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February 2007 Indiana Employment Report

INDIANAPOLIS (April 2, 2007) -- Indiana's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in February of 2007, down from 5.1 percent in January, according to the monthly employment report released today by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

Employment Report Highlights (Local Area Unemployment Statistics – LAUS)

Seasonally Adjusted. Employment for February was set at 3,129,672, down slightly from 3,130,862 in January, 2007, and up from 3,027,137 in January, 2005. The Indiana labor force was calculated at 3,283,847 in February 2007. One year ago, the state's labor force was 3,264,329.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates reported for other Midwestern states for February were Ohio at 5.0 percent, Michigan at 6.6 percent, Illinois at 4.8 percent and Kentucky at 5.7 percent. Nationally, the rate for February was 4.5 percent, down from 4.6 percent in January. A year ago, Indiana's unemployment rate stood at 5.1 percent.

Non-Seasonally Adjusted. On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Indiana's unemployment rate decreased from 5.8 percent in January to 5.3 percent in February. Nationally, the rate decreased from 5.0 percent to 4.9 in February. The number of employed Hoosiers in February of 2007 was 3,073,092, down 5,064 from January's 3,078,156, and up 30,269 from February of 2006, when it was 3,042,823.

Other states' non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates reported for February were Ohio at 5.7, Michigan at 7.2 percent, Illinois at 5.3 percent and Kentucky at 6.6 percent..

Jobs Report Highlights (Current Employment Statistics – CES)

On the jobs front, seasonally-adjusted payroll employment figures fell by 7,400 jobs in February from January. A late winter storm was the primary reason for the loss from the previous month. For the twelve-month period, all super-sectors except for four saw growth. The four super-sectors which posted payroll employment declines were manufacturing, down 2.1 percent, construction, down 5.3 percent, information, down 0.2 percent and leisure and hospitality, down 0.6 percent.

Total employment for February 2007 in the state on a seasonally-adjusted basis was estimated at 2,962,700, down 12,700 from 2,975,400 in February 2006.

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 - February 2007

Seasonally Adjusted <u>Indiana</u>	Feb 2007	Jan 2007	Feb 2006
Labor Force	3,283,847	3,300,835	3,264,329
Employed	3,129,672	3,130,862	3,097,210
Unemployed	154,175	169,973	167,119
Rate	4.7	5.1	5.1
U.S. Rate	4.5	4.6	4.8
Not Seasonally Adjusted <u>Indiana</u>	Feb 2007	Jan 2007	Feb 2006
Labor Force	3,246,027	3,266,011	3,229,284
Employed	3,073,092	3,078,156	3,042,823
Unemployed	172,935	187,855	186,461
Rate	5.3	5.8	5.8
U.S. Rate	4.9	5.0	5.1

Non-Seasonally Adjusted Employment, by MSA

MSA	Month			Year	
	Feb-07	Jan-07	Feb-06	Change	% Chg
Anderson	41,400	41,600	43,100	-200	-0.50%
Bloomington	82,400	81,500	82,300	900	1.10%
Columbus	44,500	44,000	43,300	500	1.10%
Elkhart-Goshen	128,600	128,000	131,600	600	0.50%
Evansville	178,200	178,000	176,700	200	0.10%
Fort Wayne	214,700	215,600	211,600	-900	-0.40%
Gary	275,800	276,500	274,800	-700	-0.30%
Indianapolis	889,600	888,600	881,000	1,000	0.10%
Kokomo	46,800	46,900	46,700	-100	-0.20%
Lafayette	93,700	93,300	94,000	400	0.40%
Michigan City	46,000	46,200	46,100	-200	-0.40%
Muncie	53,400	52,800	53,900	600	1.10%
South Bend	144,100	143,300	142,600	800	0.60%
Terre Haute	74,000	73,500	72,900	500	0.70%

Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Non-Farm Jobs – by Major Industry

INDUSTRY TITLE	Feb 2007	Jan 2007	Feb 2006	Over the month change	Over the year change
Total Nonfarm	2962.7	2970.1	2975.4	-7.4	-12.7
Total Private	2535.5	2543.5	2549.9	-8.0	-14.4
Goods Producing	707.3	714.1	727.3	-6.8	-20.0
Service-Providing	2255.4	2256.0	2248.1	-0.6	7.3

Natural Res. & Mining	6.8	6.9	6.8	-0.1	0.0
Construction	143.1	148.4	151.1	-5.3	-8.0
Manufacturing	557.4	558.8	569.4	-1.4	-12.0
Trade, Transp, & Utilities	588.0	590.4	585.9	-2.4	2.1
Information	40.2	40.1	40.3	0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	140.2	140.4	140.2	-0.2	0.0
Profess. & Business Svcs	280.1	279.8	278.9	0.3	1.2
Educ. & Health Services	387.8	387.2	384.1	0.6	3.7
Leisure & Hospitality	280.5	280.1	282.2	0.4	-1.7
Other Services	111.4	111.4	111.0	0.0	0.4
Government	427.2	426.6	425.5	0.6	1.7

The 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 26 WorkOne 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.

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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 1,300 Indiana households are polled each month. It is conducted for the week of the 12th 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 March 2007, will be released on Monday, April 23, 2007.