

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for April 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.	153,208,000	145,921,000	7,287,000	4.8%	4.3%
Indiana	3,208,051	3,058,411	149,640	4.7%	4.5%
Muncie MSA	55,948	52,842	3,106	5.6%	5.1%
EGR 6	167,818	158,204	9,614	5.7%	5.3%
Blackford County	6,568	6,183	385	5.9%	6.1%
Delaware County	55,948	52,842	3,106	5.6%	5.1%
Fayette County	10,726	9,695	1,031	9.6%	7.2%
Henry County	22,608	21,294	1,314	5.8%	5.4%
Jay County	11,583	11,056	527	4.5%	4.4%
Randolph County	12,582	11,836	746	5.9%	5.7%
Rush County	9,454	9,002	452	4.8%	4.6%
Union County	3,566	3,378	188	5.3%	4.6%
Wayne County	34,783	32,918	1,865	5.4%	5.2%
Muncie City	30,776	29,014	1,762	5.7%	5.6%
Richmond City	17,973	16,991	982	5.5%	5.5%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)

April 2008	COUNTY
1	Fayette
9	Blackford
11	Randolph
12	Henry
16	Delaware
28	Wayne
34	Union
53	Rush
56	Jay
92	Daviess (3.0%)



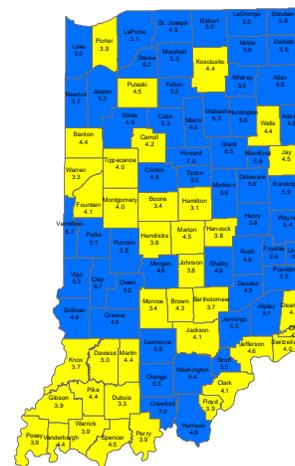
SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT

April 2008

(Not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	5.4%
Kentucky	5.5%
Michigan	6.6%
Ohio	5.5%

April Non Seasonal Unemployment Rate



Non Seasonal Unemployment Rate

- Same as State Rate - 4.7%
- Below State Rate
- 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 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.

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.

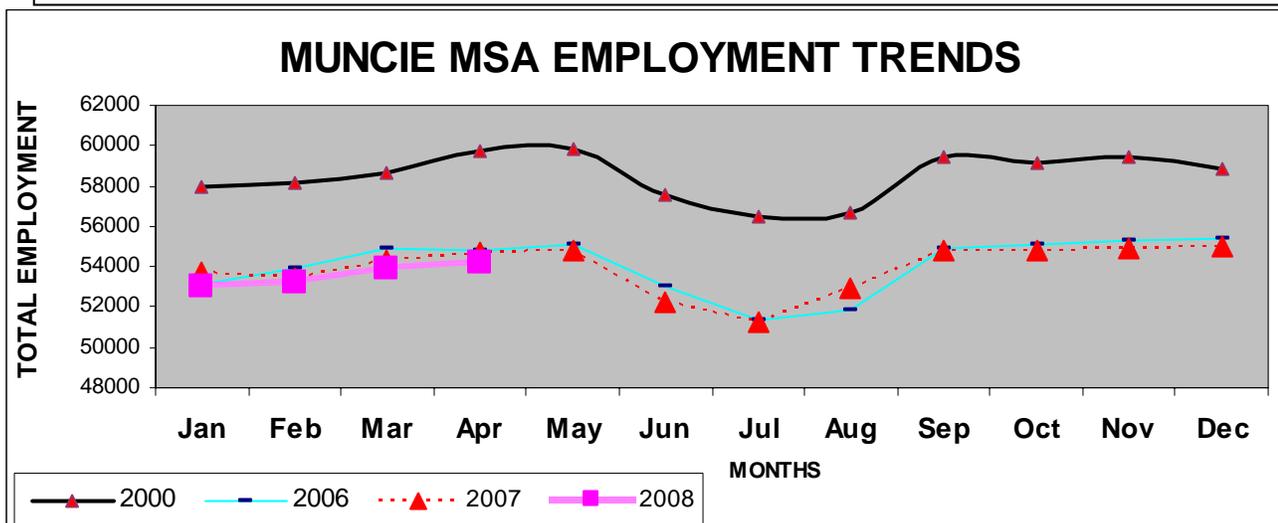
Also all nonfarm employment series for 65 small metropolitan areas have been discontinued. For a list of discontinued series, see "Reductions to Current Employment Statistics Metropolitan Area Series at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/msareductions.htm>

MUNCIE MSA WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

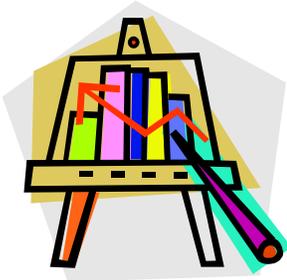
	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	APRIL	MARCH	APRIL	MAR. 2008		APR. 2007	
	2008	2008	2007	TO	APR. 2008	TO	APR. 2008
Total Nonfarm	54,200	53,900	54,700	+300	+0.6%	-500	-0.9%
Total Private	40,700	40,300	41,700	+400	+1.0%	-1,000	-2.4%
Goods Producing	7,500	7,400	7,800	+100	+1.4%	-300	-3.8%
Service-Providing	46,700	46,500	46,900	+200	+0.4%	-200	-0.4%
Private Srvc Provide	33,200	32,900	33,900	+300	+0.9%	-700	-2.1%
Mining & Construction	2,100	2,000	2,200	+100	+5.0%	-100	-4.5%
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,600	+0	+0.0%	-200	-3.6%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	8,500	8,500	9,000	+0	+0.0%	-500	-5.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	6,200	6,200	6,600	+0	+0.0%	-400	-6.1%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,200	+0	+0.0%	-100	-8.3%
Information	500	500	500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,400	2,400	2,300	+0	+0.0%	+100	+4.3%
Professional and Business	5,000	4,900	5,100	+100	+2.0%	-100	-2.0%
Educational and Health	9,700	9,700	9,700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,100	5,400	+200	+3.9%	-100	-1.9%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,900	+0	+0.0%	-100	-5.3%
Government	13,500	13,600	13,000	-100	-0.7%	+500	+3.8%
State Government	8,600	8,700	8,300	-100	-1.1%	+300	+3.6%
Local Government	4,500	4,500	4,300	+0	+0.0%	+200	+4.7%
Local Govt Education	2,800	2,800	2,600	+0	+0.0%	+200	+7.7%

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	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				
		105,926	9,967	\$1,828
1	Food Services and Drinking Places	10,950	1,483	\$765
2	Ambulatory Health Care Services	7,393	688	\$2,199
3	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	6,398	255	\$2,247
4	Administrative and Support Services	6,366	1,265	\$1,887
5	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	4,429	501	\$1,611
6	General Merchandise Stores	4,104	405	\$998
7	Hospitals	3,727	193	\$2,492
8	Machinery Manufacturing	3,270	138	\$2,323
9	Specialty Trade Contractors	3,223	322	\$2,423
10	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	3,204	203	\$2,064

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/>.

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ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Region 6 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/>

Occupation Titles	Minimum Wage	Average Wage	Maximum Wage
Residential Counselors	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Tellers	\$7.85	\$9.68	\$14.19
Machinists	\$10.00	\$19.00	\$26.00
Cashiers, General	\$7.00	\$9.75	\$14.19
Assemblers (Factory Work)	\$10.00	\$11.42	\$12.25
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	\$7.25	\$10.71	\$14.19
Machine Feeders & Offbearers	\$10.45	\$10.45	\$10.45
General Office Clerks	\$6.00	\$10.89	\$12.98
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	\$9.75	\$13.50	\$21.00
Hand Packers & Packagers	\$8.50	\$8.67	\$9.00
Other Cleaning/Building Service Workers	\$8.50	\$10.63	\$14.90
Machine Assemblers	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Administrative Assistants	\$11.06	\$12.23	\$13.90
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$8.50	\$9.83	\$12.50
Construction Carpenters	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Textile Machine Operators	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Janitors & Cleaners	\$7.00	\$13.76	\$17.23
Salespersons : Retail	\$7.00	\$8.28	\$9.55
Receptionists/Information Clerks	\$6.00	\$10.04	\$12.80
Order Clerks	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Bookkeepers	\$9.00	\$11.85	\$15.66
1st Line Supv : Production	\$21.63	\$24.91	\$26.00
Numerical Control Machine Tool Op	\$12.00	\$22.50	\$26.00
Cooks : Restaurant	\$8.00	\$8.50	\$9.00
Food Service Managers	\$10.00	\$13.56	\$17.79
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
Lathe And Turning Machine Tool Setters	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00
Combination Machine Tool Setters & Set-Up	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00



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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
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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