

# Labor Market REVIEW

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*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**

*(April, not seasonally adjusted)*

Illinois	5.4%
Kentucky	5.5%
Michigan	6.6%
Ohio	5.5%

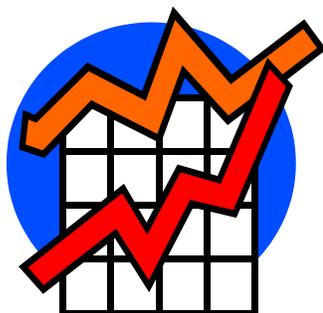
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2008	Rate 2007
U. S.	153,208,000	145,921,000	7,287,000	4.8	4.3
Indiana	3,208,051	3,058,411	149,640	4.7	4.5
EGR 9	163,519	156,206	7,313	4.5	4.2
Columbus MSA	38,250	36,840	1,410	3.7	3.5
Bartholomew County	38,250	36,840	1,410	3.7	3.5
Dearborn County	26,129	24,970	1,159	4.4	4.3
Decatur County	12,067	11,479	588	4.9	4.7
Franklin County	11,965	11,310	655	5.5	5.4
Jackson County	21,613	20,719	894	4.1	3.9
Jefferson County	17,356	16,561	795	4.6	4.6
Jennings County	13,673	12,916	757	5.5	5.0
Ohio County	3,064	2,932	132	4.3	4.1
Ripley County	13,782	13,085	897	5.1	4.1
Switzerland County	5,620	5,394	226	4.0	3.7
Batesville City	3,321	3,197	124	3.7	3.1
Columbus City	19,756	19,014	742	3.8	3.7
Greensburg City	5,121	4,857	264	5.2	5.6
Madison City	6,517	6,212	305	4.7	4.4
North Vernon City	2,961	2,791	170	5.7	7.2
Seymour City	9,589	9,215	374	3.9	4.2

For the month of April, preliminary labor force estimates ranked Economic Growth Region 9 counties as follows: Bartholomew 84<sup>th</sup>, Dearborn 61<sup>st</sup>, Decatur 44<sup>th</sup>, Franklin 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jackson 72<sup>nd</sup>, Jefferson 55<sup>th</sup>, Jennings 24<sup>th</sup>, Ohio 68<sup>th</sup>, Ripley 38<sup>th</sup>, and Switzerland 74<sup>th</sup>. Daviess County had the lowest rate in the state at 3.0% and Fayette County had the highest rate at 9.6%.

## **REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in April. Overall, 28 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 14 states registered increases, and 8 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 35 states and the District of Columbia, down in 13 states, and unchanged in 2 states.

In April, the South and Northeast again recorded the lowest unemployment rates among the regions, 4.6 and 4.7 percent, respectively. The West posted the highest rate, 5.3 percent, followed by the Midwest at 5.1 percent. The West registered the largest over-the-year rate increase among the regions (+0.8 percentage point). The Northeast and South also reported statistically significant jobless rate changes from a year earlier (+0.4 percentage point each).



**Columbus MSA\*** - Bartholomew County.

**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT**

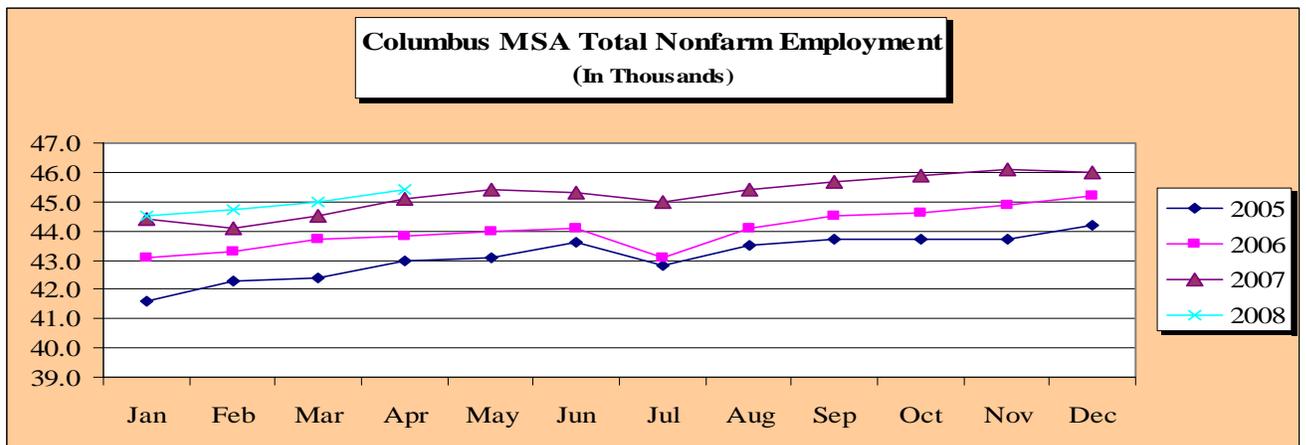
\*Unofficial/Non BLS area estimates. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics funding for this area was suspended for 2008, Indiana will continue to estimate this area.



North American Industry Classification System



	CHANGE FROM						
			MAR. 2008		APR. 2007		
	APR. 2008	MAR. 2008	APR. 2007	TO APR. 2008	TO APR. 2008		
Total Nonfarm	45,400	45,000	45,100	400	0.90%	300	0.70%
Total Private	39,300	38,900	39,000	400	1.00%	300	0.80%
Goods Producing	17,700	17,600	17,500	100	0.60%	200	1.10%
Service-Providing	27,700	27,400	27,600	300	1.10%	100	0.40%
Mining	1,600	1,500	1,700	100	6.70%	-100	-5.90%
Manufacturing	16,100	16,100	15,800	0	0.00%	300	1.90%
Durable Goods	14,000	14,000	13,700	0	0.00%	300	2.20%
Trade, Transport, Utilities	7,500	7,400	7,300	100	1.40%	200	2.70%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,100	0	0.00%	200	18.20%
Retail Trade	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	0.00%	-100	-2.10%
Trans,Warehouse, Utilities	1,500	1,400	1,400	100	7.10%	100	7.10%
Information	500	500	400	0	0.00%	100	25.00%
Financial Activities	1,700	1,600	1,700	100	6.30%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	0.00%	-200	-5.00%
Education and Health Services	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.00%	100	2.60%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,000	2,900	3,100	100	3.40%	-100	-3.20%
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	1,000	0	0.00%	-100	-10.00%
Local Government	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	0.00%	100	2.00%
Local Govt Education	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	0.00%	100	5.60%



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

# Cincinnati-Middletown MSA - Includes Dearborn,

Franklin & Ohio Counties.

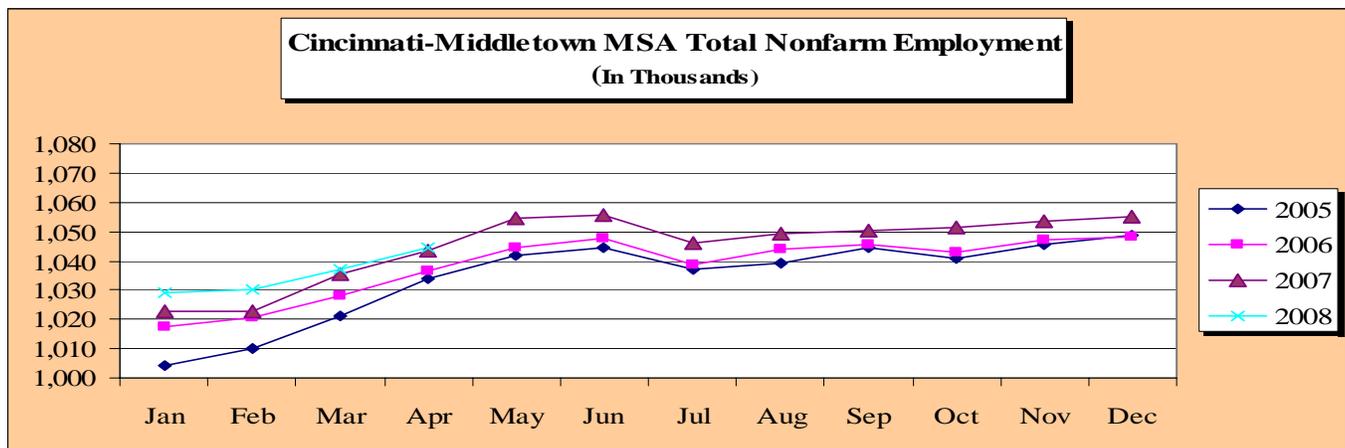
## PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT



North American Industry Classification System



	APR. 2008	MAR. 2008	APR. 2007	CHANGE FROM			
				MAR. 2008 TO APR. 2008	APR. 2007 TO APR. 2008		
Total Nonfarm	1,044,500	1,037,100	1,043,500	7,400	0.7%	1,000	0.1%
Total Private	908,500	901,400	906,800	7,100	0.8%	1,700	0.2%
Goods Producing	169,300	167,300	172,000	2,000	1.2%	-2,700	-1.6%
Service-Providing	875,200	869,800	871,500	5,400	0.6%	3,700	0.4%
Natural Resources, Mining & Const	48,800	47,000	50,200	1,800	3.8%	-1,400	-2.8%
Construction	43,100	42,000	44,600	1,100	2.6%	-1,500	-3.4%
Manufacturing	120,500	120,300	121,800	200	0.2%	-1,300	-1.1%
Durable Goods	71,500	71,200	72,500	300	0.4%	-1,000	-1.4%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	210,600	210,300	210,200	300	0.1%	400	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	108,100	107,700	108,500	400	0.4%	-400	-0.4%
Retail Trade	15,500	15,500	15,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	65,600	65,500	65,100	100	0.2%	500	0.8%
Financial Activities	154,800	153,700	154,300	1,100	0.7%	500	0.3%
Professional & Business Svcs	15,300	15,400	15,800	-100	-0.6%	-500	-3.2%
Educational Services	128,300	128,300	125,600	0	0.0%	2,700	2.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	105,800	102,300	105,400	3,500	3.4%	400	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	18,100	15,500	18,100	2,600	16.8%	0	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Svcs	87,700	86,800	87,300	900	1.0%	400	0.5%
Other Services	43,300	43,100	42,900	200	0.5%	400	0.9%
Federal Government	18,100	18,000	17,800	100	0.6%	300	1.7%
State Government	29,000	29,000	29,100	0	0.0%	-100	-0.3%
Local Government	88,900	88,700	89,800	200	0.2%	-900	-1.0%
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	Apr 2008	Mar 2008	% Change	Apr 2007	% Change
Bedford	4,696	5,454	-13.9%	4,184	12.2%
Columbus	7,015	10,094	-30.5%	5,832	20.3%
Lawrenceburg	3,337	5,061	-34.1%	3,093	7.9%
Madison	3,510	4,770	-26.4%	3,487	0.7%
<b>INDIANA TOTALS</b>	<b>319,418</b>	<b>405,189</b>	<b>-21.2%</b>	<b>288,300</b>	<b>10.8%</b>



### 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
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	0.2	0.9	0.8								

#### 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
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
2008	4.3	3.8	3.7	4.0								

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Wage Demand Information-Economic Growth Region 9

As of 6/8/08

Total Applicants	Avg. Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand
5,603	\$26,659	\$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 6/8/08.

#### EGR 9

Job Title	# of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	1,684
Production Laborers	1,234
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	946
All Other Machine Operators	843
Hand Packers & Packagers	698
All Other Hand Workers	692
General Office Clerks	618
Cashiers, General	562
Receptionists	471
Administrative Assistants	470
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	450
All Other Precision Assemblers	443
Order Fillers, Wholesale/Retail Sales	441
Machine Assemblers	432
File Clerks	423
Secretaries	419
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Oprs	411
Other Hand Material Movers	411
Data Entry, except Composing	395
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	376

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**Real average weekly earnings fell by 0.5 percent in April 2008.** The change resulted from a 0.1 percent increase in average hourly earnings, offset by a 0.3 percent decrease in average weekly hours and a 0.2 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Average weekly earnings increased by 3.2 percent from April, 2007. Real earnings were down 1.0 percent from a year ago after deflation by the CPI-W. Before adjustment for seasonal change and inflation average weekly earnings were \$601.78 in April, compared with \$583.14 a year ago. (BLS News Service)