

Northwest Indiana (LaPorte, St. Joe and Elkhart Counties)		
General Demographics 2000 Census		
Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	558,456	100
Gender		
Male	275,520	0.49336
Female	282,936	0.50664
RACE	558,456	100
White	459,641	82.306%
Black or African American	51,129	9.155%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,775	0.318%
Asian	5,736	1.027%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	32,259	5.776%
Other	7,916	1.417%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	207,947	100
Average household size	2.58	(X)
Average family size	3.09	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	222,425	100
Occupied housing units	207,947	93.491%
Vacant housing units	14,478	6.509%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	2,666	1.199%
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.666667	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	7.433333	(X)
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	207,947	100
Owner-occupied housing units	150,824	72.530%
Renter-occupied housing units	57,123	27.470%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.676667	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.33	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	352,691	100
Less than 9th grade	20,978	5.948%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	49,962	14.166%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	125,923	35.703%
Some college, no degree	70,011	19.851%
Associate degree	18,758	5.319%
Bachelor's degree	41,772	11.844%
Graduate or professional degree	25,287	7.170%
Percent high school graduate or higher	79.56667	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	17.7	(X)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	426,729	100
In labor force	285,159	66.824%
Civilian labor force	285,031	66.794%
Employed	271,734	63.678%
Unemployed	13,297	3.116%
Percent of civilian labor force	4.5	(X)
Armed Forces	128	0.030%
Not in labor force	141,570	33.176%
Employed civilian population 16 years and over		
OCCUPATION	271,734	100
Management, professional, and related occupations	75,564	27.808%
Service occupations	36,776	13.534%
Sales and office occupations	68,803	25.320%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	760	0.280%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	24,223	8.914%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	65,608	24.144%
INCOME IN 1999		
Households	207,839	100
Less than \$10,000	15,092	7.261%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	12,396	5.964%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	28,900	13.905%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	28,721	13.819%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	38,076	18.320%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	46,237	22.247%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	20,573	9.899%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	11,959	5.754%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,879	1.385%
\$200,000 or more	3,006	1.446%
Median household income (dollars)	42,109	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19639.67	(X)

As part of the Southwestern Alliance, the Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance is an active partner working with local businesses, government, organizations, and individuals to promote and support the retention and expansion of existing businesses, to attract new businesses, and to encourage the diversification of the economic base in southwestern Michigan.

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