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April 2007 Indiana Employment Report

INDIANAPOLIS (May 18, 2007) -- Employment in Indiana's manufacturing sector posted its first monthly increase since June of 2006, according to the monthly employment report released today by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Employment in manufacturing was estimated to be 558,600 in April, up from 557,100 in March. In June of 2006, employment in the sector was 568,600, and had decreased or remained stable for eight consecutive months. The construction sector also posted an increase of 2,000 jobs in April, and is up 4,300 jobs from April 2006.

The state's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for April is 4.8 percent, down one tenth of a percent from one year ago and up two-tenths of a percent from March 2007. Nationally, the rate increased 4.4 percent in March to 4.5 percent in April.

"As we have said before, it's important to take a long-term view when looking at these monthly labor reports," said Andrew Penca, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "On a long-term basis, Indiana's unemployment rate remains low. That's good news, but we remain committed to putting more Hoosiers to work in good-paying jobs."

Employment Report Highlights (Local Area Unemployment Statistics – LAUS)

Seasonally Adjusted. Employment for April was 3,100,722, virtually unchanged from one year ago. The Indiana labor force was calculated at 3,257,066 in April 2007. One year ago, the state's labor force was 3,260,409.

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates reported for other Midwestern states were Illinois at 4.8 percent, Kentucky at 5.3 percent, Michigan at 7.1 percent and Ohio at 5.7 percent.

Non-Seasonally Adjusted. On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Indiana's unemployment rate decreased from 5.0 percent in March to 4.7 percent in April. Nationally, the rate decreased from 4.5 percent to 4.3 in April. The number of employed Hoosiers in April of 2007 was 3,092,872. One year ago, it was 3,094,020.

Other Midwestern states' non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for April 2007 are Illinois at 4.7 percent, Kentucky at 5.1 percent, Michigan at 6.8 percent, and Ohio at 5.6 percent.

Jobs Report Highlights (Current Employment Statistics – CES)

On the jobs front, seasonally-adjusted payroll employment figures rose by 1,500 jobs in April from March. Manufacturing produced its first monthly increase since June 2006 at 1,700 jobs and construction showed continued strength, gaining 2,000 jobs in April and 11,100 so far during the spring build-up. Trade, transportation and utilities and leisure and hospitality posted small declines that may be attributable to unusually cool April weather and an early Easter. Non-farm employment changed very little from a year ago. The loss of factory jobs was more than offset by gains in construction and the service-providing sectors.

Total employment for April 2007 in the state on a seasonally-adjusted basis was estimated at 2,977, 000, up 1,500 from March. Taking a longer term look, employment is up 34,600 from January 2005, when it stood at 2,942,400.

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 - April 2007

Seasonally Adjusted <u>Indiana</u>	Apr 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2006
Labor Force	3,257,066	3,283,110	3,260,409
Employed	3,100,722	3,133,167	3,100,582
Unemployed	156,344	149,943	159,827
Rate	4.8	4.6	4.9
U.S. Rate	4.5	4.4	4.7
Not Seasonally Adjusted <u>Indiana</u>	Apr 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2006
Labor Force	3,245,750	3,260,550	3,254,426
Employed	3,092,872	3,097,355	3,094,020
Unemployed	152,878	163,195	160,406
Rate	4.7	5.0	4.9
U.S. Rate	4.3	4.5	4.5

Non-Seasonally Adjusted Employment, by MSA

MSA	Apr-07	Mar-07	Apr-06	Month Change	% Chg	Year Change	% Chg
Anderson	42,100	42,000	43,800	100	0.20%	-1,700	-3.90%
Bloomington	83,900	83,000	82,700	900	1.10%	1,200	1.50%
Columbus	45,000	44,700	43,800	300	0.70%	1200	2.70%
Elkhart-Goshen	130,300	129,6 00	133,200	700	0.50%	-2,900	-2.20%
Evansville	180,700	179,800	179,600	900	0.50%	1,100	0.60%
Fort Wayne	218,900	216,700	217,600	2,200	1.00%	1,300	0.60%
Gary	281,000	279,400	278,800	1,600	0.60%	2,200	0.80%
Indianapolis-Carmel	908,900	898,700	897,400	10,200	1.10%	11,500	1.30%
Kokomo	47,200	46,900	47,200	300	0.60%	0	0.00%
Lafayette	95,300	94,000	94,700	1,300	1.40%	600	0.60%
Michigan City	47,100	46,700	46,700	400	0.90%	400	0.90%

Muncie	54,100	53,800	54,800	300	0.60%	-700	-1.30%
South Bend	145,100	144,800	143,900	300	0.20%	1,200	0.80%
Terre Haute	75,200	74,700	74,200	500	0.70%	1,000	1.30%

Indiana Seasonally Adjusted Non-Farm Jobs – by Major Industry

INDUSTRY TITLE	Apr 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2006	Over the month change	Over the year change
Total Nonfarm	2977.0	2975.5	2970.4	1.5	6.6
Total Private	2550.4	2547.1	2545.3	3.3	5.1
Goods Producing	719.7	715.8	726.2	3.9	-6.5
Service-Providing	2257.3	2259.7	2244.2	-2.4	13.1
Natural Res. & Mining	6.9	6.7	6.9	0.2	0.0
Construction	154.1	152.1	149.8	2.0	4.3
Manufacturing	558.7	557.0	569.5	1.7	-10.8
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	589.1	590.3	584.2	-1.2	4.9
Information	40.1	40.1	40.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	140.1	140.0	139.9	0.1	0.2
Profess. & Business Svcs	280.6	279.3	279.6	1.3	1.0
Educ. & Health Services	389.9	389.3	384.7	0.6	5.2
Leisure & Hospitality	279.6	280.5	279.4	-0.9	0.2
Other Services	111.3	111.8	111.1	-0.5	0.2
Government	426.6	428.4	425.1	-1.8	1.5

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 May 2007, is scheduled for release on Wednesday, June 20, 2007.