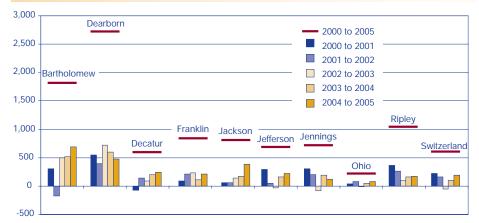
# **Regional Perspective: Economic Growth Region 9**

E conomic Growth Region (EGR) 9 is made up of 10 counties: Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland. Half of these counties border either Ohio or Kentucky. The 10 counties that make up EGR 9 are home to about 317,290 people, or 5.1 percent of Indiana's population. Since 2000, EGR 9 has seen a greater increase in

population (3.3 percent) than the state overall (3.0 percent). **Figure 1** shows the region's population change over the past five years.

Switzerland County had the biggest percent increase in population over the five-year span, increasing by 6.9 percent. Meanwhile, Bartholomew County had more people in 2005 than any of the other counties in the region with about 73,540 (just over 23

### FIGURE 1: POPULATION CHANGE FOR COUNTIES IN EGR 9



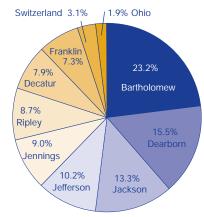
Source: IBRC, using U.S. Census Bureau data

### TABLE 1: CHANGE IN JOBS IN EGR 9 AND INDIANA

	EGR 9			Indiana		
Industry	2005:4	Change	Percent Change	2005:4	Change	Percent Change
Total	133,526	2,256	1.7	2,909,311	44,204	1.5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	524	135	34.7	26,383	580	2.2
Educational Services	8,735	980	12.6	253,715	15,088	6.3
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	2,854	230	8.8	82,897	-1,875	-2.2
Public Administration	5,421	407	8.1	125,665	1,340	1.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2,354	110	4.9	91,747	5,781	6.7
Transportation and Warehousing	6,652	300	4.7	130,762	2,254	1.8
Health Care and Social Services	14,516	562	4.0	349,731	26,716	8.3
Accommodation and Food Services	9,056	289	3.3	234,925	10,247	4.6
Retail Trade	14,069	406	3.0	341,224	-13,494	-3.8
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	486	13	2.7	11,676	179	1.6
Finance and Insurance	3,297	75	2.3	100,449	-4,138	-4.0
Wholesale Trade	2,704	47	1.8	122,561	963	0.8
Manufacturing	38,389	-853	-2.2	572,089	-23,038	-3.9
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	899	-24	-2.6	37,808	537	1.4
Admininistrative, Support and Waste Management	4,375	-165	-3.6	162,971	26,231	19.2
Utilities	646	-27	-4.0	16,392	78	0.5
Information	1,399	-99	-6.6	46,761	-3,811	-7.5
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	555	-67	-10.8	42,075	-938	-2.2
Construction	5,311	-643	-10.8	152,130	1,654	1.1

Source: IBRC, using Bureau of Labor Statistics data

### FIGURE 2: POPULATION DISTRIBUTION EGR 9



Source: IBRC, using U.S. Census Bureau data

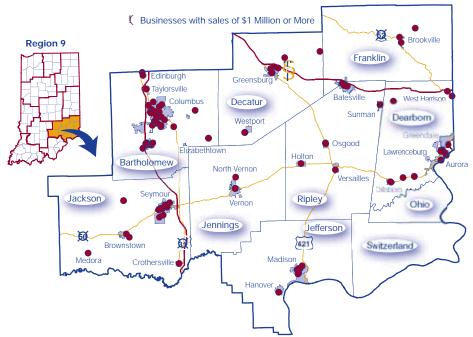
percent of the region's population). At the other end of the spectrum, Ohio County makes up just 1.9 percent of the region's population with less than 5,900 people (see **Figure 2**). That is the smallest population of any county in the state, which isn't surprising when considering it covers the least amount of land—86.7 square miles.

## Jobs

EGR 9 added jobs at a faster pace than the rest of the state from the fourth quarter of 2001 to 2005, with 1.7 percent and 1.5 percent increases, respectively (see Table 1). Educational services added the most jobs in the region numerically (980 jobs). On a percent basis, management of companies and enterprises saw the largest increase in EGR 9 with 34.7 percent (135 jobs). At the state level, administrative, support and waste management claimed poll position both numerically and on a percent basis, adding 26,231 jobs statewide for an increase of 19.2 percent. Meanwhile, Region 9 lost jobs in the administrative support and waste management industry.

The region and state both lost the most jobs in the manufacturing industry from 2001 to 2005. While

## FIGURE 3: EGR 9 BUSINESSES WITH SALES OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE



Source: IBRC, using Dun & Bradstreet's Million Dollar database

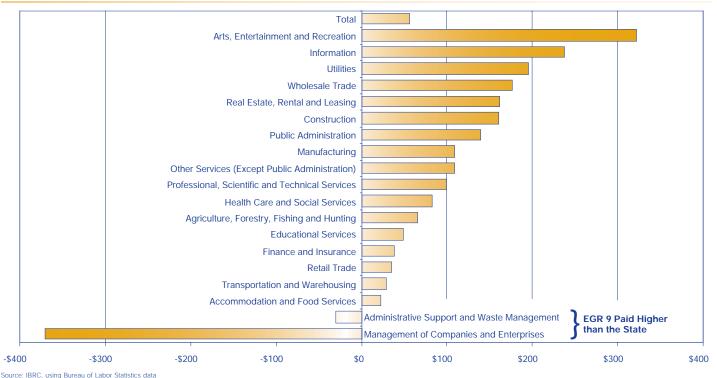
manufacturing makes up a large percent of jobs in EGR 9 (28.8 percent), its losses were not as great as those experienced at the state level; Region 9 saw a 2.2 percent decrease in jobs in the manufacturing industry, while the state showed a 3.9 percent decline.

According to the Dun and Bradstreet Million Dollar Database, 148 businesses in EGR 9 have at least \$1 million in sales. Bartholomew County had more businesses than any other county in the region meet that criteria (see **Figure 3**). Cummins, a manufacturer of internal combustion engines and motor vehicle parts and accessories, was one of those companies in Bartholomew County; it posted sales of \$9.9 billion—more than any other business in the region. Of businesses with \$1 million in sales or more, the Indiana Gaming Company (riverboat casinos) employed the most people, supplying about 2,400 jobs.

# Wages

In 2005:4, EGR 9 paid an average wage of \$649 per week across all industry sectors. However, Region 9's change in wages over the past four years lagged the state by \$56, despite its overall increase of \$60 during that time frame. None of the major industry sectors at the state level decreased in wages, but two at the regional level saw a decline: educational services (down \$8) and





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neighboring Switzerland County as far commuting is concerned. Jennings County sent out the most workers (over 5,150) to fellow EGR counties and kept 7,225 for itself. Meanwhile, **Bartholomew County** received the most workers from the other nine counties in the region, pulling in about 7,040 workers.

-Molly Marlatt. Research Associate, Indiana Business Research Center, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University



Decatur 1,269

9 2 2 4

Jefferson

11,762

Ripley

3 996

6,890

2.109

1,836

agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (down \$10).

As Figure 4 shows, two industries in the region paid higher wages than the state in the fourth quarter of 2005: management of companies and enterprises (\$371 more per week at the regional level) and administrative, support and waste management (\$30 more per week at the regional level). All other major industry sectors paid more in other regions across the state.

# Commuting

Of the 131,660 people who work in the region, 91.2 percent are also residents of EGR 9. Figure 5 shows the commuting patterns for Region 9. According to data from the 2000 Census, no one commutes into Ohio County from outside the region, but it did receive more workers than

Dearborn

11,425

1,240

9,508

778

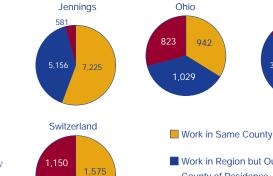
Jackson

15,419

942

Ohio

as intra-regional



Work in Region but Outside County of Residence Commute Outside the Region

Source: IBRC, using U.S. Census Bureau data

1,341

FIGURE 5: EGR 9 COMMUTING PATTERNS

Bartholomew

30,010

Franklin

2 855

4,034

3,626

3.650

1,456