

Economic Indicators							
For the Third Quarter '06							
	Sept. '06	August '06	July '06	Quarter Totals	Year to Date	3rd Quarter '05	% Change From '05
City Data							
Building Permits Issued	76	81	89	246	662	271	-9.23%
Value of Residential Building Permits	\$335,348	\$623,559	\$361,778	\$1,320,685	\$5,053,656	\$2,593,226	-49.07%
Value of Commercial Permits	\$753,770	\$252,802	\$454,850	\$1,461,422	\$9,638,908	\$1,784,265	-18.09%
New Housing Starts	0	4	0	4	23	12	-66.67%
Value of New Housing Starts	\$0	\$330,000	\$0	\$330,000	\$2,123,500	\$1,295,400	-74.52%
County Data							
Building Permits Issued	176	130	120	426	1119		
Value of Residential Building Permits	\$6,253,287	\$5,163,730	\$5,514,011	\$16,931,028	\$46,236,642		
Value of Commercial Permits	\$93,500	\$118,500	\$478,600	\$690,600	\$3,253,163		
New Housing Starts	24	23	24	71	240		
Value of New Housing Starts	\$4,859,693	\$3,624,046	\$4,160,488	\$12,644,227	\$36,615,875		
Unemployment							
Unemployment % LP County	5.20%	5.50%	5.80%	5.50% (AVG)	5.89% (AVG)	5.50% (AVG)	0.00%
Unemployment % Indiana	4.70%	5.20%	5.50%	5.13% (AVG)	5.18% (AVG)	5.20% (AVG)	-1.36%
Unemployment % Indiana (SA)	5.10%	5.30%	5.70%	5.37% (AVG)	5.03% (AVG)	5.50% (AVG)	-2.42%
Labor Force	54,537	54,418	55,230	54,728 (AVG)	54,640 (AVG)	53,464 (AVG)	2.30%
Employed Workers	51,720	51,411	52,006	51,712 (AVG)	51,426 (AVG)	50,513 (AVG)	2.32%
Unemployment Claims (County)	980	651	800	2431	5,781	2848	-17.15%
							% Change
La Porte Company Data	FT Emp.	PT Emp.	Seasonal	FT Emp. 4/1/05	PT Emp. 4/1/05	Seasonal 4/1/05	Full Time
Accurate Castings	51	1	0	51	0	0	N/C
American Licorice	105	0	0	15	0	0	85.71%
American Renolit	180	20	0	176	19	0	2.22%
American Signature	143	2	0	157.5	1	0	-9.21%
B and B Manufacturing	70	0	0	43	0	0	38.57%
Casting Service	290	0	7	274	0	1	5.52%
Howmet	620	13	0	550	13	0	11.29%
HRR Enterprises	30	1	0	30	1	0	NC
Kingsbury Castings Division	73	0	0	70	0	0	4.11%
Packaging Logic	47	2	4	46	2	1	2.13%

Screw Machine	70	0	0	70	0	0	NC
							% Change
Wage Data	1st Qtr. '06	4th Qtr. '05	3rd Qtr. '05	2nd Qtr. '05	1st Quarter '05	4th Quarter '04	1st Qtr.
Average Weekly Earnings (County)	\$600.00	\$610.00	\$598.00	\$577.00	\$573.00	\$618.00	4.50%
Average Weekly Earnings (Indiana)	\$717.00	\$700.00	\$684.00	\$659.00	\$662.00	\$702.00	7.67%
Average Yearly Earnings (County)	\$31,200	\$31,720	\$31,096	\$30,004	\$29,796	\$32,126	4.50%
Average Yearly Earnings (Indiana)	\$37,284	\$36,400	\$35,568	\$34,268	\$34,424	\$36,504	7.67%