

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for March 2008

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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 2008	Rate 2007
U. S.	153,135,000	145,108,000	8,027,000	5.2%	4.5%
Indiana	3,207,412	3,028,296	179,116	5.6%	4.9%
Muncie MSA	56,117	52,314	3,803	6.8%	5.5%
EGR 6	168,065	156,478	11,587	6.9%	5.7%
Blackford County	6,599	6,113	486	7.4%	6.5%
Delaware County	56,117	52,314	3,803	6.8%	5.5%
Fayette County	10,782	9,608	1,174	10.9%	7.3%
Henry County	22,566	20,976	1,590	7.0%	5.9%
Jay County	11,653	11,020	633	5.4%	4.6%
Randolph County	12,685	11,797	888	7.0%	6.4%
Rush County	9,284	8,781	503	5.4%	5.0%
Union County	3,543	3,308	235	6.6%	5.3%
Wayne County	34,836	32,561	2,275	6.5%	5.6%
Muncie City	30,863	28,724	2,139	6.9%	6.0%
Richmond City	18,024	16,807	1,217	6.8%	5.9%

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)

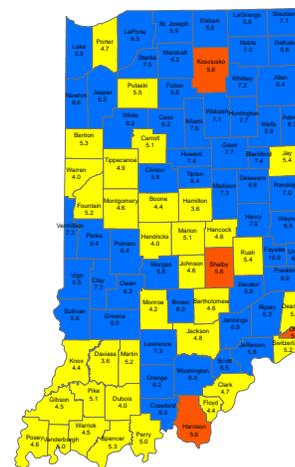
March 2008	COUNTY
1	Fayette
7	Blackford
16	Henry
18	Randolph
22	Delaware
25	Union
30	Wayne
61	Jay
62	Rush
92	Hamilton (3.6%)



## SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT March 2008 (Not seasonally adjusted)

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

## Unemployment Rate



## Non Seasonal Unemployment Rate

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

### 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.

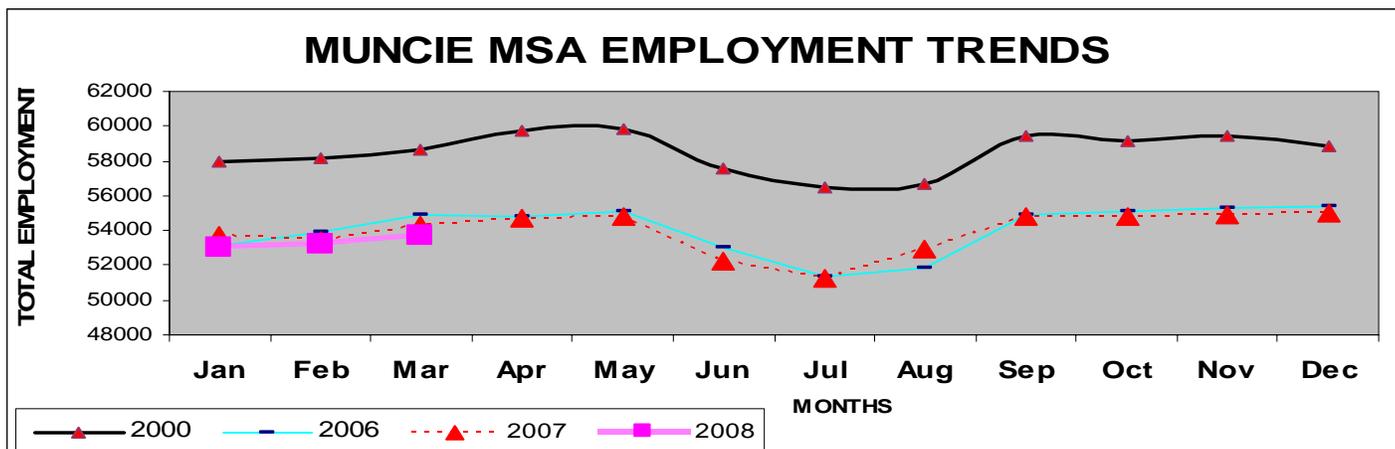
Also all nonfarm employment series for 65 small metropolitan areas have been discontinued. For a list of discontinued series, see "Reductions to Current Employment Statistics Metropolitan Area Series at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/msareductions.htm>

## MUNCIE MSA WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

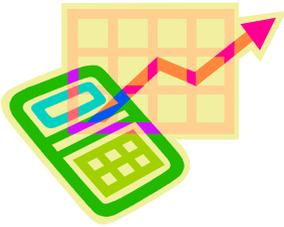
	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	MARCH 2008	FEBRUARY 2008	MARCH 2007	FEB. 2008 TO MAR. 2008	MAR. 2007 TO MAR. 2008		
Total Nonfarm	53,700	53,200	54,300	+500 +0.9%	-600 -1.1%		
Total Private	40,100	39,700	41,000	+400 +1.0%	-900 -2.2%		
Goods Producing	7,400	7,300	7,700	+100 +1.4%	-300 -3.9%		
Service-Providing	46,300	45,900	46,600	+400 +0.9%	-300 -0.6%		
Private Srvc Provide	32,700	32,400	33,300	+300 +0.9%	-600 -1.8%		
Mining & Construction	2,000	1,900	2,100	+100 +5.3%	-100 -4.8%		
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,600	+0 +0.0%	-200 -3.6%		
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	8,500	8,400	8,900	+100 +1.2%	-400 -4.5%		
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Retail Trade	6,200	6,200	6,500	+0 +0.0%	-300 -4.6%		
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,100	1,000	1,200	+100 +10.0%	-100 -8.3%		
Information	500	500	500	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,300	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Professional and Business	4,800	4,800	5,000	+0 +0.0%	-200 -4.0%		
Educational and Health	9,700	9,600	9,600	+100 +1.0%	+100 +1.0%		
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,000	5,200	+100 +2.0%	-100 -1.9%		
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Government	13,600	13,500	13,300	+100 +0.7%	+300 +2.3%		
State Government	8,700	8,600	8,500	+100 +1.2%	+200 +2.4%		
Local Government	4,500	4,500	4,400	+0 +0.0%	+100 +2.3%		
Local Govt Education	2,800	2,800	2,700	+0 +0.0%	+100 +3.7%		

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.



## 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 6 APPLICANT POOL

April 27, 2008

REGION 6 JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,250
Production Laborers	3,326
All Other Machine Operators	3,069
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,487
All Other Hand Workers	2,268
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,247
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,616
Cashiers, General	1,528
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,502
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,467
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Oper	1,462
General Office Clerks	1,392
Order Fillers - Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,350
Machine Assemblers	1,306
Other Hand Material Movers	1,289
Packaging/Filling Mach Operators	1,212
Combination Machine Tool Operators	1,101
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,092
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,088
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,082



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 6 (Quarter1 2007)
Total Employment	124,641
Net Job Flows	-5,936
Job Creation	5,655
New Hires	16,670
Separations	25,926
Turnover	12.00%
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$2,619
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,609

# ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6\* 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.



<b>AREA (4/13/08)</b>	<b>Average Annual Wage Demand</b>	<b>Median Annual Wage Demand</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>
Indiana	\$26,566	\$20,800	123,557
<b>EGR 6*</b>	<b>\$23,047</b>	<b>\$18,720</b>	<b>10,520</b>
Blackford	\$22,355	\$18,720	746
Delaware	\$22,376	\$18,720	2,782
Fayette	\$27,425	\$20,800	1,088
Henry	\$20,279	\$18,720	2,008
Jay	\$20,162	\$18,720	590
Randolph	\$29,843	\$18,720	720
Rush	\$22,790	\$20,800	442
Union	\$25,719	\$23,400	129
Wayne	\$23,597	\$18,720	2,015



\* EGR 6 include Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne 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
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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