

La Porte County, Indiana

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**County HIGHLIGHTS** 



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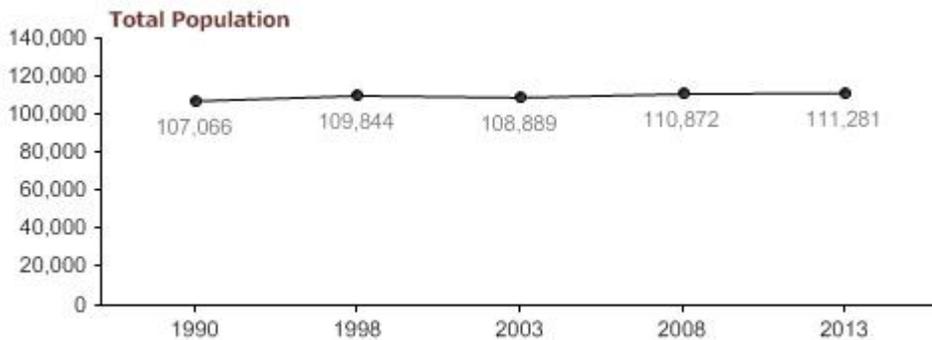
## Population

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

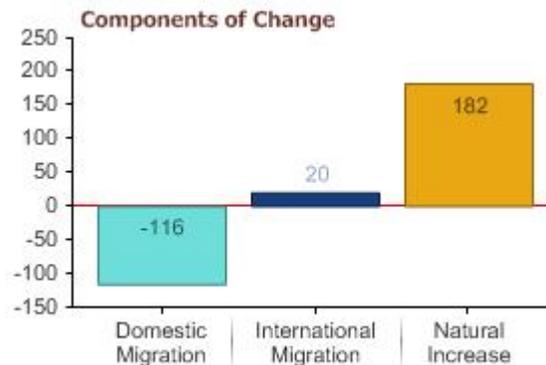
	1990	1998	2003	2008	2013
Total Population	107,066	109,844	108,889	110,872	111,281
Change Since 1990		2,778	1,823	3,806	4,215
Pct. Change Since 1990		2.6%	1.7%	3.6%	3.9%



Source: US Census Bureau

## Components of Population Change 2012 to 2013

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-116
International Migration	20
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	182
Births	1,333
Deaths	1,151



Source: US Census Bureau

## Population Estimates by Age in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool (0 to 4)	6,684	6.0%

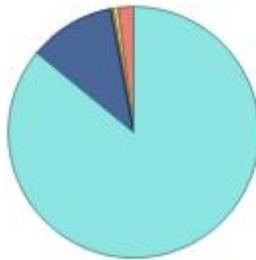
School Age (5 to 17)	18,266	16.4%
College Age (18 to 24)	9,599	8.6%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	28,558	25.7%
Older Adult (45 to 64)	31,594	28.4%
Older (65 plus)	16,545	14.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	412	0.4%
Asian Alone	613	0.6%
Black Alone	12,338	11.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	25	0.0%
White Alone	95,588	86.0%
Two or More Race Groups	2,270	2.0%

Population by Race



85.96 %	White
11.10 %	Black
0.37 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.55 %	Asian
0.02 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
2.04 %	Two or More

### Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	104,918	94.4%
Hispanic or Latino	6,328	5.7%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Households in 2012

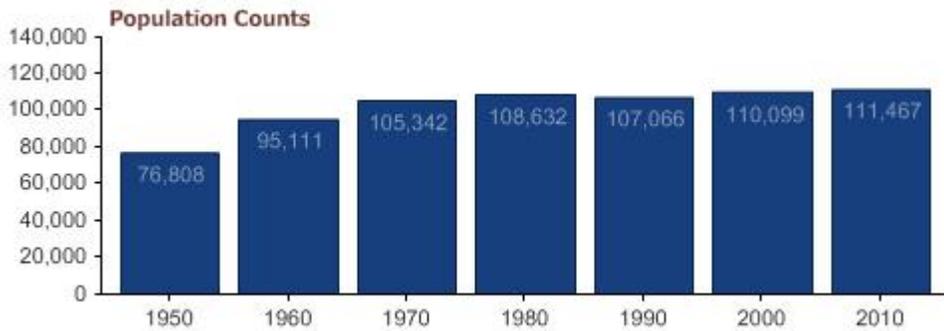
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	42,569	100.0%
Family Households	28,281	66.4%
Married with Children	7,313	17.2%
Married without Children	13,532	31.8%
Single Parents	4,397	10.3%
Other	3,039	7.1%
Non-family Households	14,288	33.6%
Living Alone	12,257	28.8%
Average Household Size	2.61	
Average Family Household Size	3.93	

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

### Population Counts by Decade

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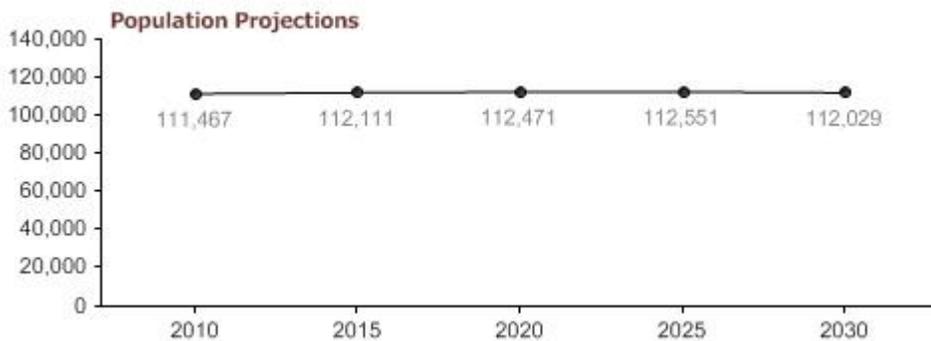
	<b>Population</b>	<b>Numerical Chg.</b>	<b>Pct. Chg.</b>
1950	76,808	NA	NA
1960	95,111	18,303	23.8%
1970	105,342	10,231	10.8%
1980	108,632	3,290	3.1%
1990	107,066	-1,566	-1.4%
April 2000	110,099	3,033	2.8%
April 2010	111,467	1,368	1.2%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Population Projections

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>
Population Projections	111,467	112,111	112,471	112,551	112,029
Change Since 2010		644	1,004	1,084	562
Pct. Change Since 2010		0.6%	0.9%	1.0%	0.5%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center.

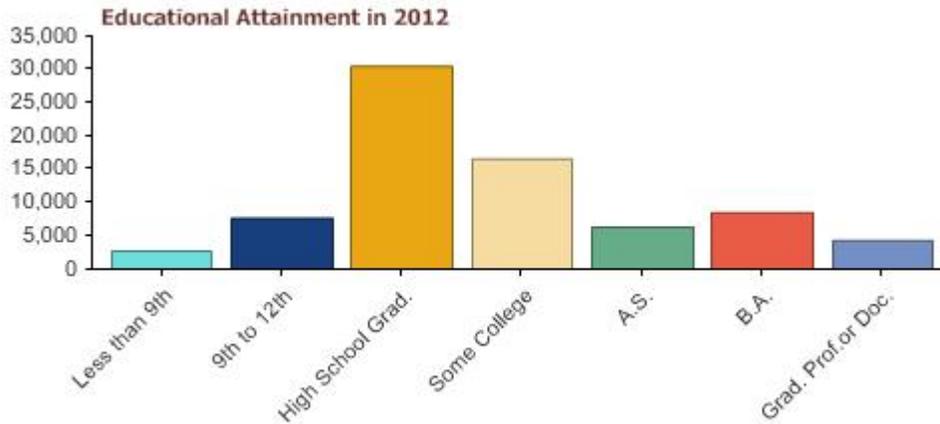
Note: 2010 data are census counts from the U.S. Census Bureau

## 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	57,607	63,540	70,102	73,723	76,567
Less than 9th Grade	15,862	10,146	5,981	3,706	2,752
9th to 12th, No Diploma	13,652	12,932	12,310	10,608	7,651
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	19,952	26,656	28,716	30,234	30,445
Some College, No Degree			11,052	14,804	16,573
Associate Degree			3,809	4,059	6,301
Bachelors Degree			4,814	6,633	8,517
Graduate or Professional Degree*			3,420	3,679	4,328



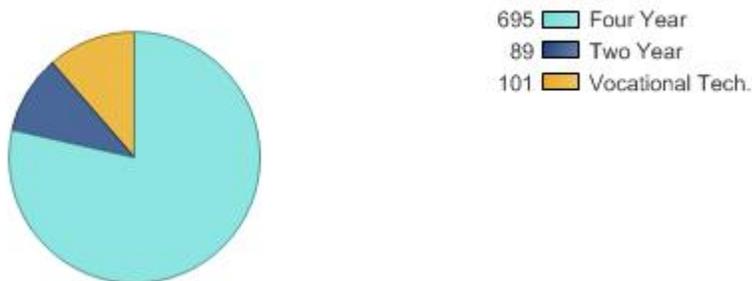
Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

\*2011 data includes Doctorate Degrees

## High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Graduates	898	992	1,045	1,042
Total to Higher Education	493	606	570	885
Four-Year Institution	411	476	402	695
Two-Year Institution	59	93	111	89
Vocational/Tech.	23	37	57	101
Military	12	13	20	18

### 2008 Higher Education Intent

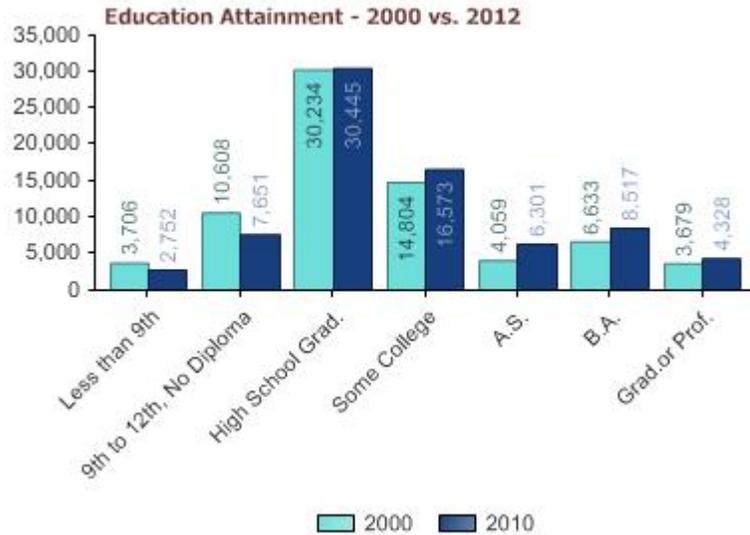


Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Educational Attainment in 2000 and 2012

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

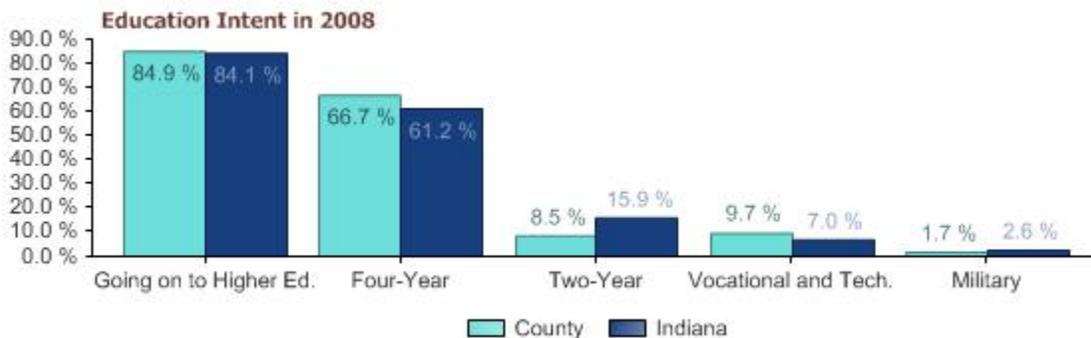
Total Population 25+	73,723	100.0%	76,567	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	3,706	5.0%	2,752	3.6%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	10,608	14.4%	7,651	10.0%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	30,234	41.0%	30,445	39.8%
Some College, No Degree	14,804	20.1%	16,573	21.6%
Associate's Degree	4,059	5.5%	6,301	8.2%
Bachelor's Degree	6,633	9.0%	8,517	11.1%
Graduate or Professional Degree**	3,679	5.0%	4,328	5.7%



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	84.9%	84.1%
Four-Year Institution	66.7%	61.2%
Two-Year Institution	8.5%	15.9%
Vocational and Tech.	9.7%	7.0%
Military	1.7%	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.

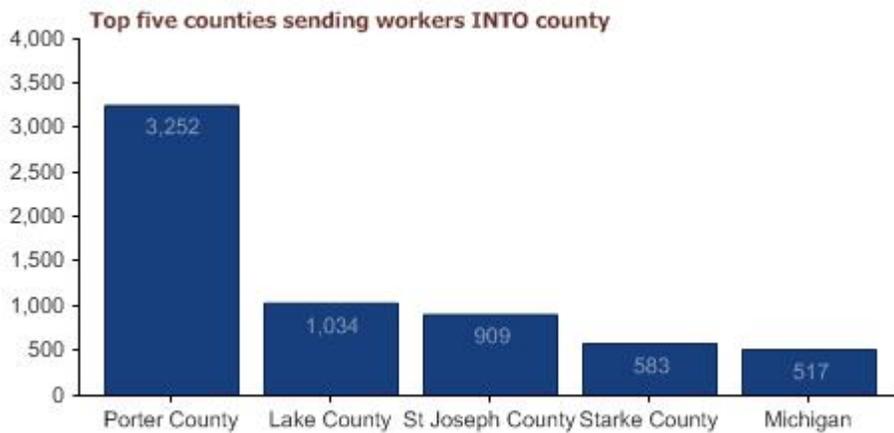
## Commuting Data, 2012

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	68,673
Number of tax filers who work in the county	65,563
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	58,395
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	7,168

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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

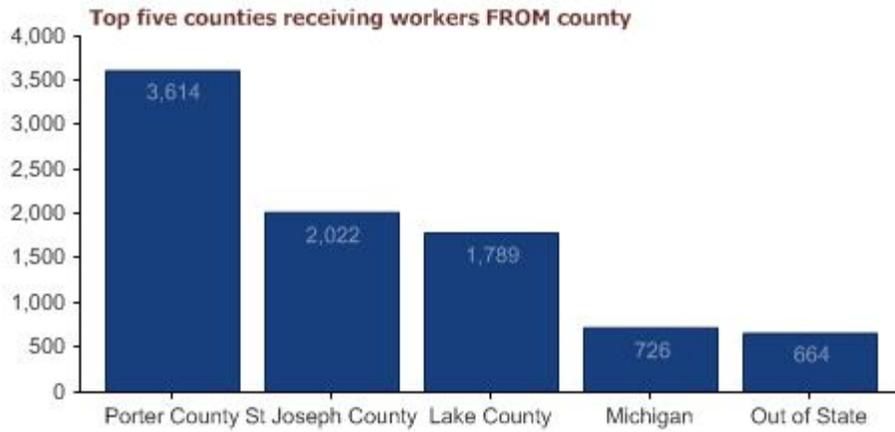
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Porter County	3,252	51.7%
Lake County	1,034	16.4%
St Joseph County	909	14.4%
Starke County	583	9.3%
Michigan	517	8.2%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Porter County	3,614	41.0%
St Joseph County	2,022	22.9%
Lake County	1,789	20.3%
Michigan	726	8.2%
Out of State	664	7.5%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

## Travel To Work in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	46,468	100.0%
Travel To Work	45,200	97.3%
Car, Truck, or Van	43,502	93.6%
Traveled Alone	39,908	85.9%
Carpooled	3,594	7.7%
Used Public Transportation	462	1.0%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	1,236	2.7%
Worked At Home	1,268	2.7%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	22.4	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	59.3	

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.

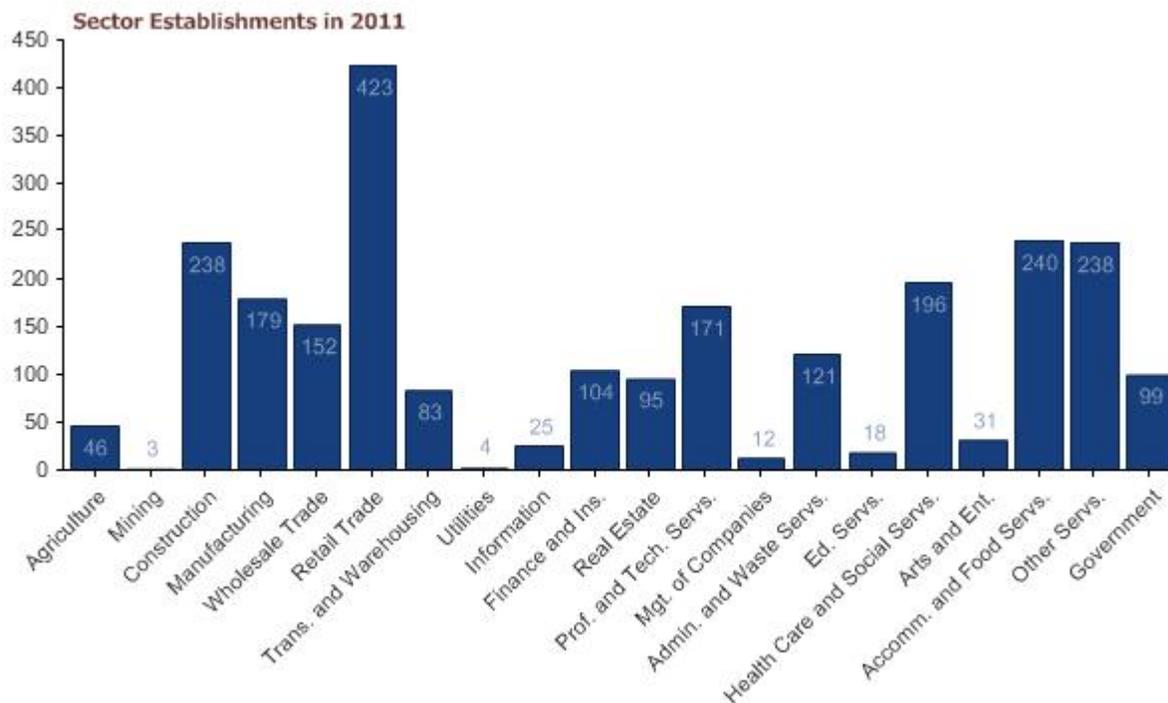
### Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2012

	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	49,828	-7.9%
Employed	44,842	-14.3%
Unemployed	4,986	176.7%
Rate	10.0	203.0%





Total Establishments	2,536	2,516	2,480	2,492	2,473	-63	-2.48%
Total Private Establishments	2,434	2,414	2,378	2,389	2,374	-60	-2.47%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	39	43	41	45	<b>D</b>	7	17.95%
Mining	5	5	5	4	<b>D</b>	-2	-40.00%
Construction	299	289	274	267	238	-61	-20.40%
Manufacturing	188	188	179	178	179	-9	-4.79%
Wholesale Trade	169	162	160	157	<b>D</b>	-17	-10.06%
Retail Trade	430	425	410	406	423	-7	-1.63%
Transport. and Warehousing	72	77	78	80	83	11	15.28%
Utilities	4	4	4	4	<b>D</b>	0	0.00%
Information	37	32	32	27	25	-12	-32.43%
Finance and Insurance	101	101	100	101	104	3	2.97%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	89	91	93	94	95	6	6.74%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	174	168	174	177	171	-3	-1.72%
Mgmt. of Companies	10	9	8	9	12	2	20.00%
Admin. and Waste Services	128	124	119	119	121	-7	-5.47%
Educational Services	17	16	18	19	18	1	5.88%
Health Care and Social Assistance	194	195	194	196	196	2	1.03%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	31	28	29	29	31	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	221	225	227	241	240	19	8.60%
Other Services	227	235	233	236	238	11	4.85%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	102	102	102	103	99	-3	-2.94%



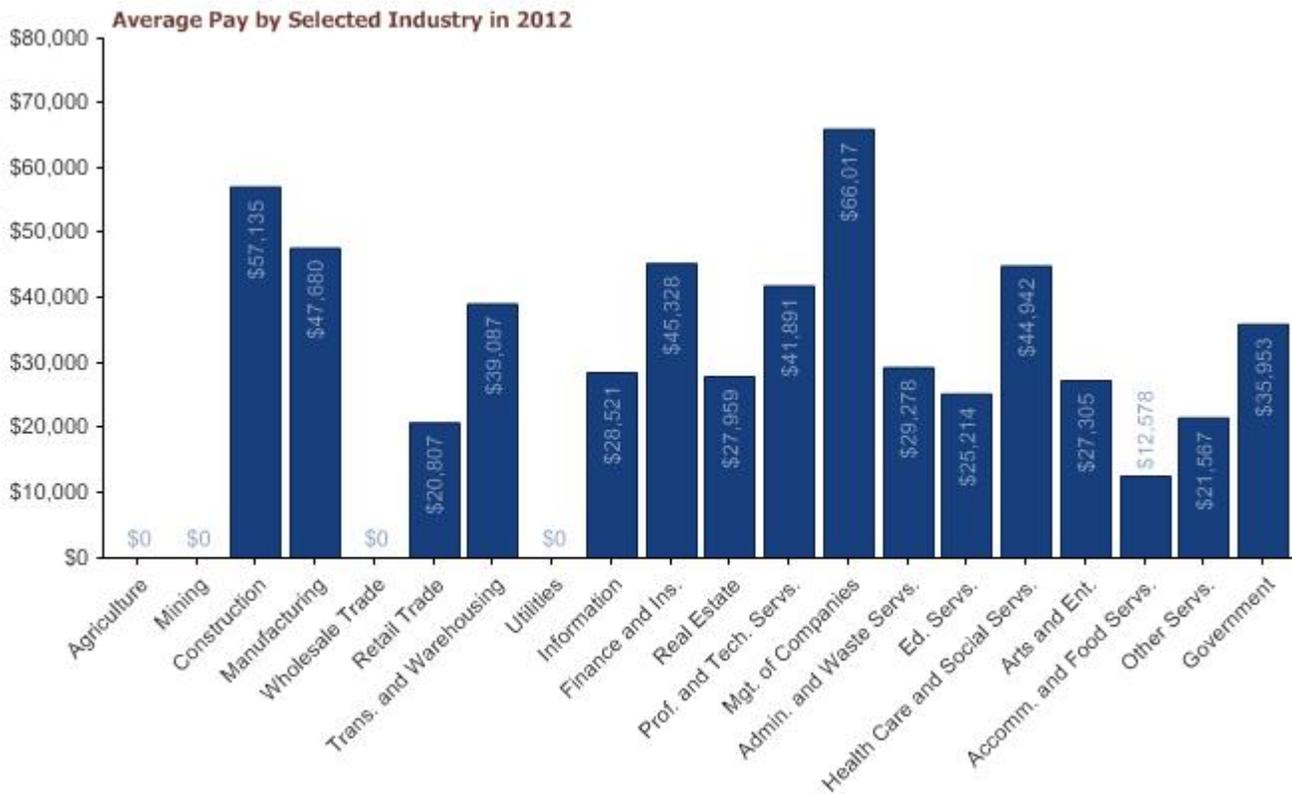
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## Earnings and Income

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

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>5 Year</b>	<b>5 Year % Change</b>	<b>Indiana 2012</b>	<b>% of State</b>
All Industries	\$33,507	\$35,762	\$2,255	6.7%	\$41,240	86.7%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$25,837	<b>D</b>	-\$25,837	-100.0%	\$32,336	0.0%
Mining	\$40,187	<b>D</b>	-\$40,187	-100.0%	\$64,335	0.0%
Construction	\$51,066	\$57,135	\$6,069	11.9%	\$54,083	105.6%
Manufacturing	\$44,739	\$47,680	\$2,941	6.6%	\$56,312	84.7%
Wholesale Trade	\$42,487	<b>D</b>	-\$42,487	-100.0%	\$56,978	0.0%
Retail Trade	\$20,476	\$20,807	\$331	1.6%	\$24,322	85.5%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$39,303	\$39,087	-\$215	-0.5%	\$40,187	97.3%
Utilities		<b>D</b>	N/A	N/A	\$81,714	0.0%
Information	\$33,794	\$28,521	-\$5,272	-15.6%	\$52,519	54.3%
Finance & Insurance	\$38,050	\$45,328	\$7,278	19.1%	\$59,913	75.7%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$23,838	\$27,959	\$4,120	17.3%	\$36,768	76.0%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$36,162	\$41,891	\$5,729	15.8%	\$58,827	71.2%
Mgt.of Companies	\$50,907	\$66,017	\$15,109	29.7%	\$83,538	79.0%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$21,650	\$29,278	\$7,629	35.2%	\$27,508	106.4%
Education Svcs.	\$24,930	\$25,214	\$285	1.1%	\$35,388	71.3%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$36,517	\$44,942	\$8,424	23.1%	\$42,076	106.8%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$27,316	\$27,305	-\$10	-0.0%	\$29,368	93.0%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$11,360	\$12,578	\$1,218	10.7%	\$13,955	90.1%
Other Svcs.	\$20,610	\$21,567	\$957	4.6%	\$27,569	78.2%
Fed.l, State & Local Govt.	\$35,305	\$35,953	\$648	1.8%	\$40,520	88.7%



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### Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

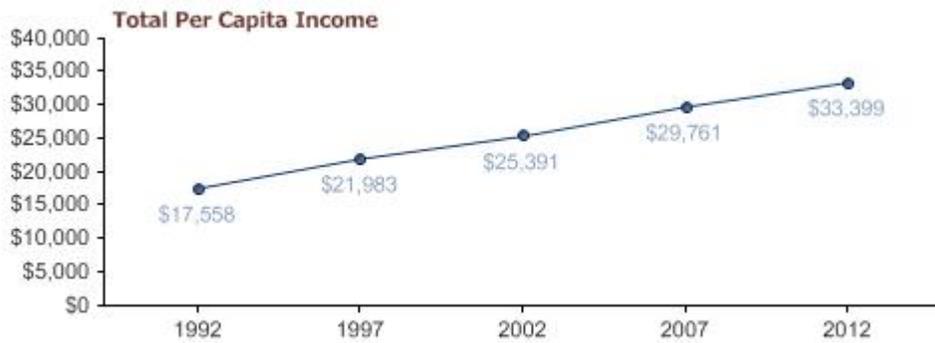
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
Avg. Compensation per Job	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Change Since 2007		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pct. Change Since 2007		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

No Data

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

### Per Capita Income Over Time

	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012
Total Per Capita Income	\$17,558	\$21,983	\$25,391	\$29,761	\$33,399
Change Since 1991		\$4,425	\$7,833	\$12,203	\$15,841
Pct. Change Since 1991		25.2%	44.6%	69.5%	90.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

### Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2012 (ACS)	\$58,310
Median household income in 2012 (ACS)	\$47,754
Average Wage Per Job in 2012 (BLS)	\$35,762
Wage Growth since 2000 (BLS)	31.0%

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	1,704	-185	-9.8%	71.4%
10-19 employees	338	7	2.1%	14.2%
20-49 employees	219	-9	-3.9%	9.2%
50-99 employees	77	6	8.5%	3.2%
100 plus employees	49	-10	-16.9%	2.1%
TOTAL	2,387	-191	-7.4%	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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	<b>Total</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Employees</b>
Total All Sectors	2,387	1,168	536	338	219	77	49
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	12	4	1	3	3	0	1
Manufacturing	240	172	37	22	7	1	1
Wholesale Trade	171	32	29	27	43	22	18
Retail Trade	128	65	28	15	12	6	2
Transportation and Warehousing	446	168	132	85	44	10	7
Utilities	72	45	10	11	1	4	1
Information	33	9	9	8	6	0	1
Finance and Insurance	111	65	29	10	5	1	1
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	93	63	24	5	0	1	0
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	154	103	28	18	4	0	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9	3	1	4	1	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt. Remediation Svcs.	108	56	23	11	10	2	6
Educational Services	15	7	2	1	3	2	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	230	109	63	23	17	11	7
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	36	18	7	4	7	0	0
Accommodation and Food Services	243	83	36	53	52	17	2
Other Services (except Public Administration)	276	156	77	38	4	0	1
Unclassified	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Source: U.S. Census Bureau