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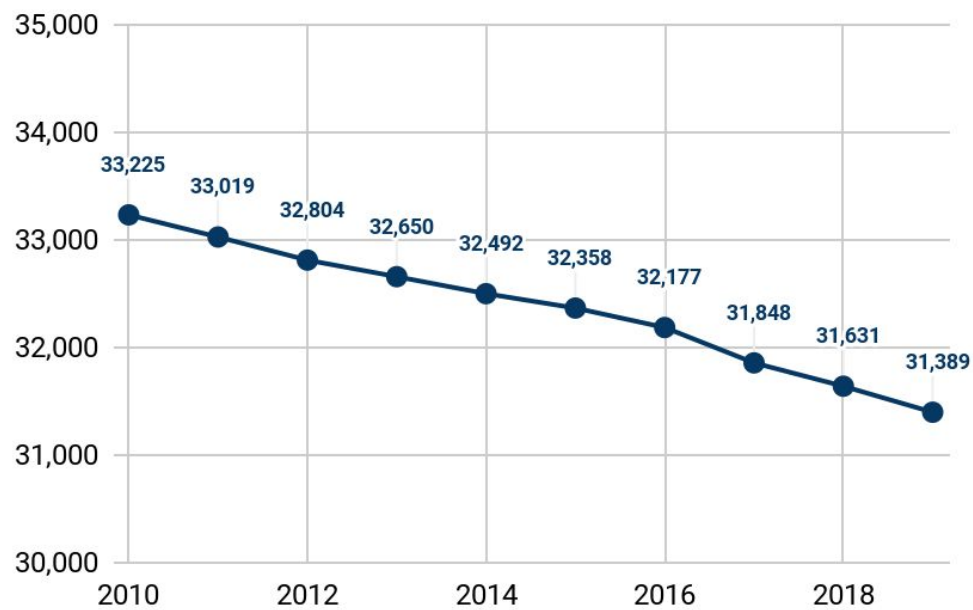
- American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year and 1-year estimates
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Economic Data (FRED)
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Census Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
- U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics
- National Housing Preservation Database
- Indiana Association of Realtors

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DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

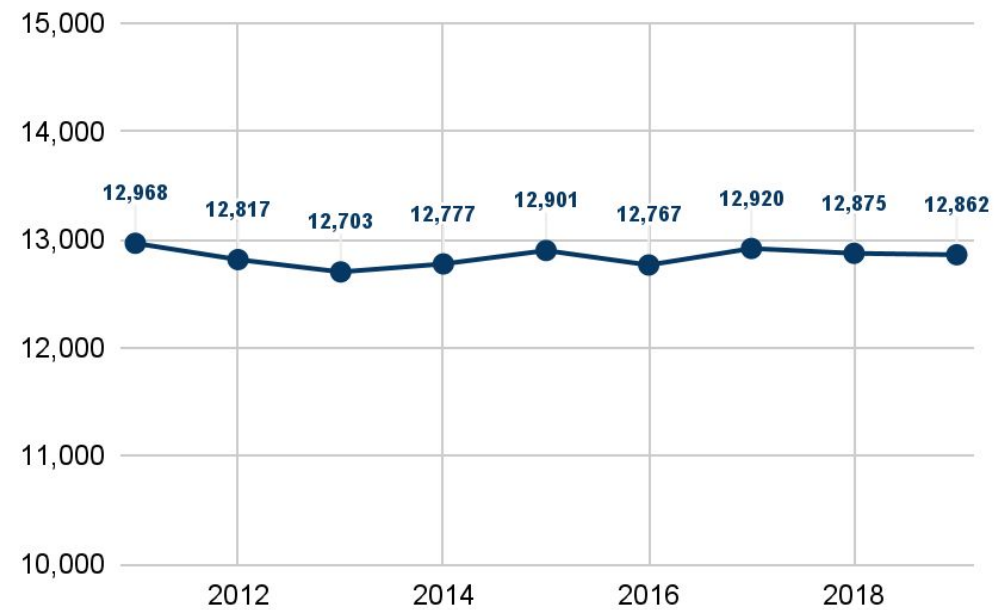
POPULATION | Wabash County's population has decreased by 5.53% (1,836 people) between 2010-2019. In the same time period, the total number of households decreased by 1.48% (193 households).

Resident Population
Wabash County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

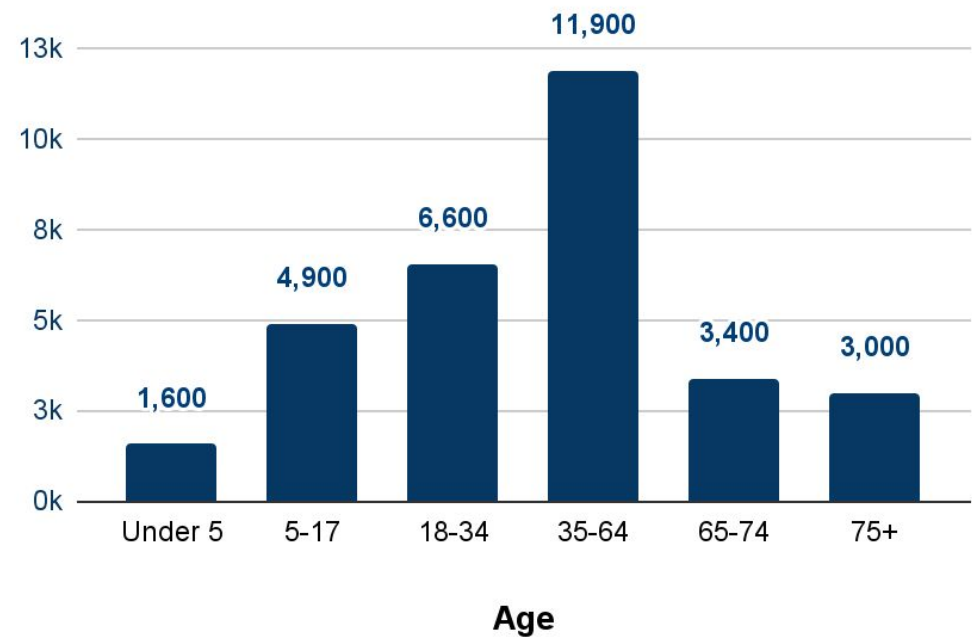
Households
Wabash County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED, U.S. Census Bureau

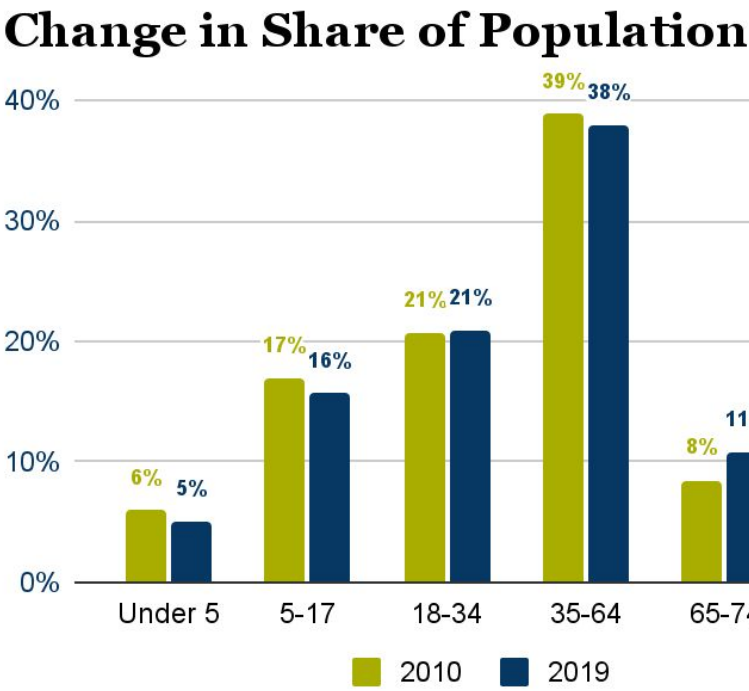
AGE | 6,400 of people in Wabash County are age 65 or older, while 21% are younger than 18.

Population by Age
Wabash County | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

Change in Share of Population
Wabash County | 2010, 2019

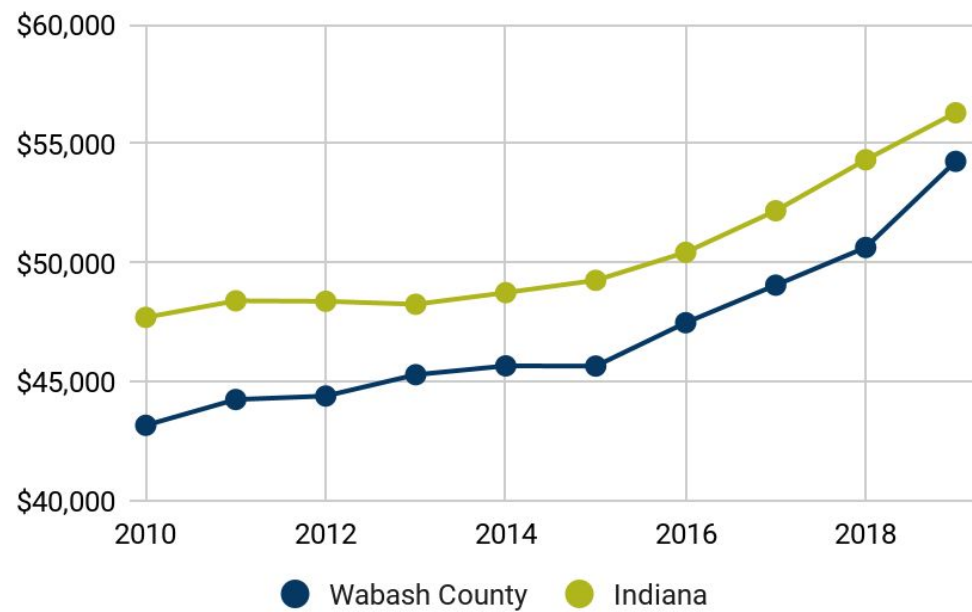


Source: ACS 2010-2019 1-year estimates

HOUSEHOLD INCOMES | Wabash County had a median income of \$54,259 in 2019, up 26% since 2010. 30% of households have incomes below \$35,000, while 16% have incomes above \$100,000.

Median Income

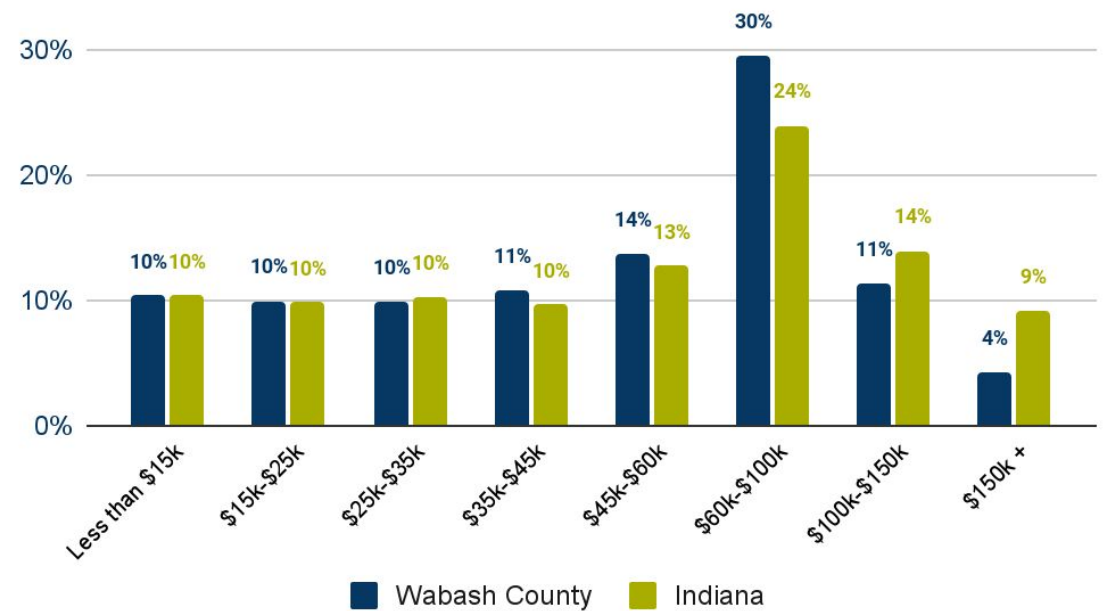
Wabash County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Household Income Distribution

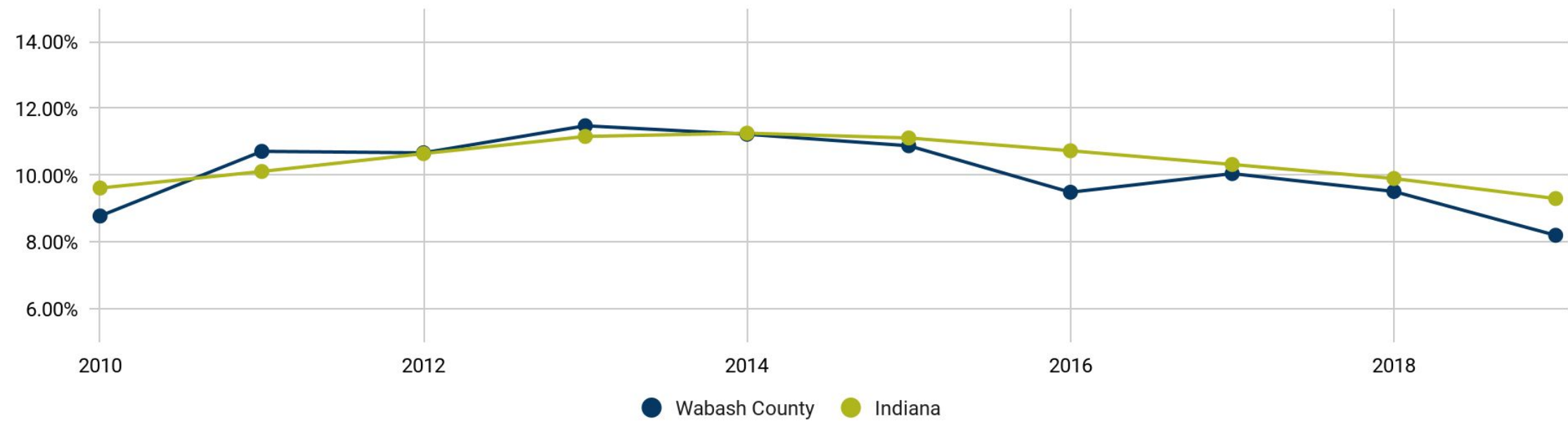
Wabash County, State of Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

FAMILY POVERTY RATE | 8.2% of families in Wabash County live below the poverty line, down 0.58 points from 8.8% in 2010.

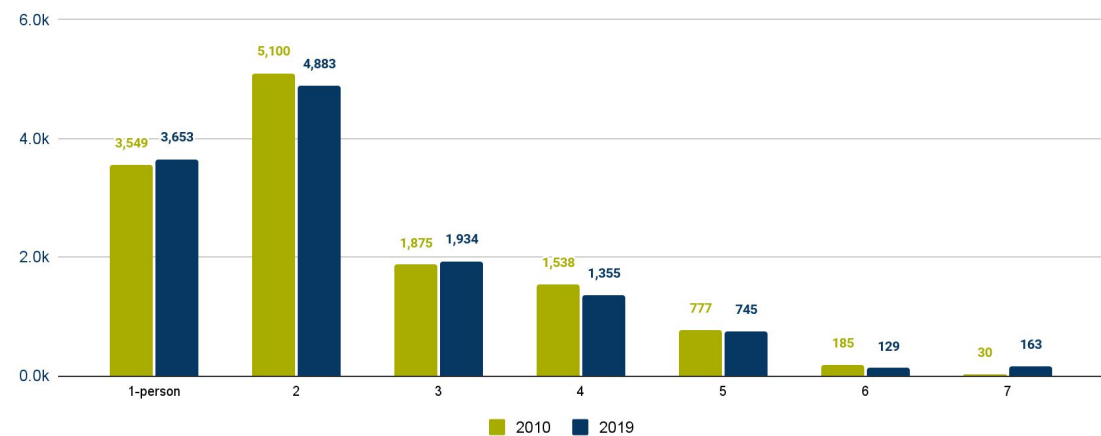
Family Poverty Rate
Wabash County, State of Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSEHOLD SIZE | The average household size is 2.29 people, compared to the statewide average of 2.52. The Wabash County average household has shrunk by 0.09 persons since 2010.

Household Size
Wabash County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Household Size
State of Indiana | 2010, 2019



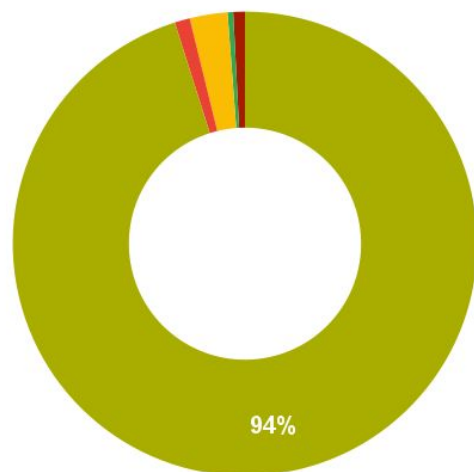
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

RACIAL COMPOSITION | The current racial distribution of households in Wabash County is 94% White, 1% Black, 3% Hispanic/Latino, 0% Asian, and 1% other.

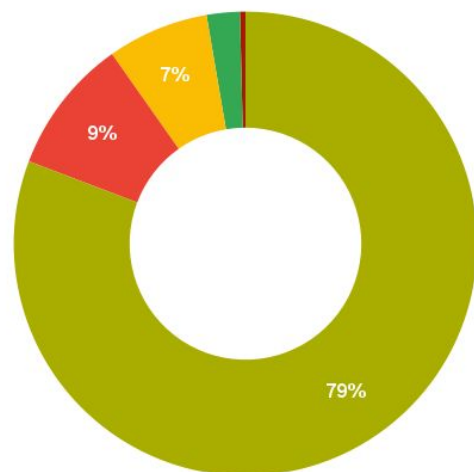
Racial/Ethnic Distribution

Wabash County | 2019

Indiana | 2019



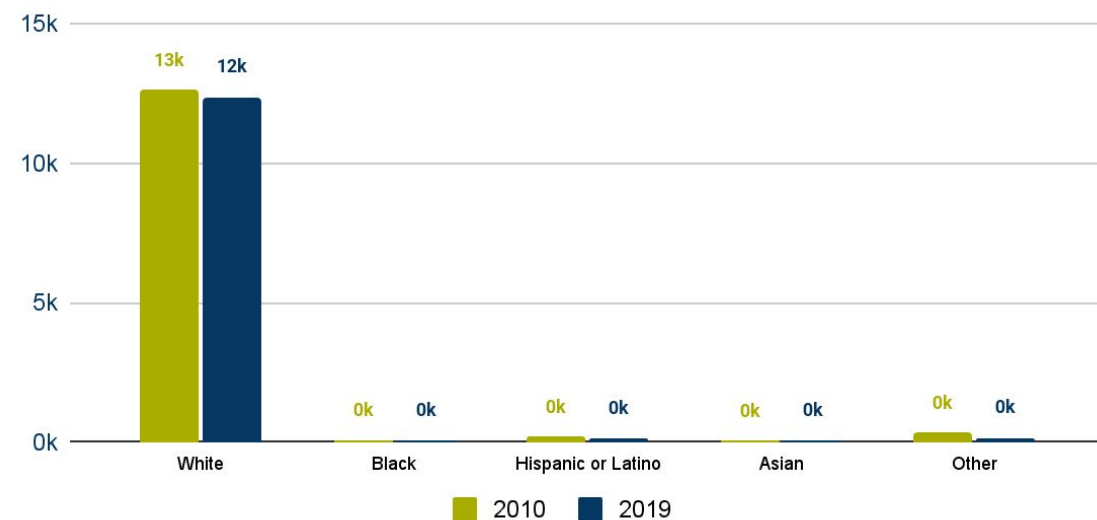
● White ● Black
● Hispanic or Latino ● Asian
● Other



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Household Racial/Ethnic Distribution

Wabash County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

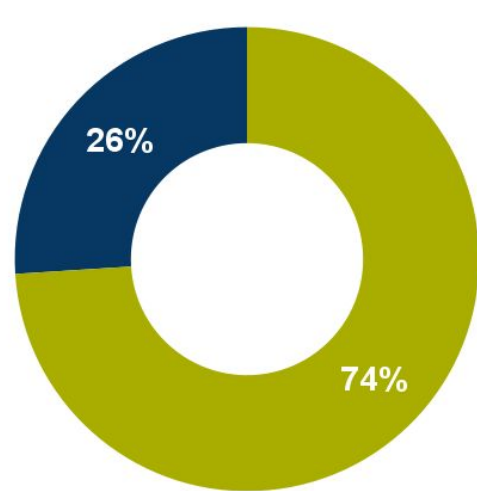
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING TENURE | In 2019, 26% of households (3,346 households) in Wabash County were renters, while 74% (9,516 households) were owners. The share of renters has decreased by 3.98 percentage points since 2010.

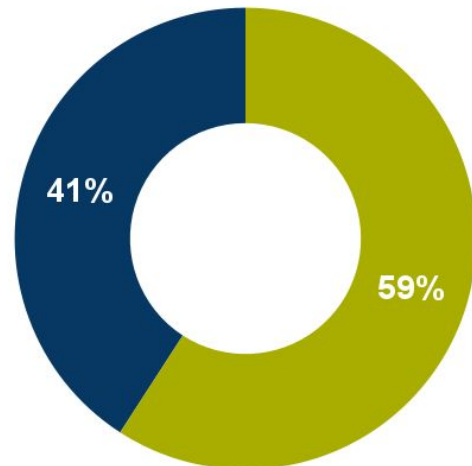
Housing Tenure

Wabash County | 2019

Indiana | 2019



● Owner Occupied
● Renter Occupied

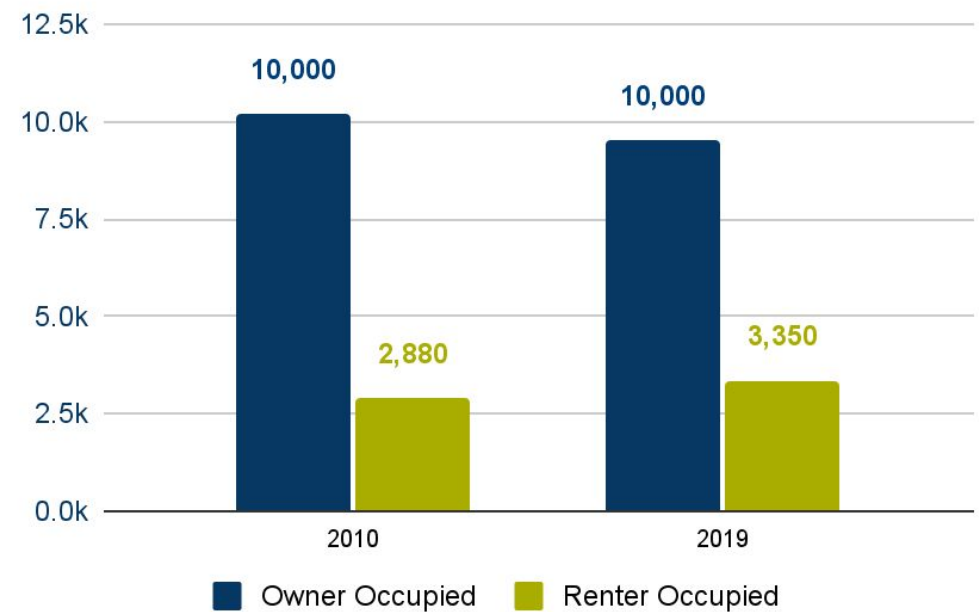


● Owner Occupied
● Renter Occupied

Source: ACS 2019 5-year estimates

Total Households by Tenure

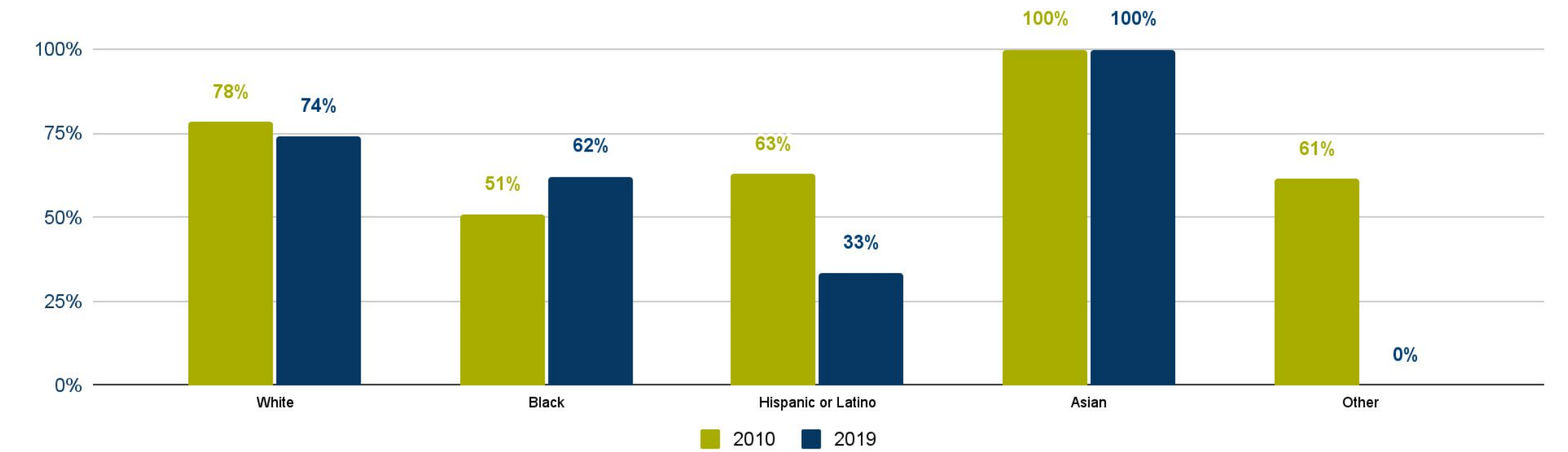
Wabash County | 2010-2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

TENURE BY RACE | While the overall homeownership rate is 74%, homeownership is 74% among non-Hispanic White households, 62% for Black households, and 33% for Hispanic or Latino households.

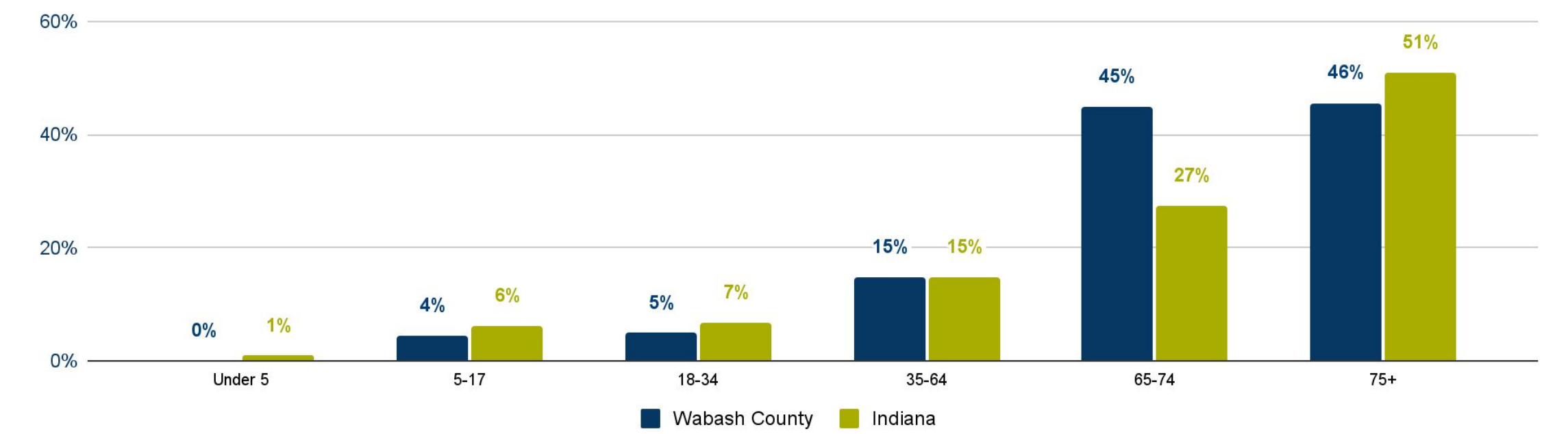
Homeownership by Race
Wabash County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

DISABILITY | 16% of people in Wabash County live with a disability. For people 65 and older, the figure increases to 45%.

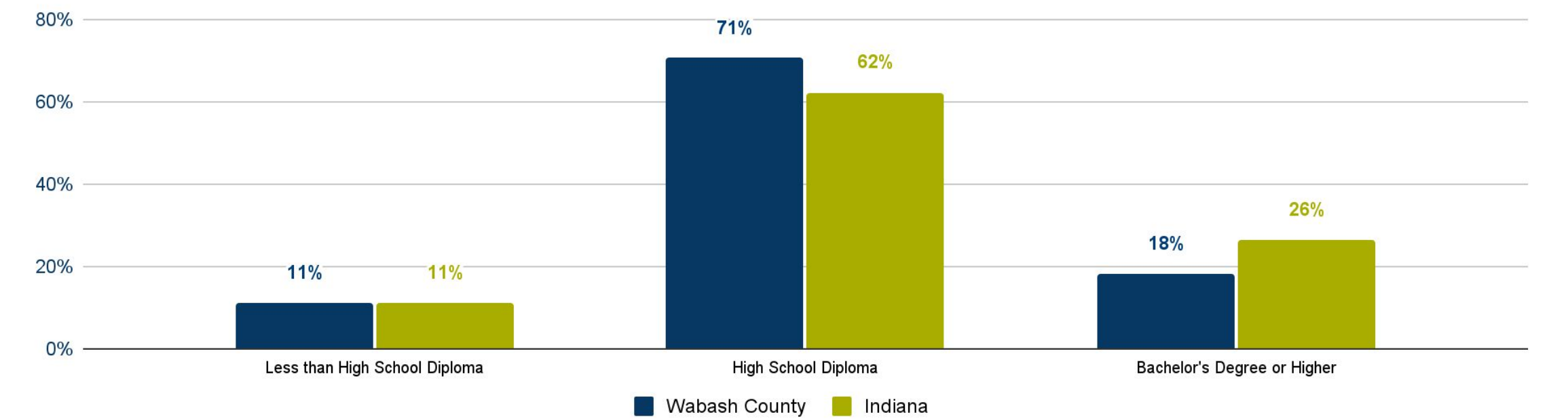
Share of the Population by Age with a Disability
Wabash County, Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | In Wabash County, 71% 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
Wabash County, Indiana | 2019

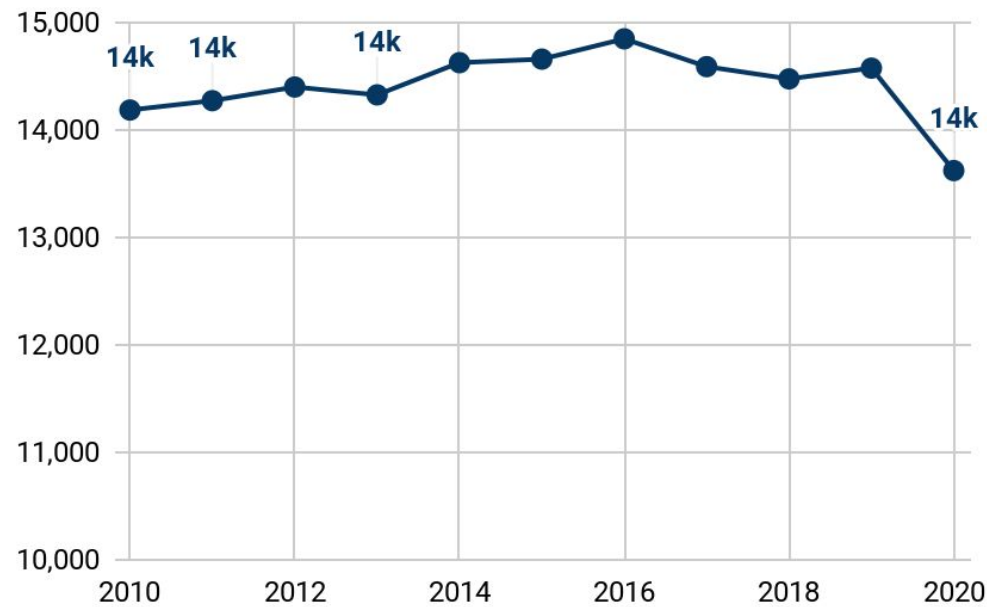


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

JOB / EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

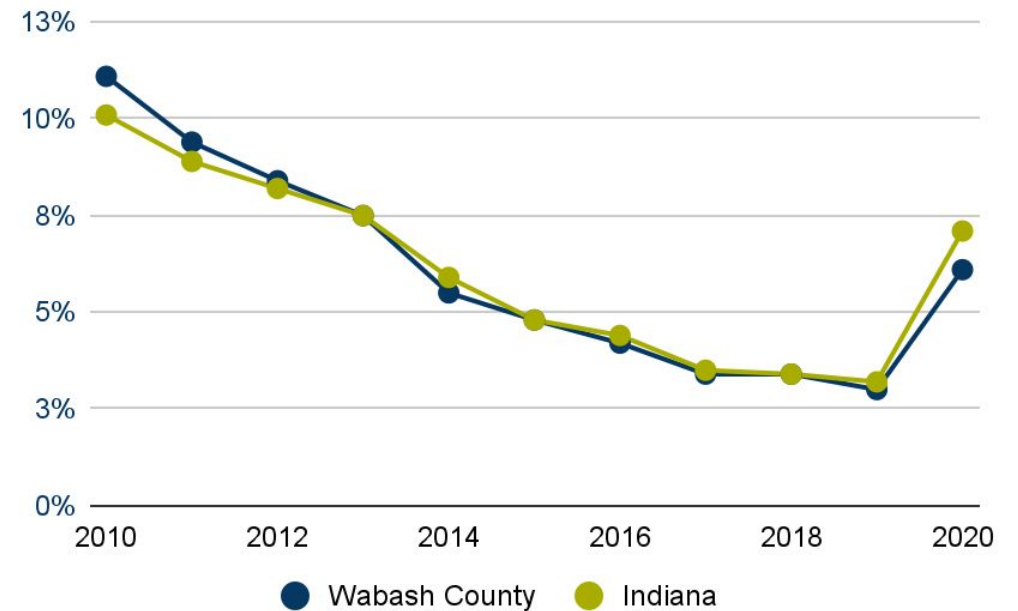
EMPLOYMENT BASE | There are currently 14,000 employed persons in Wabash County, down by 3.98% since 2010. The unemployment rate in 2020 was 6.10%, up 3.10 points from 2019.

Total Employment
Wabash County | 2010-2019



Source: FRED Estimates

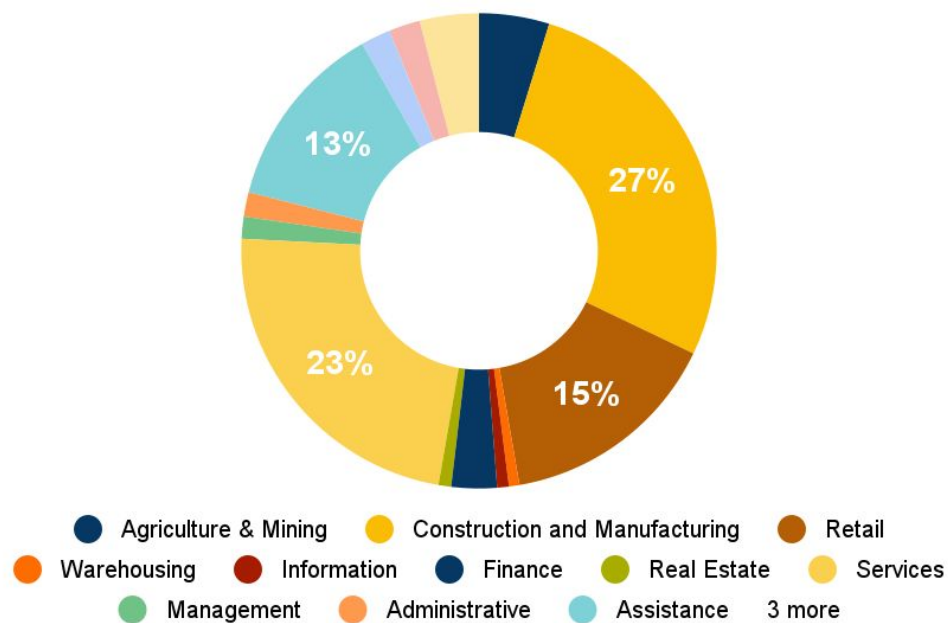
Unemployment Rate
Wabash County, Indiana | 2010-2019



Source: FRED Estimates

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY | Manufacturing is the leading industry for jobs in Wabash County, followed by Educational Services (14%).

Total Jobs by All Industries
Wabash County | 2018



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

Top 5 Industries and Median Annual Wages

1. Service-providing | **\$34,339**
2. Trade, transportation, and utilities | **\$37,259**
3. Goods-producing | **\$55,515**
4. Education and health services | **\$35,502**
5. Construction | **\$50,787**

Source: BLS

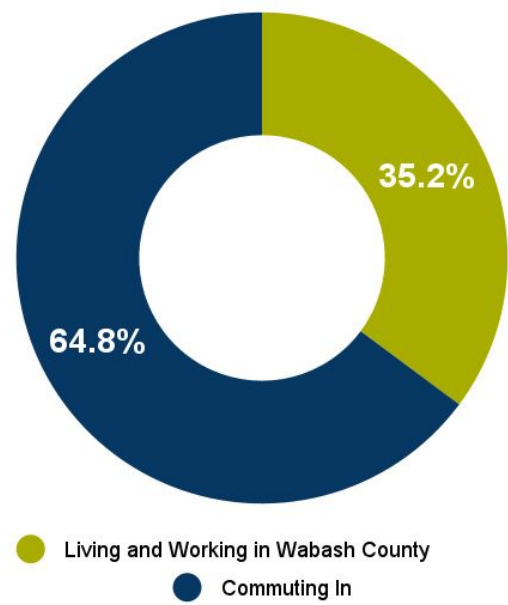
Top 5 Employers

1. Ford Meter Box Co Inc (Wabash)
2. Peabody Retirement Community (North Manchester)
3. Whites Residential & Family (Wabash)
4. Walmart Supercenter (Wabash)
5. Paperworks Industries Inc (Wabash)

Source: BLS

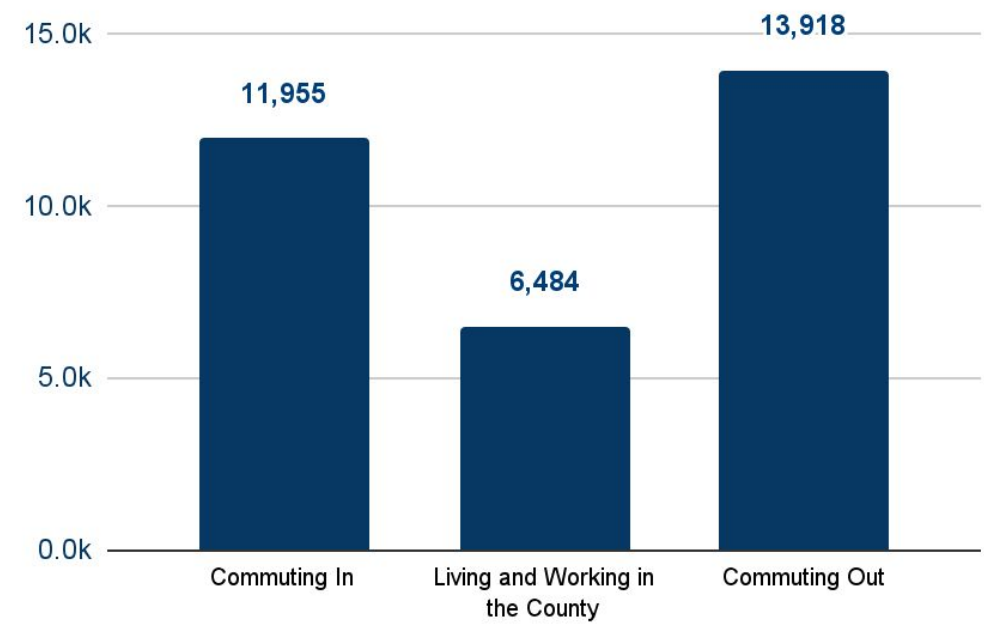
COMMUTER INFLOW / OUTFLOW | 12,000 commuters come into Wabash County for their jobs, while 14,000 employees travel out of Wabash County for their jobs.

Employment Inflow
Wabash County | 2018



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

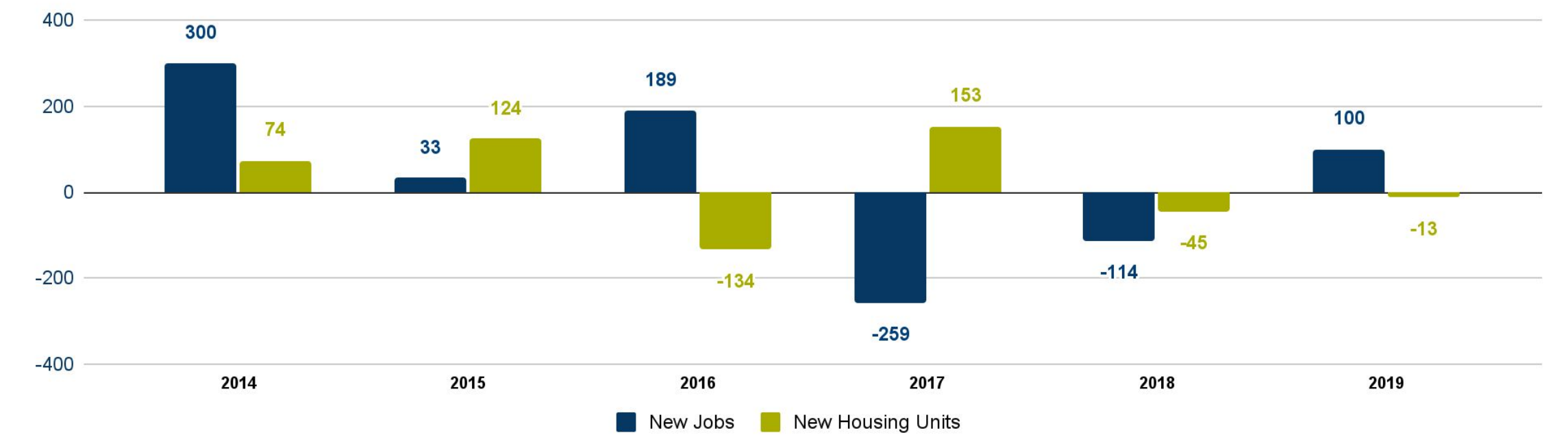
Commuting Patterns
Wabash County | 2018



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

JOB GROWTH AND HOUSING PRODUCTION | Wabash County has created 249 jobs and 159 housing units between 2014 and 2019, or 64 housing units for every 100 jobs created.

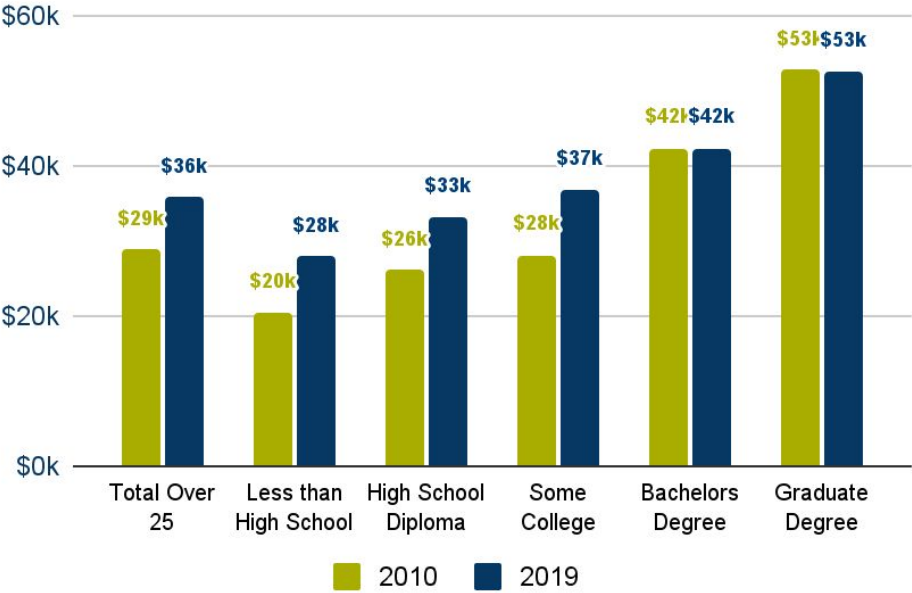
Job Growth and Housing Production
Wabash County | New Jobs, New Housing Units



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

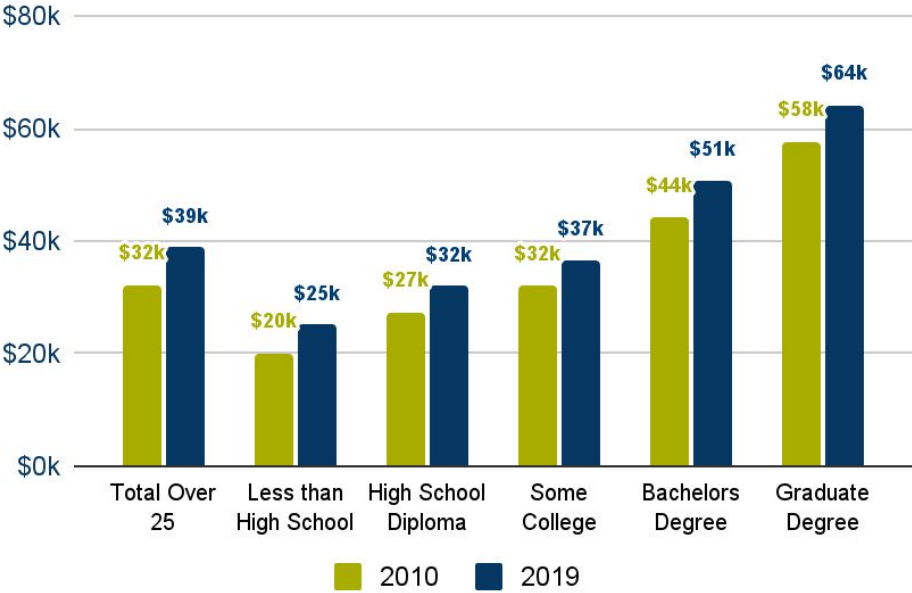
INCOME GROWTH | Median earnings have increased 24% since 2010 for the total population and increased 27% for the population with a high school diploma or greater education.

Median Earnings by Educational Attainment
Wabash County | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

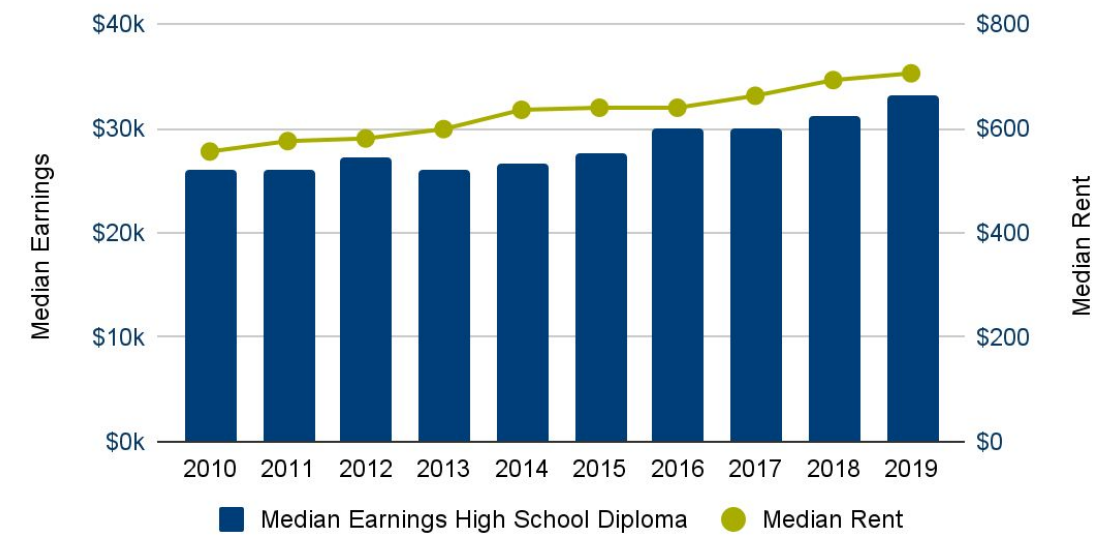
Median Earnings by Educational Attainment
Indiana | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

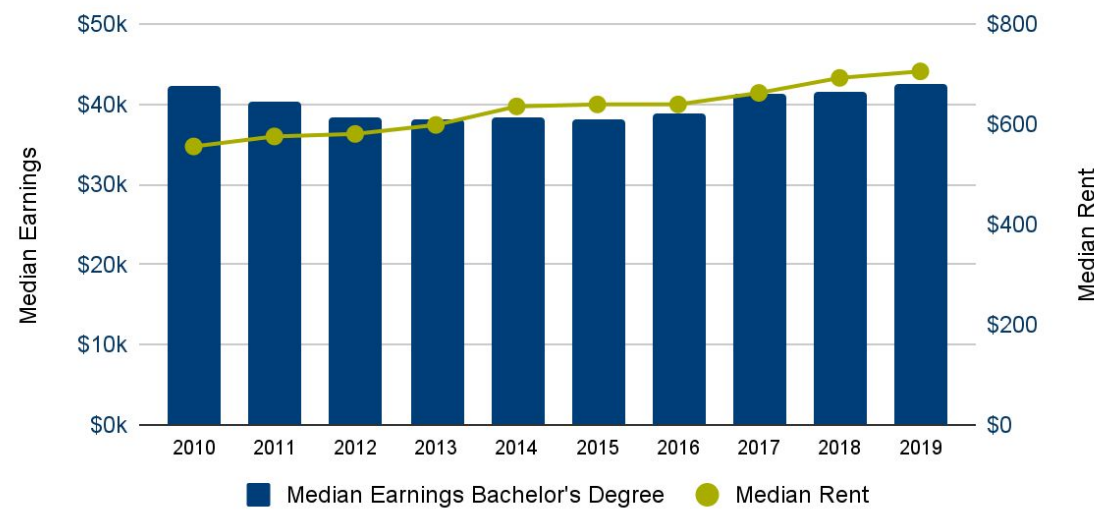
INCOME GROWTH AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | Median annual earnings have increased by \$4,500, or 17% since 2010 for high school graduates, and increased \$6,500, or 15%, since 2010 for Bachelors Degree holders. Median rent has increased \$150, or 27% since 2010.

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



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

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



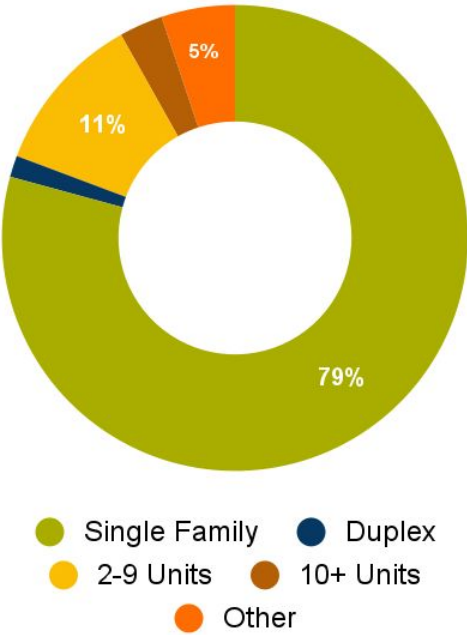
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING TRENDS

HOUSING TYPE | 79% of homes in Wabash County are single-family, while 21% are multifamily.

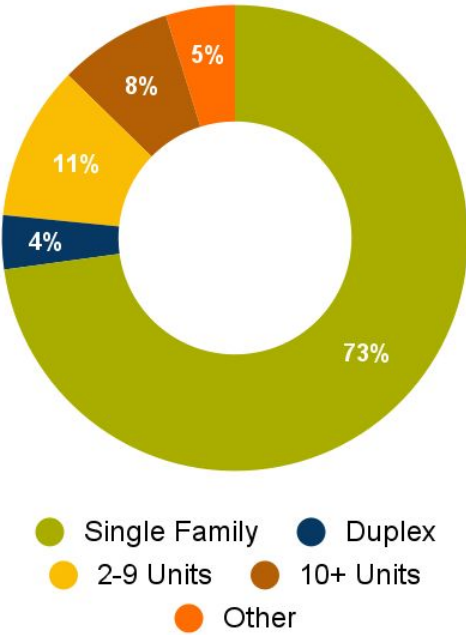
Housing Type

Wabash County | 2019



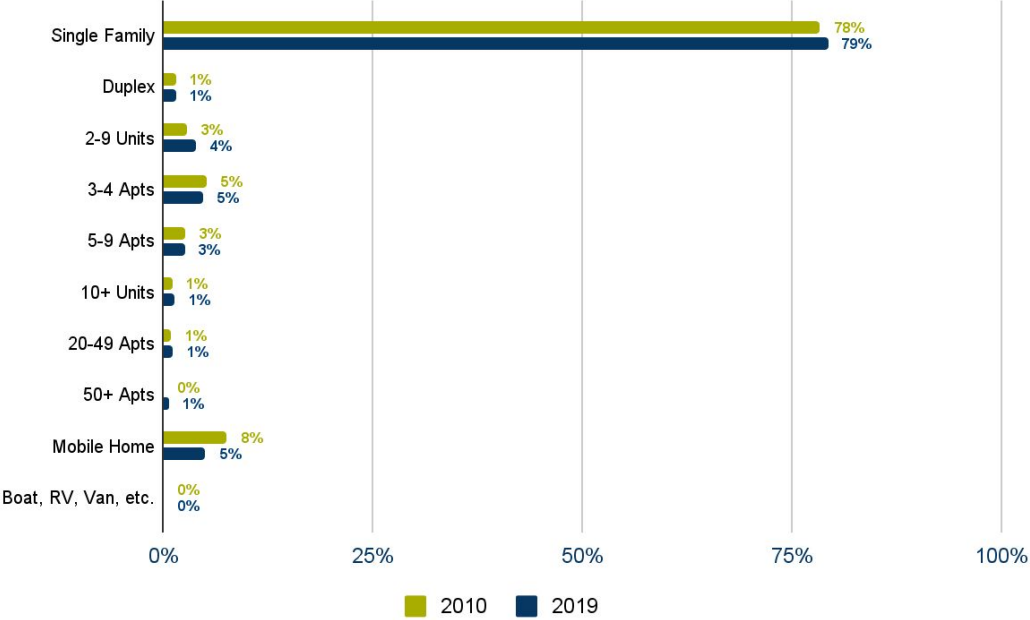
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Indiana | 2019



Share of Units by Housing Type

Wabash County | 2010-2019



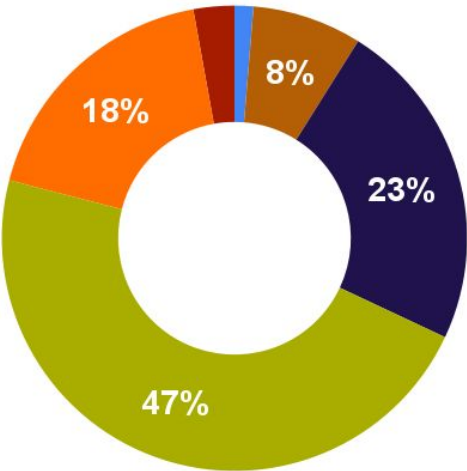
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING UNIT SIZE | Most homes in Wabash County average 2.29 bedrooms, with 68% of units containing 3 bedrooms or more.

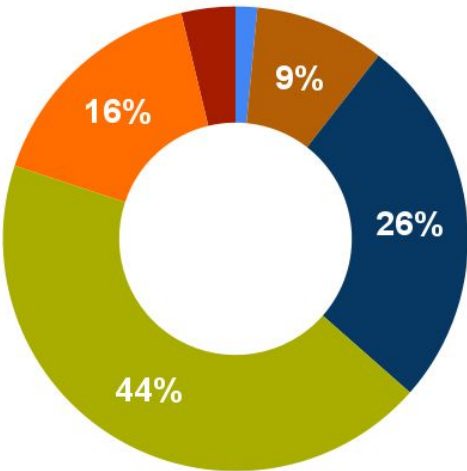
Housing Stock by Number of Bedrooms

Wabash County | 2019

Indiana | 2019

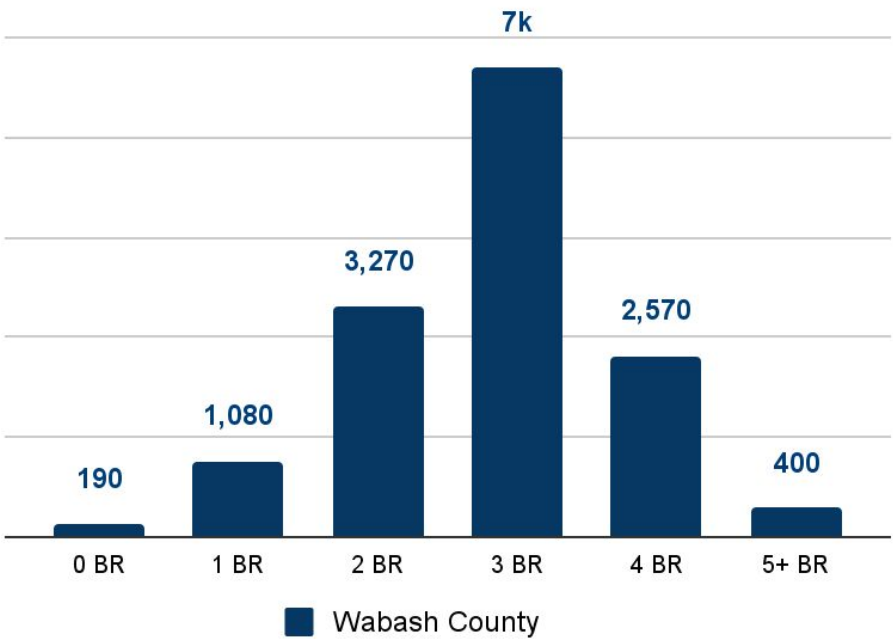


Includes all existing units, single family and multifamily.
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates



Share of Housing Stock by Bedroom

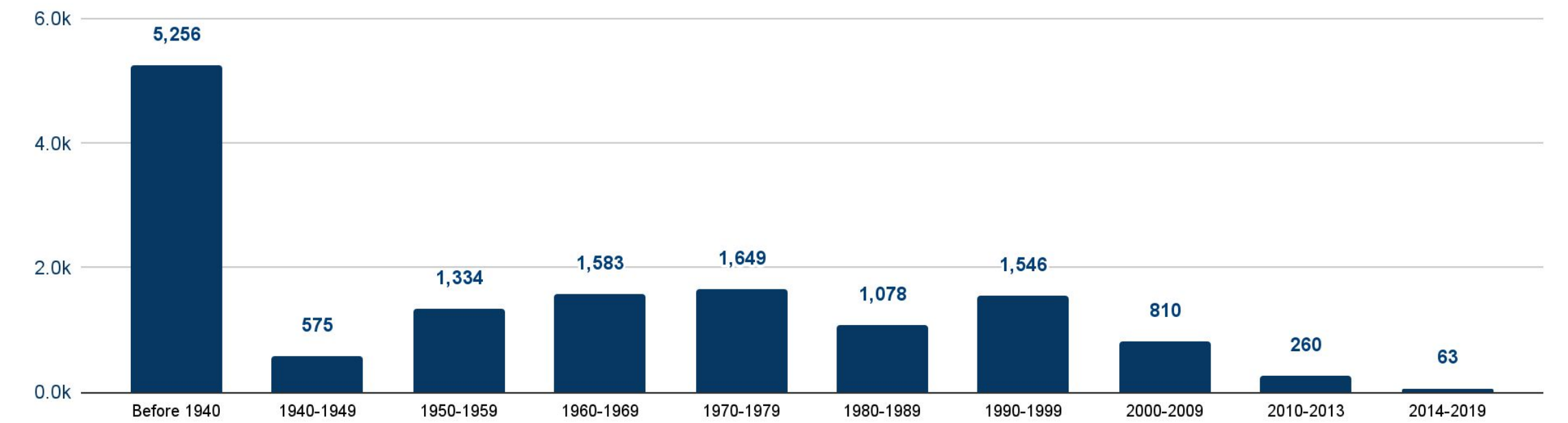
Wabash County, Indiana | 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

AGE OF HOUSING | 62% of homes were built before 1970, 30% were built between 1970 and 2000, and 8% were built after 2000.

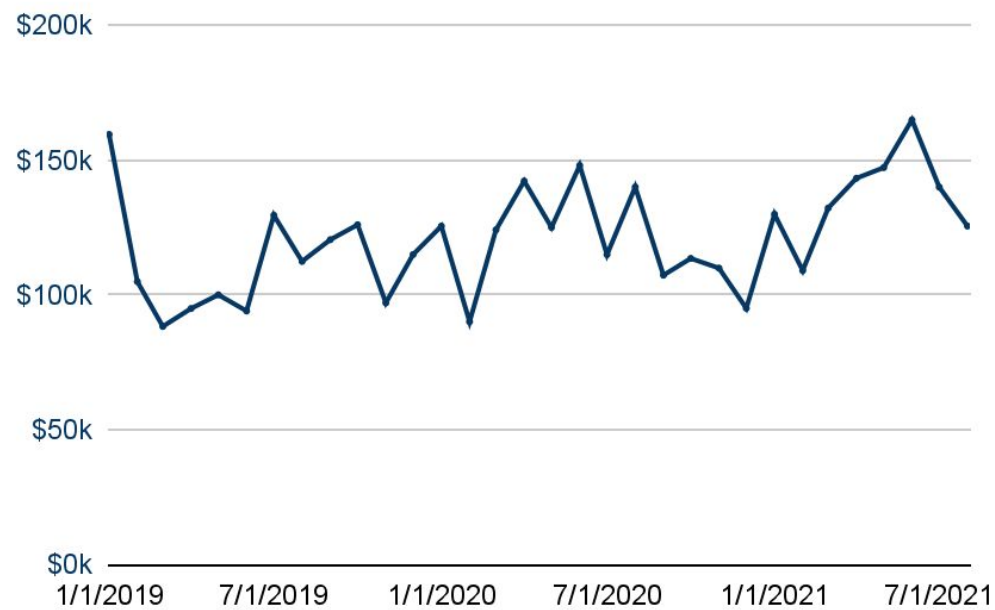
Homes by Year Built
Wabash County | 2019



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

MEDIAN LISTING PRICE | Homes in Wabash County have a median listing price of \$125,500. Home prices have decreased by 21% since 2019.

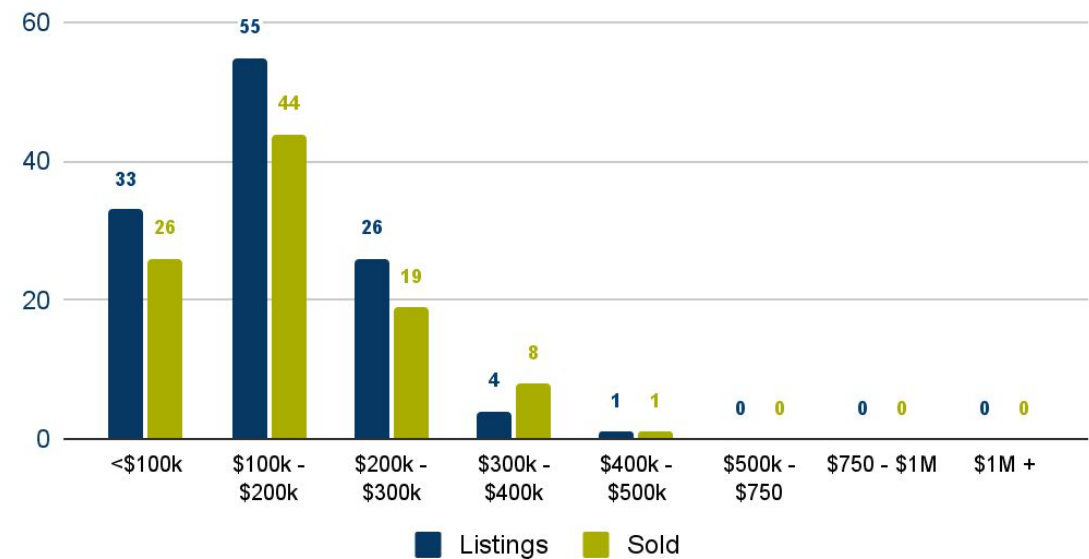
Median Listing Price
Wabash County | 2019-2021



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)
Wabash County | 2021

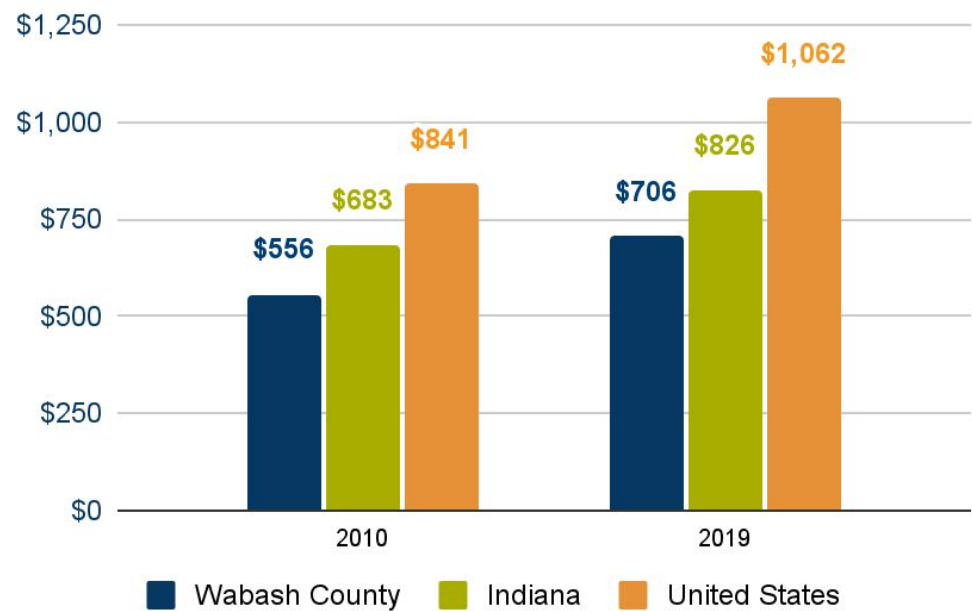


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

MEDIAN RENTS | Median rent has increased by 27% since 2010, with median rent at \$706 in 2019.

Median Rent

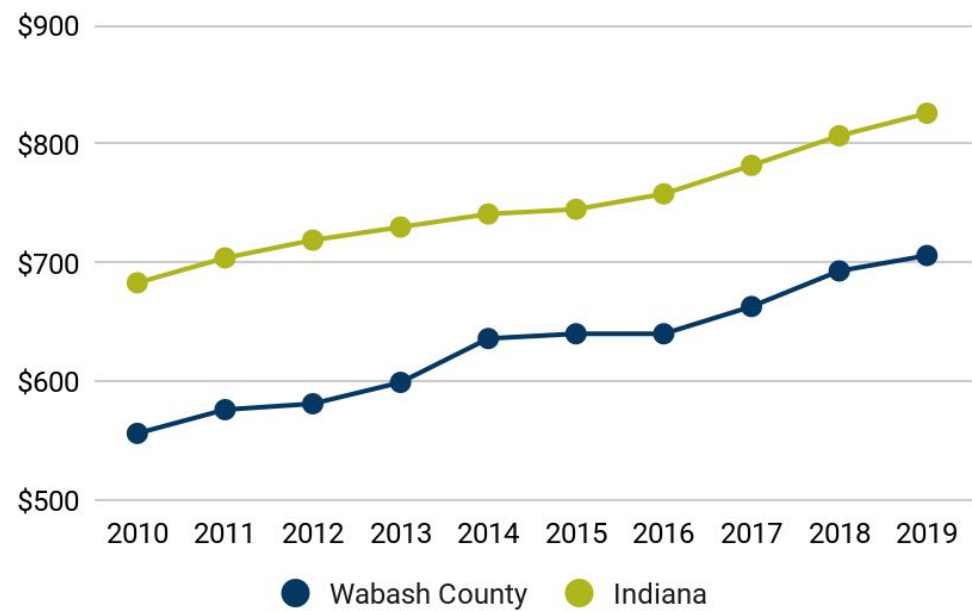
Wabash County, Indiana, United States | 2010, 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

Median Rent Over Time

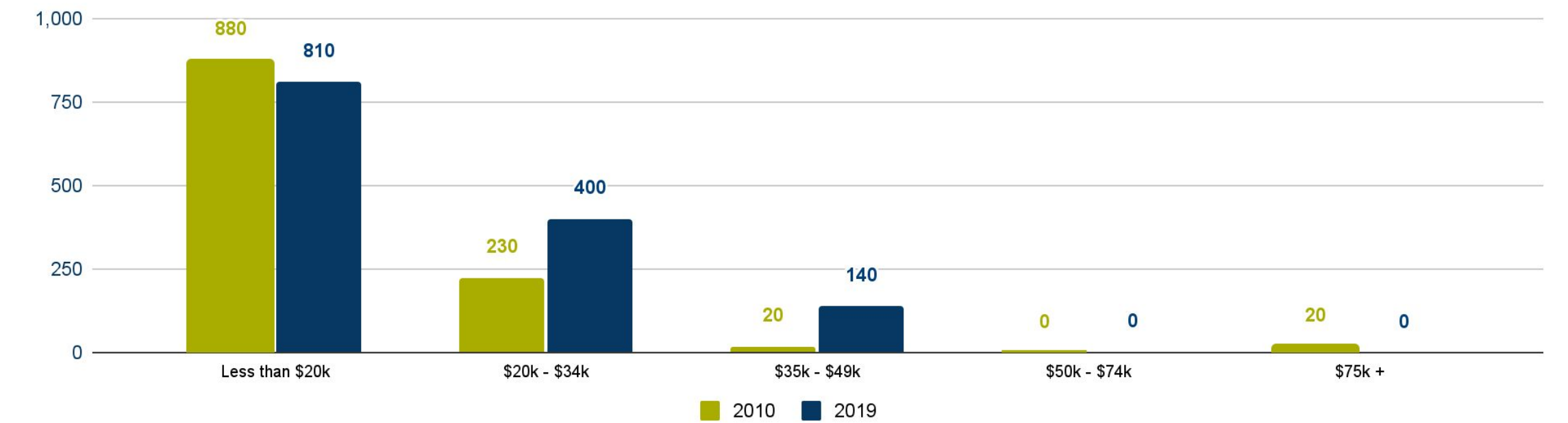
Wabash County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

COST BURDEN | 44% of renter households in Wabash County are housing cost burdened, up 2.51% points since 2010. 48% of households earning below \$50,000 are housing cost burdened.

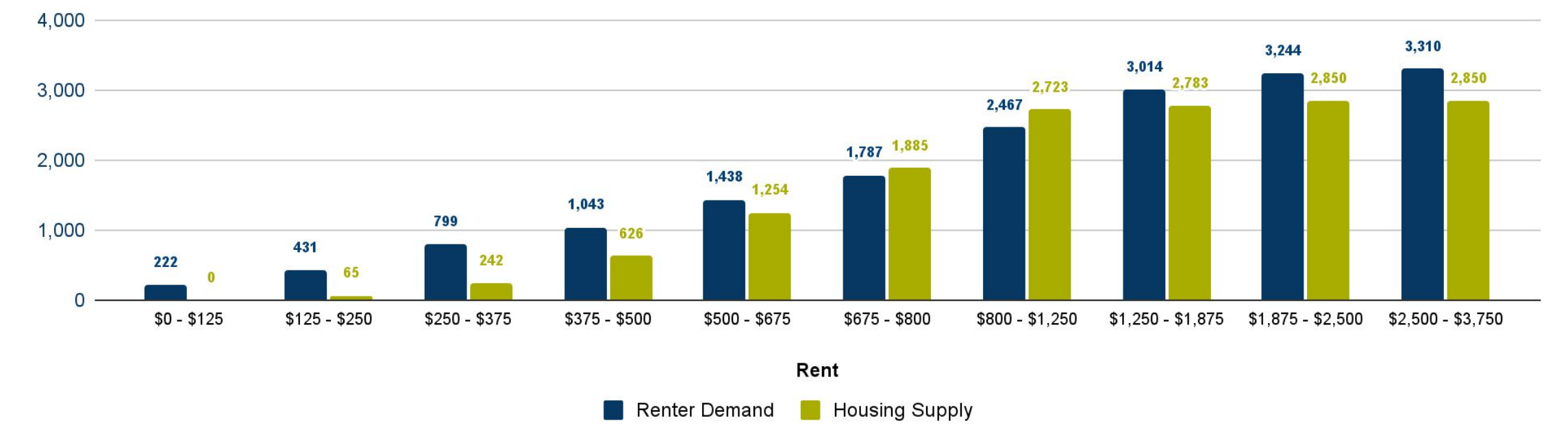
Cost Burden Renter Households
Wabash County, Indiana | 2010 - 2019



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.

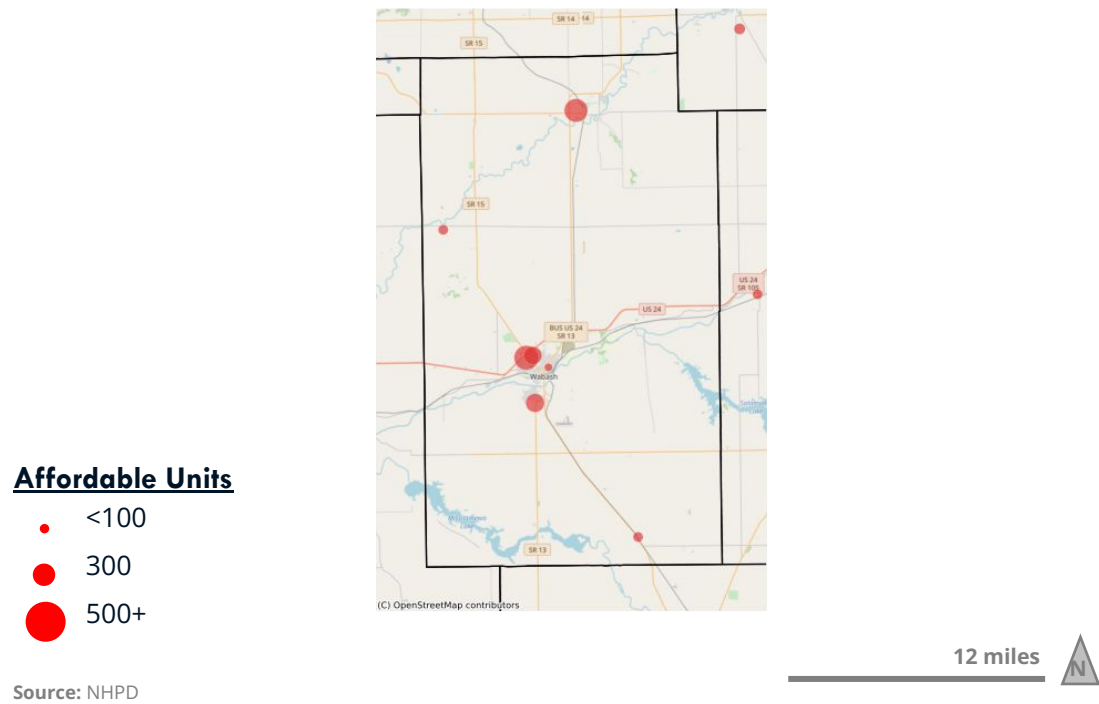
Cumulative Housing Gap
Wabash County, Indiana | 2010-2019



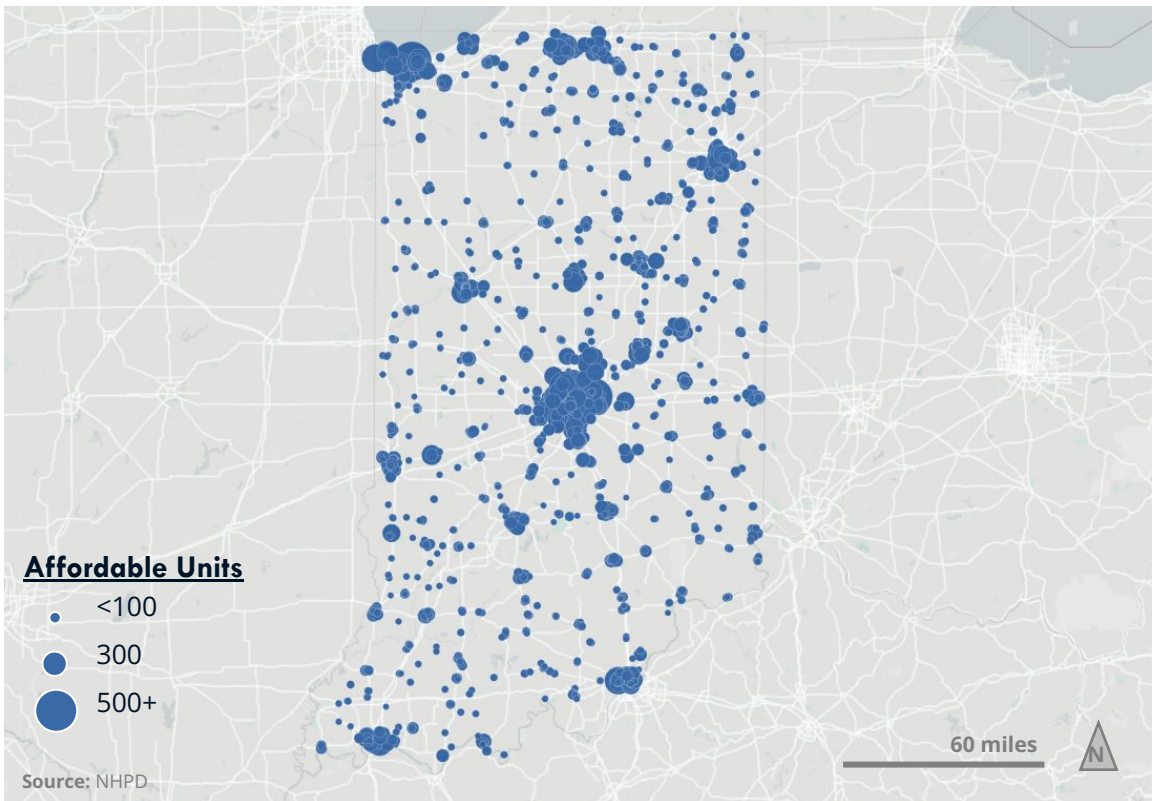
Rental Housing Gap is the number of households in each income group and number of existing housing units that are affordable to those households.
Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

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

Affordable Housing Inventory
Wabash County | 2020

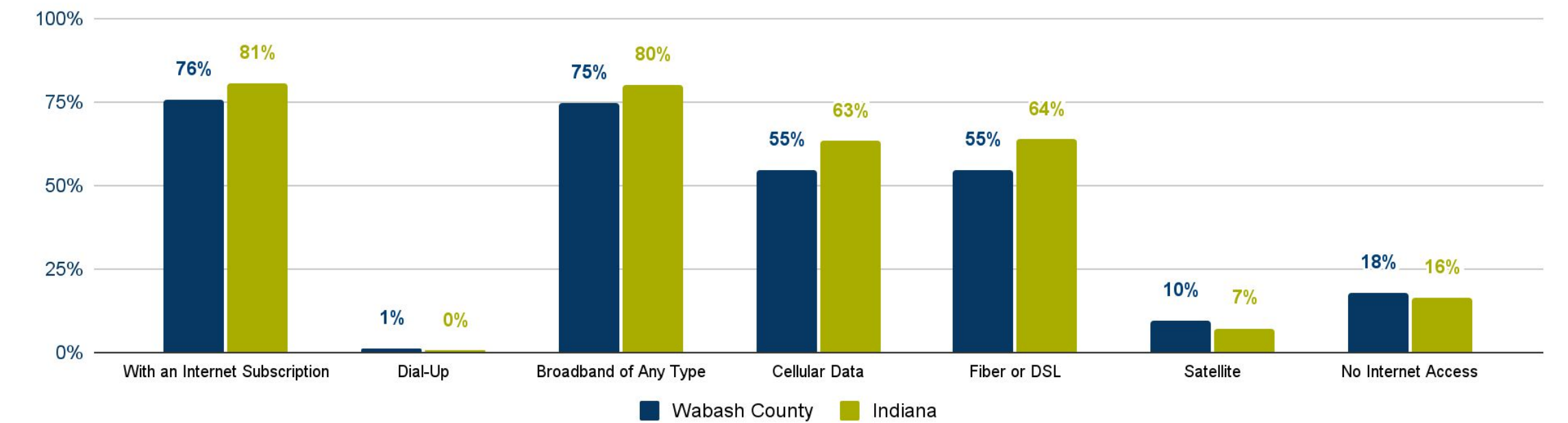


Affordable Housing Inventory
State of Indiana | 2020



INTERNET ACCESS | 76% of housing units have access to internet compared to 81% state-wide.

Internet Access
Wabash County, Indiana | 2020

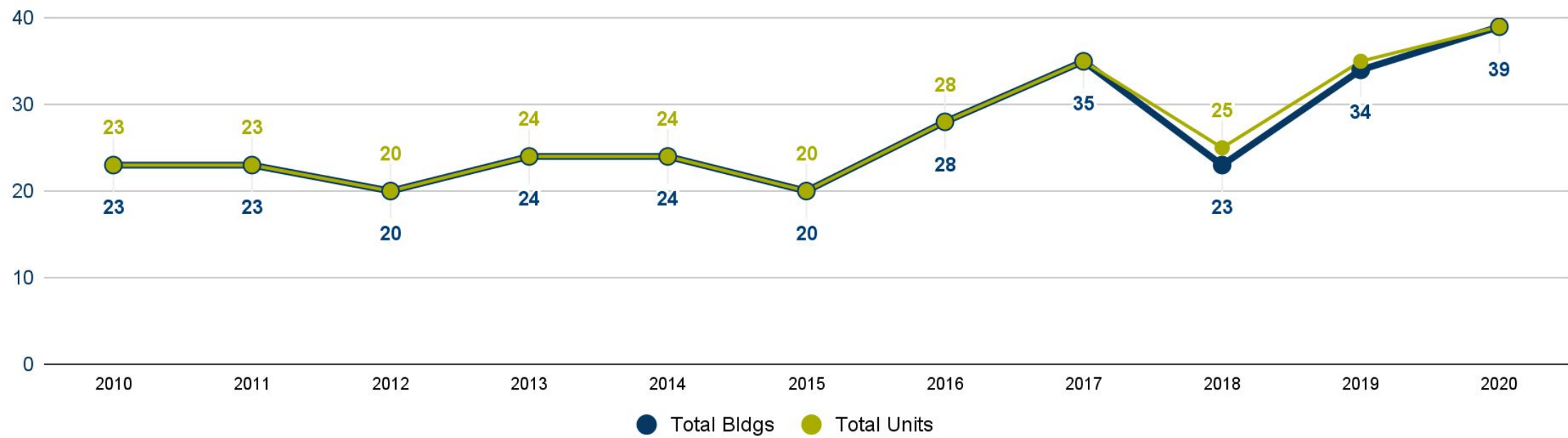


Source: ACS 2010-2019 5-year estimates

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

HOUSING STARTS | There were 39 new housing starts in 2020 in Wabash County, part of the total of 293 building permits authorized since 2010.

New Housing Structures Authorized by Building Permits
Wabash 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