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HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR STARKE COUNTY

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- Indiana Apartment Association
- 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

This report utilizes the following **data sources**:

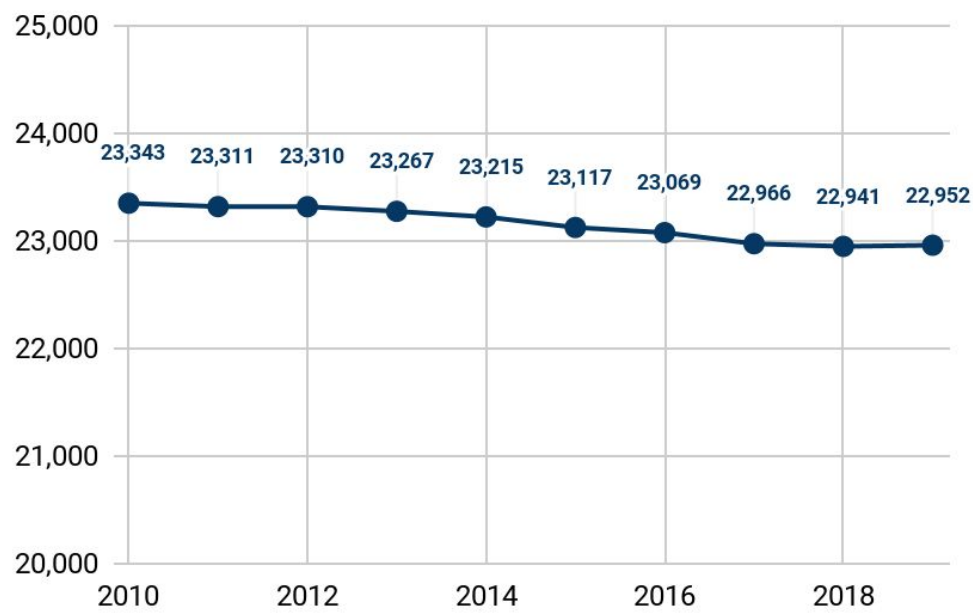
- American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year and 1-year estimates
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Economic Data (FRED)
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Census Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
- U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics
- National Housing Preservation Database
- Indiana Association of Realtors

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DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

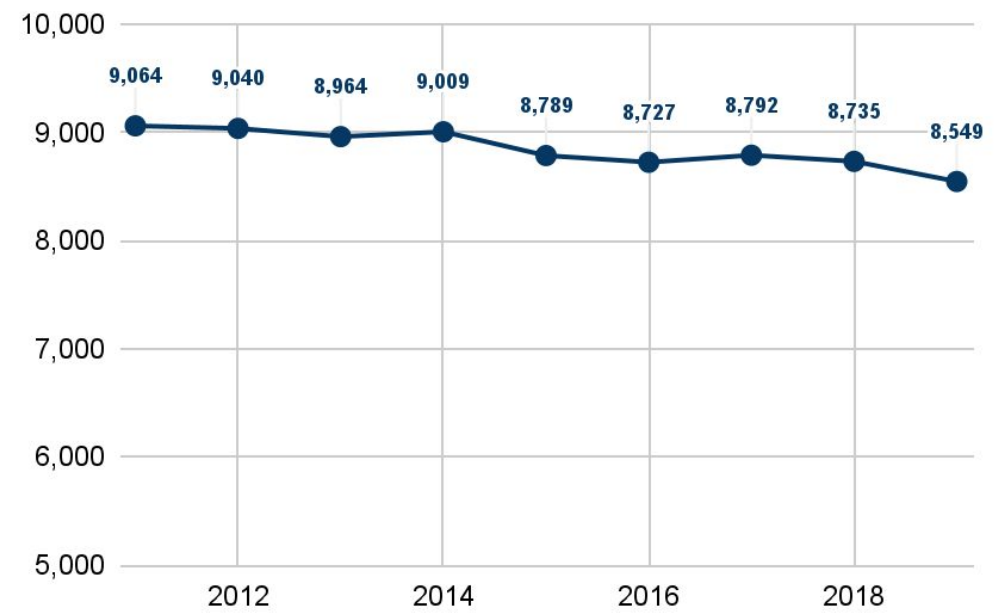
POPULATION | Starke County's population has decreased by 1.68% (391 people) between 2010-2019. In the same time period, the total number of households decreased by 4.93% (443 households).

Resident Population
Starke County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

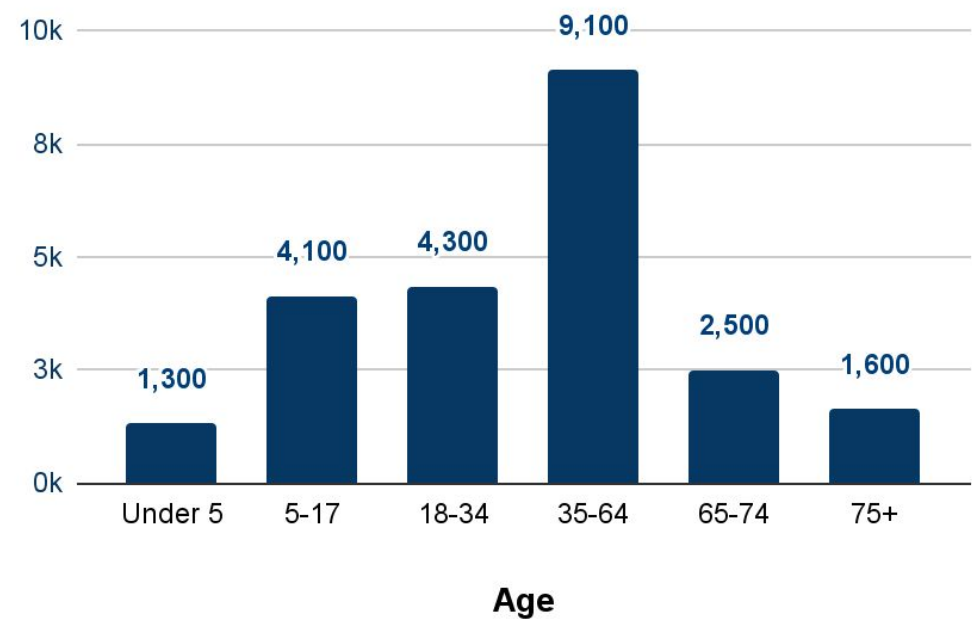
Households
Starke County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

AGE | 4,100 of people in Starke County are age 65 or older, while 24% are younger than 18.

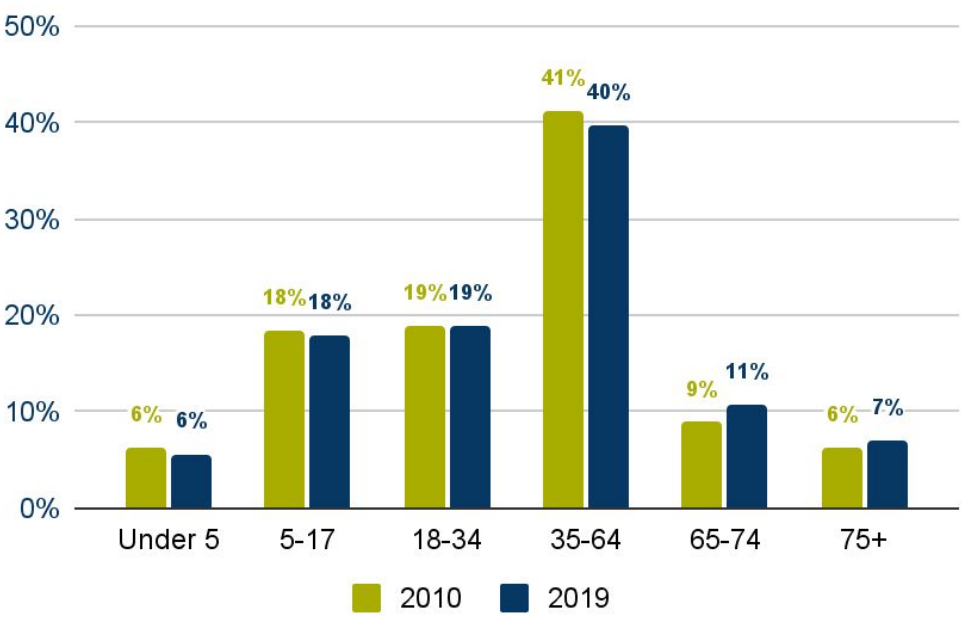
Population by Age
Starke County | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

Change in Share of Population
Starke County | 2010, 2019

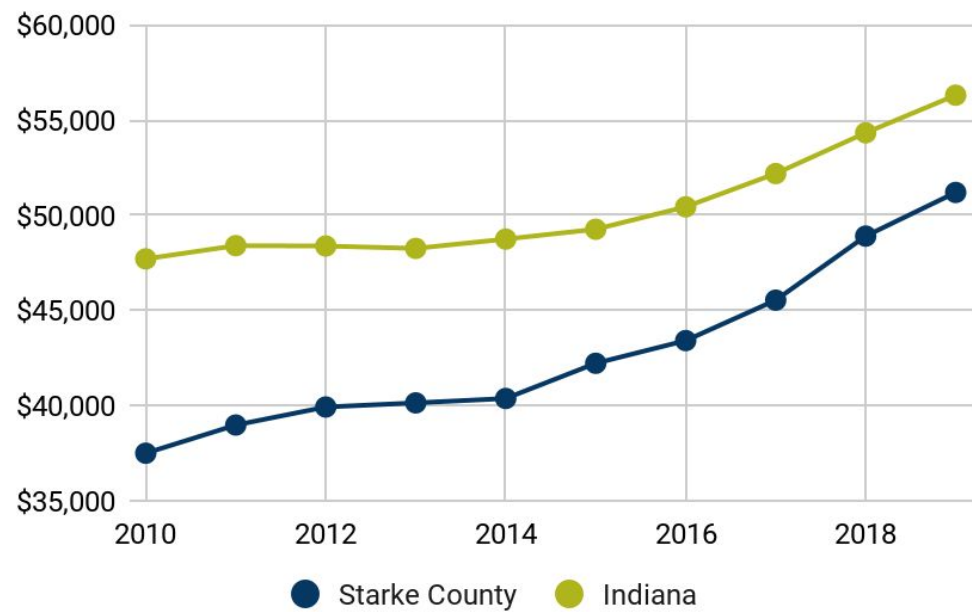
Change in Share of Population



Source: ACS 2010-2019 1-year estimates

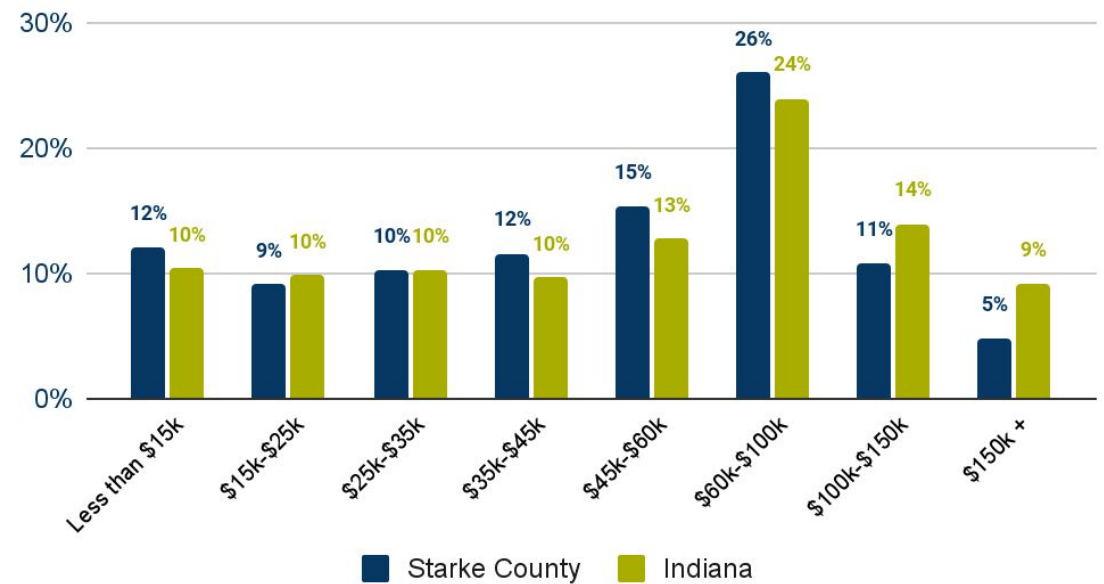
HOUSEHOLD INCOMES | Starke County had a median income of \$51,190 in 2019, up 37% since 2010. 31% of households have incomes below \$35,000, while 16% have incomes above \$100,000.

Median Income
Starke County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

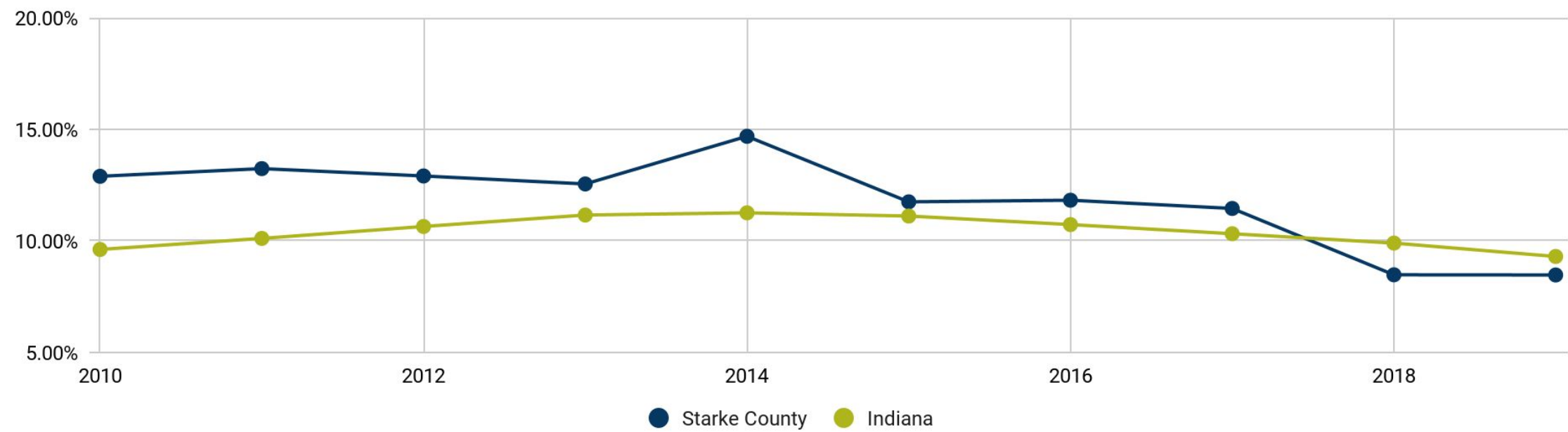
Household Income Distribution
Starke County, State of Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

FAMILY POVERTY RATE | 8.5% of families in Starke County live below the poverty line, down 4.43 points from 12.9% in 2010.

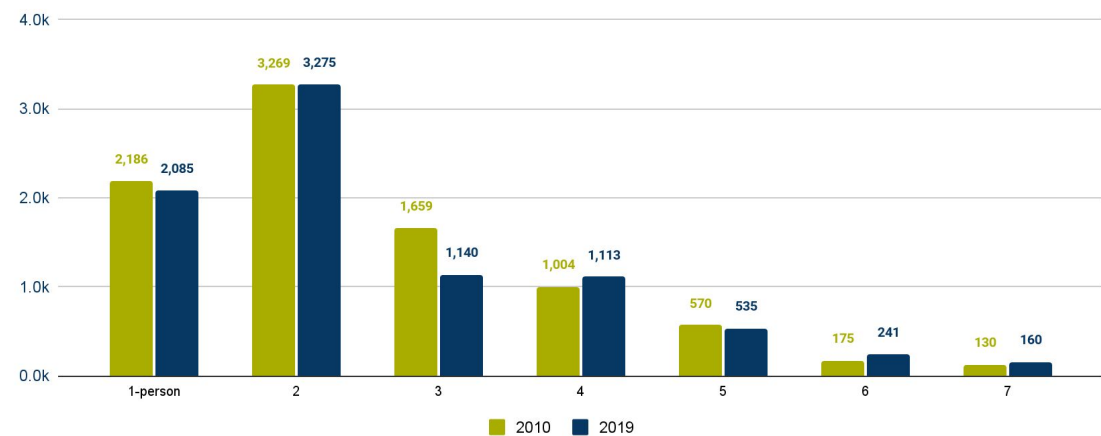
Family Poverty Rate
Starke County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

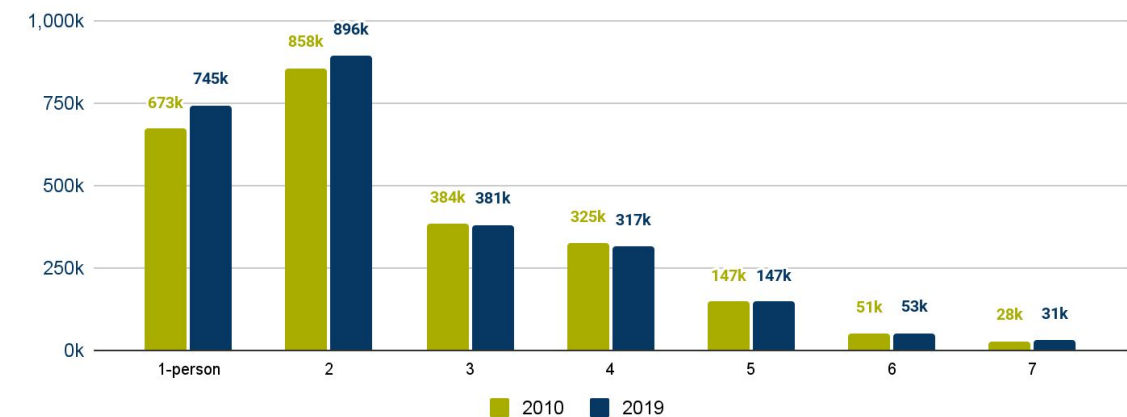
HOUSEHOLD SIZE | The average household size is 2.68 people, compared to the statewide average of 2.52. The Starke County average household has grown by 0.11 persons since 2010.

Household Size
Starke County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Household Size
State of Indiana | 2010, 2019



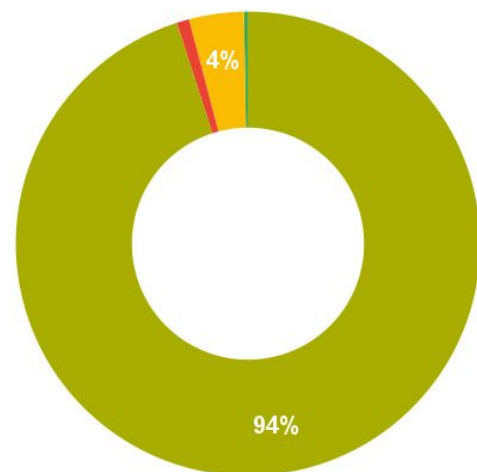
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

RACIAL COMPOSITION | The current racial distribution of households in Starke County is 94% White, 1% Black, 4% Hispanic/Latino, 0% Asian, and 0% other.

Racial/Ethnic Distribution

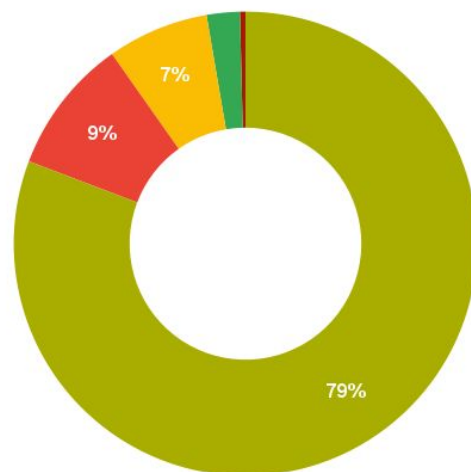
Starke County | 2019

Indiana | 2019



● White ● Black
● Hispanic or Latino ● Asian
● Other

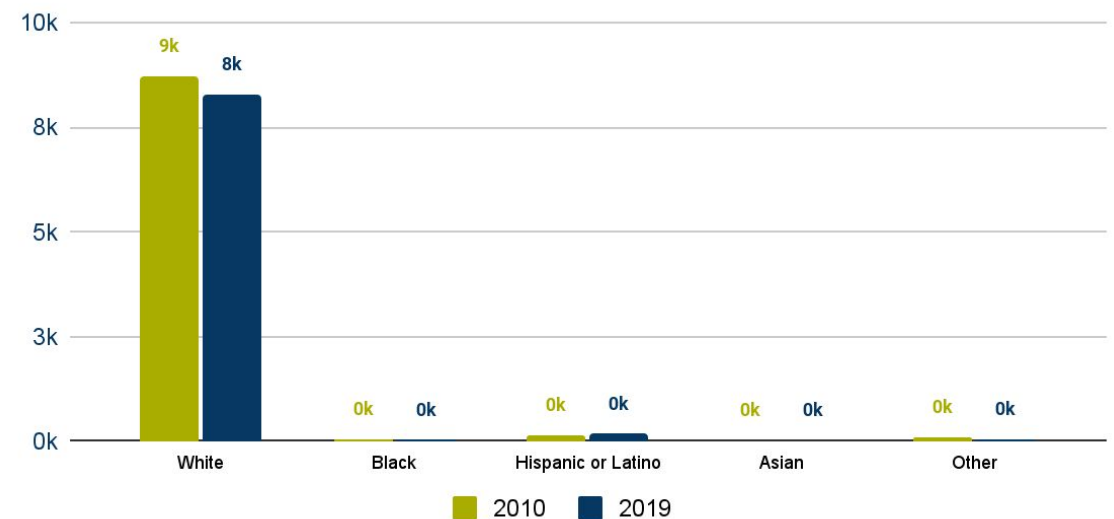
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates



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● Hispanic or Latino ● Asian
● Other

Household Racial/Ethnic Distribution

Starke County | 2010, 2019

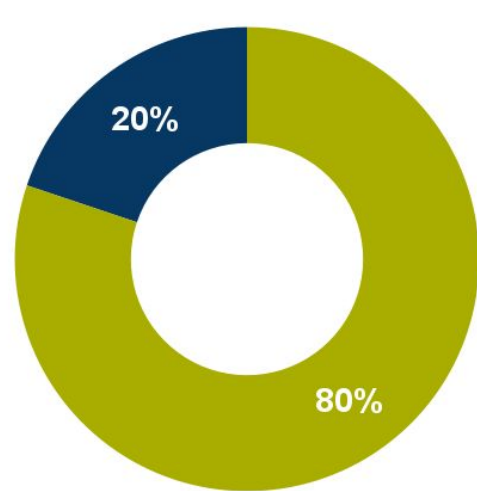


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING TENURE | In 2019, 20% of households (1,697 households) in Starke County were renters, while 80% (6,852 households) were owners. The share of renters has decreased by 0.30 percentage points since 2010.

Housing Tenure

Starke County | 2019



● Owner Occupied
● Renter Occupied

Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

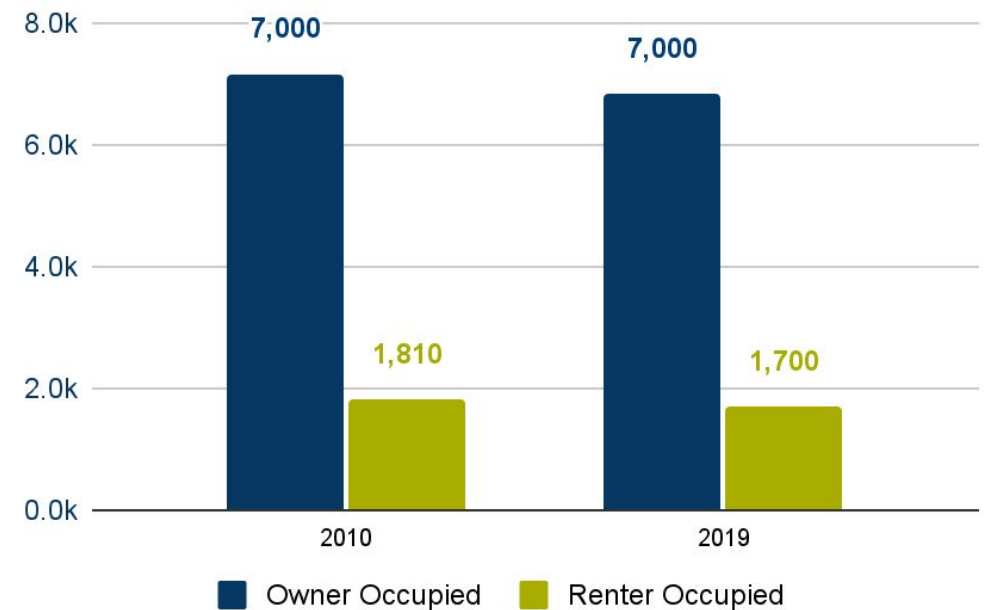
Indiana | 2019



● Owner Occupied
● Renter Occupied

Total Households by Tenure

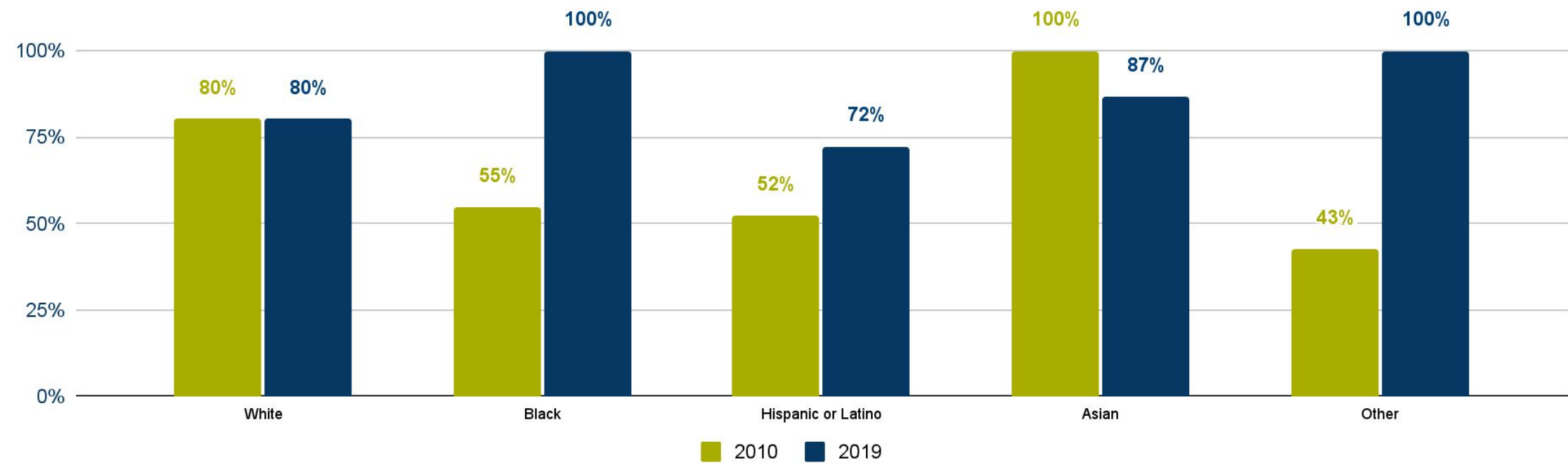
Starke County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

TENURE BY RACE | While the overall homeownership rate is 80%, homeownership is 80% among non-Hispanic White households, 100% for Black households, and 72% for Hispanic or Latino households.

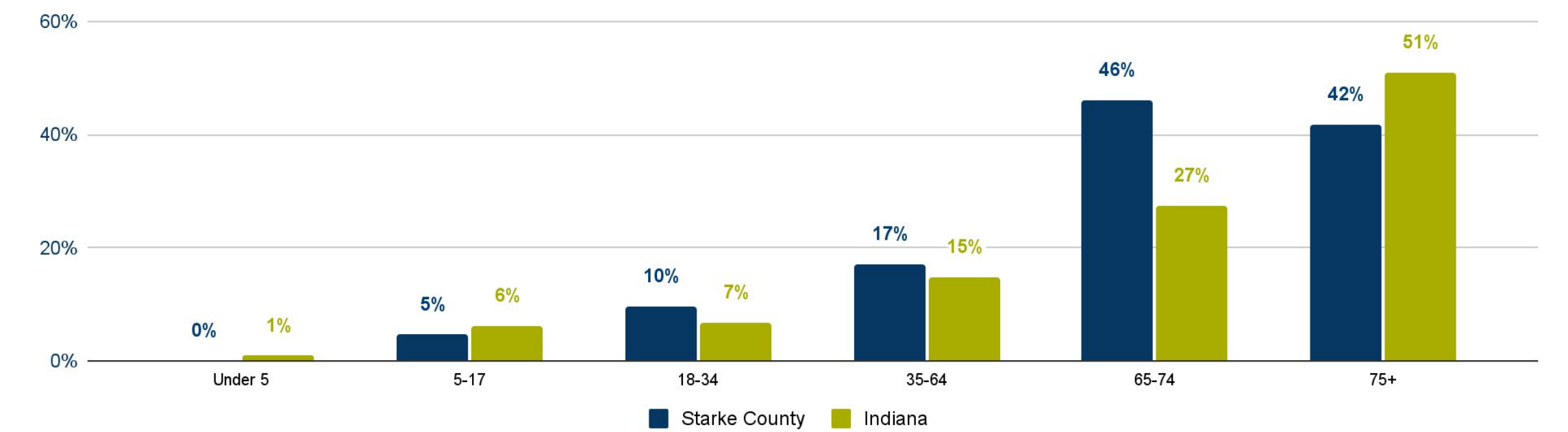
Homeownership by Race
Starke County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

DISABILITY | 17% of people in Starke County live with a disability. For people 65 and older, the figure increases to 44%.

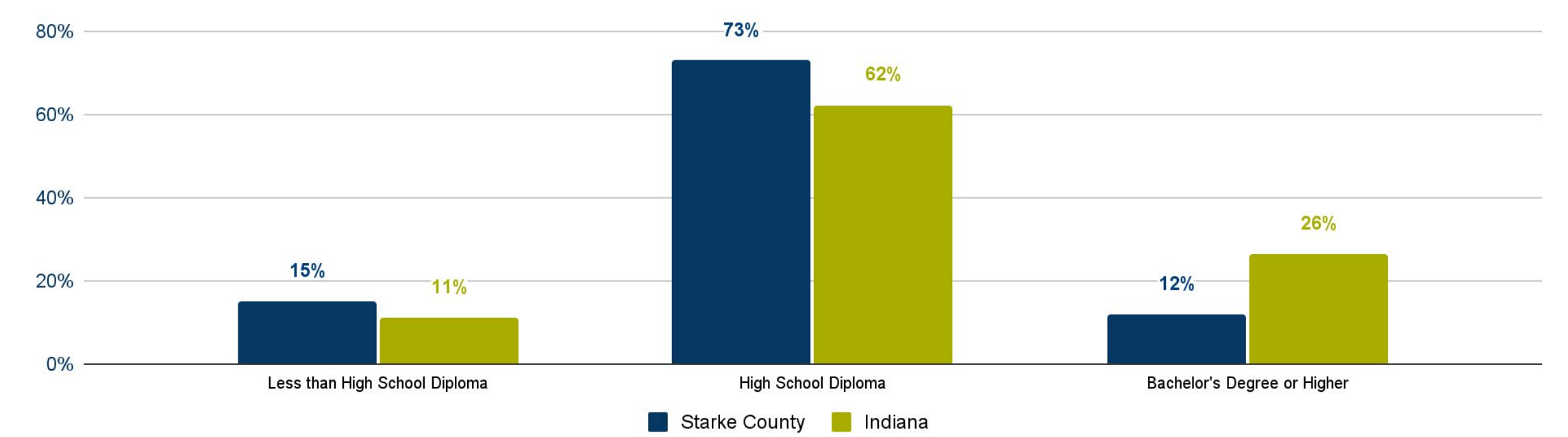
Share of the Population by Age with a Disability
Starke County, Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | In Starke County, 73% of the population completed high school degree as their highest level of education, while 12% of the population has a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Educational Attainment
Starke County, Indiana | 2019

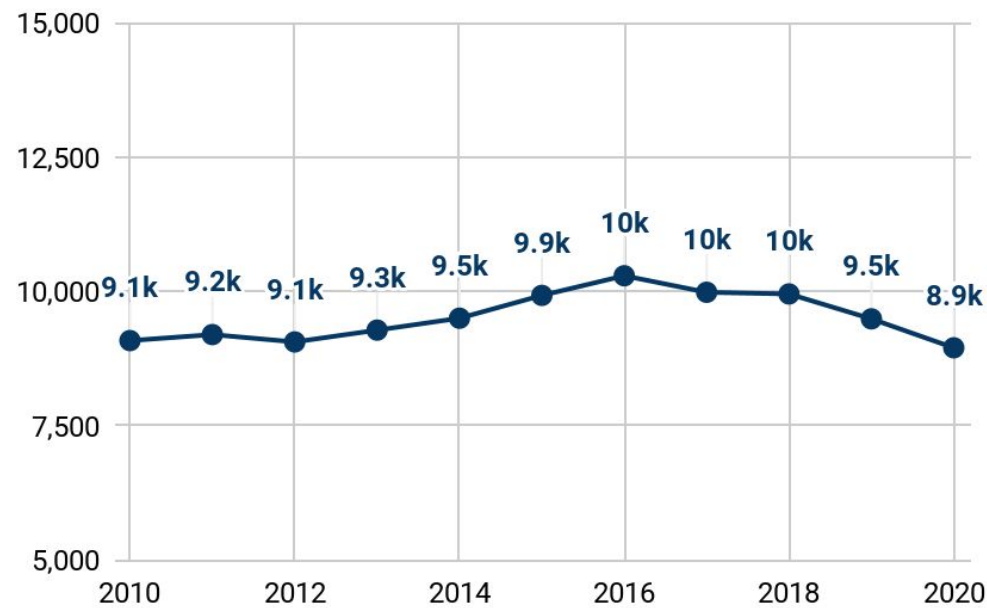


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

JOB / EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

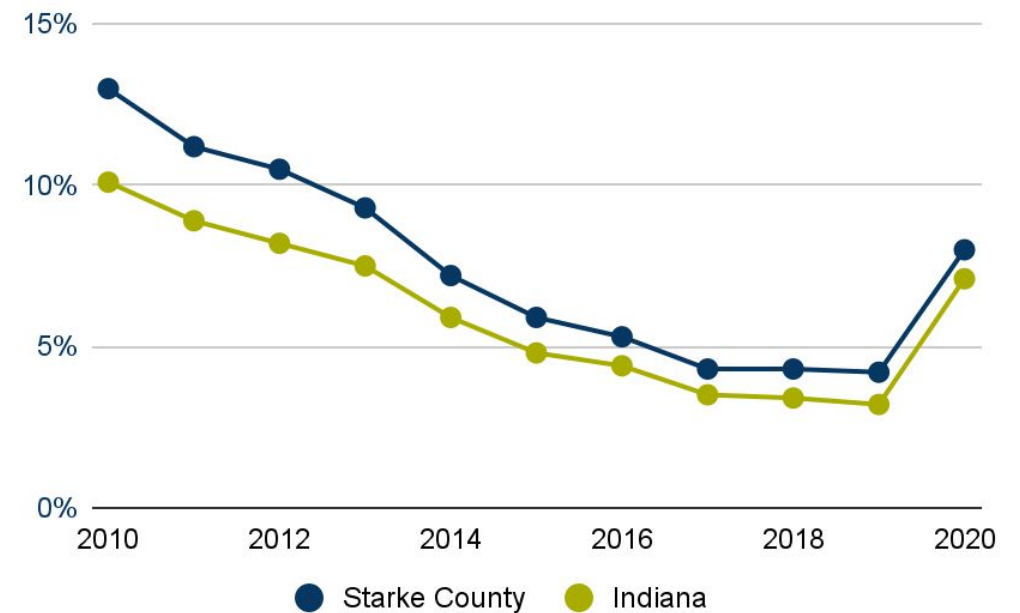
EMPLOYMENT BASE | There are currently 9,000 employed persons in Starke County, down by 1.48% since 2010. The unemployment rate in 2020 was 8.00%, up 3.80 points from 2019.

Total Employment
Starke County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED Estimates

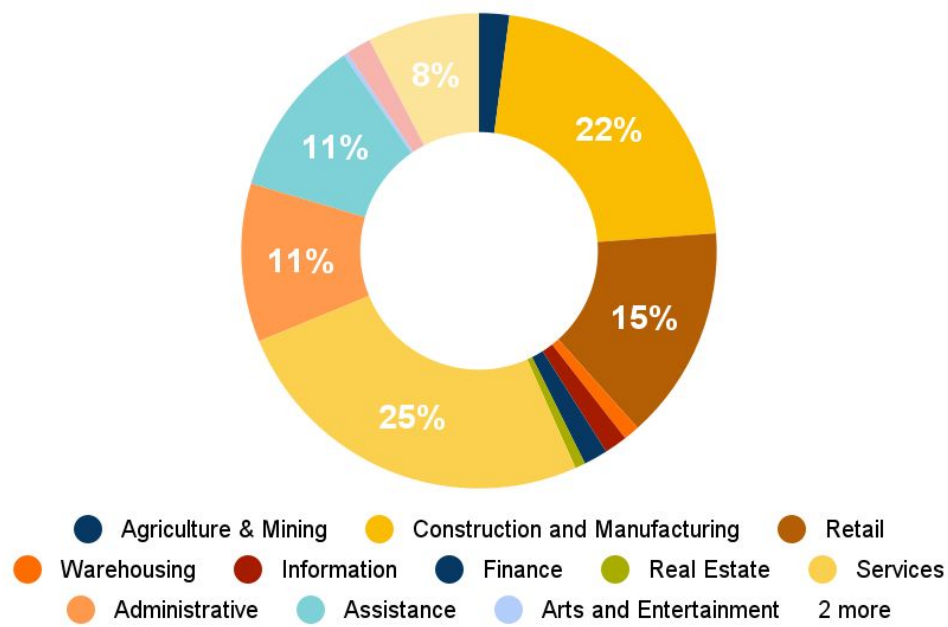
Unemployment Rate
Starke County, Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: FRED Estimates

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY | Manufacturing is the leading industry for jobs in Starke County, followed by Educational Services (13%).

Total Jobs by All Industries
Starke County | 2018



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

Top 5 Industries and Median Annual Wages

- 1. Service-providing | \$33,311
- 2. Trade, transportation, and utilities | \$35,004
- 3. Goods-producing | \$41,098
- 4. Leisure and hospitality | \$14,055
- 5. Construction | \$38,172

Source: BLS

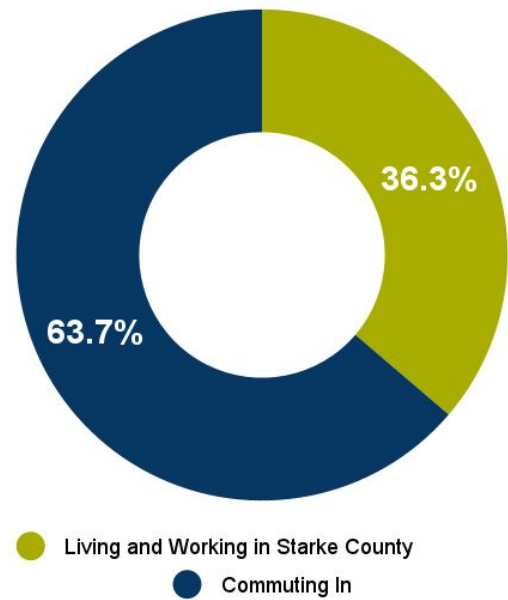
Top 5 Employers

- 1. Pathfinder Services Inc (Knox)
- 2. Mpi Indiana Fineblanking (Knox)
- 3. Knox Community School Corp (Knox)
- 4. Knox Comm Elementary School (Knox)
- 5. Starke Hospital (Knox)

Source: BLS

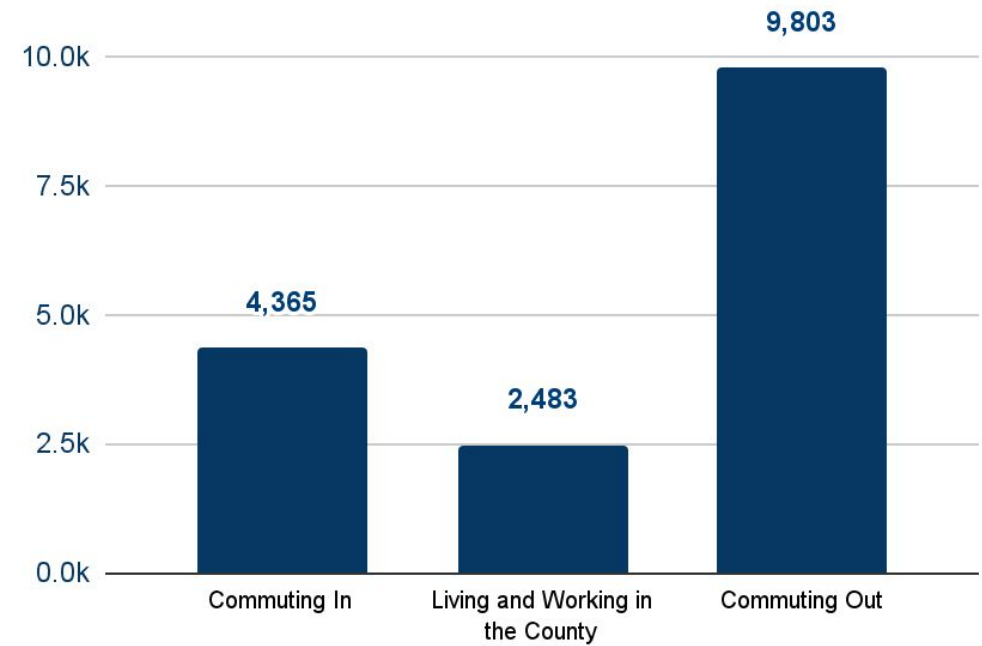
COMMUTER INFLOW / OUTFLOW | 4,000 commuters come into Starke County for their jobs, while 10,000 employees travel out of Starke County for their jobs.

Employment Inflow
Starke County | 2018



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

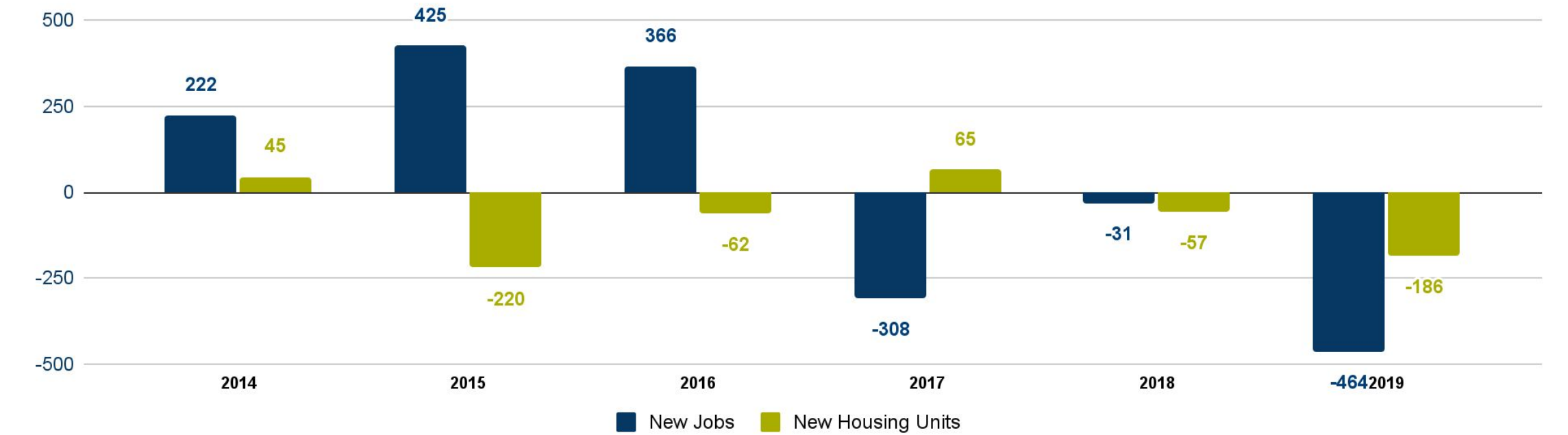
Commuting Patterns
Starke County | 2018



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

JOB GROWTH AND HOUSING PRODUCTION | Starke County has created 210 jobs and -415 housing units between 2014 and 2019, or -198 housing units for every 100 jobs created.

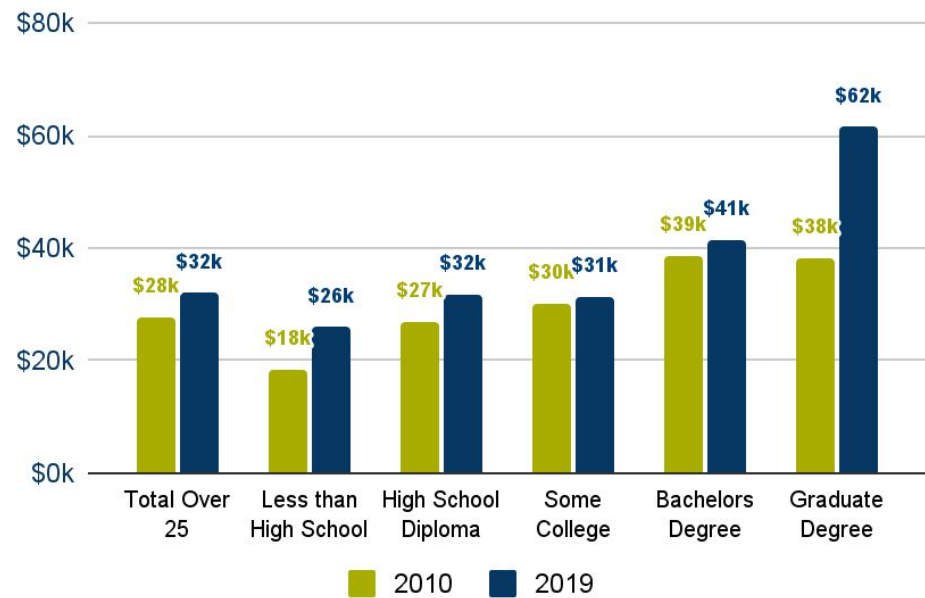
Job Growth and Housing Production
Starke County | New Jobs, New Housing Units



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

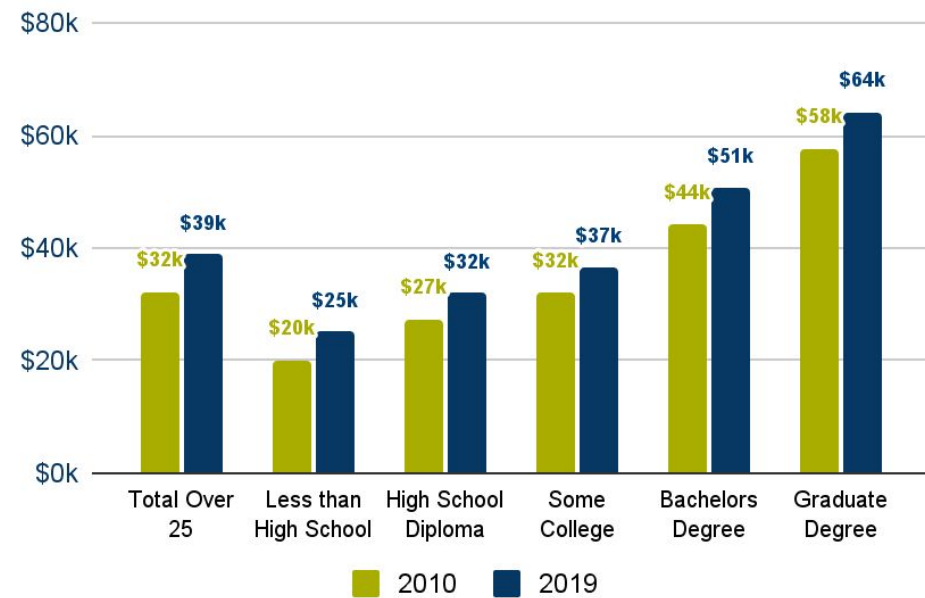
INCOME GROWTH | Median earnings have increased 16% since 2010 for the total population and increased 18% for the population with a high school diploma or greater education.

Median Earnings by Educational Attainment
Starke County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

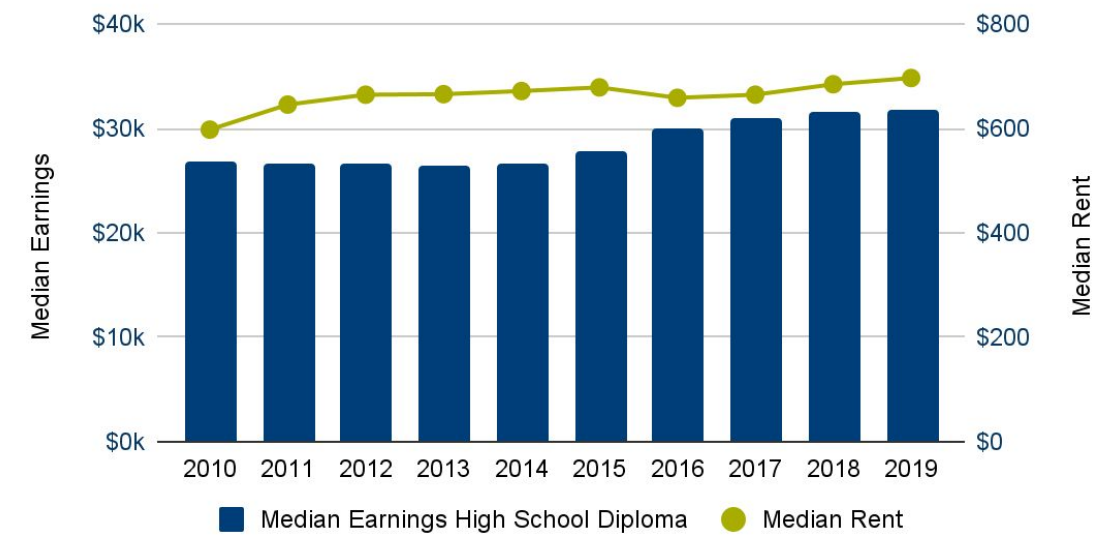
Median Earnings by Educational Attainment
Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

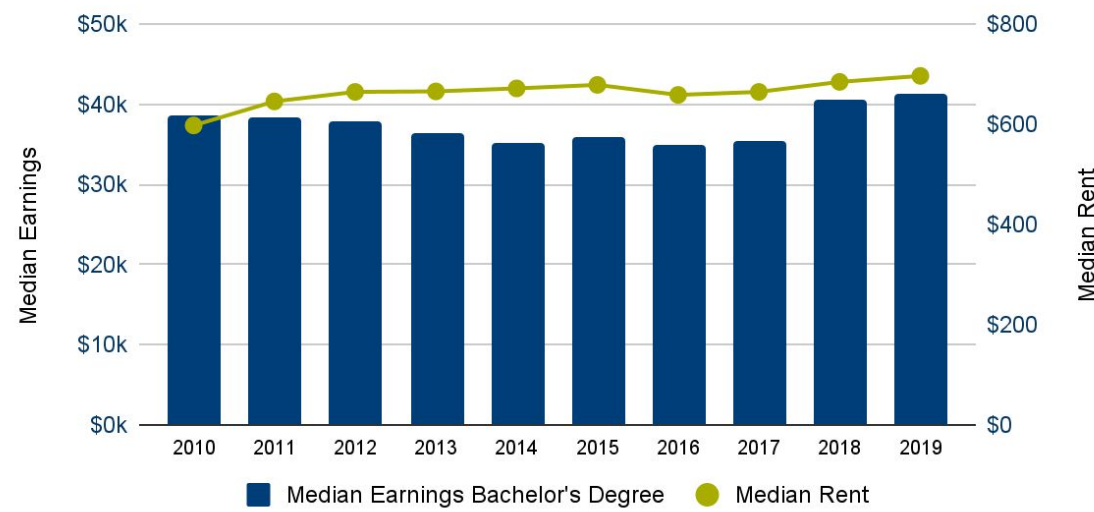
INCOME GROWTH AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | Median annual earnings have increased by \$4,500, or 17% since 2010 for high school graduates, and increased \$6,500, or 15%, since 2010 for Bachelors Degree holders. Median rent has increased \$99, or 17% since 2010.

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



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

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



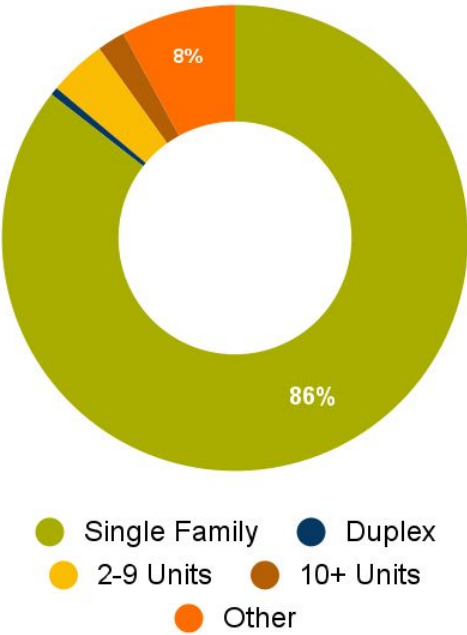
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING TRENDS

HOUSING TYPE | 86% of homes in Starke County are single-family, while 14% are multifamily.

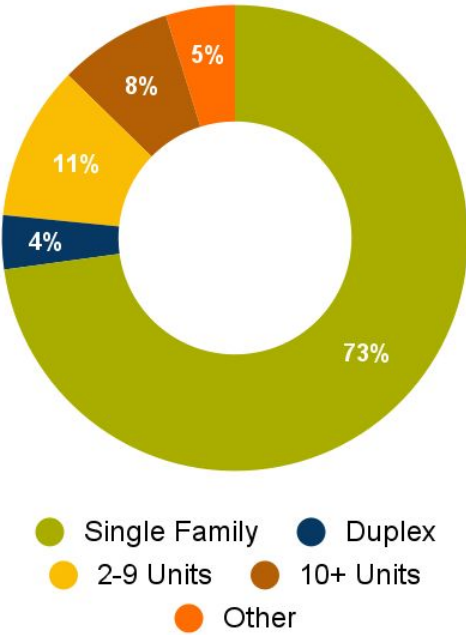
Housing Type

Starke County | 2019



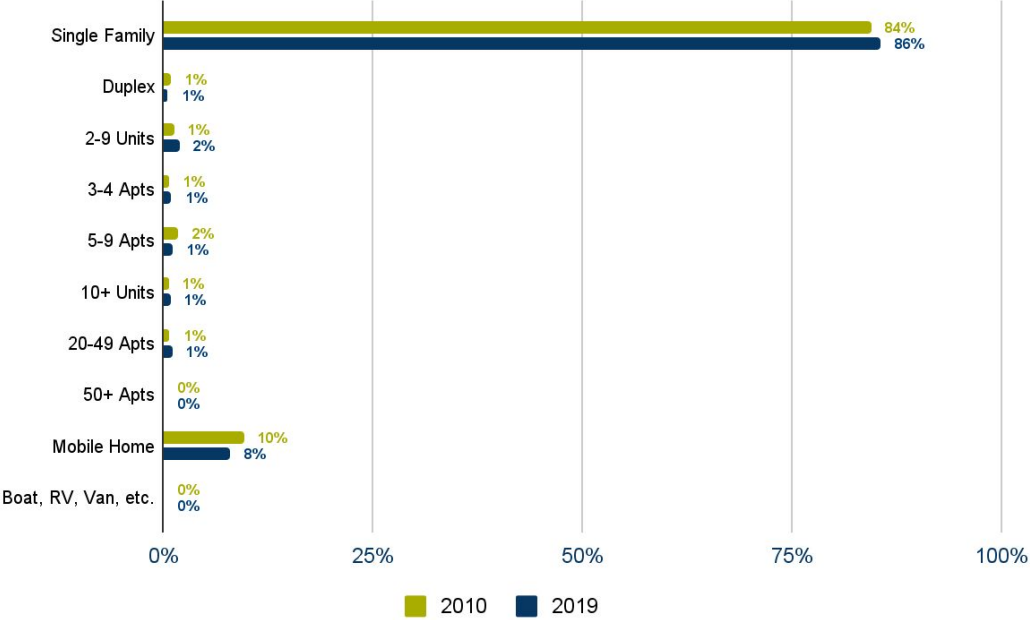
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Indiana | 2019



Share of Units by Housing Type

Starke County | 2010-2019



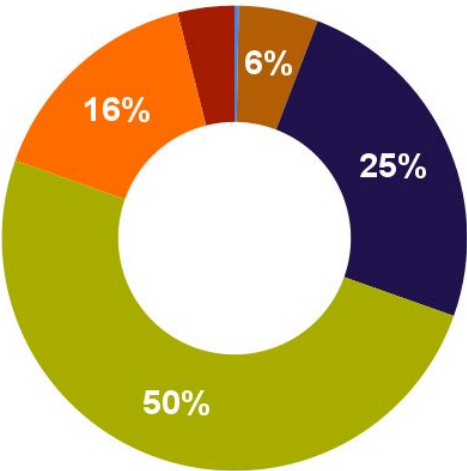
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING UNIT SIZE | Most homes in Starke County average 2.68 bedrooms, with 70% of units containing 3 bedrooms or more.

Housing Stock by Number of Bedrooms

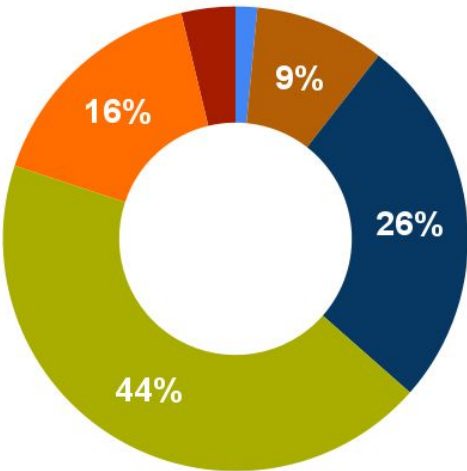
Starke County | 2019

Indiana | 2019



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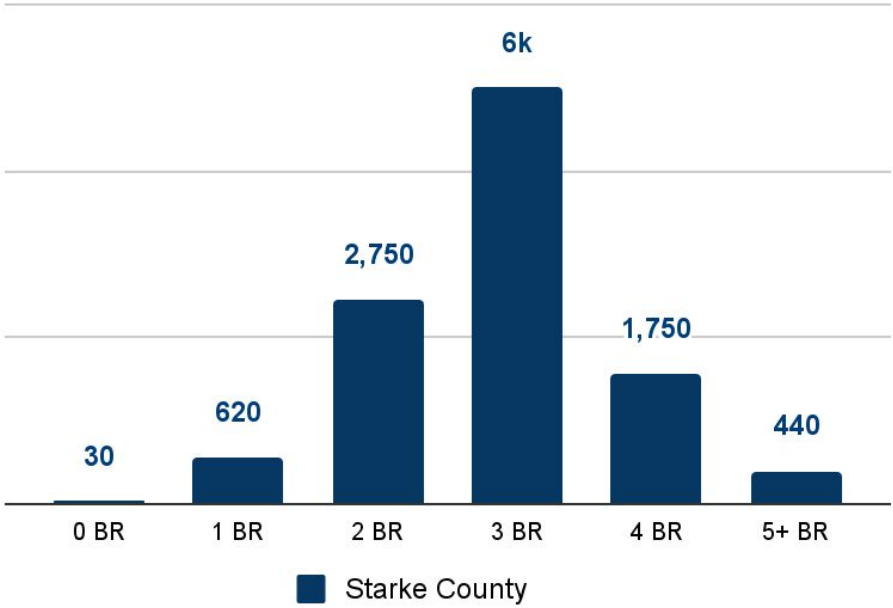
Includes all existing units, single family and multifamily.
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates



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Share of Housing Stock by Bedroom

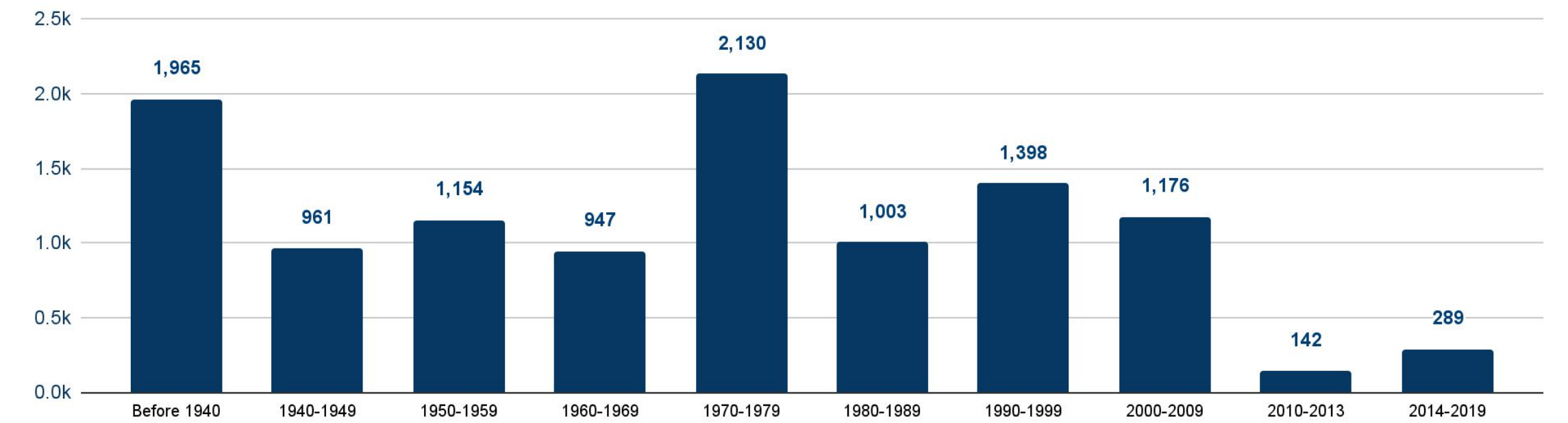
Starke County, Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

AGE OF HOUSING | 45% of homes were built before 1970, 41% were built between 1970 and 2000, and 14% were built after 2000.

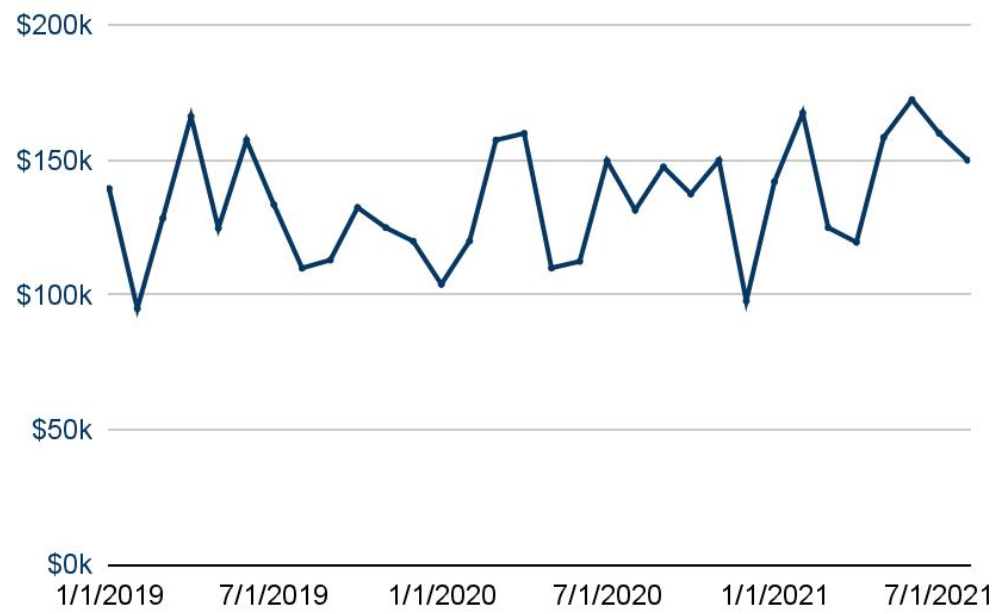
Homes by Year Built
Starke County | 2019



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

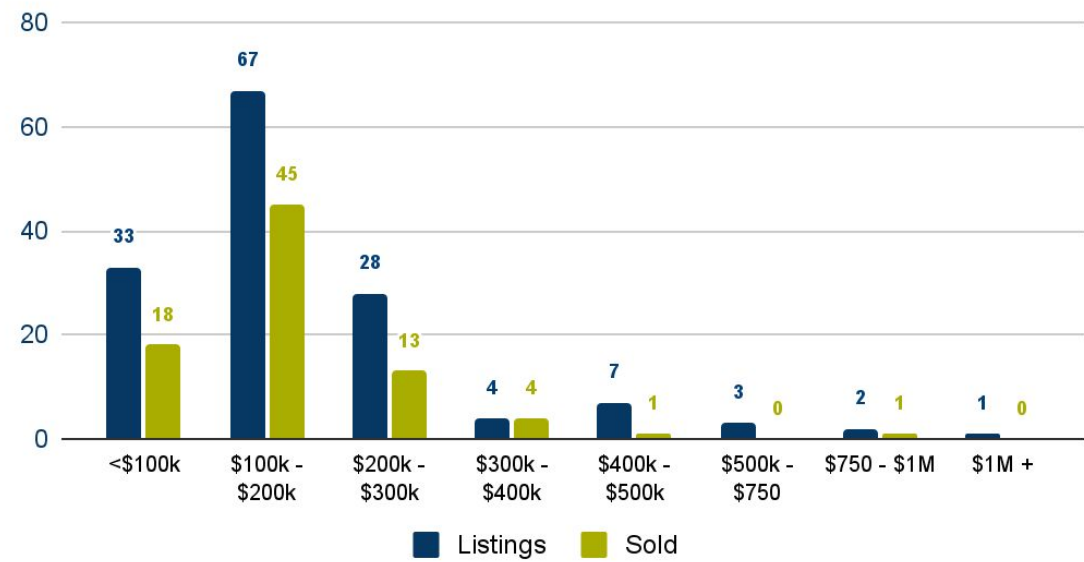
MEDIAN LISTING PRICE | Homes in Starke County have a median listing price of \$149,950. Home prices have increased by 8% since 2019.

Median Listing Price
Starke 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)
Starke County | 2021

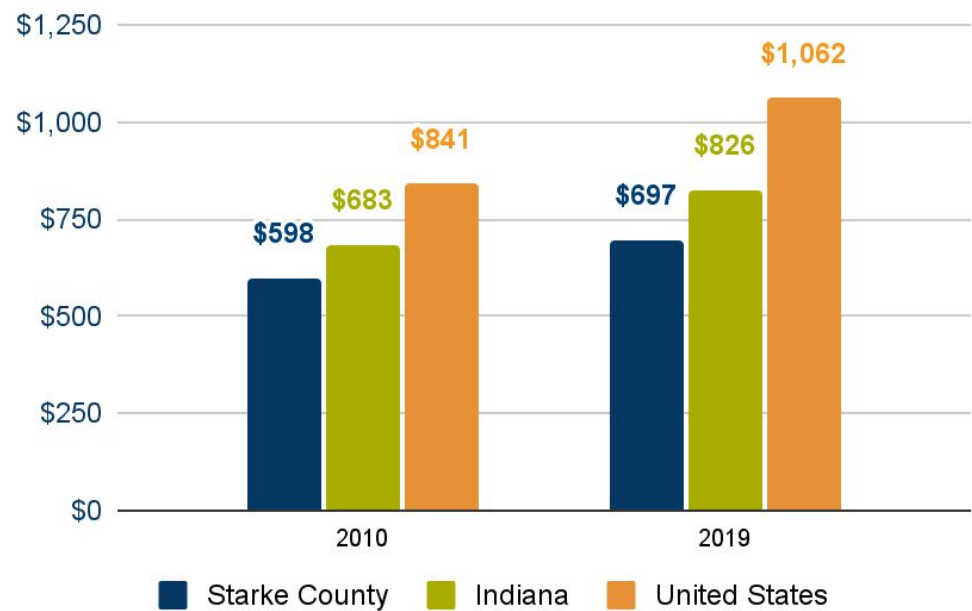


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

MEDIAN RENTS | Median rent has increased by 17% since 2010, with median rent at \$697 in 2019.

Median Rent

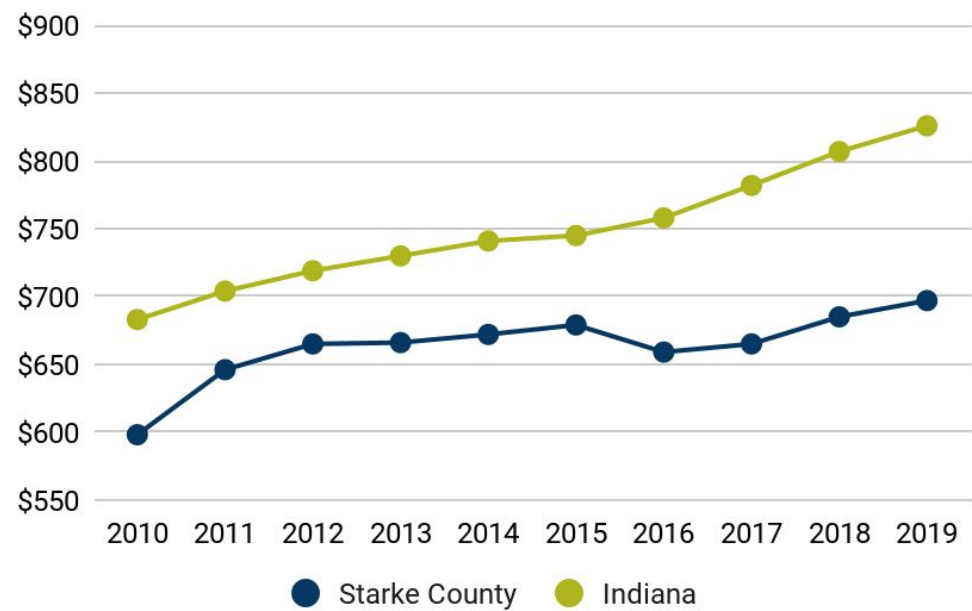
Starke County, Indiana, United States | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Median Rent Over Time

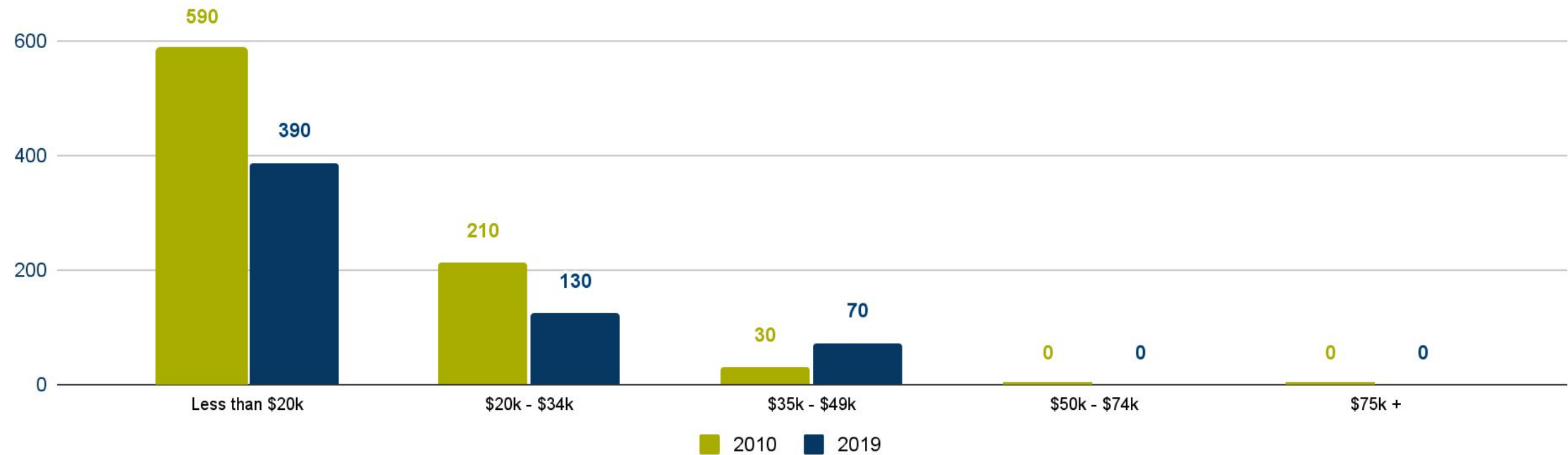
Starke County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

COST BURDEN | 41% of renter households in Starke County are housing cost burdened, down 20.86% points since 2010. 63% of households earning below \$50,000 are housing cost burdened.

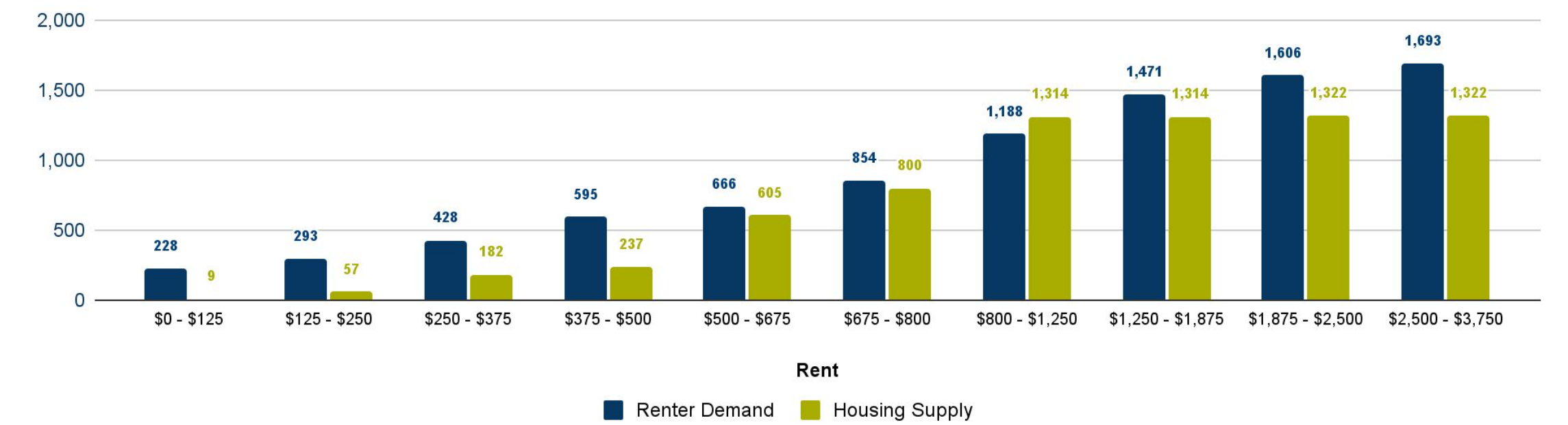
Cost Burden Renter Households
Starke County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



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 1,000 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
Starke 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 Starke County.

Affordable Housing Inventory

Starke County | 2020



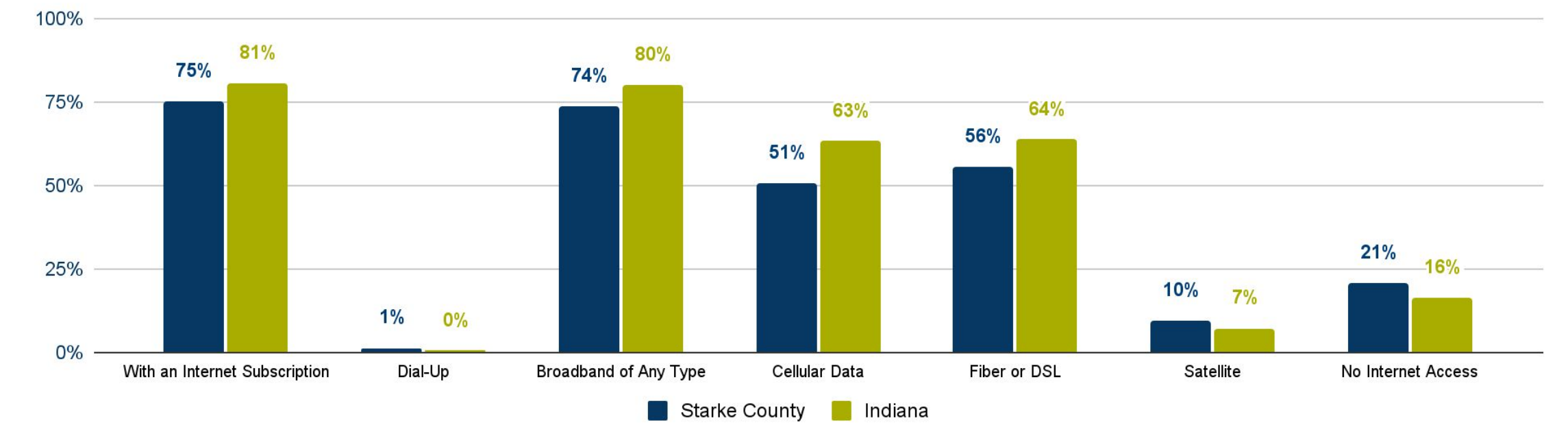
Affordable Housing Inventory

State of Indiana | 2020



INTERNET ACCESS | 75% of housing units have access to internet compared to 81% state-wide.

Internet Access
Starke County, Indiana | 2020

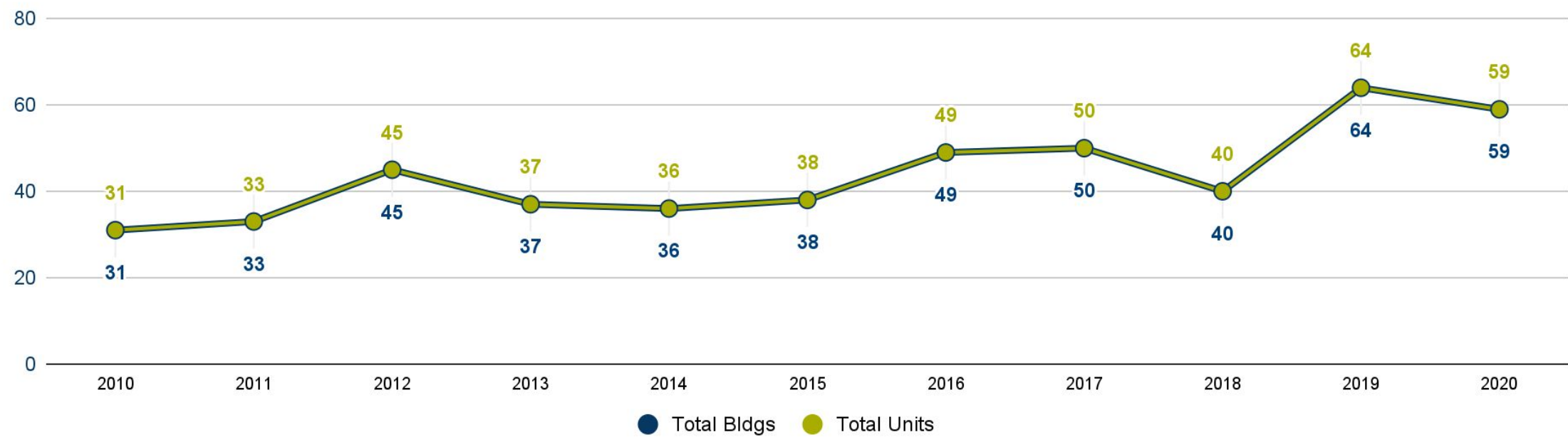


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

HOUSING STARTS | There were 59 new housing starts in 2020 in Starke County, part of the total of 482 building permits authorized since 2010.

New Housing Structures Authorized by Building Permits
Starke 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