

Whitley County Indiana *Highlights*



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst of the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana's 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Location

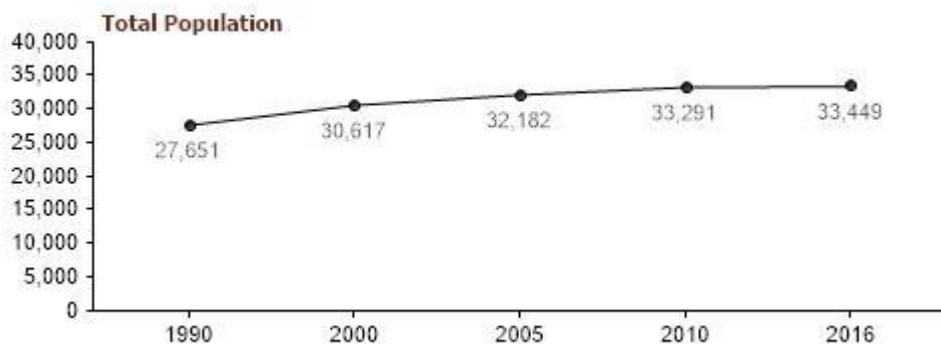
Whitley County is located in north east Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Huntington County. Allen County is adjacent to Whitley county on the east, Noble County is to the north, and Kosciusko County and Wabash County to the west. Whitley County is one of the eleven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 3. Whitley County along with Allen and Wells Counties are part of the Fort Wayne Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being.

Population Over Time

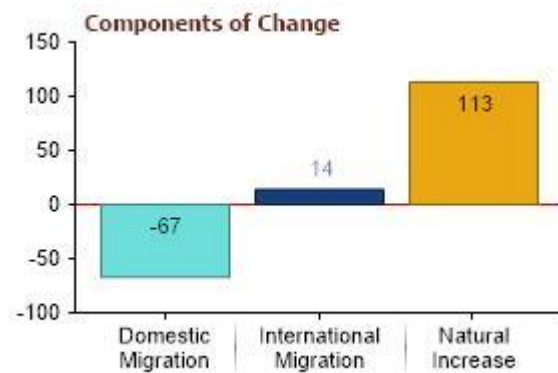
	1990	2000	2005	2010	2016
Total Population	27,651	30,617	32,182	33,291	33,449
Change Since 1990		2,966	4,531	5,640	5,798
Pct. Change Since 1990		10.7%	16.4%	20.4%	21.0%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2015 to 2016

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-67
International Migration	14
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	113
Births	411
Deaths	298



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2016

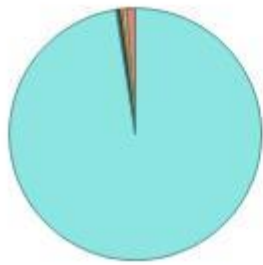
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool (0 to 4)	1,990	5.9%
School Age (5 to 17)	5,769	17.2%
College Age (18 to 24)	2,567	7.7%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	7,906	23.6%
Older Adult (45 to 64)	9,591	28.7%
Older (65 plus)	5,626	16.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2016

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	125	0.4%
Asian Alone	147	0.4%
Black Alone	146	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	16	0.0%
White Alone	32,624	97.5%
Two or More Race Groups	391	1.2%

Population by Race



97.53 %	White
0.44 %	Black
0.37 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.44 %	Asian
0.05 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
1.17 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	32,804	98.1%
Hispanic or Latino	645	1.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

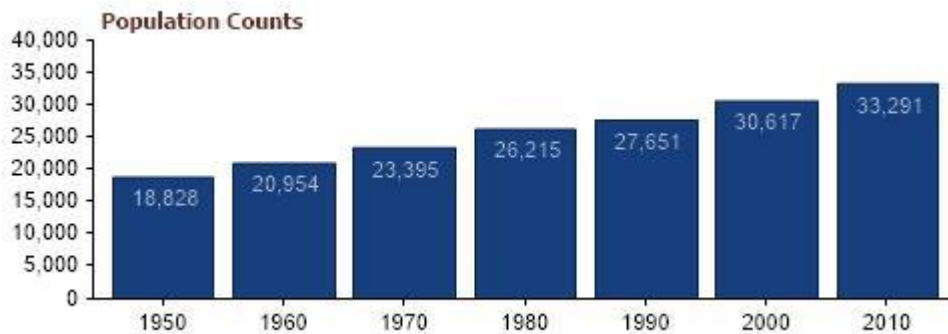
Households in 2016

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	13,232	100.0%
Family Households	9,409	71.1%
Married with Children	2,531	19.1%
Married without Children	4,976	37.6%
Single Parents	1,041	7.9%
Other	861	6.5%
Non-family Households	3,823	28.9%
Living Alone	3,292	24.9%
Average Household Size	2.53	
Average Family Household Size	3.56	

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

Population Counts by Decade

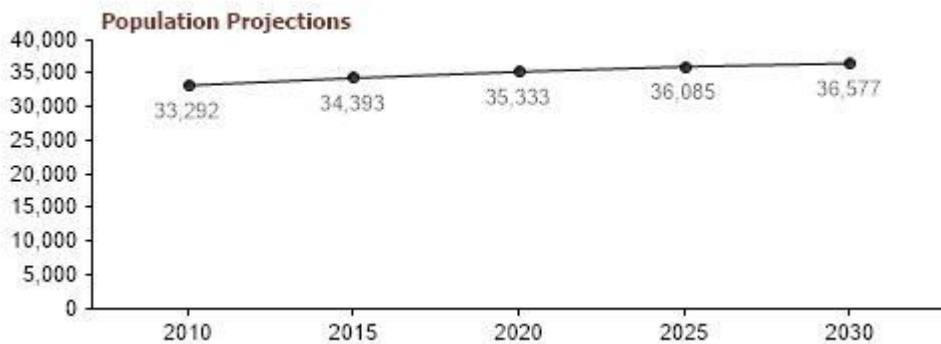
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	18,828	NA	NA
1960	20,954	2,126	11.3%
1970	23,395	2,441	11.6%
1980	26,215	2,820	12.1%
1990	27,651	1,436	5.5%
April 2000	30,617	2,966	10.7%
April 2010	33,291	2,674	8.7%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population Projections	33,292	34,393	35,333	36,085	36,577
Change Since 2010		1,101	2,041	2,793	3,285
Pct. Change Since 2010		3.3%	6.1%	8.4%	9.9%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center.

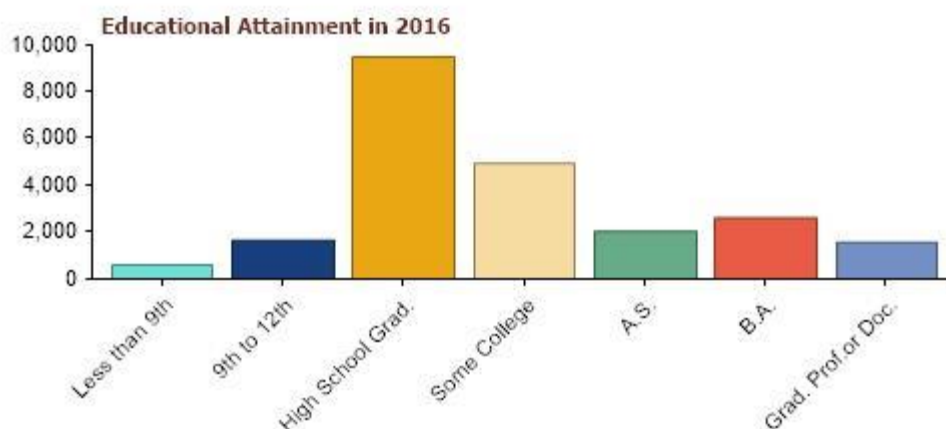
Note: 2010 data are census counts from the U.S. Census Bureau

Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

Educational Attainment

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2016
Total Population 25 and Older	12,453	15,102	17,369	19,995	22,932
Less than 9th Grade	2,714	1,790	1,293	741	603
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,424	2,548	2,376	2,021	1,657
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	5,703	7,913	7,822	9,077	9,488
Some College, No Degree			3,132	4,178	4,946
Associate Degree			1,225	1,326	2,044
Bachelors Degree			788	1,768	2,628
Graduate or Professional Degree*			733	884	1,566



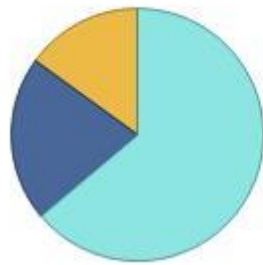
Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

*Graduate or Professional Degree data include Doctorate Degrees

High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Graduates	350	381	343	350
Total to Higher Education	306	336	303	313
Four-Year Institution	204	228	202	200
Two-Year Institution	54	79	53	66
Vocational/Tech.	48	29	48	47
Military	6	9	9	9

2008 Higher Education Intent

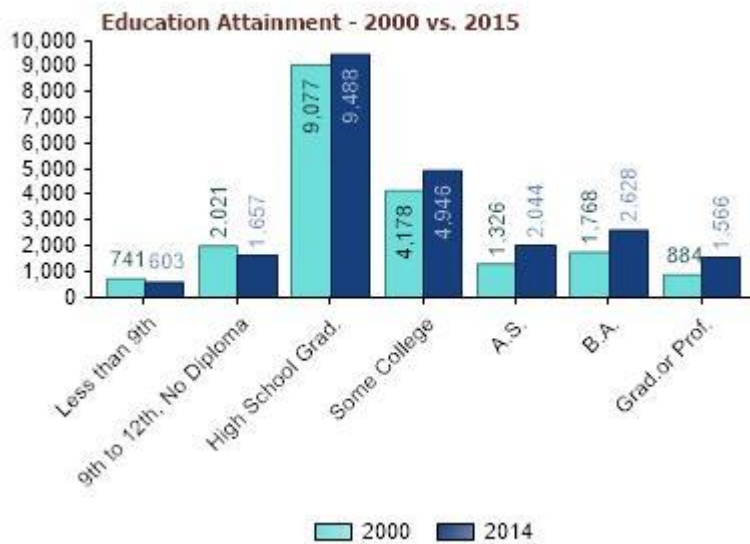


200 Four Year
66 Two Year
47 Vocational Tech.

Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 2000 and 2016

	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2015	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	19,995	100.0%	22,932	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	741	3.7%	603	2.6%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,021	10.1%	1,657	7.2%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	9,077	45.4%	9,488	41.4%
Some College, No Degree	4,178	20.9%	4,946	21.6%
Associate's Degree	1,326	6.6%	2,044	8.9%
Bachelor's Degree	1,768	8.8%	2,628	11.5%
Graduate or Professional Degree**	884	4.4%	1,566	6.8%

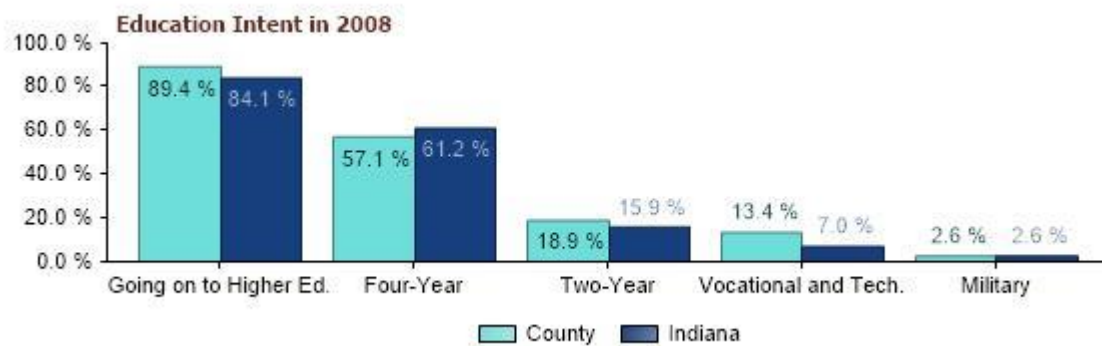


Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 year estimates.

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High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2008 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.
Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	89.4%	84.1%
Four-Year Institution	57.1%	61.2%
Two-Year Institution	18.9%	15.9%
Vocational and Tech.	13.4%	7.0%
Military	2.6%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work.

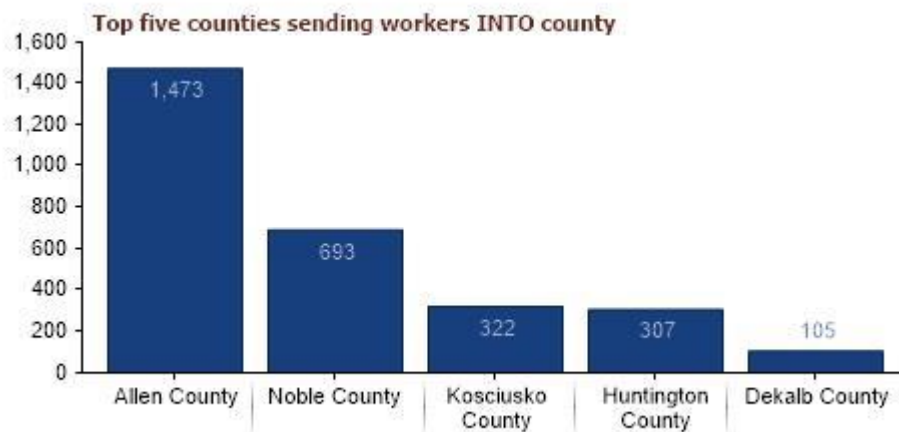
Commuting Data, 2015

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	23,618
Number of tax filers who work in the county	19,672
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	16,440
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	3,232

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2015

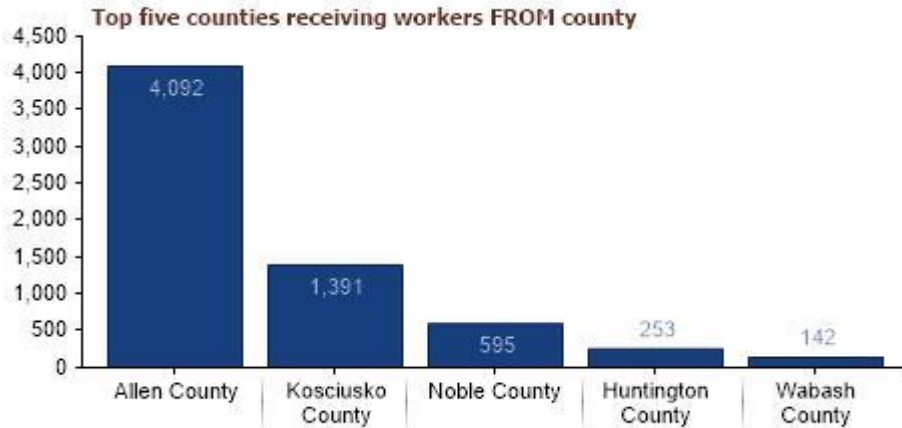
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Allen County	1,473	50.8%
Noble County	693	23.9%
Kosciusko County	322	11.1%
Huntington County	307	10.6%
Dekalb County	105	3.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2015

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Allen County	4,092	63.2%
Kosciusko County	1,391	21.5%
Noble County	595	9.2%
Huntington County	253	3.9%
Wabash County	142	2.2%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2015

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	16,291	100.0%
Travel To Work	15,733	96.6%
Car, Truck, or Van	15,325	94.1%
Traveled Alone	13,797	84.7%
Carpooled	1,528	9.4%
Used Public Transportation	33	0.2%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	375	2.3%
Worked At Home	558	3.4%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	23.5	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	17.3	

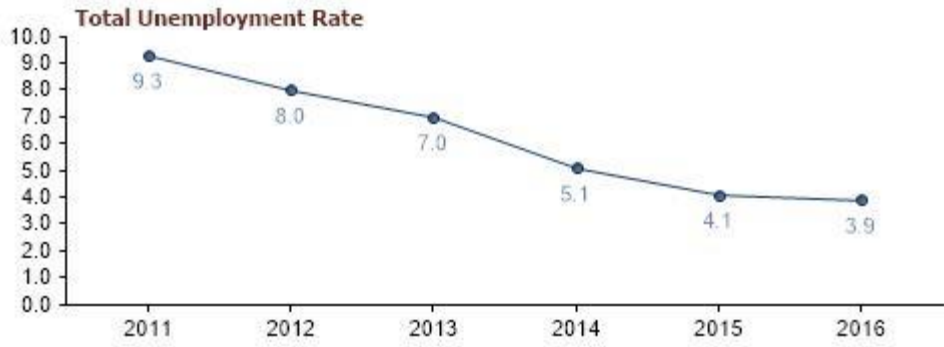
Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based—that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2016

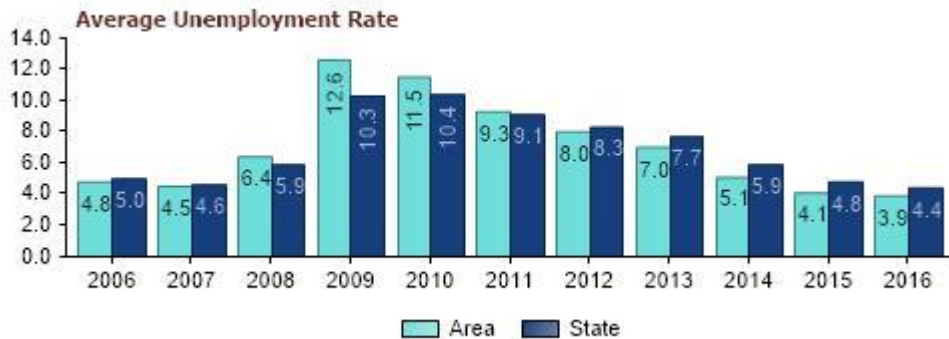
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	17,285	1.2%
Employed	16,612	-0.1%
Unemployed	673	50.6%
Rate	3.9	50.0%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Area Rate	State Rate	
2006	17,956	17,094	862	4.8	5.0	
2007	17,736	16,943	793	4.5	4.6	
2008	17,877	16,741	1,136	6.4	5.9	
2009	17,854	15,608	2,246	12.6	10.3	
2010	17,603	15,579	2,024	11.5	10.4	
2011	17,325	15,709	1,616	9.3	9.1	
2012	16,903	15,557	1,346	8.0	8.3	
2013	16,774	15,603	1,171	7.0	7.7	
2014		16,843	15,976	867	5.1	5.9
2015	17,043	16,343	700	4.1	4.8	
2016	17,285	16,612	673	3.9	4.4	



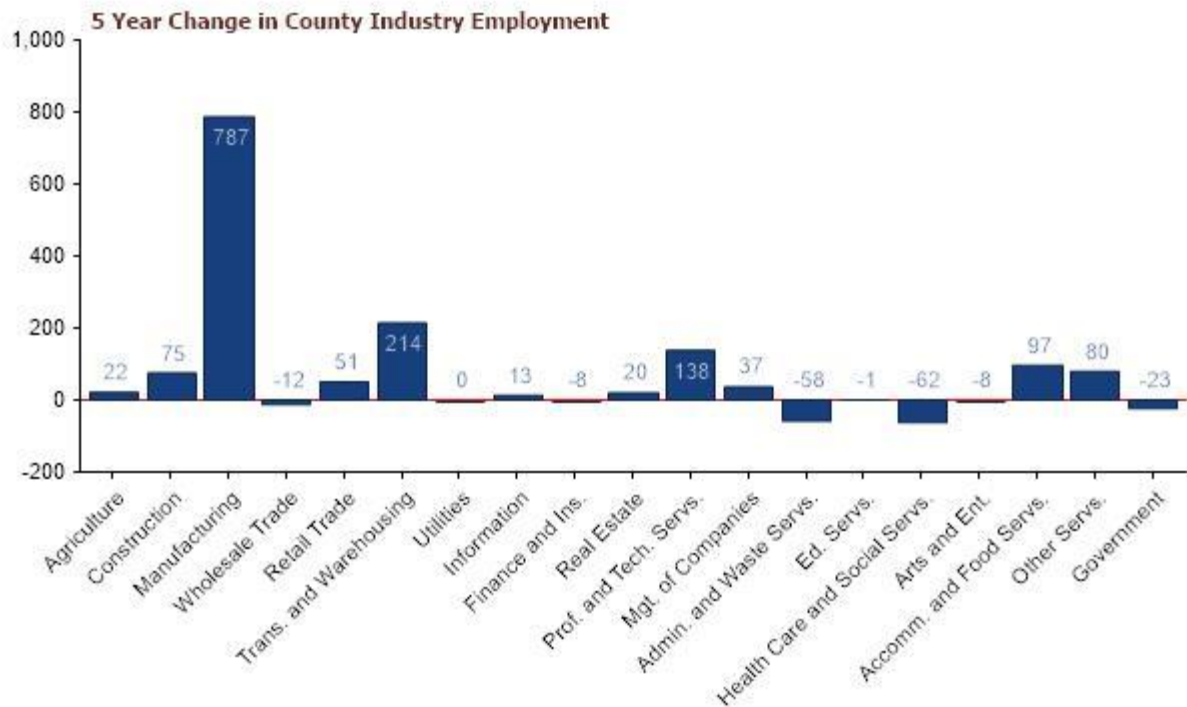
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Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change
Total Employment	11,332	11,282	11,766	12,126	12,293	961	8.48%
Total Private Employment	9,863	9,815	10,331	10,708	10,847	984	9.98%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	62	55	67	80	84	22	35.48%
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	436	473	541	514	511	75	17.20%
Manufacturing	4,237	4,282	4,599	4,881	5,024	787	18.57%
Wholesale Trade	434	432	450	460	422	-12	-2.76%
Retail Trade	1,111	1,081	1,071	1,117	1,162	51	4.59%
Transport. and Warehousing	D	D	200	206	214	214	N/A
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	0	N/A
Information	88	89	95	112	101	13	14.77%
Finance and Insurance	190	188	182	185	182	-8	-4.21%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	52	67	65	67	72	20	38.46%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	D	D	164	143	138	138	N/A
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	81	16	37	37	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	354	361	326	355	296	-58	-16.38%
Educational Services	6	8	8	6	5	-1	-16.67%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,051	925	995	1,003	989	-62	-5.90%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	81	84	86	86	73	-8	-9.88%
Accommodation and Food Service	845	832	863	897	942	97	11.48%
Other Services	448	453	468	511	528	80	17.86%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,469	1,467	1,435	1,418	1,446	-23	-1.57%

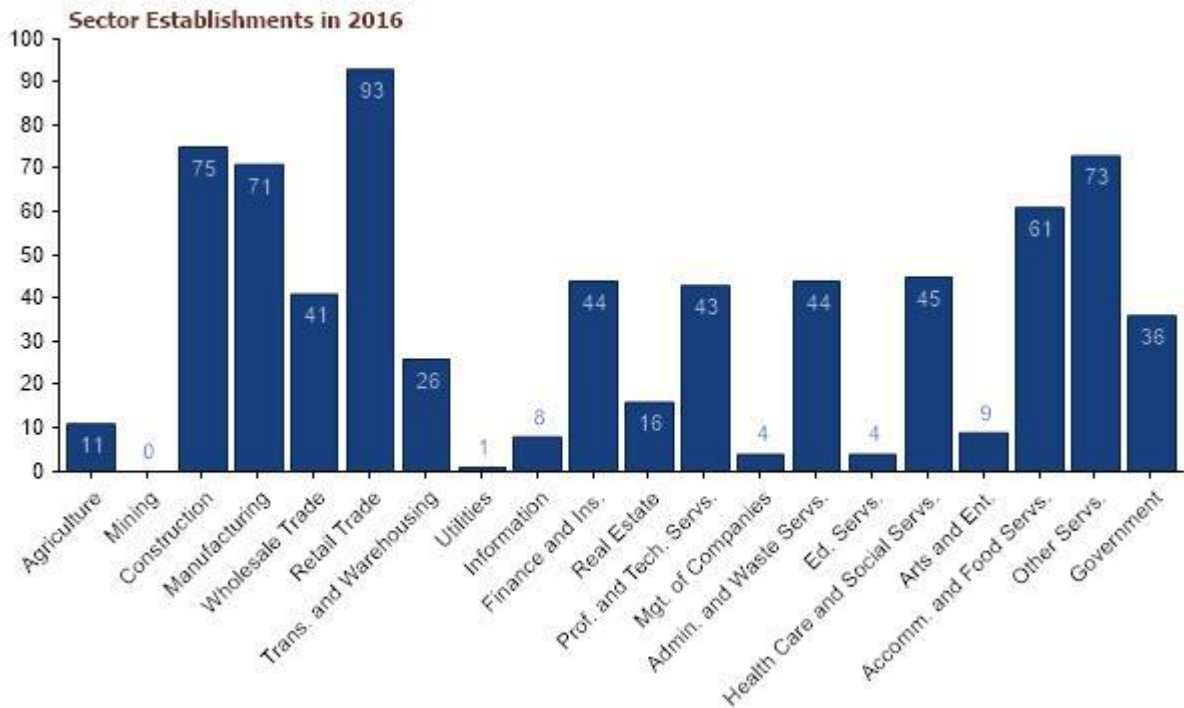


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Establishments by Sector

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change
Total Establishments	725	714	701	702	703	-22	-3.03%
Total Private Establishments	687	675	665	666	667	-20	-2.91%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	11	10	11	12	11	0	0.00%
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	73	74	76	73	75	2	2.74%
Manufacturing	69	65	66	69	71	2	2.90%
Wholesale Trade	47	48	46	42	41	-6	-12.77%
Retail Trade	94	95	93	93	93	-1	-1.06%
Transport. and Warehousing	D	D	24	25	26	0	0.00%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	0	0.00%
Information	9	9	10	9	8	-1	-11.11%
Finance and Insurance	43	44	44	46	44	1	2.33%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	18	20	19	16	16	-2	-11.11%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	D	D	45	45	43	-1	-2.27%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	3	3	4	0	0.00%

Admin. and Waste Services	46	41	39	43	44	-2	-4.35%
Educational Services	4	4	4	4	4	0	0.00%
Health Care and Social Assistance	50	48	47	47	45	-5	-10.00%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	14	13	12	12	9	-5	-35.71%
Accommodation and Food Service	61	60	53	57	61	0	0.00%
Other Services	74	71	73	72	73	-1	-1.35%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	38	39	36	36	36	-2	-5.26%



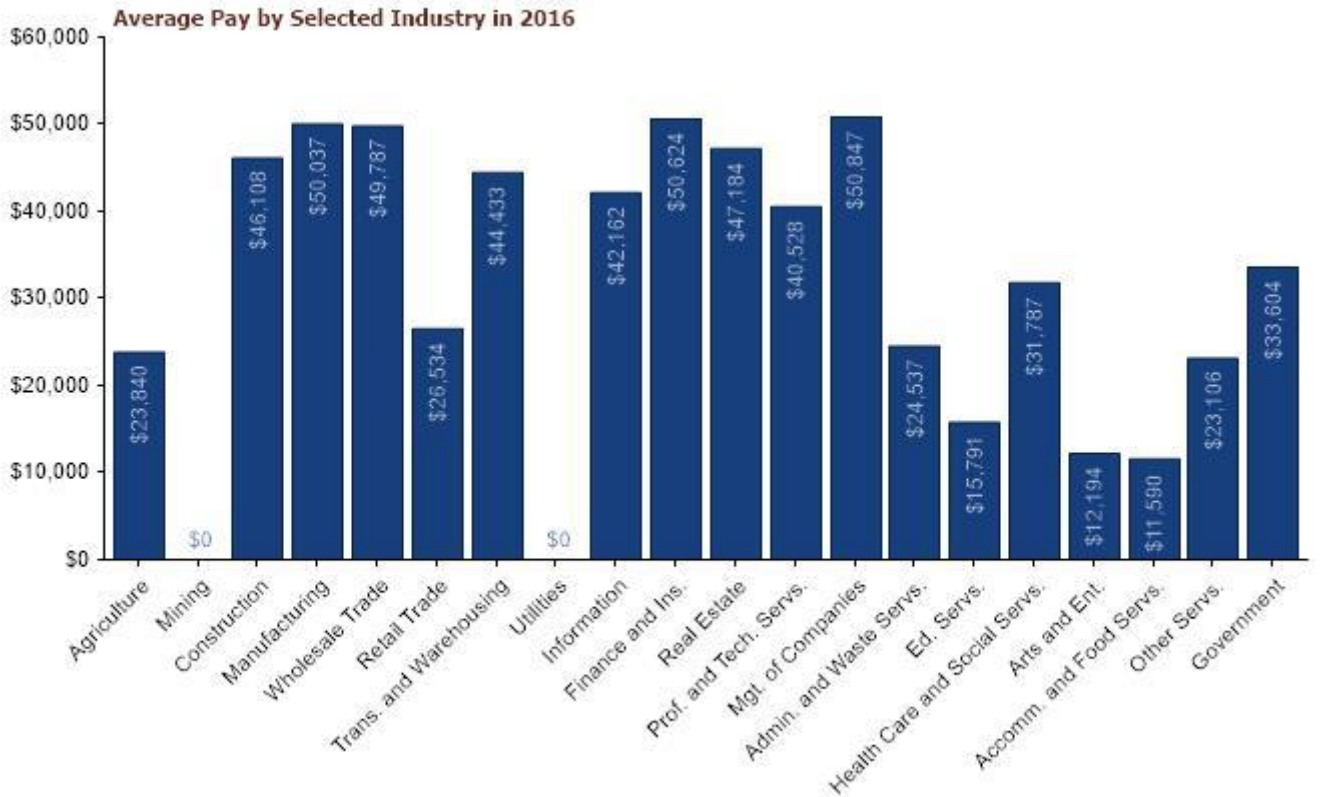
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Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

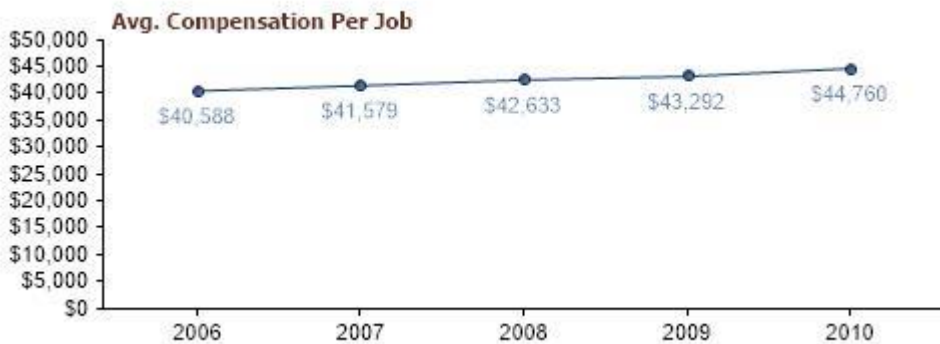
	2012	2016	5 Year	5 Year % Change
All Industries	\$35,642	\$39,008	\$3,365	9.4%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$27,597	\$23,840	-\$3,757	-13.6%
Mining	0	\$0	N/A	N/A
Construction	\$41,899	\$46,108	\$4,209	10.0%
Manufacturing	\$46,467	\$50,037	\$3,570	7.7%
Wholesale Trade	\$45,987	\$49,787	\$3,800	8.3%
Retail Trade	\$22,923	\$26,534	\$3,611	15.8%
Trans. & Warehousing	D	\$44,433	\$44,433	N/A
Utilities	D	D	\$0	N/A
Information	\$35,472	\$42,162	\$6,690	18.9%
Finance & Insurance	\$39,473	\$50,624	\$11,151	28.2%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$22,331	\$47,184	\$24,853	111.3%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	D	\$40,528	\$40,528	N/A
Mgt.of Companies	D	\$50,847	\$50,847	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$24,876	\$24,537	-\$339	-1.4%
Education Svcs.	\$20,552	\$15,791	-\$4,761	-23.2%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$30,821	\$31,787	\$966	3.1%
Arts, Ent. &, Rec.	\$13,854	\$12,194	-\$1,660	-12.0%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$10,607	\$11,590	\$983	9.3%
Other Svcs.	\$21,052	\$23,106	\$2,054	9.8%
Fed.l, State & Local Govt.	\$32,385	\$33,604	\$1,219	3.8%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

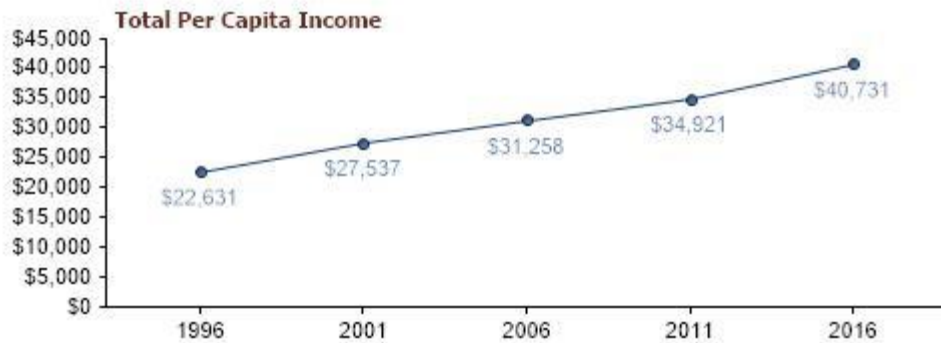
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$40,588	\$41,579	\$42,633	\$43,292	\$44,760
Change Since 2007		\$991	\$2,045	\$2,704	\$4,172
Pct. Change Since 2007		2.4%	5.0%	6.7%	10.3%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016
Total Per Capita Income	\$22,631	\$27,537	\$31,258	\$34,921	\$40,731
Change Since 1996		\$4,906	\$8,627	\$12,290	\$18,100
Pct. Change Since 1996		21.7%	38.1%	54.3%	80.0%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2016 (ACS)	\$65,584
Median household income in 2016 (ACS)	\$54,837
Average Wage Per Job in 2016 (BLS)	\$39,008
Wage Growth since 2000 (BLS)	44.5%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5 Year Estimates & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2015

	Establishments	Number Chg. 10 to 15	Pct.Chg. 10 to 15	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	484	-22	-4.3%	72.2%
10-19 employees	84	-11	-11.6%	12.5%
20-49 employees	62	15	31.9%	9.3%
50-99 employees	21	7	50.0%	3.1%
100 plus employees	19	1	5.6%	2.8%
TOTAL	670	-10	-1.5%	100.0%

County Business Patterns



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2011:2

	Number of Business Units, 2011:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	D	N/A
5 to 9 employees	N/A	N/A
10 to 19 employees	N/A	N/A
20 to 49 employees	N/A	N/A
50 to 99 employees	N/A	N/A
100 plus employees	D	N/A
TOTAL	N/A	N/A

No Data

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2011:2

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5 to 9 employees	N/A	N/A
10 to 19 employees	N/A	N/A
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