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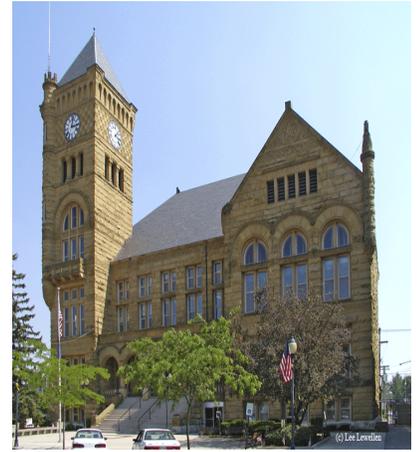
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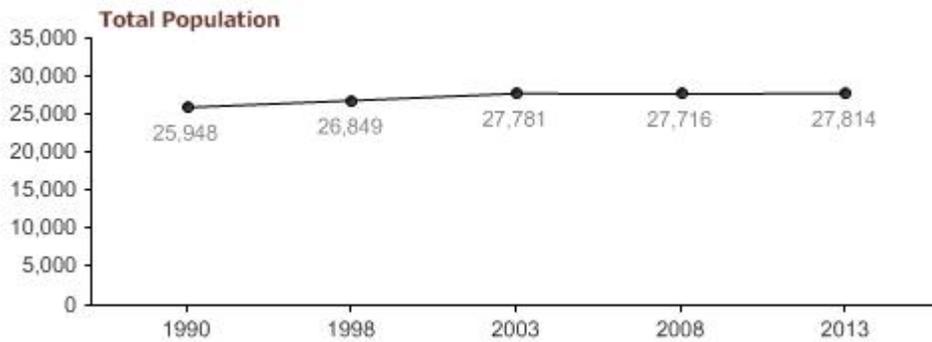
Population

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

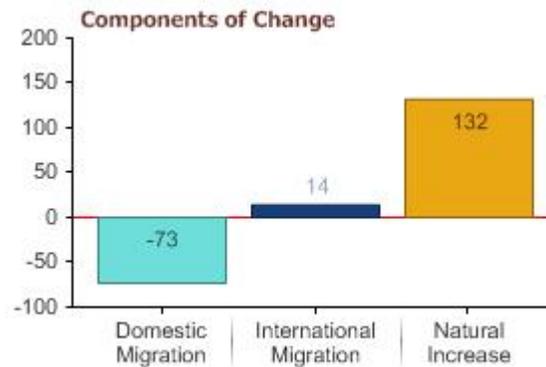
	1990	1998	2003	2008	2013
Total Population	25,948	26,849	27,781	27,716	27,814
Change Since 1990		901	1,833	1,768	1,866
Pct. Change Since 1990		3.5%	7.1%	6.8%	7.2%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2012 to 2013

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-73
International Migration	14
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	132
Births	365
Deaths	233



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool (0 to 4)	1,771	6.4%

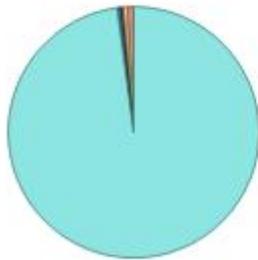
School Age (5 to 17)	4,883	17.6%
College Age (18 to 24)	2,280	8.2%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	6,288	22.7%
Older Adult (45 to 64)	7,894	28.5%
Older (65 plus)	4,536	16.4%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	79	0.3%
Asian Alone	125	0.5%
Black Alone	143	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	6	0.0%
White Alone	27,067	97.7%
Two or More Race Groups	232	0.8%

Population by Race



97.65 %	White
0.52 %	Black
0.29 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.45 %	Asian
0.02 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.84 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	27,010	97.4%
Hispanic or Latino	642	2.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2012

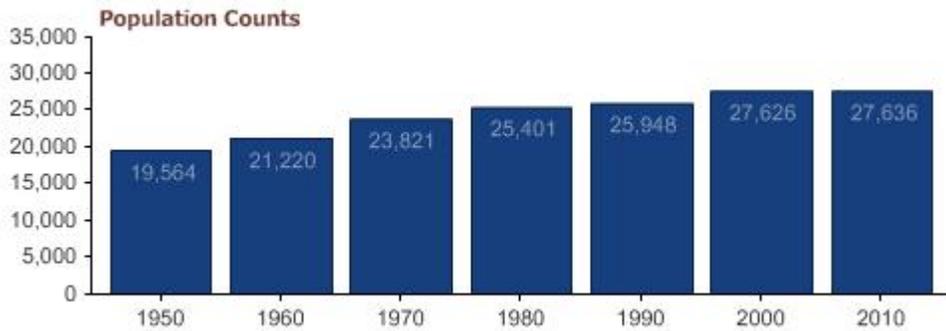
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	10,807	100.0%
Family Households	7,974	73.8%
Married with Children	2,253	20.8%
Married without Children	4,068	37.6%
Single Parents	1,060	9.8%
Other	593	5.5%
Non-family Households	2,833	26.2%
Living Alone	2,603	24.1%
Average Household Size	2.56	
Average Family Household Size	3.48	

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

Population Counts by Decade

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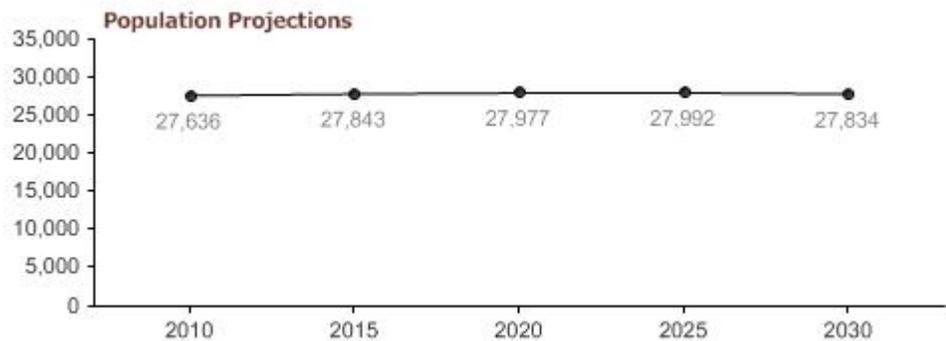
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	19,564	NA	NA
1960	21,220	1,656	8.5%
1970	23,821	2,601	12.3%
1980	25,401	1,580	6.6%
1990	25,948	547	2.2%
April 2000	27,626	1,678	6.5%
April 2010	27,636	10	0.0%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population Projections	27,636	27,843	27,977	27,992	27,834
Change Since 2010		207	341	356	198
Pct. Change Since 2010		0.7%	1.2%	1.3%	0.7%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center.

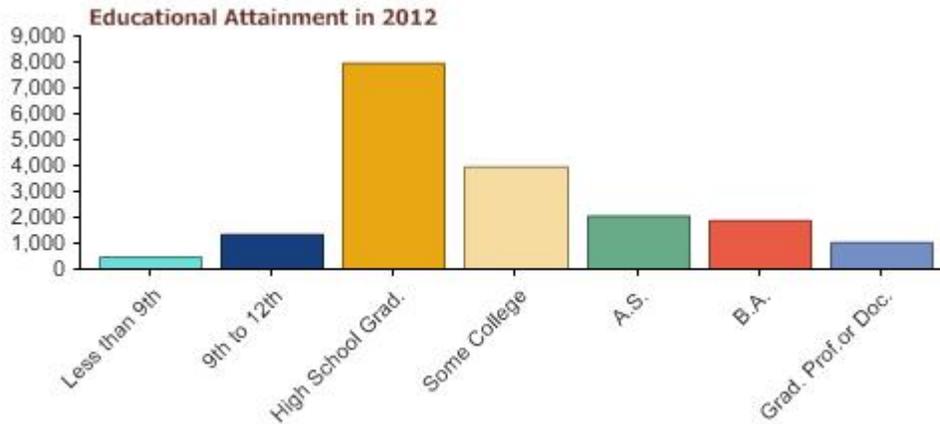
Note: 2010 data are census counts from the U.S. Census Bureau

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	12,812	14,607	16,396	17,767	18,675
Less than 9th Grade	3,171	2,110	1,091	518	472
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,308	2,421	2,352	1,736	1,332
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	5,445	7,098	7,537	8,260	7,959
Some College, No Degree			2,372	3,424	3,949
Associate Degree			1,063	1,293	2,057
Bachelors Degree			1,065	1,740	1,880
Graduate or Professional Degree*			916	796	1,026



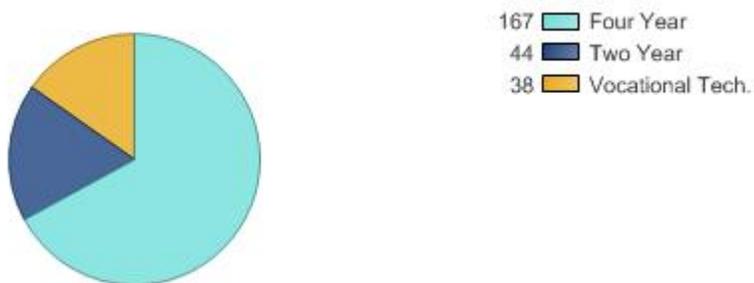
Source: U.S. Census Bureau & American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

*2011 data includes Doctorate Degrees

High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Graduates	356	345	363	365
Total to Higher Education	267	257	289	249
Four-Year Institution	199	180	211	167
Two-Year Institution	31	27	38	44
Vocational/Tech.	37	50	40	38
Military	15	12	9	17

2008 Higher Education Intent

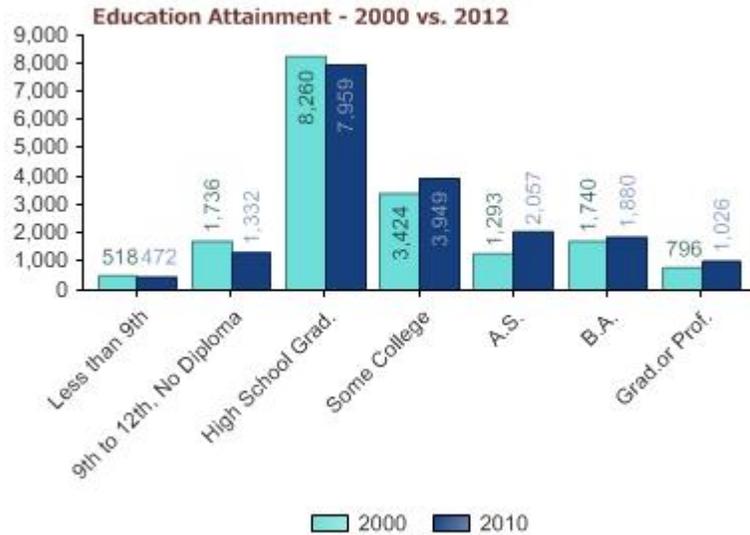


Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 2000 and 2012

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

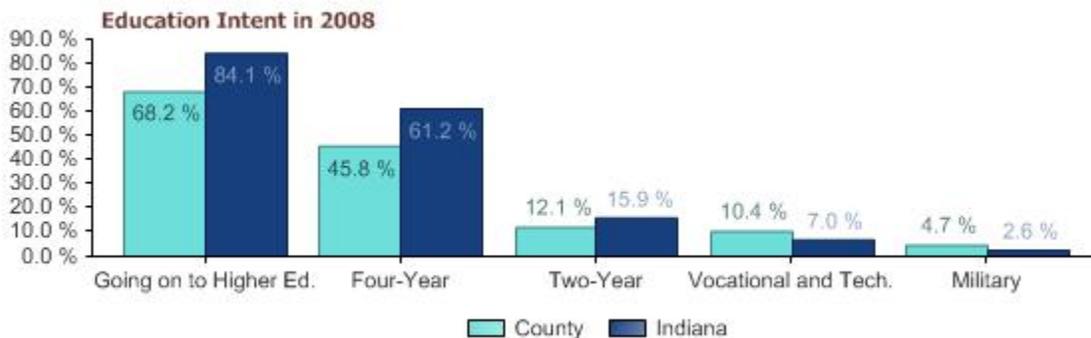
Total Population 25+	17,767	100.0%	18,675	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	518	2.9%	472	2.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,736	9.8%	1,332	7.1%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	8,260	46.5%	7,959	42.6%
Some College, No Degree	3,424	19.3%	3,949	21.1%
Associate's Degree	1,293	7.3%	2,057	11.0%
Bachelor's Degree	1,740	9.8%	1,880	10.1%
Graduate or Professional Degree**	796	4.5%	1,026	5.5%



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	68.2%	84.1%
Four-Year Institution	45.8%	61.2%
Two-Year Institution	12.1%	15.9%
Vocational and Tech.	10.4%	7.0%
Military	4.7%	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.

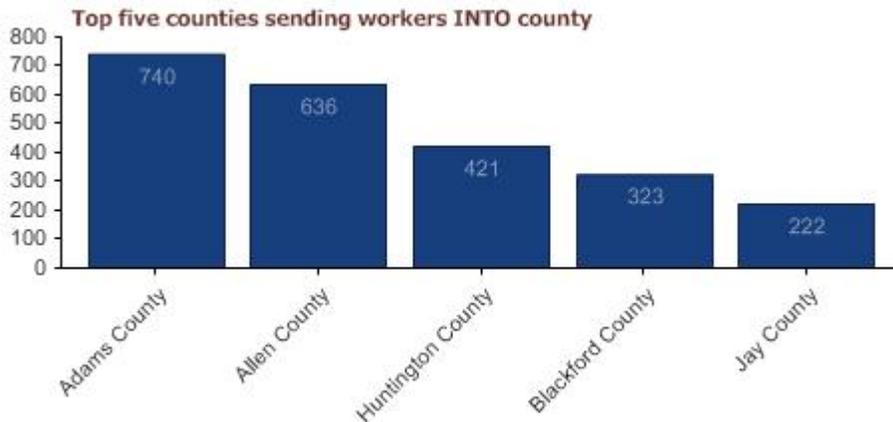
Commuting Data, 2012

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	19,002
Number of tax filers who work in the county	16,914
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	14,192
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	2,722

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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

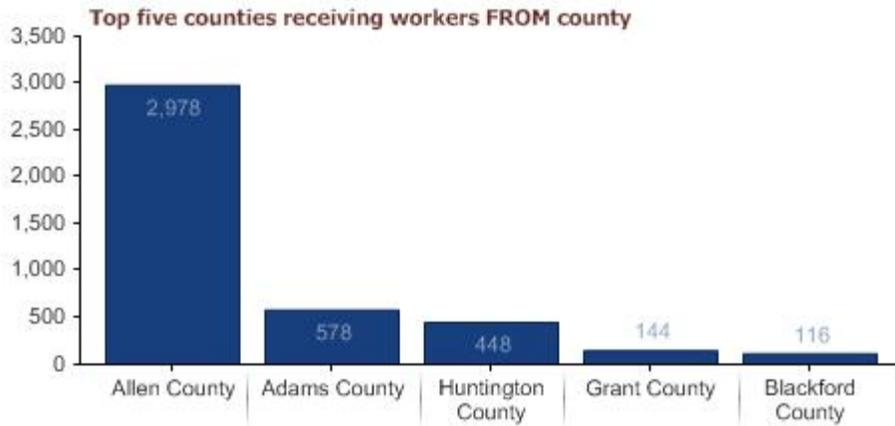
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Adams County	740	31.6%
Allen County	636	27.2%
Huntington County	421	18.0%
Blackford County	323	13.8%
Jay County	222	9.5%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Allen County	2,978	69.8%
Adams County	578	13.6%
Huntington County	448	10.5%
Grant County	144	3.4%
Blackford County	116	2.7%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2012

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	13,082	100.0%
Travel To Work	12,711	97.2%
Car, Truck, or Van	12,178	93.1%
Traveled Alone	11,327	86.6%
Carpooled	851	6.5%
Used Public Transportation	9	0.1%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	524	4.0%
Worked At Home	371	2.8%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	21.7	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)		

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

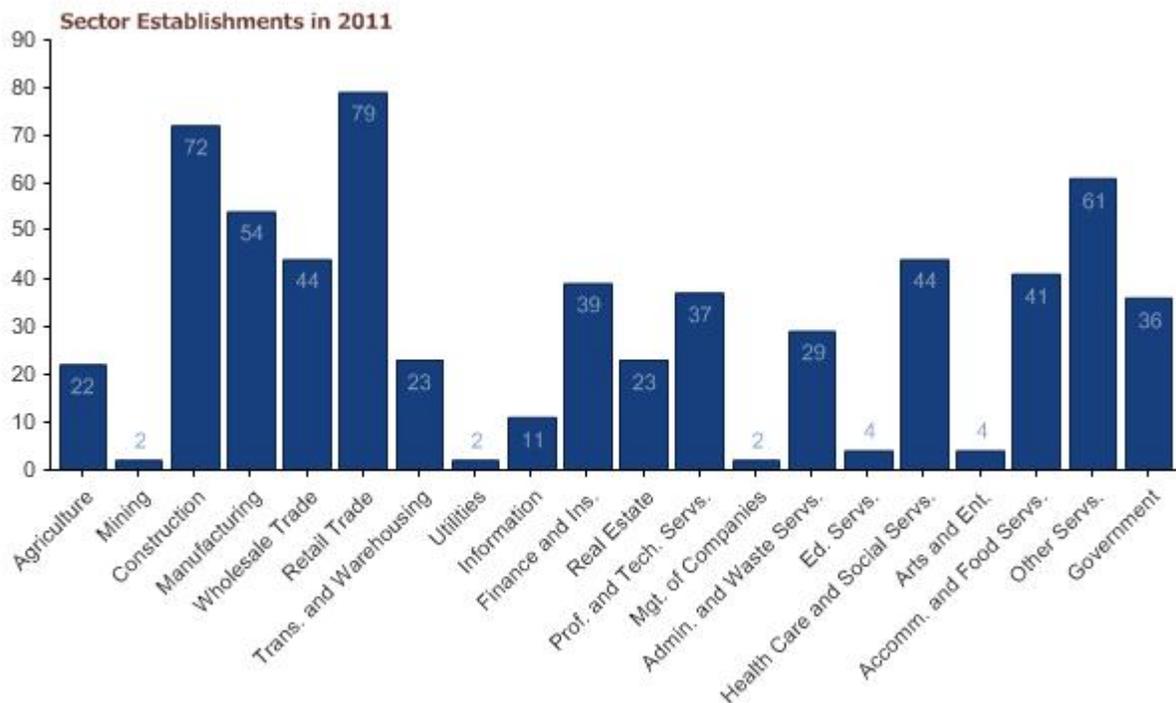
Labor Force

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	13,651	-8.8%
Employed	12,639	-13.5%
Unemployed	1,012	188.3%
Rate	7.4	221.7%

Total Establishments	634	638	631	631	628	-6	-0.95%
Total Private Establishments	596	599	592	593	592	-4	-0.67%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	18	18	21	18	D	4	22.22%
Mining	2	2	D	D	D	0	0.00%
Construction	76	74	73	73	72	-4	-5.26%
Manufacturing	53	53	53	54	54	1	1.89%
Wholesale Trade	51	49	48	49	D	-7	-13.73%
Retail Trade	82	79	78	77	79	-3	-3.66%
Transport. and Warehousing	23	25	26	25	23	0	0.00%
Utilities	2	2	D	D	D	0	0.00%
Information	11	11	10	10	11	0	0.00%
Finance and Insurance	39	38	36	39	39	0	0.00%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	24	23	22	21	23	-1	-4.17%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	32	35	36	37	D	5	15.63%
Mgmt. of Companies	1	2	D	D	D	1	100.00%
Admin. and Waste Services	26	26	29	28	29	3	11.54%
Educational Services	4	4	5	4	4	0	0.00%
Health Care and Social Assistance	43	44	42	43	44	1	2.33%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	6	7	6	4	4	-2	-33.33%
Accommodation and Food Service	38	41	38	41	41	3	7.89%
Other Services	65	68	63	64	61	-4	-6.15%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	38	39	39	38	36	-2	-5.26%



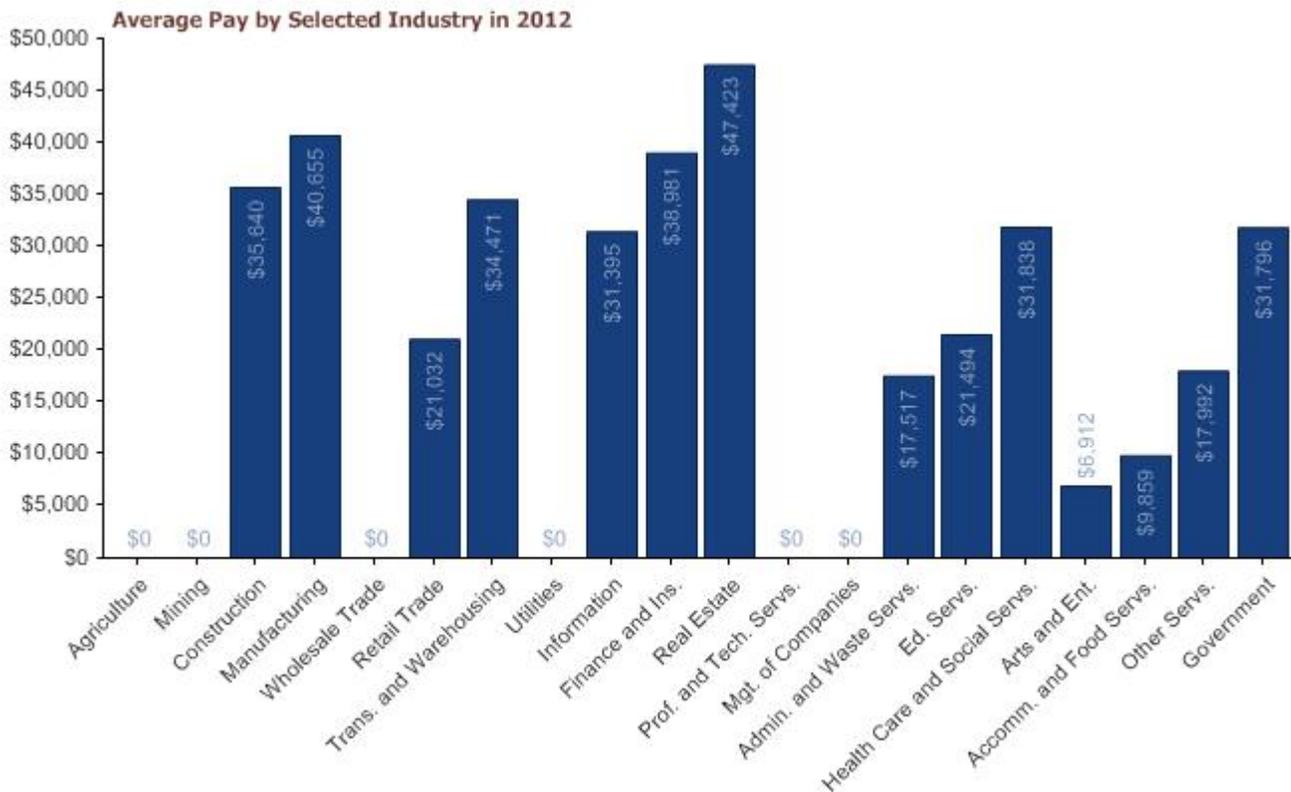
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Earnings and Income

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

	2008	2012	5 Year	5 Year % Change	Indiana 2012	% of State
All Industries	\$31,006	\$35,059	\$4,053	13.1%	\$41,240	85.0%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$26,840	D	-\$26,840	-100.0%	\$32,336	0.0%
Mining		D	N/A	N/A	\$64,335	0.0%
Construction	\$34,903	\$35,640	\$737	2.1%	\$54,083	65.9%
Manufacturing	\$40,893	\$40,655	-\$238	-0.6%	\$56,312	72.2%
Wholesale Trade	\$48,353	D	-\$48,353	-100.0%	\$56,978	0.0%
Retail Trade	\$19,505	\$21,032	\$1,527	7.8%	\$24,322	86.5%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$30,597	\$34,471	\$3,874	12.7%	\$40,187	85.8%
Utilities		D	N/A	N/A	\$81,714	0.0%
Information	\$31,284	\$31,395	\$110	0.4%	\$52,519	59.8%
Finance & Insurance	\$34,024	\$38,981	\$4,957	14.6%	\$59,913	65.1%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$35,743	\$47,423	\$11,680	32.7%	\$36,768	129.0%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$35,528	D	-\$35,528	-100.0%	\$58,827	0.0%
Mgt.of Companies		D	N/A	N/A	\$83,538	0.0%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$19,599	\$17,517	-\$2,082	-10.6%	\$27,508	63.7%
Education Svcs.	\$21,692	\$21,494	-\$197	-0.9%	\$35,388	60.7%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$31,256	\$31,838	\$582	1.9%	\$42,076	75.7%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$9,915	\$6,912	-\$3,003	-30.3%	\$29,368	23.5%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,501	\$9,859	\$1,358	16.0%	\$13,955	70.6%
Other Svcs.	\$20,153	\$17,992	-\$2,161	-10.7%	\$27,569	65.3%
Fed.l, State & Local Govt.	\$30,874	\$31,796	\$922	3.0%	\$40,520	78.5%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

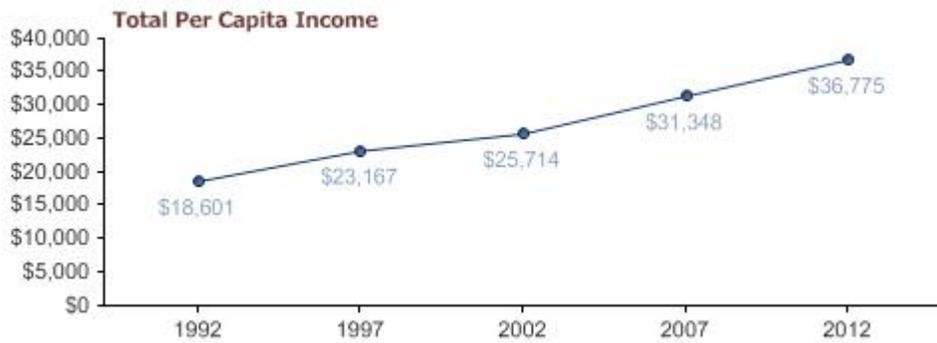
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
Avg. Compensation per Job	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Change Since 2007		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pct. Change Since 2007		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

No Data

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012
Total Per Capita Income	\$18,601	\$23,167	\$25,714	\$31,348	\$36,775
Change Since 1991		\$4,566	\$7,113	\$12,747	\$18,174
Pct. Change Since 1991		24.5%	38.2%	68.5%	97.7%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2012 (ACS)	\$58,652
Median household income in 2012 (ACS)	\$49,841
Average Wage Per Job in 2012 (BLS)	\$35,060
Wage Growth since 2000 (BLS)	34.0%

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

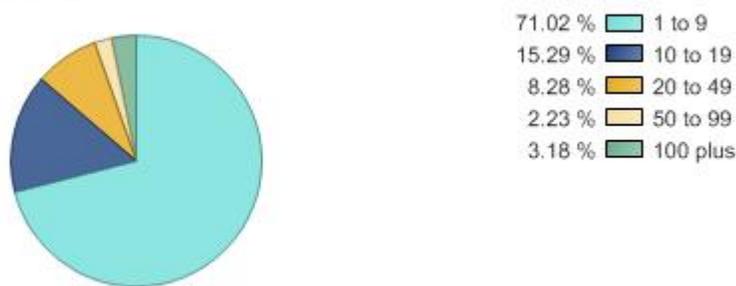
Firms and Employment by Size

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	446	-29	-6.1%	71.0%
10-19 employees	96	9	10.3%	15.3%
20-49 employees	52	-2	-3.7%	8.3%
50-99 employees	14	3	27.3%	2.2%
100 plus employees	20	2	11.1%	3.2%
TOTAL	628	-17	-2.6%	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	628	339	107	96	52	14	20
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	4	3	0	0	1	0	0
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Construction	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	65	50	4	8	3	0	0
Wholesale Trade	56	22	3	7	10	6	8
Retail Trade	33	17	7	4	3	1	1
Transportation and Warehousing	86	36	25	14	7	2	2
Utilities	23	12	1	4	4	0	2
Information	6	3	0	3	0	0	0
Finance and Insurance	40	27	6	6	1	0	0
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	24	20	3	1	0	0	0
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	40	21	10	6	3	0	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt. Remediation Svcs.	30	23	1	2	3	0	1
Educational Services	6	3	1	2	0	0	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	55	22	12	10	3	3	5
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6	4	1	0	1	0	0
Accommodation and Food Services	43	12	6	14	9	2	0
Other Services (except Public Administration)	103	61	24	14	4	0	0
Unclassified	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Source: U.S. Census Bureau