

= South Bend , Indiana =

South Bend is a city in and the county seat of St. Joseph County , Indiana , United States , on the St. Joseph River near its southernmost bend , from which it derives its name . As of the 2010 census , the city had a total of 101 @,@ 168 residents ; its Metropolitan Statistical Area had a population of 318 @,@ 586 and Combined Statistical Area of 721 @,@ 296 . It is the fourth @-@ largest city in Indiana , serving as the economic and cultural hub of Northern Indiana . The highly ranked University of Notre Dame is located just to the north in unincorporated Notre Dame , Indiana and is an integral contributor to the region 's economy .

The area was originally settled in the early 19th century by fur traders and was established as a city in 1865 . The St. Joseph River shaped South Bend 's economy through the mid @-@ 20th century . River access assisted heavy industrial development such as that of the Studebaker Corporation , the Oliver Chilled Plow Company , and other large corporations .

The population of South Bend declined after 1960 , when it had a peak population of 132 @,@ 445 . This was chiefly due to migration to suburban areas as well as the demise of Studebaker and other heavy industry . Today , the largest industries in South Bend are health care , education , small business , and tourism . Remaining large corporations include Crowe Horwath , Honeywell , and AM General .

Recently , the city population has started to grow for the first time in nearly fifty years . The old Studebaker plant and surrounding area , now called Ignition Park , is being redeveloped as a technology center to attract new industry .

The city has also been featured in national news coverage for Mayor Pete Buttigieg , who has achieved recognition for his various economic development projects within the city , his position as the youngest mayor to be elected in a city of more than 100 @,@ 000 residents , and his essay in which he came out as the first openly gay executive in the state of Indiana .

= = History = =

= = = Early history = = =

The St. Joseph Valley was long occupied by Native Americans . One of the earliest known groups to occupy what would later become northern Indiana was the Miami tribe . Later , the Potawatomi moved into the region , utilizing the rich food and natural resources found along the river . The Potawatomi occupied this region of Indiana until most of them were forcibly removed in the 1840s . The South Bend area was so popular because its portage was the shortest overland route from the St. Joseph River to the Kankakee River . This route was used for centuries , first by the Native Americans , then by French explorers , missionaries and traders . The French explorer René @-@ Robert Cavelier , Sieur de La Salle , the first white European to set foot in what is now South Bend , used this portage between the St. Joseph River and the Kankakee River in December 1679 .

= = = First settlements = = =

The first permanent white settlers of South Bend were fur traders who established trading posts in the area . In 1820 , Pierre Frieschutz Navarre arrived , representing the American Fur Company (AFC) of John Jacob Astor . He settled near what is now downtown South Bend . Alexis Coquillard , another agent of the AFC , established a trading post known as the Big St. Joseph Station . In 1827 , Lathrop Minor Taylor established a post for Samuel Hanna and Company , in whose records the name St. Joseph 's , Indiana was used . By 1829 , the town was growing , with Coquillard and Taylor emerging as leaders . They applied for a post office . Taylor was appointed postmaster , and the post office was designated as Southold , Allen County , Indiana . The following year , the name was changed to South Bend , probably to ease confusion , as several other communities were named Southold at the time .

In 1831 , South Bend was laid out as the county seat and as one of the four original townships of St. Joseph County with 128 residents . Soon after , design began on what would become the town of South Bend . The town was formally established in 1835 and rapidly grew . In 1856 , attorney Andrew Anderson founded May Oberfell Lorber , the oldest business in St. Joseph County . He compiled a complete index of South Bend ' s real estate records .

In 1841 , Schuyler Colfax was appointed St. Joseph County deputy auditor . Colfax purchased the South Bend Free Press and then turned it into the pro @-@ Whig newspaper , the St. Joseph Valley Register . He was a member of the state constitutional convention of 1850 where he opposed the barring of African American migration to Indiana . He joined the Republican party , like many Whigs of his day , and was elected to Congress in 1855 and became Speaker of the House in 1863 under Abraham Lincoln . In 1868 , he was elected Vice President under Ulysses S. Grant . Colfax returned to South Bend after his stint in Washington and was buried in the City Cemetery .

= = = Early business = = =

During the late 1830s through the 1850s , much of South Bend 's development centered on the industrial complex of factories located on the two races (man @-@ made canals along the St. Joseph River in South Bend) . Several dams were created , and factories were built on each side of the river . On October 4 , 1851 , the first steam locomotive entered South Bend . This led to a general shift of businesses from the river toward the railroad . In 1852 , Henry Studebaker set up Studebaker wagon shop , later becoming the world 's largest wagon builder and the only one to later succeed as an automobile manufacturer . The Singer Sewing Company and the Oliver Chilled Plow Company were among other companies that made manufacturing the driving force in the South Bend economy until the mid @-@ 20th century . Another important economic act was the dredging of the Kankakee River in 1884 to create farmland . During this time period there was a great immigration of Europeans , such as Polish , Hungarian , Irish , German , Italian , and Swedish people to South Bend because the rise of area factories .

South Bend benefited from its location on the Michigan Road , the main north ? south artery of northern Indiana in the 19th century . Another significant development occurred near South Bend in 1842 , when Father Edward Sorin founded the University of Notre Dame just north of the town . It became a major factor in the area 's economy and culture .

= = = Establishment and Early History = = =

On May 22 , 1865 , South Bend was incorporated as a city , and its first elections were held on June 5 , 1865 , with William G. George elected as its first mayor

Olivet AME was founded in South Bend in March 1870 , making it the first African @-@ American church in the city . Olivet AME is still an active African Methodist Episcopal Church , and celebrated its 145th anniversary in 2015 .

A sergeant from South Bend fired the first American shells against Germany in World War I.

= = = History with Ku Klux Klan = = =

In 1923 , the African @-@ American owner of a soda fountain received a letter signed KKK threatening to kill an African @-@ American man held in the city 's jail and harm the rest of the city 's African @-@ American population . Within a few days over a thousand African @-@ Americans fled the city .

In 1924 , the Ku Klux Klan held a conference and planned a parade from its local headquarters at 230 S. Michigan St. In preparation , Klan members were posted around town to direct traffic . Notre Dame students , well aware of the anti @-@ Catholic nature of the Klan , did not take kindly to this state of affairs , and before noon all of the Klansmen @-@ cum @-@ traffic directors had been " unmasked and unrobed . " Notre Dame students continued the fight , with several hundred gathering outside of the Klan headquarters , throwing rocks and smashing windows in protest . Local police as

well as Notre Dame officials eventually managed to convince them to return to campus . Apparently even legendary football coach Knute Rockne became involved in the struggle to calm down the students .

= = = Later business = = =

Other industries developed in South Bend in the early 20th century , including Birdsell Manufacturing Company , the Bendix Corporation , Honeywell , AlliedSignal , South Bend Lathe Works , the O 'Brien Paint Corp. , the South Bend Toy Company , South Bend Range , South Bend Bait Company , and South Bend Watch Company . Workers at the Bendix Corporation actually staged the first sit @-@ in strike in American history in 1936 . Fast development led to the creation of electric rail transportation throughout the area and , in 1925 , the South Shore interurban streetcar service was established from downtown South Bend to downtown Chicago . South Bend was the first community in the United States to have an electrified trolley system (even though it was a few years before it was usable and profitable) .

On June 30 , 1934 , the Merchants National Bank in South Bend was the last bank to be robbed by the notorious " Dillinger gang " .

= = = Recent history = = =

In 1949 , legendary percussionist Lionel Hampton was informed that his concert at South Bend 's Palais du Royale would be a blacks only event ; he threatened to call for a boycott of the venue , and the affair proceeded as an integrated evening , which newspapers said led to all attendees breaking out in " paroxysms of ecstasy . "

By 1950 , more than half of all employment was in the manufacturing sector . Due to economic difficulties , Studebaker closed its automotive manufacturing plants in South Bend in December 1963 . A general decline in manufacturing soon followed as industry was being restructured nationwide . By the year 2000 , manufacturing was only 16 percent of the local economy . Due to the severe loss of jobs , the city 's population decreased by nearly 30 @,@ 000 people during that period .

In 1984 , South Bend community leaders began seeking a minor @-@ league baseball team for the city . A stadium was constructed in 1986 and a 10 @-@ year player @-@ development contract was signed with the Chicago White Sox . The team would be known as the South Bend White Sox . In 1994 , the team 's name was changed to the South Bend Silver Hawks . The Silver Hawks changed their name to The South Bend Cubs in 2015 . They are a Class A minor league affiliate of the Chicago Cubs in the Midwest League .

In 2015 , the City of South Bend celebrated its 150th birthday . The celebration , lasting a year long , culminated with a celebration along the St. Joseph River with the lighting of the first River Lights . Mayor Pete Buttigieg welcomed the coming of the next 150 years of South Bend 's heritage accompanied by five previous South Bend mayors : Steve Luecke , Joe Kernan , Roger Parent , Peter Nemeth and Jerry Miller .

As of 2015 , the city began seeing modest population growth of 286 for the first time in nearly fifty years . The old Studebaker plant in South Bend is currently a new tech center , as the city is trying to attract the new industry . The area where the plants were abandoned is now called Ignition Park and is attracting new businesses .

= = Geography = =

South Bend is located at 41 ° 40 ? 21 ? N 86 ° 15 ? 19 ? W (41 @.@ 672597 , ? 86 @.@ 255157) , 5 mi (8 @.@ 0 km) from the Michigan border and approximately equidistant from Illinois and Ohio . The city is 93 mi (150 km) from Chicago . The nearest shore of Lake Michigan is 20 mi (32 km) away .

According to the 2010 census , South Bend has a total area of 41 @.@ 877 square miles (108

@. 46 km²) , of which 41 @. 46 square miles (107 @. 38 km²) (or 99 %) is land and 0 @. 17 square miles (1 @. 08 km²) (or 1 %) is water .

== Cityscape ==

The St. Joseph River flows from the east end of the city turning north near the city center , giving South Bend its name at the bend in the river . South Bend is located on the North @- South continental divide , and the river flows northwest into Lake Michigan . The downtown area is located in the north @- central part of the city along the St. Joseph River . Notre Dame , Indiana , is directly adjacent to the north . The city extends further north on the west side , mainly with manufacturing and distribution facilities near the South Bend International Airport . Mishawaka , Indiana , is adjacent to South Bend 's east side .

== Climate ==

South Bend has a humid continental climate , with a Köppen climate classification of Dfa . Lake Michigan exerts a great influence on the climate of South Bend , including lake effect snow in winter and a tendency to moderate temperatures year round . June through August are the warmest months , with average temperatures above 69 ° F (21 ° C) . Normally , 42 days with thunderstorms occur each year . The snowiest month is usually January , with snow fall normally recorded from October through April . On average , South Bend receives 81 @. 8 inches (208 cm) of snow per year . Spring and fall can be mild and overcast , but also severely stormy at times with 293 partly cloudy to cloudy days each year .

== Demographics ==

== 2010 census ==

As of the census of 2010 , there were 101 @, 168 people , 39 @, 760 households , and 23 @, 526 families residing in the city . The population density was 2 @, 440 @. 1 inhabitants per square mile (942 @. 1 / km²) . There were 46 @, 324 housing units at an average density of 1 @, 117 @. 3 per square mile (431 @. 4 / km²) . The racial makeup of the city was 60 @. 5 % White , 26 @. 6 % African American , 0 @. 5 % Native American , 1 @. 3 % Asian , 0 @. 1 % Pacific Islander , 6 @. 9 % from other races , and 4 @. 2 % from two or more races . Hispanic or Latino of any race were 13 @. 0 % of the population .

There were 39 @, 760 households of which 33 @. 1 % had children under the age of 18 living with them , 34 @. 9 % were married couples living together , 18 @. 9 % had a female householder with no husband present , 5 @. 4 % had a male householder with no wife present , and 40 @. 8 % were non @- families . 33 @. 3 % Of all households were made up of individuals and 11 @. 4 % had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older . The average household size was 2 @. 48 and the average family size was 3 @. 19 .

The median age in the city was 33 @. 3 years . 27 @. 3 % of residents were under the age of 18 ; 10 % were between the ages of 18 and 24 ; 27 @. 1 % were from 25 to 44 ; 23 @. 1 % were from 45 to 64 ; and 12 @. 5 % were 65 years of age or older . The gender makeup of the city was 48 @. 4 % male and 51 @. 6 % female .

== 2000 census ==

As of the 2000 census , there were 107 @, 789 people , 42 @, 908 households , and 25 @, 959 families residing in the city . The population density was 2 @, 786 @. 4 people per square mile (1 @, 075 @. 9 / km²) . There were 46 @, 349 housing units at an average density of 1 @, 198 @. 1 per square mile (462 @. 7 / km²) . The racial makeup of the city was 66 @.

1 % White , 24 % African American , 0 % Native American , 1 % Asian , 0 % Pacific Islander , 4 % from other races , and 2 % from two or more races . Hispanic or Latino of any race were 5 % of the population .

Major ancestry groups reported by residents : Black or African American - 25 % , German - 17 % , Polish - 10 % , Irish - 10 % , Mexican - 7 % , English - 6 % , " United States / American " - 4 % , Hungarian - 3 % , Italian - 3 % , French (except Basque) - 2 % .

There were 429 households out of which 30 % had children under the age of 18 living with them , 39 % were married couples living together , 17 % had a female householder with no husband present , and 39 % were non families . Of all households , 32 % were made up of individuals and 12 % had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older . The average household size was 2.45 and the average family size was 3.12 .

The city 's population was distributed across all age groups , with 27 % under the age of 18 , 10 % from 18 to 24 , 29 % from 25 to 44 , 18 % from 45 to 64 , and 14 % who were 65 years of age or older . The median age was 33 years . For every 100 females there were 91 males . For every 100 females age 18 and over , there were 86 males .

The median income for a household in the city was \$ 32,439 , and the median income for a family was \$ 39,046 . Males had a median income of \$ 31,958 versus \$ 23,744 for females . The per capita income for the city was \$ 17,121 . About 13 % of families and 16 % of the population were below the poverty line , including 24 % of those under age 18 and 9 % of those age 65 or over .

== Ethnicity ==

Per the 2013 American Community Survey of the U.S. Census Bureau , the following ancestries were reported : African American - 26 % , German - 14 % , Irish - 10 % , Polish - 8 % , English - 5 % , American - 3 % , Italian - 2 % , Hungarian - 2 % , French - 2 % , Dutch - 1 % , Swedish - 1 % , Belgian - 0 % .

== Economy ==

South Bend 's location on the St. Joseph River led to an industrial based economy in the late 19th century and early to mid 20th century . In 1923 , industrialist and entrepreneur Vincent H. Bendix selected South Bend as the site of his new manufacturing plant for automotive parts . He chose South Bend primarily because it was on a rail line midway between Chicago and Detroit , the two automotive manufacturing centers of the United States at the time . Eventually , the Bendix corporation built a vast manufacturing complex on its South Bend acreage served by the major railroads , including a huge shipping and receiving building where railroad cars could enter at one end , unload , and depart at the opposite end .

By the end of World War II , manufacturing began to diminish . The Studebaker plant , which had at one time employed 45,000 citizens , closed in 1963 ; its engine block plant shuttered the following year . Parts of the Bendix factory complex were later acquired and subdivided between Honeywell Corporation and Bosch Corporation respectively . Honeywell Aerospace continues to manufacture aviation products at its former Bendix facility . In 2010 , Bosch announced that it would cease all operations at its Bendix plant location in South Bend by the end of 2011 . Bosch vacated the building entirely in October 2012 . Curtis Products of South Bend moved into the building in May 2013 .

== Employers ==

Since the 1960s , education , health care , and small business have come to the forefront of South

Bend 's economy , though the city has never regained the level of prosperity it enjoyed before that time . Nearby University of Notre Dame is a large contributor to the local economy . The university is the largest employer in St. Joseph County , employing 5 @,@ 590 people .

Health care is another major contributor to the South Bend economy . In 2012 , Memorial Health System announced that it was merging with Elkhart General Hospital , located in Elkhart County , to form Beacon Health System . Beacon is the second largest employer in the city , employing 3 @,@ 450 people . Other notable businesses include Honeywell , Bosch , and PEI Genesis . AM General , Crowe Horwath , Martin 's Super Markets , and Schurz Communications all have corporate headquarters in South Bend .

According to the 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report , the city 's top employers are :

= = = Technology = = =

Efforts are under way to spur economic growth in South Bend . The St. Joe Valley Metronet is a 50 @-@ mile dark , fiber optic network that encircles South Bend and Mishawaka that allows for strong telecommunications connectivity . The South Bend Metronet , named Zing , is bringing more high @-@ tech firms to the city and surrounding area . This telecommunications network has allowed for the advent of various data centers in South Bend , which serves as a hub between Chicago , Indianapolis , Detroit , and Cincinnati . The City of South Bend recently announced it will provide free wireless internet access via the Metronet in the city 's downtown and East Bank areas .

The Union Station Technology Center was bought from the city in 1979 and is currently Northern Indiana 's largest data center . It is also home to enFocus , a fellowship program that began in 2012 which employs local graduates who work on local projects with a focus on innovation and social entrepreneurship . There are currently plans to extend the data center into a fully operating high tech data hub in the old Studebaker " Ivy Tower " assembly plant next door , creating what will be called the Renaissance District . This project is set to break ground in 2015 and could take more than a decade to fully complete .

= = = Innovation park and Ignition park = = =

Innovation Park and Ignition Park , dual @-@ certified technology parks , have already attracted technology businesses to South Bend . Located across the street from the University of Notre Dame , Innovation Park was completed in 2009 and houses innovative researchers from companies and the university . Ignition Park , located just south of the downtown area , is planned to become home to 3 million square feet of high tech space on 140 acres of land previously owned by the Studebaker Corporation . The first tenant , Data Realty , moved into the location in the fall of 2012 . The second building in the new park will be used as a research and testing facility for massive turbo machinery as part of a partnership between the city , General Electric , Great Lakes Capital , Indiana Michigan Power , University of Notre Dame , and the state of Indiana . This project began construction in 2015 and is expected to have an economic impact of \$ 15 million annually .

= = = Redevelopment = = =

Redevelopment is underway for some of the abandoned industrial facilities , with the abandoned Oliver Corporation buildings being the most recent example of reclaimed property . The city also faced programs with large swaths of vacant housing after the decline of the manufacturing industry . In 2013 , 1 @,@ 347 homes were vacant or abandoned . However , the city created the Vacant and Abandoned Properties Initiative in February 2013 , which aimed to take care of 1 @,@ 000 vacant or abandoned homes in 1 @,@ 000 days , either through demolition , repairing , or some other satisfactory means . As of June 2015 , 828 homes have been demolished , repaired , or handed off to partners .

The Smart Street Initiative , a 20 @-@ year plan to make the city safer for pedestrians , bicyclists , and motorists , began in 2013 with the conversion of one @-@ way streets to two @-@ way streets

. The hope is to bring more businesses to the area , create shorter travel routes , and a reduce in speeding . This phase of the project is expected to be completed in 2016 . The other part of the initiative is the West Side Main Streets Plan , which is a revitalization plan for the Lincoln Way West and Western Avenue corridor focusing on guiding business owners , residents , and developers to improve the street front by offering a reimbursement on exterior improvements from the city and the Urban Enterprise Association .

= = = Recognition = = =

In 2012 , Kiplinger 's Personal Finance ranked South Bend eighth in the " Ten Best Cities for Cheapskates " . South Bend was also ranked among the 40 hottest real estate markets for business by Expansion Management magazine , and Smart + Connected Communities Institute featured South Bend as one of the top ten cities worldwide that is reinventing themselves through technology .

= = Arts and culture = =

= = = Culture = = =

South Bend was influenced by a large influx of Polish Catholic immigrants in the late 19th century . Dyngus Day is widely celebrated on the Monday after Easter and is the beginning of the city elections campaign season . Fat Tuesday is also celebrated in South Bend , with paczkis being a staple food product in the city for the day . The city and surrounding county have 23 Catholic churches , 11 Catholic schools and three Catholic universities (the University of Notre Dame , Holy Cross College , and Saint Mary 's College , all located in the adjacent city of Notre Dame) .

= = = Music Festivals = = =

The city has several annual festivals . The South Bend International Festival began ten years ago as the South Bend Reggae Festival and now features local and international musical artists who perform in African , Latino , and American cultural styles . Proceeds from the festival are given to the Pangani Foundation of South Bend , which provides medical supplies to hospitals in Malawi .

WBYT FM - B100 (Country Station) hosts an Annual All Day Country Concert , with over 37 @ , @ 000 free tickets in early September .

The World Pulse Festival , broadcast by LeSEA Broadcasting network , is held annually in South Bend . It is hosted by Pulse FM , a local Christian music radio station . The event is an annual Contemporary Christian music festival , attracting more than 50 @ , @ 000 visitors each year .

In 2013 , a new annual festival began in South Bend called South by South Bend , named after the famous South By Southwest of Austin , TX . The festival is a celebration of the local music scene , with local bands and artists performing on the park grounds and other public venues around the city . The goals of the festival include strengthening the bond between the communities of South Bend and Notre Dame , supporting local artistic expression , and promoting local business . In 2015 , the festival was renamed Sounds by South Bend , to avoid confusion with the Austin festival and more accurately represent the purpose of the event .

= = = Museums , arts and entertainment = = =

The South Bend Museum of Art is located in Century Center in downtown South Bend . The museum was opened to the public in March 1996 , and features a variety of artists from South Bend and the Michiana region . Currently , over 850 works are featured in the permanent collection . The museum also offers several classes and workshops for adults and children .

===== The History Museum =====

The History Museum is the public name of the Northern Indiana Historical Society , the second oldest historical society in Indiana , which was established in 1867 to collect and interpret the history of the northern Indiana region by St. Joseph County 's leading citizens . The Oliver Mansion (also known by its original name , Copshaholm) is one of the central features of the museum . The 38 room mansion was built in 1895 and is currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places . The home was built by Joseph Doty Oliver , the son of James Oliver , the founder of the Oliver Farm Equipment Company , once the largest plow manufacturer in the United States . In addition to the Oliver Mansion and the Workers Home (a 1920s Polish American family home) , and museum includes areas dedicated to the history of the St. Joseph River Valley , the University of Notre Dame , the All American Girls Professional Baseball League , and the Kidsfirst Children 's Museum .

===== Studebaker National Museum =====

The Studebaker National Museum holds a large collection of wagons and automobiles from the 150 year history of the Studebaker Corporation . The museum began as a collection of wagons and automobiles produced by Studebaker , including the presidential carriages of Lincoln , McKinley , Harrison , and Grant . The company donated the collection to the city of South Bend in 1966 . The collection was housed in various locations from Century Center to its current location in downtown South Bend , adjacent to The History Museum . The two museums share one campus , and together form The Museums at Washington and Chapin . The former South Bend mansion of Clement Studebaker , named Tippecanoe Place , is now a restaurant .

===== Theatric buildings =====

The Morris Performing Arts Center , built in 1922 , included the Palace Theater , a venue for vaudeville . The theatre 's heyday was in 1940 with the premiere of Knute Rockne , All American , starring Ronald Reagan . A crowd estimated at 24 ,000 gathered outside . The theater was scheduled for demolition in 1959 , when E. M. Morris purchased the facility and sold it to the city for one dollar , after which it was renamed the Morris Civic Auditorium . A total renovation was completed in 2000 . The Morris Performing Arts Center also includes the Palais Royale Ballroom , on which restoration was recently completed. The center houses the Broadway Theater League and the South Bend Symphony Orchestra . The orchestra 's Shanghai born conductor , Tsung Yeh , was the first conductor ever to hold music directorships of both a western symphony orchestra and a major Chinese orchestra . Marian High School holds its graduation ceremony at the theater .

South Bend is also home to The South Bend Hot Patooties , a group that performs a shadowcast of The Rocky Horror Picture Show . The group has performed at various South Bend venues including the State Theater , Legends of Notre Dame , The Potawatomi Conservatories , and the historic Birdsell Mansion .

The South Bend Civic Theatre , founded in 1957 , was for many years located at The Firehouse , 701 Portage Avenue . In 2007 , a new theatre opened at 403 North Main Street , in what was formerly the Scottish Rite Building . The new facility includes a 209 seat main stage auditorium and a 90 seat " black box " studio theatre . The South Bend Civic Theatre produces more than a dozen plays per year , including several productions in its Family Series .

===== Other =====

The Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association , sponsor of the world 's largest chamber music competition , was founded in South Bend in 1973 . The annual Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition is held on the campus of the University of Notre Dame .

Schuyler Colfax , the 17th Vice President of the United States , is interred in South Bend City

Cemetery .

= = Sports = =

= = = South Bend Cubs = = =

The city is home to the South Bend Cubs , a Class A Minor League Baseball team , which plays at Four Winds Field at Coveleski Stadium in downtown South Bend . In 2014 , the franchise changed its name and logo to the South Bend Cubs and became affiliated with the Chicago Cubs ; prior to this , it had been known as the South Bend Silver Hawks and affiliated with the Arizona Diamondbacks . In 2005 , the franchise nearly moved to Marion , Illinois , but a group of investors , led by former Indiana Governor and South Bend Mayor Joe Kernan , bought the Silver Hawks in order to ensure the team stayed in South Bend .

= = = Buildings and stadium = = =

The Ballpark Synagogue is a 1901 synagogue building on the grounds of the ballpark , which serves as the team 's Fan store . It is the Nation 's only Ballpark Synagogue and it is available for weddings and other events . The stadium is also used for multiple community events . In 2015 , the South Bend Cubs broke their previous ticket sales record , with a total of 347 @, @ 678 tickets sold .

= = = South Bend Roller Girls = = =

The city also hosts the South Bend Roller Girls , the city 's non @-@ profit flat @-@ track roller derby league . Founded in March 2010 , the league has worked to support fundraising for local charities , such as the Salvation Army 's Adopt @-@ A @-@ Family program , the American Cancer Society 's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer , and the St. Joe County Humane Society . The South Bend Roller Girls traveling / competitive team , The Studebreakers , is named after the historic Studebaker Corporation . The team is a member of the Women 's Flat Track Derby Association .

= = = East Race Waterway = = =

South Bend is home to the first artificial whitewater center in North America , the East Race Waterway , which is adjacent to Century Center . The East Race Waterway is one of only four operating artificial whitewater facilities in the United States , the others being Dickerson Whitewater Course (in Dickerson , Maryland) , U.S. National Whitewater Center (in Charlotte , North Carolina) , Adventure Sports Center International (in McHenry , Maryland) , and Riversports Rapids (in Oklahoma City , Oklahoma) . The East Race Waterway is one of only six such facilities to have ever been operated in the US , the others being the four aforementioned courses and the now @-@ defunct Ocoee Whitewater Center (in Ducktown , Tennessee) . Prior to the opening of Riversports Rapids , the East Race had long been the only such US facility not located in an East Coast state .

= = = Other sports = = =

During World War II , the South Bend Blue Sox All @-@ American Girls Professional Baseball League team was formed in the city . The team participated in all the league 's seasons from 1943 to 1954 .

High @-@ school sports are also a big draw in South Bend .

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish provide much of the sports action for the South Bend locale . Football Saturdays have become a major event for the city , attracting fans who come to watch the

game and have tailgate parties . Notre Dame basketball games are also popular , along with other university sports . The College Football Hall of Fame was moved from Kings Mills , Ohio , to downtown South Bend in 1995 , though the Hall of Fame relocated to Atlanta , Georgia in 2014 .

The Blackthorn Golf Course in South Bend is home to the Four Winds Invitational of the Symetra Tour .

Along with Notre Dame , South Bend was the site of the VII Special Olympics Summer World Games in 1987 . Notre Dame also hosted the 1983 AAU Junior Olympics .

= = Parks and recreation = =

The Potawatomi Zoo opened in 1902 and is the oldest in the state . It was originally founded in Leeper Park and was moved to its current location in Potawatomi Park in 1912 . It features more than 400 animals in its 23 acres (93 @, @ 000 m2) . The zoo is run by the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department . Along with the zoo , the South Bend Parks and Recreation department operates over 50 parks , golf courses , and recreational areas throughout the city . Notable parks include Rum Village Park , which has a disc golf course , mountain bike trails , hiking trails , and a nature center , and Potawatomi Park , which has the region 's largest Universally Accessible Playground and an outdoors Performance Arts Pavilion and viewing area .

Near the Potawatomi Zoo are the Potawatomi Greenhouses and the Ella Morris and Muessel @-@ Ellison Botanical Conservatories . The greenhouses were originally constructed in the 1920s , with the conservatories added in the 1960s . In 2007 , the greenhouses and conservatories were in danger of closing due to increased operating costs , but a campaign by the Botanical Society of South Bend was able to raise funds to keep the facilities operating .

The city is home to the East Race Waterway , which is used for boating and water sports (see above) .

While developing the 2006 City Plan , the city 's 20 @-@ year comprehensive plan , citizens said the encouragement of bicycling as a form of alternative transportation was a top priority . In 2010 , South Bend became one of 303 communities in the United States to be recognized as a " Bicycle @-@ Friendly Community " by the League of American Bicyclists due to the city 's " remarkable commitments to bicycling . The city has developed a long @-@ term plan for building a 116 @-@ mile South Bend Bikeway network . As of late 2014 , 66 @. @ 8 miles of bicycle routes have been established : 17 @. @ 4 miles of multipurpose paths separated from streets , 17 @. @ 0 miles of striped bike lanes , and 32 @. @ 4 other designated on @-@ street routes . The area is also served by the St. Joseph County Parks Dept , which maintains eight different parks and recreation areas . The Parks department serves the metro area and is headed by a permanent staff (Director- Evie Kirkwood) and an appointed Board (Larry Catanzarite - President)

= = Law and government = =

South Bend government follows the mayor @-@ council representative model of municipal government and , along with the St. Joseph county government , occupies the County @-@ City Building in downtown South Bend .

The government of South Bend is led by the office of the mayor , who is elected to a four @-@ year term and acts as chief executive for the city government . The current mayor is Pete Buttigieg .

The legislative branch of the South Bend government is the Common Council . The council is composed of nine members , each elected to a four @-@ year term . South Bend is divided into six districts , with each district electing one council member . The final three members are elected at @-@ large . Under Indiana law , the council may pass resolutions and ordinances. Resolutions relate to internal council procedures , while ordinances address municipal codes .

The final elected member of the South Bend government is the City Clerk , who is responsible for maintaining official city records and providing general clerical assistance to the City Council .

Michael A. Dvorak is the Prosecuting Attorney for the 60th Judicial Circuit , which consists of St. Joseph County . He was first elected in 2002 .

== State and national representation ==

South Bend is represented in the Indiana House of Representatives by B. Patrick Bauer , David L. Niezgodski , and Ryan Dvorak , and in the Indiana State Senate by John Broden . All members of the Indiana General Assembly representing South Bend are Democrats .

South Bend is part of Indiana ' s 2nd Congressional District , represented by Republican Jackie Walorski .

== Politics ==

The Democratic Party is very successful in South Bend . Every South Bend mayor since 1972 has been a Democrat . As of July 2015 , all but one City Council member are Democrats .

On March 26 , 2012 , South Bend passed the Human Rights Ordinance , outlawing discrimination in employment , housing , or other areas against citizens based on ? race , religion , color , sex , disability , national origin , ancestry , sexual orientation or gender identity , or familial status . ? It is one of only 6 cities in Indiana to offer legal protections for citizens based on sexual orientation and gender identity . The protections are enforced by the city ' s Human Rights Commission , which oversees investigation and legal recourse in cases of discrimination .

In July 2014 , South Bend Common Council member Henry Davis Jr. was arrested on an OWI charge . Davis was previously subject to a formal complaint about a Facebook post involving bestiality .

On June 16 , 2015 , incumbent Mayor Pete Buttigieg announced in a South Bend Tribune editorial that he is gay , becoming the first openly @-@ gay executive in the state of Indiana .

== Law enforcement ==

The police force in South Bend has undergone many changes and expansions in its history , starting in 1831 when the first constables were appointed . Law enforcement was reorganized and renamed multiple times throughout its history , until the department became officially known as the South Bend Police Department in 1903 . The current Chief of Police is Scott Ruszkowski .

== Education ==

== Colleges ==

The South Bend area is home to several institutions of higher learning , the most famous of which is the University of Notre Dame . Located to the north of South Bend in Notre Dame , Indiana , the University of Notre Dame was founded in 1842 by Father Edward Sorin , a French priest , before South Bend was incorporated as a city in 1865 . It has been an intrinsic part of the South Bend area and continues to have a great effect on South Bend ' s culture and economy . Saint Mary ' s College and Holy Cross College are also located in nearby Notre Dame , IN .

Indiana University South Bend is the third @-@ largest campus in the Indiana University system . Its total enrollment during the 2014 @-@ 15 school year was 7 @, @ 859 students . Other universities with campuses in South Bend include The Purdue Polytechnic Institute , Brown Mackie College , Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana , and ITT Technical Institute .

== K @-@ 12 schools ==

Public schools in South Bend are operated by the South Bend Community School Corporation . The corporation runs 18 primary centers (grades K @-@ 4) , ten intermediate centers (grades 5 @-@ 8) , and six high schools (grades 9 @-@ 12) , serving 19 @, @ 308 students during the 2014

@-@ 15 school year .

South Bend is also home to Veritas Academy , Indiana 's first charter school . Two other charter schools , Xavier School of Excellence and Career Academy South Bend , opened in 2009 and 2011 , respectively .

There are also several private schools : namely , Trinity School at Greenlawn , recipient of four Blue Ribbon Awards from the U.S. Department of Education , and The Stanley Clark School . Additionally , the Diocese of Fort Wayne @-@ South Bend operates eleven parochial grade schools and one high school in South Bend .

= = Places of worship = =

South Bend is home to over 100 places of worship , including mostly Christian churches , three synagogues , and one mosque .

Christian churches

Non @-@ Christian places of worship

Hebrew Orthodox Congregation

Islamic Society of Michiana

Sinai Synagogue (Conservative Judaism)

Temple Beth @-@ El (Reform Judaism)

= = = Former places of worship = = =

B 'nai Israel Synagogue (Reconstructionist ; formerly Orthodox) , closed in 1990

First Presbyterian Church , congregation moved to new building

= = Media = =

= = = Newspaper = = =

One major daily newspaper serves the South Bend Metro area , the South Bend Tribune . It is distributed throughout the Michiana region and publishes five editions including a Metro edition , a Mishawaka edition , a Michigan edition , a Penn @-@ Harris @-@ Madison East edition , and a Marshall edition . The South Bend Tribune is owned by Schurz Communications , a South Bend corporation that owns and operates 42 newspaper publications nationwide .

= = = Radio = = =

South Bend 's radio stations ' formats include public radio , classical music , religious , country , classic rock , and urban contemporary , among others . For more information , see List of radio stations in Indiana .

= = = Television = = =

As of the 2015 @-@ 2016 rankings , the South Bend @-@ Elkhart designated market area is the 96th largest market in the United States , with 310 @,@ 170 homes (0 @.@ 27 % of the U.S. population) . Most of the major television networks have affiliates in the Michiana area .

Television stations located in South Bend include WNDU @-@ TV (NBC) , WNIT @-@ TV (PBS) , WHME @-@ TV (LeSEA) , WBND @-@ LD (ABC) , WCWW @-@ LD (CW) and WMYS @-@ LD (My Network TV) . WSBT @-@ TV (CBS) is located in nearby Mishawaka . WSJV (Fox) also broadcasts in the greater South Bend region from Elkhart . MATV is the local Public Access Television station serving St. Joseph County in Indiana , and functions at the WNIT @-@ TV (PBS) station .

= = Infrastructure = =

= = = Transportation = = =

= = = = Roads = = = =

South Bend 's location around the St. Joseph River has influenced the development of its streets . While city streets mainly follow a grid layout , road development also adapted to the river 's path . South Bend is connected to state and national highway systems by State Roads 2 , 23 , and 933 ; U.S. Route 20 and 31 ; and Interstate 80 and 90 , the Indiana Toll Road . Original routes of both the Lincoln Highway and the Dixie Highway also pass through South Bend . The headquarters for the Lincoln Highway Association are in South Bend .

For transportation around the South Bend metro area , the St. Joseph Valley Parkway , constructed between 1960 and 1990 , connects Benton Harbor , Michigan , to South Bend , Mishawaka , and Elkhart , Indiana . While segments are designated as U.S. 20 , U.S. 31 , and State Road 331 , it is simply referred to locally as " the bypass " . The Indiana Toll Road (Interstates 80 and 90) passes through northern South Bend .

= = = = Local public transportation = = = =

Public transportation in South Bend is controlled by TRANSPO (South Bend Public Transportation Corporation) . TRANSPO operates bus routes between stations located in South Bend and Mishawaka and provides services to the towns of Osceola and Roseland , from Monday through Saturday . In 2006 , the TRANSPO fleet switched to bio @-@ diesel fuel . In 2015 , TRANSPO added 16 new buses powered by compressed natural gas . The TRANSPO facility is also the first LEED Platinum transit facility in the country .

= = = = Regional and national transportation = = = =

South Bend serves as the transportation hub for Michiana . The South Bend International Airport lies off of U.S. 31 and the Indiana Toll Road in the northwest corner of South Bend . The airport connects South Bend to larger hubs including Atlanta , Chicago , Detroit , Las Vegas , Minneapolis , New York City , Orlando , Phoenix , and St. Petersburg , Florida . Over one million passengers are served annually , making it the second busiest airport in Indiana . In April 2014 , the airport changed its name from " South Bend Regional Airport " to the current " South Bend International " after receiving International designation from U.S. Customs and Border Protection . Final design plans are being approved for a Federal Inspection Station and General Aviation Facility . Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2015 .

The South Shore Line , an electric commuter railroad , connects the South Bend International Airport to Millennium Station in downtown Chicago . Due to increased ridership since 2005 between Chicago and South Bend , more cars are being added .

Amtrak , the national passenger rail system , provides service to South Bend Station via two trains , the Lake Shore Limited to Chicago , New York City , and Boston , and the Capitol Limited to Chicago and Washington , D.C. A bus line connects Notre Dame and the South Bend airport to Chicago 's O 'Hare and Midway airports , with several northwest Indiana stops .

= = = Utilities = = =

Electricity in South Bend is provided by Indiana Michigan Power , a subsidiary of American Electric Power . Natural gas is supplied by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) .

The South Bend Water Works delivers water to residents of South Bend . The water is collected from 32 deep wells and runs through 545 miles (877 km) of water main to be distributed to South Bend residents . In 2008 , in order to increase the efficiency of its sewer system , South Bend began the installation of an array of intelligent sensors and valves allowing it to become the first city to migrate its sewer system management to the cloud . When a section of the system is under heavy use , this system can divert flow to other , less busy , sections . Via more efficient sewage management this system has helped to save the city an estimated 100 million dollars in new sewage pipes .

= = = Environmental Initiatives = = =

South Bend has recently engaged in a partnership with the University of Notre Dame to revitalize the Bowman Creek ecosystem . Bowman Creek is a tributary of the St. Joseph River in South Bend , Indiana that has recently suffered from contamination . The Bowman Creek initiative included partners from local high schools , colleges , and business leaders focused on improvements to both the creek and the neighborhoods . The vision for the collaboration is to institute a unique water quality monitoring system , similar to South Bend 's combined sewer overflow system .

= = Notable people = =

Michael Alig , socialite , co @-@ founding member of the Club Kids , co @-@ murderer of Angel Melendez

Elijah Anderson , sociologist and author of Code of the Street

Brett Banasiewicz , BMX rider

Ollie Bejma , baseball player

John Bromfield , actor

Frank Bykowski , NFL player

Brendan Bayliss , guitarist , Umphrey 's McGee

Skylar Diggins , basketball player

Schuyler Colfax , 17th Vice President of the United States

Dick Durock , stuntman and actor

Debra Elmegreen , astronomer

Chad Everett , actor

Vivica Fox , actress

Josh Garrels , musician

Mary Lou Graham , AAGPBL player for the South Bend Blue Sox

Nathan Gunn , operatic baritone

Mark Hazinski , 2004 USA Olympian in table tennis

Frances Janssen , AAGPBL player and Northern Indiana Historical Society researcher

Luther Johnson , Indy car driver

Kenn Kaufman , naturalist and author

Glenna Sue Kidd , AAGPBL player for the South Bend Blue Sox

Bernard Kilgore , journalist , Wall Street Journal

Sneaky Pete Kleinow , musician

Marie Kruckel , AAGPBL player for the South Bend Blue Sox and a 38 @-@ year teacher at Clay High School

J. C. McDonald , Indy car driver

Steve Nemeth , American player of gridiron football

Ryan Newman , NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver

Dean Norris , actor

James Oliver , inventor and industrialist best known for creating South Bend Iron Works , which was reincorporated as Oliver Farm Equipment Company after his death

Alex Penkala , WWII veteran , part of the US Army 101st Airborne Division 506th PIR made famous

by the HBO miniseries Band of Brothers , he along with friend Warren Muck were killed by German artillery outside the Belgian town of Foy on January 10 , 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge
Kenneth Rexroth , poet , translator of the classical Chinese poets , essayist , intellectual , anarchist

George Rickey , kinetic sculptor

Mike Salay , Indy car driver

Paul Smith (clergy) , First African American minister at historic First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn , New York ; multicultural consultant , civil rights activist , university administrator , teacher , author

Emerson Spartz , media mogul

Jules C. Stein , music industry executive

David Stremme , NASCAR driver

Studebaker Brothers , founders of Studebaker Corporation

Alexander Toradze , pianist

Betty Wagoner , AAGPBL player for the South Bend Blue Sox

Michael Warren , actor

Janet Wiley , AAGPBL player for the South Bend Blue Sox

Ernie Zalejski , American football player

Gary Fromm , Key to the City of South Bend recipient and inaugural Memorial " Trauma Hero " award winner

= = Sister cities = =

South Bend has three sister cities :

Cz?stochowa (Poland)

Arzberg (Germany)

Guanajuato (Mexico)