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Business Indicators Report

SUMMER 2011

MEDIAN HOURLY EARNINGS, MAY 2011

AREA	MEAN HOURLY EARNINGS	MEDIAN HOURLY EARNINGS
Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	\$18.89	\$14.80
Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	\$18.92	\$14.76
Michigan	\$20.81	\$16.26
United States	\$21.35	\$16.27
% Tri-county	15.40%	34.11%

PROPRIETORS

AREA	FARM 2002	NONFARM 2002	# OF PROPRIETORS 2002	FARM 2009	NONFARM 2009	# OF PROPRIETORS 2009
Berrien	1,081	14,849	15,930	1,115	18,789	19,904
Cass	800	4,604	5,404	704	5,326	6,030
Van Buren	898	4,388	5,286	896	5,173	6,069
Tri-county	2,779	23,841	26,620	2,715	29,288	32,003

PATENTS

AREA	PATENTS 1990	PATENTS 1999
Berrien	43	39
Cass	9	12
Van Buren	8	9
Tri-county	60	60

WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS, 2ND QUARTER 2010

AREA	WORKFORCE UNDER AGE 25	WORKFORCE AGES 25-54	WORKFORCE AGES 55+	NUMBER MALE WORKFORCE	NUMBER FEMALE WORKFORCE	TURNOVER
Berrien	7,058	38,017	12,004	28,072	29,007	7.5%
Cass	832	4,946	1,856	3,853	3,781	9.3%
Van Buren	2,271	12,034	3,897	8,160	10,042	8.4%
Tri-county	10,161	54,997	17,757	40,085	42,830	8.4%

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

YEAR	MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
2010	June	141,908	124,724	17,184	12.1%
2010	July	142,874	125,158	17,716	12.4%
2010	August	141,283	125,796	15,487	11.0%
2010	September	139,443	124,501	14,942	10.7%
2010	October	139,687	125,436	14,251	10.2%
2010	November	140,790	125,660	15,130	10.7%
2010	December	140,894	124,900	15,994	11.4%
2011	January	140,011	123,085	16,926	12.1%
2011	February	140,439	124,378	16,061	11.4%
2011	March	140,364	124,864	15,500	11.0%
2011	April	138,605	125,492	13,113	9.5%
2011	May	139,390	126,039	13,351	9.6%
12-month average		140,474	125,003	15,471	11.0%

SOURCES

Median Hourly Earnings Data

All median hourly earnings data was obtained from the Occupational Employment Statistics Query System within the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>

Proprietors Data

Proprietors information was taken from the Bureau of Economic Analysis' Local Area Personal Income data, specifically the "Total employment by industry" table. <http://www.bea.gov/regional/reis/default.cfm?selTable=CA25N&series=NAICS>

Patents Data

All patent information is derived from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's report "U.S. Patent Grants by State, County, and Metropolitan Area, (1990 to the present)." http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/reports.htm#by_geog

Workforce Demographics Data

All workforce demographics information comes from the U.S. Census Bureau's Local Employment Dynamics division's Quarterly Workforce Indicators. <http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/datatools/qwiapp.html>

Unemployment Data

Local and state unemployment data was collected from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Local Area Unemployment Statistics Searchable Database. National unemployment data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey Database. <http://www.bls.gov/lau/> and <http://www.bls.gov/cps/>