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HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR LA PORTE COUNTY

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- Indiana Association of Realtors
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- Indiana Builders Association
- Indiana CRA Bankers Association
- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority
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This report utilizes the following **data sources**:

- 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
- U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics
- National Housing Preservation Database
- Indiana Association of Realtors

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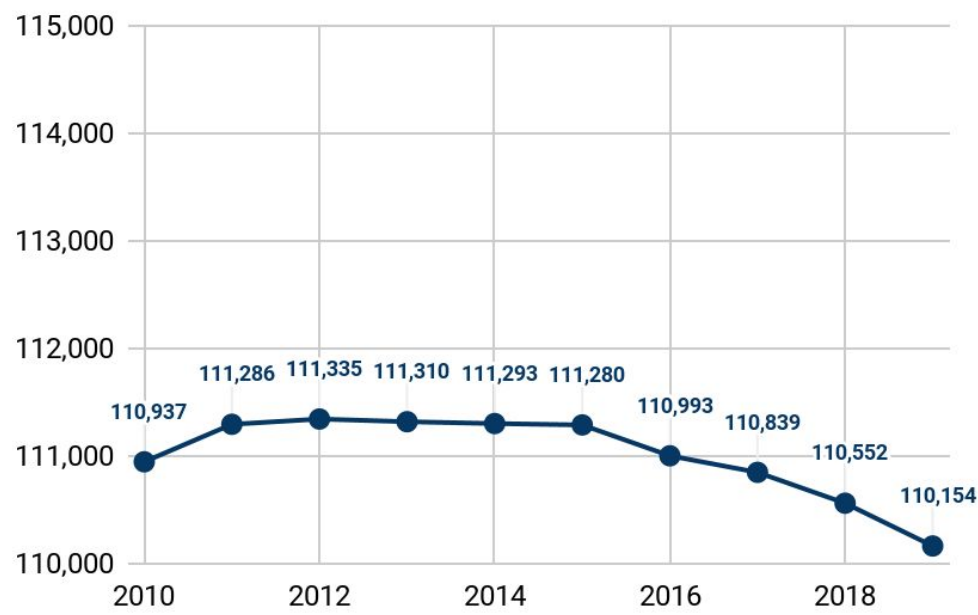
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# DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

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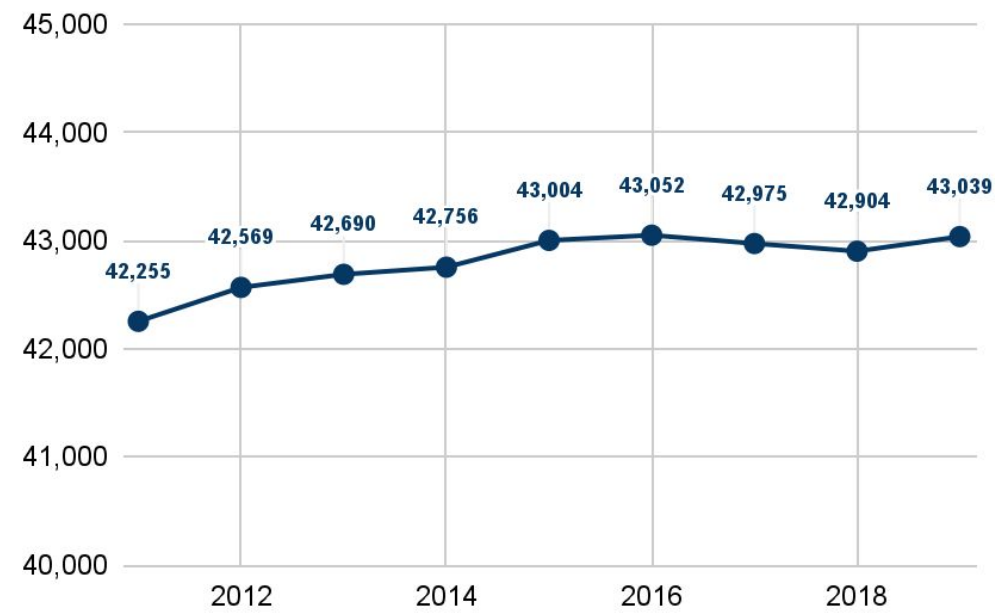
**POPULATION** | La Porte County's population has decreased by 0.71% (783 people) between 2010-2019. In the same time period, the total number of households increased by 2.25% (949 households).

**Resident Population**  
La Porte County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

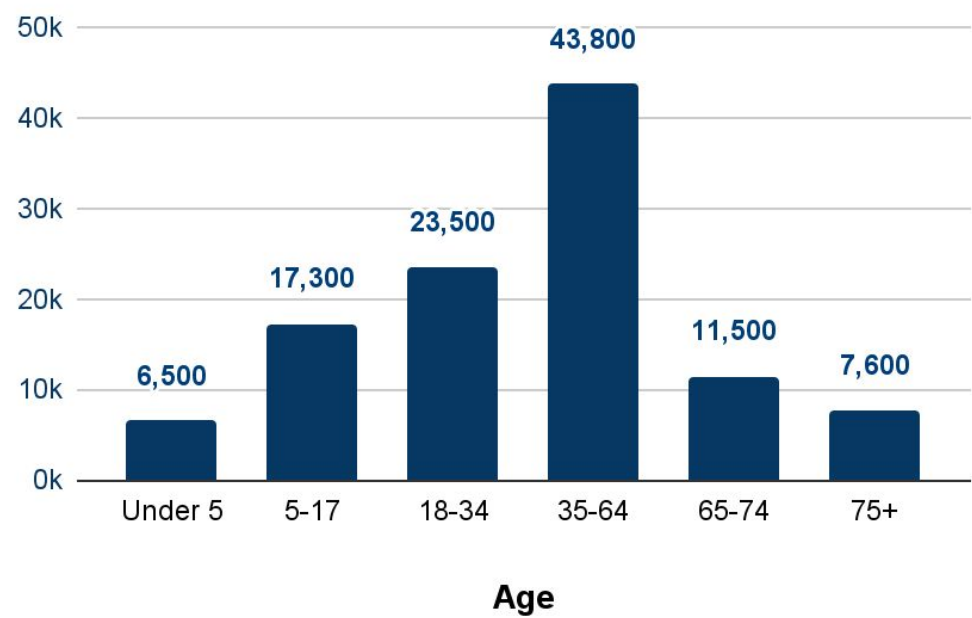
**Households**  
La Porte County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

**AGE** | 19,100 of people in La Porte County are age 65 or older, while 22% are younger than 18.

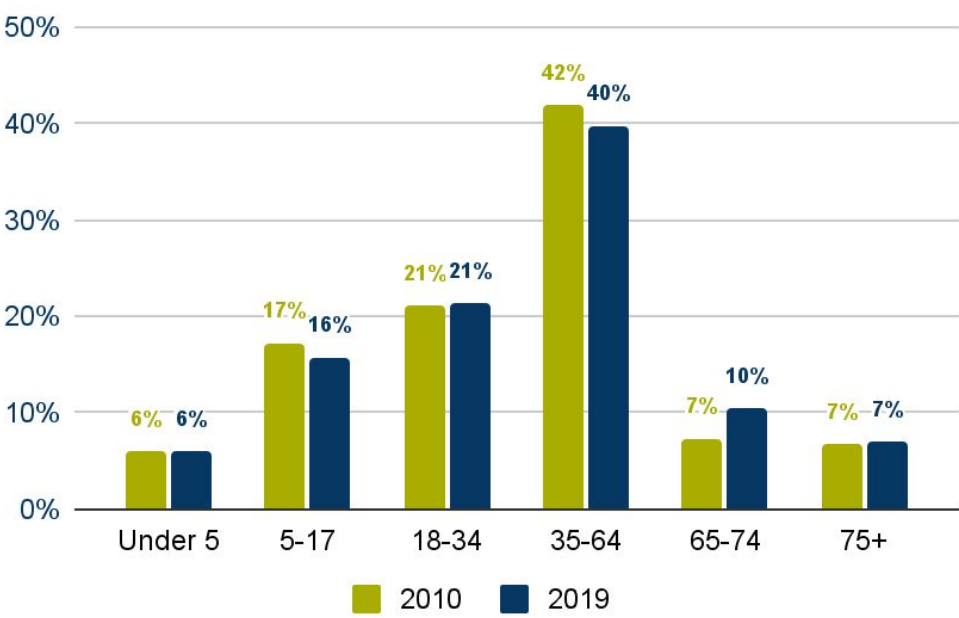
**Population by Age**  
La Porte County | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

**Change in Share of Population**  
La Porte County | 2010, 2019

**Change in Share of Population**

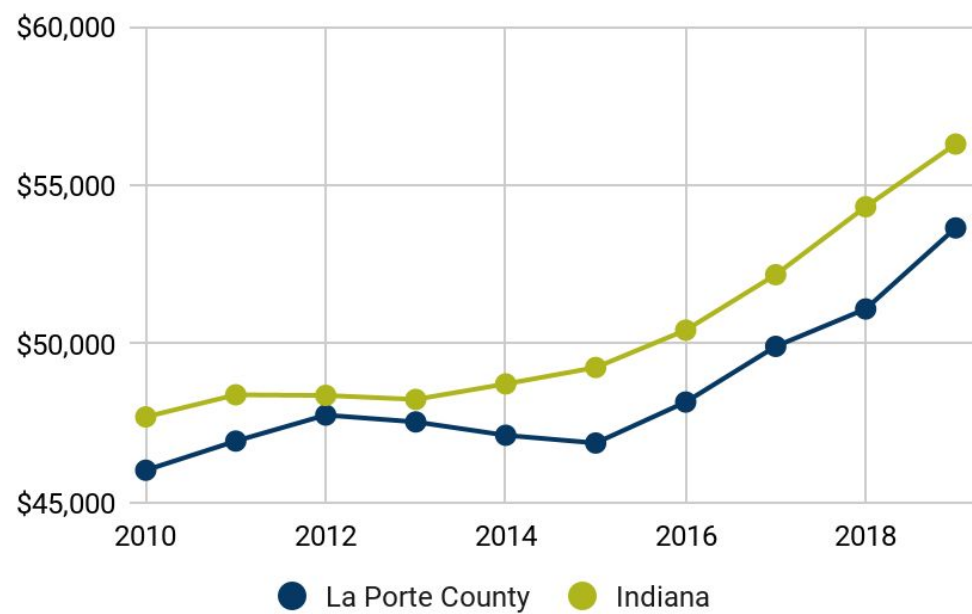


Source: ACS 2010-2019 1-year estimates

**HOUSEHOLD INCOMES |** La Porte County had a median income of \$53,658 in 2019, up 17% since 2010. 33% of households have incomes below \$35,000, while 21% have incomes above \$100,000.

**Median Income**

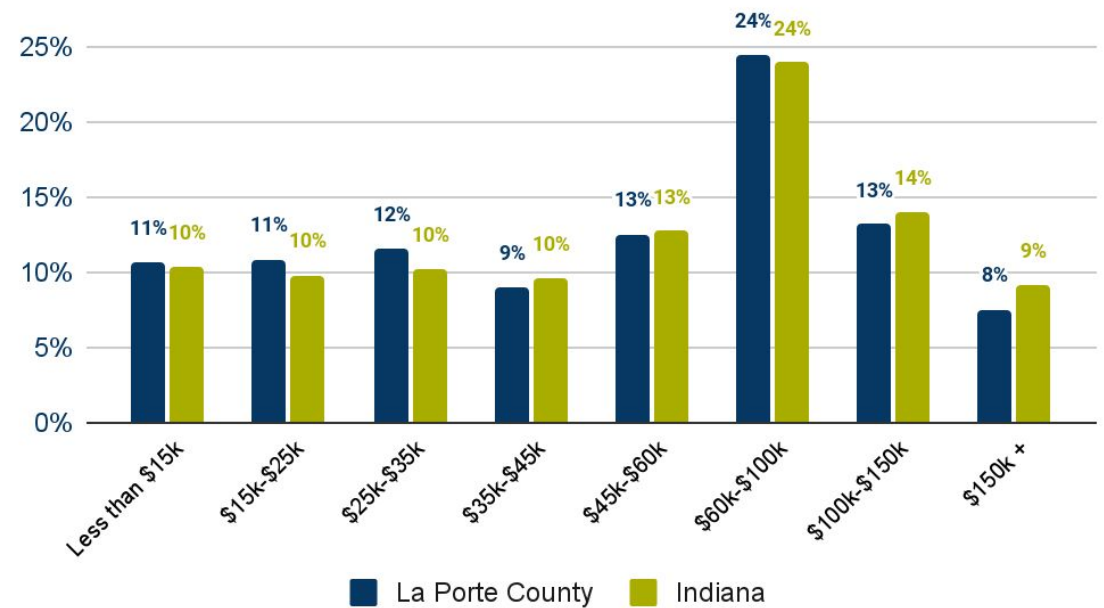
La Porte County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Household Income Distribution**

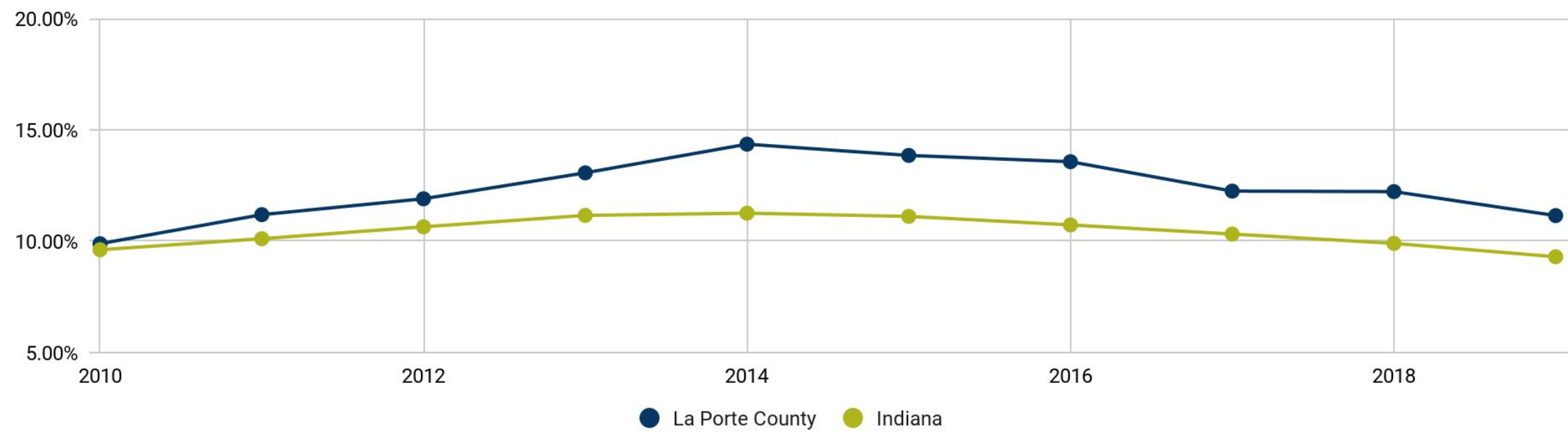
La Porte County, State of Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

**FAMILY POVERTY RATE |** 11.1% of families in La Porte County live below the poverty line, up 1.26 points from 9.9% in 2010.

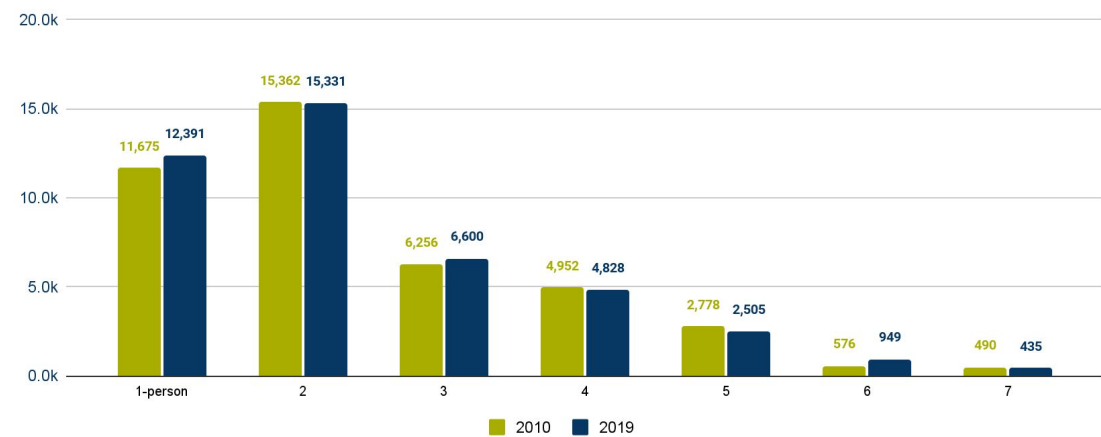
**Family Poverty Rate**  
La Porte County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**HOUSEHOLD SIZE |** The average household size is 2.37 people, compared to the statewide average of 2.52. The La Porte County average household has shrunk by 0.09 persons since 2010.

**Household Size**  
La Porte County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

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



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

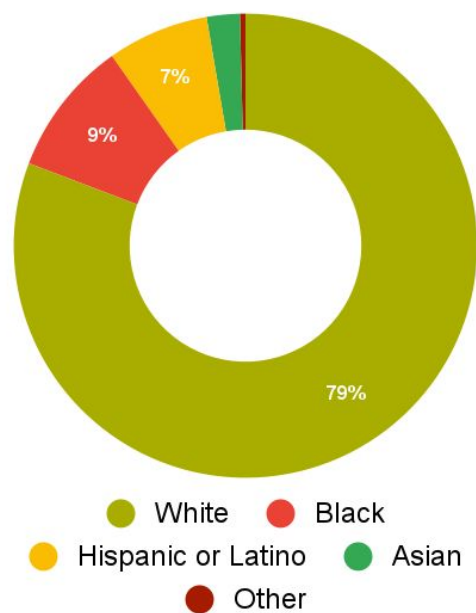
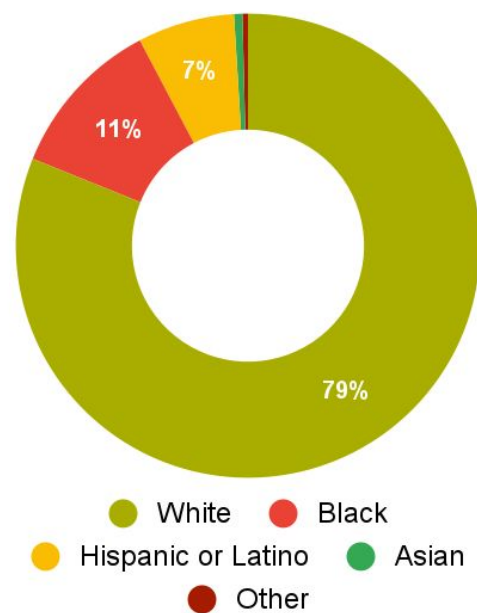


**RACIAL COMPOSITION |** The current racial distribution of households in La Porte County is 79% White, 11% Black, 7% Hispanic/Latino, 1% Asian, and 0% other.

**Racial/Ethnic Distribution**

La Porte County | 2019

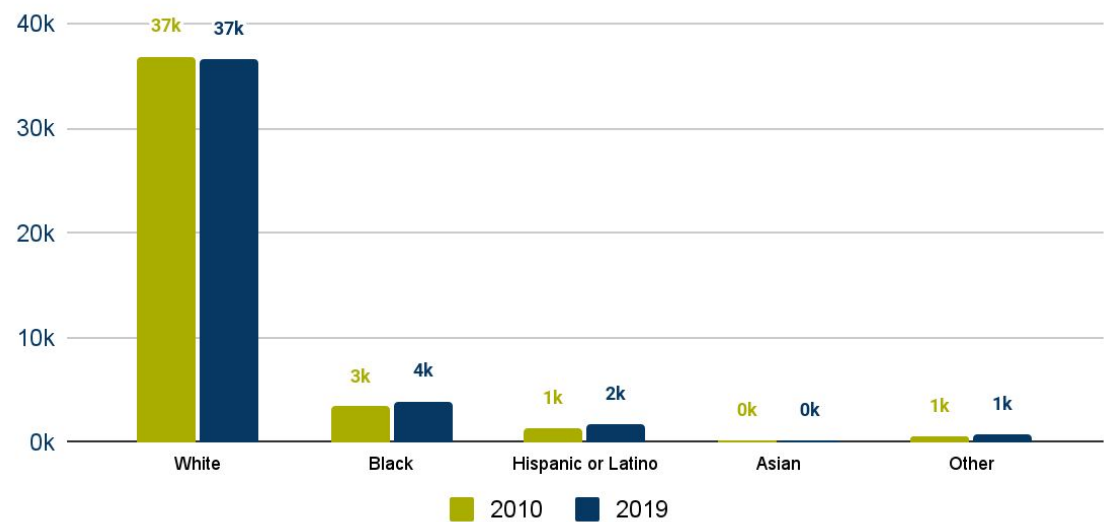
Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Household Racial/Ethnic Distribution**

La Porte County | 2010, 2019



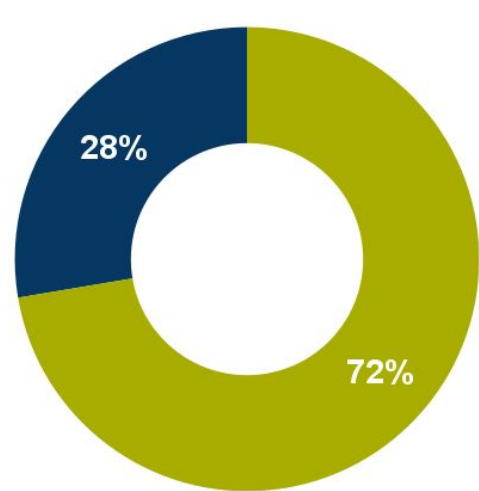
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**HOUSING TENURE** | In 2019, 28% of households (11,904 households) in La Porte County were renters, while 72% (31,135 households) were owners. The share of renters has decreased by 3.09 percentage points since 2010.

**Housing Tenure**

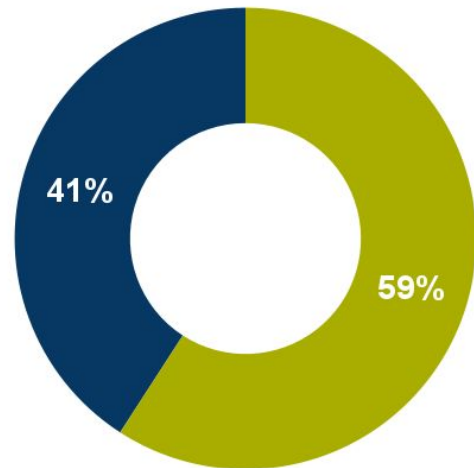
La Porte County | 2019

Indiana | 2019



● Owner Occupied  
● Renter Occupied

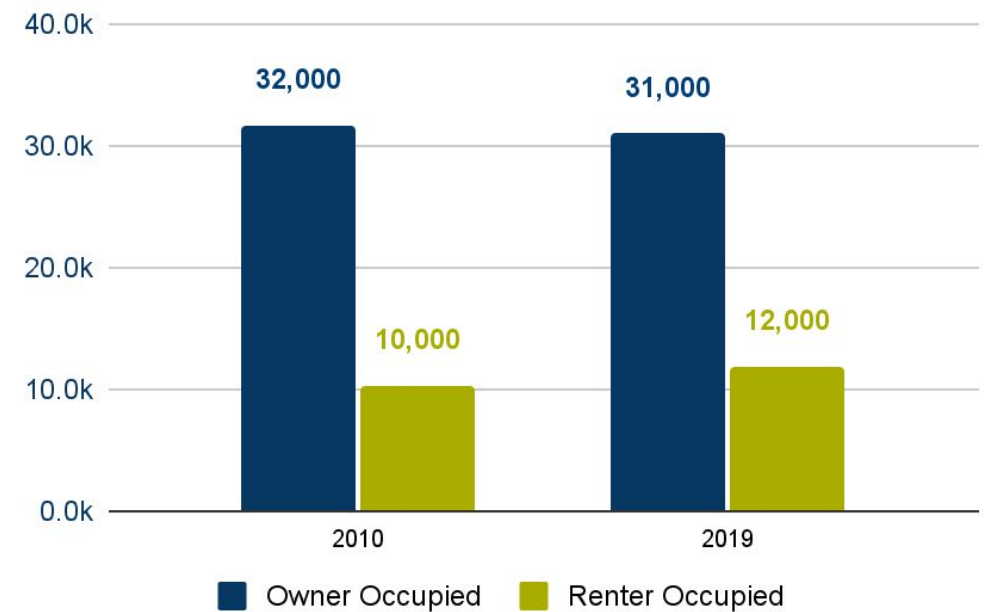
Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates



● Owner Occupied  
● Renter Occupied

**Total Households by Tenure**

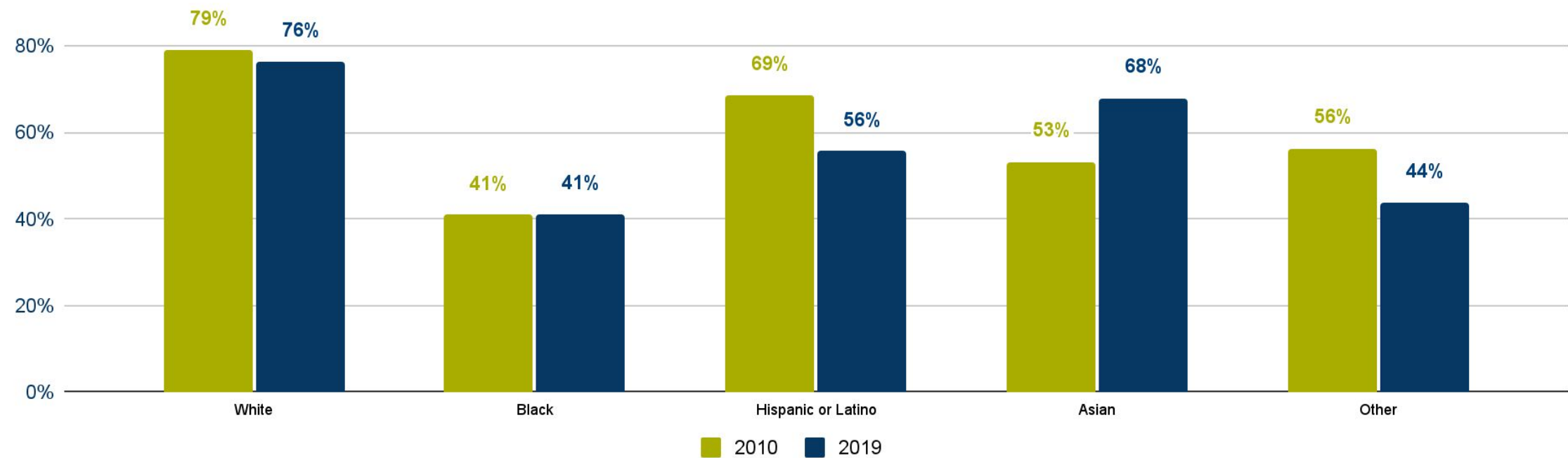
La Porte County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**TENURE BY RACE |** While the overall homeownership rate is 72%, homeownership is 76% among non-Hispanic White households, 41% for Black households, and 56% for Hispanic or Latino households.

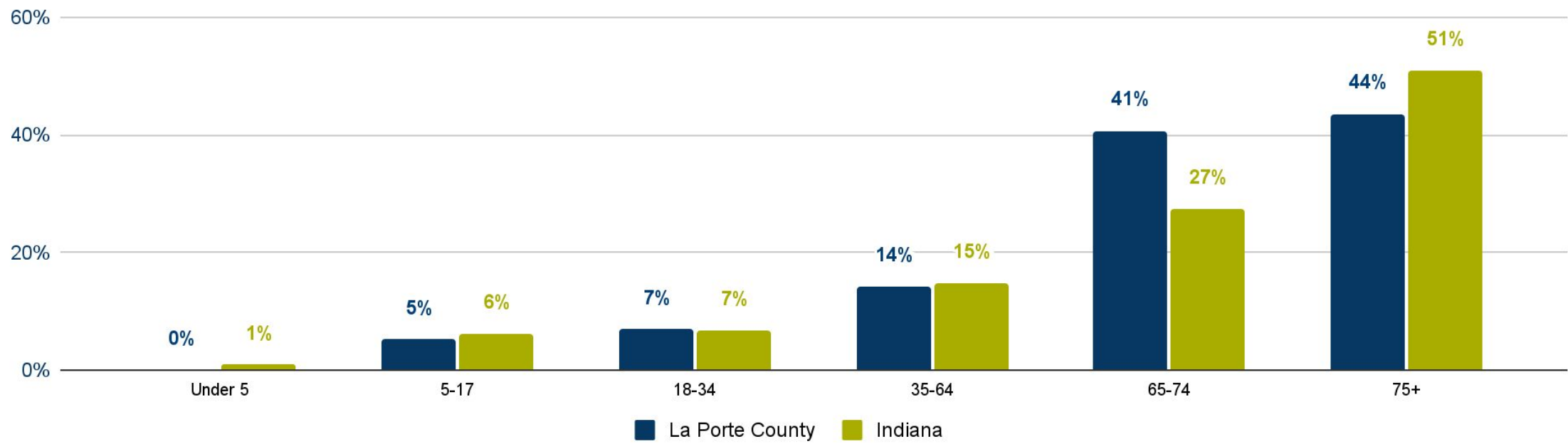
**Homeownership by Race**  
La Porte County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**DISABILITY** | 15% of people in La Porte County live with a disability. For people 65 and older, the figure increases to 42%.

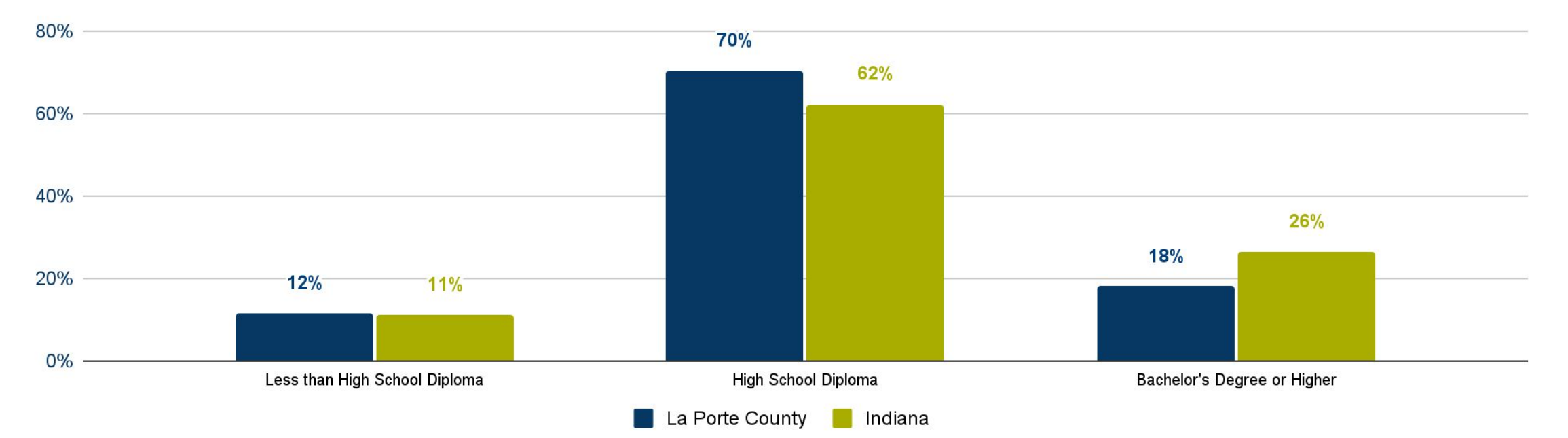
**Share of the Population by Age with a Disability**  
La Porte County, Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT** | In La Porte County, 70% of the population completed high school degree as their highest level of education, while 18% of the population has a Bachelor's degree or higher.

**Educational Attainment**  
La Porte County, Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

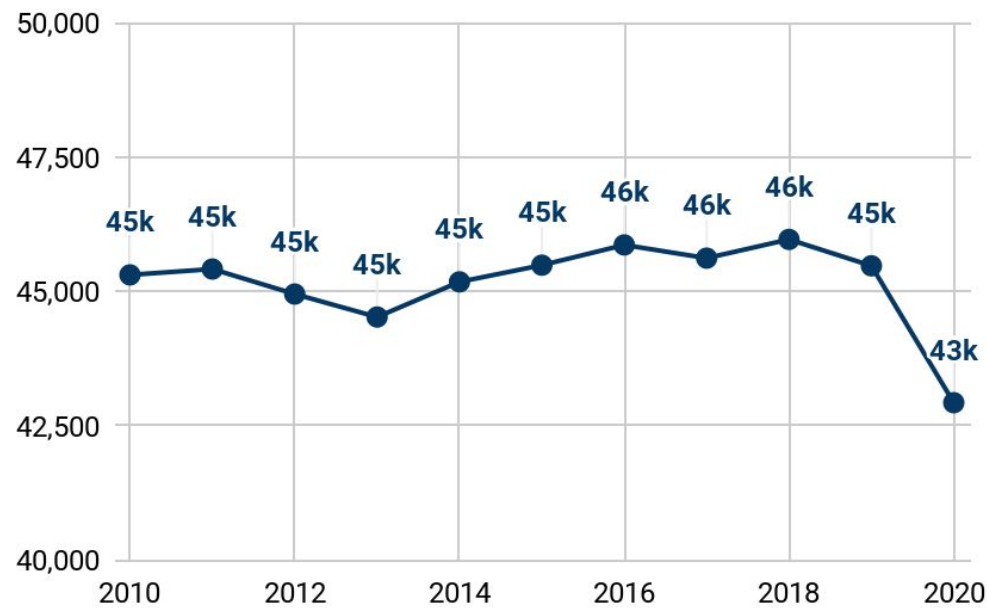
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# **JOB / EMPLOYMENT TRENDS**

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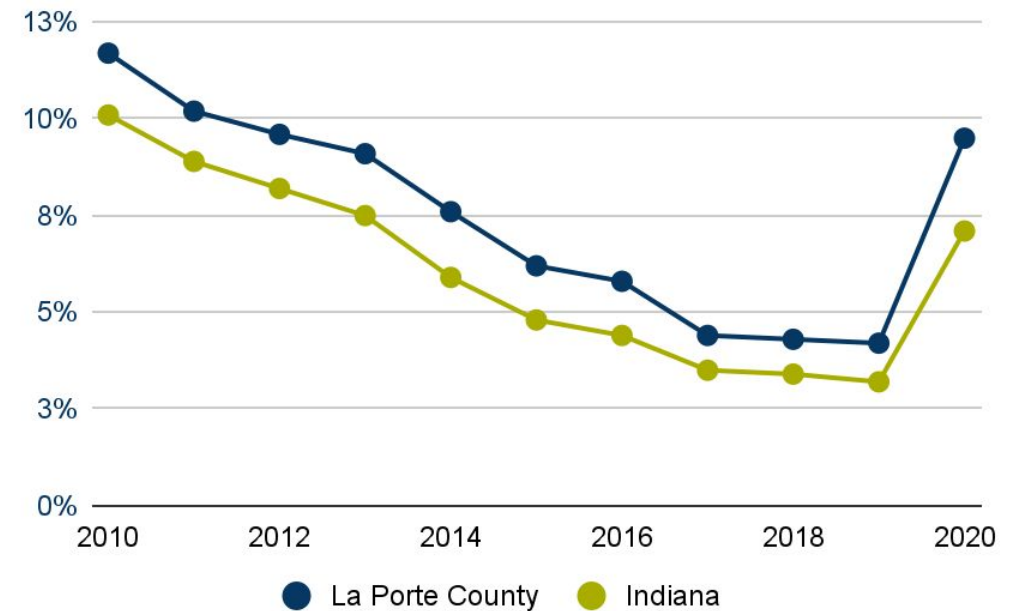
**EMPLOYMENT BASE |** There are currently 43,000 employed persons in La Porte County, down by 5.26% since 2010. The unemployment rate in 2020 was 9.50%, up 5.30 points from 2019.

**Total Employment**  
La Porte County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED Estimates

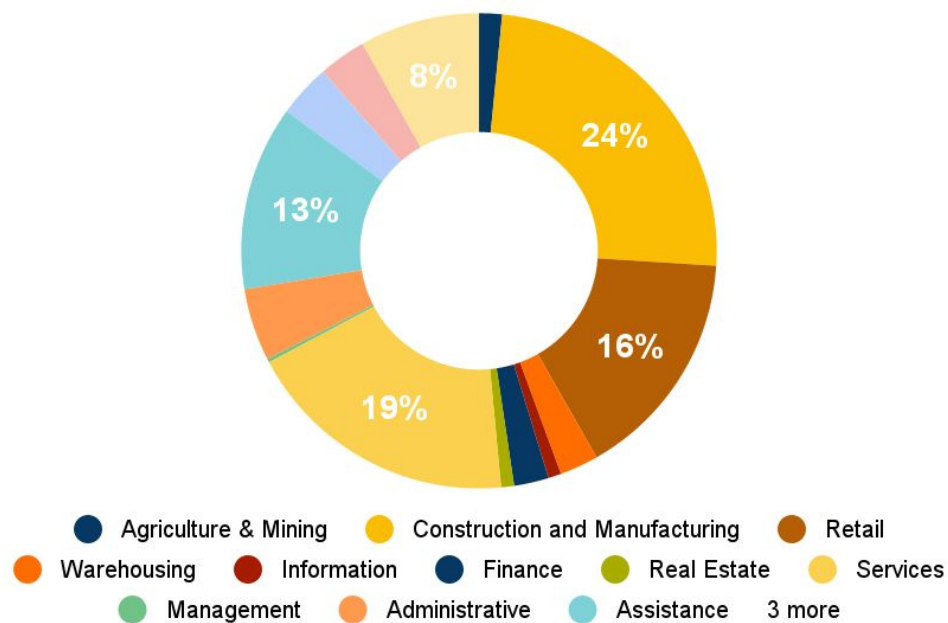
**Unemployment Rate**  
La Porte County, Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: FRED Estimates

**EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY |** Manufacturing is the leading industry for jobs in La Porte County, followed by Health Care and Social Assistance (13%).

**Total Jobs by All Industries**  
La Porte County | 2018



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

**Top 5 Industries and Median Annual Wages**

1. Service-providing | **\$39,787**
2. Trade, transportation, and utilities | **\$37,701**
3. Goods-producing | **\$57,133**
4. Professional and business services | **\$43,423**
5. Leisure and hospitality | **\$19,675**

Source: BLS

**Top 5 Employers**

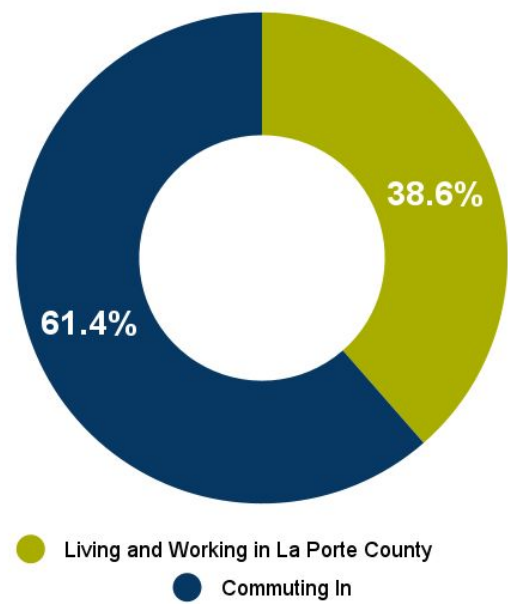
1. Blue Chip Casino Hotel Spa (Michigan City)
2. Franciscan Health Mi City (Michigan City)
3. Iu Health La Porte Hospital (La Porte)
4. La Porte County Office (La Porte)
5. Indiana State Prison (Michigan City)

Source: BLS



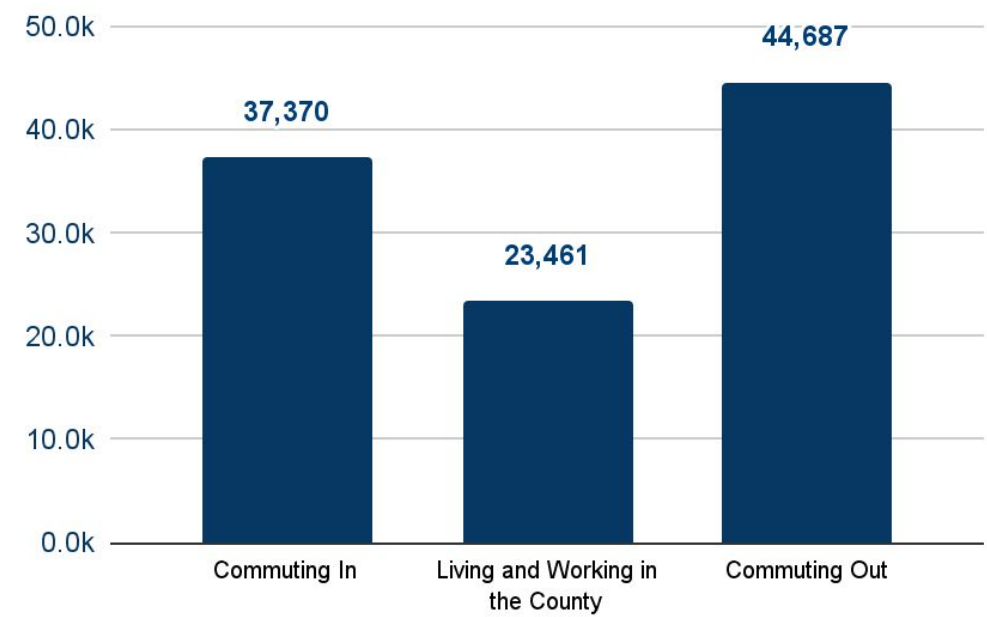
**COMMUTER INFLOW / OUTFLOW** | 37,000 commuters come into La Porte County for their jobs, while 45,000 employees travel out of La Porte County for their jobs.

**Employment Inflow**  
La Porte County | 2018



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

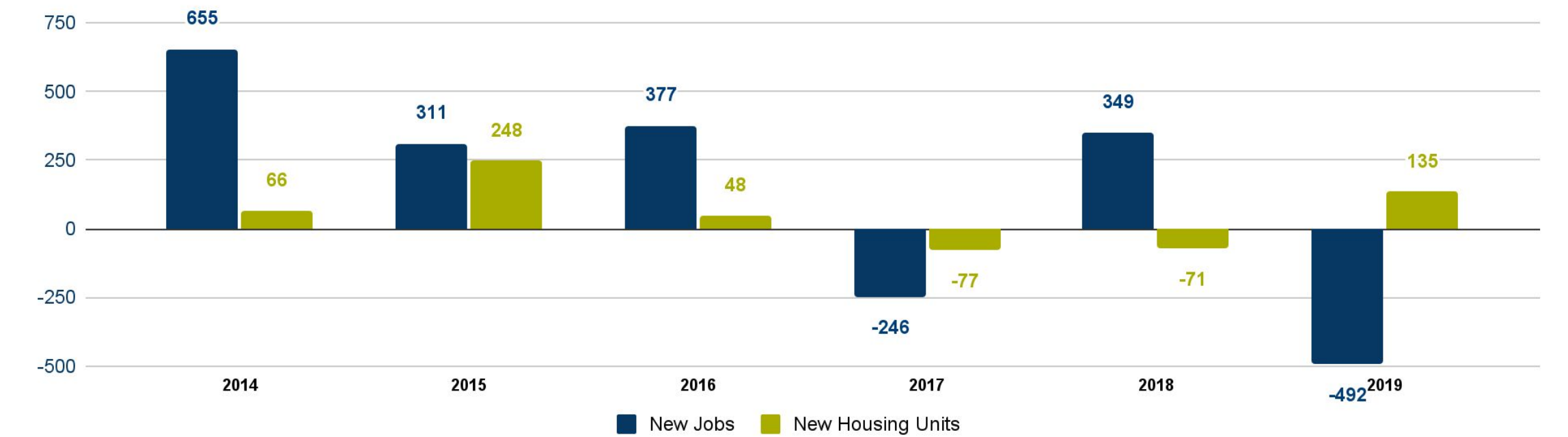
**Commuting Patterns**  
La Porte County | 2018



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

**JOB GROWTH AND HOUSING PRODUCTION |** La Porte County has created 954 jobs and 349 housing units between 2014 and 2019, or 37 housing units for every 100 jobs created.

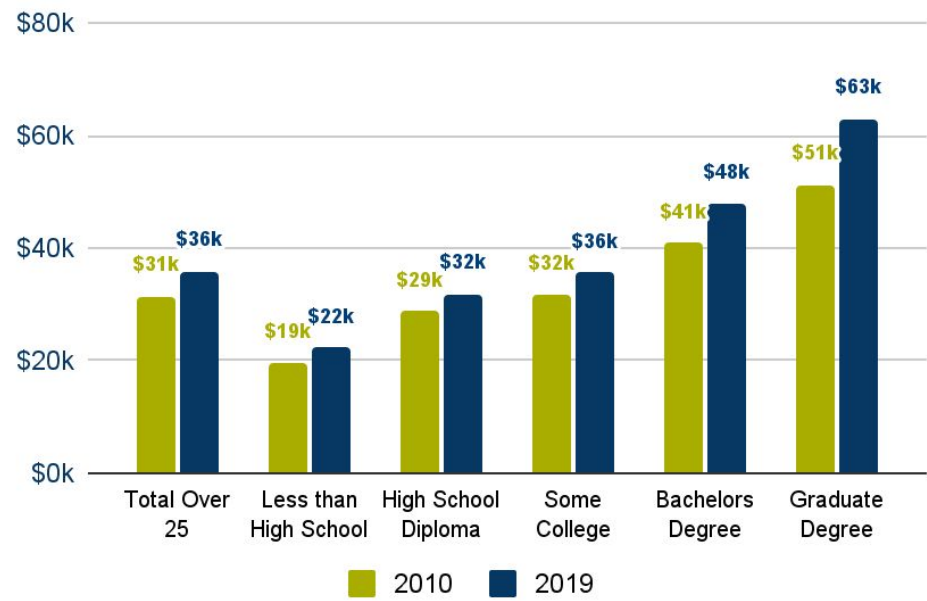
**Job Growth and Housing Production**  
La Porte County | New Jobs, New Housing Units



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

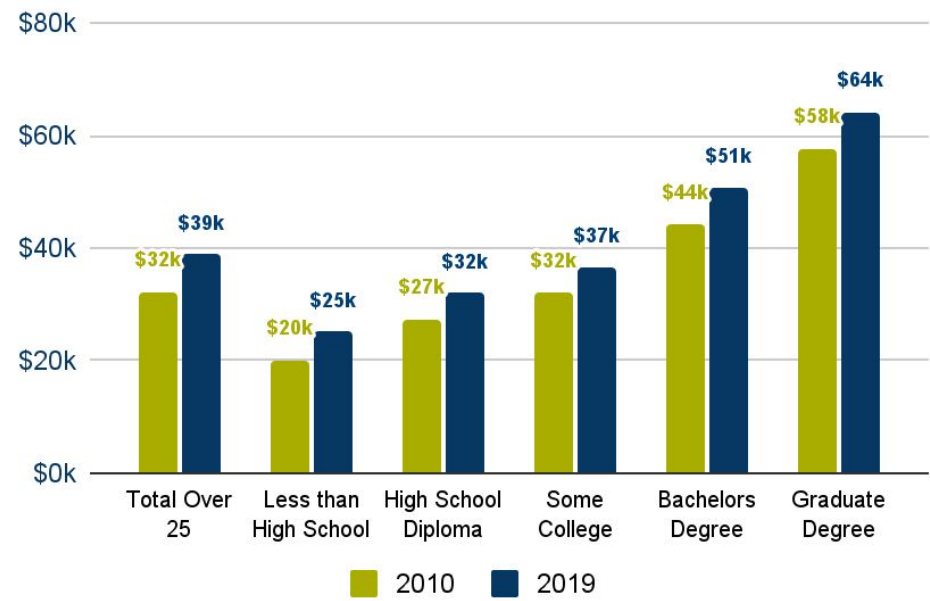
**INCOME GROWTH |** Median earnings have increased 14% since 2010 for the total population and increased 11% for the population with a high school diploma or greater education.

**Median Earnings by Educational Attainment**  
La Porte County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

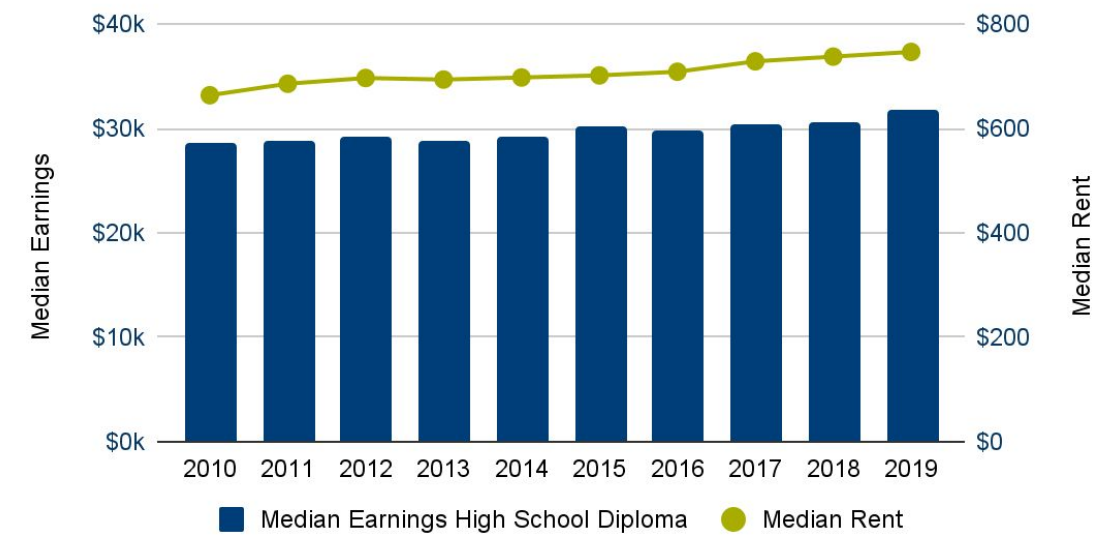
**Median Earnings by Educational Attainment**  
Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

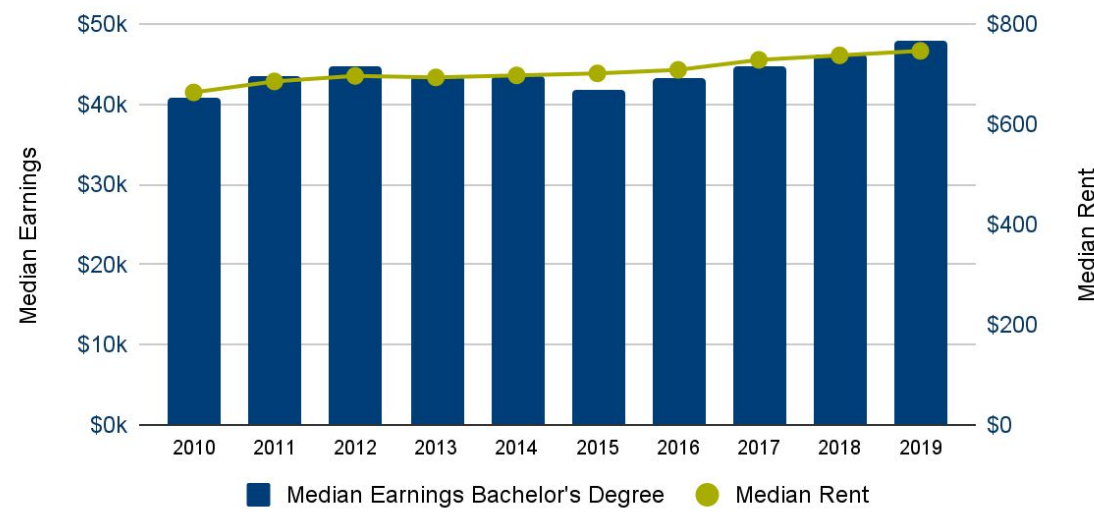
**INCOME GROWTH AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT |** Median annual earnings have increased by \$4,500, or 17% since 2010 for high school graduates, and increased \$6,500, or 15%, since 2010 for Bachelors Degree holders. Median rent has increased \$83, or 13% since 2010.

**Income and Rent Growth, High School Diploma**  
La Porte County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Income and Rent Growth, Bachelor's Degree**  
La Porte County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

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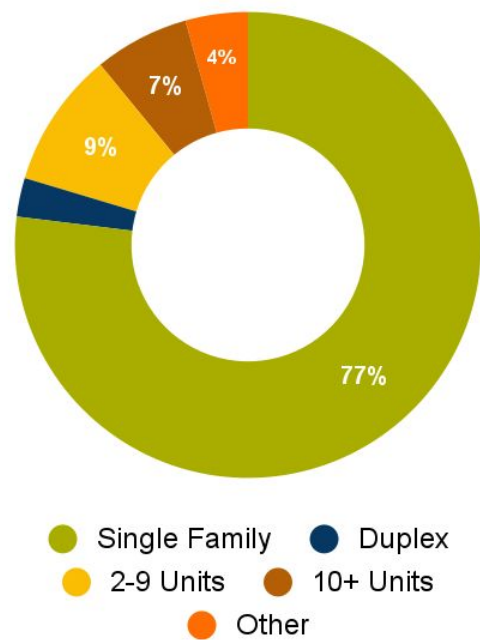
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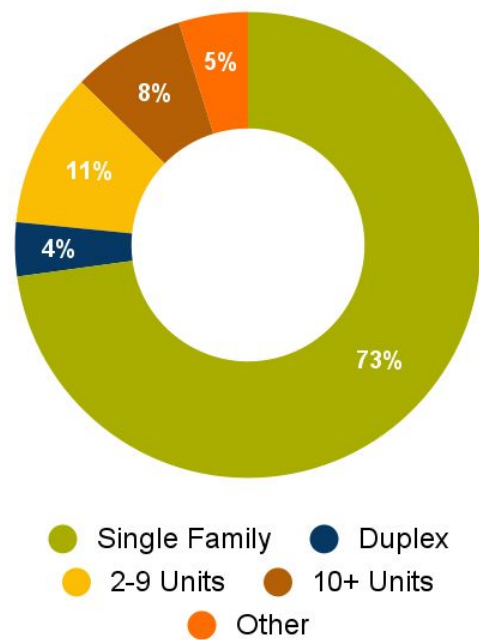
**HOUSING TYPE |** 77% of homes in La Porte County are single-family, while 23% are multifamily.

**Housing Type**

La Porte County | 2019



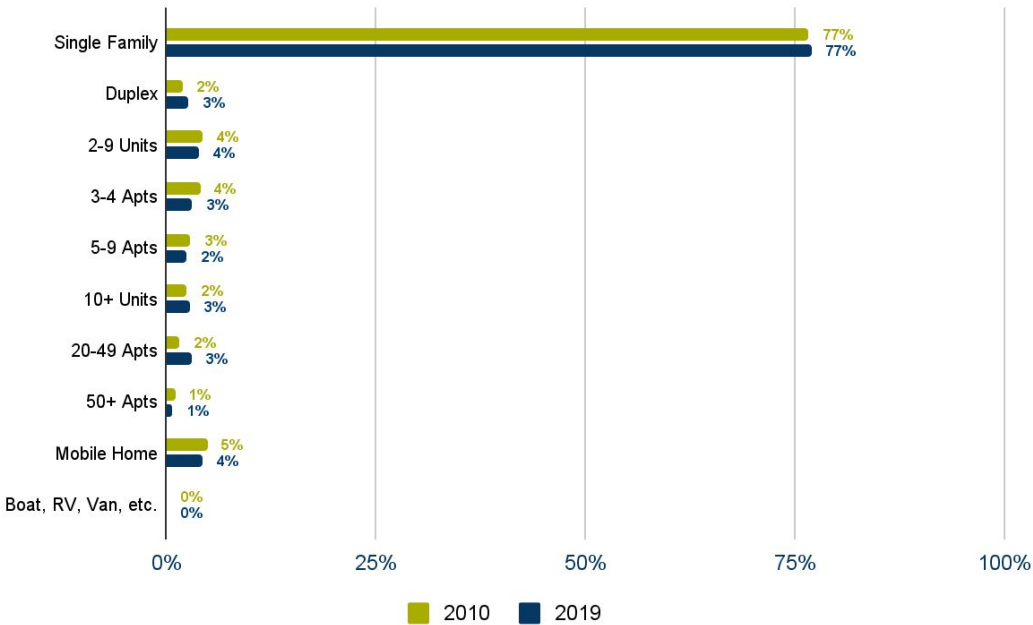
Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Share of Units by Housing Type**

La Porte County | 2010-2019



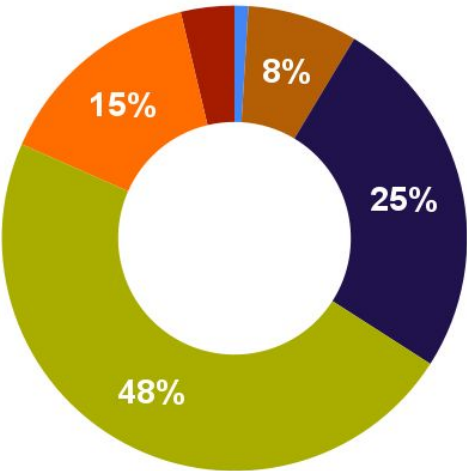
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**HOUSING UNIT SIZE |** Most homes in La Porte County average 2.37 bedrooms, with 66% of units containing 3 bedrooms or more.

**Housing Stock by Number of Bedrooms**

La Porte County | 2019

Indiana | 2019



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3 BR 4 BR 5+ BR

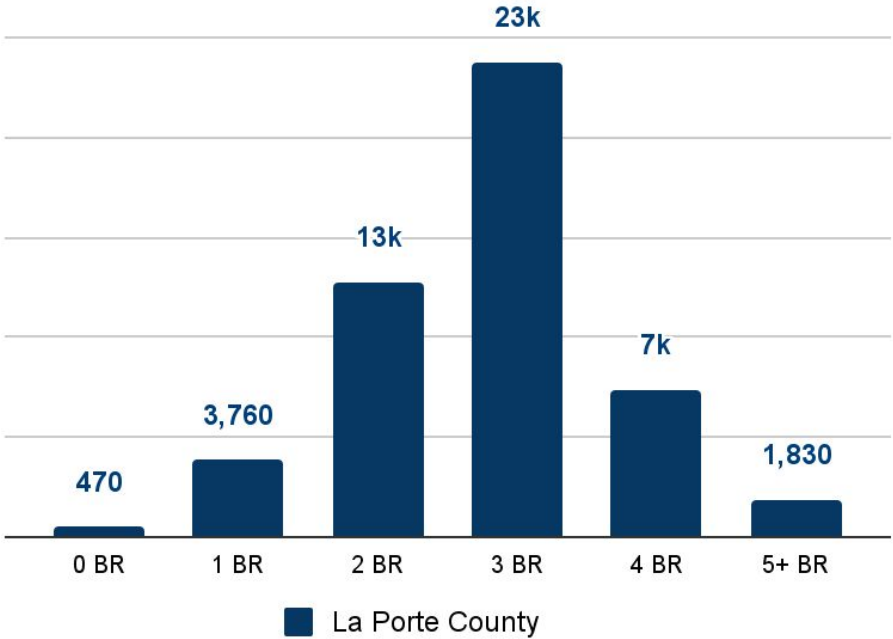


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Includes all existing units, single family and multifamily.  
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Share of Housing Stock by Bedroom**

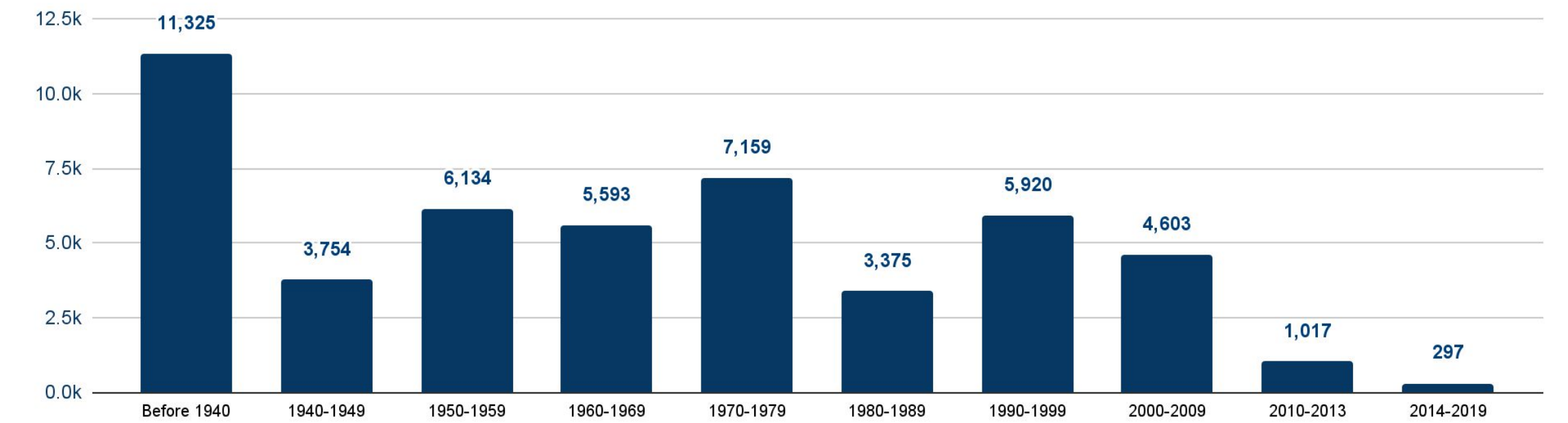
La Porte County, Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**AGE OF HOUSING |** 55% of homes were built before 1970, 33% were built between 1970 and 2000, and 12% were built after 2000.

**Homes by Year Built**  
**La Porte County | 2019**

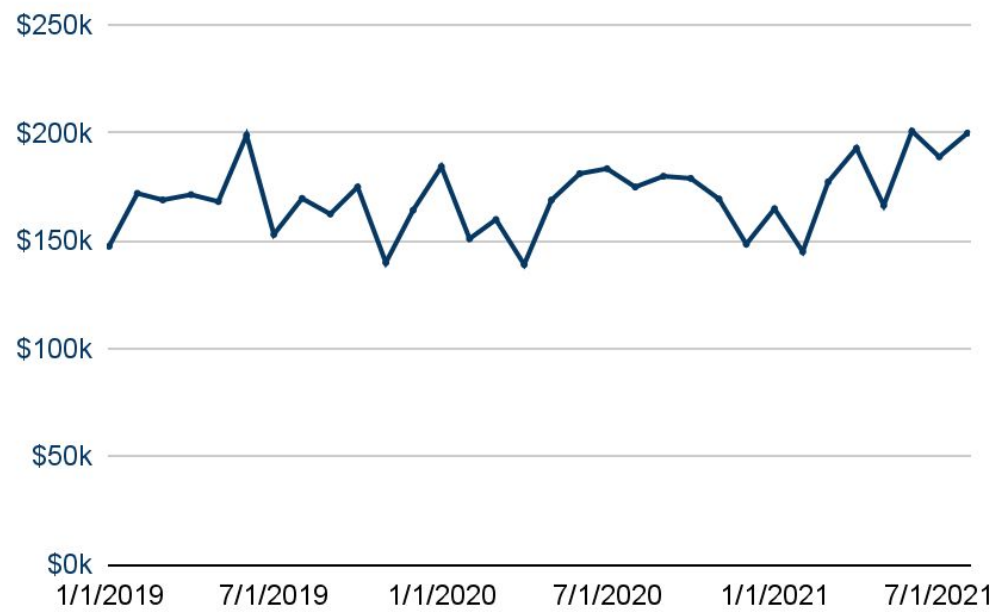


Includes all existing units, single family and multifamily.  
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates



**MEDIAN LISTING PRICE |** Homes in La Porte County have a median listing price of \$199,999. Home prices have increased by 36% since 2019.

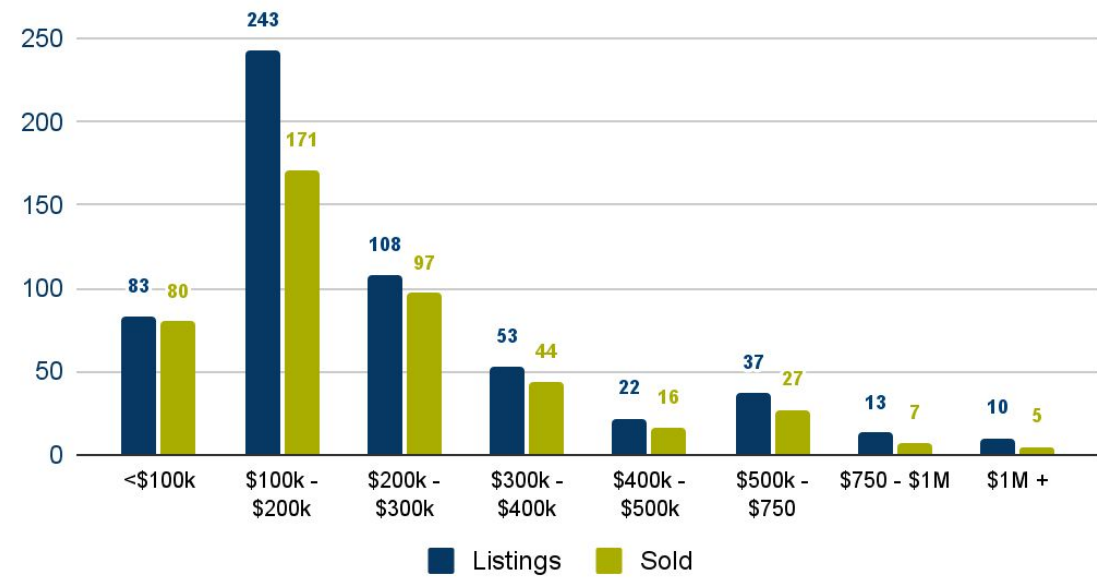
**Median Listing Price**  
La Porte County | 2019-2021



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)**  
La Porte County | 2021

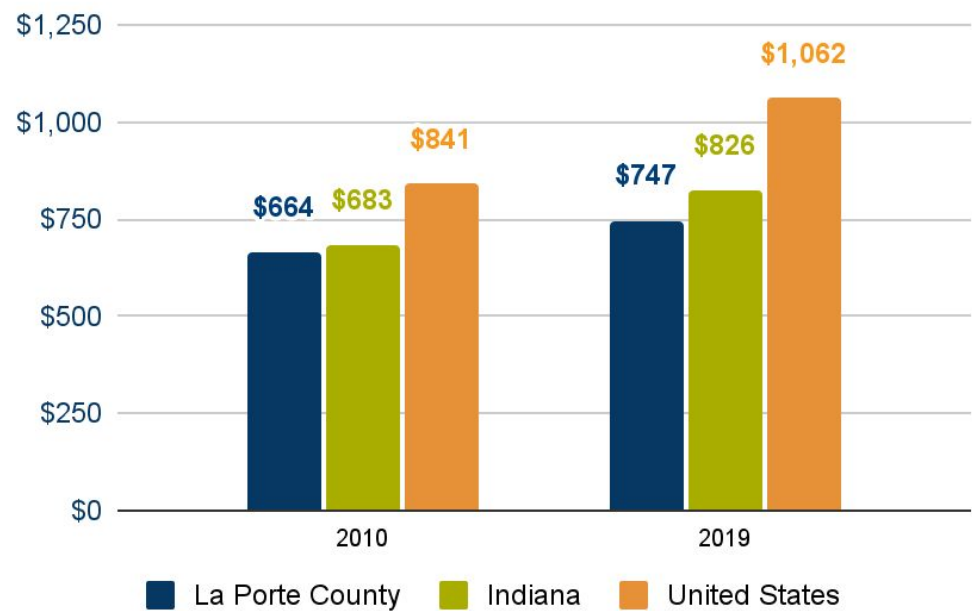


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**MEDIAN RENTS |** Median rent has increased by 13% since 2010, with median rent at \$747 in 2019.

**Median Rent**

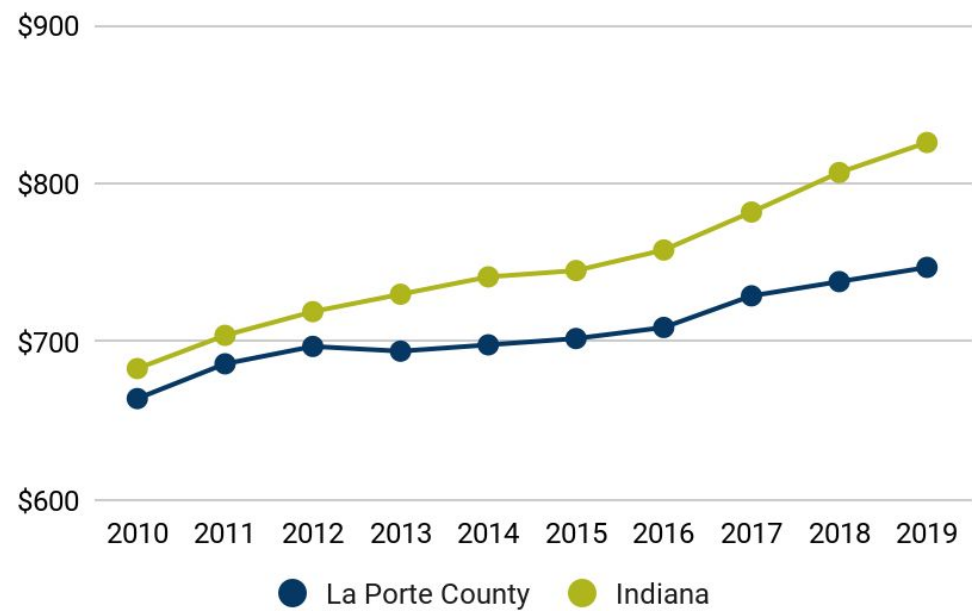
La Porte County, Indiana, United States | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**Median Rent Over Time**

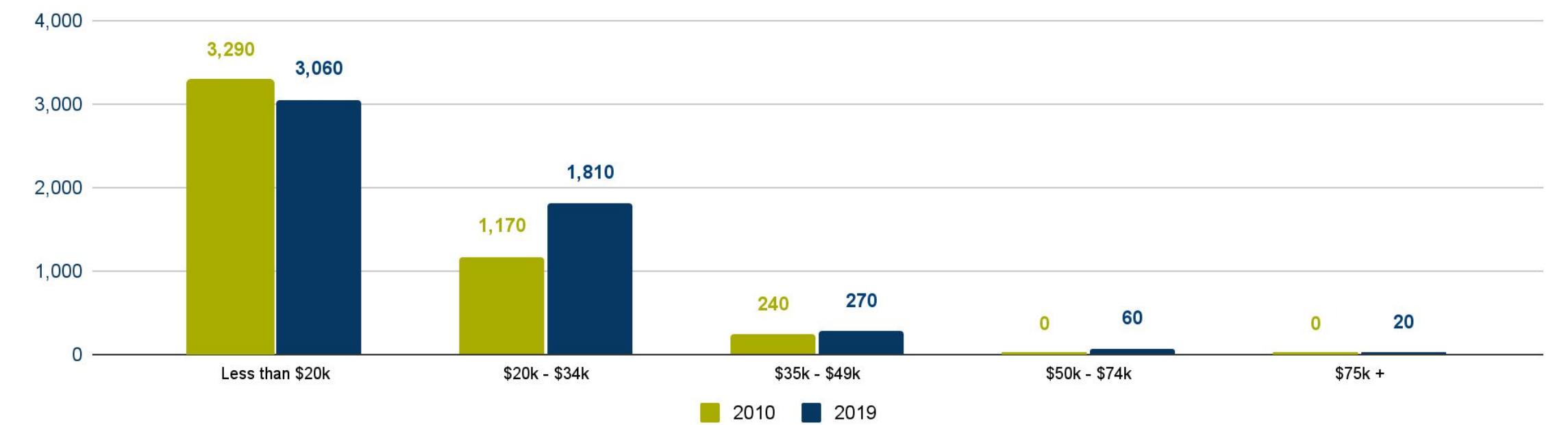
La Porte County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

**COST BURDEN |** 47% of renter households in La Porte County are housing cost burdened, down 5.63% points since 2010. 62% of households earning below \$50,000 are housing cost burdened.

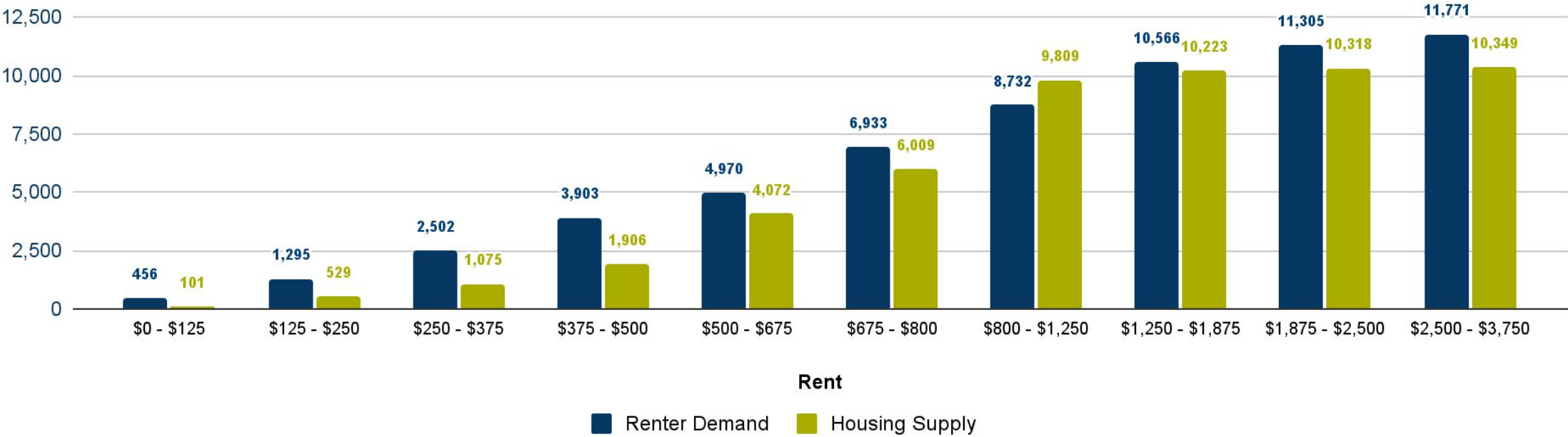
**Cost Burden Renter Households**  
**La Porte County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019**



**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 5,000 unit gap in rental homes available for households who earn less than \$50,000 annually or units renting below \$1,250 per month.

**Cumulative Housing Gap**  
**La Porte 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 geographic distribution of affordable housing units throughout the state of Indiana and in La Porte County.

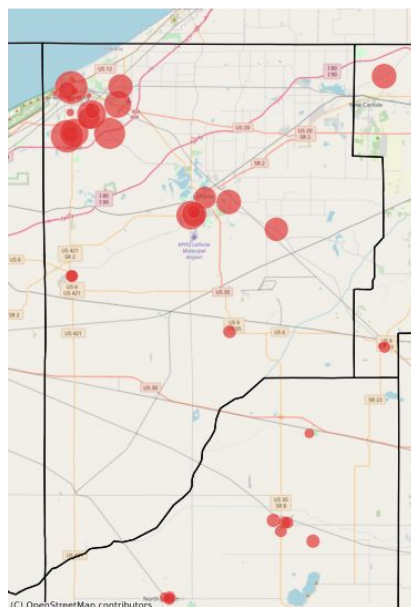
## Affordable Housing Inventory

La Porte County | 2020

### Affordable Units



Source: NHPD



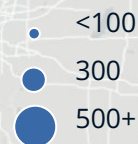
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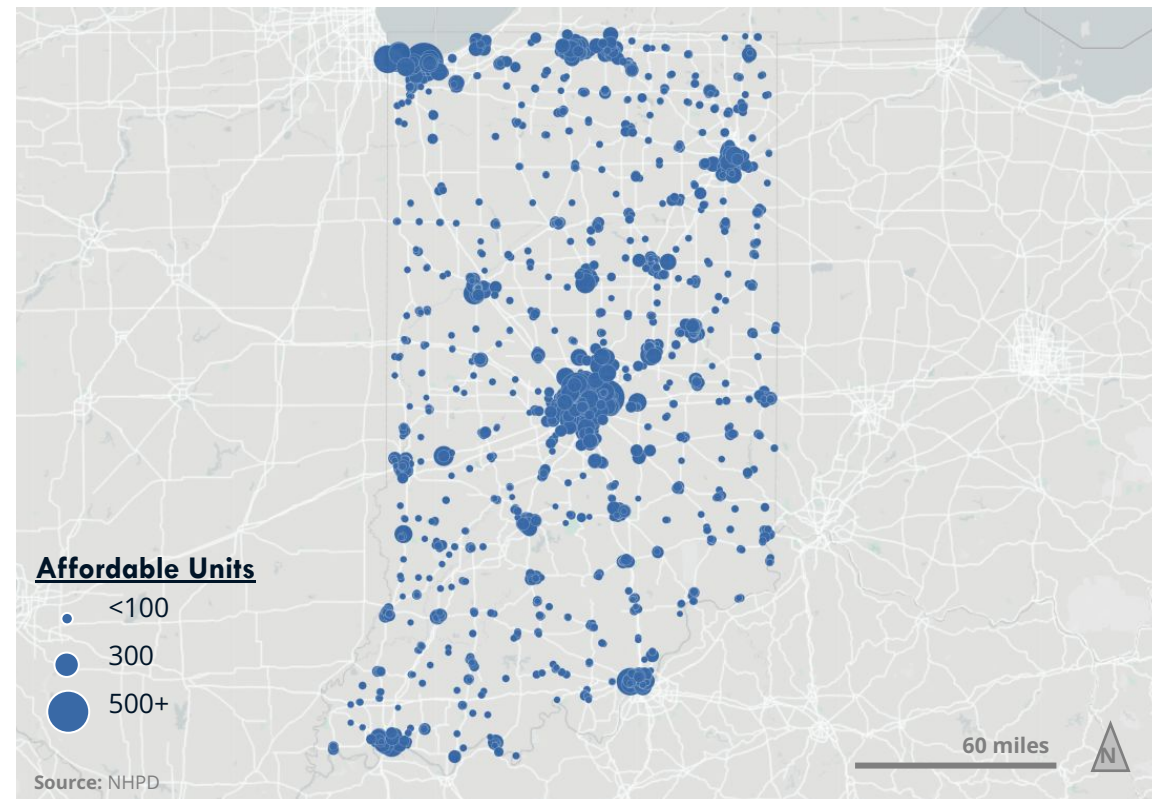
## Affordable Housing Inventory

State of Indiana | 2020

### Affordable Units



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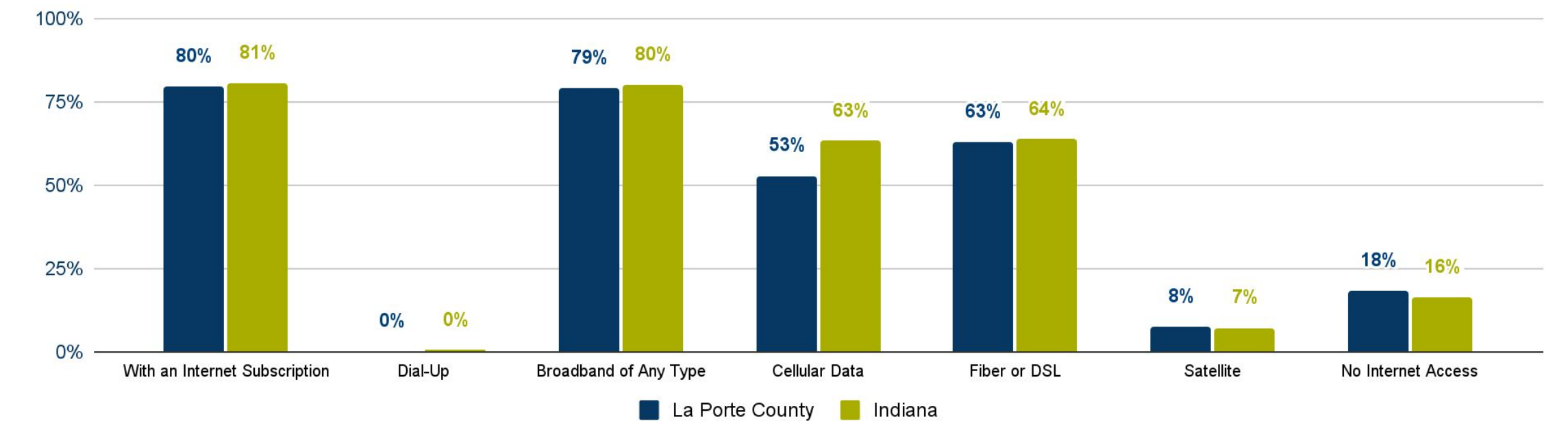


60 miles



**INTERNET ACCESS |** 80% of housing units have access to internet compared to 81% state-wide.

**Internet Access**  
La Porte County, Indiana | 2020



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

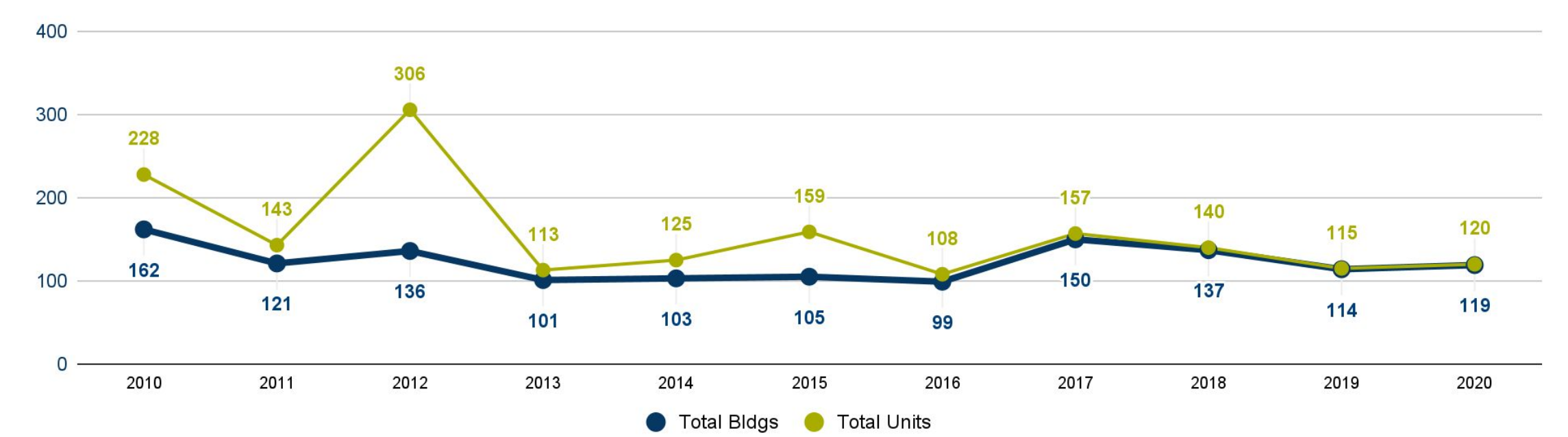
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# HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

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**HOUSING STARTS |** There were 119 new housing starts in 2020 in La Porte County, part of the total of 1,347 building permits authorized since 2010.

**New Housing Structures Authorized by Building Permits**  
**La Porte County | 2010-2020**



Source: St. Louis Fed.



**CONSTRUCTION INPUTS |** Construction material costs have increased rapidly since 2010--recovering from pandemic impacts to all time highs.

**Construction Cost Indices**  
United States | 2010-2020



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