

Most Current Economic Indicators

UNEMPLOYMENT / LABOR FORCE	May-08	April-08	May-08	April-08
Columbia (city)	4.6%	3.9%	54,011	53,556
Boone County	3.9%	3.3%	87,988	87,350
Columbia MSA	4.0%	3.3%	93,447	92,731
Missouri	5.7%	4.9%	3,033,845	3,005,855
United States	5.2%	4.8%	154,003,000	153,208,000

*Source: MERIC

Columbia, MO Metropolitan Statistical Area

Industry	Number of Jobs			Net Change From:	
	May-08	Apr-08	May-07	Apr-08	May-07
Total Nonfarm	95,100	94,700	94,000	400	1,100
Total Private	62,900	62,800	62,800	100	100
Goods Producing	8,900	8,800	9,300	100	-400
Service-Providing	86,200	85,900	84,700	300	1,500
Private Service Providing	54,000	54,000	53,500	0	500
Trade	15,300	15,200	15,200	100	100
Retail Trade	10,500	10,400	10,500	100	0
Government	32,200	31,900	31,200	300	1,000
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
State Government	23,000	22,800	22,100	200	900
Local Government	7,100	7,000	7,000	100	100

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COST OF LIVING

	4th Qtr 2006	1 Qtr 2007	3 Qtr 2007	2007 Average Data	1st Qtr 2008
Ames, IA	96.7%	96.4%	98.7%	96.8%	93.7%
Atlanta, GA	95.6%	95.3%	98.0%	96.1%	97.6%
Austin, TX	97.8%	93.4%	95.7%	94.5%	94.7%
Chicago, IL	109.8%	111.7%	109.9%	110.3%	111.5%
Columbia, MO	91.8%	92.4%	91.2%	91.2%	91.8%
Denver, CO	103.4%	102.3%	105.0%	103.4%	105.1%
Hartford, CT*	N/A	118.7%	119.3%	118.8%	126.7%
Indianapolis, IN	97.6%	95.5%	94.8%	94.7%	94.2%
Kansas City, MO-KS	95.6%	95.1%	96.5%	95.7%	96.1%
Richmond, VA	108.3%	109.9%	106.4%	106.4%	107.6%
St. Louis, MO	98.0%	96.1%	90.6%	91.5%	90.0%
Tulsa, OK	92.0%	91.3%	91.4%	91.6%	88.8%

*Source: ACCRA

	BOONE COUNTY AVERAGE WAGE RATES (weekly)					
	Average 06*	1st Qtr 07	2nd Qtr 07	3rd Qtr 07	4th Qtr 07	Average 07
Private Industry	\$559	\$564	\$564	\$563	\$598	\$572
Local Government	\$652	\$643	\$686	\$705	\$671	\$676
State Government	\$799	\$813	\$855	\$827	\$885	\$845
Federal Government	\$991	\$1,007	\$1,033	\$984	\$991	\$1,004

*Source: MERIC (2007)

COUNTY AVERAGE WAGES	Effective until 7/1/06	Effective until 7/1/07	Effective until 7/1/08	Effective until 7/1/09
Boone	\$30,758	\$28,431	\$29,082	\$29,782
Cape Girardeau	\$28,994	\$29,458	\$30,444	\$32,337
Cole	\$30,884	\$31,239	\$32,221	\$33,056
Greene	\$30,493	\$30,914	\$31,529	\$32,569
Jackson	\$40,088	\$41,119	\$42,769	\$44,235
Phelps	\$27,495	\$25,116	\$25,603	\$26,799
Randolph	\$25,379	\$26,065	\$26,825	\$27,229
St Charles	\$34,088	\$35,256	\$36,148	\$37,237
Statewide Average	\$34,548	\$36,179	\$37,379	\$38,885

*Source: MERIC (Missouri Quality Jobs Program)

INCOME	Boone County	City of Columbia
Median Household Income	\$42,163	\$38,260
Mean Household Income	\$56,368	\$53,970
Per Capita Income	\$23,862	\$22,948

Source: 2006 American FactFinder (US Census Bureau)

Population	City of Columbia	Boone County
1990	69,101	112,379
2000	84,531	135,846
2001	86,658	137,671
2002	87,872	139,782
2003	89,508	141,604
2004	91,364	143,516
2005	93,882	146,430
2006	96,851	149,823
2007 estimate	99,174	152,435

Source: US Census