

Labor Market REVIEW

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Not Seasonally Adjusted
Preliminary Labor Force Estimates
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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.

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(January, not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	6.2%
Kentucky	5.9%
Michigan	7.8%
Ohio	6.3%

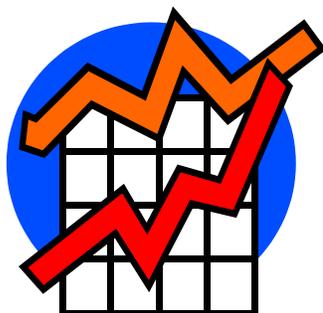
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2008	Rate 2007
U. S.	152,828,000	144,607,000	8,221,000	5.4	5.0
Indiana	3,191,164	3,029,437	161,727	5.1	5.4
EGR 9	163,371	155,025	8,346	5.1	4.4
Columbus MSA	38,042	36,536	1,506	4.0	4.6
Bartholomew County	38,042	36,536	1,506	4.0	4.6
Dearborn County	26,031	24,659	1,372	5.3	5.5
Decatur County	12,392	11,753	639	5.2	5.3
Franklin County	11,977	11,169	808	6.7	6.7
Jackson County	21,826	20,881	945	4.3	4.6
Jefferson County	17,248	16,313	935	5.4	5.4
Jennings County	13,550	12,688	862	6.4	6.5
Ohio County	3,066	2,895	171	5.6	5.5
Ripley County	13,579	12,749	830	6.1	5.8
Switzerland County	5,660	5,382	278	4.9	4.1
Batesville City	3,268	3,127	141	4.3	N/A
Columbus City	19,607	18,857	750	3.8	4.6
Greensburg City	5,239	4,973	266	5.1	N/A
Madison City	6,484	6,119	365	5.6	N/A
North Vernon City	2,982	2,741	241	8.1	N/A
Seymour City	9,714	9,287	427	4.4	N/A

For the month of January, preliminary labor force estimates ranked Economic Growth Region 9 counties as follows: Bartholomew 8th, Dearborn 51st, Decatur 52nd, Franklin 10th, Jackson 75th, Jefferson 49th, Jennings 18th, Ohio 43rd, Ripley 24th, and Switzerland 61st. Hamilton County had the lowest rate in the state at 3.1% and Fayette County had the highest rate at 10.2%.

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in January. Overall, 27 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 16 states registered decreases, and 7 states had no changes, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 32 states and the District of Columbia, down in 14 states, and unchanged in 4 states.

The Midwest continued to record the highest unemployment rate among the regions, 5.2 percent, followed closely by the West at 5.1 percent. The South again reported the lowest rate, 4.5 percent. All four regions registered significant over-the-year jobless rate increases, led by the West (+0.6 percentage point) and followed by the Northeast (+0.4 point) and the Midwest and South (+0.2 point each).



Columbus MSA* -Includes Bartholomew County.
PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

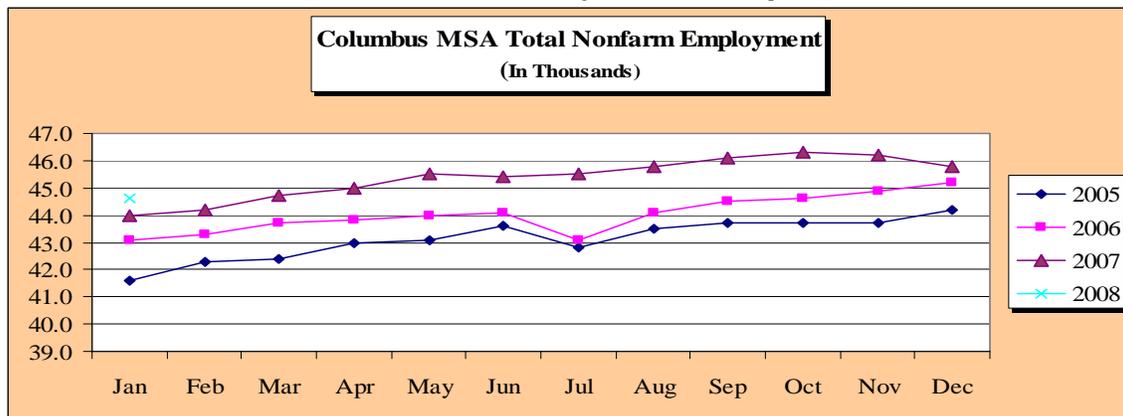


North American Industry Classification System



	JAN. 2008	DEC. 2007	JAN. 2007	CHANGE FROM			
				DEC. 2007	JAN. 2008	DEC. 2007	JAN. 2008
				TO JAN. 2008	TO 2008	TO JAN. 2008	TO 2008
Total Nonfarm	44,600	45,800	44,400	-1,200	-2.6%	200	0.5%
Total Private	38,800	39,800	38,700	-1,000	-2.5%	100	0.3%
Goods Producing	17,600	17,900	17,100	-300	-1.7%	500	2.9%
Service-Providing	26,900	27,900	27,200	-1,000	-3.6%	-300	-1.1%
Private Svc Providing	21,200	21,900	21,500	-700	-3.2%	-300	-1.4%
Mining	1,500	1,700	1,600	-200	-11.8%	-100	-6.3%
Manufacturing	16,200	16,200	15,600	0	0.0%	600	3.8%
Durable Goods	14,000	14,000	13,400	0	0.0%	600	4.5%
Trade, Transport, Utilities	7,400	7,800	7,500	-400	-5.1%	-100	-1.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,400	1,300	-100	-7.1%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,800	5,000	4,800	-200	-4.0%	0	0.0%
Trans,Warehouse, Utilities	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	500	500	400	0	0.0%	100	25.0%
Financial Activities	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	0.0%	100	6.3%
Professional and Business	3,700	3,800	4,200	-100	-2.6%	-500	-11.9%
Education and Health Services	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	0.0%	200	5.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,800	3,100	3,000	-300	-9.7%	-200	-6.7%
Other Services	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	0.0%	100	9.1%
Government	5,800	6,100	5,700	-300	-4.9%	100	1.8%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	600	800	700	-200	-25.0%	-100	-14.3%
Local Government	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	0.0%	200	4.2%
Local Govt Education	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	0.0%	100	5.6%

*Unofficial/Non BLS area estimates. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics funding for this area was suspended for 2008, but Indiana will continue to estimate.



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	Jan 2008	Dec 2007	% Change	Jan 2007	% Change
Bedford	5,767	5,405	6.7%	8,111	-28.9%
Columbus	10,124	9,191	10.2%	8,983	12.7%
Lawrenceburg	5,579	5,188	7.5%	4,003	39.4%
Madison	5,238	4,858	7.8%	5,432	-3.6%
INDIANA TOTALS	400,081	360,516	11.0%	427,630	-6.4%

Economic Growth Region 9 3rd Quarter 2007 Employment & Wages

County	Avg. Emplmnt.	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Bartholomew	43,616	\$739
Dearborn	14,567	\$655
Decatur	12,265	\$618
Franklin	4,481	\$508
Jackson	20,330	\$615
Jefferson	12,929	\$610
Jennings	7,956	\$608
Ohio	1,713	\$500
Ripley	13,158	\$669
Switzerland	2,413	\$567
EGR 9	133,427	\$659

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 3/9/08

Total Applicants	Avg. Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand
5,774	\$26,615	\$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 3/9/08.

EGR 9

Job Title	# of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	1,728
Production Laborers	1,293
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	994
All Other Machine Operators	852
Hand Packers & Packagers	731
All Other Hand Workers	699
General Office Clerks	609
Cashiers, General	552
Administrative Assistants	488
Receptionists/Information Clerks	484
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	479
Order Fillers, Wholesale/Retail Sales	469
All Other Precision Assemblers	436
Secretaries	432
Machine Assemblers	429
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Oprs	421
File Clerks	420
Other Material Movers	411
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	400
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	391

Real average weekly earnings fell by 0.5 percent in January 2008. A 0.3 percent decrease in average weekly hours and a 0.4 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index were partially offset by a 0.2 percent increase in average hourly earnings. Real earnings were down 1.4 percent from a year earlier. Real average weekly earnings are calculated by adjusting earnings in current dollars for changes in the CPI-W. Average weekly earnings rose by 3.4 percent, seasonally adjusted, from January 2007 to January 2008. After deflation by the CPI-W, average weekly earnings decreased by 1.4 percent. Before adjustment for seasonal change and inflation, average weekly earnings were \$592.74 in January 2008, compared with \$573.14 a year earlier. (BLS News Service)

Economic Growth Region 9
Quarterly Workforce Indicators
Job Creation

QWI Quick Facts	Economic Growth Region 9 (2007 Q1)	EGR 9 (2006 4 Qtr. Avg.)
Total Employment	131,512	139,336
Net Job Flows	-3,035	-4,667
Job Creation	6,016	4,879
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$3,197	\$3,104
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$1,800	\$1,815

Note: Net Job Flows equals Job Creation minus Job Destruction (Loss).

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



Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

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Midwest Urban Average

All items

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2007	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.7	-0.3
2008	0.6											

12 Months Percent Change

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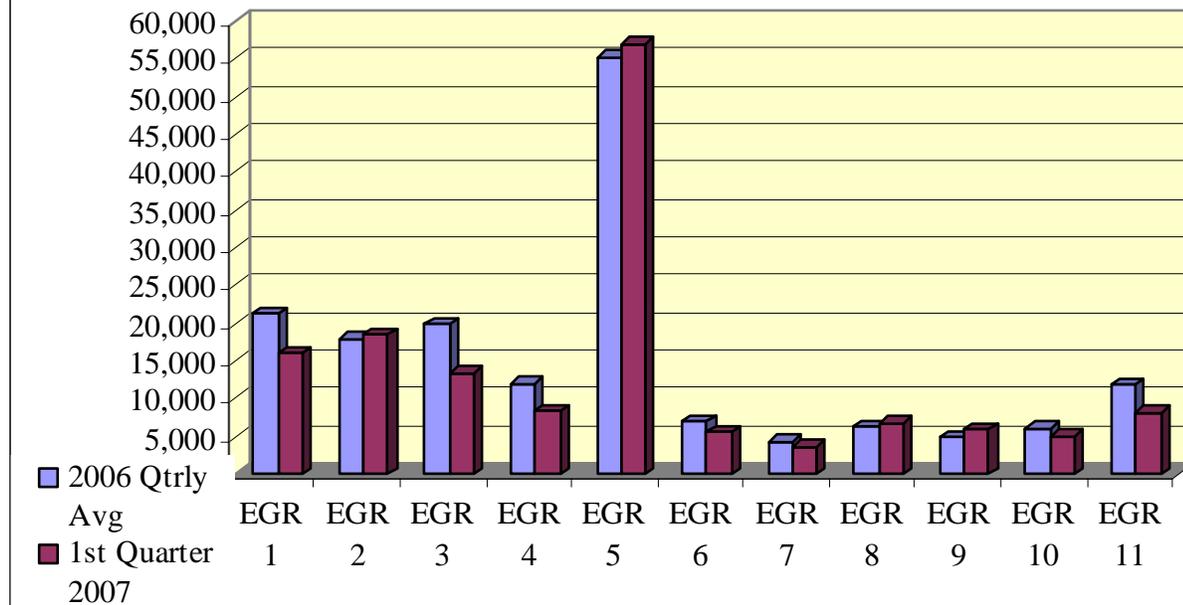
Midwest Urban Average

All items

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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	2.7
2008	2.3												

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job Creation by Economic Growth Region



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

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