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Preliminary Labor Force Estimates

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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

(March, not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	5.7%
Kentucky	6.1%
Michigan	7.9%
Ohio	6.1%

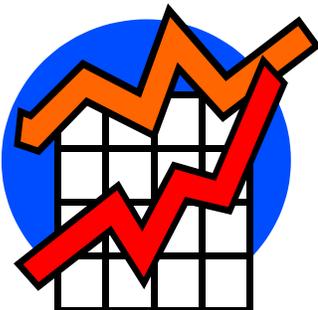
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2008	Rate 2007
U. S.	153,135,000	145,108,000	8,027,000	5.2	4.5
Indiana	3,207,412	3,028,296	179,116	5.6	4.9
EGR 9	164,085	155,043	9,042	5.5	4.7
Columbus MSA	38,283	36,534	1,749	4.6	3.9
Bartholomew County	38,283	36,534	1,749	4.6	3.9
Dearborn County	26,138	24,713	1,425	5.5	4.9
Decatur County	12,311	11,601	710	5.8	4.9
Franklin County	12,023	11,194	829	6.9	6.1
Jackson County	21,684	20,641	1,043	4.8	4.1
Jefferson County	17,465	16,456	1,009	5.8	4.9
Jennings County	13,671	12,732	939	6.9	5.7
Ohio County	3,074	2,902	172	5.6	4.6
Ripley County	13,803	12,929	874	6.3	4.9
Switzerland County	5,633	5,341	292	5.2	3.7
Batesville City	3,307	3,161	146	4.4	3.4
Columbus City	19,761	18,856	905	4.6	4.0
Greensburg City	5,194	4,909	285	5.5	5.6
Madison City	6,543	6,172	371	5.7	4.6
North Vernon City	2,945	2,751	194	6.6	7.4
Seymour City	9,637	9,181	456	4.7	4.5

For the month of March, preliminary labor force estimates ranked Economic Growth Region 9 counties as follows: Bartholomew 77th, Dearborn 59th, Decatur 49th, Franklin 19th, Jackson 74th, Jefferson 51st, Jennings 20th, Ohio 57th, Ripley 37th, and Switzerland 67th. Hamilton County had the lowest rate in the state at 3.6% and Fayette County had the highest rate at 10.9%.

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally higher in March. Overall, 36 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 5 states registered decreases, and 9 states had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 39 states and the District of Columbia, down in 9 states, and unchanged in 2 states.

In March, the Midwest and West recorded the highest unemployment rates among the regions, 5.3 percent each. The South again reported the lowest rate, 4.7 percent. The West and South posted significant rate changes from February (+0.3 and +0.2 percentage point, respectively). All four regions registered over-the-year jobless rate increases. The West had the largest rate increase (+0.8 percentage point), followed by the Northeast and South (+0.5 point each) and Midwest (+0.4 point).



Columbus MSA* - Bartholomew County.

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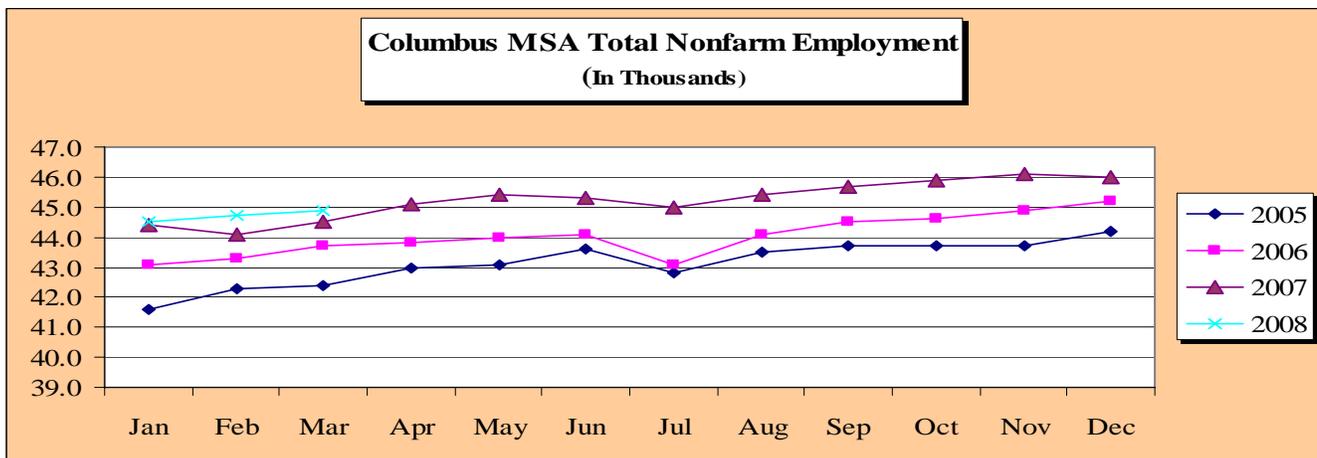
*Unofficial/Non BLS area estimates. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics funding for this area was suspended for 2008, Indiana will continue to estimate.



North American Industry Classification System



	MAR. 2008	FEB. 2008	MAR. 2007	CHANGE FROM			
				FEB. 2008 TO MAR. 2008	MAR. 2007 TO MAR. 2008		
Total Nonfarm	44,900	44,700	45,000	200	0.40%	-100	-0.20%
Total Private	38,800	38,600	38,900	200	0.50%	-100	-0.30%
Goods Producing	17,600	17,400	17,300	200	1.10%	300	1.70%
Service-Providing	27,300	27,300	27,700	0	0.00%	-400	-1.40%
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,600	100	7.10%	-100	-6.30%
Manufacturing	16,100	16,000	15,700	100	0.60%	400	2.50%
Durable Goods	14,000	13,900	13,600	100	0.70%	400	2.90%
Trade, Transport, Utilities	7,400	7,400	7,500	0	0.00%	-100	-1.30%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Retail Trade	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	0.00%	-100	-2.10%
Trans,Warehouse, Utilities	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Information	500	500	400	0	0.00%	100	25.00%
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business	3,700	3,800	4,000	-100	-2.60%	-300	-7.50%
Education and Health Services	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.00%	100	2.60%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,900	2,800	3,100	100	3.60%	-200	-6.50%
Other Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Government	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	900	900	900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Local Government	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Local Govt Education	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%



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

Cincinnati-Middletown MSA - Includes Dearborn,

Franklin & Ohio Counties.

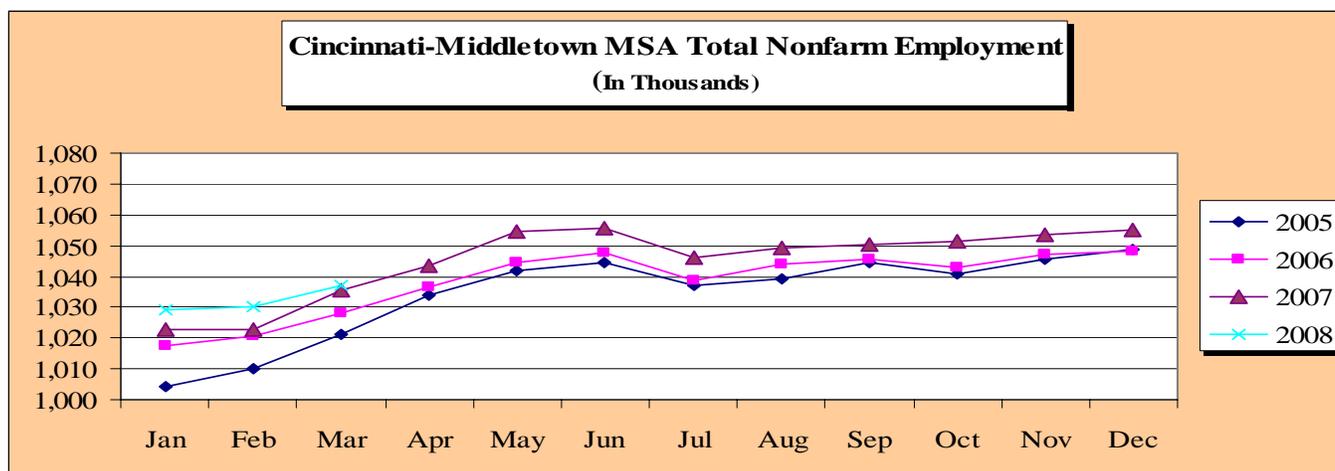
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	MAR. 2008	FEB. 2008	MAR. 2007	CHANGE FROM			
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Total Nonfarm	1,037,200	1,030,000	1,035,700	7,200	0.7%	1,500	0.1%
Total Private	901,300	895,100	899,200	6,200	0.7%	2,100	0.2%
Goods Producing	167,400	166,100	170,000	1,300	0.8%	-2,600	-1.5%
Service-Providing	869,800	863,900	865,700	5,900	0.7%	4,100	0.5%
Natural Resources, Mining & Const	47,000	45,600	48,000	1,400	3.1%	-1,000	-2.1%
Construction	41,900	40,800	43,000	1,100	2.7%	-1,100	-2.6%
Manufacturing	120,400	120,500	122,000	-100	-0.1%	-1,600	-1.3%
Durable Goods	71,200	71,400	72,700	-200	-0.3%	-1,500	-2.1%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	210,400	209,300	210,100	1,100	0.5%	300	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	61,400	61,400	60,600	0	0.0%	800	1.3%
Retail Trade	107,700	106,500	108,000	1,200	1.1%	-300	-0.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	38,000	38,100	38,300	-100	-0.3%	-300	-0.8%
Information	15,500	15,600	15,300	-100	-0.6%	200	1.3%
Financial Activities	65,500	65,500	65,300	0	0.0%	200	0.3%
Professional & Business Svcs	153,700	151,900	153,200	1,800	1.2%	500	0.3%
Educational Services	15,300	15,200	15,400	100	0.7%	-100	-0.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	128,200	128,000	125,500	200	0.2%	2,700	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	102,200	100,900	99,000	1,300	1.3%	3,200	3.2%
Accommodation & Food Svcs	86,500	85,600	86,400	900	1.1%	100	0.1%
Other Services	43,100	42,700	43,000	400	0.9%	100	0.2%
Federal Government	18,000	17,600	17,900	400	2.3%	100	0.6%
State Government	29,000	27,100	29,100	1,900	7.0%	-100	-0.3%
Local Government	88,900	88,200	89,500	700	0.8%	-600	-0.7%
Local Government Education	50,800	50,500	50,900	300	0.6%	-100	-0.2%



Source: Current Employment Statistics, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

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



Local Office	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	% Change	Mar 2007	% Change
Bedford	5,454	5,464	-0.2%	4,471	22.0%
Columbus	10,094	9,445	6.9%	6,999	44.2%
Lawrenceburg	5,061	4,931	2.6%	3,616	40.0%
Madison	4,770	4,567	4.4%	3,867	23.4%
INDIANA TOTALS	405,189	359,844	12.6%	310,135	30.6%

Local Employment Dynamics

All About Jobs

What are the Main LED Data Products?

Quarterly Workforce Indicators (OWI)

This tool lets you select and find out about NAICS-based or SIC-based Quarterly Workforce Indicators by state, geographic grouping, industry, year and quarter, sex, age group, and ownership.

Industry Focus

This tool lets you determine the top industries for your local area and your local workers, focus in on a particular industry to see how it ranks among top industries, and also look at the characteristics of those who work in that industry.

On the Map

This is a web-based mapping and reporting application that shows where people work and where workers live. It also provides companion reports on age, earnings, industry distributions, and local workforce indicators.

Wage Demand Information-Economic Growth Region 9

As of 4/27/08

Total Applicants	Avg. Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand
5,636	\$27,187	\$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 4/27/08.

EGR 9

Job Title	# of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	1,704
Production Laborers	1,290
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	983
All Other Machine Operators	865
Hand Packers & Packagers	732
All Other Hand Workers	711
General Office Clerks	589
Cashiers, General	534
Administrative Assistants	461
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	460
All Other Precision Assemblers	448
Receptionists/Information Clerks	447
Order Fillers, Wholesale/Retail Sales	436
Machine Assemblers	425
Other Hand Material Movers	414
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Oprs	410
Production Helpers	404
File Clerks	403
Secretaries	399
Data Entry, except Composing	383

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Total compensation costs for civilian workers increased 0.7 percent from December 2007 to March 2008, seasonally adjusted, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. The increase for the September to December 2007 period was 0.8 percent. Wages and salaries rose 0.8 percent and benefits rose 0.6 percent. Compensation costs for civilian workers increased 3.3 percent for the year ended March 2008. The Employment Cost Index (ECI), a product of the National Compensation Survey, measures quarterly changes in compensation costs for civilian workers (non-farm private industry and state and local government workers). (BLS News Service)