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HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR ELKHART COUNTY

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- Indiana Association of Realtors
- Indiana Bankers Association
- Indiana Builders Association
- Indiana CRA Bankers Association
- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Indiana

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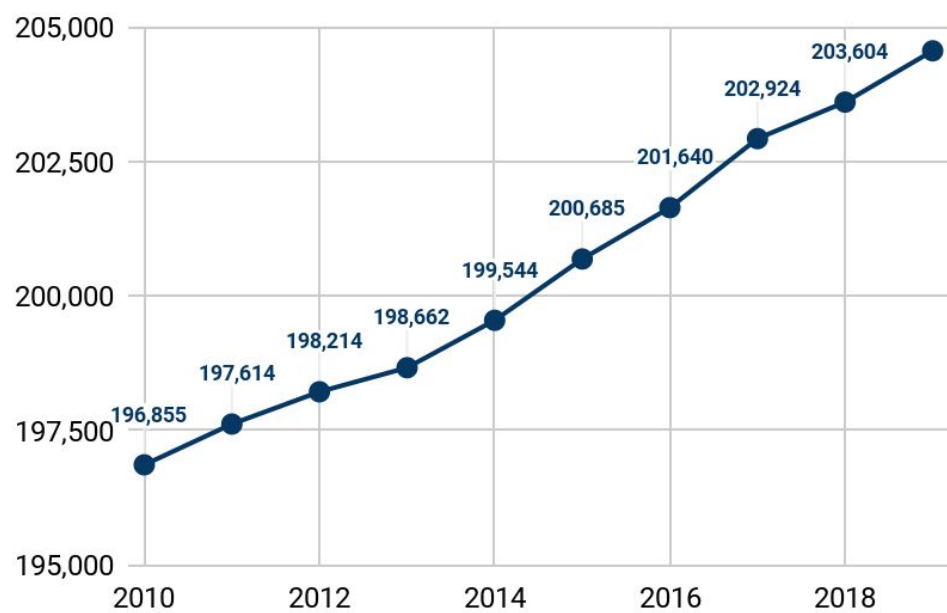
- American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year and 1-year estimates
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Economic Data (FRED)
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Census Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
- U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics
- National Housing Preservation Database
- Indiana Association of Realtors

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DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

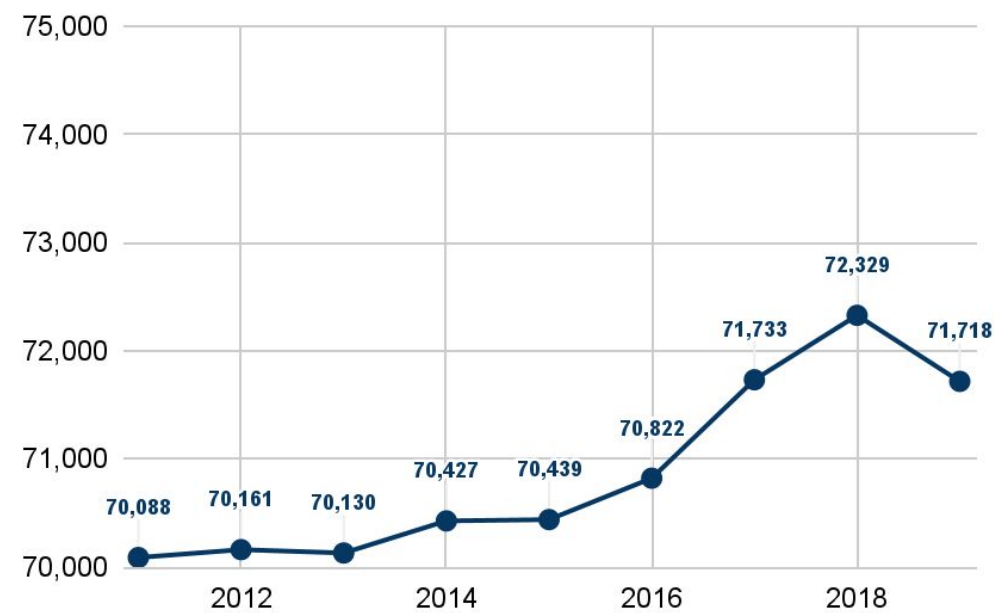
POPULATION | Elkhart County's population has increased by 3.91% (7,703 people) between 2010-2019. In the same time period, the total number of households increased by 2.40% (1,683 households).

Resident Population
Elkhart County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

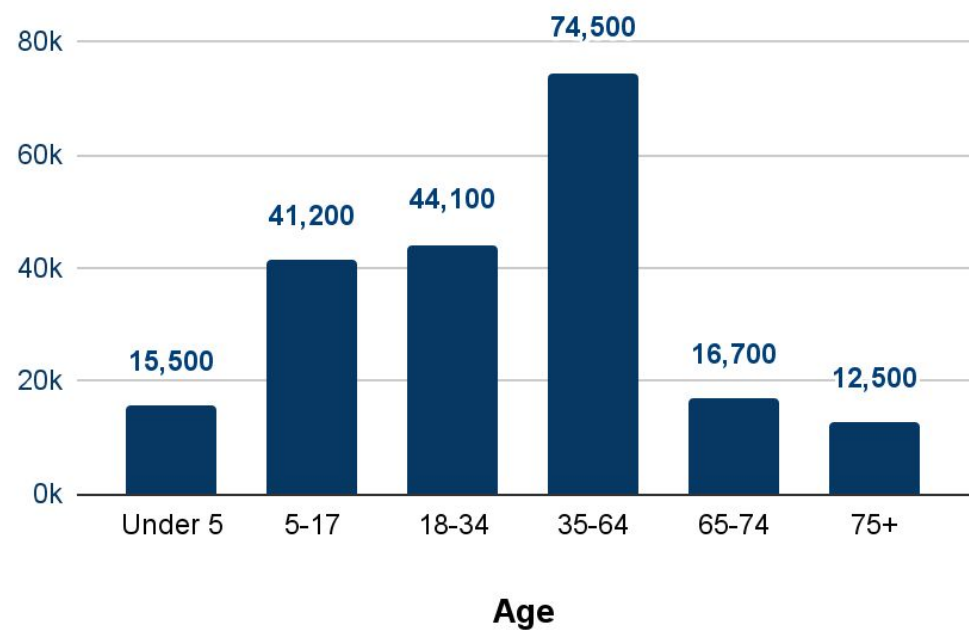
Households
Elkhart County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

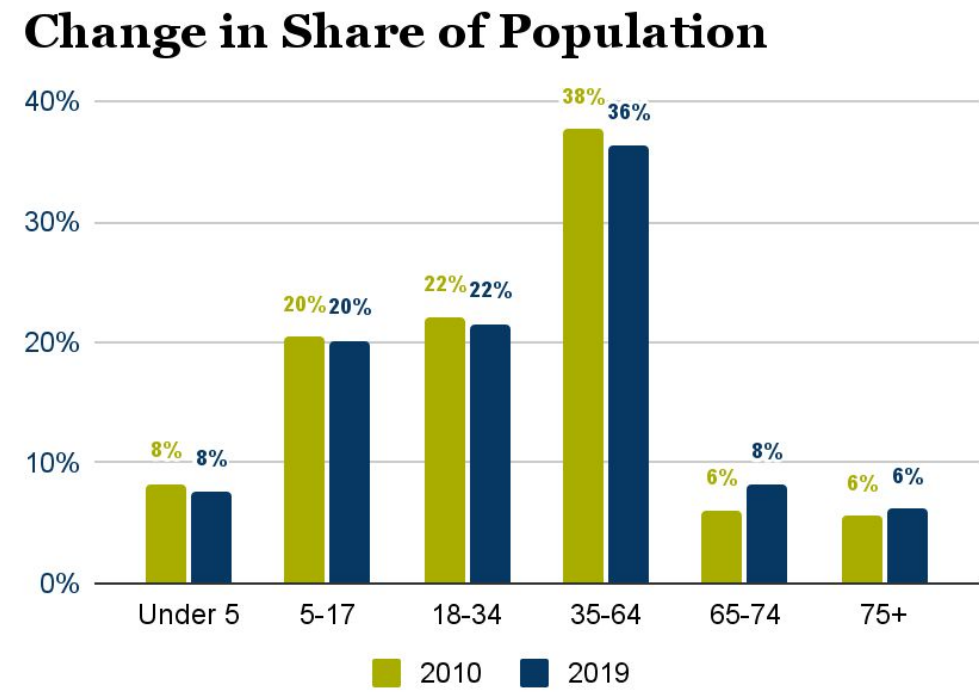
AGE | 29,200 of people in Elkhart County are age 65 or older, while 28% are younger than 18.

Population by Age
Elkhart County | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

Change in Share of Population
Elkhart County | 2010, 2019

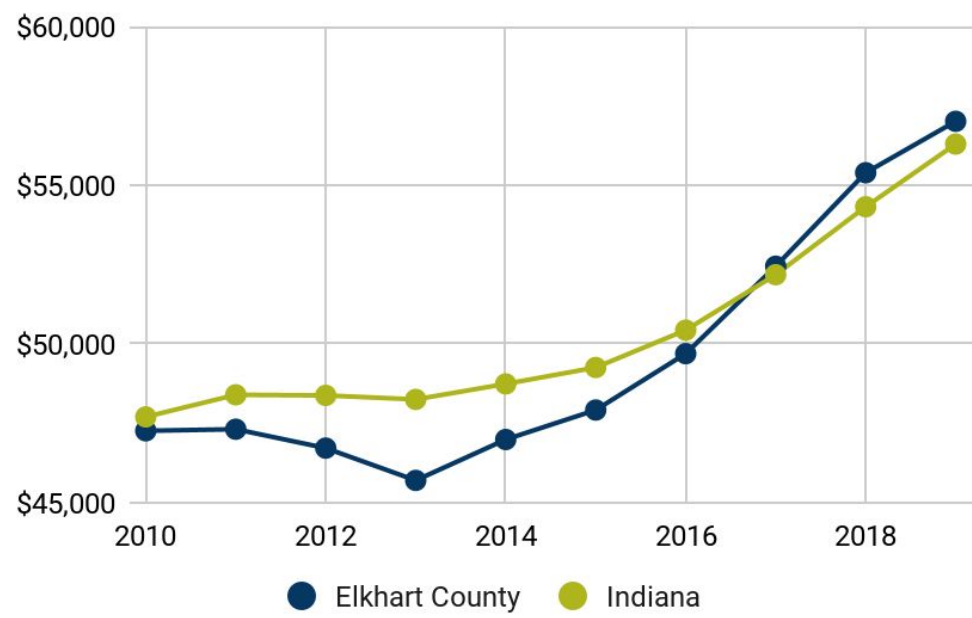


Source: ACS 2010-2019 1-year estimates

HOUSEHOLD INCOMES | Elkhart County had a median income of \$57,021 in 2019, up 21% since 2010. 29% of households have incomes below \$35,000, while 21% have incomes above \$100,000.

Median Income

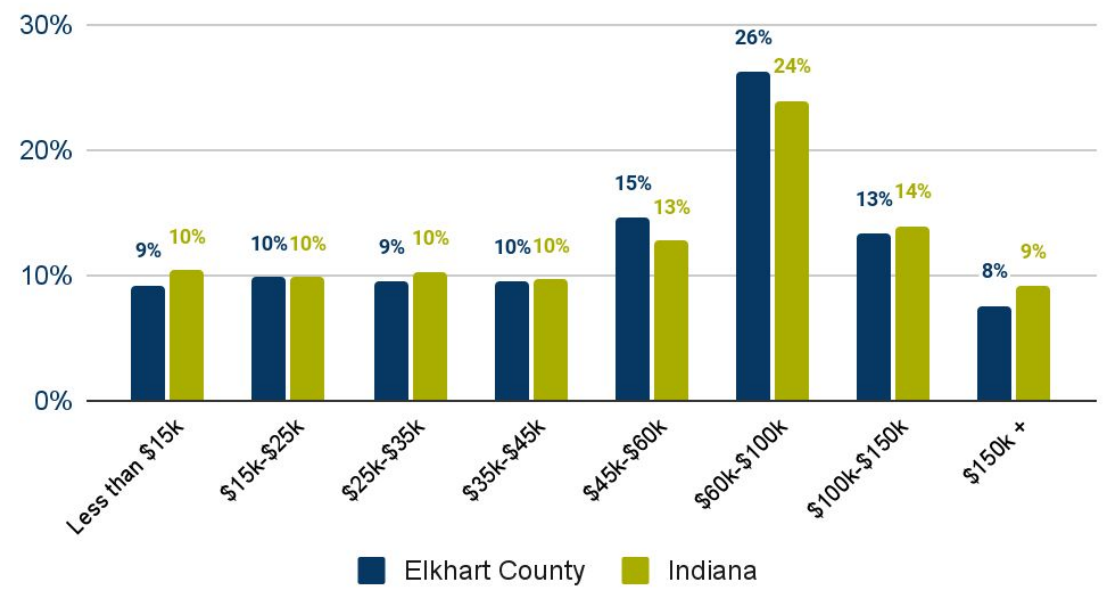
Elkhart County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Household Income Distribution

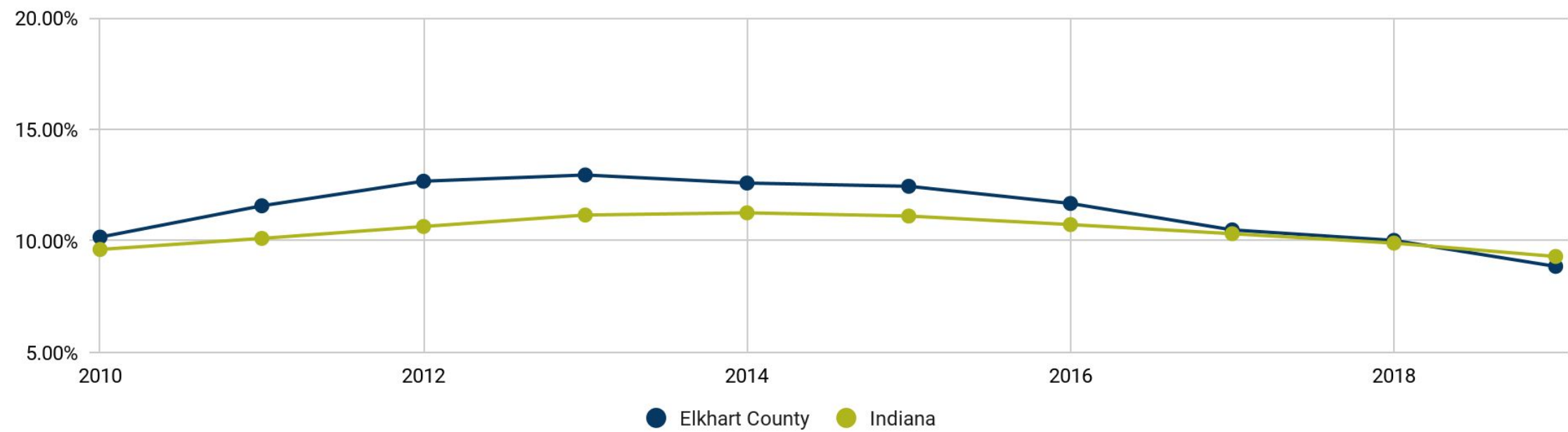
Elkhart County, State of Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

FAMILY POVERTY RATE | 8.9% of families in Elkhart County live below the poverty line, down 1.31 points from 10.2% in 2010.

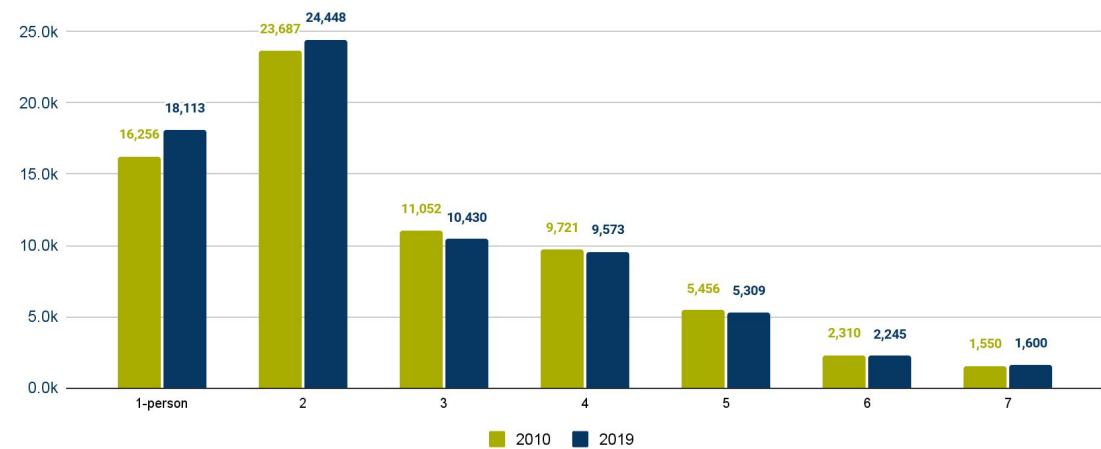
Family Poverty Rate
Elkhart County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

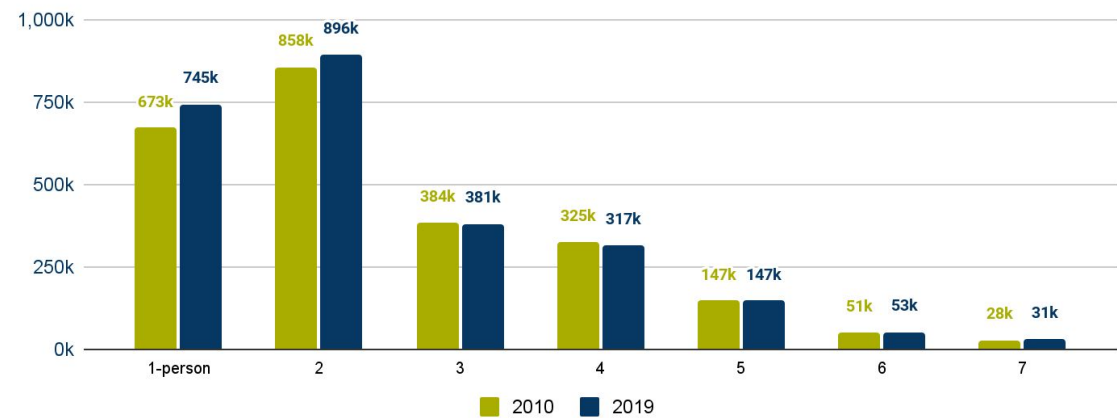
HOUSEHOLD SIZE | The average household size is 2.80 people, compared to the statewide average of 2.52. The Elkhart County average household has grown by 0.02 persons since 2010.

Household Size
Elkhart County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Household Size
State of Indiana | 2010, 2019



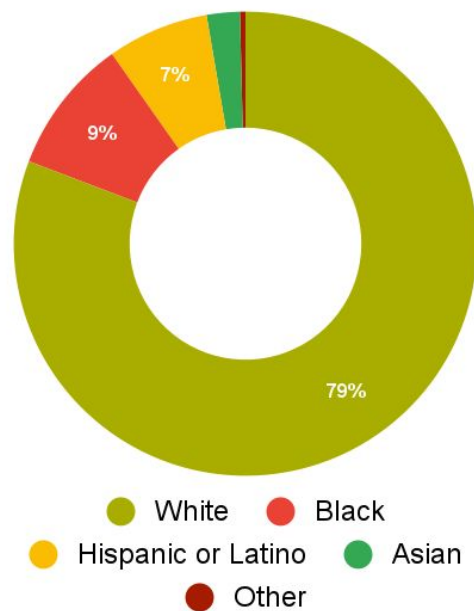
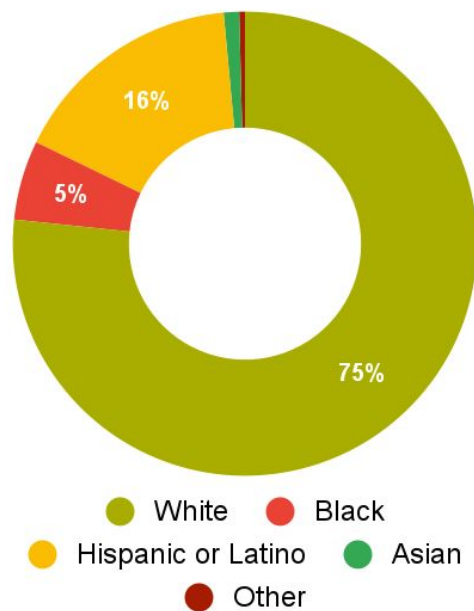
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

RACIAL COMPOSITION | The current racial distribution of households in Elkhart County is 75% White, 5% Black, 16% Hispanic/Latino, 1% Asian, and 0% other.

Racial/Ethnic Distribution

Elkhart County | 2019

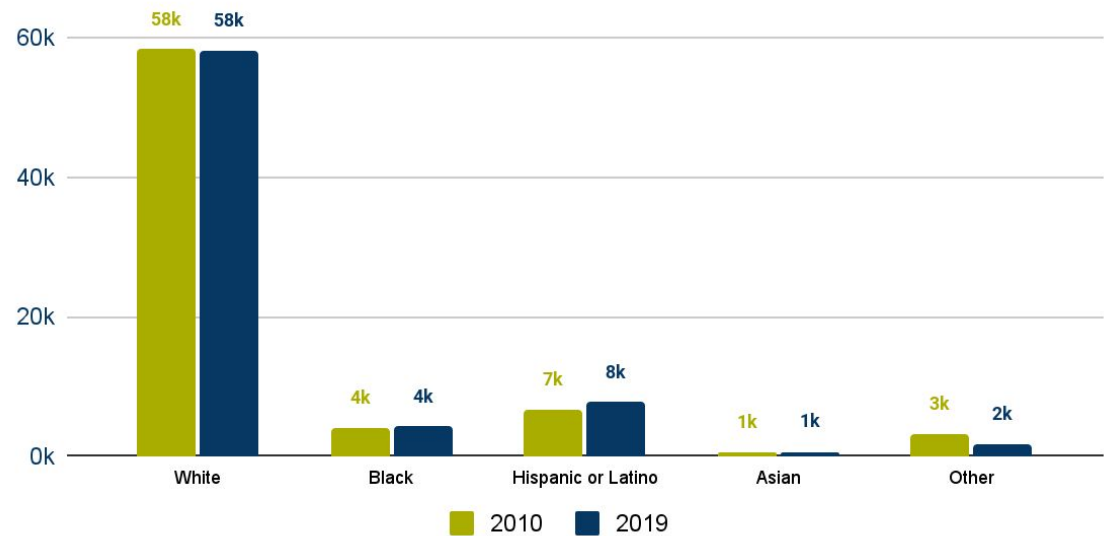
Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Household Racial/Ethnic Distribution

Elkhart County | 2010, 2019



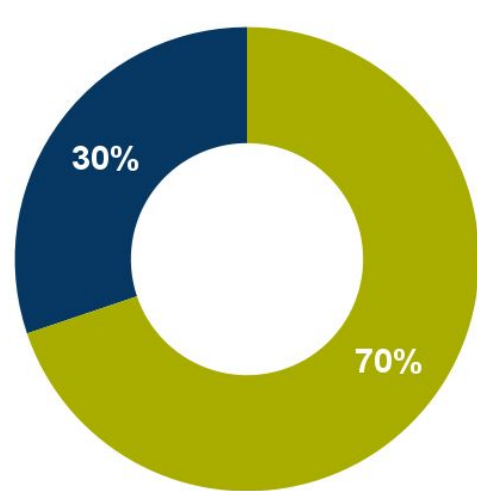
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING TENURE | In 2019, 30% of households (21,651 households) in Elkhart County were renters, while 70% (50,067 households) were owners. The share of renters has decreased by 2.90 percentage points since 2010.

Housing Tenure

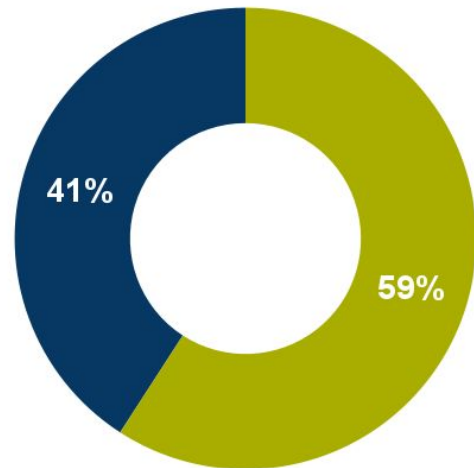
Elkhart County | 2019

Indiana | 2019



● Owner Occupied
● Renter Occupied

Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates



● Owner Occupied
● Renter Occupied

Total Households by Tenure

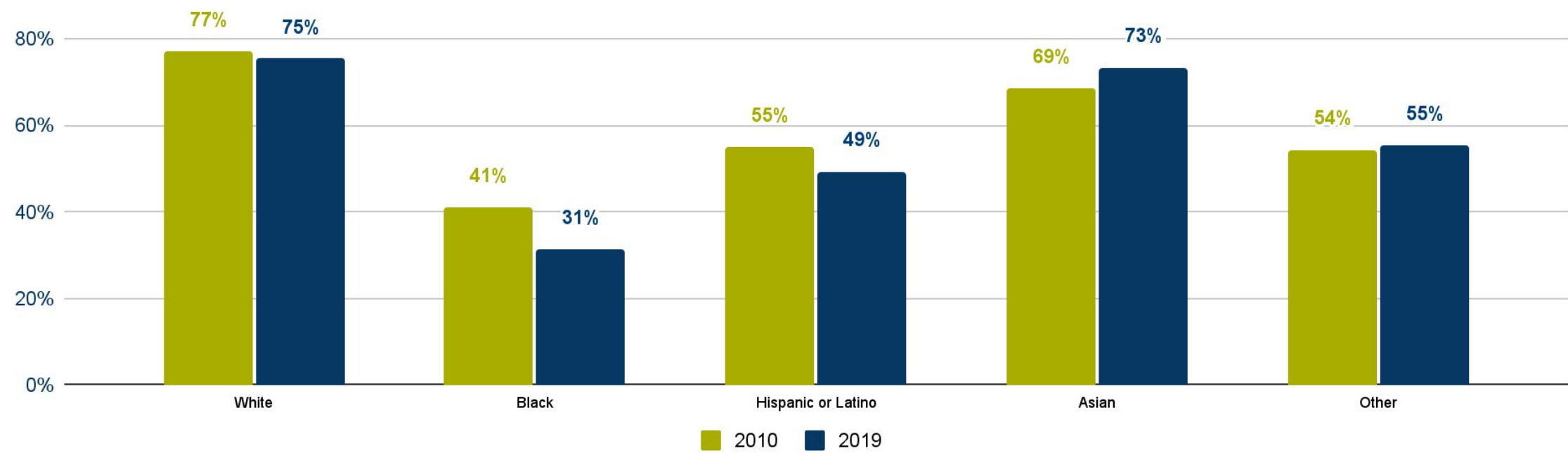
Elkhart County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

TENURE BY RACE | While the overall homeownership rate is 70%, homeownership is 75% among non-Hispanic White households, 31% for Black households, and 49% for Hispanic or Latino households.

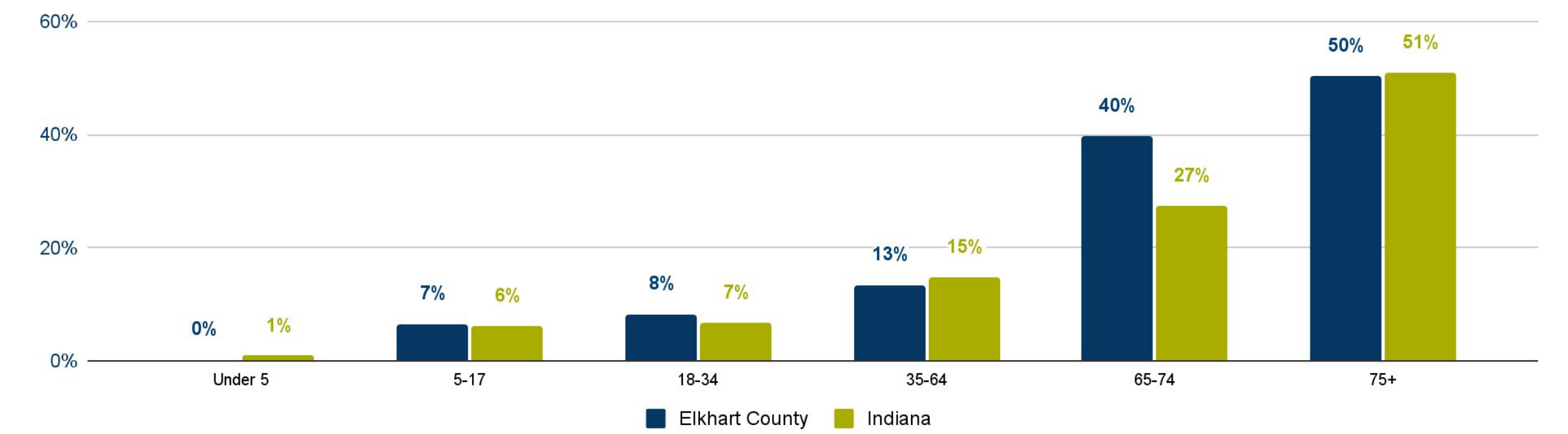
Homeownership by Race
Elkhart County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

DISABILITY | 14% of people in Elkhart County live with a disability. For people 65 and older, the figure increases to 44%.

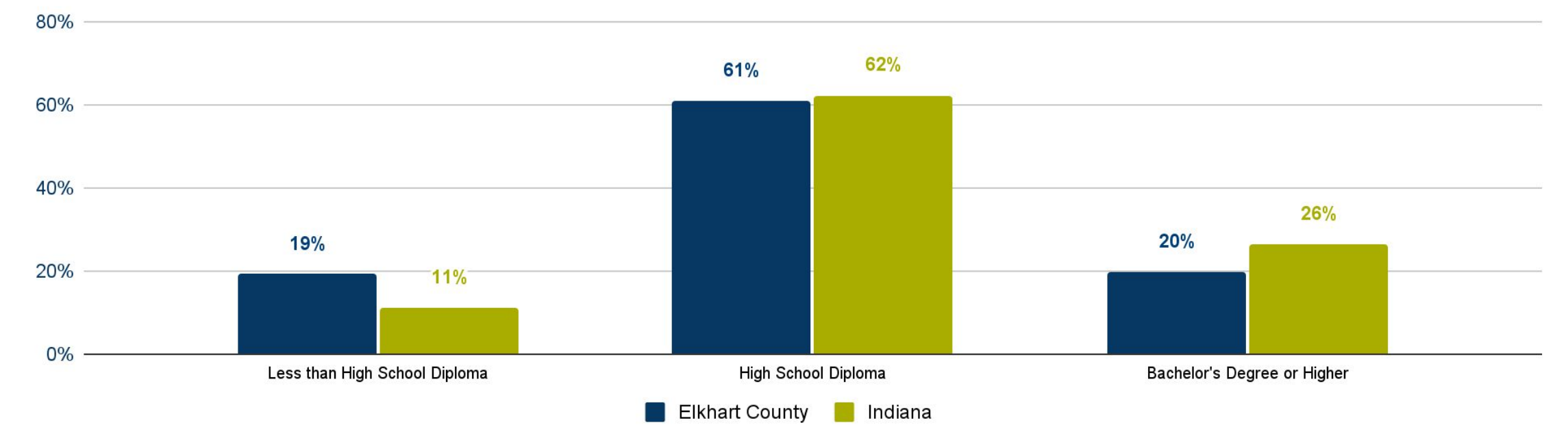
Share of the Population by Age with a Disability
Elkhart County, Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | In Elkhart County, 61% of the population completed high school degree as their highest level of education, while 20% of the population has a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Educational Attainment
Elkhart County, Indiana | 2019

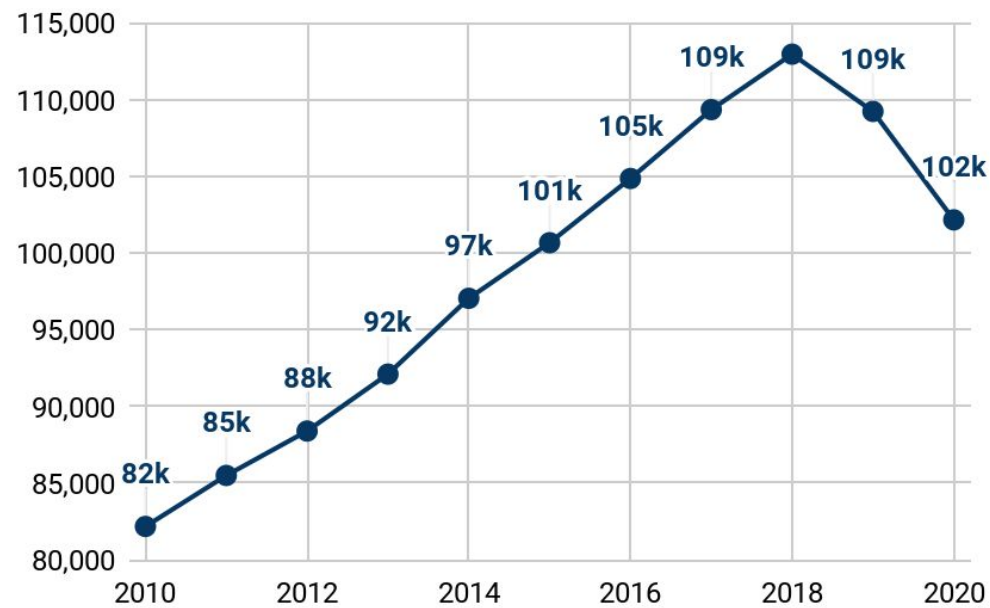


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

JOB / EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

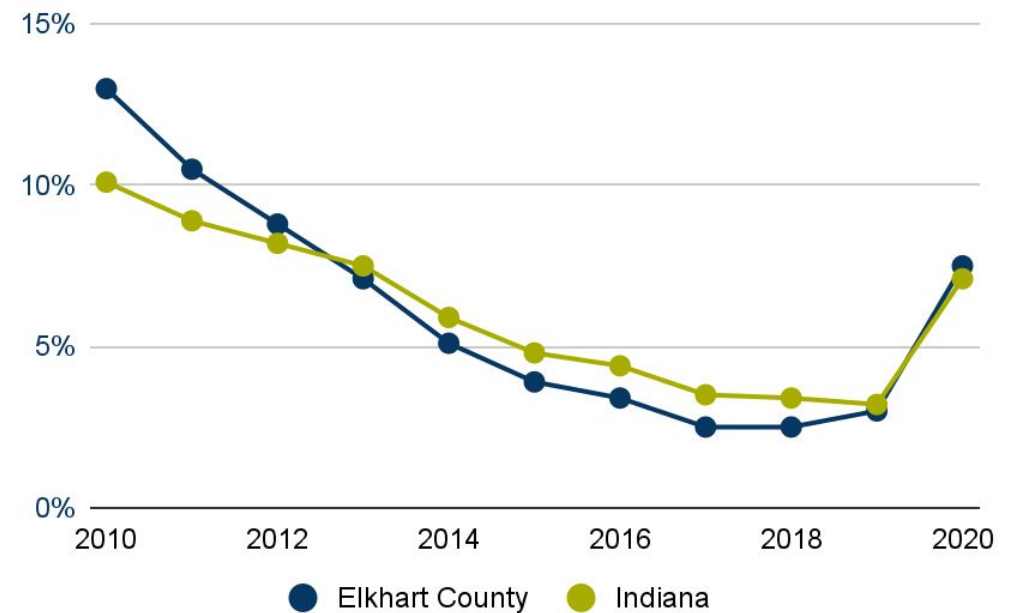
EMPLOYMENT BASE | There are currently 102,000 employed persons in Elkhart County, up by 24.33% since 2010. The unemployment rate in 2020 was 7.50%, up 4.50 points from 2019.

Total Employment
Elkhart County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED Estimates

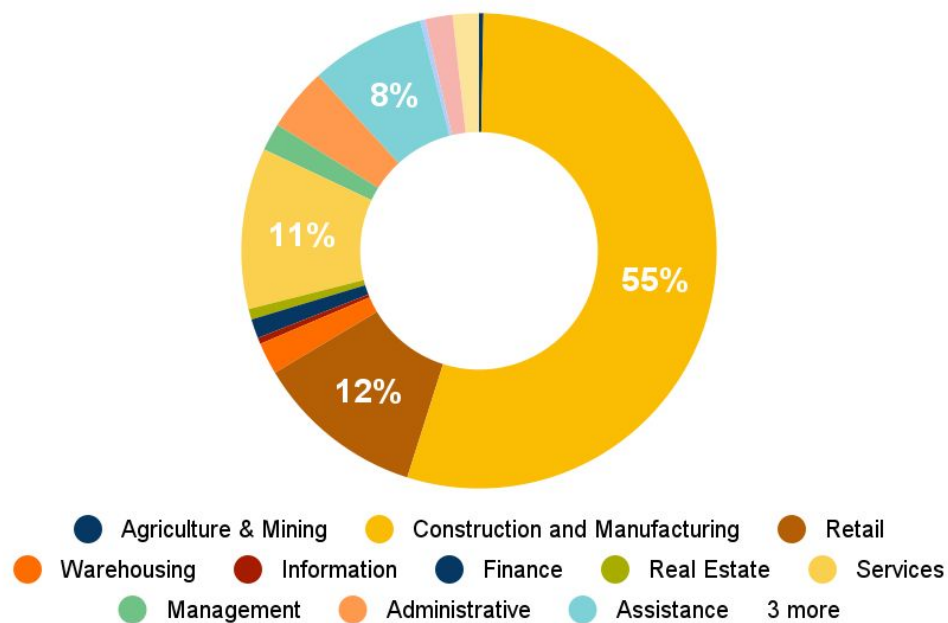
Unemployment Rate
Elkhart County, Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: FRED Estimates

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY | Manufacturing is the leading industry for jobs in Elkhart County, followed by Health Care and Social Assistance (8%).

Total Jobs by All Industries
Elkhart County | 2018



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

Top 5 Industries and Median Annual Wages

1. Service-providing | **\$48,806**
2. Trade, transportation, and utilities | **\$44,781**
3. Goods-producing | **\$56,001**
4. Manufacturing | **\$55,874**
5. Professional and business services | **\$86,020**

Source: BLS

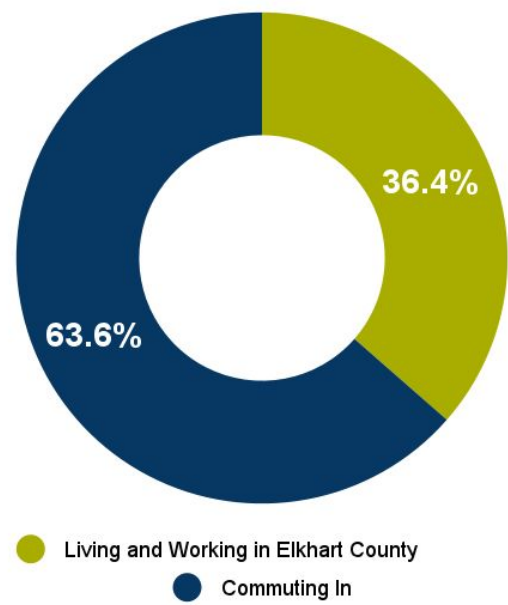
Top 5 Employers

1. Norfolk Southern (Elkhart)
2. Keystone Rv Co (Goshen)
3. Always In Stone Monument Co (Goshen)
4. Elkhart General Hospital (Elkhart)
5. Jayco (Middlebury)

Source: BLS

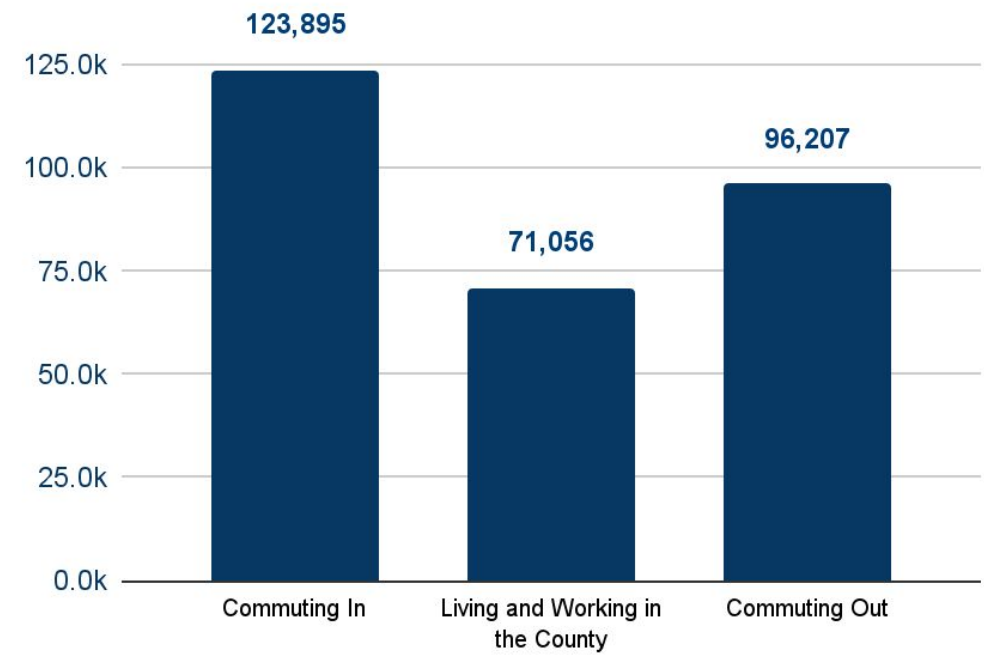
COMMUTER INFLOW / OUTFLOW | 124,000 commuters come into Elkhart County for their jobs, while 96,000 employees travel out of Elkhart County for their jobs.

Employment Inflow
Elkhart County | 2018



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

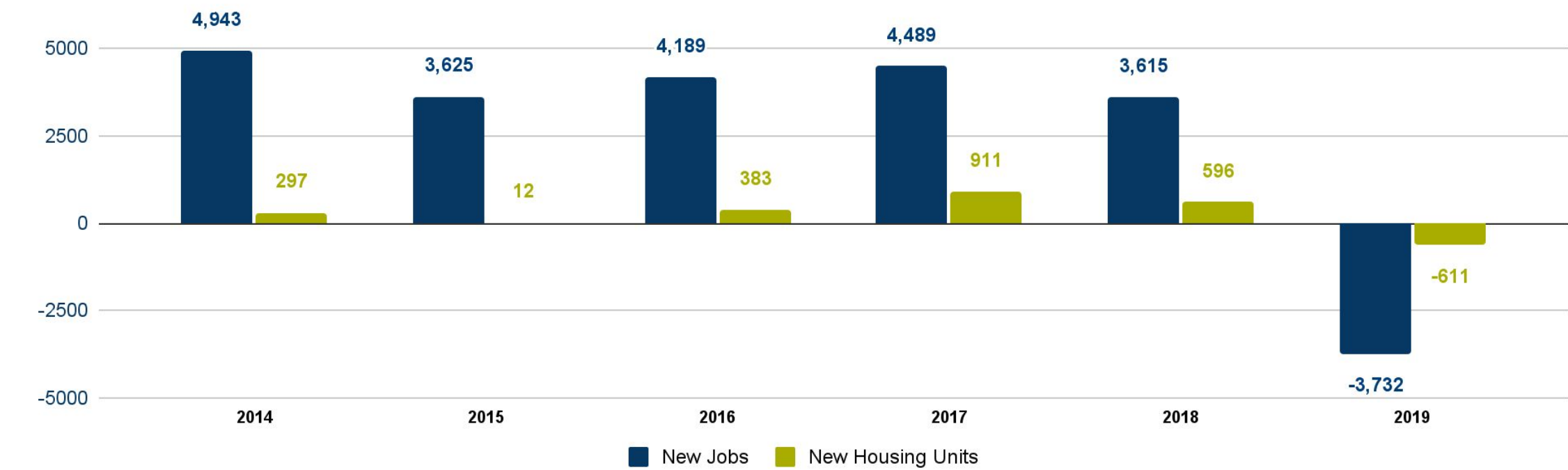
Commuting Patterns
Elkhart County | 2018



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

JOB GROWTH AND HOUSING PRODUCTION | Elkhart County has created 17,129 jobs and 1,588 housing units between 2014 and 2019, or 9 housing units for every 100 jobs created.

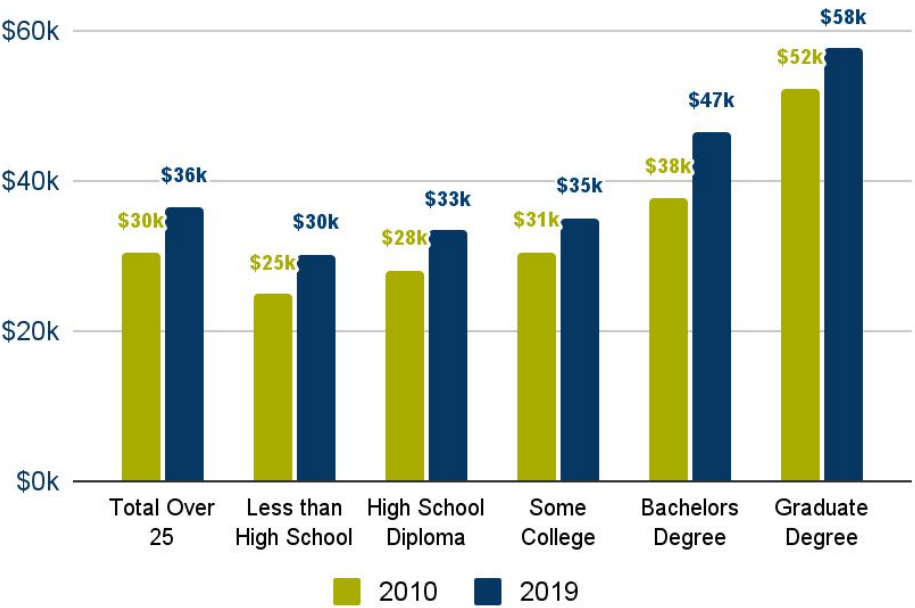
Job Growth and Housing Production
Elkhart County | New Jobs, New Housing Units



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

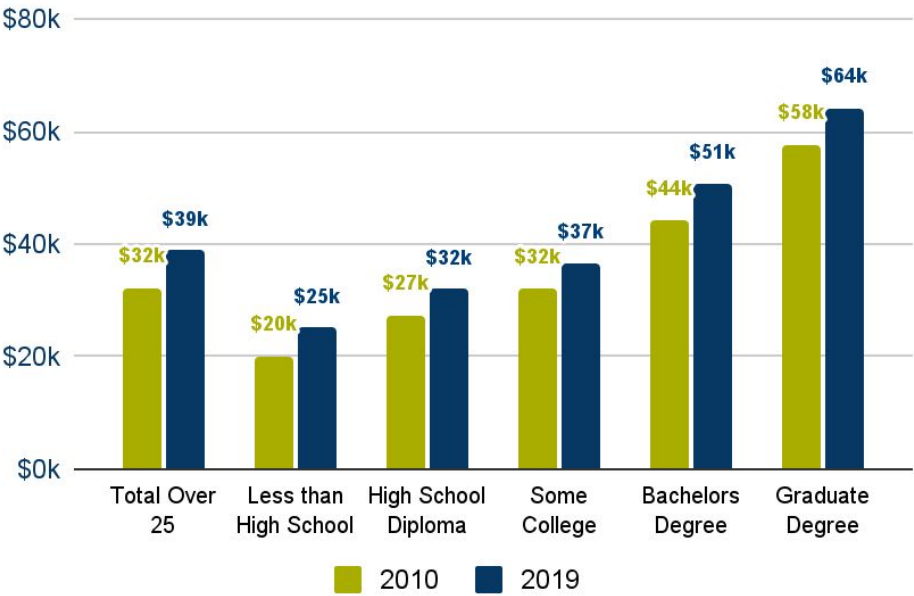
INCOME GROWTH | Median earnings have increased 20% since 2010 for the total population and increased 18% for the population with a high school diploma or greater education.

Median Earnings by Educational Attainment
Elkhart County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

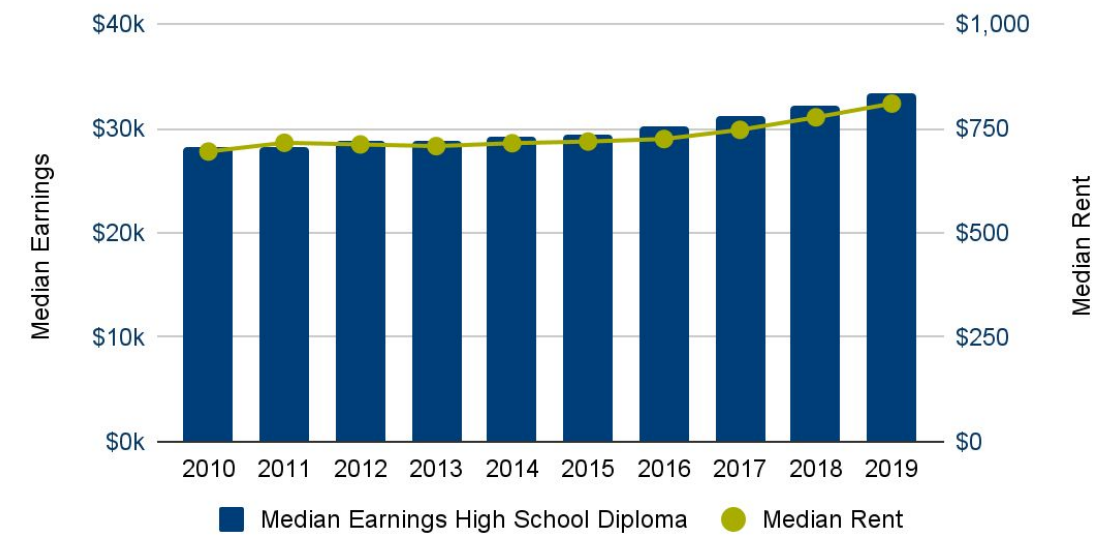
Median Earnings by Educational Attainment
Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

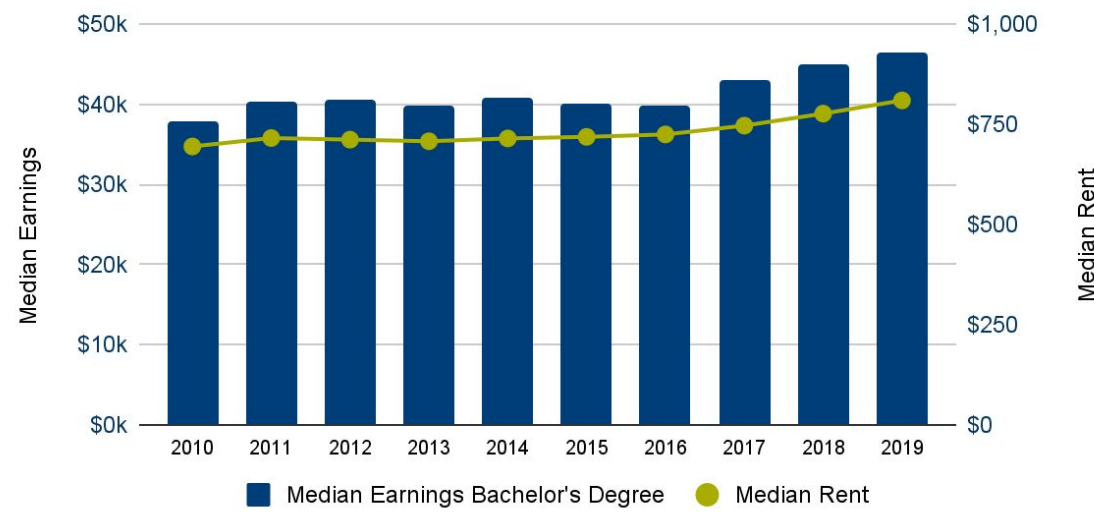
INCOME GROWTH AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | Median annual earnings have increased by \$4,500, or 17% since 2010 for high school graduates, and increased \$6,500, or 15%, since 2010 for Bachelors Degree holders. Median rent has increased \$115, or 17% since 2010.

Income and Rent Growth, High School Diploma
Elkhart County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Income and Rent Growth, Bachelor's Degree
Elkhart County | 2010-2019



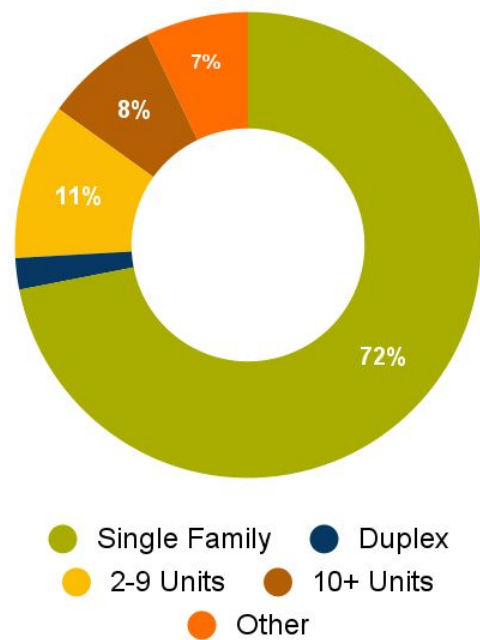
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING TRENDS

HOUSING TYPE | 72% of homes in Elkhart County are single-family, while 28% are multifamily.

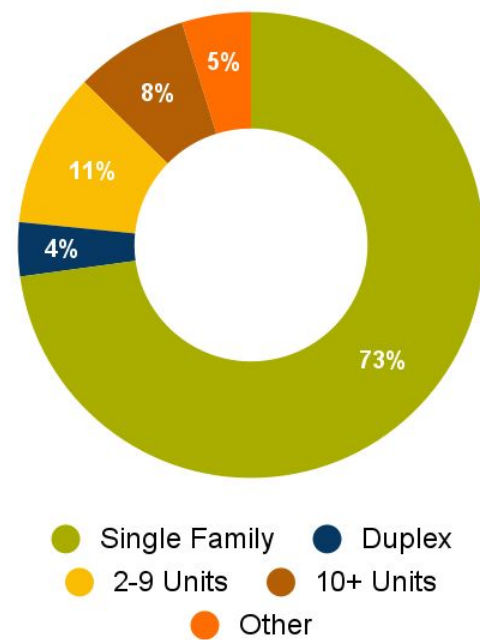
Housing Type

Elkhart County | 2019



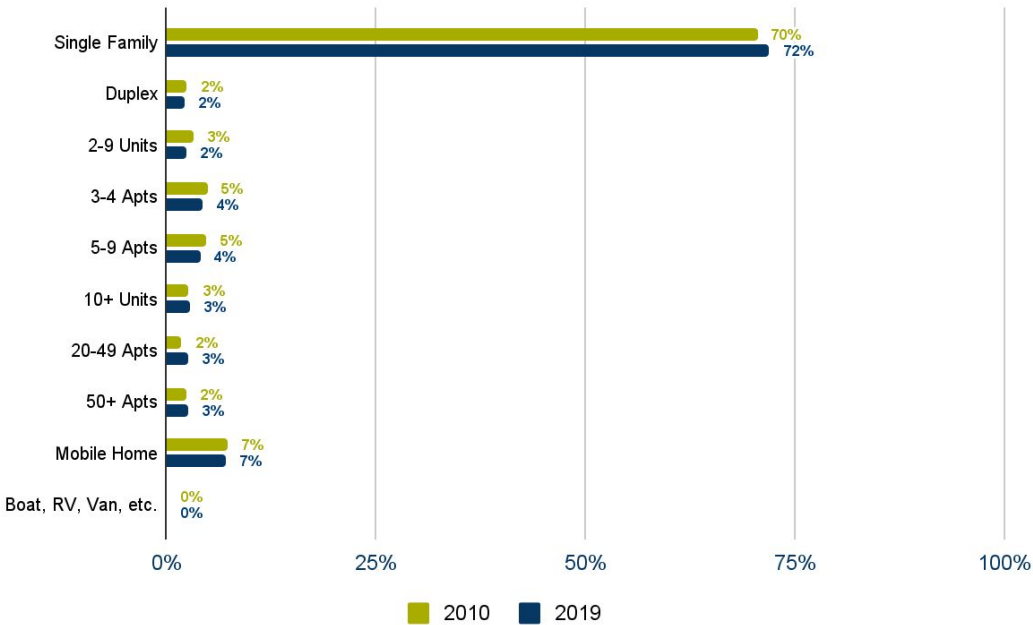
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Indiana | 2019



Share of Units by Housing Type

Elkhart County | 2010-2019



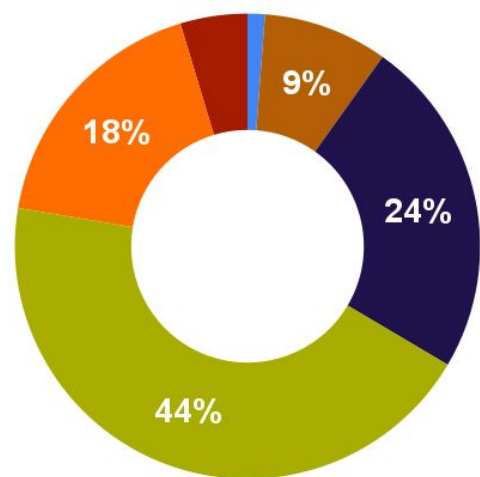
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING UNIT SIZE | Most homes in Elkhart County average 2.8 bedrooms, with 66% of units containing 3 bedrooms or more.

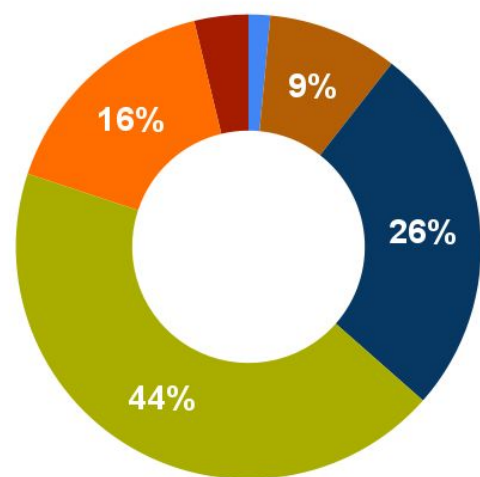
Housing Stock by Number of Bedrooms

Elkhart County | 2019

Indiana | 2019



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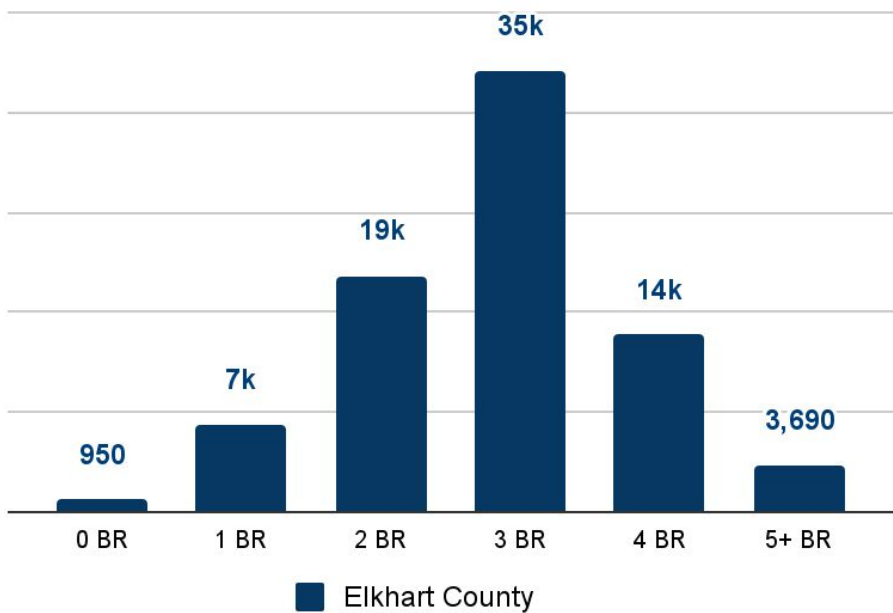


0 BR 1 BR 2 BR
3 BR 4 BR 5+ BR

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

Share of Housing Stock by Bedroom

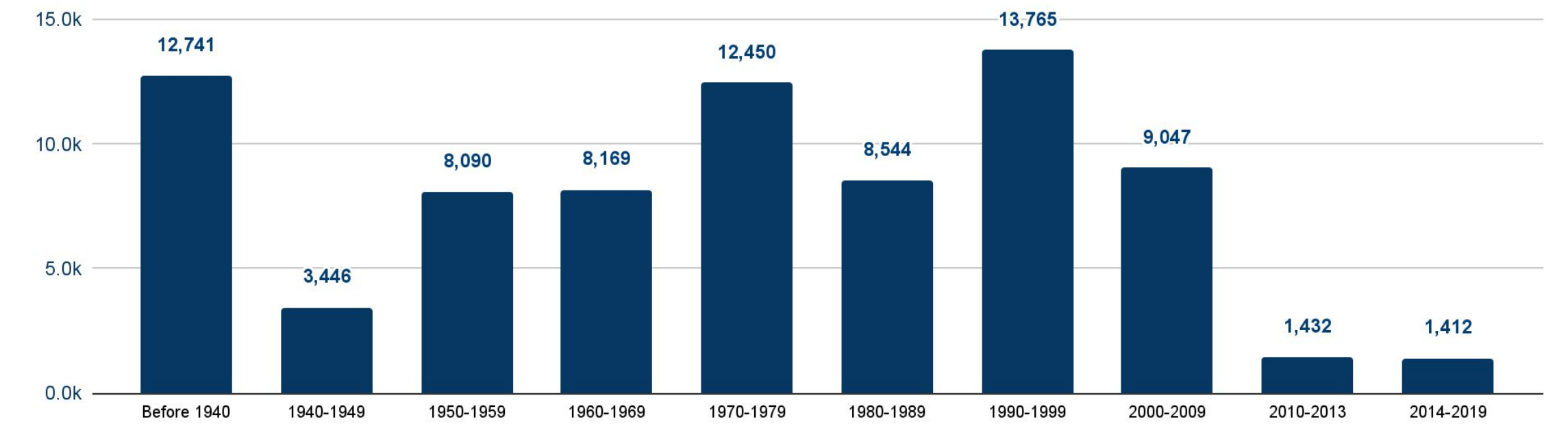
Elkhart County, Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

AGE OF HOUSING | 41% of homes were built before 1970, 44% were built between 1970 and 2000, and 15% were built after 2000.

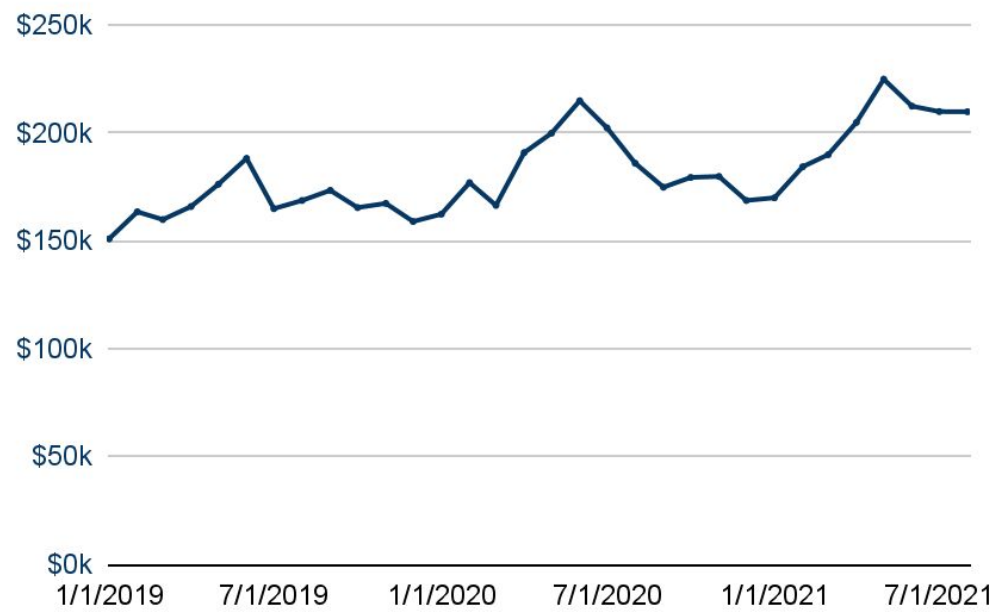
Homes by Year Built
Elkhart County | 2019



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

MEDIAN LISTING PRICE | Homes in Elkhart County have a median listing price of \$209,900. Home prices have increased by 39% since 2019.

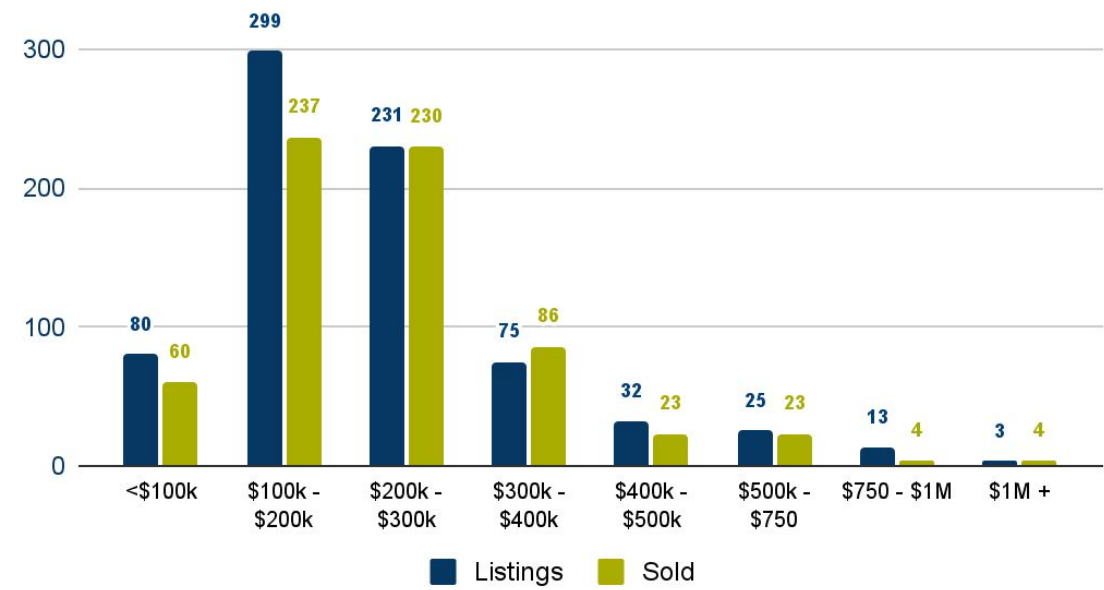
Median Listing Price
Elkhart County | 2019-2021



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)
Elkhart County | 2021

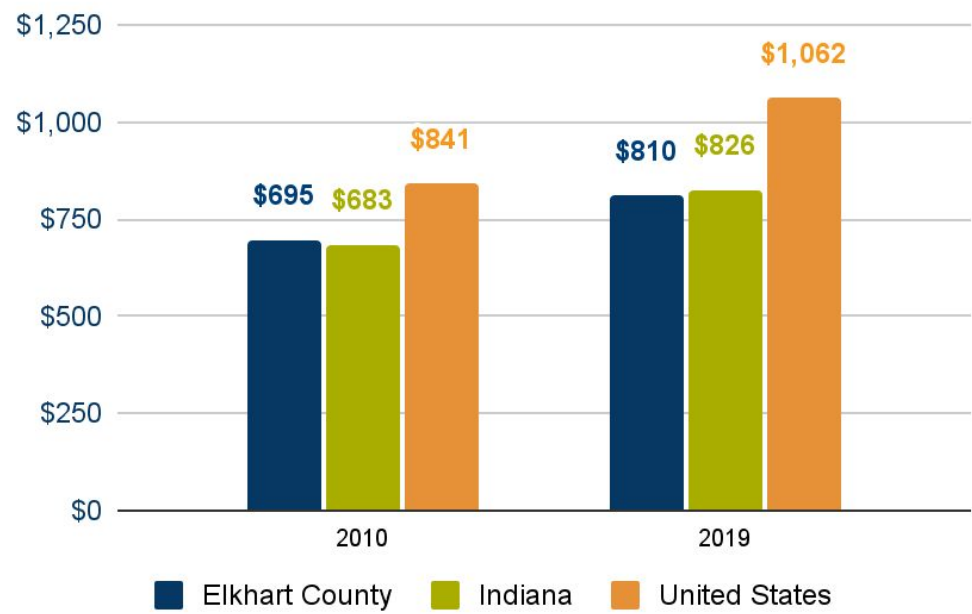


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

MEDIAN RENTS | Median rent has increased by 17% since 2010, with median rent at \$810 in 2019.

Median Rent

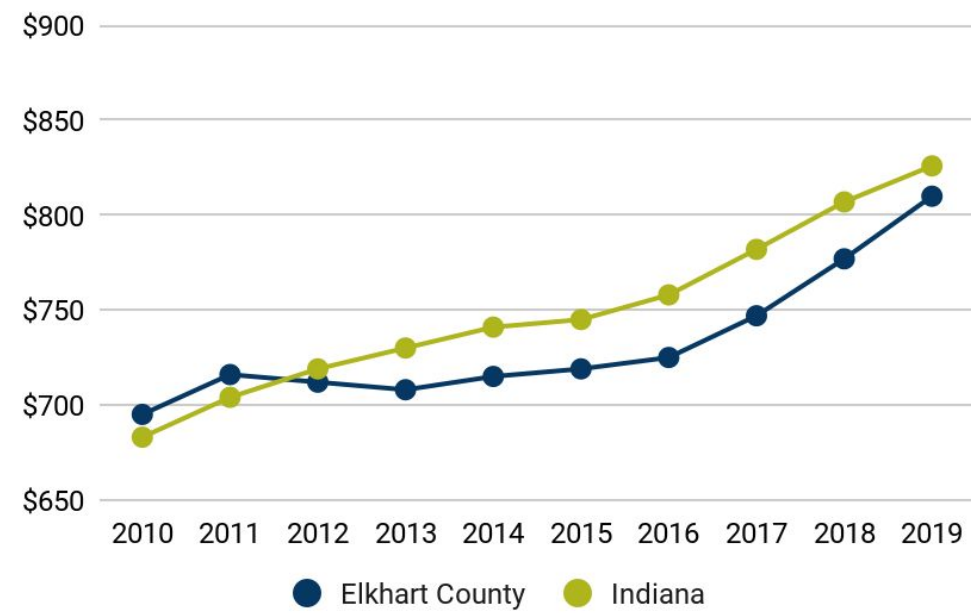
Elkhart County, Indiana, United States | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Median Rent Over Time

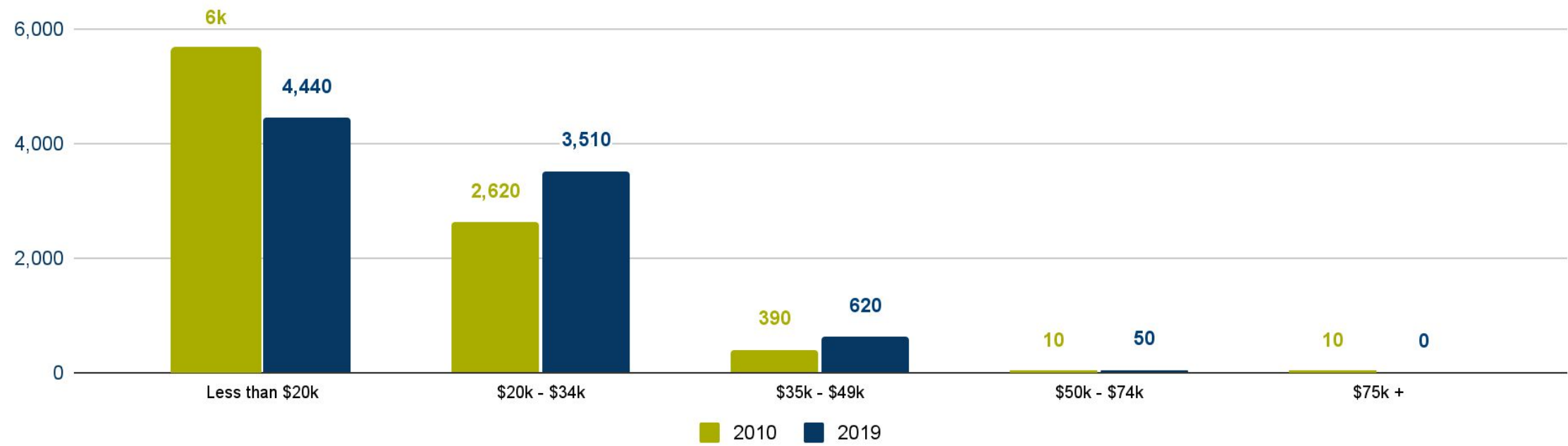
Elkhart County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

COST BURDEN | 43% of renter households in Elkhart County are housing cost burdened, down 10.43% points since 2010. 59% of households earning below \$50,000 are housing cost burdened.

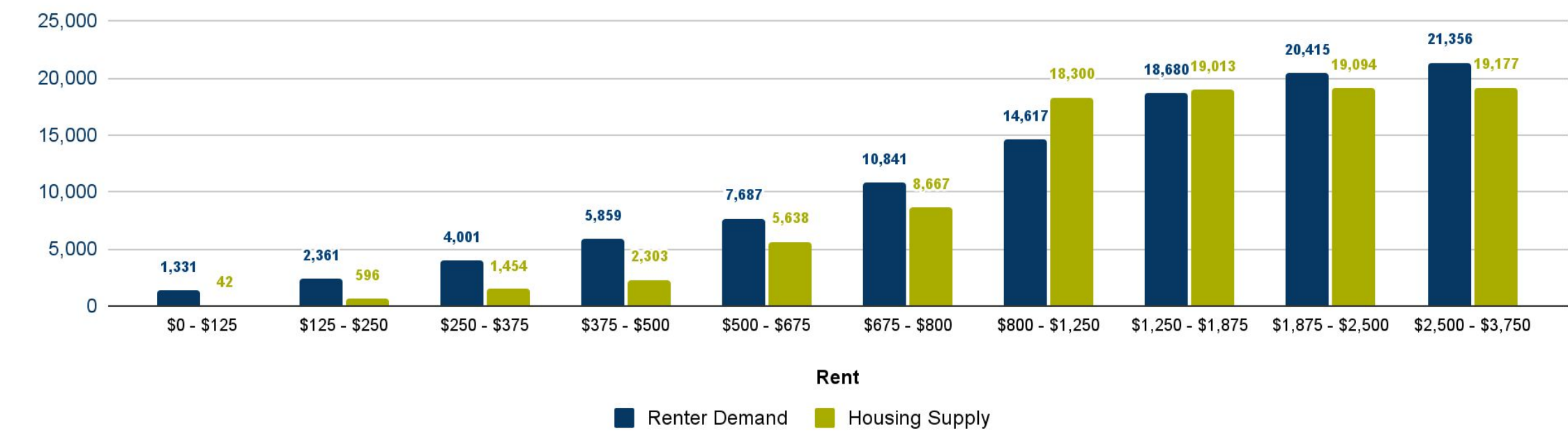
Cost Burden Renter Households
Elkhart County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



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 10,000 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
Elkhart County, Indiana | 2010-2019

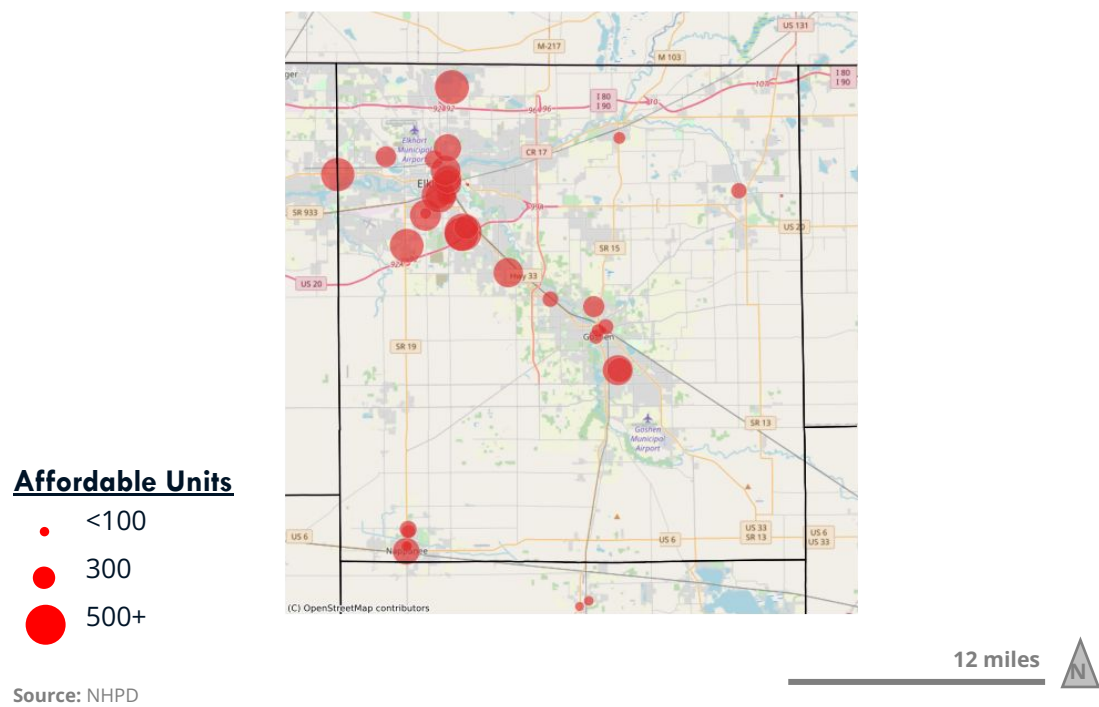


Rental Housing Gap is the number of households in each income group and number of existing housing units that are affordable to those households.
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

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

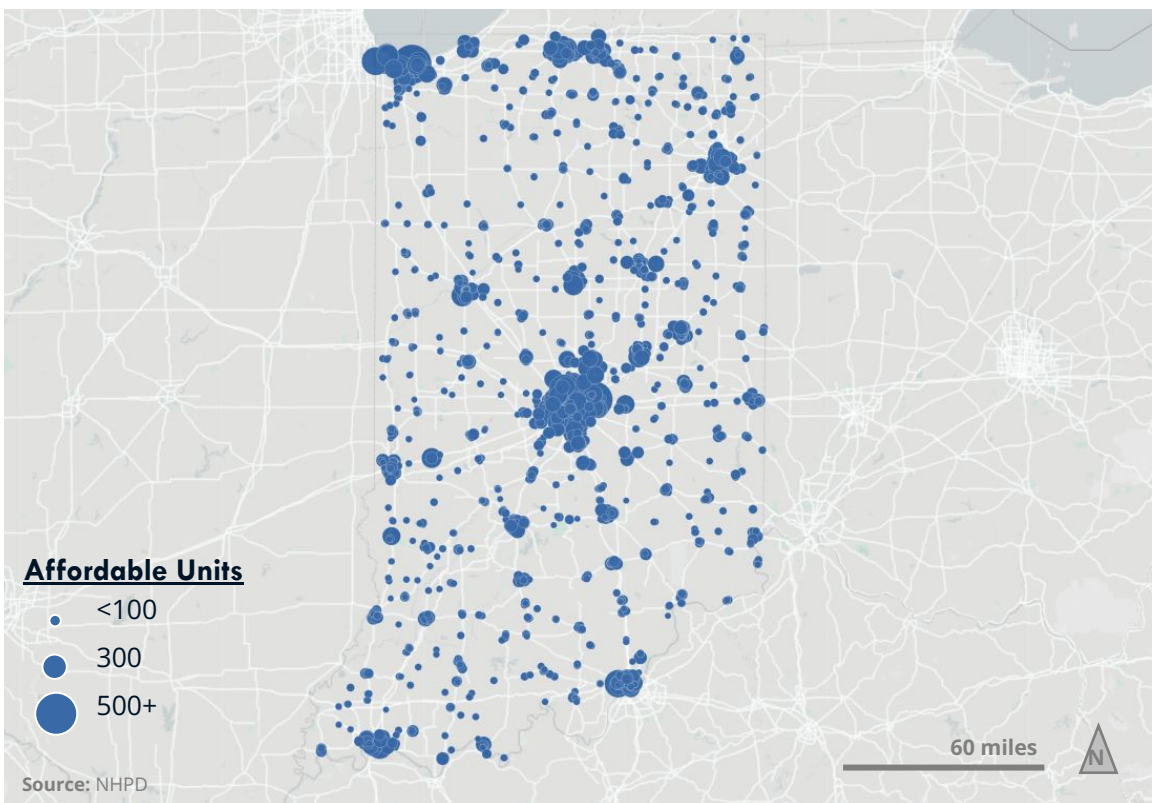
Affordable Housing Inventory

Elkhart County | 2020



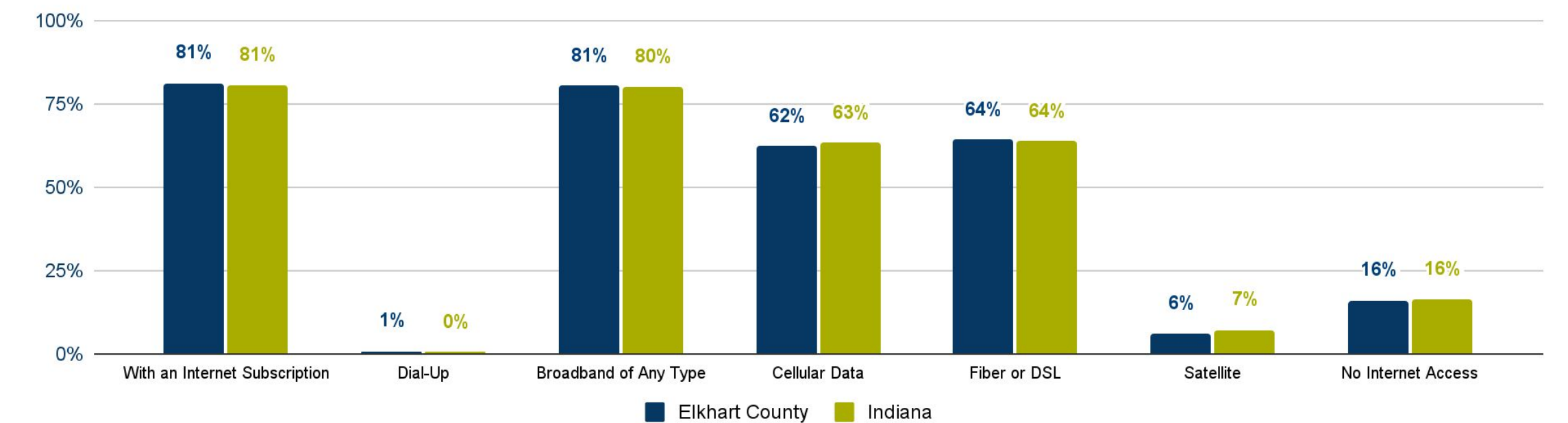
Affordable Housing Inventory

State of Indiana | 2020



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

Internet Access Elkhart County, Indiana | 2020

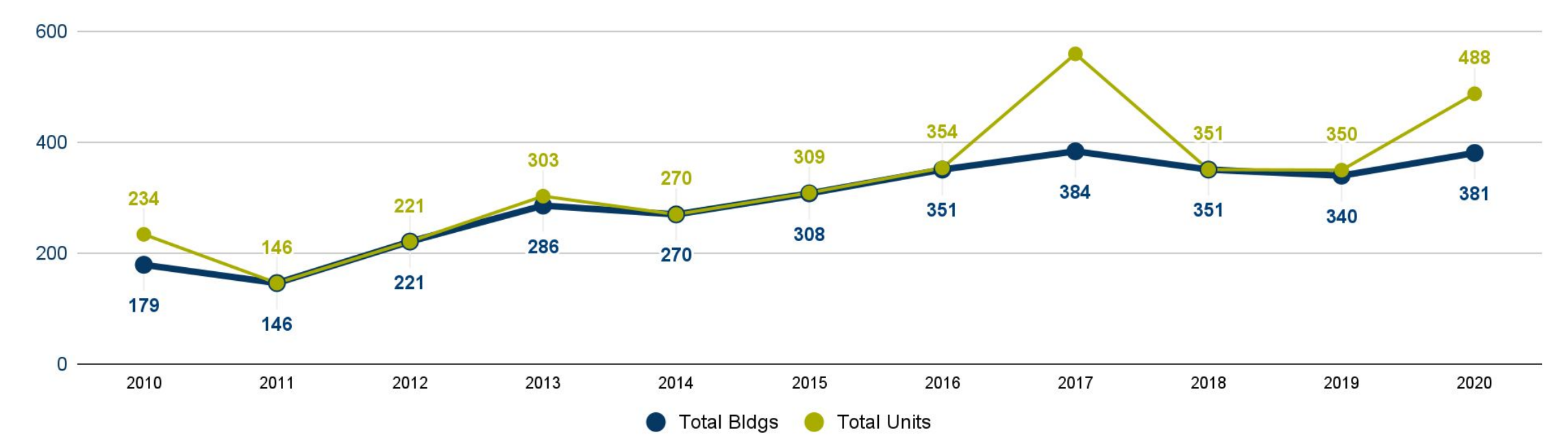


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

HOUSING STARTS | There were 381 new housing starts in 2020 in Elkhart County, part of the total of 3,217 building permits authorized since 2010.

New Housing Structures Authorized by Building Permits
Elkhart 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