



Welcome to Benton County Highlights

2005 Edition

This publication is provided annually for each of Indiana's 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each publication includes a variety of demographic information: population, education, commuting patterns, labor force estimates, firms and employment by industry, industry wages, and firms and employment by size.

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Region 4: Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren and WhiteCounties

SUMMARY OF BENTON COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS



The county population estimate for 2004 was 9,139, down 3 percent from the 2000 Census total. During this same time period, Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569 was up by 2.6 percent.

According to the 2000 Census, 5,312 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. This number represented 86.3 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population, 801 or 13 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2003, of the 138 persons graduating high school that year, 123 or 89.1 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 663 workers or 14.7 percent of the workforce commuted into Benton County in 2003. Tippecanoe County sent the most workers into the county. Conversely, 2,155 or 36 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of the county. Tippecanoe County received the most workers from Benton County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 5.3 percent, above Indiana's annual average of 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 4,570. Of that labor force, 4,325 were employed and 245 were unemployed.

For the year 2004, there were 2,417 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was Federal, State & Local government with 28.2 percent of the total industry employment. The Trade, Transportation & Utilities industry was second at 26.1 percent.

The industry showing the most growth in jobs over the three year period (since 2001) was Construction, increasing 19 jobs or 34.5 percent above 2001. 11.1 percent of employers in the county employed 20 or more workers and those represented 61.3 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$25,519 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The county average wage was an increase of 10.5 percent over the 2001 county industry average wage. 2 of Benton County's North American Industry Classification System sectors had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's Natural Resources & Mining industry had the highest average earnings at \$35,524 per year, with Wholesale Trade second at \$34,379, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was Leisure & Hospitality Services at \$7,951. The same industries statewide paid an average \$34,117, \$46,107, and \$13,875 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

BENTON COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

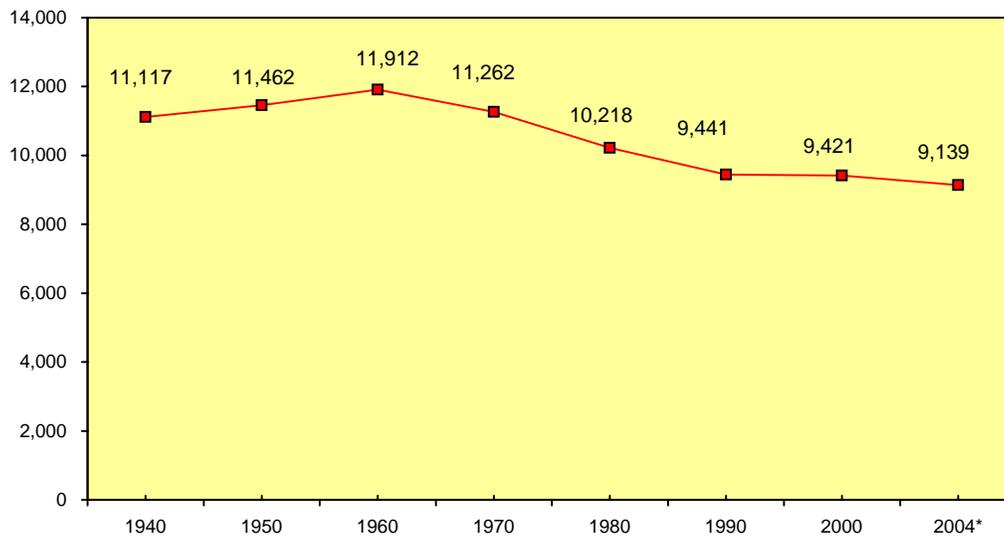
COUNTY & Cities/Towns	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2004 POPULATION ESTIMATES	NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004
BENTON CO	9,441	9,421	9,139	(282)	-3.0%
<i>AMBIA</i>	<i>249</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>(8)</i>	<i>-4.1%</i>
<i>BOSWELL</i>	<i>767</i>	<i>827</i>	<i>794</i>	<i>(33)</i>	<i>-4.0%</i>
<i>EARL PARK</i>	<i>443</i>	<i>485</i>	<i>462</i>	<i>(23)</i>	<i>-4.7%</i>
<i>FOWLER</i>	<i>2,333</i>	<i>2,415</i>	<i>2,305</i>	<i>(110)</i>	<i>-4.6%</i>
<i>OXFORD</i>	<i>1,273</i>	<i>1,271</i>	<i>1,223</i>	<i>(48)</i>	<i>-3.8%</i>

BENTON COUNTY POPULATION

YEAR	POPULATION	NUMERICAL CHANGE	% CHANGE
1940	11,117	11,117	N/A
1950	11,462	345	3.1%
1960	11,912	450	3.9%
1970	11,262	(650)	-5.5%
1980	10,218	(1,044)	-9.3%
1990	9,441	(777)	-7.6%
2000	9,421	(20)	-0.2%
2004*	9,139	(282)	-3.0%

* population estimate

BENTON COUNTY POPULATION



Source: STATS IN, U.S. Census Bureau, 1940-2000 Census and 2004 Population Estimates

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

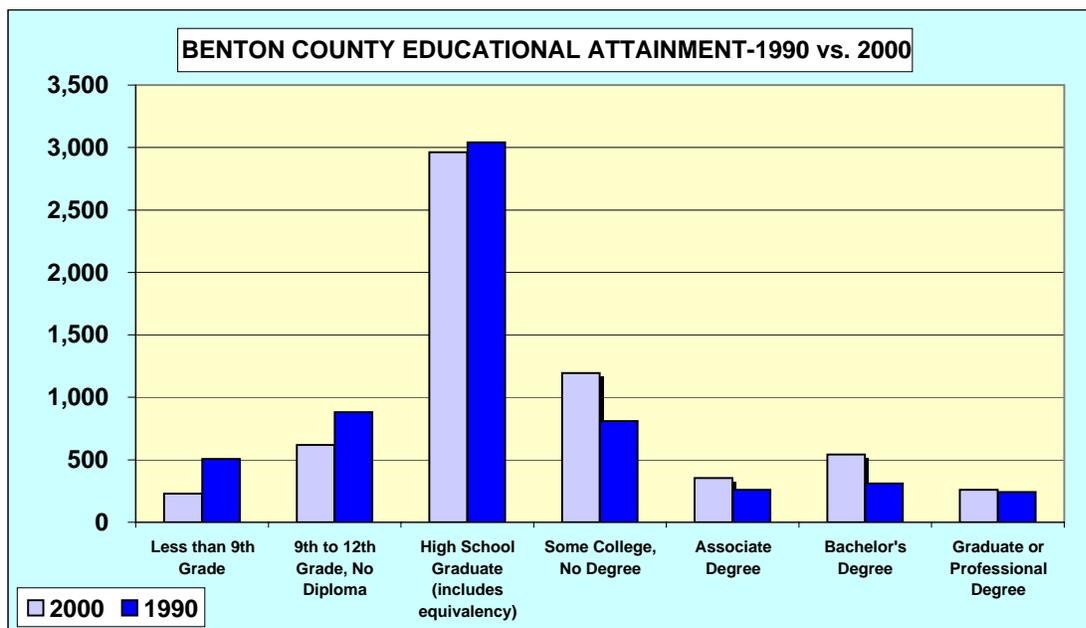
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2003 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATION INTENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Graduates	138	100.0%
Total to Higher Education	123	89.1%
Four-Year Institution	83	60.1%
Two-Year Institution	13	9.4%
Vocation/Tech. Institution	27	19.6%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION LEVEL	1990	% IN 1990	2000	% IN 2000
Less than 9th Grade	506	8.4%	228	3.7%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	881	14.6%	618	10.0%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	3,041	50.2%	2,963	48.1%
Some College, No Degree	810	13.4%	1,194	19.4%
Associate Degree	261	4.3%	354	5.7%
Bachelor's Degree	311	5.1%	542	8.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	243	4.0%	259	4.2%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	6,053	100%	6,158	100%



Sources: Indiana Dept. of Education, Stats Indiana and U.S. Census Bureau.

COMMUTING PATTERNS

BENTON COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS

Number of persons who live in Benton County and work (labor force)	5,989
Number of persons who live in Benton County and work in the county	3,834
Number of persons who live out of and work in Benton County	663
Total number of persons who work in Benton County (work force)	4,497

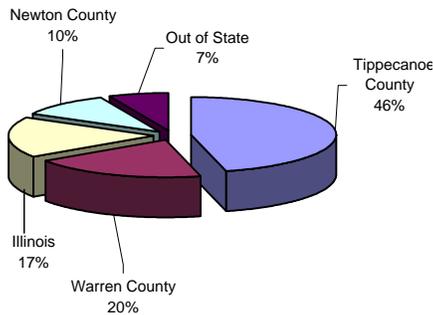
Top five counties sending workers INTO Benton County:

Tippecanoe County	243	
Warren County	103	
Illinois	91	
Newton County	55	
Out of State	35	
Total of above	527	equals 11.7% of work force

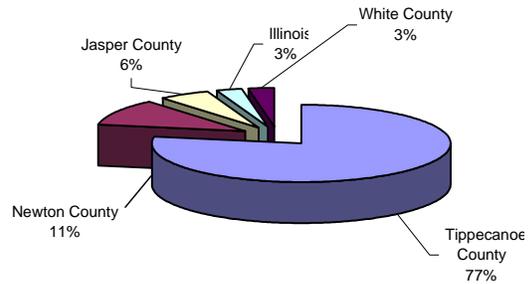
Top five counties receiving workers FROM Benton County:

Tippecanoe County	1,506	
Newton County	212	
Jasper County	107	
Illinois	55	
White County	54	
Total of above	1,934	equals 32.3% of labor force

Top five counties sending workers INTO Benton County:

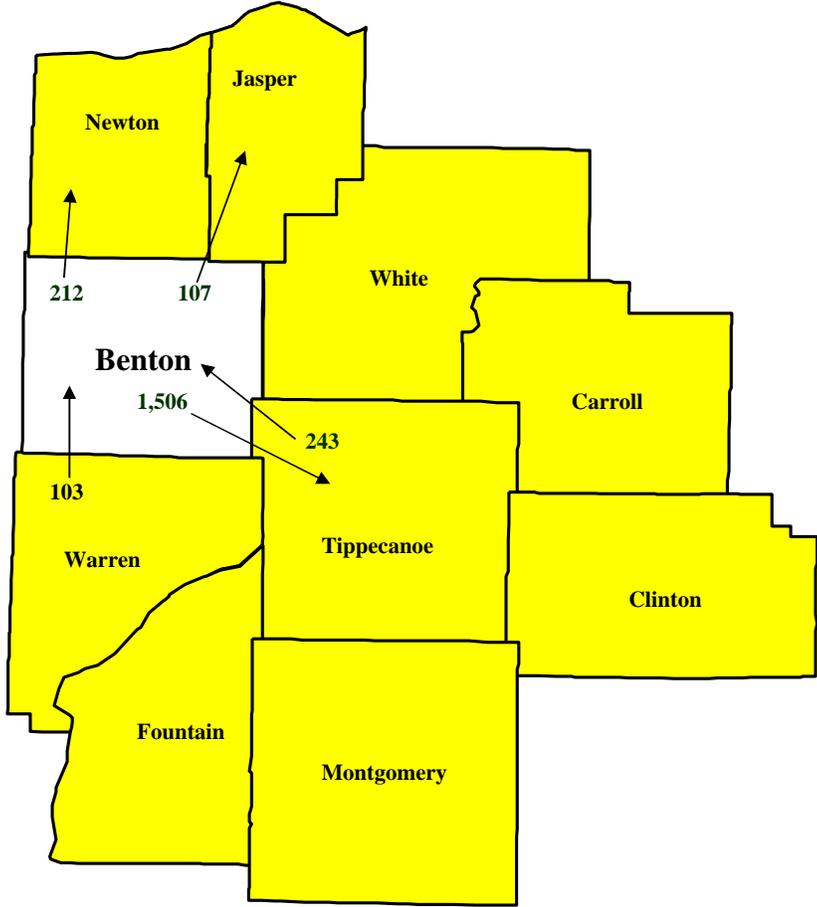


Top five counties receiving workers FROM Benton County:



COMMUTING PATTERNS MAP

Benton County



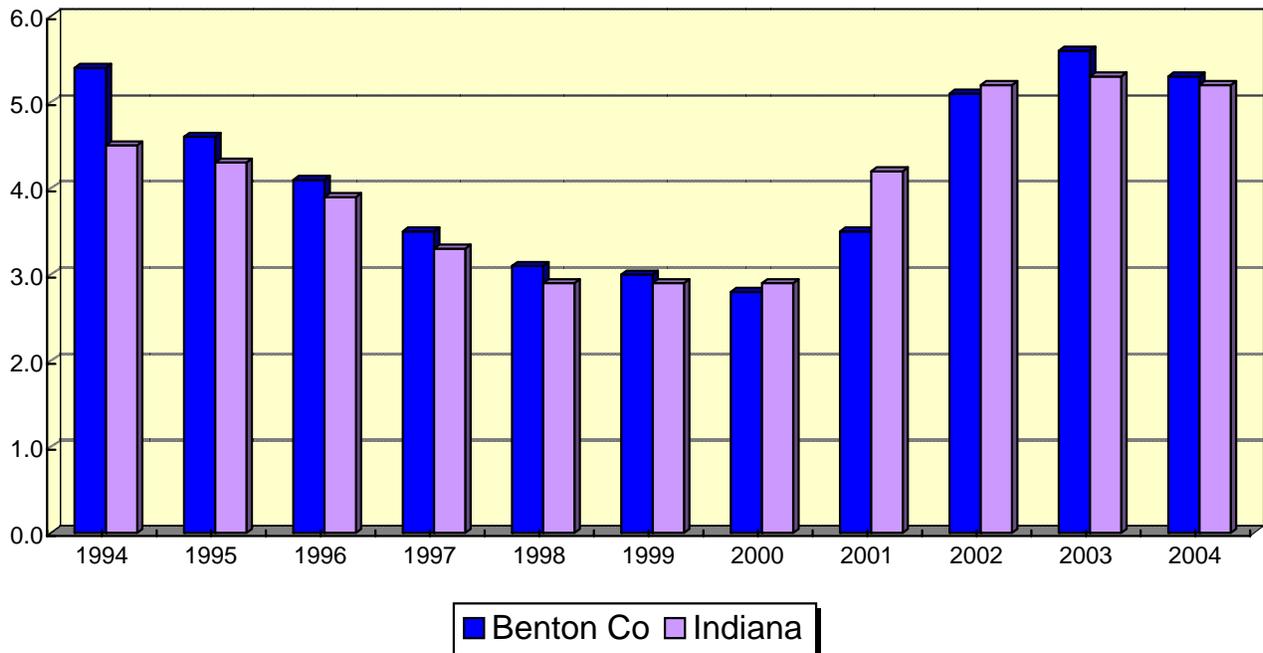
Counts of under 100 are not included. Noncontiguous out of state counts not included.
Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue--Baased on IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003.
Report generated by: Stats Indiana on Jan. 26, 2005.

LABOR FORCE INFORMATION

BENTON COUNTY LABOR FORCE (1994 - 2004)

YEAR	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Benton Co RATE	Indiana RATE
1994	5,275	4,990	285	5.4	4.5
1995	5,375	5,130	245	4.6	4.3
1996	5,260	5,045	215	4.1	3.9
1997	5,155	4,975	180	3.5	3.3
1998	5,070	4,910	160	3.1	2.9
1999	5,485	5,325	160	3.0	2.9
2000	4,850	4,715	135	2.8	2.9
2001	4,815	4,650	165	3.5	4.2
2002	4,825	4,580	245	5.1	5.2
2003	4,565	4,310	255	5.6	5.3
2004	4,570	4,325	245	5.3	5.2

**AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Benton County vs. Indiana 1994-2004**



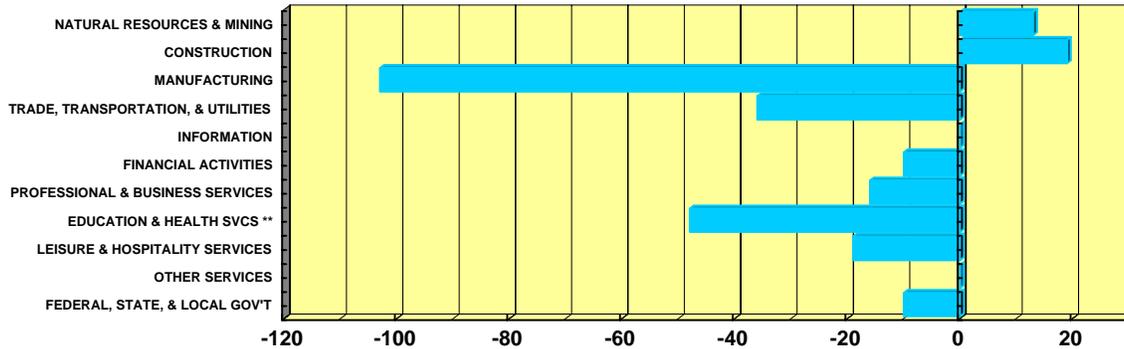
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Reflects new modeling approach and re-estimation as of March 2005.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

BENTON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	2004 NO. OF FIRMS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT				NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **	238	2,641	2,512	2,502	2,417	-224	-8.5%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	10	56	47	49	69	13	23.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	10	56	47	49	69	13	23.2%
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	25	55	58	69	74	19	34.5%
MANUFACTURING	18	630	494	531	527	-103	-16.3%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	77	667	654	651	631	-36	-5.4%
Wholesale Trade	23	276	285	284	275	-1	-0.4%
Retail Trade	33	302	280	274	258	-44	-14.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	22	89	90	94	98	9	10.1%
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
INFORMATION		Confidential					
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	15	137	130	129	127	-10	-7.3%
Finance & Insurance		Confidential					
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing		Confidential					
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	16	59	56	63	43	-16	-27.1%
Professional & Technical Services	9	20	20	14	13	-7	-35.0%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Administrative & Waste Services	7	39	36	49	31	-8	-20.5%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	18	544	570	554	496	-48	-8.8%
Educational Services **		Confidential					
Health Care & Social Assistance **		Confidential					
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	16	115	112	108	96	-19	-16.5%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation		Confidential					
Accommodation & Food Services		Confidential					
OTHER SERVICES		Confidential					
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33	691	676	677	681	-10	-1.4%

**Change in Benton County Industry Employment
2001 To 2004**



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry. Confidential = Data suppressed due to confidentiality restrictions.

Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

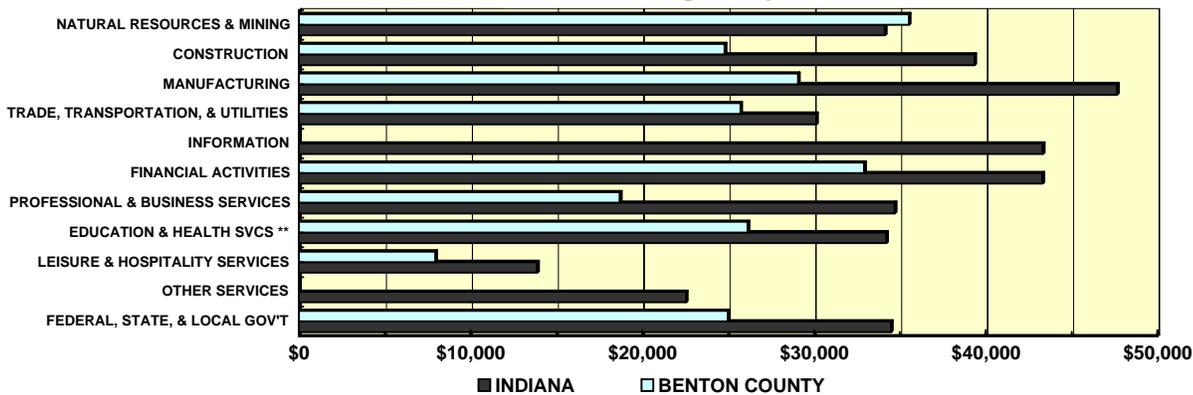
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

INDUSTRY EARNINGS

BENTON COUNTY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	BENTON COUNTY						INDIANA		2004
	2001 WAGES	2002 WAGES	2003 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004		2004 WAGES	% DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA	
					DOLLARS	PERCENT			
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$23,102	\$23,776	\$24,143	\$25,519	\$2,417	10.5%	\$34,693	-35.9%	
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$36,298	\$33,675	\$34,491	\$35,524	-\$774	-2.1%	\$34,117	4.0%	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$36,298	\$33,675	\$34,491	\$35,524	-\$774	-2.1%	\$25,490	28.2%	
Mining	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$49,836	0.0%	
CONSTRUCTION	\$23,459	\$24,255	\$22,365	\$24,791	\$1,332	5.7%	\$39,343	-58.7%	
MANUFACTURING	\$24,744	\$27,166	\$27,421	\$29,070	\$4,326	17.5%	\$47,638	-63.9%	
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$23,222	\$24,531	\$24,754	\$25,712	\$2,490	10.7%	\$30,126	-17.2%	
Wholesale Trade	\$31,443	\$32,914	\$33,146	\$34,379	\$2,936	9.3%	\$46,107	-34.1%	
Retail Trade	\$15,561	\$15,743	\$15,929	\$15,260	-\$301	-1.9%	\$21,445	-40.5%	
Transportation & Warehousing	\$23,693	\$25,343	\$25,128	\$28,855	\$5,162	21.8%	\$35,135	-21.8%	
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$62,844	0.0%	
INFORMATION		Confidential					\$43,315		
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$26,681	\$25,698	\$26,739	\$32,921	\$6,240	23.4%	\$43,304	-31.5%	
Finance & Insurance		Confidential					\$48,404		
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing		Confidential					\$28,852		
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$15,768	\$15,553	\$19,479	\$18,691	\$2,923	18.5%	\$34,701	-85.7%	
Professional & Technical Services	\$16,392	\$16,142	\$26,022	\$26,775	\$10,383	63.3%	\$45,324	-69.3%	
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$66,811	0.0%	
Administrative & Waste Services	\$15,441	\$15,219	\$17,568	\$15,413	-\$28	-0.2%	\$22,727	-47.5%	
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$24,902	\$24,752	\$25,339	\$26,126	\$1,224	4.9%	\$34,206	-30.9%	
Educational Services **		Confidential					\$33,107		
Health Care & Social Assistance **		Confidential					\$34,965		
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$7,012	\$6,943	\$7,150	\$7,951	\$939	13.4%	\$13,875	-74.5%	
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation		Confidential					\$25,802		
Accommodation & Food Services		Confidential					\$11,574		
OTHER SERVICES		Confidential					\$22,543		
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$23,884	\$24,625	\$24,906	\$24,978	\$1,094	4.6%	\$34,484	-38.1%	

**Benton County and State of Indiana
2004 Earnings Comparison**



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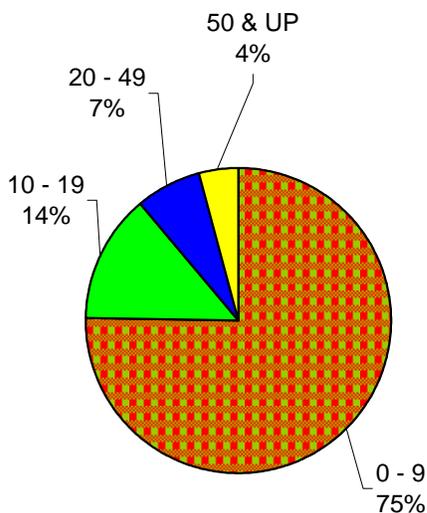
FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

BENTON COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

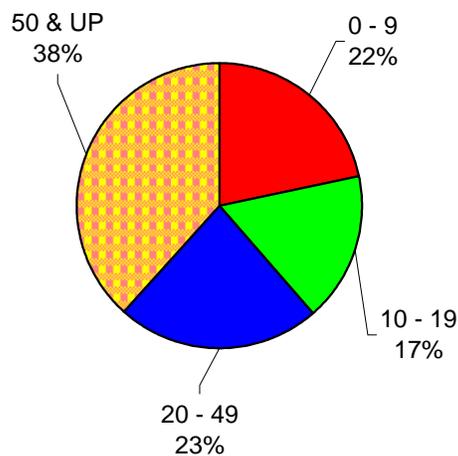
UNIT SIZE (Number Employed)	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE MARCH 2004
0 - 9	183	515
10 - 19	33	409
20 - 49	17	551
50 & UP	10	912
TOTAL	243	2,387

Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

BUSINESS UNITS by SIZE
1st Quarter 2004



EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE
March 2004





NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM TECHNICAL NOTES

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

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The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

Note: For more information on the North American Industry Classification System, you may refer to the U.S. Census Bureau page on NAICS at <http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html>

Economic Growth Regions

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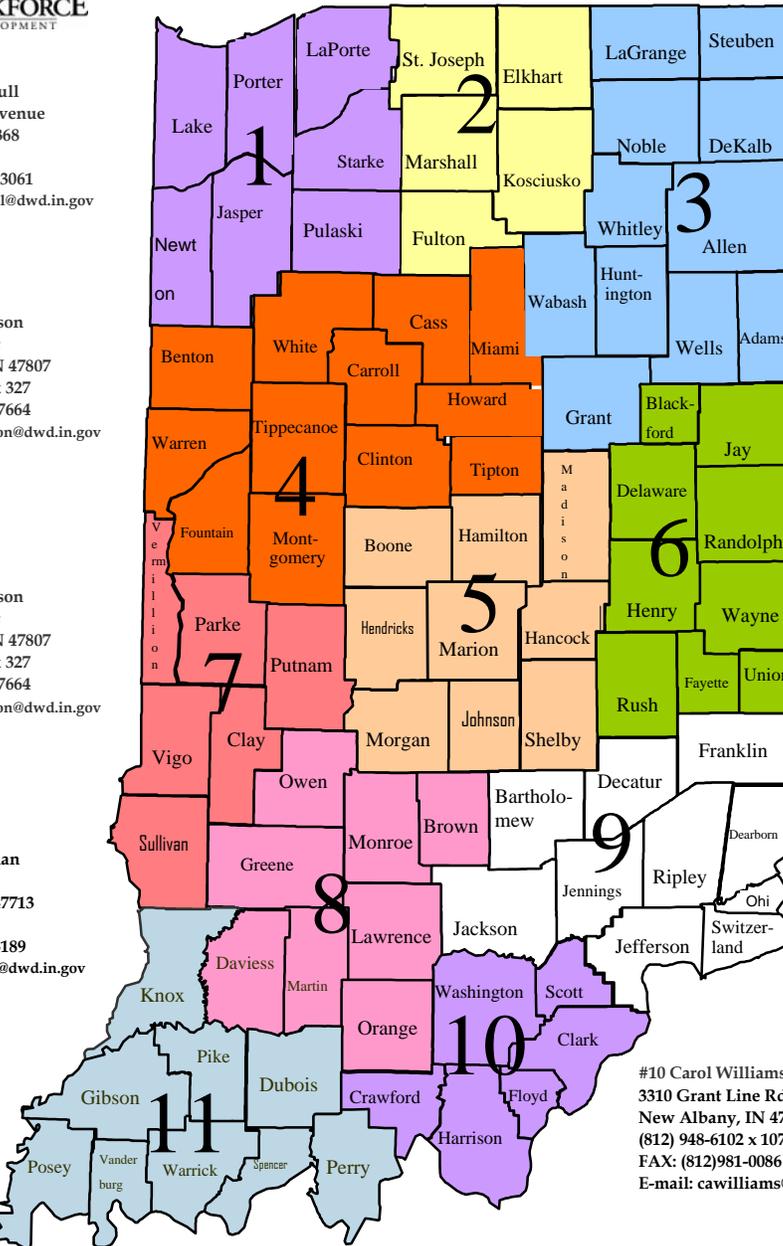
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