Indiana Metro Area Employment Grows, Industrial Mix Differs

**Figure 1: Percent Change in Nonfarm Employment**

U.S., Midwest and Indiana metro areas, May 1999-2000

Employment in Indiana metropolitan areas grows faster than in the Midwest as a whole, but lags the nation’s growth.

- Nation: 2.4%
- Region: 1.5%
- State: 1.7%

* Nation consists of 273 metro areas; Region, 75 metro areas; State, 11 metro areas

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Figure 2: Percent Change in Nonfarm Employment**

Indiana metro areas, May 1999-2000

Four Indiana metropolitan areas outperform the nation’s 2.4% growth, and six top the 1.5% growth rate for 12 Midwestern states.

- Kokomo: 5.5%
- Bloomington: 3.6%
- Evansville-Henderson: 3.2%
- Lafayette: 2.6%
- Indianapolis: 1.8%
- Elkhart-Goshen: 1.8%
- Muncie: 1.1%
- Terre Haute: 0.7%
- Gary: 0.7%
- Fort Wayne: 0.7%
- South Bend: 0.3%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Figure 3: Percent Change in Metro Area Private Sector Employment by Industry, May 1999-2000**\n
The fastest-growing industries in the U.S. were services and transportation

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics