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# News

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### **Macomb County nears record for most employed this millennium**

The most recent jobs update from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows Macomb County gained 2,637 jobs last month and 5,558 total so far in 2017. April data shows a total of 417,047 Macomb County residents are working. This is the highest number of people employed in Macomb County in more than 16 years, dating back to November 2000 when 418,451 people were employed.

During the period of the county's new executive form of government, when Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel took office in January 2011, Macomb County has gained 54,148 jobs. The unemployment rate in the county is currently 3.9 percent.

“Macomb County's economy is growing at a remarkable pace. We have reenergized our manufacturing industry and emerged as a leader in sectors of mobility, aerospace, life sciences, information technology, defense and homeland security,” said Executive Hackel. “We are excited about the impact this has on our communities and the vitality of our families in Macomb County.”

Year-over-year job growth shows gains in the county. The county's 2017 to-date job growth of 5,558 is outpacing its 2016 to-date job growth of 1,174.

The updated jobs numbers continue the streak of eight continuous years of job growth in Macomb County. Jobs numbers have grown every single year in Macomb County since the height of the recession in 2009, when 350,776 people in the county were working. The county peaked in job numbers in May 1999, when 437,251 were employed. At that time, unemployment was at a mere 2.7 percent.

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