



# Welcome to Porter 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, labor force estimates, industry employment, industry annual average wages, and firms and employment by size.

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## **SUMMARY OF PORTER COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS**

Porter County's population estimate for 2004 was 154,961 up 5.6 percent from the 2000 Census total of 146,798. The estimated population made up 2.5 percent of Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569.

As of the 2000 Census 83,372 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 88.3 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population 21,341 or 22.6 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 1,675 persons graduating high school that year 1,125 or 67.2 percent intended to go on to higher education.

The county "labor force" represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. In 2003 persons living in but commuting to work out of the county was 33,773 or 34.3 percent of the labor force. The outside area where the largest number of Porter County residents went to work was Lake County. The county "work force" represents all workers employed in the county no matter where they reside. In 2003 persons commuting to work into the county from outside areas was 12,911 or 16.7 percent of the work force. The area sending the most number of persons into the county to work was Lake County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 4.7 percent, below Indiana's average 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 78,390. Of that labor force 74,680 were employed and 3,710 were unemployed.

For year 2004 there were 53,017 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was Manufacturing having 17.0 percent of the total industry employment with Government second at 16.6 percent. The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was Health Care & Social Assistance increasing by 968 workers or 17.5 percent above the 5,528 of 2001. Of employers in the county 15.5 percent employed 20 or more workers and they represented 75.3 percent of all in-county employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$34,880 per year versus Indiana's \$34,692. The county average wage was an increase of 10.0 percent over 2001's county industry average wage. Nine of Porter County's 20 industry sectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's Mining industry had the highest average earnings at \$61,566 per year with Manufacturing second at \$61,210, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was Accommodation & Food Services at \$10,214. The same industries statewide paid an average \$49,836, \$47,638, and \$11,572 per year, respectively.

**POPULATION**

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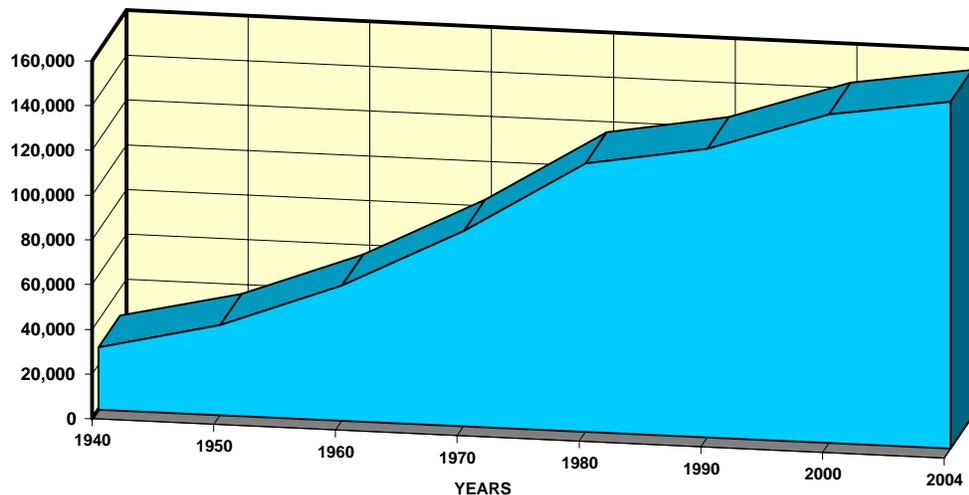
**COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION**

COUNTY AND CITIES / TOWNS	1990	2000	2004	CHANGE 1990 TO 2000		CHANGE 2000 TO 2004	
				#	%	#	%
<b>PORTER CO</b>	128,932	146,798	154,961	17,866	13.9%	8,163	5.6%
Portage	29,062	33,496	35,269	4,434	15.3%	1,773	5.3%
Valparaiso	24,414	27,428	28,750	3,014	12.3%	1,322	4.8%
Chesterton	9,118	10,488	11,570	1,370	15.0%	1,082	10.3%
Porter	3,118	4,972	5,155	1,854	59.5%	183	3.7%
Hebron	3,183	3,596	3,546	413	13.0%	-50	-1.4%
Kouts	1,603	1,698	1,746	95	5.9%	48	2.8%
Ogden Dunes	1,499	1,313	1,275	-186	-12.4%	-38	-2.9%
Town of Pines	789	798	789	9	1.1%	-9	-1.1%
Burns Harbor	786	766	777	-20	-2.5%	11	1.4%
Beverly Shores	622	708	705	86	13.8%	-3	-0.4%
Dune Acres	263	213	218	-50	-19.0%	5	2.3%

**PORTER COUNTY POPULATION 1940 TO 2004**

YEAR	POPULATION	CHG FROM PRIOR YR	% CHANGE
1940	27,836	NA	NA
1950	40,076	12,240	44.0%
1960	60,279	20,203	50.4%
1970	87,114	26,835	44.5%
1980	119,816	32,702	37.5%
1990	128,932	9,116	7.6%
2000	146,798	17,866	13.9%
2004	154,961	8,163	5.6%

**POPULATION OF PORTER COUNTY TO 2004**



# EDUCATION

## PORTER COUNTY EDUCATION DATA

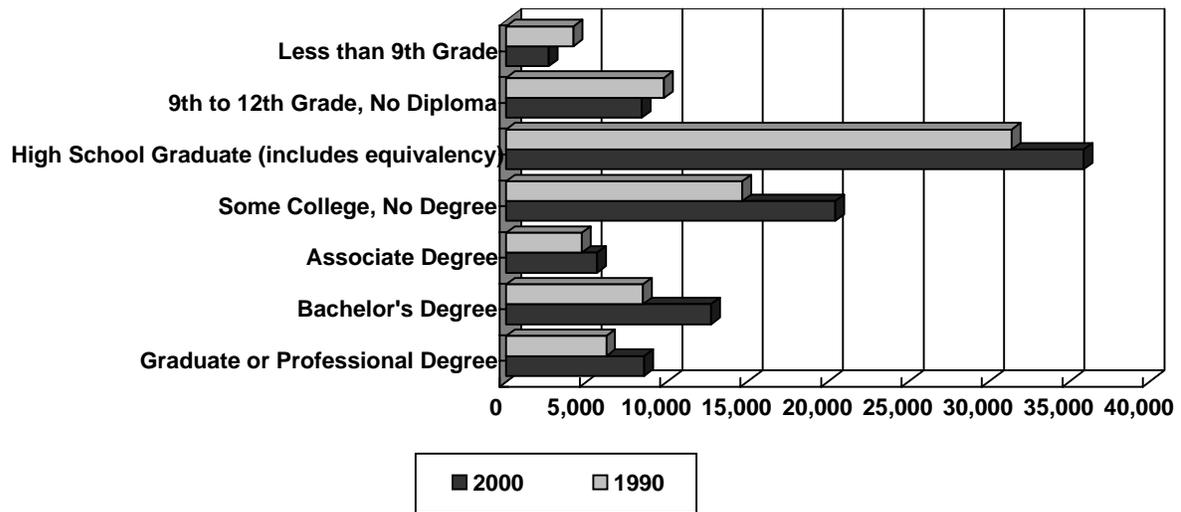
### 2004 H.S. GRADUATE HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATIONAL INTENT	NUMBER	%
Graduated High School in 2004	1,675	100%
Total to Higher Education	1,125	67.2%
Four-Year Institution	901	53.8%
Two-Year Institution	115	6.9%
Vocational/Technical Institution	109	6.5%

### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION	1990		2000	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
Less than 9th Grade	4,194	5.3%	2,664	2.8%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	9,814	12.3%	8,426	8.9%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	31,451	39.5%	35,910	38.0%
Some College, No Degree	14,693	18.5%	20,460	21.7%
Associate Degree	4,713	5.9%	5,661	6.0%
Bachelor's Degree	8,518	10.7%	12,743	13.5%
Graduate or Professional Degree	6,242	7.8%	8,598	9.1%
<b>TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS &amp; OVER</b>	<b>79,625</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>94,462</b>	<b>100%</b>

### PORTER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2000 Versus 1990



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center - Stats Indiana, and U.S. Census Bureau

# LABOR FORCE

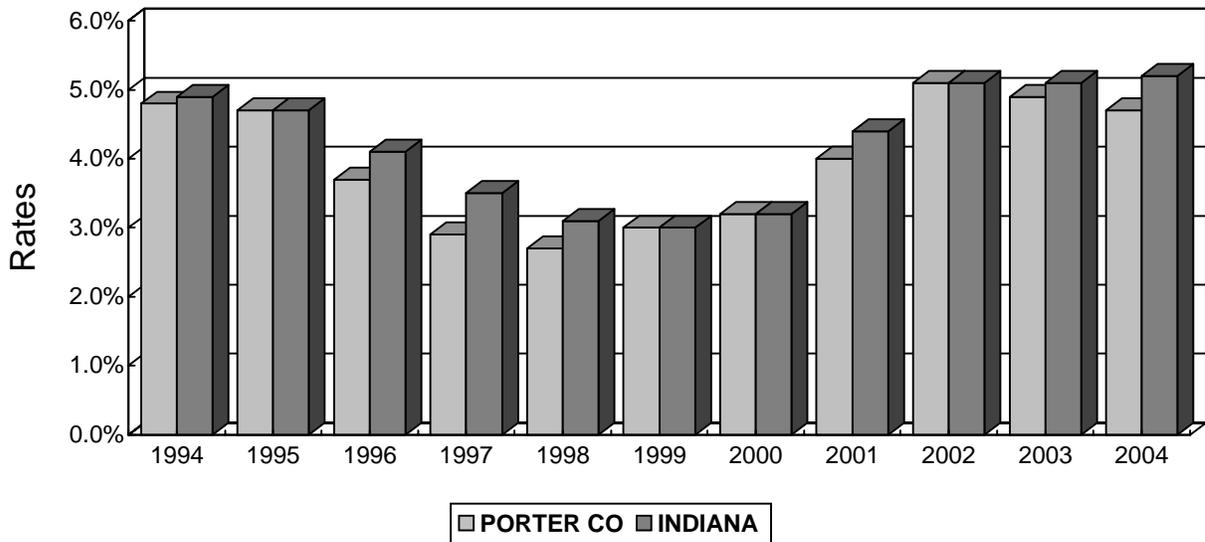
## PORTER COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994-2004)

YEAR	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	PORTER CO RATE	INDIANA RATE
1994	71,810	68,360	3,450	4.8%	4.9%
1995	73,890	70,390	3,500	4.7%	4.7%
1996	74,280	71,500	2,780	3.7%	4.1%
1997	76,380	74,130	2,250	2.9%	3.5%
1998	77,150	75,050	2,100	2.7%	3.1%
1999	76,720	74,400	2,320	3.0%	3.0%
2000	74,770	72,370	2,400	3.2%	3.2%
2001	76,250	73,230	3,020	4.0%	4.4%
2002	76,910	73,010	3,900	5.1%	5.1%
2003	77,820	74,010	3,810	4.9%	5.1%
2004	78,390	74,680	3,710	4.7%	5.2%

Data for some years have been revised from earlier published numbers for those years.

### PORTER COUNTY & STATE OF INDIANA Average Unemployment Rates 1994-2004



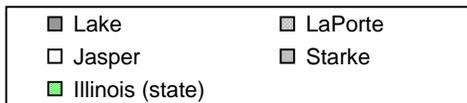
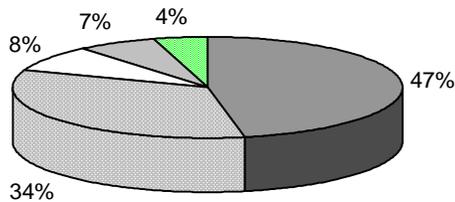
Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

# COMMUTING PATTERNS

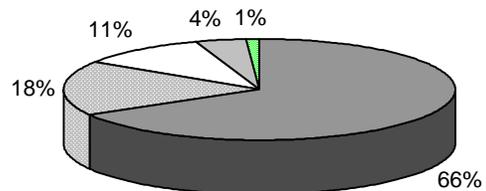
## PORTER COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS: YEAR 2003

Number of persons who live in the county and work (labor force)	98,365
Number of persons who live and work in the county	64,592
Number of persons who live out of and work in the county	12,911
Total number of persons who work in the county (work force)	77,503
<b>Top five counties sending workers INTO Porter County:</b>	
Lake County	5,535
Laporte County	3,974
Jasper County	966
Starke County	800
Illinois (state)	523
<u>Total of above</u>	<u>11,798</u> equals 15.2% of work force
<b>Top five counties receiving workers FROM Porter County:</b>	
Lake County	21,587
Illinois (state)	5,687
Laporte County	3,418
Other states	1,279
Jasper County	386
<u>Total of above</u>	<u>32,357</u> equals 32.9% of labor force

**WORKERS INTO PORTER COUNTY**  
From Top 5 Counties / States

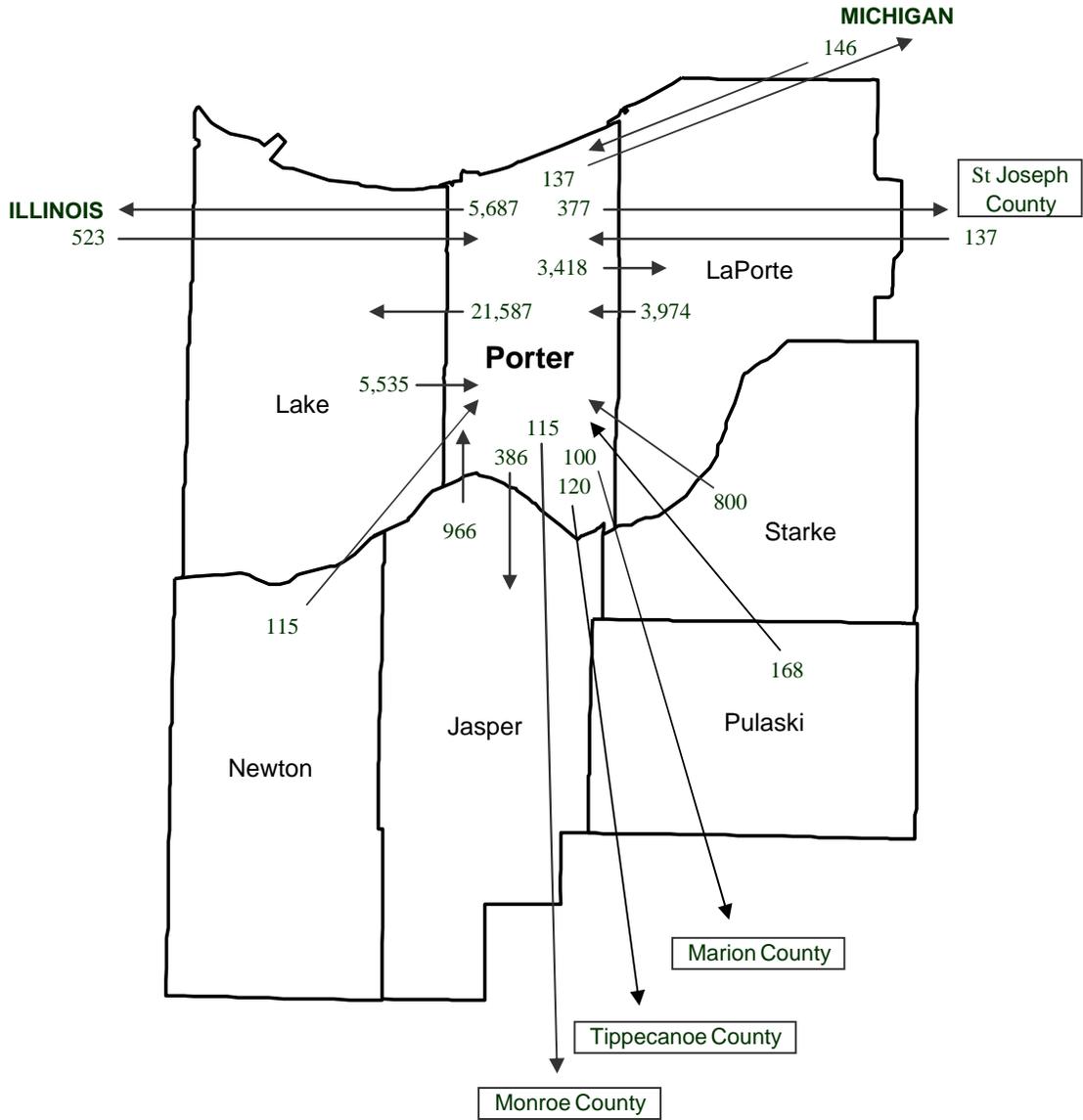


**WORKERS OUT OF PORTER COUNTY**  
To Top 5 Counties / States



**COMMUTING MAP**

**Porter County 2003**



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue  
Based on income tax returns for Tax Year 2003

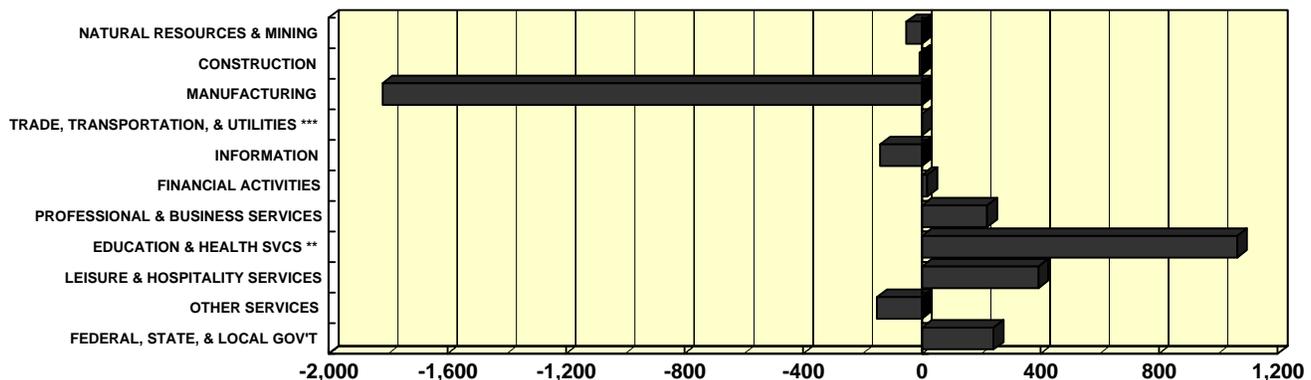
Counts of under 100 are not included.  
Noncontiguous state counts not included.

# INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

## PORTER COUNTY AVERAGE 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		
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **</b>	3,370	53,508	52,310	52,253	53,017	-491	-0.9%
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; MINING</b>	13	295	241	258	243	-52	-17.6%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	8	95	63	72	45	-50	-52.6%
Mining	5	200	178	186	198	-2	-1.0%
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	497	3,863	3,556	3,601	3,856	-7	-0.2%
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	140	10,821	10,368	9,653	9,002	-1,819	-16.8%
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, &amp; UTILITIES</b>	808	***	***	***	10,798	N/A	N/A
Wholesale Trade	255	2,464	2,346	2,400	2,444	-20	-0.8%
Retail Trade	419	6,390	6,399	6,410	6,427	37	0.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	130	1,583	1,613	1,591	1,664	81	5.1%
Utilities	4	***	***	***	263	N/A	N/A
<b>INFORMATION</b>	33	668	583	477	528	-140	-21.0%
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	324	1,818	1,767	1,799	1,837	19	1.0%
Finance & Insurance	187	1,185	1,193	1,209	1,265	80	6.8%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	137	633	574	590	572	-61	-9.6%
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	494	3,614	3,337	3,432	3,835	221	6.1%
Professional & Technical Services	318	1,475	1,498	1,585	1,664	189	12.8%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	11	83	103	94	98	15	18.1%
Administrative & Waste Services	165	2,056	1,736	1,753	2,073	17	0.8%
<b>EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH SERVICES **</b>	392	11,180	11,443	11,998	12,244	1,064	9.5%
Educational Services **	79	5,652	5,672	5,748	5,748	96	1.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	313	5,528	5,771	6,250	6,496	968	17.5%
<b>LEISURE &amp; HOSPITALITY SERVICES</b>	290	5,323	5,407	5,560	5,716	393	7.4%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	38	524	631	700	706	182	34.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	252	4,799	4,776	4,860	5,010	211	4.4%
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	317	2,069	1,946	1,872	1,918	-151	-7.3%
<b>FEDERAL, STATE, &amp; LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	120	8,560	8,570	8,663	8,802	242	2.8%

### Change in Porter County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



\* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. \*\* Includes private and government employment in this industry.

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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.

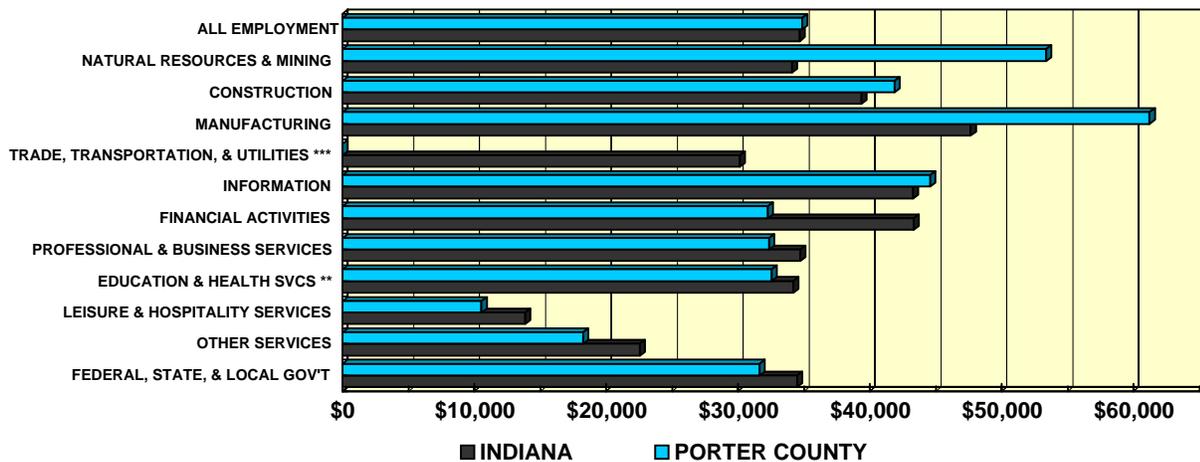
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# INDUSTRY EARNINGS

## PORTER COUNTY AVERAGE EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	PORTER COUNTY				INDIANA	2004
	2001 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004		2004 WAGES	PORTER % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
			DOLLARS	PERCENT		
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES **</b>	\$31,699	\$34,880	\$3,181	10.0%	\$34,692	0.5%
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; MINING</b>	\$40,653	\$53,369	\$12,716	31.3%	\$34,100	36.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$13,195	\$16,807	\$3,612	27.4%	\$25,459	-51.5%
Mining	\$53,712	\$61,566	\$7,854	14.6%	\$49,836	19.1%
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	\$38,521	\$41,861	\$3,340	8.7%	\$39,344	6.0%
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	\$50,949	\$61,210	\$10,261	20.1%	\$47,638	22.2%
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, &amp; UTILITIES</b>	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$30,129	N/A
Wholesale Trade	\$39,468	\$46,589	\$7,121	18.0%	\$46,109	1.0%
Retail Trade	\$20,139	\$21,675	\$1,536	7.6%	\$21,447	1.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$34,184	\$39,807	\$5,623	16.4%	\$35,142	11.7%
Utilities	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$62,844	N/A
<b>INFORMATION</b>	\$34,457	\$44,563	\$10,106	29.3%	\$43,280	2.9%
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	\$27,245	\$32,271	\$5,026	18.4%	\$43,310	-34.2%
Finance & Insurance	\$31,727	\$36,695	\$4,968	15.7%	\$48,406	-31.9%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$18,837	\$22,477	\$3,640	19.3%	\$28,857	-28.4%
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	\$29,964	\$32,343	\$2,379	7.9%	\$34,704	-7.3%
Professional & Technical Services	\$37,618	\$39,053	\$1,435	3.8%	\$45,323	-16.1%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$46,576	\$52,370	\$5,794	12.4%	\$66,805	-27.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	\$23,819	\$26,018	\$2,199	9.2%	\$22,731	12.6%
<b>EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH SERVICES **</b>	\$29,612	\$32,542	\$2,930	9.9%	\$34,204	-5.1%
Educational Services **	\$26,999	\$28,848	\$1,849	6.8%	\$33,107	-14.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$32,289	\$35,811	\$3,522	10.9%	\$34,962	2.4%
<b>LEISURE &amp; HOSPITALITY SERVICES</b>	\$10,557	\$10,546	-\$11	-0.1%	\$13,873	-31.5%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$13,511	\$12,906	-\$605	-4.5%	\$25,803	-99.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$10,235	\$10,214	-\$21	-0.2%	\$11,572	-13.3%
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	\$16,507	\$18,245	\$1,738	10.5%	\$22,548	-23.6%
<b>FEDERAL, STATE, &amp; LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	\$29,355	\$31,643	\$2,288	7.8%	\$34,478	-9.0%

Porter County and State of Indiana  
2004 Earnings comparison



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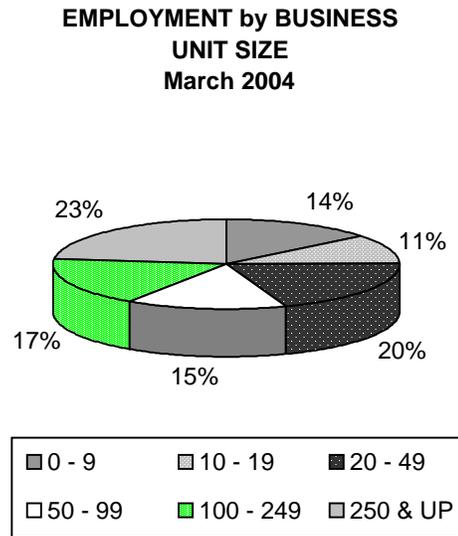
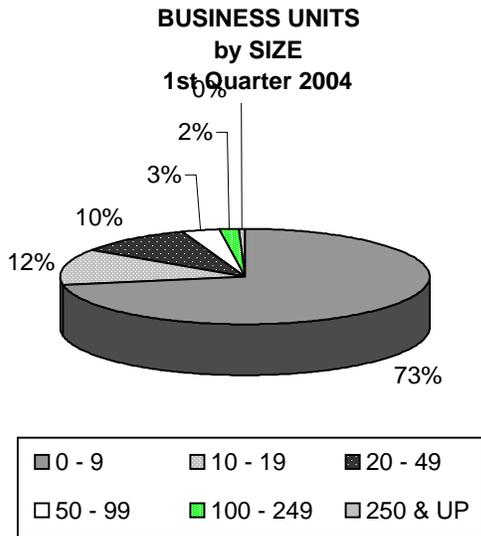
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# FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE

## PORTER COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by SIZE OF BUSINESS UNIT MARCH 2004
0 - 9	2,416	7,219
10 - 19	414	5,394
20 - 49	334	10,015
50 - 99	115	7,789
100 - 249	57	8,802
250 & UP	14	11,839
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>51,058</b>

Includes Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees.



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Unemployment Insurance Division



## DESCRIPTION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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.

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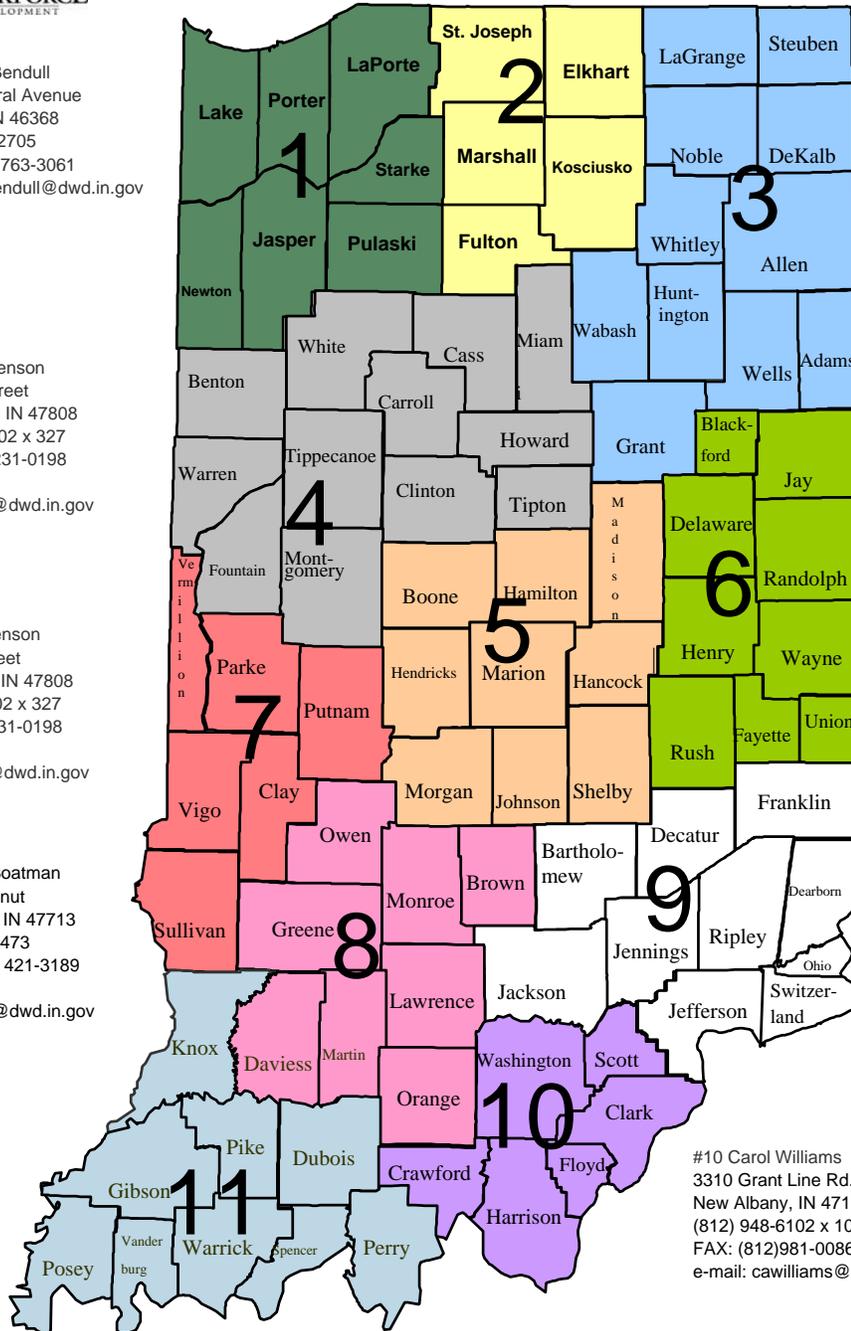
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