

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for November 2007

Economic Growth Region 7

NOVEMBER 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not-Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	NOV 2007	OCT 2007	NOV 2006
U.S.	154,035,000	147,118,000	6,917,000	4.5	4.4	4.3
INDIANA	3,230,014	3,087,746	142,268	4.4	4.2	4.5
EGR 7*	106,151	100,981	5,170	4.9	4.7	5.0
Terre Haute MSA**	80,330	76,315	4,015	5.0	4.7	5.1
Clay	13,256	12,595	661	5.0	5.2	5.1
Parke	7,833	7,454	379	4.8	4.4	4.6
Putnam	17,988	17,212	776	4.3	4.7	4.2
Sullivan	9,247	8,749	498	5.4	5.0	4.9
Vermillion	8,065	7,658	407	5.0	4.2	5.5
Vigo	49,762	47,313	2,449	4.9	4.5	5.1
Brazil	3,863	3,622	241	6.2	6.2	6.6
Clinton	2,207	2,081	126	5.7	5.0	7.2
Greencastle	4,801	4,565	236	4.9	5.7	5.4
Rockville	1,244	1,134	110	8.8	8.0	9.4
Sullivan	1,879	1,772	107	5.7	4.6	5.5
Terre Haute	26,177	24,789	1,388	5.3	5.0	5.7



REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in November. Overall, 23 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 17 states and the District of Columbia registered decreases, and 10 states had no changes, reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 23 states and the District of Columbia, 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 posted rates below 3.0 percent in November: South Dakota and Utah at 2.8 percent each, and Hawaii and Wyoming at 2.9 percent each.

***EGR 7** includes Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties

** **Terre Haute MSA** includes Clay, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics – Indiana Workforce Development



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

NOV 2007 RANK	COUNTY	NOV 2007 RATE
11	Sullivan	5.4
17	Clay	5.0
21	Vermillion	5.0
28	Vigo	4.9
33	Parke	4.8
52	Putnam	4.3

SURROUNDING STATES NOVEMBER 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (Preliminary Not-Seasonally Adjusted)

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

TERRE HAUTE MSA

(Clay, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties)

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				Oct 2007 TO Nov 2007	Oct 2007 TO Nov 2007	Nov 2006 TO Nov 2007	Nov 2006 TO Nov 2007
Total Nonfarm	75,600	75,300	76,000	+300	+0.4%	-400	-0.5%
Total Private	61,700	61,600	62,100	+100	+0.2%	-400	-0.6%
Goods Producing	16,000	16,200	16,200	-200	-1.2%	-200	-1.2%
Service-Providing	59,600	59,100	59,800	+500	+0.8%	-200	-0.3%
Private Srvc Provider	45,700	45,400	45,900	+300	+0.7%	-200	-0.4%
Mining & Construction	3,600	3,700	3,500	-100	-2.7%	+100	+2.9%
Manufacturing	12,400	12,500	12,700	-100	-0.8%	-300	-2.4%
Trade, Trans, Utility	14,200	13,900	14,400	+300	+2.2%	-200	-1.4%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	9,700	9,400	10,000	+300	+3.2%	-300	-3.0%
Trans, Warehouse, Utility	2,800	2,800	2,700	+0	+0.0%	+100	+3.7%
Information	800	800	800	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,600	2,600	2,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional & Business	5,500	5,600	5,400	-100	-1.8%	+100	+1.9%
Educational & Health	12,600	12,600	12,700	+0	+0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	7,300	7,200	7,300	+100	+1.4%	+0	+0.0%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	2,700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	13,900	13,700	13,900	+200	+1.5%	+0	+0.0%
Federal Government	1,500	1,500	1,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	5,000	4,800	5,000	+200	+4.2%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	7,400	7,400	7,400	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Local Govt Education	4,200	4,200	4,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics



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/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) 4th Quarter 2006 Quick Facts Terre Haute MSA, Economic Growth Region 7 & Indiana

QWI Quick Facts	Terre Haute MSA	EGR 7	Indiana
Total Employment	67,056	85,109	2,882,252
Net Job Flows	-2,617	-2,260	-41,333
Job Creation	2,739	4,277	195,459
New Hires	10,210	12,698	455,243
Separations	15,162	18,613	652,650
Turnover	11.50%	11.30%	11.80%
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$2,840.00	\$2,793.00	\$3,265.00
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,613.00	\$1,673.00	\$1,940.00

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 4th Quarter 2006.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS REPORTS...

Online education -- also known as "distance learning" -- has become an increasingly convenient way to get a college education, especially for students with jobs and families to support, writes C. Jeffrey MacDonald, USA Today. Nearly 3.5 million students enrolled in online classes during the fall of 2006-07, according to the 2007 Sloan Survey of Online Learning, which surveyed more than 2,500 schools. Over the past 5 years, the survey found, online enrollments have grown by an annual average of 21.5 percent. More than two-thirds of all U.S. colleges and universities offer online courses, and 35 percent of schools offer programs that are entirely online, according to the Sloan Survey. Twenty percent of the U.S.'s 17 million college students say they have taken at least one course online. Beyond convenience, online schools routinely rely on adjunct faculty and charge less than half as much per credit hour as traditional universities do. The biggest obstacles to online education? According to the Sloan Survey, "the need for more discipline" among students. "This is not for sissies. It's for really strong, self-starting people," says Michael Lambert, executive director of the Distance Education and Training Council, a national accrediting body for distance education programs. The second biggest obstacle: faculty resistance.

Americans are on the go again, moving across state lines at the highest rate since the early 1990s (Haya El Nasser and Paul Overberg, USA Today). Demographers say the jump is fueled largely by two highly mobile segments of the population: Immigrants, who have left traditional gateway states and fanned out across the U.S. in search of jobs and lower living costs; a larger generation of 20-somethings, an age group more likely than others to move as they attend college, launch careers or leave their childhood homes. The number of people in their 20s dropped from 40.5 million in 1990 to 38.3 million in 2000 but rebounded to almost 42 million in 2006. The percentage of Americans who say they moved from another state the previous year has risen every year this decade. At 2.2 percent in 2003 it reached 2.5 percent in 2005 and 2.7 percent in 2006, the first year that the Census Bureau's American Community Survey counted people in dormitories, prisons and other group settings. The increase in movers from 2003 to 2006 amounts to an extra 1.5 million people moving to another state every year, or a total of 8 million in 2006. Mobility is a good barometer of changing demographics and economic conditions nationwide. The nation's total mobility rate, including people moving within the state and out of state, sank to its lowest level in more than 50 years in the late 1990s as the first of 79 million baby boomers reached their 50s. Now it shows signs of an uptick. In 2006, almost 50 million people, or 16.2 percent of Americans, had changed residences in the previous year. Most of the draws for out-of-state movers are in the West. Destinations include Nevada -- the state with the fastest-growing population throughout much of this decade -- Alaska, Wyoming, Arizona, and Oregon.



ANNUAL COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Market Development, Workforce Transition Unit

Local Office	NOV 2007	OCT 2007	% Change	NOV 2006	% Change
Initial Claims					
Terre Haute	1,222	1,149	6.4%	1,085	12.6%
Indiana	42,158	37,086	13.7%	40,923	3.0%
Total Claims					
Terre Haute	7,000	6,827	2.5%	6,915	1.2%
Indiana	237,104	238,343	-0.5%	241,826	-2.0%

*Total Claims include both initial and continued unemployment insurance claims.

WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

As of 1/13/2008

The Department of Workforce Development Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees.

Wage Demand provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants define as their wage expectations.

AREA	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
EGR 7	\$24,860	\$19,240	3,274
Clay	\$26,792	\$20,800	403
Parke	\$35,656	\$20,800	191
Putnam	\$26,903	\$24,960	366
Sullivan	\$19,493	\$17,680	427
Vermillion	\$23,016	\$20,800	183
Vigo	\$24,377	\$18,720	1,704
Indiana	\$26,776	\$20,800	124,694

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U)

Unadjusted percent change to NOV 2007 from:

	NOV 06	OCT 07
U.S. City Average		
All Items	4.3%	.6%
Food & Beverages	4.7	.2
Housing	3.1	.0
Apparel	-.4	-.5
Transportation	9.6	3.1
Medical Care	5.0	.4
Recreation	.6	.1
Education & Communication	2.8	-.1
Other Goods & Services	3.7	.2
Midwest Region (All Items)*	4.1	.7

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis.

Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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REGION 7 APPLICANT POOL

As of 1/13/2008

JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
Administrative Assistants	214
All Other Hand Workers	259
All Other Machine Operators	326
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	161
Assemblers (Factory Work)	655
Cashiers, General	296
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	181
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	188
File Clerks	204
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	372
General Office Clerks	303
Hand Packers & Packagers	313
Order Fillers - Wholesale/Retail Sales	157
Other Hand Material Movers	173
Production Helpers	238
Production Laborers	647
Receptionists/Information Clerks	247
Secretaries - Other	199
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	156
Truck Drivers, Light- Including Delivery	158

*The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for applicants to hire. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical listing of the top jobs being sought by job applicants.

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