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December 2007 Indiana Employment Report

INDIANAPOLIS (January 18, 2008) – Indiana's unemployment rate is the lowest in the six-state Midwest region for the eighth consecutive month, according to the monthly employment report released today by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. The state's unemployment rate decreased from 4.7 percent in November to 4.6 percent in December, and is now four-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate, which is at 5.0 percent.

Governor Mitch Daniels, traveling in Evansville, said Indiana is no more immune to a national downturn than any other state. "But if a slowdown comes, we'll enter it in a much stronger position than other states. Indiana's uniquely strong performance is a tribute to Hoosier workers and all those who have helped build one of the best environments for new jobs," said Daniels.

Unemployment rose in December in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky, and in 46 of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Employment Report Highlights (Local Area Unemployment Statistics – LAUS)

Seasonally Adjusted. According to the monthly LAUS survey, the number of people estimated to be unemployed in Indiana for December was 148,431, down from 150,848 in November and down from 158,314 one year ago. Indiana's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in December 2006.

The December rates reported for the six-state Midwest region were Illinois at 5.5 percent, Kentucky at 5.7 percent, Michigan at 7.6 percent, Ohio at 6.0 percent and Wisconsin at 5.0 percent. Of the six states in the region, only Indiana and Wisconsin posted reductions in their monthly rates.

Non-Seasonally Adjusted. On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Indiana's unemployment rate of 4.4 percent remained the same as November. Nationally, the rate for December increased from 4.5 percent to 4.8 percent. Other Midwestern states' non-seasonally adjusted rates for November were Illinois at 5.3 percent, Kentucky at 5.4 percent, Michigan at 7.4 percent, Ohio at 5.8 percent and Wisconsin at 4.6 percent.

Jobs Report Highlights (Current Employment Statistics – CES)

Total non-farm employment in the state declined slightly in December, and is up 5,800 from one year ago, according to the monthly payroll survey. Total employment was estimated to be 2,986,400.

Seasonally adjusted employment declined slightly over the month. The top three supersectors experiencing the greatest growth in jobs in the state over the year are leisure and hospitality, up 1.0 percent, education and health services, up 0.9 percent and other services, up 0.7 percent.

The top three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) with the greatest rate of growth in jobs over the year are Columbus, up 2.2 percent, Lafayette, up 2.2 percent and Evansville, up 1.2 percent.

The Department recommends looking at these employment trends and data on a long-term basis.

Data Links. Here are links to the data that comprise the monthly employment report:

Employment Report (LAUS)

- [Labor Force Estimates for U.S., Indiana, MSAs, Counties, Cities](#)
- [Ranking of Indiana Counties by Unemployment Rate](#)
- [Indiana County Map with Unemployment Rates](#)

Jobs Report (CES)

- [Seasonally-Adjusted Employment Table for Indiana](#)
- [Non-Seasonally-Adjusted Employment Table for Indiana](#)
- [Detail Employment Listing – Statewide & MSAs](#)

Indiana, National Unemployment Rates – December 2007

Seasonally Adjusted	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2006
<u>Indiana</u>			
Labor Force	3,231,692	3,230,540	3,285,142
Employed	3,083,261	3,079,692	3,126,828
Unemployed	148,431	150,848	158,314
Rate	4.6	4.7	4.8
U.S. Rate	5.0	4.7	4.4

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2006
<u>Indiana</u>			
Labor Force	3,212,529	3,230,014	3,278,727
Employed	3,069,699	3,087,746	3,125,682
Unemployed	142,830	142,268	153,045
Rate	4.4	4.4	4.7
U.S. Rate	4.8	4.5	4.3

Non-Seasonally Adjusted Employment, by MSA

MSA				Month		Year	
	Dec-07	Nov-07	Dec-06	Change	% Chg	Change	% Chg
Anderson	41,800	42,300	43,400	-500	-1.20%	-1,600	-3.70%
Bloomington	84,700	85,000	84,000	-300	-0.40%	700	0.80%
Columbus	46,200	46,200	45,200	0	0.00%	1,000	2.20%
Elkhart-Goshen	131,300	131,700	130,200	-400	-0.30%	1,100	0.80%
Evansville	184,100	184,100	182,000	0	0.00%	2,100	1.20%
Fort Wayne	220,900	221,400	220,600	-500	-0.20%	300	0.10%
Gary	283,100	283,600	282,700	-500	-0.20%	400	0.10%
Indianapolis-							
Carmel	921,000	924,800	911,200	-3,800	-0.40%	9,800	1.10%
Kokomo	47,900	48,200	48,000	-300	-0.60%	-100	-0.20%
Lafayette	96,000	98,100	93,900	-2,100	-2.10%	2,100	2.20%
Michigan City	47,300	47,500	47,000	-200	-0.40%	300	0.60%
Muncie	55,100	55,200	55,200	-100	-0.20%	-100	-0.20%

South Bend	147,900	148,300	147,700	-400	-0.30%	200	0.10%
Terre Haute	74,800	75,700	75,200	-900	-1.20%	-400	-0.50%

Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Non-Farm Jobs – by Major Industry

INDUSTRY TITLE	Dec 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2006	Over the month change	Over the year change
Total Nonfarm	2986.4	2989.5	2980.6	-3.1	5.8
Total Private	2556.4	2560.9	2550.1	-4.5	6.3
Goods Producing	713.5	716.5	718.9	-3.0	-5.4
Service-Providing	2272.9	2273.0	2261.7	-0.1	11.2
Natural Res. & Mining	7.0	7.1	7.0	-0.1	0.0
Construction	152.6	154.4	151.7	-1.8	0.9
Manufacturing	553.9	555.0	560.2	-1.1	-6.3
Trade, Transp, & Utilities	591.4	591.1	587.9	0.3	3.5
Information	40.2	40.4	40.1	-0.2	0.1
Financial Activities	140.0	140.1	140.5	-0.1	-0.5
Profess. & Business Svcs.	283.5	284.0	281.7	-0.5	1.8
Educ. & Health Services	391.5	391.2	388.2	0.3	3.3
Leisure & Hospitality	284.2	285.0	281.5	-0.8	2.7
Other Services	112.1	112.6	111.3	-0.5	0.8
Government	430.0	428.6	430.5	1.4	-0.5

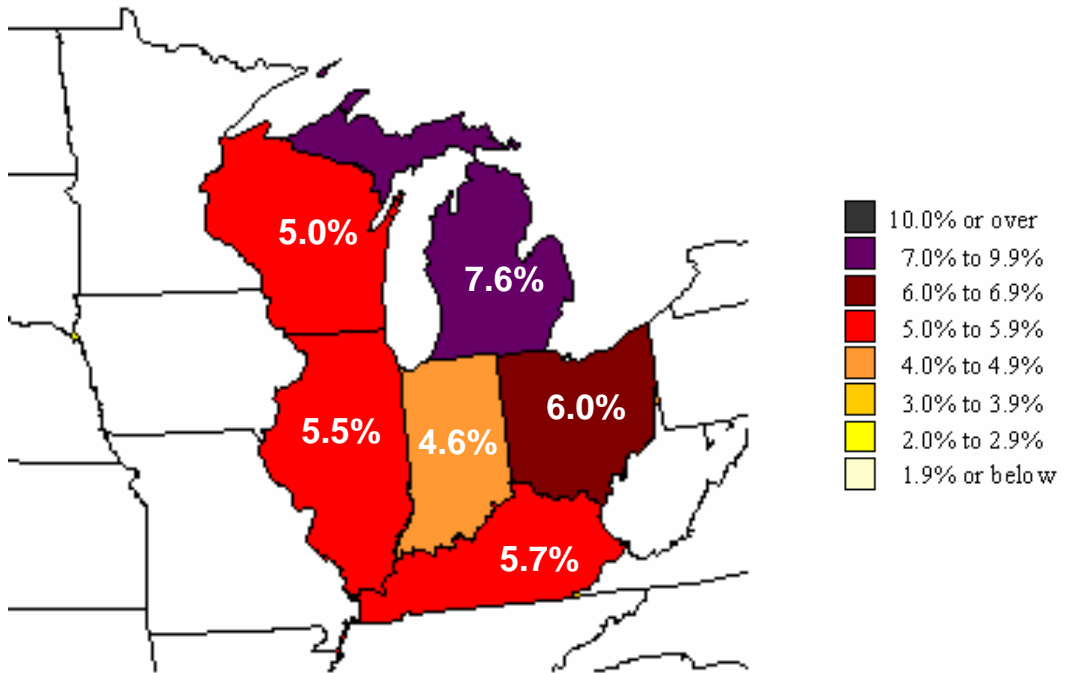
Midwest States Unemployment Rate Trend, Seasonally Adjusted

	Dec '06	Jan '07	Nov '07	Dec '07
U.S.	4.4	4.6	4.7	5.0
Indiana	4.8	5.1	4.7	4.6
Illinois	4.1	4.6	5.2	5.5
Kentucky	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.7
Michigan	7.2	6.9	7.4	7.6
Ohio	5.6	5.3	5.6	6.0
Wisconsin	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.0

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 35 WorkOne Centers and 50 WorkOne Express Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

Midwest Unemployment Rates December 2007

Seasonally adjusted
U.S. Rate: 5.0%



Technical notes for the news media

The Department of Workforce Development is now issuing one monthly employment report, combining data from the two separate reports and news releases previously released. All of the data and tables previously available in both reports/news releases is now available through the above data links and is available on the Department's Labor Market Information web site, (<http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>).

This report contains information from two surveys conducted in cooperation with the federal government about changes in the U.S. labor force. **Jobs** statistics measure the number of positions (jobs) in U.S. businesses created or lost over a specified period of time, and come from government surveys of *payroll* records. For this reason, these statistics do not capture information about changes in the number of self-employed persons, business owners, and farm workers. **Employment** statistics come from surveys of U.S. *households*, and distinguish whether individuals in those households are working (employed) or not working (unemployed). These statistics include the self-employed, business owners, and farm workers. (Note: Individuals are counted as being employed only once, even if they hold more than one job.) The unemployment rate is calculated from these statistics.

In calculating unemployment rates, two different types of numbers are provided. The first, known as the non-seasonally adjusted rate, estimates employment and unemployment without taking into account the effects of seasonal trends. In calculating the seasonally adjusted rate, or employment that follows more or less a regular pattern each year, holiday, summer and other types of seasonal employment is factored out of the estimate. These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other non-seasonal movements.

The state's unemployment rate is compiled in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and is derived primarily from a national survey of about 60,000 households. Of that number, approximately 1,000 Indiana households are polled each month. It is conducted during the week of the 12th day of the month. The labor force is calculated as the number of people 16 years and older who were either employed or were able and available to work.

The Department of Workforce Development believes that employment statistics are the best measure of the status of a state, regional, or local labor force, because it measures people working rather than positions created, and because it includes the self-employed (including business owners) and farm workers.

The next monthly employment report, for January 2008, is scheduled for release on March 11, 2008.