinery Maintenance Mechanics	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$20.00
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	\$7.25	\$13.42	\$19.29
Numerical Control Machine Tool Operators	\$10.30	\$20.17	\$26.00
Sales Agents - Insurance	\$16.83	\$20.91	\$25.00
Cashiers, General	\$7.25	\$11.96	\$14.19
Welder-Fitters	\$11.00	\$12.78	\$14.55
Drilling And Boring Machine Tool Setters	\$16.00	\$19.00	\$25.00
Welders And Cutters	\$11.00	\$12.78	\$14.55
Cashiers, General	\$7.25	\$11.96	\$14.19
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$9.00	\$15.18	\$24.04
Bill & Account Collectors	\$10.50	\$12.67	\$15.00
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$8.50	\$10.80	\$13.00

ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana

Workforce Development offices in Region 3 received during April 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.

To place your job order or register for work go to our website

<http://www.in.gov/dwd/>



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	0.8								

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	4.0								

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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