Noble County, Indiana

County HIGHLIGHTS-O-



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Noble County, IN Highlights

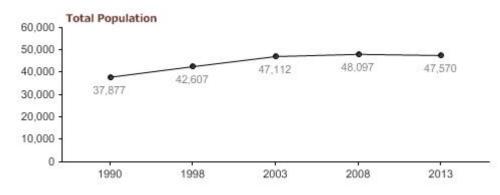
Population

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

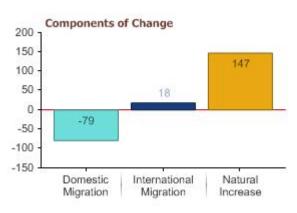
	1990	1998	2003	2008	2013
Total Population	37,877	42,607	47,112	48,097	47,570
Change Since 1990		4,730	9,235	10,220	9,693
Pct. Change Since 1990		12.5%	24.4%	27.0%	25.6%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2012 to 2013

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-79
International Migration	18
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	147
Births	569
Deaths	422



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool (0 to 4)	3,276	6.9%

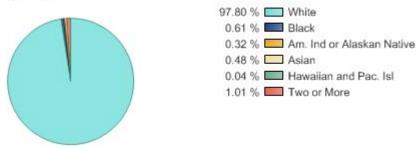
School Age (5 to 17)	9,224	19.4%
College Age (18 to 24)	3,971	8.4%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	11,639	24.5%
Older Adult (45 to 64)	12,995	27.4%
Older (65 plus)	6,477	13.6%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	151	0.3%
Asian Alone	227	0.5%
Black Alone	288	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	21	0.0%
White Alone	46,418	97.8%
Two or More Race Groups	477	1.0%

Population by Race



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	42,942	90.5%
Hispanic or Latino	4,640	9.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

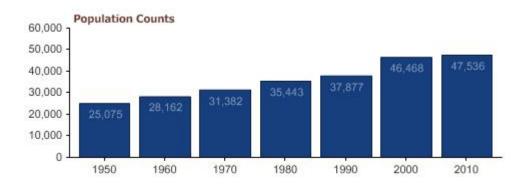
Households in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	17,706	100.0%
Family Households	12,934	73.0%
Married with Children	4,115	23.2%
Married without Children	5,857	33.1%
Single Parents	1,740	9.8%
Other	1,222	6.9%
Non-family Households	4,772	27.0%
Living Alone	4,255	24.0%
Average Household Size	2.68	
Average Family Household Size	3.67	

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

Population Counts by Decade

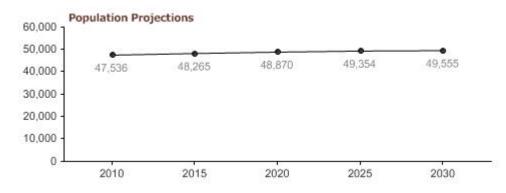
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	25,075	NA	NA
1960	28,162	3,087	12.3%
1970	31,382	3,220	11.4%
1980	35,443	4,061	12.9%
1990	37,877	2,434	6.9%
April 2000	46,468	8,591	22.7%
April 2010	47,536	1,068	2.3%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

•	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population Projections	47,536	48,265	48,870	49,354	49,555
Change Since 2010		729	1,334	1,818	2,019
Pct. Change Since 2010		1.5%	2.8%	3.8%	4.2%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center.

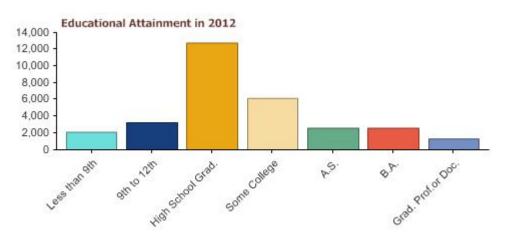
Note: 2010 data are census counts from the U.S. Census Bureau

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	16,708	20,049	23,151	28,554	30,760
Less than 9th Grade	4,457	3,809	2,350	2,299	2,122
9th to 12th, No Diploma	3,362	3,524	4,113	4,169	3,256
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	6,735	9,008	10,240	12,467	12,754
Some College, No Degree			3,522	4,960	6,137
Associate Degree			1,066	1,495	2,601
Bachelors Degree			1,036	2,120	2,588
Graduate or Professional Degree*			824	1,044	1,302

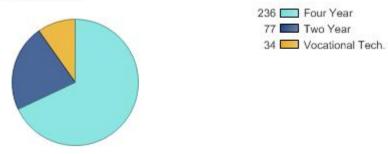


Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates *2011 data includes Doctorate Degrees

High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

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	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Graduates	464	479	458	450
Total to Higher Education	354	359	367	347
Four-Year Institution	241	256	244	236
Two-Year Institution	64	74	78	77
Vocational/Tech.	49	29	45	34
Military	15	18	14	10

2008 Higher Education Intent

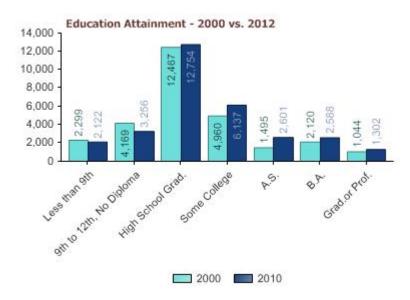


Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 2000 and 2012

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

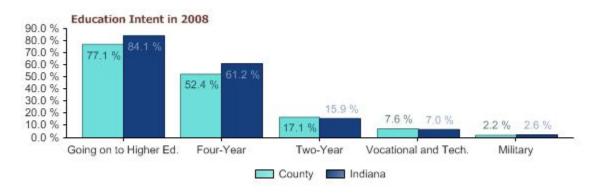
Total Population 25+	28,554	100.0%	30,760	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	2,299	8.1%	2,122	6.9%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	4,169	14.6%	3,256	10.6%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	12,467	43.7%	12,754	41.5%
Some College, No Degree	4,960	17.4%	6,137	20.0%
Associate's Degree	1,495	5.2%	2,601	8.5%
Bachelor's Degree	2,120	7.4%	2,588	8.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree**	1,044	3.7%	1,302	4.2%



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	77.1%	84.1%
Four-Year Institution	52.4%	61.2%
Two-Year Institution	17.1%	15.9%
Vocational and Tech.	7.6%	7.0%
Military	2.2%	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.

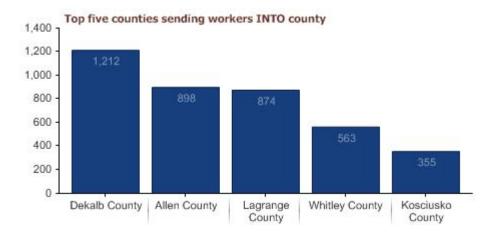
Commuting Data, 2012

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	30,251
Number of tax filers who work in the county	27,623
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	22,869
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	4,754

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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

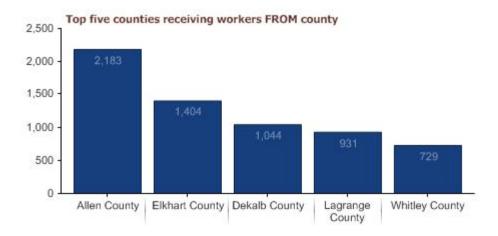
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Dekalb County	1,212	31.1%
Allen County	898	23.0%
Lagrange County	874	22.4%
Whitley County	563	14.4%
Kosciusko County	355	9.1%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Allen County	2,183	34.7%
Elkhart County	1,404	22.3%
Dekalb County	1,044	16.6%
Lagrange County	931	14.8%
Whitley County	729	11.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	21,080	100.0%
Travel To Work	20,346	96.5%
Car, Truck, or Van	19,095	90.6%
Traveled Alone	16,796	79.7%
Carpooled	2,299	10.9%
Used Public Transportation	22	0.1%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	1,229	5.8%
Worked At Home	734	3.5%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	23.5	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	34.8	

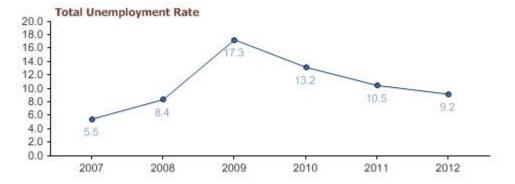
Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

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

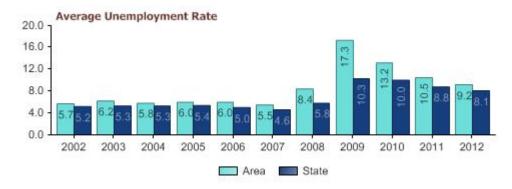
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	21,412	-12.8%
Employed	19,444	-18.6%
Unemployed	1,968	190.3%
Rate	9.2	228.6%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor			Area	State
	Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	Rate
2002	23,687	22,338	1,349	5.7	5.2
2003	23,632	22,168	1,464	6.2	5.3
2004	23,458	22,095	1,363	5.8	5.3
2005	23,743	22,309	1,434	6.0	5.4
2006	23,623	22,200	1,423	6.0	5.0
2007	23,326	22,050	1,276	5.5	4.6
2008	22,846	20,927	1,919	8.4	5.8
2009	22,228	18,388	3,840	17.3	10.3
2010	22,163	19,235	2,928	13.2	10.0
2011	21,949	19,654	2,295	10.5	8.8
2012	21,412	19,444	1,968	9.2	8.1



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

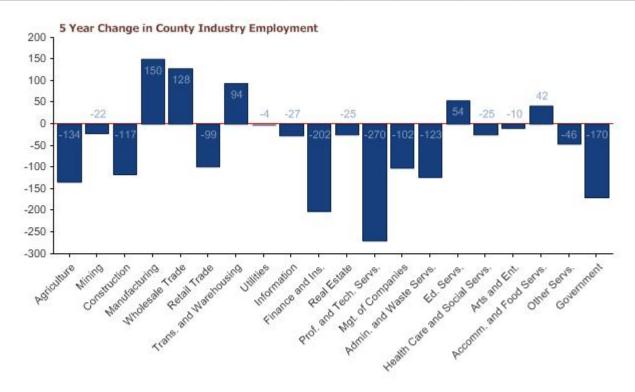
Employment

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

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						5 Year	5 Year
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change	% Change

Total Employment	17,829	15,535	16,210	17,007	17,291	-538	-3.02%
Total Private Employment	15,798	13,531	14,295	15,124	15,430	-368	-2.33%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	134	136	141	140	D	-134	-100.00%
Mining	22	16	19	18	D	-22	-100.00%
Construction	473	399	353	344	356	-117	-24.74%
Manufacturing	8,204	6,603	7,345	8,129	8,354	150	1.83%
Wholesale Trade	289	444	498	494	417	128	44.29%
Retail Trade	1,489	1,453	1,430	1,453	1,390	-99	-6.65%
Transport. and Warehousing	139	127	113	125	233	94	67.63%
Utilities	62	63	61	57	58	-4	-6.45%
Information	267	244	229	228	240	-27	-10.11%
Finance and Insurance	454	250	249	254	252	-202	-44.49%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	107	95	99	85	82	-25	-23.36%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	270	216	175	182	D	-270	-100.00%
Mgmt. of Companies	102	151	180	D	D	-102	-100.00%
Admin. and Waste Services	827	463	525	732	704	-123	-14.87%
Educational Services	154	174	195	215	208	54	35.06%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,295	1,299	1,285	1,251	1,270	-25	-1.93%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	67	67	70	61	57	-10	-14.93%
Accommodation and Food Service	990	939	936	916	1,032	42	4.24%
Other Services	453	393	392	408	407	-46	-10.15%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	2,031	2,004	1,915	1,883	1,861	-170	-8.37%

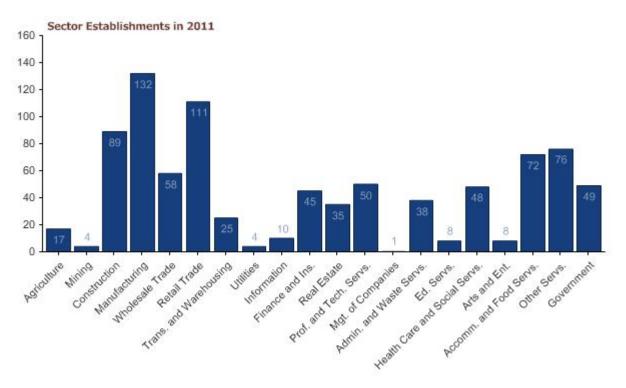


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Establishments by Sector

·	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change

Total Establishments	936	921	910	897	878	-58	-6.20%
Total Private Establishments	884	870	860	846	829	-55	-6.22%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	14	15	18	19	D	3	21.43%
Mining	4	4	4	4	D	0	0.00%
Construction	91	90	93	90	89	-2	-2.20%
Manufacturing	152	150	143	139	132	-20	-13.16%
Wholesale Trade	55	55	57	57	58	3	5.45%
Retail Trade	124	124	118	116	111	-13	-10.48%
Transport. and Warehousing	22	23	24	26	25	3	13.64%
Utilities	4	4	4	4	4	0	0.00%
Information	8	9	9	8	10	2	25.00%
Finance and Insurance	49	48	47	47	45	-4	-8.16%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	39	37	39	35	35	-4	-10.26%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	61	58	55	55	D	-11	-18.03%
Mgmt. of Companies	3	4	3	D	D	-2	-66.67%
Admin. and Waste Services	36	34	34	38	38	2	5.56%
Educational Services	11	11	11	10	8	-3	-27.27%
Health Care and Social Assistance	58	52	48	47	48	-10	-17.24%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	11	10	9	10	8	-3	-27.27%
Accommodation and Food Service	69	71	69	66	72	3	4.35%
Other Services	76	74	75	74	76	0	0.00%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	52	51	50	51	49	-3	-5.77%



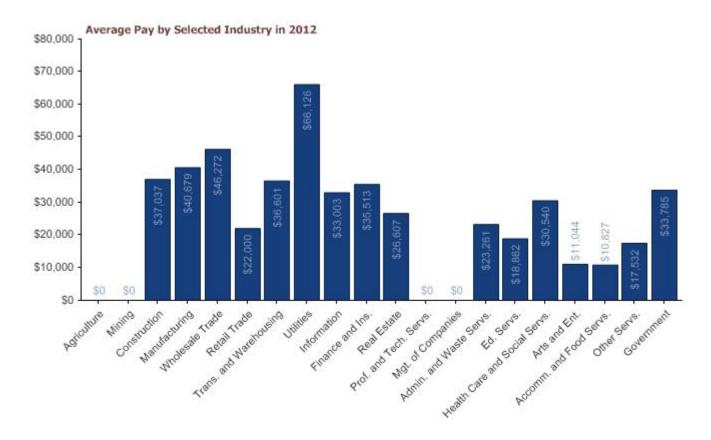
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Earnings and Income

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

	2008	2012	5 Year	5 Year % Change	Indiana 2012	% of State
All Industries	\$31,525	\$33,960	\$2,435	7.7%	\$41,240	82.3%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$26,226	D	-\$26,226	-100.0%	\$32,336	0.0%
Mining	\$41,267	D	-\$41,267	-100.0%	\$64,335	0.0%
Construction	\$35,460	\$37,037	\$1,577	4.4%	\$54,083	68.5%
Manufacturing	\$38,205	\$40,679	\$2,475	6.5%	\$56,312	72.2%
Wholesale Trade	\$43,238	\$46,272	\$3,034	7.0%	\$56,978	81.2%
Retail Trade	\$20,941	\$22,000	\$1,059	5.1%	\$24,322	90.5%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$30,909	\$36,601	\$5,692	18.4%	\$40,187	91.1%
Utilities	\$66,902	\$66,126	-\$776	-1.2%	\$81,714	80.9%
Information	\$30,817	\$33,003	\$2,187	7.1%	\$52,519	62.8%
Finance & Insurance	\$34,731	\$35,513	\$782	2.3%	\$59,913	59.3%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$19,481	\$26,607	\$7,126	36.6%	\$36,768	72.4%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$32,331	D	-\$32,331	-100.0%	\$58,827	0.0%
Mgt.of Companies	\$53,128	D	-\$53,128	-100.0%	\$83,538	0.0%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$17,279	\$23,261	\$5,982	34.6%	\$27,508	84.6%
Education Svcs.	\$13,235	\$18,862	\$5,627	42.5%	\$35,388	53.3%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$28,278	\$30,540	\$2,262	8.0%	\$42,076	72.6%
Arts, Ent. &, Rec.	\$10,678	\$11,044	\$366	3.4%	\$29,368	37.6%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$9,483	\$10,827	\$1,345	14.2%	\$13,955	77.6%
Other Svcs.	\$16,298	\$17,532	\$1,234	7.6%	\$27,569	63.6%
Fed.l, State & Local Govt.	\$31,830	\$33,785	\$1,954	6.1%	\$40,520	83.4%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

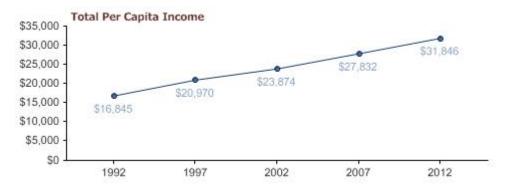
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
Avg. Compensation per Job	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Change Since 2007		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pct. Change Since 2007		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

No Data

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012
Total Per Capita Income	\$16,845	\$20,970	\$23,874	\$27,832	\$31,846
Change Since 1991		\$4,125	\$7,029	\$10,987	\$15,001
Pct. Change Since 1991		24.5%	41.7%	65.2%	89.1%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2012 (ACS)	\$54,094
Median household income in 2012 (ACS)	\$46,360
Average Wage Per Job in 2012 (BLS)	\$33,959
Wage Growth since 2000 (BLS)	23.9%

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

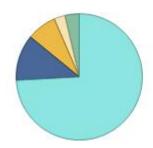
Firms and Employment by Size

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	662	-16	-2.4%	74.1%
10-19 employees	105	-21	-16.7%	11.8%
20-49 employees	68	-8	-10.5%	7.6%
50-99 employees	25	-5	-16.7%	2.8%
100 plus employees	33	-7	-17.5%	3.7%
TOTAL	893	-57	-6.0%	100.0%

County Business Patterns



74.13 % 1 to 9
11.76 % 10 to 19
7.61 % 20 to 49
2.80 % 50 to 99
3.70 % 100 plus

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Establishments by Sector and Size

	Total	Employees	Employees	Employees	Employees	Employees	Employees
Total All Sectors	893	470	192	105	68	25	33
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Construction	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
Manufacturing	83	66	9	7	1	0	0
Wholesale Trade	125	28	25	14	21	14	23
Retail Trade	39	22	6	5	5	0	1
Transportation and Warehousing	137	60	43	23	8	2	1
Utilities	26	17	5	3	0	1	0
Information	11	5	2	2	1	0	1
Finance and Insurance	45	23	17	3	2	0	0
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	37	30	6	1	0	0	0
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	50	30	14	6	0	0	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt. Remediation Svcs.	38	25	2	2	6	0	3
Educational Services	7	3	2	1	1	0	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	72	30	19	11	6	3	3
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10	8	0	1	0	0	1
Accommodation and Food Services	79	29	13	19	13	5	0
Other Services (except Public Administration)	124	87	28	6	3	0	0
Unclassified	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Source: U.S. Census Bureau