

Elkhart County, IN Highlights

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.

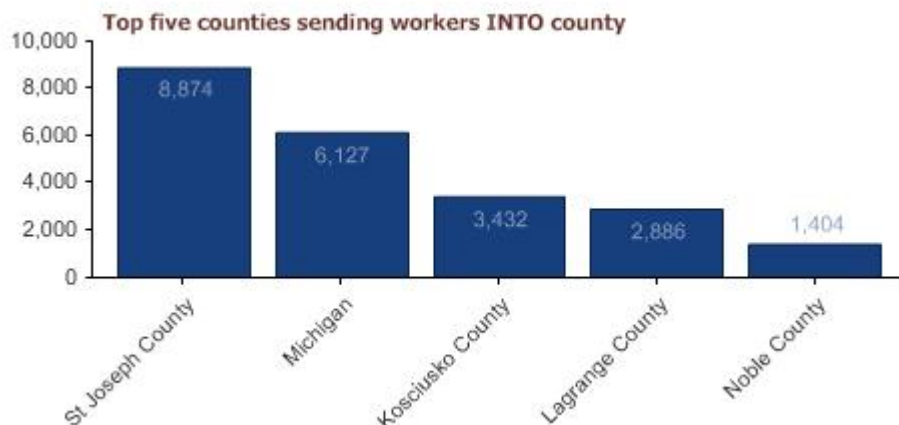
Commuting Data, 2012

| | Number |
|--|---------|
| Number of tax filers who live in county and work | 123,766 |
| Number of tax filers who work in the county | 141,103 |
| Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county | 114,990 |
| Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county | 26,113 |

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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

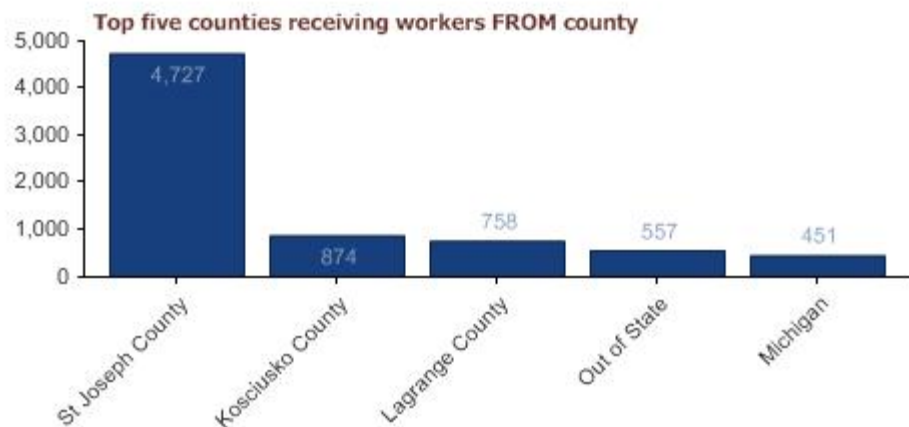
| County | Number | Pct. Five County Total |
|------------------|--------|------------------------|
| St Joseph County | 8,874 | 39.1% |
| Michigan | 6,127 | 27.0% |
| Kosciusko County | 3,432 | 15.1% |
| Lagrange County | 2,886 | 12.7% |
| Noble County | 1,404 | 6.2% |



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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

| County | Number | Pct. Five County Total |
|------------------|--------|------------------------|
| St Joseph County | 4,727 | 64.2% |
| Kosciusko County | 874 | 11.9% |
| Lagrange County | 758 | 10.3% |
| Out of State | 557 | 7.6% |
| Michigan | 451 | 6.1% |



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2012

| | Number | Pct. Dist |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Total Workers Age 16 and Over | 87,440 | 100.0% |
| Travel To Work | 85,031 | 97.2% |
| Car, Truck, or Van | 80,646 | 92.2% |
| Traveled Alone | 69,938 | 80.0% |
| Carpooled | 10,708 | 12.2% |
| Used Public Transportation | 348 | 0.4% |
| Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other | 4,037 | 4.6% |
| Worked At Home | 2,409 | 2.8% |
| Average Travel Time (Minutes) | 19.4 | |
| Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes) | | |

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