

**Indiana Housing  
Working Group**



# INDIANA STATE HOUSING DASHBOARD

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR NOBLE COUNTY

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- American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year and 1-year estimates
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Economic Data (FRED)
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Census Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
- Bureau of Labor and Statistics
- National Housing Preservation Database
- Indiana Realtors Association

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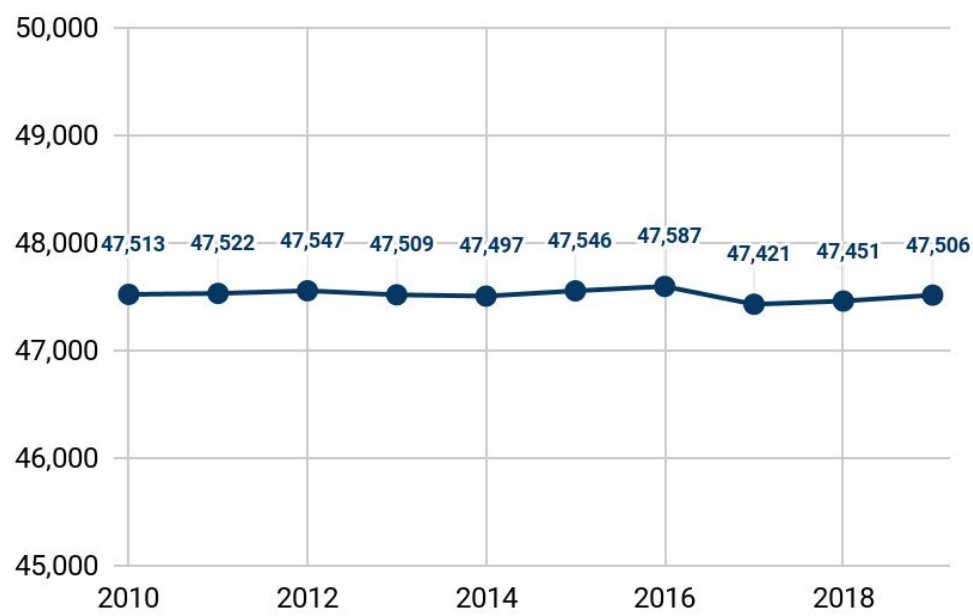
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# DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

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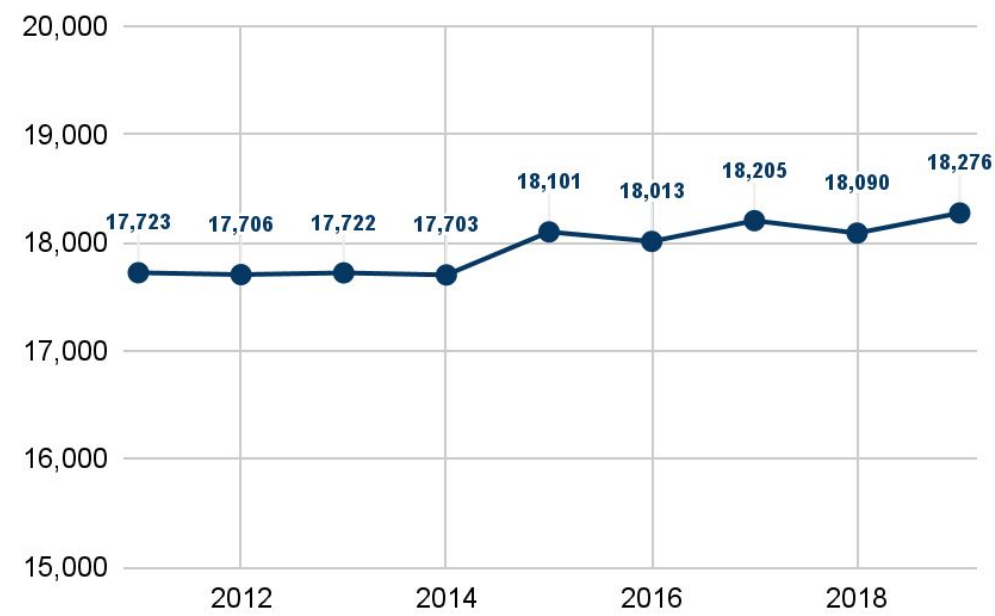
**POPULATION** | Noble County's population has decreased by 0.01% (7 people) between 2010-2019. In the same time period, the total number of households increased by 4.45% (778 households).

**Resident Population**  
Noble County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

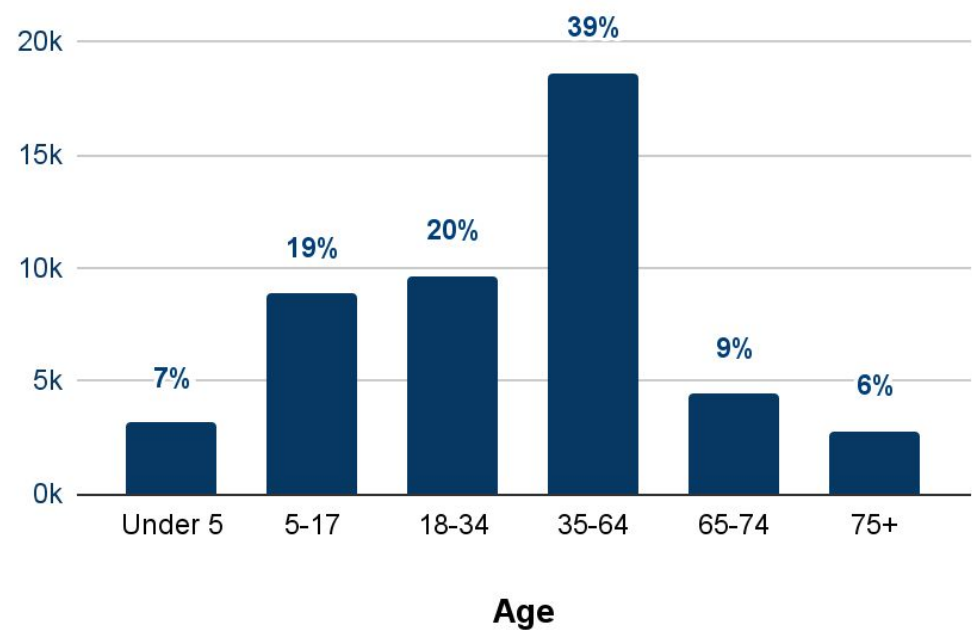
**Households**  
Noble County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

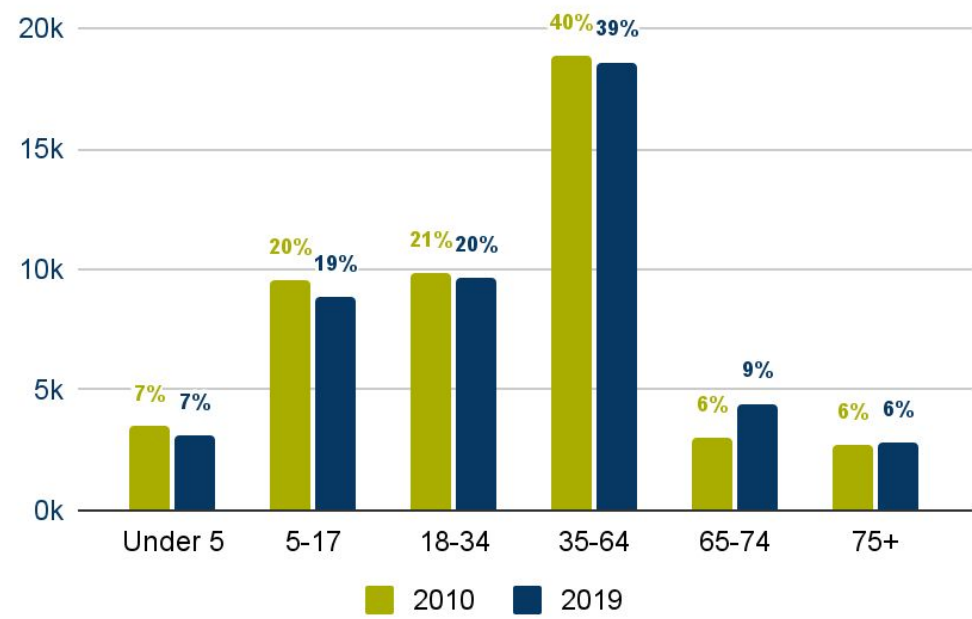
**AGE** | 15% of people in Noble County are above the age of 65, while 25% are below 18.

**Population by Age**  
Noble County | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

**Change in Share of Population**  
Noble County | 2010, 2019

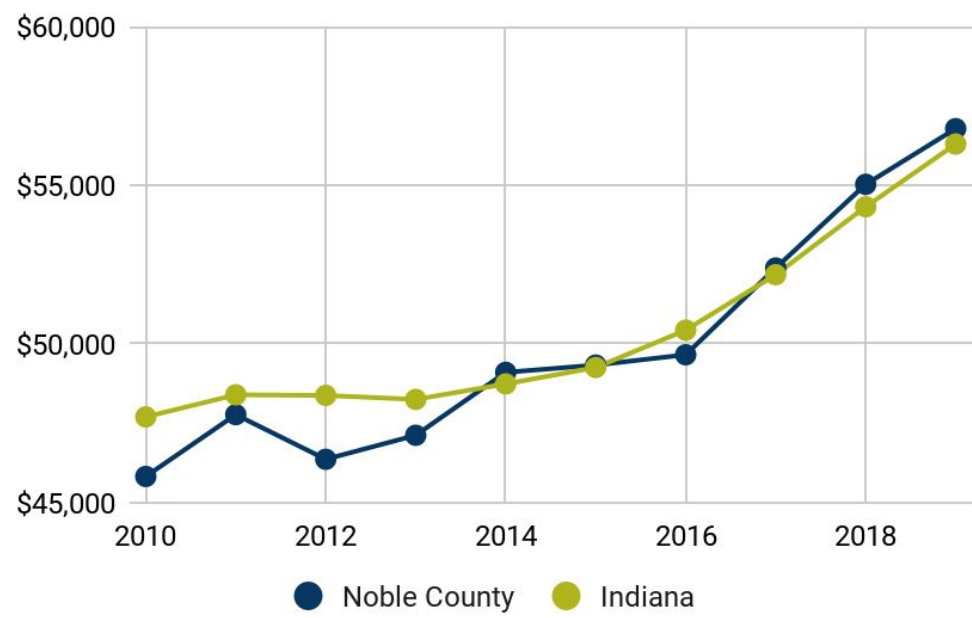


Source: ACS 2010-2019 1-year estimates

**HOUSEHOLD INCOMES** | Noble County had a median income of \$56,789 in 2019, up 24% since 2010. 28% of households have incomes below \$35,000, while 18% have incomes above \$100,000.

**Median Income**

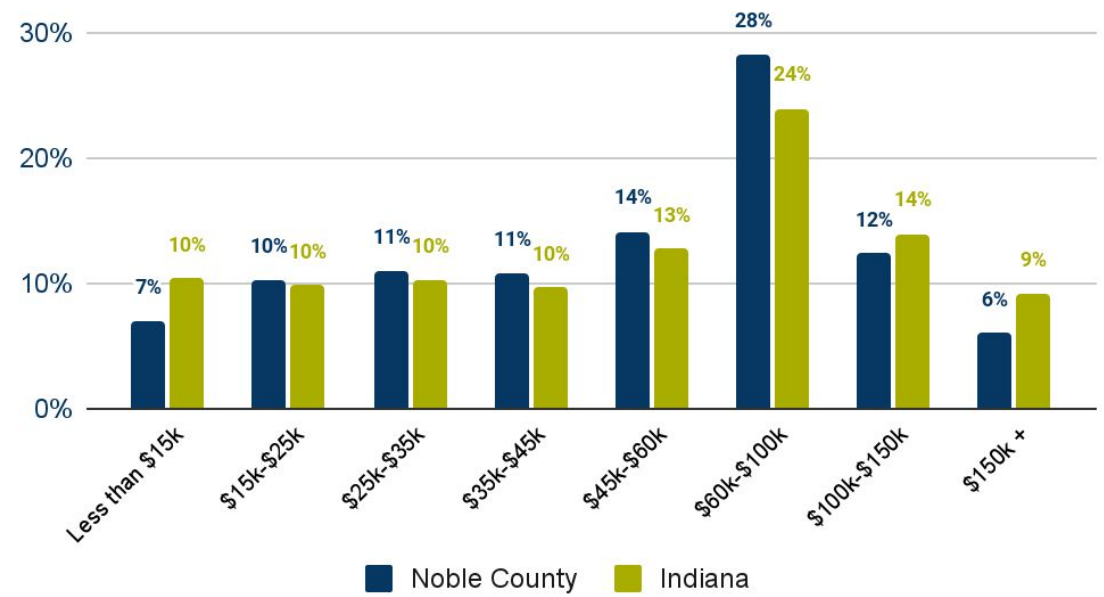
Noble County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Household Income Distribution**

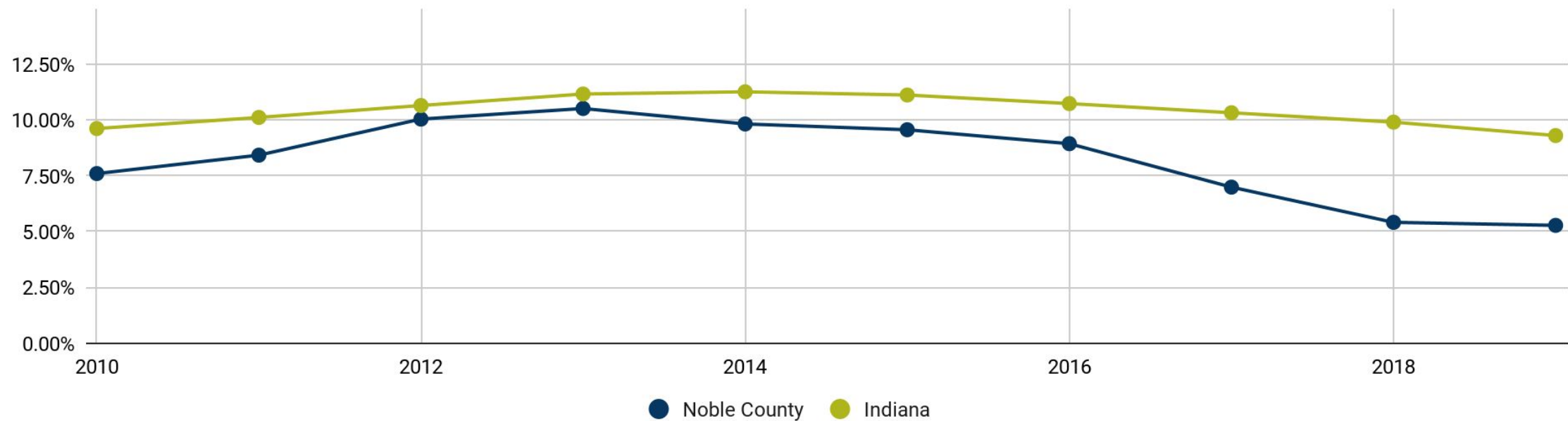
Noble County, State of Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

**FAMILY POVERTY RATE** | 5.3% of families live in poverty conditions in Noble County, down 2.32 percentage points from 7.6% in 2010.

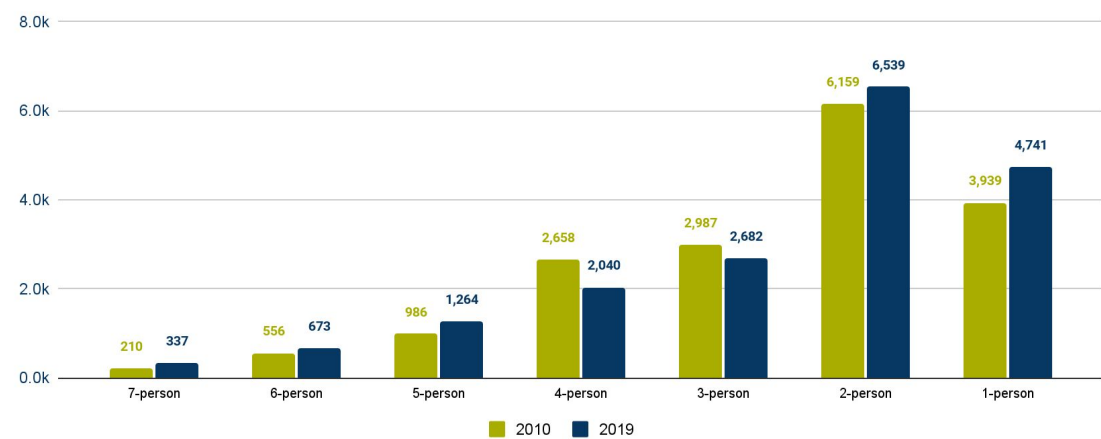
**Family Poverty Rate**  
Noble County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

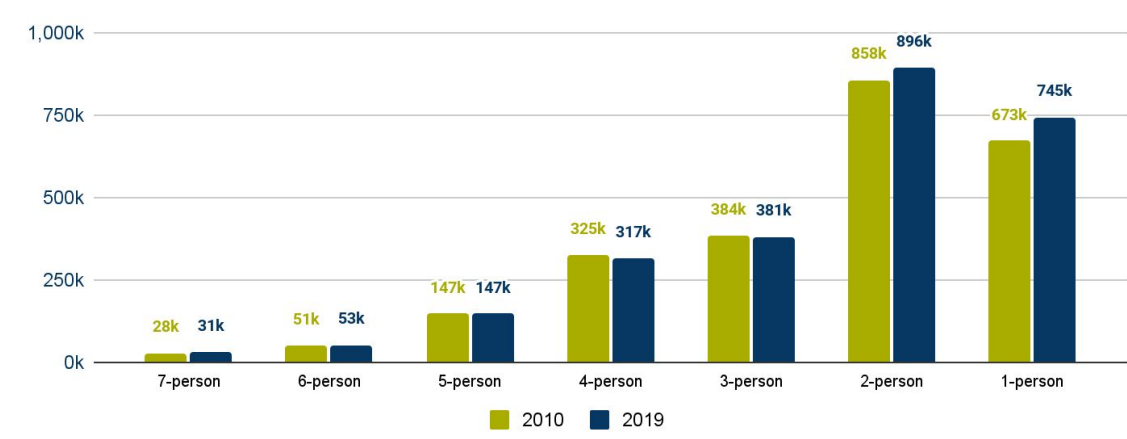
**HOUSEHOLD SIZE |** The average household size is 2.56 people, compared to 2.52 statewide. The Noble County average household has shrunk by 0.11 persons since 2010.

**Household Size**  
Noble County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Household Size**  
State of Indiana | 2010, 2019



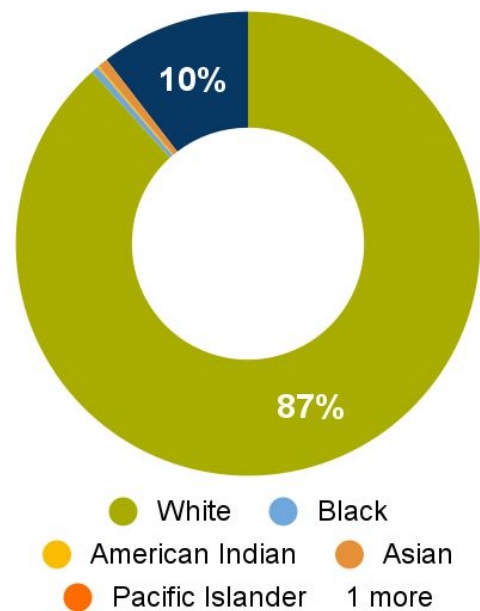
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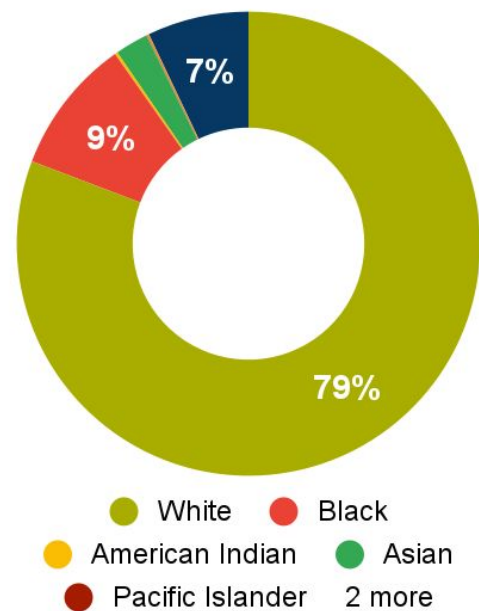
**RACIAL COMPOSITION |** The current racial distribution of households in Noble County is 87% white, 0% Black, 10% Hispanic/Latino, 1% Asian, and 0% other.

**Racial/Ethnic Distribution**

Noble County | 2019

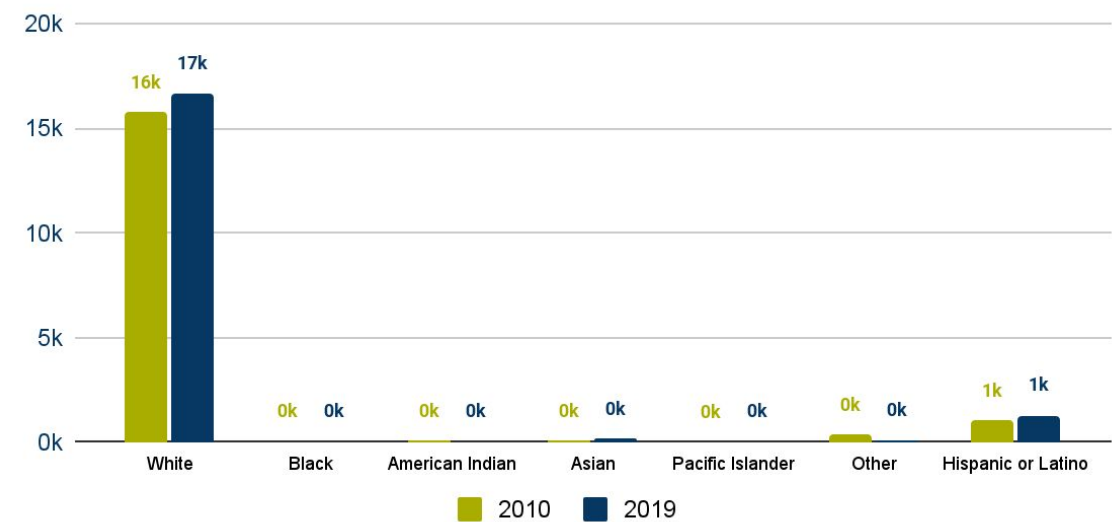


Indiana | 2019



**Household Racial/Ethnic Distribution**

Noble County | 2010, 2019



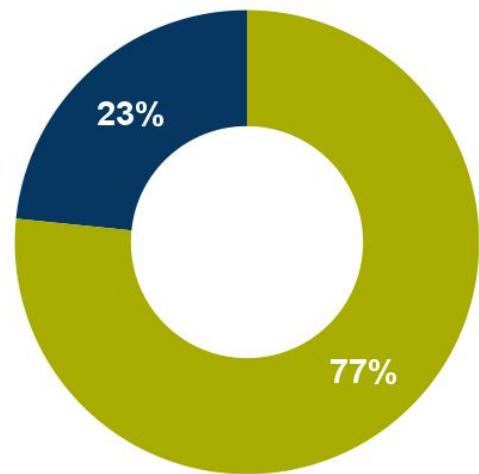
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

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**HOUSING TENURE** | In 2019, 23% of households (4,274 households) in Noble County were renters, while 77% (14,002 households) were owner households. The share of renters has increased by 1% since 2010.

**Housing Tenure**

Noble County | 2019



● Owner Occupied  
● Renter Occupied

Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

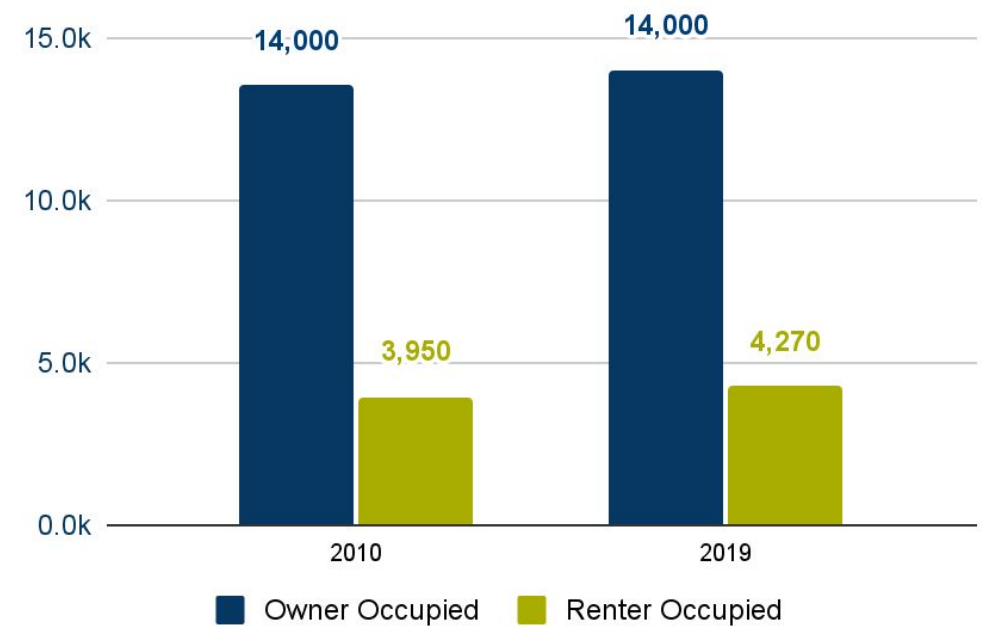
Indiana | 2019



● Owner Occupied  
● Renter Occupied

**Total Households by Tenure**

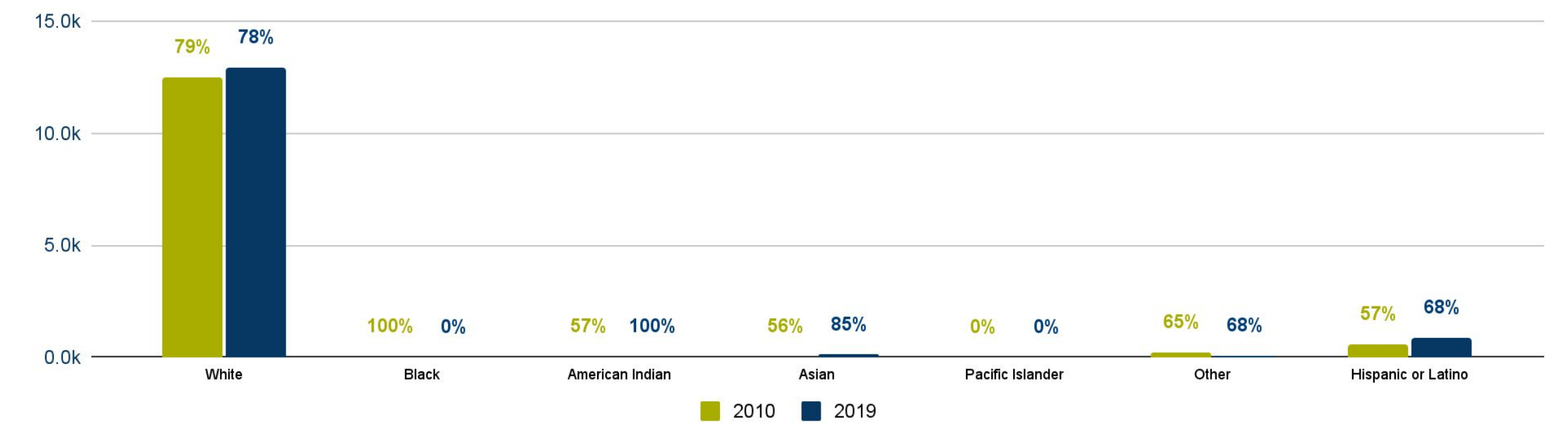
Noble County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**TENURE BY RACE |** While the overall homeownership rate is 77%, homeownership is 78% among non-Hispanic White households, 0% for Black households, and 68% for Hispanic or Latino households.

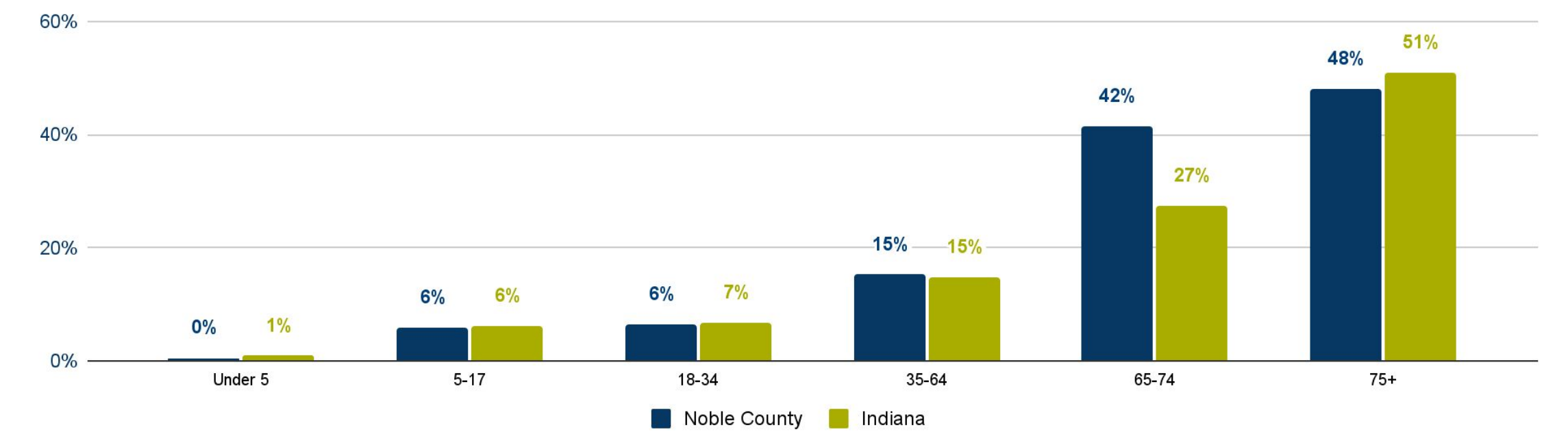
**Homeownership by Race**  
Noble County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**DISABILITY** | 15% of people in Noble County live with a disability. For people above 65, the share increases to 44%.

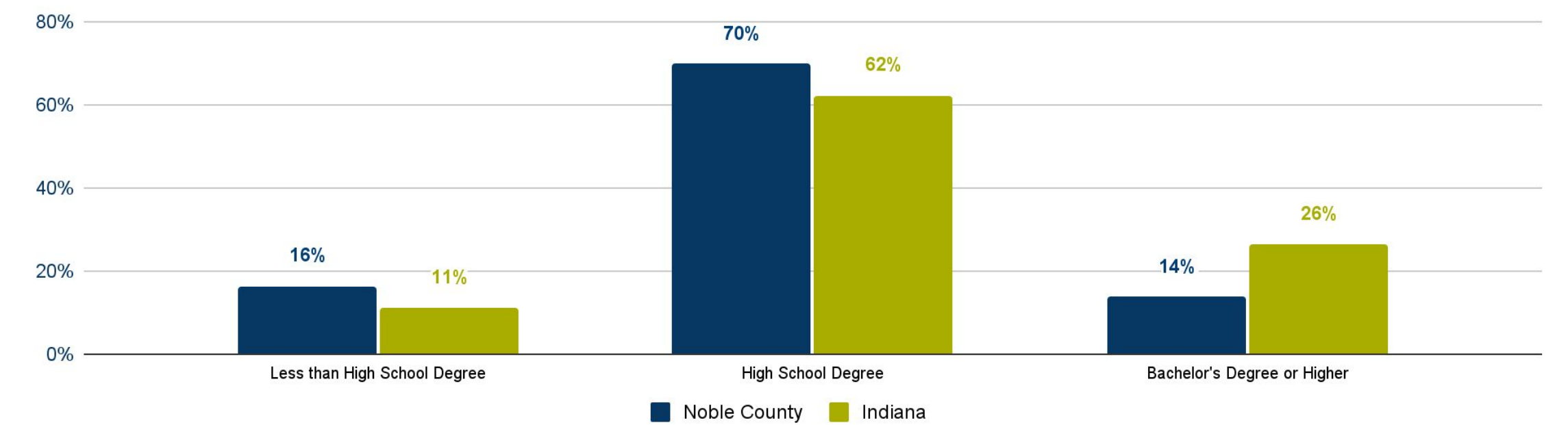
**Share of the Population with a Disability by Age**  
Noble County, Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT |** In Noble County, 70% of the population has at least a high school degree and 14% of the population has at least a Bachelor's degree.

**Educational Attainment**  
Noble County, Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

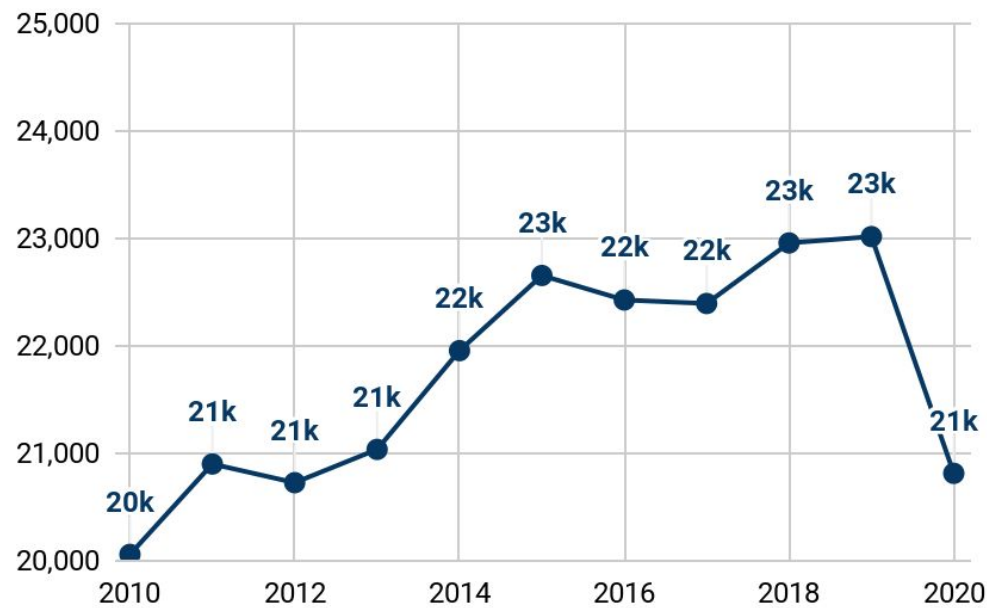
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# **JOB / EMPLOYMENT TRENDS**

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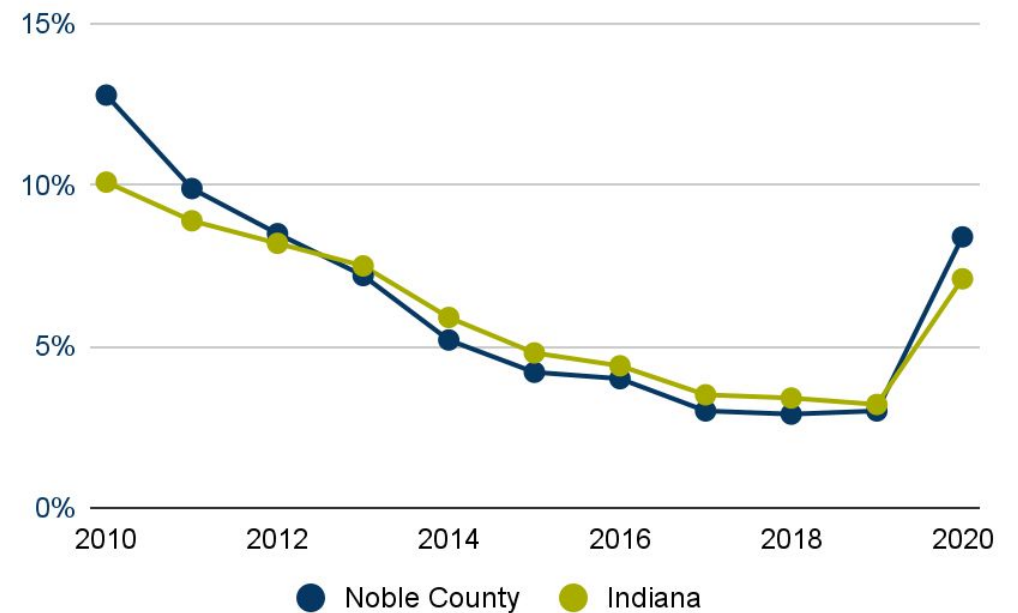
**EMPLOYMENT BASE |** There are currently 21,000 employed persons in Noble County, up by 3.77% since 2010. The unemployment rate in 2020 was 8.40%, up 5.40 points from 2019.

**Total Employment**  
Noble County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

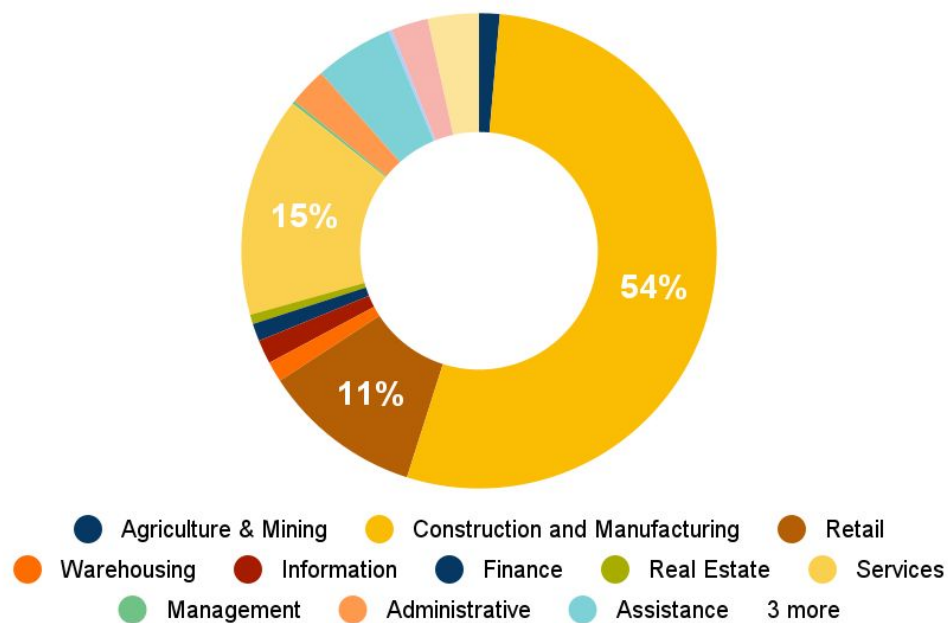
**Unemployment Rate**  
Noble County, Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY |** Manufacturing accounts for the plurality of jobs in Noble County, accounting for 50% of all jobs, followed by Retail Trade (8% of all jobs).

**Total Jobs by All Industries**  
Noble County | 2018



Source: Census, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, Primary Jobs, 2018

**Top 5 Industries and Median Annual Wages**

1. Service-providing | **\$34,807**
2. Goods-producing | **\$50,095**
3. Trade, transportation, and utilities | **\$37,319**
4. Manufacturing | **\$50,302**
5. Professional and business services | **\$36,667**

Source: BLS

**Top 5 Employers**

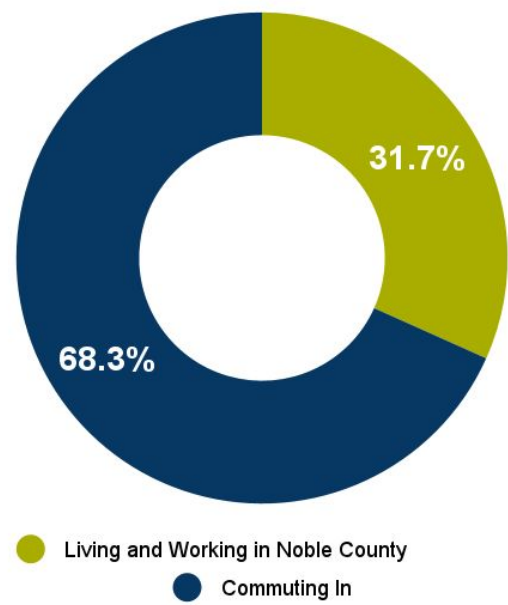
1. Dexter Axle (Albion)
2. Ti Fluid Systems (Ligonier)
3. Kraft Foods (Kendallville)
4. Guardian Industries (Ligonier)
5. Busche Enterprise Div Inc (Albion)

Source: BLS



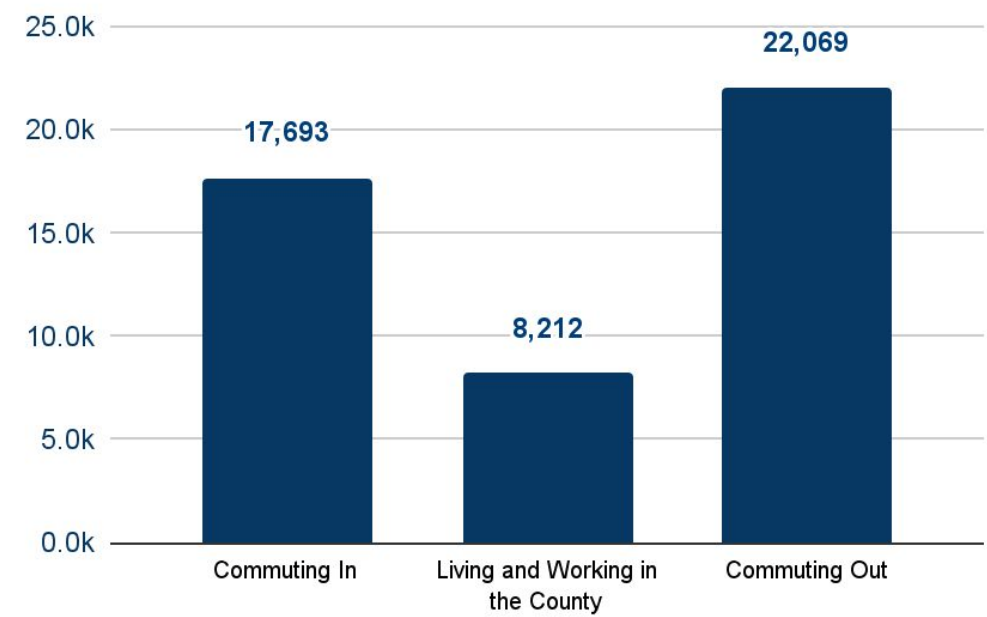
**COMMUTER INFLOW / OUTFLOW** | 18,000 commuters come into Noble County for their jobs, while 22,000 employees travel outside of Noble County for their jobs.

**Employment Inflow**  
Noble County | 2018



Source: Census, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, Primary Jobs, 2018

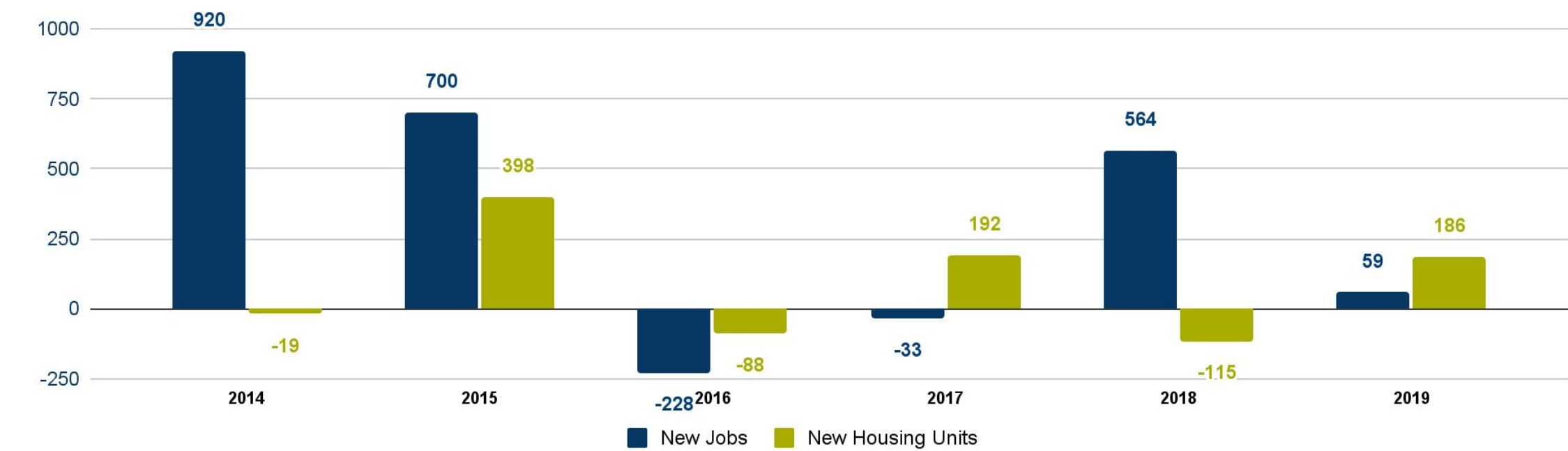
**Commuting Patterns**  
Noble County | 2018



Source: Census, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, Primary Jobs, 2018

**JOB GROWTH AND HOUSING PRODUCTION |** Noble County has created 1,982 jobs between 2014-2019 and 554 housing units, or 28 units for every 100 jobs created.

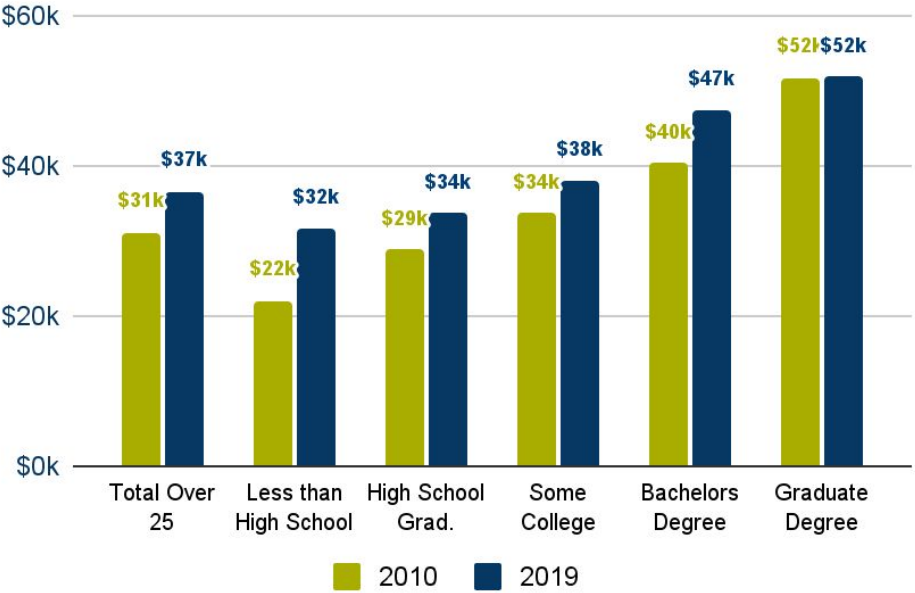
**Job Growth and Housing Production**  
Noble County | Total Jobs, New Jobs



Housing Units Includes all existing units, single family and multifamily.  
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

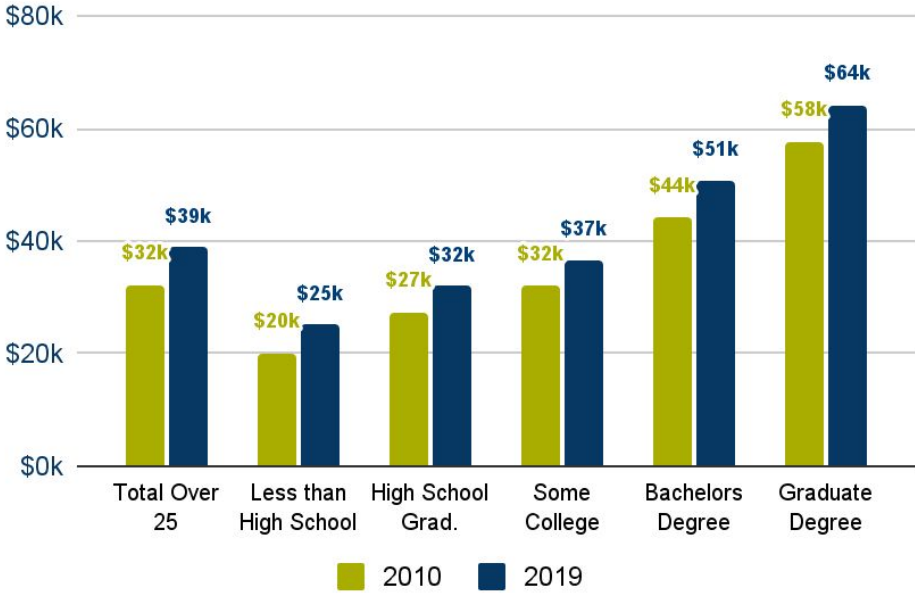
**JOB GROWTH AND HOUSING PRODUCTION |** Median earnings have increased 17% since 2010 for the total population and increased 17% for the population with at least a high school degree.

**Median Earnings by Educational Attainment**  
Noble County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

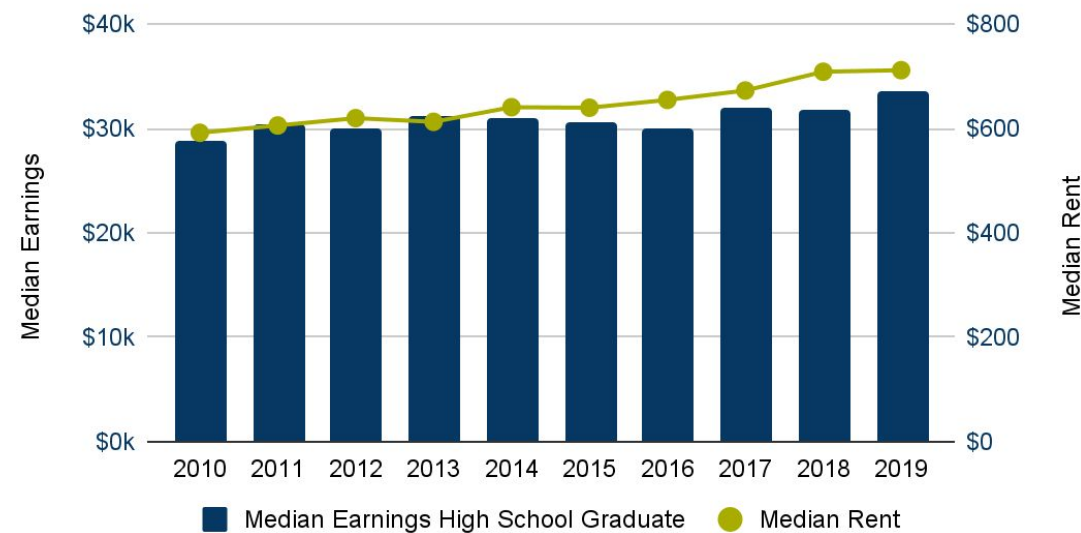
**Median Earnings by Educational Attainment**  
Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

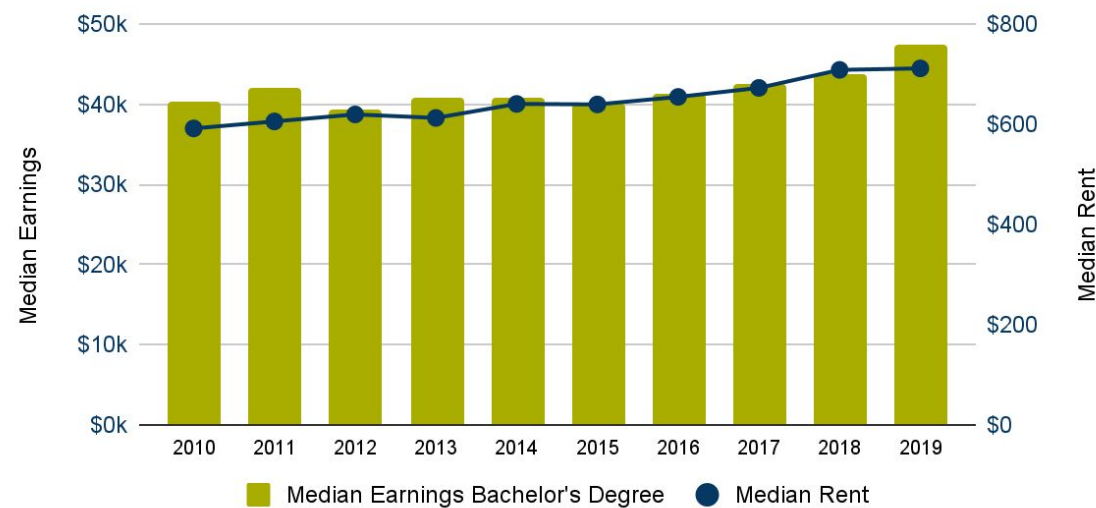
**JOB GROWTH AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT |** Median annual earnings have by increased \$4,500, or 17% since 2010 for high school graduates, and increased \$6,500, or 15%, since 2010 for Bachelors Degree holders. Median rent has increased 20.3%, or 20% since 2010.

**Income and Rent Growth, High School Degree**  
Noble County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Income and Rent Growth, BS Degree**  
Noble County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

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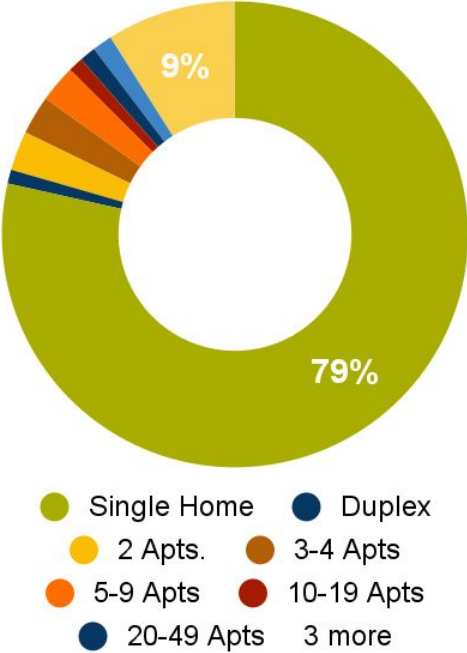
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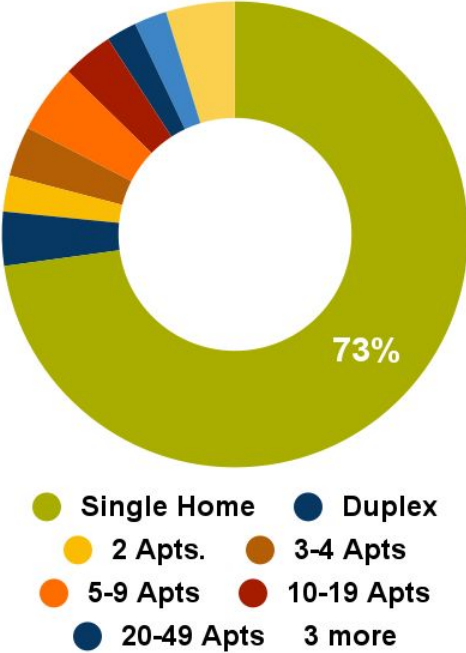
**HOUSING TYPOLOGY |** 79% of homes in Noble County are single-family, while 13% are multifamily. Multifamily housing has decreased by 404 homes since 2010.

**Housing Typology**

Noble County | 2019



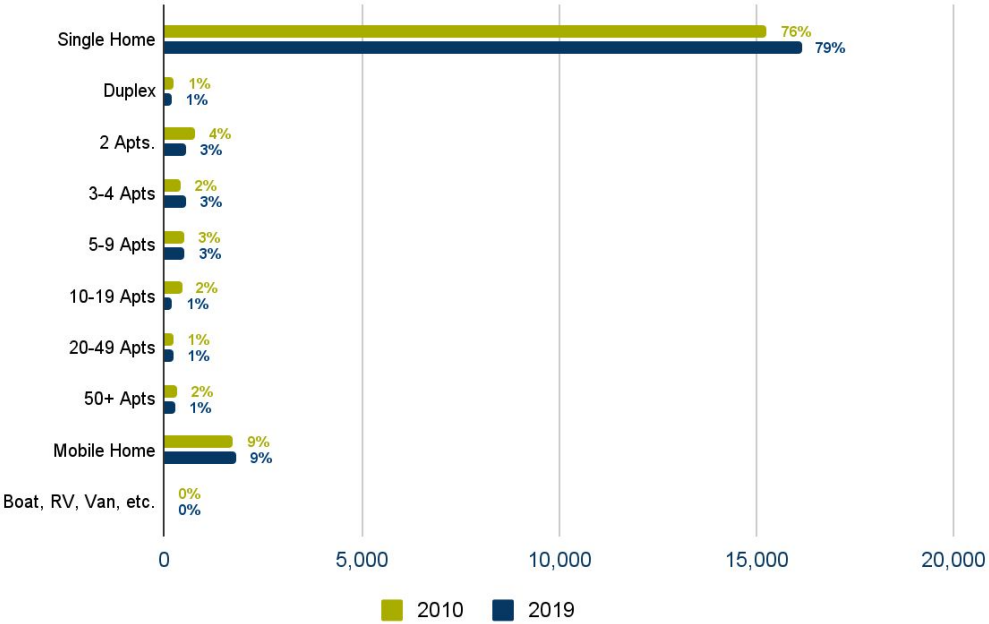
Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Share of Units by Housing Typology**

Noble County | 2010-2019

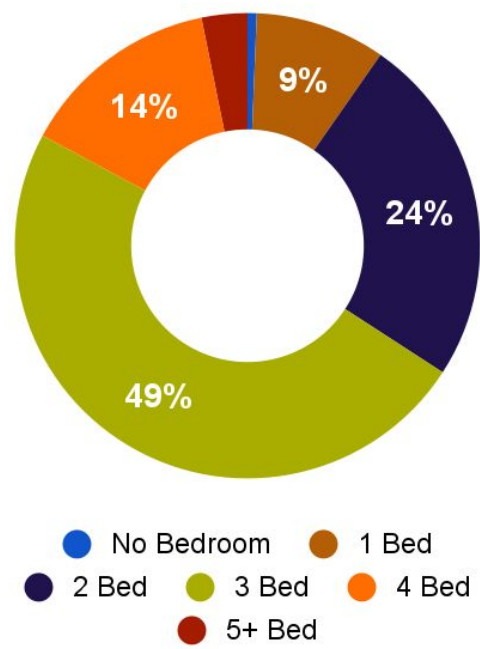


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**HOUSING TYPOLOGY |** Most units in Noble County contain 2.56 bedrooms, with 66% of units containing 3 bedrooms or more.

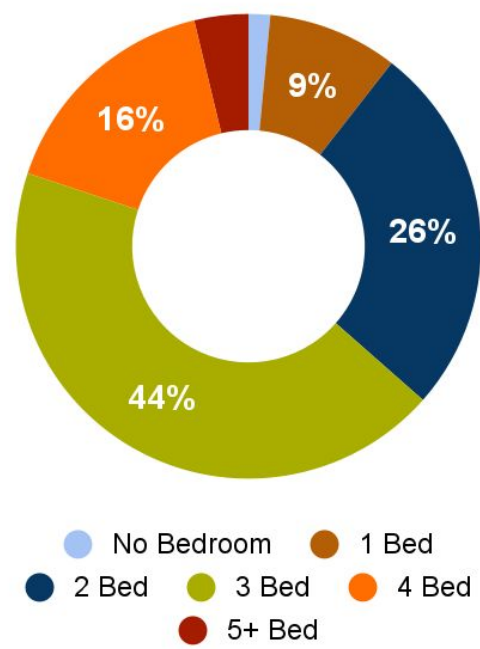
**Housing Stock by Bedrooms**

Noble County | 2019



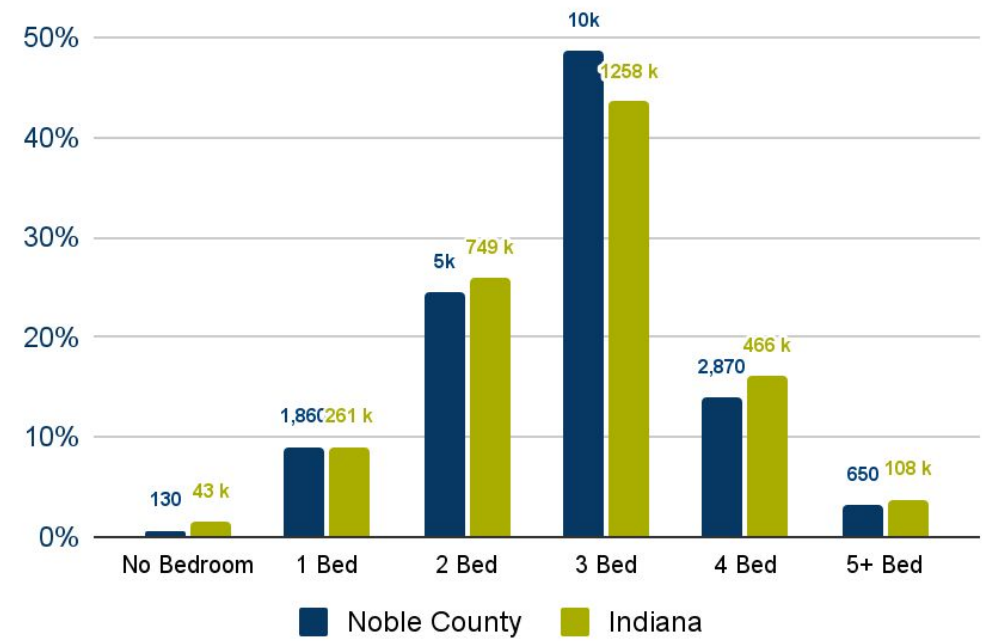
Includes all existing units, single family and multifamily.  
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Indiana | 2019



**Share of Housing Stock by Bedroom**

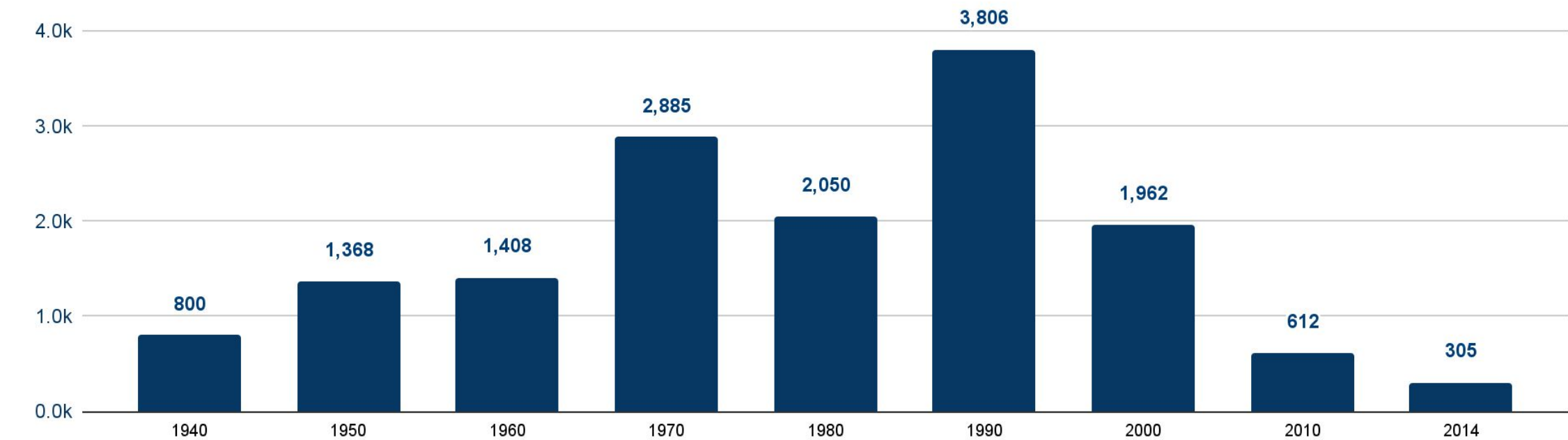
Noble County, Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**HOUSING AGE |** 86% of homes were built before 1990, with a plurality of homes built before 1940.

**Homes by Year Built**  
**Noble County | 2019**

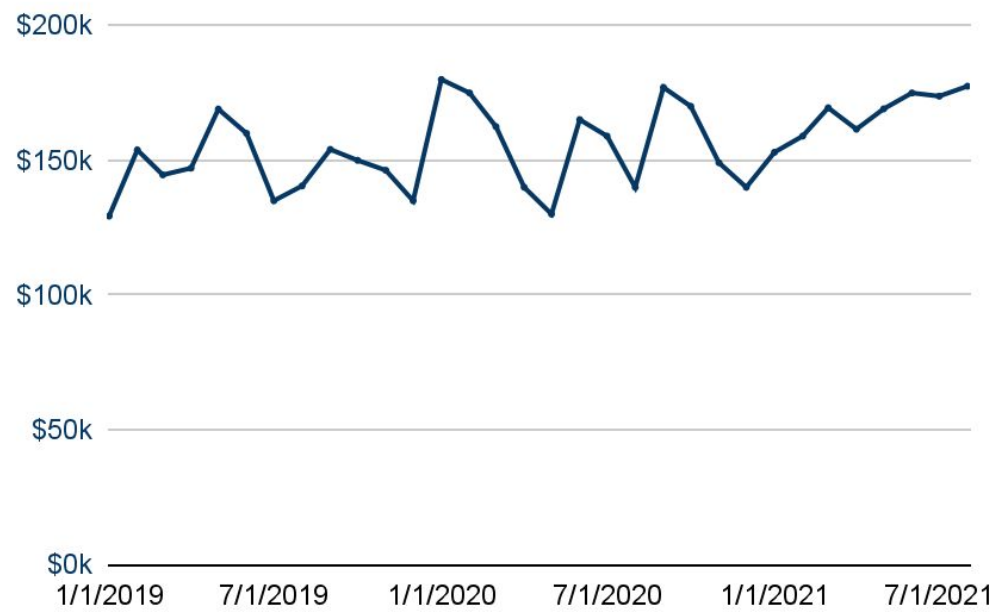


Includes all existing units, single family and multifamily.  
**Source:** ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates



**MEDIAN LISTING PRICE |** Homes in Noble County have a median listing price of \$177,400. Home prices have increased by 37% since 2019.

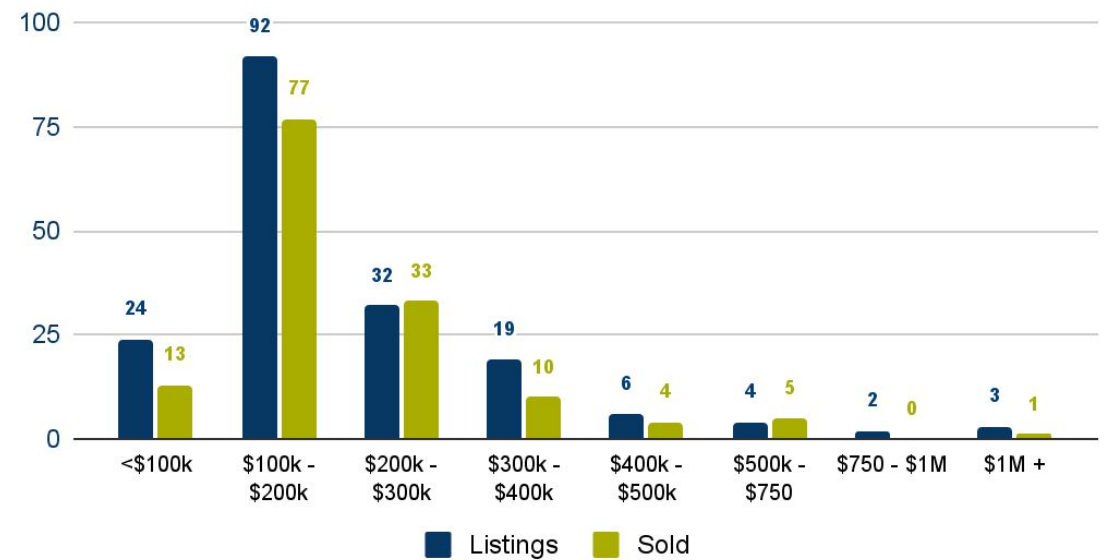
**Median Listing Price**  
Noble County | 2019-2021



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Disclaimer: For counties less than 10,000 households, data may be significantly skewed due to limited transactions.

**Listings and Sales (last 24 months)**  
Noble County | 2021

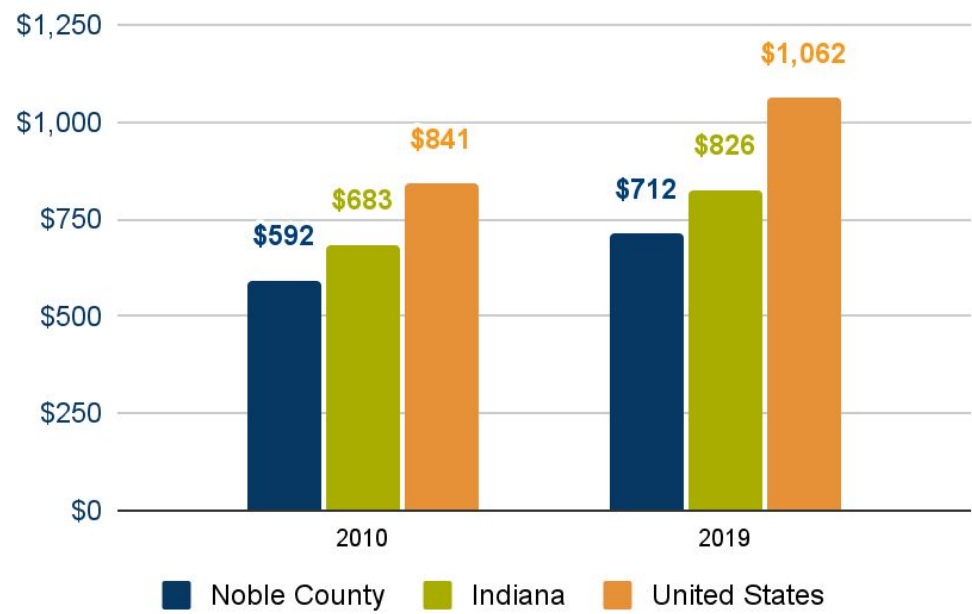


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**MEDIAN RENTS |** Median rents have increased by 20% since 2010, with average rents at \$712 in 2019.

**Median Rent**

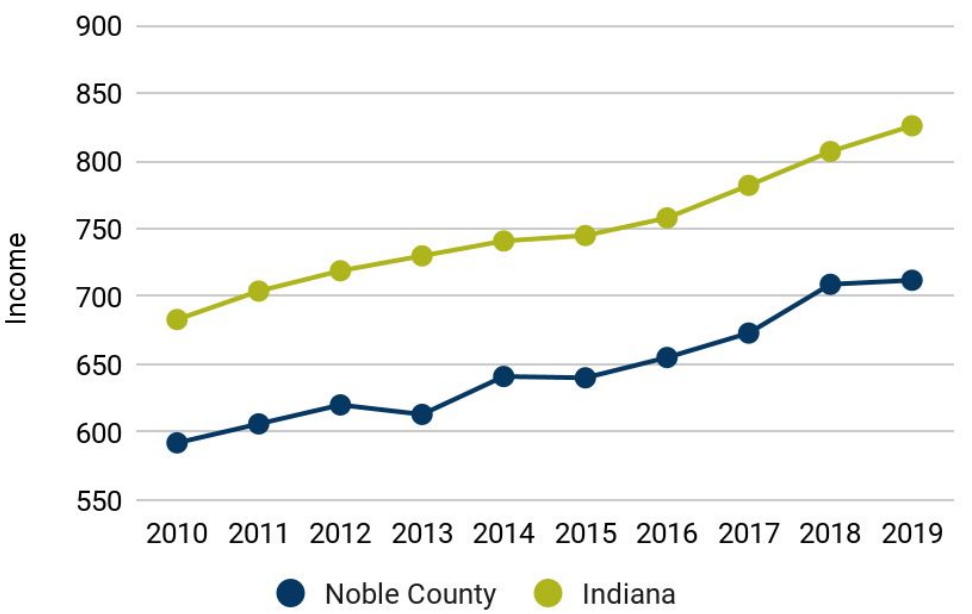
Noble County, Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Median Rent Over Time**

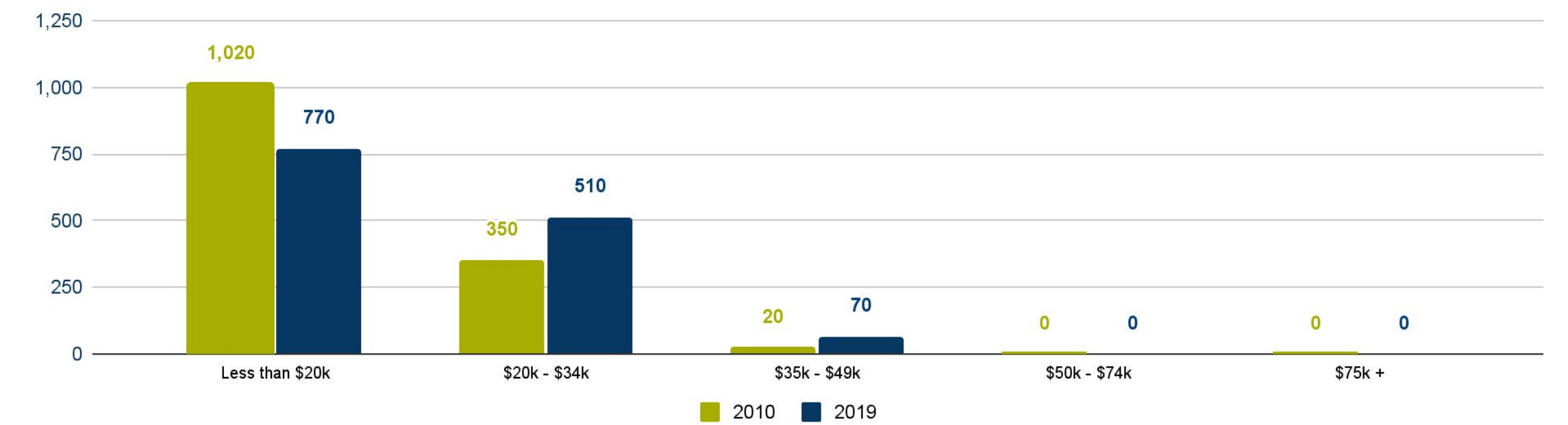
Noble County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**COST BURDEN |** 35% of renter households are housing cost burdened in Noble County, down -11% since 2010. 49% of households earning below \$50,000 are housing cost burdened.

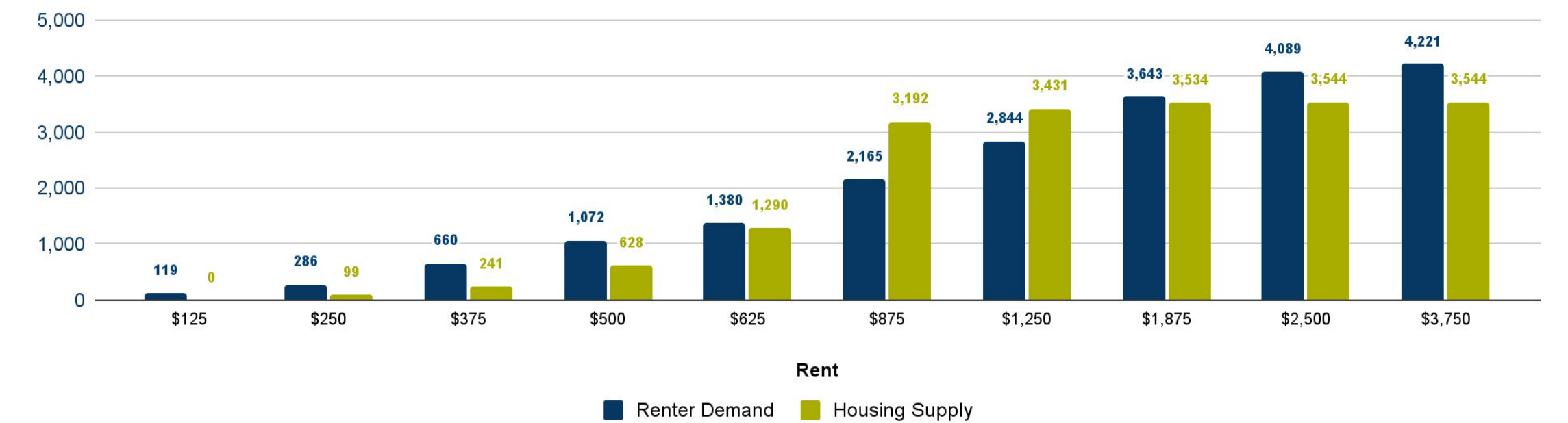
**Renter Housing Cost Burden**  
Noble County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



Cost Burdened households are those putting more than 30% of their household income towards housing expenses.  
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**CUMULATIVE RENTAL HOUSING GAP |** There is a 0 unit gap in the renter market serving households who earn less than \$50,000 annually or units renting below \$1,250 per month.

**Cumulative Housing Gap**  
**Noble County, Indiana | 2010-2019**



Rental Housing Gap is the number of households in each income group and number of existing housing units that are affordable to those households.  
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING |** The maps below show the spatial distribution of affordable housing units throughout the state of Indiana and in Noble County.

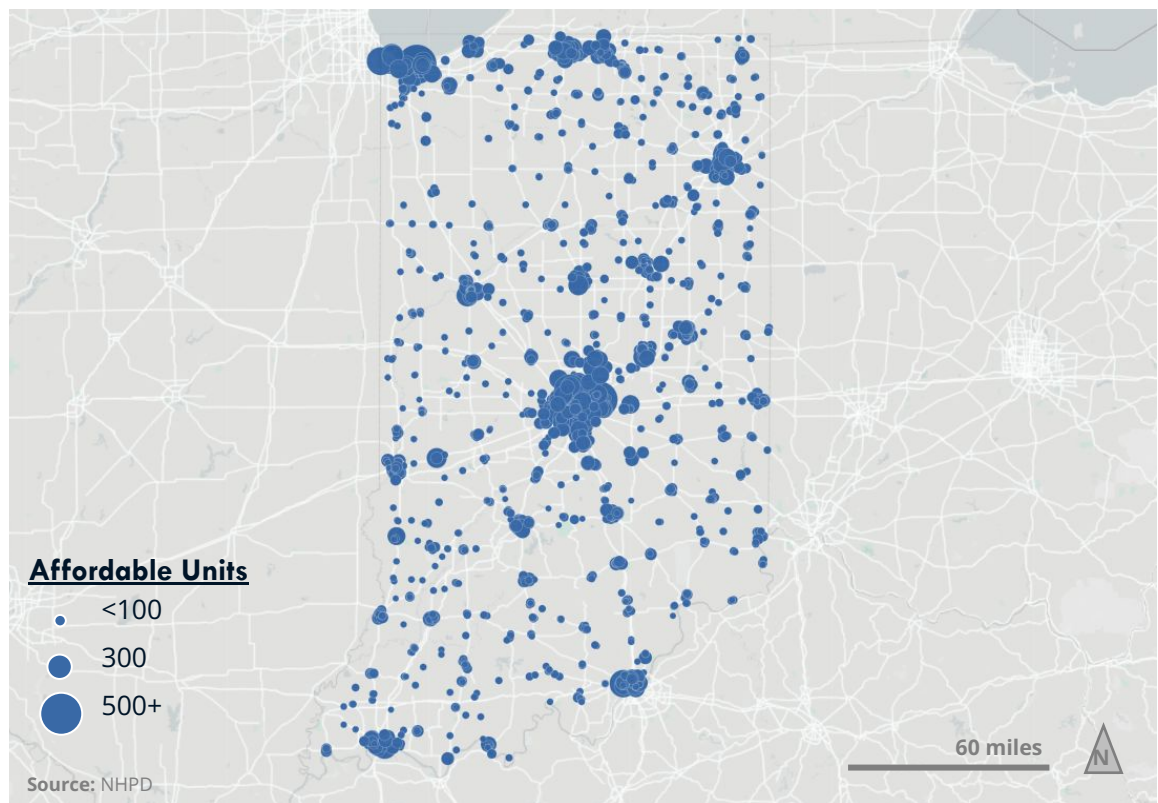
## Affordable Housing Inventory

Noble County | 2020



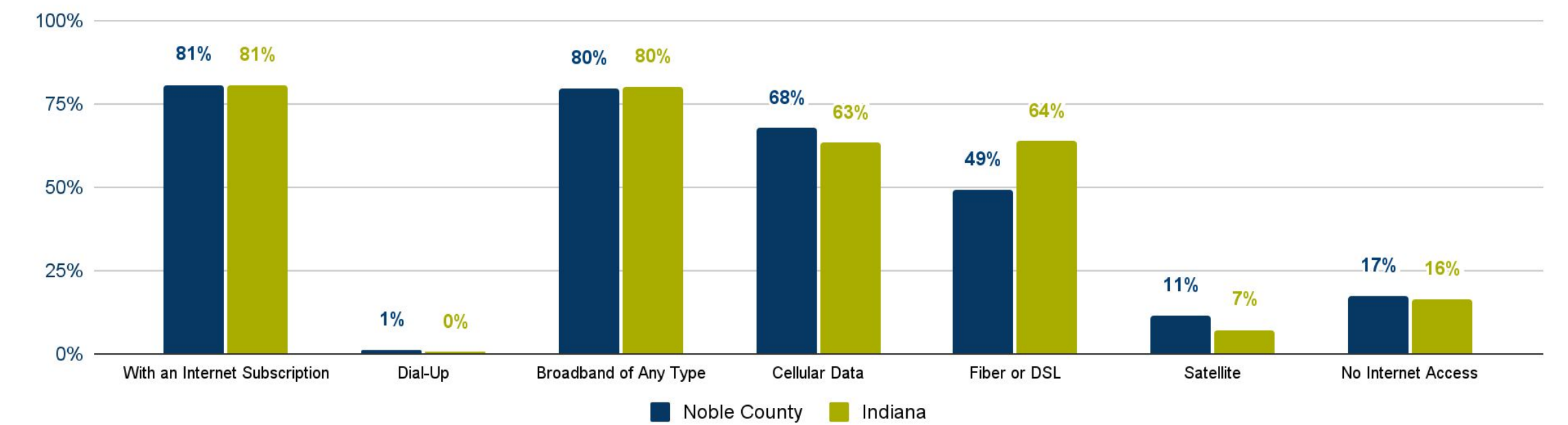
## Affordable Housing Inventory

State of Indiana | 2020



**HOUSING AMENITIES |** 80% of housing units have access to broadband compared to 80% state-wide.

**Broadband Access**  
Noble County | 2020



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

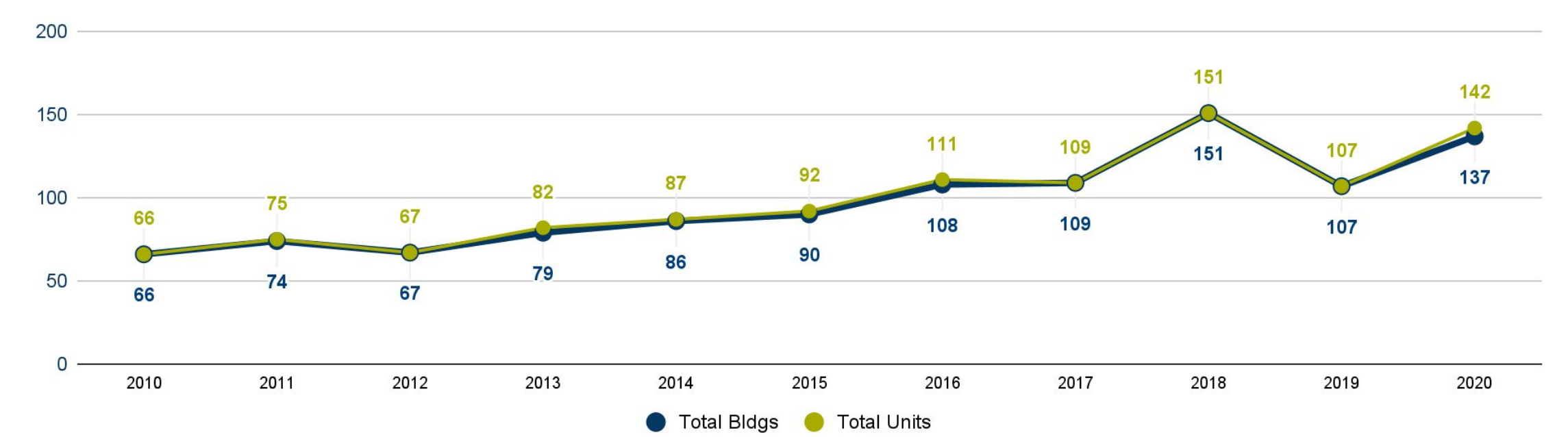
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# HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

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**HOUSING STARTS** | There were 137 new housing starts in 2020 in Noble County, with 1,074 total building permits authorized since 2010.

**New Housing Structures Authorized by Building Permits**  
**Noble County | 2017-2020**



Source: St. Louis Fed.



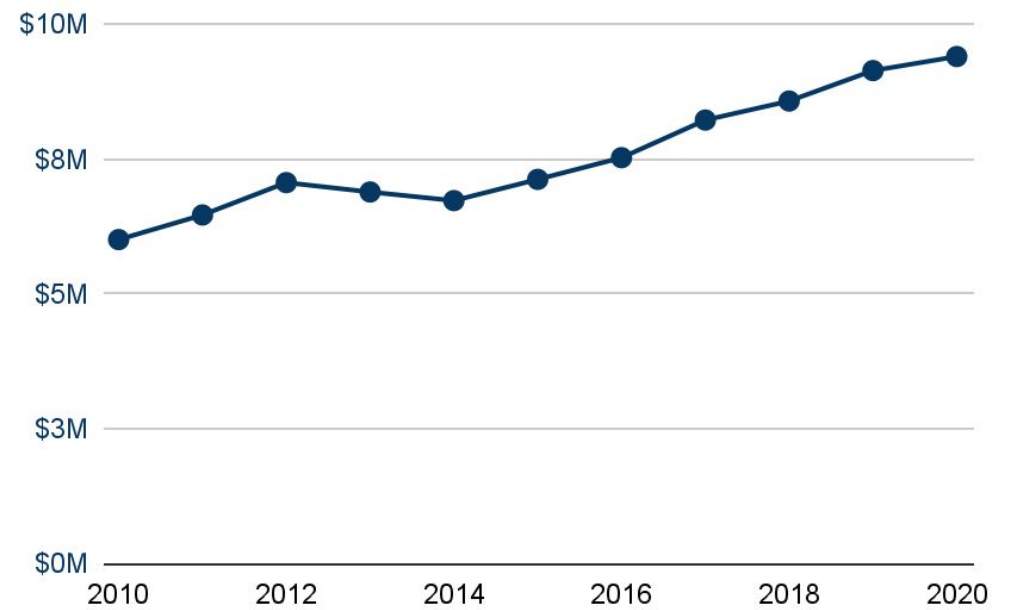
**CONSTRUCTION INPUTS |** Construction material costs have skyrocketed since 2010 and recovered sharply from pandemic impacts to all time highs.

**Construction Cost Indices**  
United States | 2010-2021



Source: BEA, St. Louis Fed, U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics

**Gross Construction Wages**  
Indiana | 2010-2020



Source: BEA, St. Louis Fed, U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics