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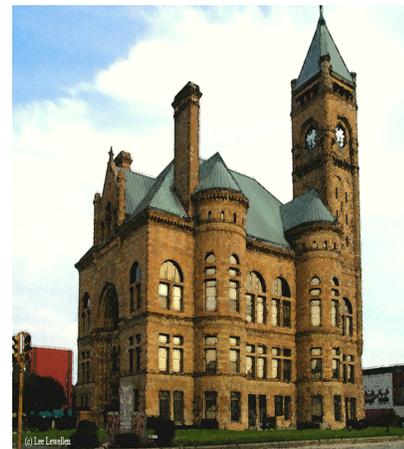
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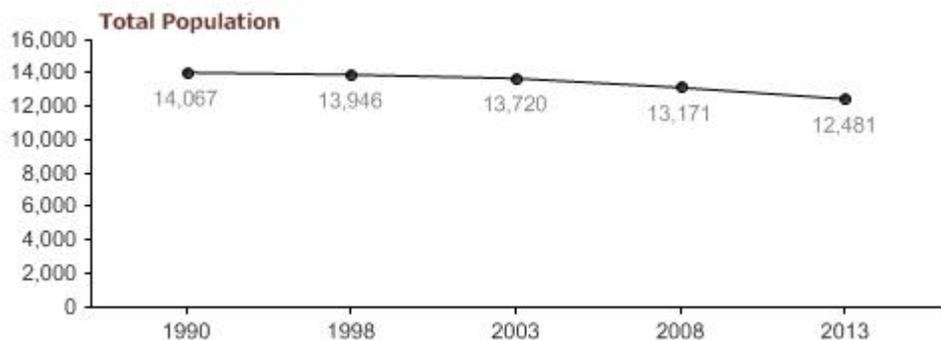
Population

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. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.



Population Over Time

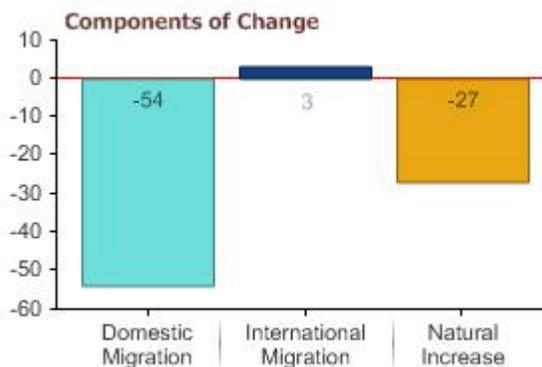
	1990	1998	2003	2008	2013
Total Population	14,067	13,946	13,720	13,171	12,481
Change Since 1990		-121	-347	-896	-1,586
Pct. Change Since 1990		-0.9%	-2.5%	-6.4%	-11.3%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2012 to 2013

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-54
International Migration	3
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	-27
Births	141
Deaths	168



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool (0 to 4)	741	5.9%

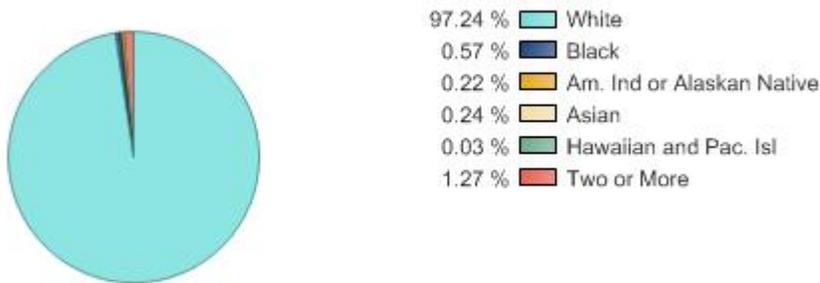
School Age (5 to 17)	2,051	16.3%
College Age (18 to 24)	972	7.7%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	2,766	22.0%
Older Adult (45 to 64)	3,606	28.7%
Older (65 plus)	2,366	18.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	28	0.2%
Asian Alone	30	0.2%
Black Alone	72	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	4	0.0%
White Alone	12,208	97.2%
Two or More Race Groups	160	1.3%

Population by Race



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	12,337	98.3%
Hispanic or Latino	165	1.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2012

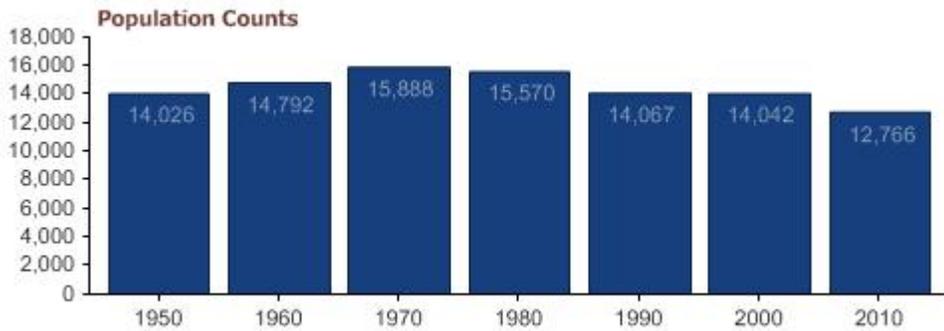
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	5,293	100.0%
Family Households	3,661	69.2%
Married with Children	892	16.9%
Married without Children	1,820	34.4%
Single Parents	620	11.7%
Other	329	6.2%
Non-family Households	1,632	30.8%
Living Alone	1,403	26.5%
Average Household Size	2.37	
Average Family Household Size	3.43	

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

Population Counts by Decade

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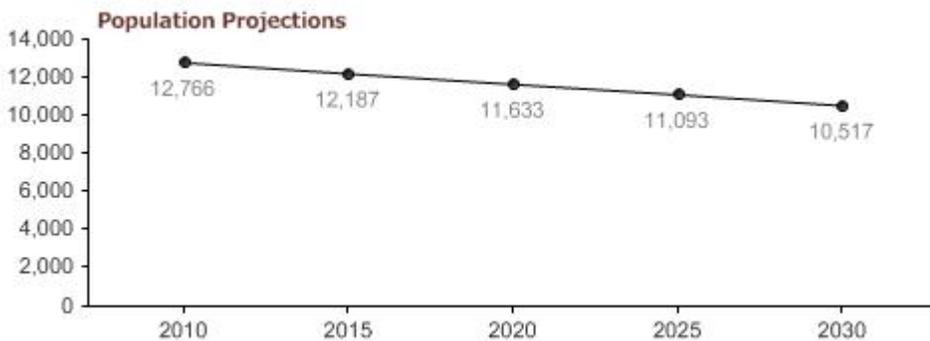
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	14,026	NA	NA
1960	14,792	766	5.5%
1970	15,888	1,096	7.4%
1980	15,570	-318	-2.0%
1990	14,067	-1,503	-9.7%
April 2000	14,042	-25	-0.2%
April 2010	12,766	-1,276	-9.1%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population Projections	12,766	12,187	11,633	11,093	10,517
Change Since 2010		-579	-1,133	-1,673	-2,249
Pct. Change Since 2010		-4.5%	-8.9%	-13.1%	-17.6%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center.

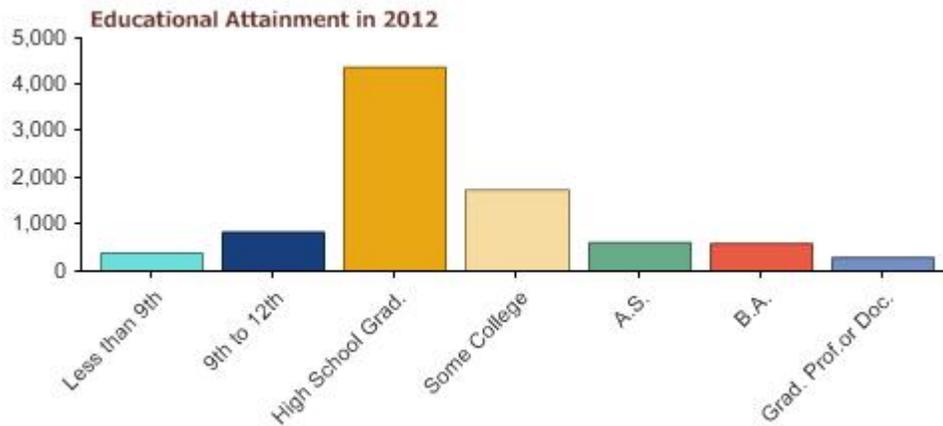
Note: 2010 data are census counts from the U.S. Census Bureau

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	2012
Total Population 25 and Older	8,667	9,237	9,259	9,550	8,856
Less than 9th Grade	2,329	1,634	835	376	391
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,869	1,770	1,666	1,413	839
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	3,416	4,526	4,454	4,727	4,371
Some College, No Degree			1,102	1,567	1,750
Associate Degree			374	487	617
Bachelors Degree			418	634	596
Graduate or Professional Degree*			410	346	292



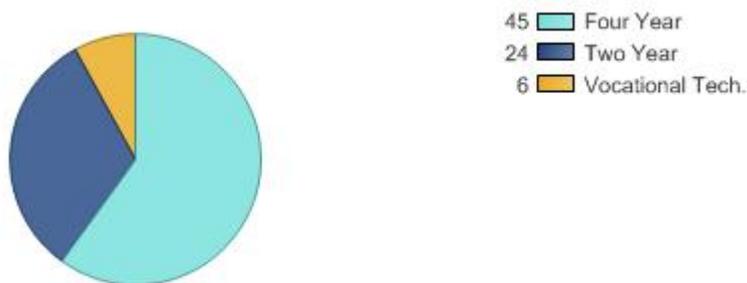
Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

*2011 data includes Doctorate Degrees

High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Graduates	135	131	131	138
Total to Higher Education	82	96	92	75
Four-Year Institution	40	62	68	45
Two-Year Institution	3	23	12	24
Vocational/Tech.	39	11	12	6
Military	7	4	11	9

2008 Higher Education Intent

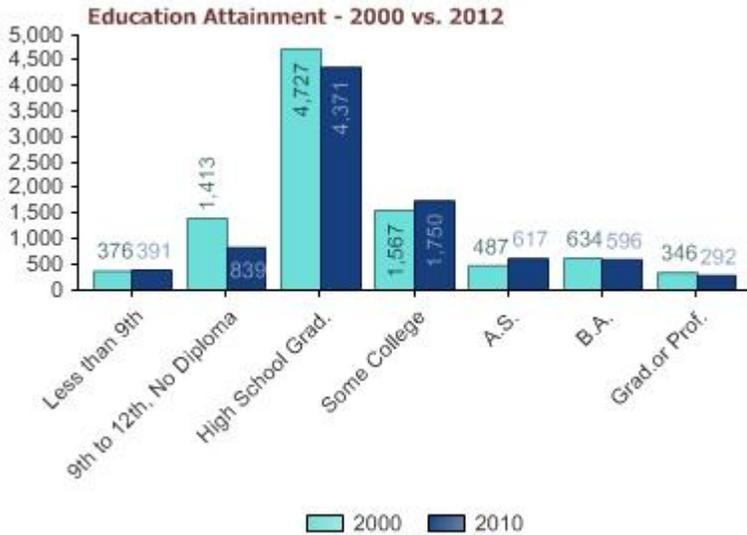


Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 2000 and 2012

	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2012	Pct. of Pop. 25+

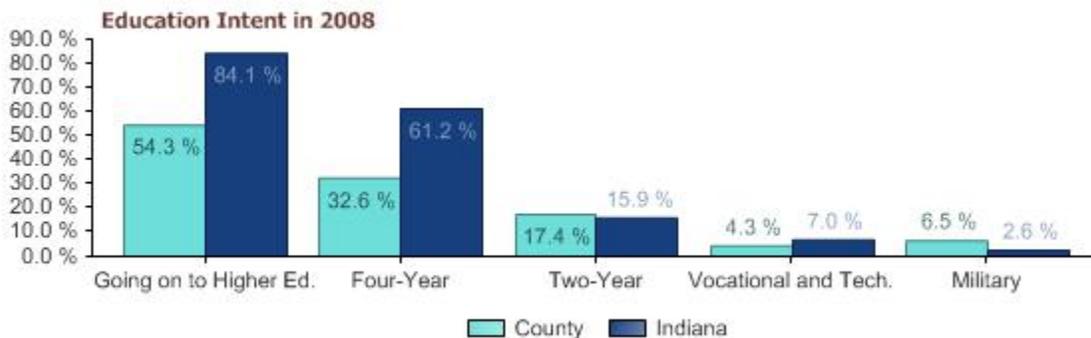
Total Population 25+	9,550	100.0%	8,856	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	376	3.9%	391	4.4%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,413	14.8%	839	9.5%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	4,727	49.5%	4,371	49.4%
Some College, No Degree	1,567	16.4%	1,750	19.8%
Associate's Degree	487	5.1%	617	7.0%
Bachelor's Degree	634	6.6%	596	6.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree**	346	3.6%	292	3.3%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 year estimates.
 **2011 Graduate or Professional Degree data include Doctorate Degrees

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2008 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.
Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	54.3%	84.1%
Four-Year Institution	32.6%	61.2%
Two-Year Institution	17.4%	15.9%
Vocational and Tech.	4.3%	7.0%
Military	6.5%	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. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

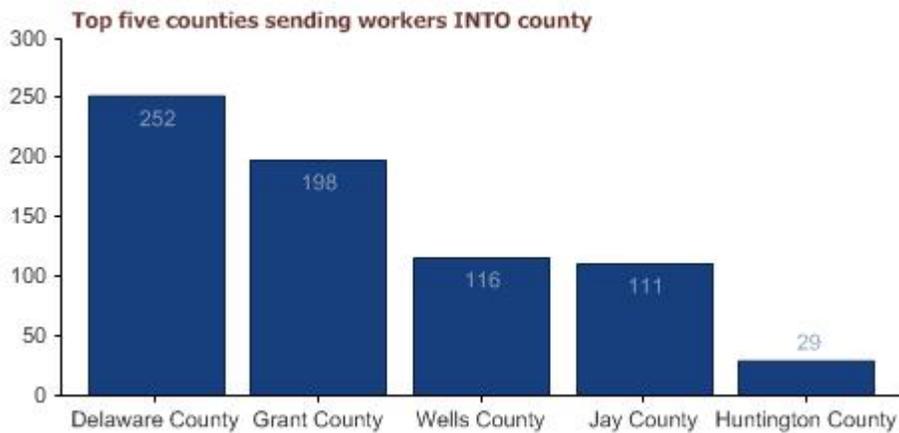
Commuting Data, 2012

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	8,766
Number of tax filers who work in the county	7,262
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	6,315
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	947

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2012

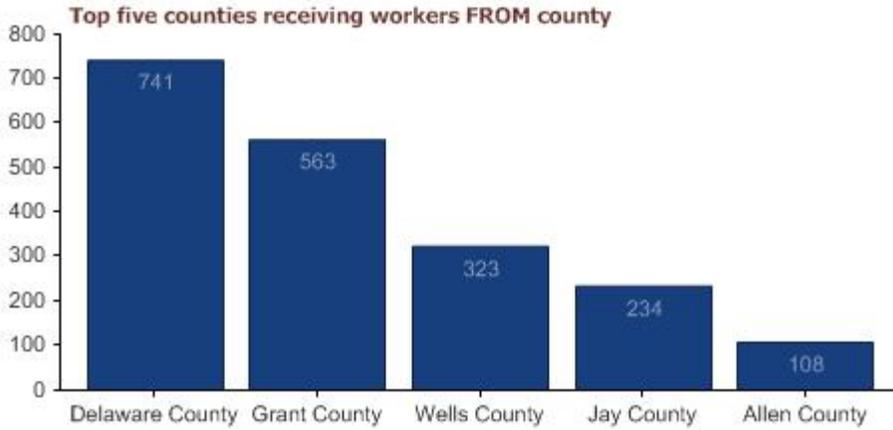
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Delaware County	252	35.7%
Grant County	198	28.0%
Wells County	116	16.4%
Jay County	111	15.7%
Huntington County	29	4.1%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2012

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Delaware County	741	37.6%
Grant County	563	28.6%
Wells County	323	16.4%
Jay County	234	11.9%
Allen County	108	5.5%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	5,178	100.0%
Travel To Work	5,052	97.6%
Car, Truck, or Van	4,919	95.0%
Traveled Alone	4,517	87.2%
Carpooled	402	7.8%
Used Public Transportation	0	0.0%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	133	2.6%
Worked At Home	126	2.4%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	25.6	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	N/A	

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

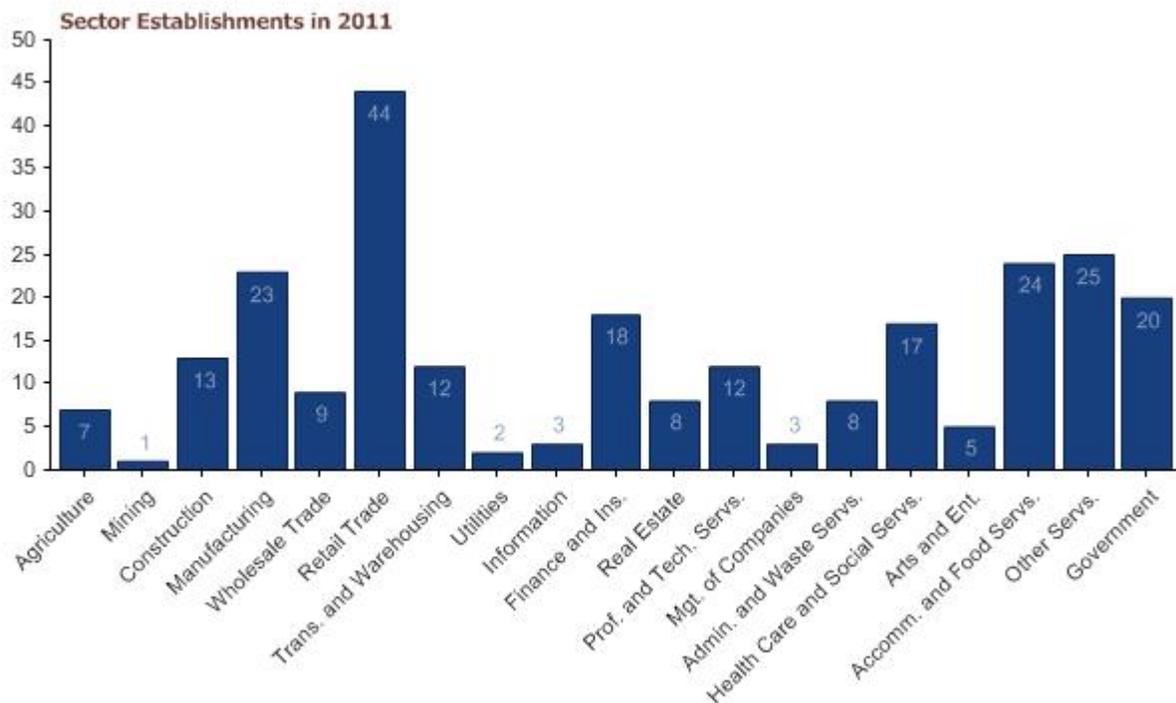
Labor Force

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 2012

	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	5,903	-16.4%
Employed	5,280	-22.0%
Unemployed	623	111.9%
Rate	10.6	152.4%

Total Establishments	278	273	265	249	253	-25	-8.99%
Total Private Establishments	257	251	243	229	233	-24	-9.34%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	6	6	6	6	D	1	16.67%
Mining	1	1	D	D	D	0	0.00%
Construction	19	18	15	11	13	-6	-31.58%
Manufacturing	28	28	27	26	23	-5	-17.86%
Wholesale Trade	13	13	12	10	D	-4	-30.77%
Retail Trade	47	47	43	44	44	-3	-6.38%
Transport. and Warehousing	16	12	13	12	12	-4	-25.00%
Utilities	1	2	D	D	D	1	100.00%
Information	4	3	3	3	D	-1	-25.00%
Finance and Insurance	21	22	21	19	18	-3	-14.29%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	10	10	10	9	D	-2	-20.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	12	13	13	10	12	0	0.00%
Mgmt. of Companies	3	3	4	3	3	0	0.00%
Admin. and Waste Services	6	6	6	6	8	2	33.33%
Educational Services	0	0			0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	21	18	18	17	17	-4	-19.05%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	4	4	4	4	5	1	25.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	22	21	20	21	24	2	9.09%
Other Services	25	25	25	25	D	0	0.00%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	21	22	22	20	20	-1	-4.76%



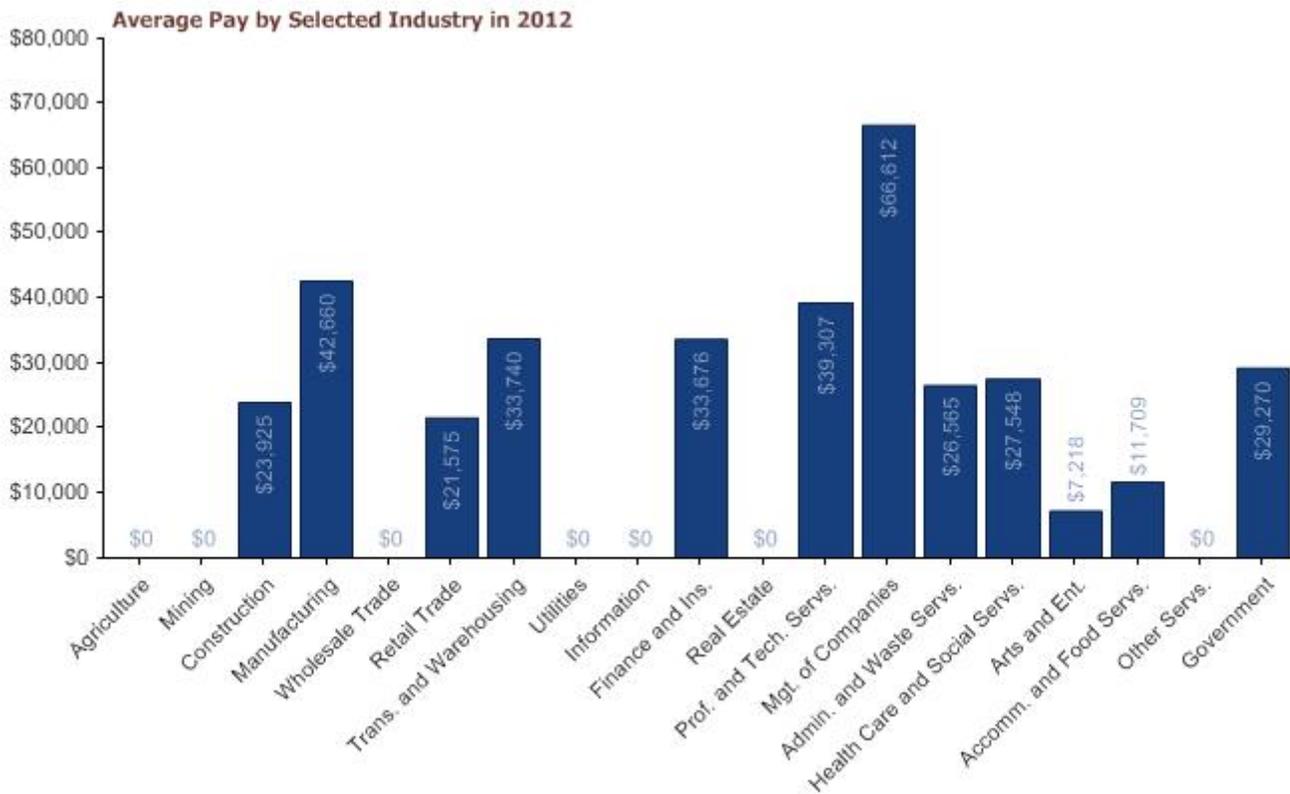
Note: Total employment represents the sum of total private sector and total government sector employment. State and local government schools and hospitals are included in the government total. Sectors may not sum to the total (or agree with BLS published total employment) due to suppression issues. D = non-discloseable in compliance with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and/or State of Indiana confidentiality guidelines. Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, as of July 2013.

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

	2008	2012	5 Year	5 Year % Change	Indiana 2012	% of State
All Industries	\$28,977	\$30,705	\$1,728	6.0%	\$41,240	74.5%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$28,762	D	-\$28,762	-100.0%	\$32,336	0.0%
Mining		D	N/A	N/A	\$64,335	0.0%
Construction	\$27,109	\$23,925	-\$3,183	-11.7%	\$54,083	44.2%
Manufacturing	\$37,138	\$42,660	\$5,523	14.9%	\$56,312	75.8%
Wholesale Trade	\$34,722	D	-\$34,722	-100.0%	\$56,978	0.0%
Retail Trade	\$17,978	\$21,575	\$3,597	20.0%	\$24,322	88.7%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$33,888	\$33,740	-\$148	-0.4%	\$40,187	84.0%
Utilities		D	N/A	N/A	\$81,714	0.0%
Information	\$39,934	D	-\$39,934	-100.0%	\$52,519	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	\$29,352	\$33,676	\$4,324	14.7%	\$59,913	56.2%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$16,676	D	-\$16,676	-100.0%	\$36,768	0.0%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$29,557	\$39,307	\$9,751	33.0%	\$58,827	66.8%
Mgt.of Companies	\$50,683	\$66,612	\$15,929	31.4%	\$83,538	79.7%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$29,759	\$26,565	-\$3,194	-10.7%	\$27,508	96.6%
Education Svcs.	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$35,388	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$25,137	\$27,548	\$2,411	9.6%	\$42,076	65.5%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$13,323	\$7,218	-\$6,105	-45.8%	\$29,368	24.6%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$9,672	\$11,709	\$2,037	21.1%	\$13,955	83.9%
Other Svcs.	\$14,565	D	-\$14,565	-100.0%	\$27,569	0.0%
Fed.l, State & Local Govt.	\$29,336	\$29,270	-\$66	-0.2%	\$40,520	72.2%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

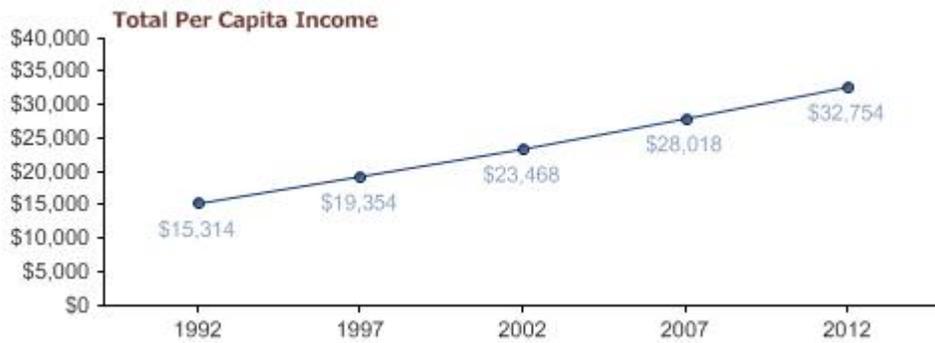
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
Avg. Compensation per Job	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Change Since 2007		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pct. Change Since 2007		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

No Data

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012
Total Per Capita Income	\$15,314	\$19,354	\$23,468	\$28,018	\$32,754
Change Since 1991		\$4,040	\$8,154	\$12,704	\$17,440
Pct. Change Since 1991		26.4%	53.2%	83.0%	113.9%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2012 (ACS)	\$46,370
Median household income in 2012 (ACS)	\$39,619
Average Wage Per Job in 2012 (BLS)	\$30,707
Wage Growth since 2000 (BLS)	26.6%

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, 2011

	Establishments	Number Chg. 06 to 11	Pct.Chg. 06 to 11	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	179	-19	-9.6%	72.8%
10-19 employees	32	-7	-17.9%	13.0%
20-49 employees	24	8	50.0%	9.8%
50-99 employees	8	-4	-33.3%	3.3%
100 plus employees	3	-3	-50.0%	1.2%
TOTAL	246	-25	-9.2%	100.0%

County Business Patterns



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Establishments by Sector and Size

	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 99	100 plus
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	Total	Employees	Employees	Employees	Employees	Employees	Employees
Total All Sectors	246	136	43	32	24	8	3
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Construction	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	9	8	1	0	0	0	0
Wholesale Trade	24	11	0	1	4	6	2
Retail Trade	10	2	1	3	4	0	0
Transportation and Warehousing	38	14	11	10	2	1	0
Utilities	16	10	1	3	2	0	0
Information	5	2	2	1	0	0	0
Finance and Insurance	20	15	2	2	1	0	0
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	11	8	3	0	0	0	0
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12	7	3	0	2	0	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt. Remediation Svcs.	4	2	0	2	0	0	0
Educational Services	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	24	8	7	3	4	1	1
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8	6	1	0	1	0	0
Accommodation and Food Services	19	10	1	4	4	0	0
Other Services (except Public Administration)	41	32	7	2	0	0	0
Unclassified	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Source: U.S. Census Bureau