The Status of Working Families in Indiana 2009

A Program of
• State-level analysis of economic trends facing Indiana’s working families

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The National Recession

- Housing bubble burst
- December 2007 recession begins
- January 2008 national employment numbers began to fall
- 3 million jobs lost in 2008
- July 2009, 6.6 million Americans jobless.
Monthly Change in Employment, United States, January 08 - July 09

National Employment
• Job Loss
• Rising Unemployment
• Loss of Wages
• Loss of Income
• Rising Poverty Rate
• Rising Asset Poverty Rate
Total Nonfarm Employment, Indiana, January 1998-June 2009

Number of Jobs in Thousands

Jan-98 Jan-99 Jan-00 Jan-01 Jan-02 Jan-03 Jan-04 Jan-05 Jan-06 Jan-07 Jan-08 Jan-09

2700 2750 2800 2850 2900 2950 3000 3050 3100 3150 3200 3250

Indiana Nonfarm Employment
Indiana, USA & Selected Indiana MSAs, Monthly Unemployment Rate, Jan 08-Aug 09

Hoosier Unemployment Rate
Annual Hourly Wages, Indiana and US, 2000-2008

Indiana
US

Annual Median Wage
Annual Median Household Income, US & Indiana, 2000-2008
Poverty Rates, US & Indiana, 2000-2008

Annual Poverty Rate
• Insufficient net worth to subsist at the FPG for three months in the absence of income.

• FPG 2009= $22,050 Annually
  • Monthly Income= $1,838
  • Three months at FPG= $5,514
• Extreme asset poverty is the measure of households with zero or negative net worth

• Together, asset poverty and extreme asset poverty measures reveal how leveraged and vulnerable households may be, regardless of their earnings.
• Job opportunities, wages, and incomes have declined for Indiana’s working families
• Poverty and asset poverty rates have increased
• More people are living in poverty today than in 2008
• The full effects of the recession are yet to be seen

Status of Indiana’s Working Families
What’s Happening in your area?

Local Perspective
• Expected Release November
• Indiana’s economy and shifting economic base
• Composition of Indiana’s labor force
• Poverty rates and access to safety net of social services
• Recommendations to improve economic conditions for Indiana’s working families

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