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Grant County Recent Significant Economic Events

- Jan-04 Marion and Grant County became first Indiana community to repeal the Inventory Tax
 - Mar-04 Thomson Multimedia announced the closing of their 1800 employee picture tube manufacturing facility
 - Aug-04 Indiana Wesleyan University broke ground on a new \$8,000,000 adult and professional studies building as part of the IWU expansion plan that will not only double enrollment but add 300 new jobs
 - Aug-04 General Motors-Marion Metal Fabrication announced \$134,000,000 new investment
 - Oct-04 Double “H” Manufacturing announced a \$7,000,000 expansion resulting in 20 new jobs
 - Oct-04 Weaver Popcorn announced a Multi-Million dollar expansion in Van Buren
 - Jan-05 Wal-Mart Chose Gas City as the site for a \$60,000,000 distribution center, bringing 850 new jobs
 - Jan-05 Two call centers “*Made It Marion*”: Preferred Community Services and Titan Recovery created 250 new jobs
 - Jan-05 Central Indiana Ethanol “*Made It Marion*” with a \$58,000,000 new investment, creating 40 new jobs
 - May-05 Winterfield, Paper Plates & Bowls Manufacturing, “*Made It Marion*” for their manufacturing facility as well as their headquarters, creating 40 new jobs
 - May-05 Dollar General “*Made It Marion*” investing \$70,000,000 in a distribution center, bringing 500 new jobs
 - Oct-05 DANA announces \$14 million modernization project, creating 23 new jobs.
 - Nov-05 JSG Processing, spent line processing plant, creating 150 jobs
 - Jan-06 Indiana Wesleyan University announce a \$40,000,000 new building project, including a new graphic arts building
 - Jan-06 Matthews Feed and Grain announces a \$2,000,000 expansion.
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- July-06 Packaging Corp announces a \$1,000,000 modernization project.
- July-06 STAR Financial Bank announces a \$4,500,000 new downtown bank building.
- Sept-06 Franklin Electric announces a \$1,000,000 building expansion creating 28 jobs.
- Oct-06 Results Marion announces a 100 person corporate support service center
- Dec-06 American Woodmark announces a \$15,000,000 modernization and expansion project
- Dec-06 EPOCO selects Marion for a new carbon dioxide manufacturing plant creating 40 jobs.
- Jan-07 IBM, Phoenix Technologies and ACS select Marion for a 200 person corporate service center which serves some of Indiana's neediest families through the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)
- Feb-07 Indiana Corrugated expands their Marion operations and relocating Corporate Headquarters to Marion.
- April-07 Arbor Homes announced a 227 lot single-family housing project.
- Oct-07 Veriana Networks announces they will *Make It Marion!* by investing \$100,000,000 into their new corporate headquarters and lifestyle center creating 230 new high tech jobs by 2012.
- Dec-07 FSSA expands their corporate service center in Marion to include an additional 41,000 square feet and 90 more jobs.
- Mar-08 Meijer began construction of their new supercenter in Marion.
- Oct-08 TriEnda, LLC, a thermal plastics manufacturer, announced their relocation from Wisconsin to the former Thomson plant in Marion. The move will create 340 jobs by 2012.
- Feb-09 Prime PVC Compounders closed with a loss of 30 jobs due to a company wide reorganizing
- Feb-09 Celebrated Over \$100,045,000 of new private investment in 2008 bringing the 9 year total to \$1,136,045,000.
- Mar-09 Martin Transportation closed a local trucking terminal with a loss of 90 jobs as part of a company restructuring.
- Apr-09 Meijer opens a new grocery and home goods supercenter in Marion creating approximately 200 jobs.
- Jun-09 General Cable announces a 5 million dollar expansion and modernization project
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- July-09 Avionic Structures of California announces their relocation to Marion immediately bringing 17 new jobs.
- July-09 The Marion General Motors Metal Stamping Plant invests \$117 million dollars in new equipment creating 50 new jobs.
- Aug-09 The Marion General Motors Metal Stamping Plant increased the investment to \$383 million dollars and 263 new jobs
- Nov-09 Big R opens a new 100,000 square foot retail facility in Marion
- Feb-10 Earthbound RV selects Marion for new manufacturing facility and 300 new jobs by 2013
- June-10 YK Furniture announce Marion as it North American manufacturing and distribution center with 70 new jobs
- Sept-10 New Jersey company, Echelon Furniture, establishes new manufacturing facility in Gas City with 350 new jobs
- Dec- 10 Vela Gear announce Marion as it location for a mechanical power transmission components facility with 160 employees.
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