

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

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 Labor Force Estimates
 (not seasonally adjusted)
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Muncie MSA and Region.



The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2007	Rate 2006
U. S.	154,035,000	147,118,000	6,917,000	4.5%	4.3%
Indiana	3,230,014	3,087,746	142,268	4.4%	4.5%
Muncie MSA	56,388	53,643	2,745	4.9%	5.1%
EGR 6	167,930	159,270	8,660	5.2%	5.3%
Blackford County	6,674	6,323	351	5.3%	5.6%
Delaware County	56,388	53,643	2,745	4.9%	5.1%
Fayette County	10,183	9,446	737	7.2%	8.3%
Henry County	22,695	21,419	1,276	5.6%	5.3%
Jay County	11,842	11,366	476	4.0%	3.9%
Randolph County	12,609	11,931	678	5.4%	5.6%
Rush County	9,511	9,095	416	4.4%	4.0%
Union County	3,797	3,642	155	4.1%	5.2%
Wayne County	34,231	32,405	1,826	5.3%	5.4%
Muncie City	31,162	29,470	1,692	5.4%	5.5%
Richmond City	17,789	16,727	1,062	6.0%	5.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)	
November 2007	COUNTY
1	Fayette
4	Henry
10	Randolph
12	Blackford
14	Wayne
22	Delaware
48	Rush
61	Union
63	Jay
92	Dubois (2.9%)

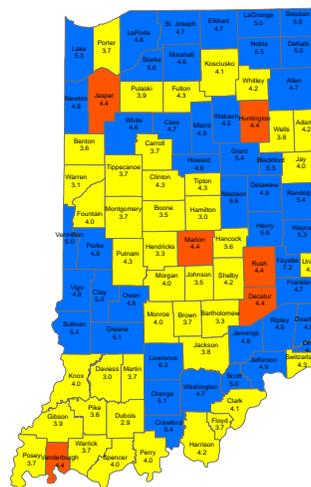


SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT November 2007 (Not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois 4.8%
 Kentucky 4.6%
 Michigan 6.9%
 Ohio 5.3%



November Non Seasonal Unemployment Rate



Non Seasonal Unemployment Rate

Below State Rate
 Same as State Rate - 4.4%
 Above State Rate



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 November. Overall, 23 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 17 states registered decreases, and 10 states had no changes. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 23 states, 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 had rates below 3.0 percent: South Dakota and Utah at 2.8 percent and Hawaii and Wyoming at 2.9 percent each.

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

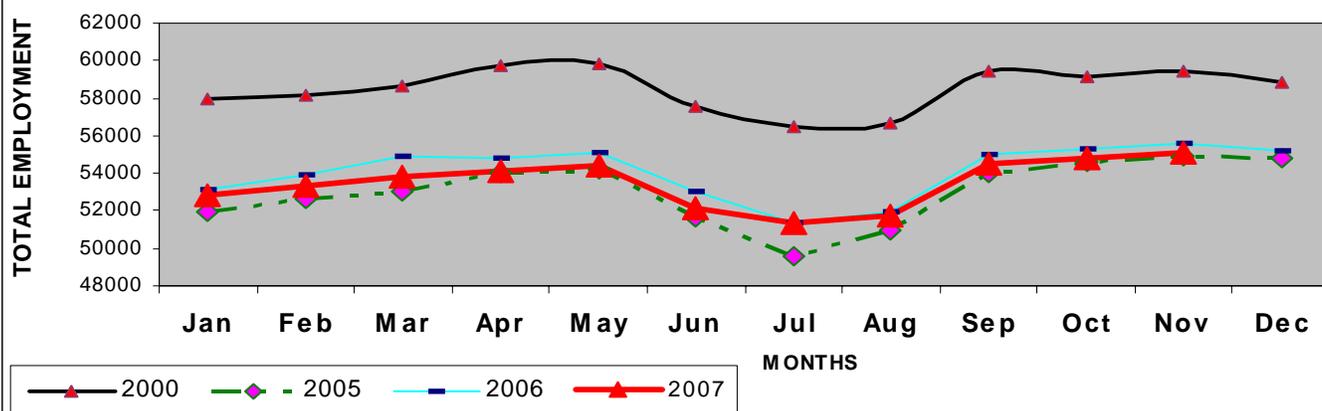
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MUNCIE MSA WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	NOVEMBER 2007	OCTOBER 2007	NOVEMBER 2006	OCT. 2007 TO NOV. 2007	NOV. 2006 TO NOV. 2007		
Total Nonfarm	55,100	54,800	55,600	+300	+0.5%	-500	-0.9%
Total Private	41,900	41,700	42,000	+200	+0.5%	-100	-0.2%
Goods Producing	7,700	7,800	8,000	-100	-1.3%	-300	-3.8%
Service-Providing	47,400	47,000	47,600	+400	+0.9%	-200	-0.4%
Private Srvc Provide	34,200	33,900	34,000	+300	+0.9%	+200	+0.6%
Mining & Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,700	-100	-1.8%	-300	-5.3%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	9,700	9,300	9,500	+400	+4.3%	+200	+2.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	7,300	6,900	7,100	+400	+5.8%	+200	+2.8%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	500	500	500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	5,200	5,300	5,100	-100	-1.9%	+100	+2.0%
Educational and Health	9,300	9,300	9,400	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,600	5,600	5,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	13,200	13,100	13,600	+100	+0.8%	-400	-2.9%
State Government	8,400	8,400	8,700	+0	+0.0%	-300	-3.4%
Local Government	4,400	4,300	4,500	+100	+2.3%	-100	-2.2%
Local Govt Education	2,600	2,600	2,700	+0	+0.0%	-100	-3.7%

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

MUNCIE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	November 2007	October 2007	Previous Month % Change	November 2006	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	5,943	6,316	-5.9%	6,279	-5.4%
Auburn	9,836	9,656	1.9%	10,061	-2.2%
Fort Wayne	18,394	18,153	1.3%	16,747	9.8%
Marion	7,836	7,536	4.0%	5,620	39.4%
Muncie	7,911	7,987	-1.0%	8,511	-7.0%
Richmond	5,447	4,907	11.0%	3,214	69.5%
INDIANA	237,104	238,343	-0.5%	241,826	-2.0%

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

2nd QUARTER 2007 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

“Covered Employment and Payrolls” includes employees working for firms subject to the Indiana Employment and Training Services Act. The Act, in general, includes employers with one or more employees. Railroad, small nonprofit institutions, and churches are excluded. Only part of the employment in private households and on farms is included. Federal government employees are not included in these figures.

Average Weekly Wages are computed from quarterly earnings and average employment. The figures are computed from payroll totals so they include all employees. The Average Weekly Earnings for Manufacturing are based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

COUNTY	June 2007	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	
		All Industries	Manufacturing
Blackford	4,010	\$550	\$698
Delaware	46,890	\$589	\$883
Fayette	7,590	\$644	\$1,069
Henry	13,060	\$609	\$988
Jay	8,030	\$532	\$697
Randolph	7,060	\$564	\$765
Rush	5,310	\$574	\$827
Union	1,540	\$515	confidential
Wayne	32,970	\$614	\$772
Indiana	2,896,430	\$696	\$953



SELECTED NOVEMBER 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 6

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 6 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.

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$7.00	\$8.13	\$10.00
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	\$7.31	\$8.66	\$10.00
General Office Clerks	\$7.50	\$10.60	\$14.00
Hand Packers & Packagers	\$7.00	\$7.63	\$8.00
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Administrative Assistants	\$9.00	\$12.85	\$21.63
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	\$9.00	\$10.75	\$14.00
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	\$8.00	\$9.52	\$11.80
Personnel Clerks	\$9.00	\$10.87	\$11.80
Salespersons : Retail	\$7.00	\$7.50	\$8.00
Order Clerks	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Computer Support Specialists	\$9.00	\$16.52	\$24.04

**REGION 6 APPLICANT POOL
November 25, 2007**

<u>REGION 6 JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Assemblers	4,208
Production Laborers	3,286
All Other Machine Operators	2,926
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operator	2,403
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,223
All Other Hand Workers	2,187
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,606
Cashiers, General	1,475
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,456
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,437
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Operators	1,382
General Office Clerks	1,369
Order Fillers - Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,330
Machine Assemblers	1,248
Other Hand Material Movers	1,245
Packaging/Filling Mach Operators	1,158
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,115
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,108
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,049
Combination Machine Tool Operators	1,047

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. 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.



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Adams, Allen, Blackford, Dekalb, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Huntington, Jay, LaGrange, Madison, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

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
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.7	

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
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.3	1.8	3.1	3.7	4.1	

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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