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## Leading indicators improve for Greater Cincinnati

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Economic indicators for the Cincinnati-Middletown metro area seem to be on the way up, according to a report from the **Ohio Department of Job and Family Services**.

The leading indicator index for Cincinnati-Middletown remained steady at 96.7 in December, according to the report. The fact that the index usually declines in December indicates that winter unemployment might be moderating, the department said.

Seasonally adjusted non-farm payroll employment fell slightly during the month, to 996,300. Unemployment claims rose to 11,653, but that was lower than the year-ago numbers, the department said.

The valuation of permits for new residential construction grew to \$46.8 million, higher than in December 2008, according to the report.

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