

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for November 2007

Economic Growth Region 8

## 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
<b>EGR 8*</b>	158,612	151,557	7,055	4.4	3.8	4.3
<b>Bloomington MSA**</b>	97,075	92,922	4,153	4.3	3.5	3.8
<b>Brown</b>	8,119	7,819	300	3.7	3.4	4.1
<b>Daviess</b>	15,089	14,631	458	3.0	2.8	3.2
<b>Greene</b>	16,975	16,110	865	5.1	4.2	5.0
<b>Lawrence</b>	22,982	21,542	1,440	6.3	5.4	6.5
<b>Martin</b>	5,235	5,043	192	3.7	3.4	4.2
<b>Monroe</b>	68,156	65,440	2,716	4.0	3.3	3.5
<b>Orange</b>	10,111	9,600	511	5.1	5.0	5.9
<b>Owen</b>	11,945	11,372	573	4.8	4.1	4.2
<b>Bedford</b>	6,225	5,668	557	8.9	7.4	9.0
<b>Bloomington</b>	37,339	36,032	1,307	3.5	3.1	3.2
<b>Linton</b>	2,703	2,491	212	7.8	6.8	9.1
<b>Loogootee</b>	1,419	1,345	74	5.2	4.5	6.0
<b>Nashville</b>	380	352	28	7.4	5.9	9.4
<b>Paoli</b>	1,877	1,756	121	6.4	7.0	7.1
<b>Spencer</b>	1,333	1,178	155	11.6	8.5	11.6
<b>Washington</b>	5,482	5,256	226	4.1	3.8	4.3

## 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 8** includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties

\*\* **Bloomington MSA** includes Greene, Monroe and Owen counties

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics – Indiana Workforce Development

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

NOV 2007 RANK	COUNTY	NOV 2007 RATE
2	Lawrence	6.3
15	Greene	5.1
16	Orange	5.1
32	Owen	4.8
65	Monroe	4.0
73	Brown	3.7
76	Martin	3.7
90	Daviess	3.0

## 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%

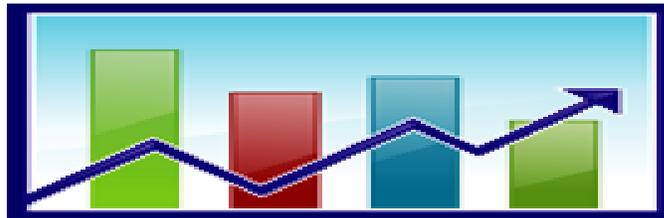
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NEW YEAR

# BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe and Owen Counties)

## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				Oct 2007 TO Nov 2007	Nov 2006 TO Nov 2007		
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>84,600</b>	<b>84,900</b>	<b>83,800</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>+800</b>	<b>+1.0%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>57,600</b>	<b>57,900</b>	<b>57,100</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>+500</b>	<b>+0.9%</b>
Goods Producing	13,600	13,900	13,100	-300	-2.2%	+500	+3.8%
Service-Providing	71,000	71,000	70,700	+0	+0.0%	+300	+0.4%
<b>Private Srvc Provider</b>	<b>44,000</b>	<b>44,000</b>	<b>44,000</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>
Mining & Construction	4,300	4,400	4,300	-100	-2.3%	+0	+0.0%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	<b>+500</b>	<b>+5.7%</b>
Durable Goods	7,000	7,000	6,400	+0	+0.0%	+600	+9.4%
<b>Trade, Trans, Utility</b>	<b>12,700</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>+1.6%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	9,100	8,900	9,400	+200	+2.2%	-300	-3.2%
Trans, Warehouse, Utility	1,600	1,600	1,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	1,300	1,300	1,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+3.4%</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+1.5%</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>+3.7%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>26,700</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+0.0%</b>	<b>+300</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>
Federal Government	600	600	600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	19,700	19,700	19,400	+0	+0.0%	+300	+1.5%
Local Government	6,700	6,700	6,700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Local Govt Education	3,500	3,500	3,600	+0	+0.0%	-100	-2.8%



### 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) 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2006 Quick Facts Bloomington MSA, Economic Growth Region 8 & Indiana

QWI Quick Facts	Bloomington MSA	EGR 8	Indiana
Total Employment	78,063	118,511	2,882,252
Net Job Flows	-1,894	-2,116	-41,333
Job Creation	2,778	5,270	195,459
New Hires	11,675	18,156	455,243
Separations	15,769	24,103	652,650
Turnover	11.20%	11.00%	11.80%
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$2,865.00	\$2,793.00	\$3,265.00
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,523.00	\$1,584.00	\$1,940.00

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

## ANNUAL COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

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

<i>Local Office</i>	<i>NOV 2007</i>	<i>OCT 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>NOV 2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>
<b>Initial Claims</b>					
Bedford	684	498	37.3%	965	-29.1%
Bloomington	1629	616	164.4%	1,223	33.2%
Linton	310	195	59.0%	336	-7.7%
Indiana	42,158	37,086	13.7%	40,923	3.0%
<b>Total Claims</b>					
Bedford	3,475	3,324	4.5%	4,836	-28.1%
Bloomington	5,702	4,622	23.4%	4,926	15.8%
Linton	1,503	1,360	10.5%	1,817	-17.3%
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 8	\$22,475	\$17,160	7,585
Brown	\$24,868	\$20,800	225
Daviess	\$22,718	\$18,720	456
Greene	\$18,235	\$16,640	1,455
Lawrence	\$23,041	\$18,304	1,559
Martin	\$21,481	\$18,720	158
Monroe	\$23,266	\$16,640	2,559
Orange	\$29,428	\$18,720	592
Owen	\$21,059	\$18,512	581
Indiana	\$26,776	\$20,800	124,694



## 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.

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Unadjusted percent change to NOV 2007 from:

	NOV 06	OCT 07
<b>U.S. City Average</b>		
<b>All Items</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>.6%</b>
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
<b>Midwest Region (All Items)*</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>.7</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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## REGION 8 APPLICANT POOL

As of 1/22/2008

JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
Administrative Assistants	642
All Other Hand Workers	911
All Other Machine Operators	851
All Other Precision Assemblers	602
Assemblers (Factory Work)	2,395
Cashiers, General	1,040
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	522
File Clerks	745
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	938
General Office Clerks	972
Hand Packers & Packagers	819
Helpers : Other Construction Trades	548
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	559
Order Fillers - Wholesale/Retail Sales	604
Production Helpers	703
Production Laborers	1,488
Receptionists/Information Clerks	825
Secretaries - Other	604
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	622
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	688

\*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.