

Most Current Economic Indicators

UNEMPLOYMENT / LABOR FORCE	January-08	December-07	January-08	December-07
Columbia (city)	4.9%	4.2%	52,597	53,969
Boone County	4.1%	3.5%	85,647	87,982
Columbia MSA	4.2%	3.5%	90,976	93,515
Missouri	6.0%	5.2%	3,009,585	3,039,308
United States	4.9%	4.8%	153,824,000	153,705,000

*Source: MERIC

Columbia, MO Metropolitan Statistical Area

Industry	Number of Jobs			Net Change From:	
	Jan-08	Dec-07	Jan-07	Dec-07	Jan-08
Total Nonfarm	90,700	94,700	89,000	-4,000	1,700
Total Private	61,800	63,300	60,800	-1,500	1,000
Goods Producing	8,800	9,000	9,100	-200	-300
Service-Providing	81,900	85,700	79,900	-3,800	2,000
Private Service Providing	53,000	54,300	51,700	-1,300	1,300
Trade	15,000	15,500	15,100	-500	-100
Retail Trade	10,500	10,900	10,600	-400	-100
Government	28,900	31,400	28,200	-2,500	700
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
State Government	19,900	22,300	19,500	-2,400	400
Local Government	6,900	7,000	6,700	-100	200

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COST OF LIVING

	3rd Qtr 2006	4th Qtr 2006	1 Qtr 2007	3 Qtr 2007	2007 Average Data
Ames, IA	96.2%	96.7%	96.4%	98.7%	96.8%
Atlanta, GA	98.2%	95.6%	95.3%	98.0%	96.1%
Austin, TX	97.8%	97.8%	93.4%	95.7%	94.5%
Chicago, IL	111.5%	109.8%	111.7%	109.9%	110.3%
Columbia, MO	91.2%	91.8%	92.4%	91.2%	91.2%
Denver, CO	102.5%	103.4%	102.3%	105.0%	103.4%
Hartford, CT*	115.8%	N/A	118.7%	119.3%	118.8%
Indianapolis, IN	98.4%	97.6%	95.5%	94.8%	94.7%
Kansas City, MO-KS	94.4%	95.6%	95.1%	96.5%	95.7%
Richmond, VA	106.2%	108.3%	109.9%	106.4%	106.4%
San Bernadino, CA*	120.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. Louis, MO	100.1%	98.0%	96.1%	90.6%	91.5%
Tulsa, OK	90.2%	92.0%	91.3%	91.4%	91.6%

*Source: ACCRA

	BOONE COUNTY AVERAGE WAGE RATES (weekly)					
	Average 06*	1st Qtr 07	2nd Qtr 07	3rd Qtr 07	Average to Date	4th Qtr 07
Private Industry	\$559	\$564	\$564	\$563	\$564	
Local Government	\$652	\$643	\$686	\$647	\$659	
State Government	\$799	\$813	\$855	\$827	\$832	
Federal Government	\$991	\$1,007	\$1,033	\$984	\$1,008	

*Source: MERIC (2007)

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

*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	135,454
2001	86,081	136,977
2002	87,003	138,600
2003	88,423	140,067
2004	89,803	141,216
2005	91,814	143,326
2006	<u>94,428</u>	<u>146,048</u>

Source: Missouri Census Data Center

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