

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for December 2007

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December 2007  
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.	153,705,000	146,334,000	7,371,000	4.8%	4.3%
Indiana	3,212,529	3,069,699	142,830	4.4%	4.7%
Muncie MSA	56,454	53,647	2,807	5.0%	5.2%
EGR 6	166,640	157,506	9,134	5.5%	5.6%
Blackford County	6,588	6,238	350	5.3%	6.0%
Delaware County	56,454	53,647	2,807	5.0%	5.2%
Fayette County	10,224	9,298	926	9.1%	8.4%
Henry County	22,484	21,184	1,300	5.8%	5.4%
Jay County	11,805	11,320	485	4.1%	4.3%
Randolph County	12,510	11,780	730	5.8%	6.7%
Rush County	9,296	8,876	420	4.5%	4.3%
Union County	3,703	3,523	180	4.9%	5.3%
Wayne County	33,576	31,640	1,936	5.8%	5.8%
Muncie City	31,156	29,472	1,684	5.4%	5.6%
Richmond City	17,424	16,332	1,092	6.3%	6.2%

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)

December 2007	COUNTY
1	Fayette
7	Henry
9	Randolph
10	Wayne
17	Blackford
31	Delaware
37	Union
53	Rush
67	Jay
92	Dubois (2.8%)

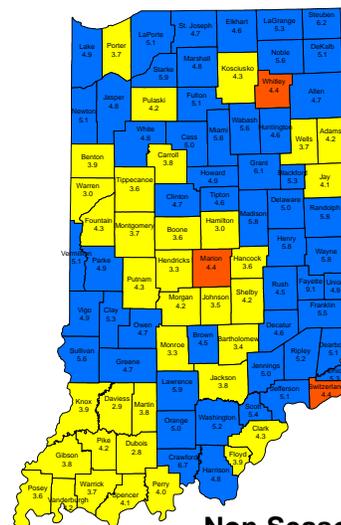


**SURROUNDING STATES  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
December 2007**  
(Not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois 5.3%  
Kentucky 5.4%  
Michigan 7.4%  
Ohio 5.8%



December 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 generally higher in December. Overall, 46 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, while 2 state registered decreases and 2 states had no change in their rates. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 36 states, down in 12 states and unchanged in 2 states. In December, Michigan continued to report the highest state unemployment rate, 7.6 percent, followed by Mississippi, at 6.8%, South Carolina at 6.6% and Alaska at 6.5%. Idaho and South Dakota posted the lowest jobless rate, 3.0 percent each. Overall, 17 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate of 5.0%, 8 states recorded measurably higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation.

**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](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm)

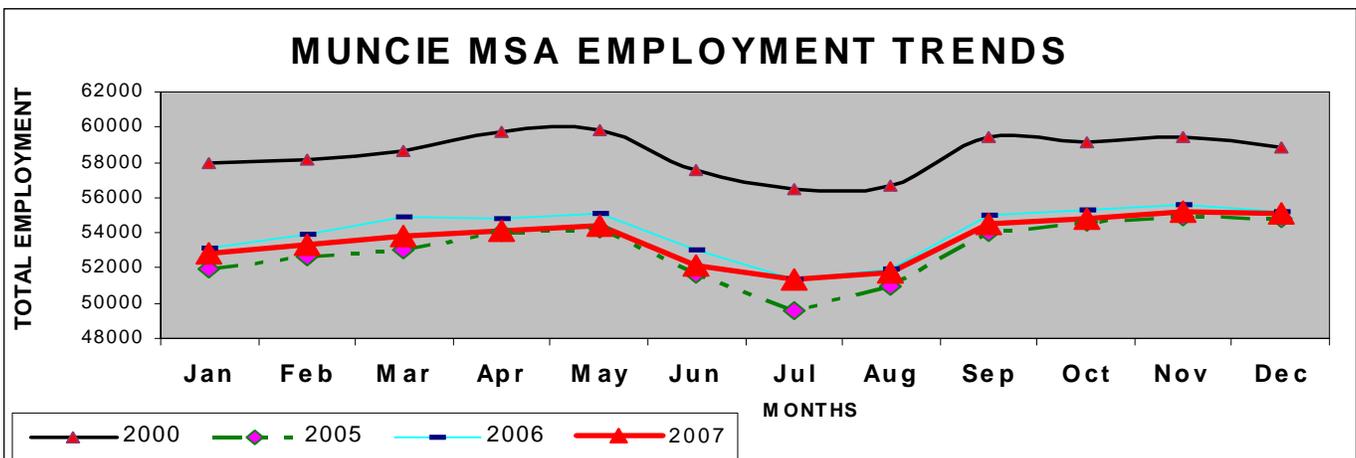
For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf>

**MUNCIE MSA WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT**

	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM	
	DECEMBER 2007	NOVEMBER 2007	DECEMBER 2006	NOV. 2007 TO DEC. 2007	DEC. 2006 TO DEC. 2007
Total Nonfarm	55,100	55,200	55,200	-100 -0.2%	-100 -0.2%
Total Private	41,900	42,000	41,800	-100 -0.2%	+100 +0.2%
Goods Producing	7,600	7,800	7,800	-200 -2.6%	-200 -2.6%
Service-Providing	47,500	47,400	47,400	+100 +0.2%	+100 +0.2%
Private Srvc Provide	34,300	34,200	34,000	+100 +0.3%	+300 +0.9%
Mining & Construction	2,200	2,300	2,200	-100 -4.3%	+0 +0.0%
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,600	-100 -1.8%	-200 -3.6%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	9,800	9,700	9,600	+100 +1.0%	+200 +2.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Retail Trade	7,400	7,300	7,200	+100 +1.4%	+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	5,200	5,100	+0 +0.0%	+100 +2.0%
Educational and Health	9,400	9,300	9,400	+100 +1.1%	+0 +0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,600	5,500	-100 -1.8%	+0 +0.0%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Government	13,200	13,200	13,400	+0 +0.0%	-200 -1.5%
State Government	8,400	8,400	8,700	+0 +0.0%	-300 -3.4%
Local Government	4,400	4,400	4,300	+0 +0.0%	+100 +2.3%
Local Govt Education	2,600	2,600	2,600	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%

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



## TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	December 2007	November 2007	Previous Month % Change	December 2006	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	8,622	5,943	45.1%	8,536	1.0%
Auburn	17,791	9,836	80.9%	12,937	37.5%
Fort Wayne	23,553	18,394	28.0%	19,839	18.7%
Marion	12,947	7,836	65.2%	6,801	90.4%
Muncie	12,894	7,911	63.0%	10,350	24.6%
Richmond	8,482	5,447	55.7%	4,068	108.5%
INDIANA	360,516	237,104	52.0%	298,213	20.9%

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

## OCCUPATIONS & STARTING WAGES REPORT AVAILABLE

Indiana Economic Growth Region 6's Occupations and Starting Wages Report for 2007 is now available. This report provides minimum, average, and maximum starting wage data for job openings listed with local area WorkOne offices. If you would like a copy of this publication, you may download the report from our web site at <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>. Please 'Select a Region' from the map at the bottom of the page; you will then find a link to Regional Publications. You may receive an email copy by contacting Vick Glaze at (765) 289-1861 extension 2154 or emailing [vglaze@dwd.in.gov](mailto:vglaze@dwd.in.gov).

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### SELECTED DECEMBER 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 6

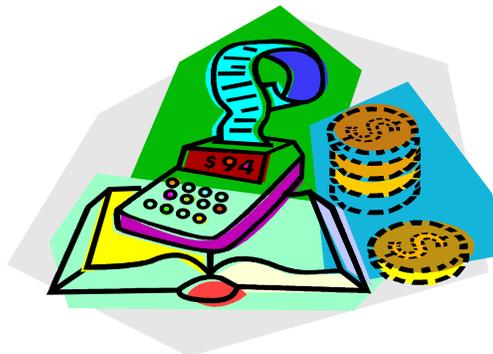
The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 6 received during December 2007. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Machine Feeders & Offbearers	\$10.45	\$10.45	\$10.45
Receptionists/Information Clerks	\$8.00	\$10.13	\$12.00
General Office Clerks	\$8.00	\$9.18	\$10.20
Switchboard Operators	\$8.50	\$10.83	\$12.00
Secretaries -Other	\$8.00	\$12.12	\$16.00
Financial Managers, Branch or Department	\$20.13	\$23.44	\$28.85
Tellers	\$8.00	\$9.25	\$10.50
Food Batchmakers	\$10.35	\$10.35	\$10.35
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	\$8.00	\$9.93	\$11.85
Financial Counselors	\$10.00	\$13.50	\$17.00
Training and Development Managers	\$10.75	\$19.80	\$28.85
Maintenance Repairers: General Utility	\$18.80	\$18.85	\$18.90

## REGION 6 APPLICANT POOL January 27, 2007

<u>REGION 6 JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Assemblers	4,276
Production Laborers	3,389
All Other Machine Operators	3,002
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operator	2,506
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,285
All Other Hand Workers	2,248
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,616
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,493
Cashiers, General	1,468
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,445
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Operators	1,430
Order Fillers - Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,318
General Office Clerks	1,308
Machine Assemblers	1,294
Other Hand Material Movers	1,282
Packaging/Filling Mach Operators	1,191
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,083
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,077
Combination Machine Tool Operators	1,040
Production Helpers	1,032

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.



### 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	-0.3

#### 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	3.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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