

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for February 2007
April 2007

Region 11

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES February 2007 PRELIMINARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	NUMBER EMPLOYED	NUMBER UNEMPL.	U.R. 2/07(p)	U.R. 1/07	U.R. 2/06
U.S.	151,879,000	144,479,000	7,400,000	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%
INDIANA	3,246,027	3,073,092	172,935	5.3%	5.8%	5.8%
EGR 11*	223,238	212,006	11,232	5.0%	5.2%	5.2%
Evansville MSA**	185,527	175,755	9,772	5.3%	5.5%	5.4%
Dubois	22,290	21,376	914	4.1%	3.8%	4.4%
Gibson	17,540	16,666	874	5.0%	5.2%	5.0%
Henderson Co., KY	23,368	22,005	1,363	5.8%	5.9%	6.4%
Knox	19,280	18,370	910	4.7%	5.1%	5.5%
Perry	9,786	9,229	557	5.7%	6.0%	6.4%
Pike	6,140	5,849	291	4.7%	5.2%	5.2%
Posey	14,055	13,366	689	4.9%	5.1%	5.0%
Spencer	10,352	9,792	560	5.4%	5.5%	6.3%
Vanderburgh	92,807	87,801	5,006	5.4%	5.7%	5.4%
Warrick	30,988	29,557	1,431	4.6%	4.8%	4.9%
Webster Co., KY	6,770	6,361	409	6.0%	6.4%	6.2%
Boonville	3,350	3,138	212	6.3%	6.9%	6.9%
Evansville	60,339	56,663	3,676	6.1%	6.5%	5.9%
Jasper	7,237	6,995	242	3.3%	3.5%	3.9%
Mount Vernon	3,527	3,345	182	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%
	1,025	955	70	6.8%	7.4%	7.8%
Princeton	4,192	3,936	256	6.1%	6.3%	6.3%
Rockport	994	908	86	8.7%	7.8%	10.1%
Tell City	3,978	3,732	246	6.2%	6.9%	6.9%
Vincennes	9,007	8,503	504	5.6%	5.9%	6.2%

GR 11 includes Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties. **Evansville MSA includes Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana and Henderson and Webster Counties in Kentucky.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – FEB 2007	COUNTY	FEB 2007 RATE (p)
1	Crawford	8.8
42	Perry	5.7
52	Spencer	5.4
53	Vanderburgh	5.4
66	Gibson	5.0
72	Posey	4.9
77	Knox	4.7
78	Pike	4.7
81	Warrick	4.6
88	Dubois	4.1
92	Hamilton	3.3

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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported that regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in February 2007. Overall, 24 states and the District of Columbia registered over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 16 states recorded increases, and 10 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates declined in 33 states and the District of Columbia, rose in 10 states, and were unchanged in 7 states.

In February, Hawaii, Utah, and Wyoming recorded the lowest unemployment rates at 2.3 percent each. Mississippi reported the highest jobless rate at 6.7 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in February than a year earlier in 249 of the 369 metropolitan areas, higher in 94 areas, and unchanged in 26 areas. Eighteen metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent. Seven areas, six of which are located in California, recorded jobless rates of at least 10 percent.

Honolulu, Hawaii, continued to report the lowest unemployment rate at 2.0 percent. El Centro, California, a highly agricultural area, registered the highest rate in February at 14.1 percent.

SURROUNDING STATES FEBRUARY 2007

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 5.3% Indiana – 5.3% Kentucky – 6.6% Michigan – 7.2% Ohio – 5.7%

EVANSVILLE MSA

(Gibson, Posev, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana and Henderson and Webster Counties in Kentucky)

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	FEB 2007	JAN 2007	FEB 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				JAN 2007 TO FEB 2007		FEB 2006 TO FEB 2007	
Total Nonfarm	178,200	178,000	176,700	+200	+0.1%	+1,500	+0.8%
Goods Producing	46,200	46,500	46,200	-300	-0.6%	+0	+0.0%
Mining & Construction	12,300	12,800	11,900	-500	-3.9%	+400	+3.4%
Manufacturing	33,900	33,700	34,300	+200	+0.6%	-400	-1.2%
Durable Goods	19,100	18,900	19,300	+200	+1.1%	-200	-1.0%
Service Providing	132,000	131,500	130,500	+500	+0.4%	+1,500	+1.1%
Trade, Trans., & Warehousing	36,200	36,500	36,300	-300	-0.8%	-100	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	7,700	7,700	7,500	+0	+0.0%	+200	+2.7%
Retail Trade	18,700	19,000	19,000	-300	-1.6%	-300	-1.6%
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	4,000	3,900	-100	-2.5%	+0	+0.0%
Trans., Warehousing, & Util.	9,800	9,800	9,800	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	2,900	2,900	2,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	6,200	6,200	6,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional & Business Services	17,400	17,200	17,100	+200	+1.2%	+300	+1.8%
Educational & Health Services	27,800	27,600	26,800	+200	+0.7%	+1,000	+3.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	23,300	23,200	22,500	+100	+0.4%	+800	+3.6%
Hospitals	9,200	9,200	9,000	+0	+0.0%	+200	+2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	16,200	16,300	16,000	-100	-0.6%	+200	+1.3%
Food Services & Drinking Places	12,000	12,000	12,500	+0	+0.0%	-500	-4.0%
Other Services	7,400	7,400	7,300	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.4%
Government	17,900	17,400	17,900	+500	+2.9%	+0	+0.0%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	3,900	3,500	3,700	+400	+11.4%	+200	+5.4%
Local Government	12,700	12,600	12,900	+100	+0.8%	-200	-1.6%
Local Government Education	7,200	7,100	7,400	+100	+1.4%	-200	-2.7%

EVANSVILLE, IN-KY MSA HOURS and EARNINGS

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB. 2007	JAN. 2007	FEB. 2006	FEB. 2007	JAN. 2007	FEB. 2006	FEB. 2007	JAN. 2007	FEB. 2006
Manufacturing	\$852.42	\$871.62	\$859.04	39.3	39.8	41.3	\$21.69	\$21.90	\$20.80
Retail Trade	\$367.40	\$376.74	\$351.03	31.7	31.9	29.9	\$11.59	\$11.81	\$11.74

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2006 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2008.

Average earnings are gross and are affected by premium pay for overtime, incentive rates, shift differentials, and changes in basic hourly rates. Figures cover production workers in manufacturing and nonsupervisory employees in other industry divisions.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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/>.

Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWIs) 3rd Quarter 2005 Economic Growth Region 11 and Indiana

<u>QWI</u>	<u>EGR 11 (Q3)</u>	<u>INDIANA (Q3)</u>
Total Employment	204,753	2,840,413
Net Job Flows	-2,107	-391
Job Creation	8,343	164,972
New Hires	34,667	537,008
Separations	41,628	641,773
Turnover	9.4%	10.3%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$2,950	\$3,111
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$1,738	\$1,894

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 3rd Quarter 2005.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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Unadjusted percent change to February 2007 from:

	<i>February 06</i>	<i>January 07</i>
U.S. City Average		
All Items	2.4%	.5%
Food & Beverages	3.1%	.6%
Housing	3.3%	.5%
Apparel	2.1%	2.6%
Transportation	-.6%	.2%
Medical Care	4.3%	.9%
Recreation	.9%	.1%
Education & Communication	2.0%	.1%
Other Goods & Services	3.6%	.4%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	2.0%	.7%

*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.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

ANNUAL COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

<u>Local Office</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Previous Year % Change</u>
<u>INITIAL CLAIMS</u>			
Evansville	19,691	18,496	6.5%
Vincennes	7,843	8,027	-2.3%
Indiana	441,786	409,105	8.0%
<u>TOTAL CLAIMS*</u>			
Evansville	140,832	150,212	-6.2%
Vincennes	55,474	61,062	-9.2%
Indiana	3,234,630	3,232,282	.1%

*Total Claims include both initial and continued unemployment insurance claims.

Region 11 Job Openings

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 11 (Evansville and Vincennes) received during February 2007. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

SELECTED FEBRUARY 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Production Laborers	\$6.00	\$8.50	\$12.38
Assemblers	6.50	8.78	10.00
Janitors & Cleaners	5.25	7.60	11.13
Sewing Machine Operators, Non-Garmet	7.00	7.75	8.00
Telemarketers, Door-to-Door Sales Workers	8.50	9.25	10.00
Truck Drivers, Light-including Delivery	5.15	8.00	12.25
Cooks: Institution/Cafeteria	5.63	7.79	10.63
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	5.25	6.51	7.75
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	9.50	12.38	16.00
Welders, Production	8.00	12.25	22.00
Cashiers	6.45	7.65	9.05
Salespersons: Retail	6.00	7.72	10.00
Customer Service Representatives	9.00	10.50	12.00
Production Helpers	6.00	8.79	11.13
General Office Clerks	\$5.15	\$7.63	\$11.00



Region 11* APPLICANT POOL

February 26, 2007



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

<u>REGION 11 JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Assemblers	4,568
Production Laborers	3,664
All Other Machine Operators	2,309
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,106
All Other Hand Workers	2,074
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,754
General Office Clerks	1,554
Cashiers, General	1,440
Plastic Molding & Casting Machine Operators	1,435
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,422
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,395
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,308
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,288
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	1,286
Production Helpers	1,250
File Clerks	1,144
Administrative Assistants	1,117
Secretaries - Others	1,031
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,029
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,027

The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 11* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. *EGR 11 includes Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties.



AREA (2/26/07)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR 11	\$24,889	\$19,240	12,444
Dubois	\$30,671	\$20,800	578
Gibson	\$22,952	\$20,800	803
Knox	\$18,083	\$16,640	1,583
Perry	\$23,948	\$20,800	314
Pike	\$22,298	\$20,800	255
Posey	\$32,050	\$20,800	656
Spencer	\$27,902	\$20,800	449
Vanderburgh	\$25,231	\$18,720	6,407
Warrick	\$25,699	\$20,800	1,399



3rd QUARTER 2006 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

OCCUPATIONS & STARTING WAGES REPORT

Indiana Economic Growth Region 11's Occupations and Starting Wages Report for April 2006 – March 2007 is now available. This report provides minimum, average, and maximum starting wage data for job openings listed with local area WorkOne offices. If you would like a copy of this publication, you may download the report from our web site at <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>. Please 'Select a Region' from the map at the bottom of the page; you will then find a link to Regional Publications. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may email cboatman@dwd.in.gov or call Cathy Boatman at (812) 424-4473 extension 237.

“Covered Employment and Payrolls” include employees working for firms subject to the Indiana Employment and Training Services Act. The Act, in general, includes employers with one or more employees. Railroads, small nonprofit institutions, and churches are excluded. Only part of the employment in private households and on farms is included. Federal government employees are not included in these figures.

Average Weekly Wages are computed from quarterly earnings and average employment. The figures are computed from payroll totals so they include all employees. The Average Weekly Earnings for Manufacturing are based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>ALL INDUSTRIES</u>	<u>MANUFACTURING</u>
Dubois	\$646	\$652
Gibson	\$805	\$1,129
Knox	\$524	\$635
Perry	\$577	\$821
Pike	\$705	\$750
Posey	\$870	\$1,403
Spencer	\$566	\$832
Vanderburgh	\$720	\$1,303
Warrick	\$691	\$1,240
INDIANA	\$682	\$930

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