

# Labor Market REVIEW

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DEVELOPMENT

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*Not Seasonally Adjusted*  
*Preliminary Labor Force Estimates*  
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Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, LAUS

## LABOR MARKET REVIEW

This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9. EGR 9 consists of Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland counties.



The data collected and produced for the counties, Columbus MSA and region is available by contacting the Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development in Indianapolis at 317/232-1920 or [tbrown@dwd.in.gov](mailto:tbrown@dwd.in.gov).

## **SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

*(November, not seasonally adjusted)*

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

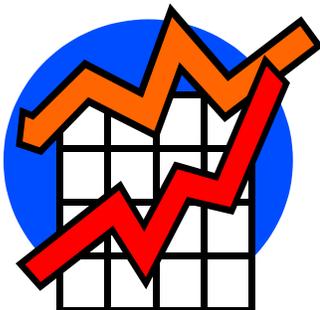
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2007	Rate 2006
U. S.	154,035,000	147,118,000	6,917,000	4.5	4.3
Indiana	3,230,014	3,087,746	142,268	4.4	4.5
EGR 9	165,495	158,440	7,055	4.3	4.3
Columbus MSA	38,992	37,704	1,288	3.3	3.6
Bartholomew County	38,992	37,704	1,288	3.3	3.6
Dearborn County	26,397	25,138	1,259	4.8	4.8
Decatur County	12,436	11,890	546	4.4	3.9
Franklin County	11,941	11,379	562	4.7	5.6
Jackson County	22,365	21,511	854	3.8	4.0
Jefferson County	17,019	16,187	832	4.9	4.3
Jennings County	13,670	13,015	655	4.8	4.8
Ohio County	3,166	3,011	155	4.9	5.0
Ripley County	13,794	13,135	659	4.8	4.5
Switzerland County	5,715	5,470	245	4.3	3.5
Batesville City	3,343	3,185	158	4.7	4.0
Columbus City	20,245	19,548	697	3.4	3.8
Greensburg City	5,334	5,087	247	4.6	4.4
Madison City	6,379	6,051	328	5.1	4.5
North Vernon City	3,004	2,821	183	6.1	6.4
Seymour City	9,880	9,494	386	3.9	4.1

For the month of November, preliminary labor force estimates ranked Economic Growth Region 9 counties as follows: Bartholomew 87<sup>th</sup>, Dearborn 29<sup>th</sup>, Decatur 44<sup>th</sup>, Franklin 38<sup>th</sup>, Jackson 71<sup>st</sup>, Jefferson 24<sup>th</sup>, Jennings 30<sup>th</sup>, Ohio 27<sup>th</sup>, Ripley 34<sup>th</sup>, and Switzerland 53<sup>rd</sup>. Dubois County had the lowest rate in the state at 2.9% and Fayette County had the highest rate at 7.2%.

## **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, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 23 states and the District of Columbia, up in 23 states, and unchanged in 4 states. Michigan again reported the highest unemployment rate, 7.4 percent. Idaho continued to record the lowest jobless rate at 2.7 percent.

In November, the Midwest continued to record the highest unemployment rate among the regions, 5.2 percent. The South again registered the lowest rate, 4.3 percent. No region posted a statistically significant unemployment rate change from October. The West and Midwest had the only significant over-the-year jobless rate changes (+0.5 and +0.3 percentage point, respectively).



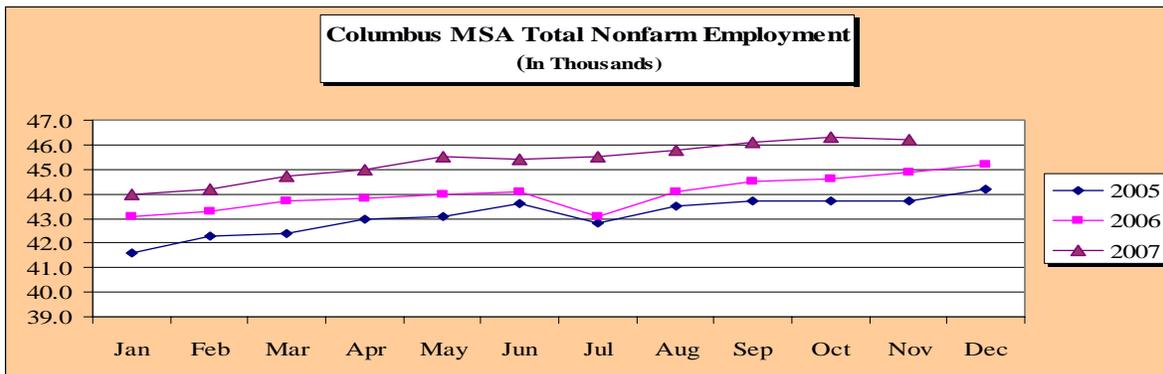
**Columbus MSA** -Includes Bartholomew County.  
**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT**



North American Industry Classification System



	NOV. 2007	OCT. 2007	NOV. 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				OCT. 2007 TO NOV. 2007	NOV. 2006 TO NOV. 2007		
Total Nonfarm	46,200	46,300	44,900	-100	-0.2%	1,300	2.9%
Total Private	40,000	40,100	38,800	-100	-0.2%	1,200	3.1%
Goods Producing	18,400	18,400	17,400	0	0.0%	1,000	5.7%
Service-Providing	27,800	27,900	27,500	-100	-0.4%	300	1.1%
Private Srvc Provide	21,600	21,700	21,400	-100	-0.5%	200	0.9%
Mining & Construction	1,600	1,700	1,600	-100	-5.9%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	16,800	16,700	15,800	100	0.6%	1,000	6.3%
Durable Goods	14,100	14,000	13,700	100	0.7%	400	2.9%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	7,900	7,800	7,700	100	1.3%	200	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,200	5,100	5,000	100	2.0%	200	4.0%
Trans,Warehouse, Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	400	400	400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Busin	3,900	4,000	3,900	-100	-2.5%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Svcs	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,900	3,000	2,900	-100	-3.3%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	0.0%	100	1.6%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	800	800	900	0	0.0%	-100	-11.1%
Local Government	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	0.0%	200	4.0%
Local Govt Education	2,100	2,100	1,900	0	0.0%	200	10.5%



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

## TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics



Local Office	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	% Change	Nov 2006	% Change
Bedford	3,475	3,324	4.5%	4,836	-28.1%
Columbus	5,070	5,037	0.7%	4,364	16.2%
Lawrenceburg	3,030	2,942	3.0%	1,932	56.8%
Madison	3,162	3,164	-0.1%	2,637	19.9%
<b>INDIANA TOTALS</b>	<b>237,104</b>	<b>238,343</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>241,826</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>

### Economic Growth Region 9 2nd Quarter 2007 Employment & Wages

County	Avg. Emplymt.	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Bartholomew	43,776	\$735
Dearborn	14,788	\$604
Decatur	12,164	\$612
Franklin	4,573	\$489
Jackson	20,494	\$607
Jefferson	13,390	\$605
Jennings	8,109	\$592
Ohio	1,722	\$540
Ripley	13,129	\$667
Switzerland	2,355	\$541
<b>EGR 9</b>	<b>134,500</b>	<b>\$647</b>

Note: Includes federal govt. employees.

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW).

### Wage Demand Information-Economic Growth Region 9

As of 1/6/08

Total Applicants	Avg. Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand
5,314	\$25,799	\$20,800

**Wage Demand** provides average and median wages required by job applicants. It also provides the number of applicants in the Indiana Workforce Development's [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#)

### APPLICANT POOL

Indiana Workforce Development's [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. Each week *Applicant Pool* provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by job applicants registered with CS3. An applicant may select multiple job titles. The following ranking is as of 1/6/08.

#### EGR 9

Job Title	# of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	1,562
Production Laborers	1,214
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	851
All Other Machine Operators	775
Hand Packers & Packagers	645
All Other Hand Workers	593
General Office Clerks	583
Cashiers, General	503
Receptionists/Information Clerks	476
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	432
Administrative Assistants	431
Order Fillers, Wholesale/Retail Sales	422
Machine Assemblers	406
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	399
All Other Precision Assemblers	398
Production Helpers	381
Secretaries	378
File Clerks	374
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Oprs	361
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	358

**Real average weekly earnings fell by 0.4 percent from October to November** after seasonal adjustment, according to preliminary data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. A 0.5 percent increase in average hourly earnings was more than offset by a 0.9 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Average weekly hours were unchanged.

Average weekly earnings rose by 3.8 percent, seasonally adjusted, from November 2006 to November 2007. After deflation by the CPI-W, average weekly earnings decreased by 0.8 percent. Before adjustment for seasonal change and inflation, average weekly earnings were \$595.89 in November 2007, compared with \$574.26 a year earlier. (BLS News Service)

**Economic Growth Region 9  
Quarterly Workforce Indicators  
2006**

<b>Quarterly Workforce Indicator</b>	<b>2006 Average</b>
Total Employment	134,028
Net Job Flows	-1,012
Job Creation	6,232
New Hires	19,776
Separations	24,887
Turnover	9.9%
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$2,954
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,735

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, Local Employment Dynamics (LED)



**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
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.7	

**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
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.3	1.8	3.1	3.7	4.1	

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**2006 QWIs for Economic Growth Region 9**

Average total employment for Economic Growth Region 9 was 134,028 in 2006, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Quarterly Workforce Indicators. Manufacturing accounted for 28.3 percent of that total. Manufacturing was followed by Health Care & Social Assistance with 11.2 percent of total employment and Retail Trade with 10.7 percent. Average net job flows (movement into and out of jobs) was -1,012 quarterly for the region with Manufacturing having the highest average net job flows of any industry with -883 per quarter.

Region 9 employers created an average of 6,232 jobs per quarter for the year, with about 14 percent of those being created in the Accommodation & Food Services industry. There were an average of 19,776 new hires and 24,887 separations a quarter in the region. Administrative & Support and Waste Management Services (which includes temporary employment agencies) led all industries in new hires and Accommodation & Food Services led in separations. The turnover rate in EGR 9 was 9.9 percent, but ranged from 2 percent in Utilities to 24.9 percent in Administrative & Support and Waste Management Services. Average monthly earnings were \$2,954 in 2006, with a low of \$1,056 in Accommodation & Food Services and a high of \$5,047 in Utilities.

The largest age group in terms of employment was 35-44 years old, representing 23.6 percent of total employment in 2006, followed closely by 45-54 years old with 23.3 percent. The group which had the highest net job flows was the 14-18 years old demographic, with average net job flows of 521 per quarter. It was the 25-34 years old group that led the way in job creation with 26.3 percent of the jobs created, new hires (24 percent) and separations (23 percent). Turnover was greatest in the 14-18 age group with 24.7 percent. And finally, workers with lots of experience, those aged 45-54, took home the biggest paycheck with an all worker monthly average of \$3,555.

There were more males than females for the following QWIs in 2006: total employment, net job flows, job creation, new hires and separations. Turnover was slightly higher among females than males (10.1 percent compared to 9.7 percent). Women's average monthly earnings comprised about 63 percent of men's (\$2,271 for women compared to \$3,605 for men).

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