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Introducing IN Context

IN Context is a new publication designed to provide more information about Indiana's economy than has been available previously. Here readers will find the latest data previously scattered among several different documents, supplemented by feature articles that add depth to our understanding of the state's diverse economy.

But this is a publication with a difference. *IN Context* is an integrated publication with a printed version linked to a comprehensive data base available on the Internet at www.ibrc.indiana.edu/incontext.

Launching *IN Context* is the result of a unique collaboration among three organizations. Each month the Labor Market Information division in the Indiana Department of Workforce Development collects, organizes and releases vital information about our state's employment situation. Analysis of these and other data is published periodically by the Research Division of the Indiana

Department of Commerce. In addition, the Indiana Business Research Center in the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University offers insights into the state's economy on a routine basis. All these data and insights, as well as other information, will appear in these pages and on the *IN Context* Web site.

As the months go by, *IN Context* will provide articles and features that place Indiana in a national and international perspective. The Web site for *IN Context* will grow to offer extensive details on each county or industry, where available, in a fashion that answers questions before they are asked.

These goals will not be achieved instantly. But readers should find that this evolving publication meets their needs better than any previously available source. To the extent that we succeed (or fail), please let us know. Our addresses are on the back cover.

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