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The Evansville Factbook, 1998-1999 is now available

The University of Southern Indiana School of Business has published the fifth edition of *The Evansville Factbook 1998-1999*, a comprehensive source of economic, social, and demographic data on the city of Evansville. *The Evansville Factbook 1998-1999*, is available at the USI bookstore for \$40. With support from the Lilly Foundation, the book was initially compiled in 1992 by Dr. Munir Quddus, chair of the Economics and Finance Department at USI. This is the fifth edition in what has become a two-year cycle of publication. The research, development and publication of the fact book is supported by The Center for Business and Economic Research at the USI School of Business.

In addition to city data, the book includes information about the Evansville-Henderson Metropolitan Statistical Area (Vanderburgh, Posey, and Warrick counties in Indiana and Henderson County, Kentucky), and eleven southwestern Indiana counties counted in Region 13. These counties are Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick.

The Evansville Factbook 1998-1999 includes the latest available data from federal, state, and local sources. The information is presented in a time-series format that allows for the analysis of trends. Tables and charts are included along with an extensive table of contents for easy search of the information base. Detailed directories, including Internet addresses, are included to further assist in data searches on the local economy.

The most recent edition of the book reflects the USI School of Business commitment to continually improving this important community resource product to better serve the public. In particular, the following innovations are noteworthy:

- One hundred additional pages (for a total of 344 pages) of data and statistics on the greater Evansville economy.
- For the first time, complete statistical profile of all eleven counties included in economic region thirteen.
- An expanded statistical profile of the city of Evansville including a table on the quarterly cost of living indices going back several years.
- An updated and expanded directory of Internet sites for online search for data related to the local economy.
- A one-page introductory profile on the city of Evansville, the MSA, and each of the eleven counties included.
- Census data on each of the eleven counties that has been profiled.
- Charts and graphics to help the reader and improve the presentation.
- Disks containing spreadsheet files with all of the *Factbook* data are available to help with further analysis (set of two disks sold separately for an additional \$12).

The following social, economic, and demographic variables are included:

Airport traffic
Welfare expenditure
Union membership
Telephone services
Manufacturing
Health
Climate
Banking

Labor force and wages
Vital statistics
Spending patterns
Population
Housing
Employment
Census data

Agriculture
Utility consumption
Service industries
Income and poverty statistics
Household Income
Education
Building permits

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