



Welcome to Fountain 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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SUMMARY OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS



The county population estimate for 2004 was 17,671, down 1.6 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, 9,609 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. This number represented 80.7 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population, 1,198 or 10.1 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2003, of the 201 persons graduating high school that year, 162 or 80.6 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 1,589 workers or 16.8 percent of the workforce commuted into Fountain County in 2003. Warren County sent the most workers into the county. Conversely, 3,950 or 33.3 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of the county. Montgomery County received the most workers from Fountain County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 5.7 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 8,490. Of that labor force, 8,010 were employed and 480 were unemployed.

For the year 2004, there were 5,364 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was Manufacturing with 41.6 percent of the total industry employment. The Federal, State & Local Government industry was second at 16.3 percent.

The industry showing the most growth in jobs over the three year period (since 2001) was Leisure & Hospitality, increasing 68 jobs or 18.1 percent above 2001. 12.4 percent of employers in the county employed 20 or more workers and those represented 73.4 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$26,907 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The county average wage was an increase of 6.5 percent over the 2001 county industry average wage. None of Fountain County's North American Industry Classification System sectors had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's Information industry had the highest average earnings at \$36,073 per year, with Manufacturing second at \$35,101, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was Accommodation & Food Services at \$8,247. The same industries statewide paid an average \$43,315, \$47,638, and \$11,574 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

FOUNTAIN COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

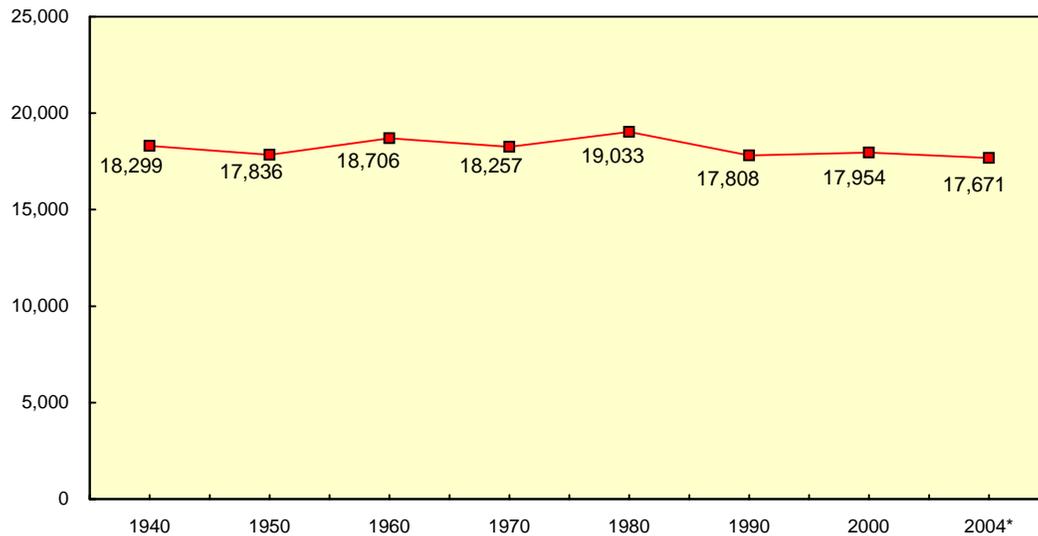
COUNTY & Cities/Towns	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2004 POPULATION ESTIMATES	NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004
FOUNTAIN CO	17,808	17,954	17,671	(283)	-1.6%
ATTICA	3,457	3,491	3,441	(50)	-1.4%
COVINGTON	2,747	2,565	2,500	(65)	-2.5%
HILLSBORO	499	489	483	(6)	-1.2%
KINGMAN	561	538	537	(1)	-0.2%
MELLOT	222	207	212	5	2.4%
NEWTOWN	243	162	161	(1)	-0.6%
VEEDERSBURG	2,192	2,299	2,259	(40)	-1.7%
WALLACE	89	100	99	(1)	-1.0%

FOUNTAIN COUNTY POPULATION

YEAR	POPULATION	NUMERICAL CHANGE	% CHANGE
1940	18,299	18,299	N/A
1950	17,836	(463)	-2.5%
1960	18,706	870	4.9%
1970	18,257	(449)	-2.4%
1980	19,033	776	4.3%
1990	17,808	(1,225)	-6.4%
2000	17,954	146	0.8%
2004*	17,671	(283)	-1.6%

* population estimate

FOUNTAIN COUNTY POPULATION



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

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

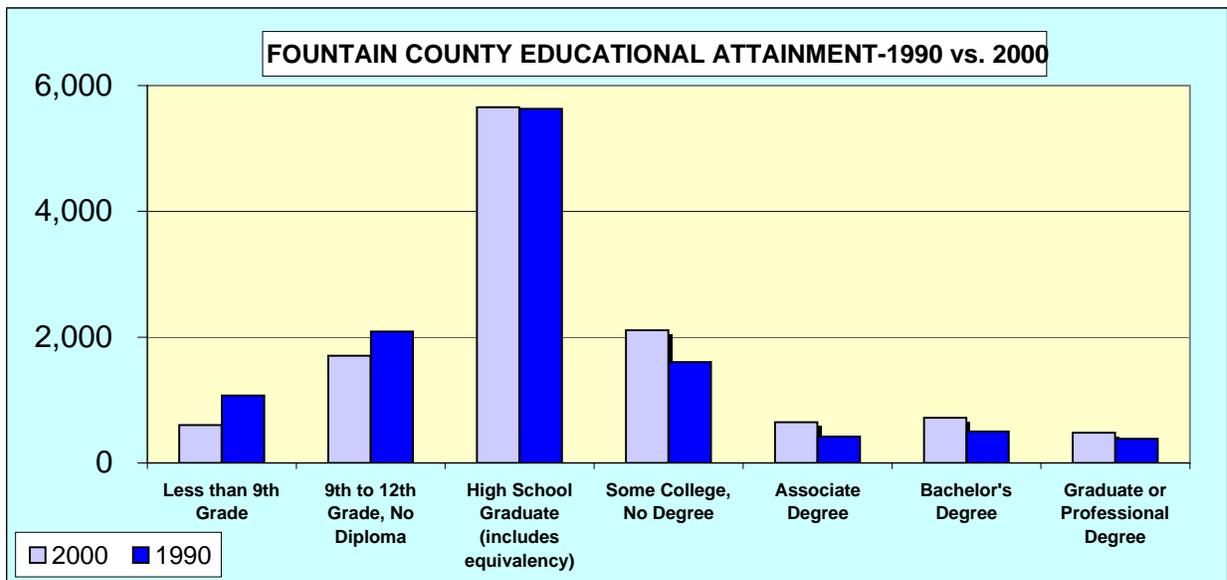
FOUNTAIN COUNTY

2003 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATION INTENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Graduates	201	100.0%
Total to Higher Education	162	80.6%
Four-Year Institution	82	40.8%
Two-Year Institution	43	21.4%
Vocation/Tech. Institution	37	18.4%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION LEVEL	1990	% IN 1990	2000	% IN 2000
Less than 9th Grade	1,075	9.2%	602	5.1%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,088	17.8%	1,703	14.3%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	5,629	48.1%	5,656	47.5%
Some College, No Degree	1,604	13.7%	2,109	17.7%
Associate Degree	420	3.6%	646	5.4%
Bachelor's Degree	499	4.3%	718	6.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	385	3.3%	480	4.0%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	11,700	100%	11,914	100%



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

COMMUTING PATTERNS

FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS

Number of persons who live in Fountain County and work (labor force)	11,847
Number of persons who live in Fountain County and work in the county	7,897
Number of persons who live out of and work in Fountain County	1,589
Total number of persons who work in Fountain County (work force)	9,486

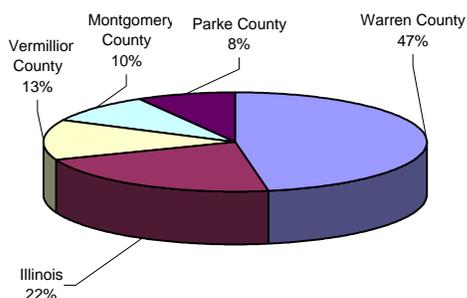
Top five counties sending workers INTO Fountain County:

Warren County	659	
Illinois	302	
Vermillion County	183	
Montgomery County	133	
Parke County	115	
Total of above	1,392	equals 14.7% of work force

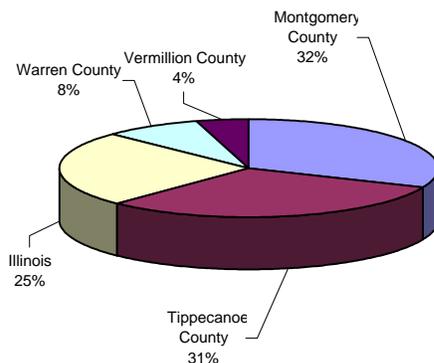
Top five counties receiving workers FROM Fountain County:

Montgomery County	1,073	
Tippecanoe County	1,056	
Illinois	865	
Warren County	283	
Vermillion County	151	
Total of above	3,428	equals 28.9% of labor force

Top five counties sending workers **INTO** Fountain County:



Top five counties receiving workers **FROM** Fountain County:

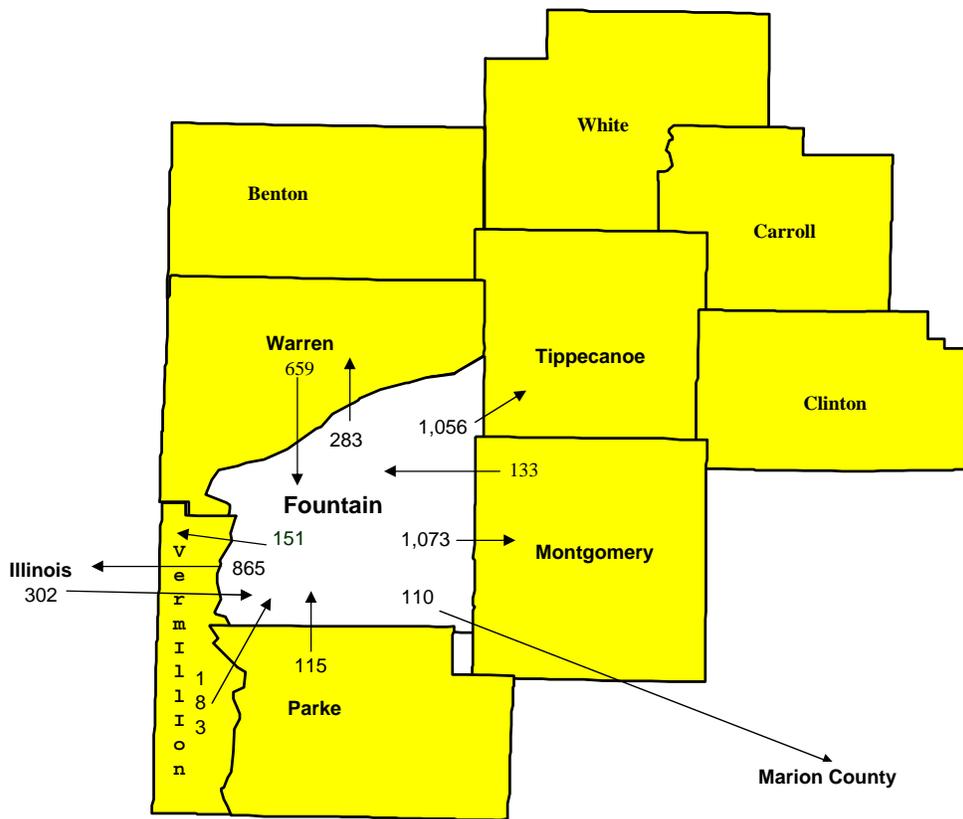


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-- Based on IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003

COMMUTING PATTERNS MAP

Fountain County



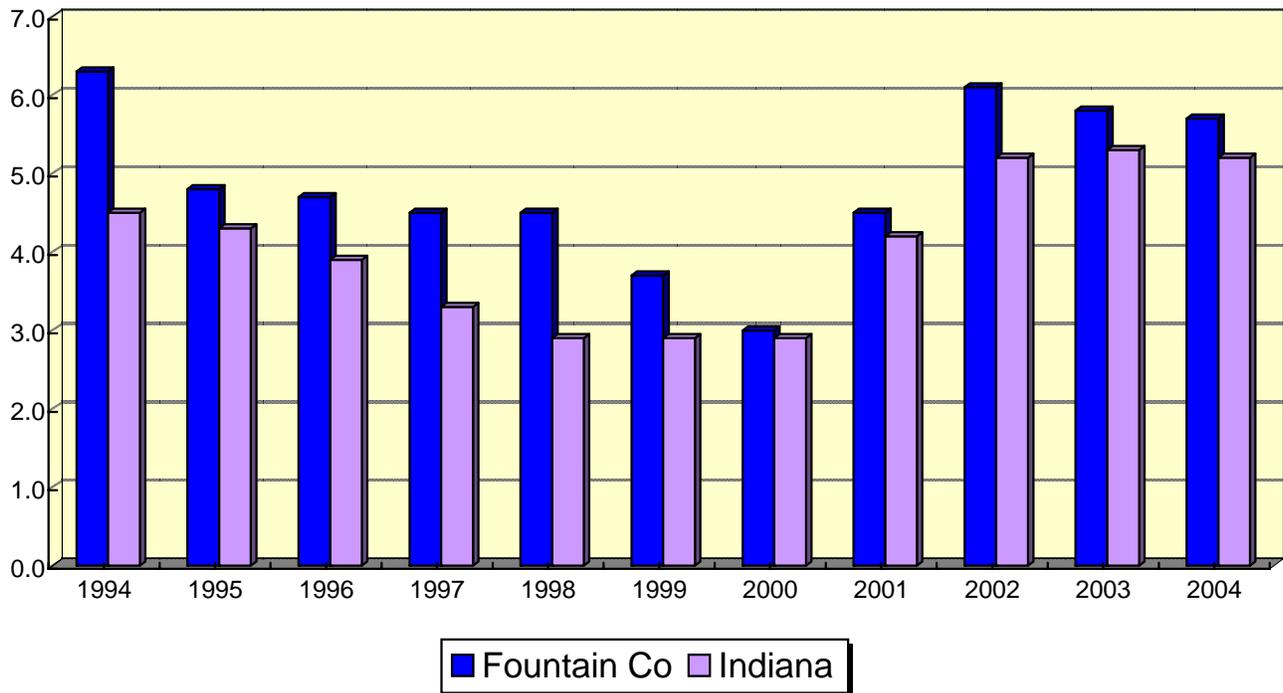
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LABOR FORCE INFORMATION

FOUNTAIN COUNTY LABOR FORCE (1994 - 2004)

YEAR	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Fountain Co RATE	Indiana RATE
1994	8,790	8,235	555	6.3	4.5
1995	8,750	8,325	425	4.8	4.3
1996	8,855	8,445	410	4.7	3.9
1997	8,745	8,355	390	4.5	3.3
1998	8,790	8,395	395	4.5	2.9
1999	8,785	8,460	325	3.7	2.9
2000	8,695	8,440	255	3.0	2.9
2001	8,630	8,245	385	4.5	4.2
2002	8,470	7,955	515	6.1	5.2
2003	8,385	7,900	485	5.8	5.3
2004	8,490	8,010	480	5.7	5.2

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

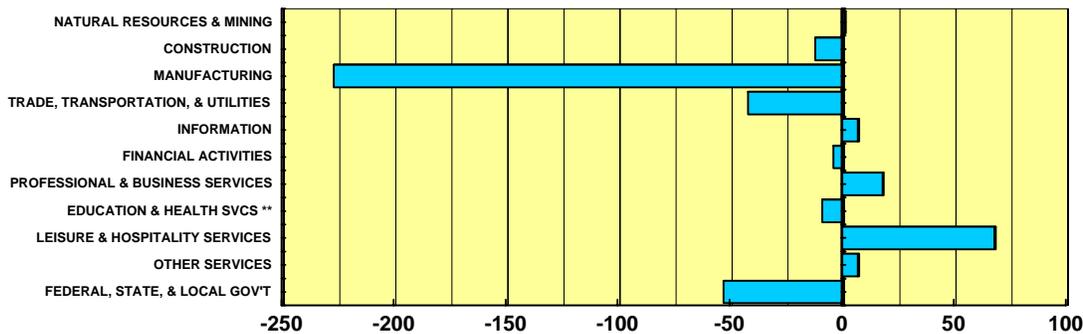


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

FOUNTAIN 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 **	365	5,573	5,290	5,241	5,364	-209	-3.8%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	6	52	64	62	53	1	1.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	6	52	64	62	53	1	1.9%
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	42	128	122	109	116	-12	-9.4%
MANUFACTURING	19	2,459	2,119	2,059	2,232	-227	-9.2%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	110	856	894	892	814	-42	-4.9%
Wholesale Trade	20	113	101	99	90	-23	-20.4%
Retail Trade	64	661	708	716	642	-19	-2.9%
Transportation & Warehousing			Confidential				
Utilities			Confidential				
INFORMATION	8	35	31	35	42	7	20.0%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	29	204	197	203	200	-4	-2.0%
Finance & Insurance	22	176	173	176	175	-1	-0.6%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	7	27	25	26	25	-2	-7.4%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	22	98	106	109	116	18	18.4%
Professional & Technical Services	16	77	81	87	93	16	20.8%
Management of Companies & Enterprises			Confidential				
Administrative & Waste Services			Confidential				
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	28	867	855	866	858	-9	-1.0%
Educational Services **	8	513	493	509	492	-21	-4.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	20	354	363	357	365	11	3.1%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	42	376	387	393	444	68	18.1%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10	21	25	49	60	39	185.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	32	354	362	344	385	31	8.8%
OTHER SERVICES	31	86	99	107	93	7	8.1%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35	925	902	897	872	-53	-5.7%

**Change in Fountain County Industry Employment
2001 To 2003**



* 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.

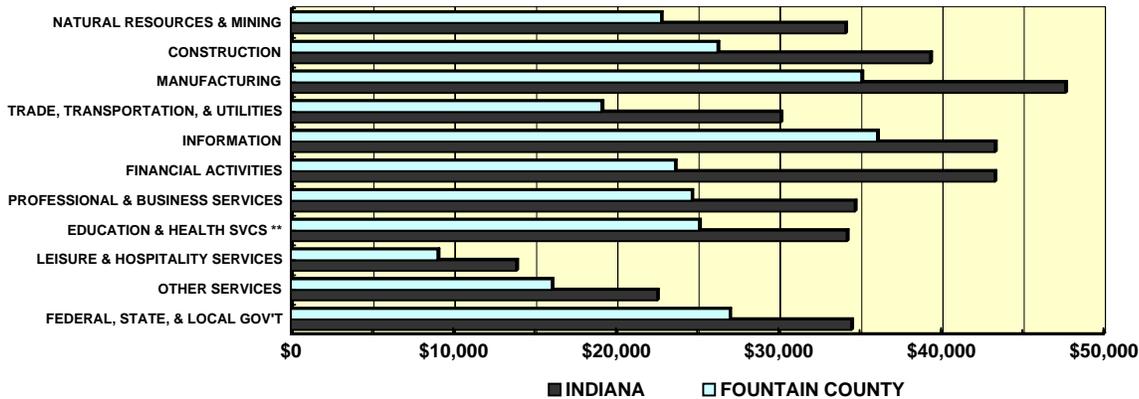
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

INDUSTRY EARNINGS

FOUNTAIN COUNTY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	FOUNTAIN COUNTY						2004	
	2001 WAGES	2002 WAGES	2003 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004 DOLLARS	PERCENT	INDIANA 2004 WAGES	FOUNTAIN % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$25,255	\$25,197	\$25,067	\$26,907	\$1,652	6.5%	\$34,693	-28.9%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$20,167	\$20,130	\$21,666	\$22,779	\$2,612	13.0%	\$34,117	-49.8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$20,167	\$20,130	\$21,666	\$22,779	\$2,612	13.0%	\$25,490	-11.9%
Mining	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$49,836	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	\$23,529	\$24,205	\$24,798	\$26,260	\$2,731	11.6%	\$39,343	-49.8%
MANUFACTURING	\$31,620	\$32,363	\$31,905	\$35,101	\$3,481	11.0%	\$47,638	-35.7%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$18,916	\$18,164	\$18,936	\$19,127	\$211	1.1%	\$30,126	-57.5%
Wholesale Trade	\$35,162	\$27,232	\$29,348	\$31,159	-\$4,003	-11.4%	\$46,107	-48.0%
Retail Trade	\$14,684	\$15,457	\$16,112	\$15,812	\$1,128	7.7%	\$21,445	-35.6%
Transportation & Warehousing		Confidential					\$35,135	
Utilities		Confidential					\$62,844	
INFORMATION	\$36,960	\$39,798	\$36,565	\$36,073	-\$887	-2.4%	\$43,315	-20.1%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$21,139	\$22,824	\$23,054	\$23,636	\$2,497	11.8%	\$43,304	-83.2%
Finance & Insurance	\$22,957	\$24,361	\$24,857	\$25,458	\$2,501	10.9%	\$48,404	-90.1%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$9,339	\$12,181	\$10,935	\$10,624	\$1,285	13.8%	\$28,852	-171.6%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$22,001	\$26,642	\$25,154	\$24,660	\$2,659	12.1%	\$34,701	-40.7%
Professional & Technical Services	\$18,994	\$23,798	\$21,418	\$20,761	\$1,767	9.3%	\$45,324	-118.3%
Management of Companies & Enterprises		Confidential					\$66,811	
Administrative & Waste Services		Confidential					\$22,727	
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$24,127	\$25,010	\$24,847	\$25,119	\$992	4.1%	\$34,206	-36.2%
Educational Services **	\$26,051	\$27,448	\$26,701	\$27,728	\$1,677	6.4%	\$33,107	-19.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$21,339	\$21,696	\$22,203	\$21,606	\$267	1.3%	\$34,965	-61.8%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$7,846	\$7,927	\$8,051	\$9,034	\$1,188	15.1%	\$13,875	-53.6%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$19,876	\$18,193	\$11,773	\$14,090	-\$5,786	-29.1%	\$25,802	-83.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$7,124	\$7,223	\$7,522	\$8,247	\$1,123	15.8%	\$11,574	-40.3%
OTHER SERVICES	\$15,704	\$14,706	\$15,361	\$16,059	\$355	2.3%	\$22,543	-40.4%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$24,906	\$25,770	\$25,805	\$26,986	\$2,080	8.4%	\$34,484	-27.8%

Fountain County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings Comparison



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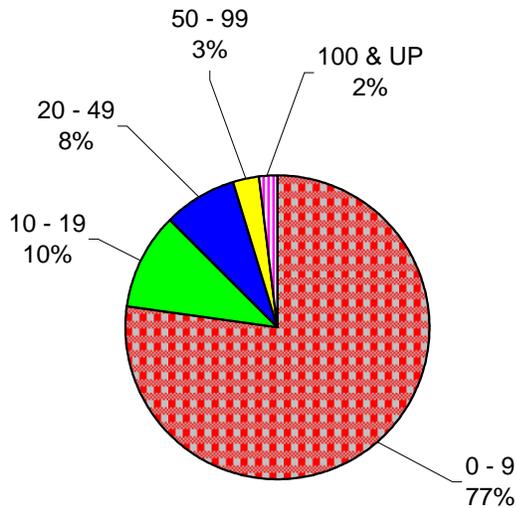
FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

FOUNTAIN COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

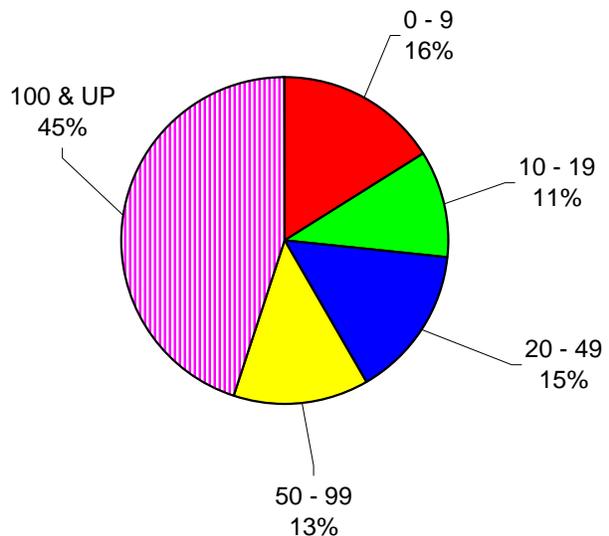
UNIT SIZE (Number Employed)	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE MARCH 2004
0 - 9	286	837
10 - 19	38	553
20 - 49	29	781
50 - 99	10	701
100 & UP	7	2,347
TOTAL	370	5,219

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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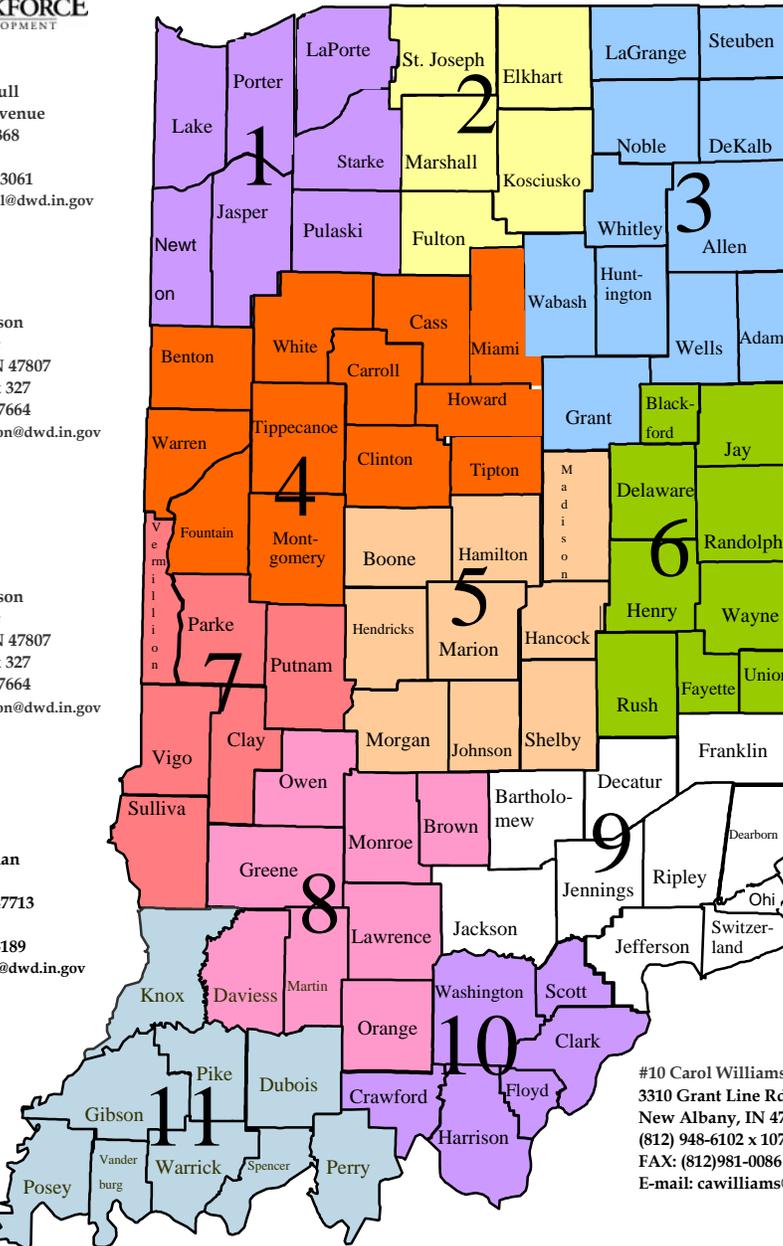
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