Manufacturing leads area jobs growth

Jobs in transportation equipment manufacturing and fabricated metal product manufacturing are leading the way in northeast Indiana's recovery from the recession, according to a report this week from Northeast Indiana Works, which oversees the region's 11 WorkOne Career Centers.

Jobs in transportation equipment manufacturing rose from 11,049 to 18,081 since 2009, or 64 percent.

Other top employment gainers, according to the report: Fabricated metal product manufacturing, 37 percent, from 8,843 to 12,136; administrative and support services, 27 percent, from 13,651 to 17,312; private hospitals, 14 percent, from 13,819 to 15,751; and ambulatory health care services, 10 percent, from 12,476 to 13,672.