

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for February 2008

Economic Growth Region 7

## FEBRUARY 2008 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not-Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	FEB 2008	JAN 2008	FEB 2007
U.S.	152,503,000	144,550,000	7,953,000	5.2	5.4	4.9
INDIANA	3,190,190	3,022,923	167,267	5.2	5.1	5.3
EGR 7*	104,772	98,130	6,642	6.3	6.1	6.4
Terre Haute MSA**	79,110	74,107	5,003	6.3	6.0	6.4
Clay	13,074	12,163	911	7.0	7.0	6.9
Parke	7,828	7,344	484	6.2	5.6	6.4
Putnam	17,834	16,678	1,156	6.5	6.4	6.4
Sullivan	8,887	8,400	487	5.5	5.7	6.2
Vermillion	8,010	7,466	544	6.8	6.7	7.4
Vigo	49,139	46,079	3,060	6.2	5.7	6.2
Brazil	3,835	3,513	322	8.4	9.0	8.4
Clinton	2,202	2,026	176	8.0	8.0	9.7
Greencastle	4,759	4,429	330	6.9	7.6	7.5
Rockville	1,217	1,118	99	8.1	10.7	12.2
Sullivan	1,797	1,704	93	5.2	5.7	6.6
Terre Haute	25,871	24,203	1,668	6.4	5.8	6.3



## REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in February. Overall, 20 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 19 states registered increases, and 11 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 26 states and the District of Columbia, down in 20 states, and unchanged in 4 states.

In February, Michigan continued to report the highest jobless rate, 7.2 percent. South Dakota again recorded the lowest rate at 2.6 percent.

\*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

## SURROUNDING STATES FEBRUARY 2008 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (Preliminary Not-Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 6.0%  
 Kentucky – 6.2%  
 Michigan – 7.8%  
 Ohio – 6.0%  
 Wisconsin – 5.8%

+Note: LAUS 2007 sub-state county estimates reflect monthly preliminary estimates. Prior years' estimates were benchmarked in 2007.

Revised/benchmarked estimates for LAUS sub-state areas for 2003-2007 will be available on April 18, 2008. The statewide benchmark revisions for LAUS 2007 estimates have already been updated.

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 in March revision of the prior month's estimates will resume.



## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

FEB 2008 RANK	COUNTY	FEB 2008 RATE
6	Clay	7.0
13	Vermillion	6.8
21	Putnam	6.5
30	Parke	6.2
31	Vigo	6.2
48	Sullivan	5.5



# TERRE HAUTE MSA

(Clay, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties)

## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

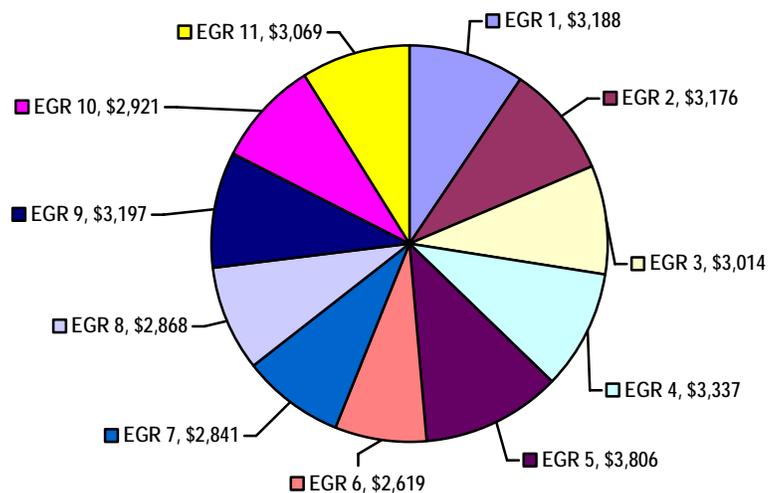
	FEB 2008	JAN 2008	FEB 2007	CHANGE FROM			
				JAN 2008 TO FEB 2008		FEB 2007 TO FEB 2008	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>73,000</b>	<b>72,400</b>	<b>73,200</b>	<b>+600</b>	<b>+0.8%</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>59,200</b>	<b>59,100</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+0.2%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
Goods Producing	15,500	15,600	15,600	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Service-Providing	57,500	56,800	57,600	+700	+1.2%	-100	-0.2%
<b>Private Srvc Providing</b>	<b>43,700</b>	<b>43,500</b>	<b>43,900</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>+0.5%</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
Mining & Construction	3,200	3,300	3,100	-100	-3.0%	+100	+3.2%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
<b>Trade, Trans, Utilities</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+0.7%</b>
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	9,000	9,100	9,100	-100	-1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Trans, Warehouse, Utilities	2,800	2,800	2,600	+0	+0.0%	+200	+7.7%
Information	800	800	800	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Svcs</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Svcs</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>12,400</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>+1.6%</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality Svcs</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+1.5%</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+1.5%</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>13,300</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>+500</b>	<b>+3.8%</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+0.7%</b>
Federal Government	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-6.7%	-100	-6.7%
State Government	5,000	4,700	5,000	+300	+6.4%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	7,400	7,100	7,200	+300	+4.2%	+200	+2.8%
Local Govt Education	4,200	4,000	4,100	+200	+5.0%	+100	+2.4%

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)  
Economic Growth Regions in Indiana  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007 Average Monthly Earnings



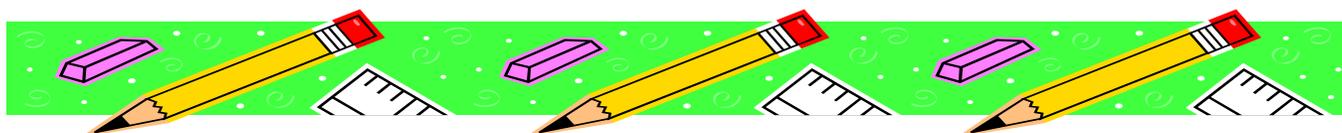
Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2007.

## BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS REPORTS...

Studying on YouTube won't get you a college degree, but many universities are using technology to offer online classes and open up archives. Sure, some schools have been charging for distance-learning classes for a long time, but this is different. These classes are free. At a time when many top schools are expensive and difficult to get into, some say it's a return to the broader mission of higher education: to offer knowledge to everyone (Susan Kinzie, The Washington Post, page 1). And tens of millions are reaching for it. For schools, the courses can bring benefits luring applicants, spreading the university's name, impressing donors, keeping alumni engaged. Virginia Tech, for example, offers some online classes free to its graduates.

Get ready for grandma in the next cubicle, writes Vickie Elmer, The Washington Post. The number of older Americans working or looking for work will climb by 2016 as the ranks of the youngest workers keeps declining, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. One in seven men 75 or older will be in the labor force by 2016, double the percentage of those who were working or looking for jobs in 1996, according to the BLS report "More Workers in Their Golden Years." While the rate for women 75 and up also will double, only 7.6 percent of them will be in the labor force in 2016, the report said. Meanwhile, 16-to-24-year-olds continue to opt out of jobs, in part because they are in college longer, so most of their workplace activity will fall in the next decade. The most senior workers will be the fastest-growing age group, with a 5.1 percent annual growth rate. And a lot of 65- to 74-year-olds won't be retiring yet, either -- they will be the second fastest growing group, the report said. "Besides being healthy and engaged, they will be pushed to work by changes in pensions and the need to keep health insurance coverage," the government said.

All those self-service checkouts are taking their toll, writes Vickie Elmer in The Washington Post. Thousands of bagger and cashier jobs will disappear in the coming years. In fact, cashiers, store clerks and manual packers are the occupations expected to shrink the most from 2006 to 2016, according to a new report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Each field will shed more than 100,000 positions -- and that represents almost one-tenth of all stock clerks. For cashiers, it's a 3 percent decline, with positions being created for cashiers in casinos and other gaming locations. Elsewhere, nearly 90,000 fewer Americans will earn their livings as farmers and ranchers by 2016, BLS predicts. Yet with all the farmers retiring, there's room for those with a zeal to grow organic crops. Other jobs in dramatic decline include sewing machine operators, electronic equipment assemblers, and punch and press operators. File clerks and order clerks also will see their ranks thinned by 2016. Some 39,000 telemarketing jobs will disappear, too. In most cases, automation or outsourcing to other countries explain the job reduction, BLS says.



### COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

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

Local Office	FEB 2008	JAN 2008	% Change
<b>Initial Claims</b>			
Terre Haute	1,240	2,360	-47.5%
Indiana	36,895	59,048	-37.5%
<b>Total Claims</b>			
Terre Haute	13,875	15,454	-10.2%
Indiana	359,844	400,081	-10.1%

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

### WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

As of 4/13/2008

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
<b>EGR 7</b>	<b>\$22,620</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>3,812</b>
Clay	\$22,583	\$20,800	496
Parke	\$22,069	\$20,800	210
Putnam	\$26,999	\$23,920	332
Sullivan	\$20,230	\$18,720	462
Vermillion	\$22,055	\$20,800	199
Vigo	\$22,624	\$18,720	2,113
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>\$26,656</b>	<b>\$20,800</b>	<b>122,406</b>

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U)

Unadjusted percent change to **FEB 2008** from:

	FEB 07	JAN 08
<b>U.S. City Average</b>		
<b>All Items</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>.3</b>
Food & Beverages	4.5	.3
Housing	2.8	.4
Apparel	-1.0	1.8
Transportation	9.0	-.2
Medical Care	4.5	.5
Recreation	1.1	.3
Education & Communication	3.2	.0
Other Goods & Services	2.9	.3
<b>Midwest Region (All Items)*</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>.2</b>

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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Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan,  
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## REGION 7 APPLICANT POOL

AS OF 4/13/2008

<u>JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
<i>Administrative Assistants</i>	<b>236</b>
<i>All Other Hand Workers</i>	<b>383</b>
<i>All Other Machine Operators</i>	<b>424</b>
<i>All Other Machine Setters &amp; Set-Up Oper</i>	<b>188</b>
<i>All Other Metal &amp; Plastic Mach Operators</i>	<b>215</b>
<i>Assemblers (Factory Work)</i>	<b>852</b>
<i>Cashiers, General</i>	<b>316</b>
<i>Customer Service Reps -Utilities</i>	<b>185</b>
<i>Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing</i>	<b>190</b>
<i>File Clerks</i>	<b>222</b>
<i>Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators</i>	<b>430</b>
<i>General Office Clerks</i>	<b>319</b>
<i>Hand Packers &amp; Packers</i>	<b>380</b>
<i>Other Hand Material Movers</i>	<b>199</b>
<i>Packaging/Filling Mach Operators</i>	<b>189</b>
<i>Production Helpers</i>	<b>317</b>
<i>Production Laborers</i>	<b>840</b>
<i>Receptionists/Information Clerks</i>	<b>259</b>
<i>Secretaries - Other</i>	<b>202</b>
<i>Truck Drivers, Light- Including Delivery</i>	<b>185</b>

\*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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