

## Region Six: East Central Indiana

### The Area

Region 6 is comprised of seven counties: Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison and Randolph. Delaware County is the sole county in the Muncie Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Madison County is part of the Indianapolis MSA.

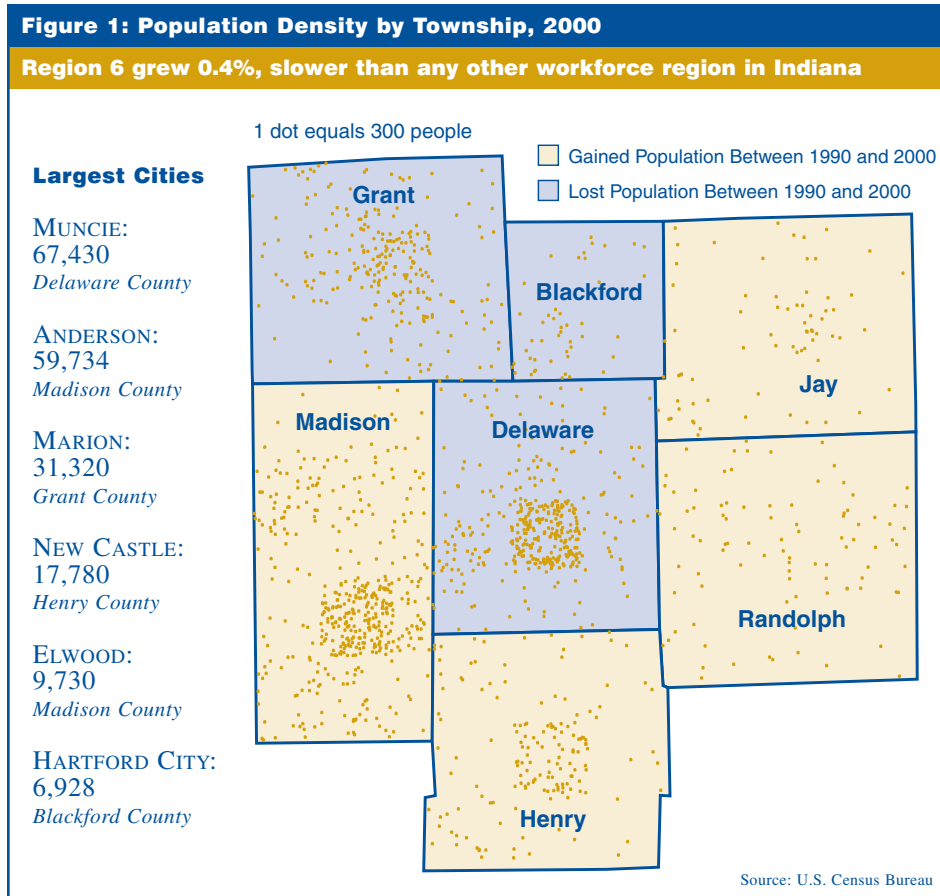
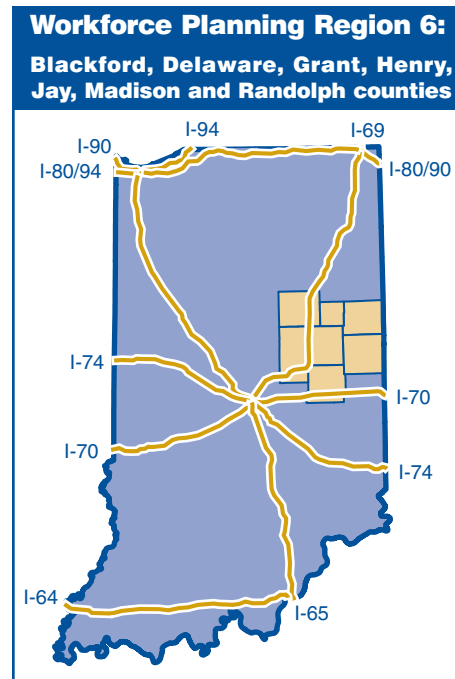
### Population

Region 6 had 437,293 residents in 2000. Madison County accounted for 30.5 percent of the area's population with 133,358 people. An additional 27.2 percent of the population resided in Delaware County (see Figure 1).

Region 6 grew just 0.4 percent (1,930 people) between 1990 and 2000. This was slower than any other workforce region in the state, trailing eleventh ranked Region 5 by 3.1 percent. Blackford, Delaware and Grant counties each had a slight population loss, while Madison County experienced the largest growth at 2.1 percent.

### Industrial Mix and Jobs

According to labor market analysts at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, well known employers in Region 6 include: 3-M, Borg-Warner, New Venture Gear, Burlington



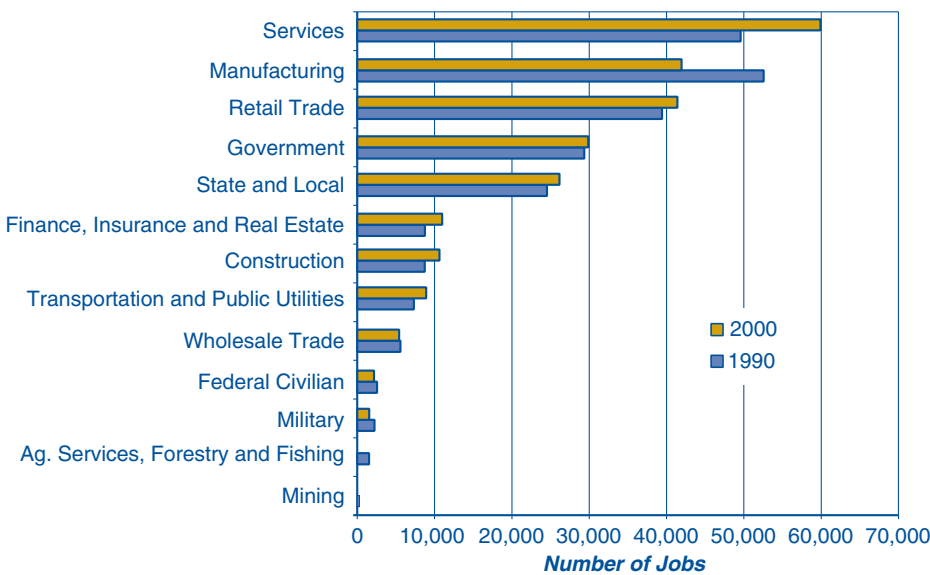
Trucking, Ball Memorial Hospital, Ball State University, Weaver Popcorn, Thomson Consumer Electronics, DaimlerChrysler, New Castle Chassis, Indiana Glass, Red Gold, Guide, Delphi Automotive, Delco Remy America/Delco Remy International, St. John's Medical Center, Union City Body, and Anchor Glass Container Corporation.

Employment in Region 6 grew 4.4 percent during the 1990s. Henry County had the largest percent gain of 15.3 percent (2,646 jobs), while Delaware County had the greatest numeric increase of 6,521 jobs (10.4 percent). Employment actually declined in Grant (329 jobs), Madison (784 jobs) and Randolph counties (146 jobs).

Figure 2 shows the change in industry employment between 1990 and 2000. The finance, insurance and real estate sector had the largest percent

**Figure 2: Changes in Regional Industry Employment, 1990-2000**

The services industry accounts for 28.2% of non-farm employment



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

growth at 25.5 percent (2,231 jobs). The largest numeric increase was 10,317 jobs in the services industry (20.8 percent). The services industry also made up the largest segment of the workforce within the region, accounting for 28.2 percent of non-farm employment and 59,897 jobs.

In the five years between August 1997 and August 2002, the service industry grew a mere 0.6 percent (100 jobs) in the Muncie MSA but still accounted for 28.5 percent of all non-farm employment in 2002.

Manufacturing jobs declined by 2,200 in the MSA and dropped to 15.9 percent of non-farm employment.

Government employment experienced the most rapid growth in the MSA at 23.4 percent (1,800 jobs) during that time period.

### Income and Wages

Personal income per capita in the region was \$23,945 in 2000. This was almost \$3,000 less than the state average of \$26,933. Of the 12 workforce development regions, Region 6 ranked eleventh, ahead of Region 7, which is located in primarily rural west central Indiana.

As seen in Table 1, the average quarterly wage per job in Region 6 for the fourth quarter of 2001 was \$744 less than in Indiana overall. With the exception of manufacturing, wages for each industry were lower than in the state. The largest difference occurred in the fast-growing finance, insurance and real estate sector where the average quarterly wage per job was \$2,870 lower than in the state.

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**Table 1: Average Employment and Earnings for Fourth Quarter 2001**

Industry	Employment		% of Employment		Avg. Quarterly Wage/Job	
	Region 6	Indiana	Region 6	Indiana	Region 6	Indiana
Total Nonfarm	8,021	2,865,107	100%	100%	\$7,460	\$8,204
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	81	27,389	0.5%	1.0%	\$6,011	\$6,114
Mining*	D	6,619	0.0%	0.2%	n/a	\$13,110
Construction	778	149,019	3.7%	5.2%	\$8,430	\$9,993
Manufacturing	519	617,829	21.0%	21.6%	\$11,639	\$10,961
Transportation and Public Utilities	373	159,689	4.9%	5.6%	\$7,913	\$9,486
Wholesale Trade	432	138,350	2.6%	4.8%	\$8,571	\$10,814
Retail Trade	2,053	560,782	20.7%	19.6%	\$3,724	\$ 4,218
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	798	138,736	3.7%	4.8%	\$7,550	\$10,420
Services	2,559	941,016	35.2%	32.8%	\$6,943	\$7,619
Public Administration	223	125,070	5.3%	4.4%	\$7,006	\$7,951

\*Data for mining establishments were nondisclosable in Region 6.  
Source: Indiana Business Research Center, Indiana Industry Employment and Wages, based on ES-202 data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development