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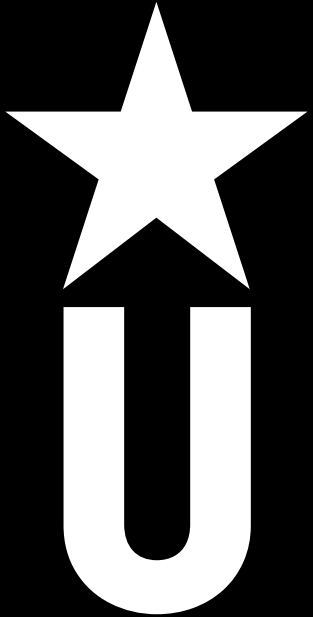


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# Welcome

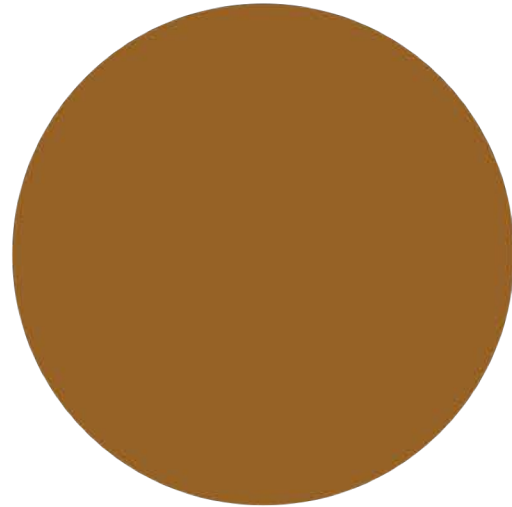
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**TINA PETERSON, CEO**  
*Regional Opportunity Initiatives*



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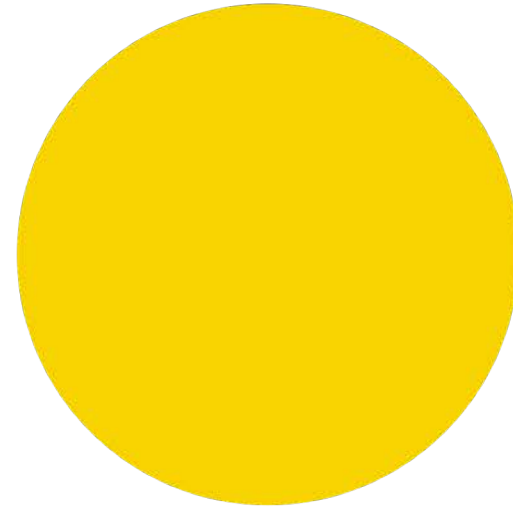


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**Resilient and tenacious**, driven by challenging many industries through grit and determination. Delivers a resourceful, industrious, and competitive initiative. Values hard work and resiliency. Causes people to feel triumphant and inspired.

**RESOURCEFUL • INDUSTRIOUS • RESILIENT**

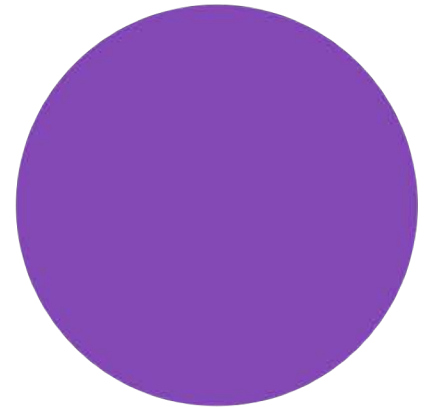


### INNOVATOR

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**Brilliant and transformative**, driven by inventing the future through innovation. Delivers transformative, forward-thinking, and leading-edge outcomes. Values multi-faceted and adaptive qualities. Causes people to feel awe and amazement.

**INNOVATIVE • MULTI-FACETED • FORWARD-THINKING**



### NEIGHBOR

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**Selfless and supportive**, driven by compassion and desire to treat others with kindness. Delivers friendliness and support. Values charitable and collaborative efforts, and genuine care for others. Causes people to feel safe and relaxed.

**COLLABORATIVE • FRIENDLY • CHARITABLE**



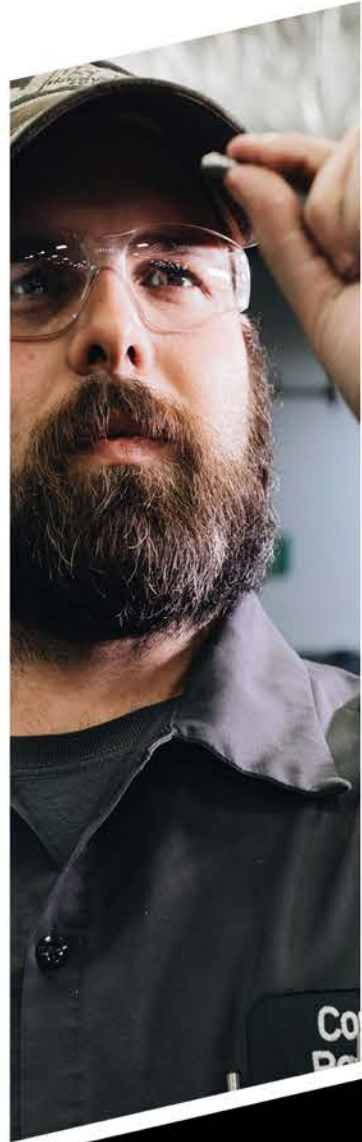


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**Cory Ratliff, *Jasper Engines***



**Yolanda Hackman, *GM***



**Dathan Schmidt, *Catalent***



**Matt Johnson, *Crane***



**Gabrielle May, *Crane***



**Nick Kuebler, *Masterbrand***



**Sarah Shaw, *Cook Medical***



**Barry Riester, *TRISTAR***



**Trae Carroll, *Singota***



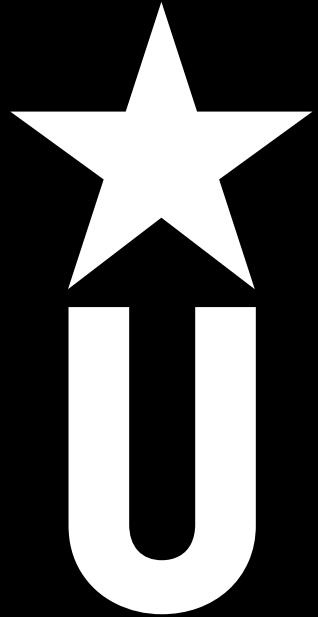


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## CONCEPT TO CREATION. FAMILY AND FUTURE.

Skill, effort, innovation. Indiana Uplands lives all three. This is a region of entrepreneurs, artisans, students, and scientists, whose brilliant ideas are becoming reality every single day. Come ply your trade and grow your business. Visit for a weekend of lakeside wonder. Stay for a lifetime full of opportunity.

# THIS IS UPLANDS MADE



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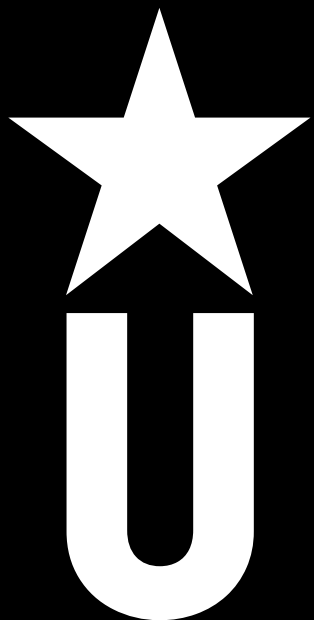


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**CENTER FOR  
RURAL ENGAGEMENT**

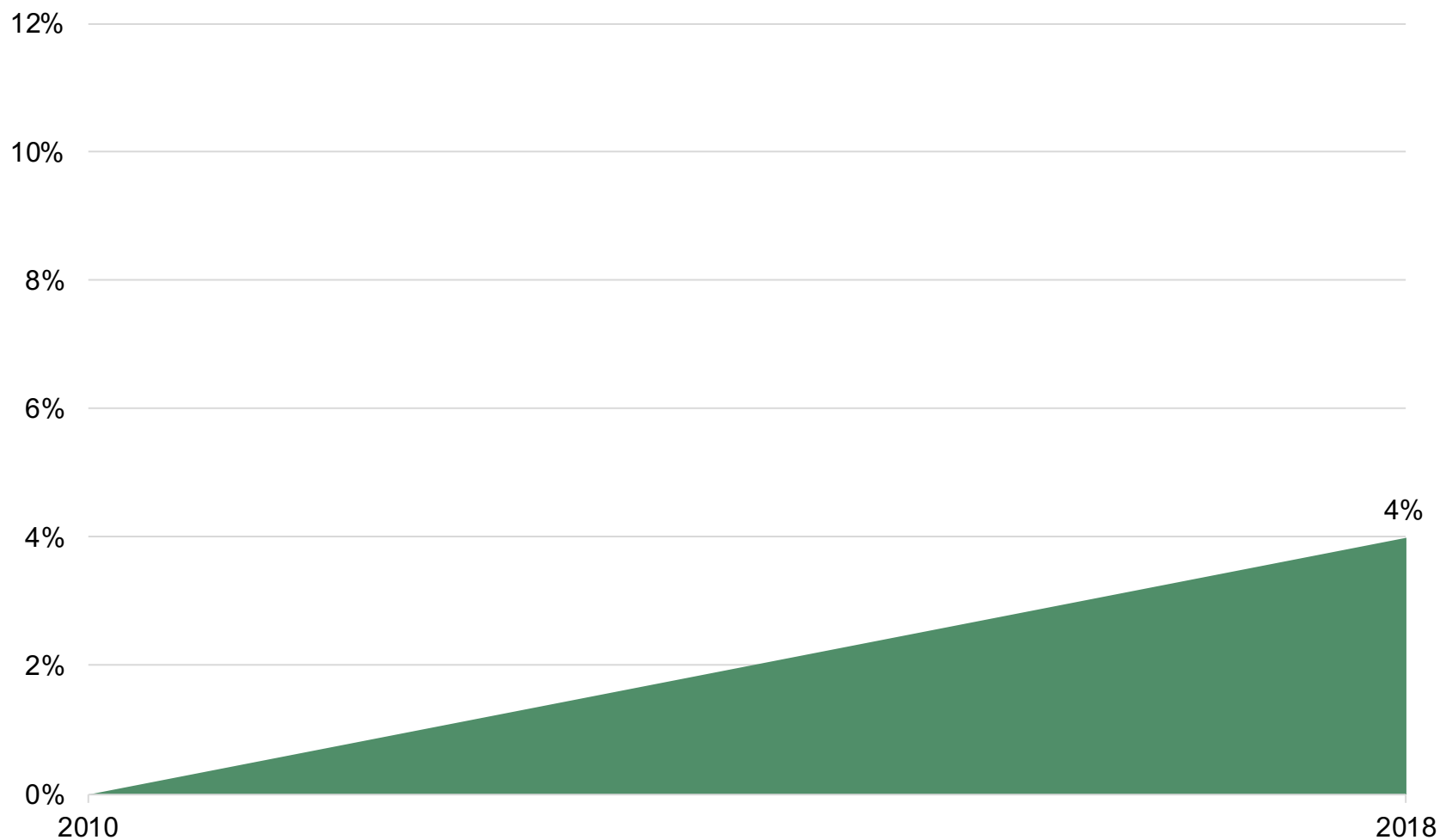


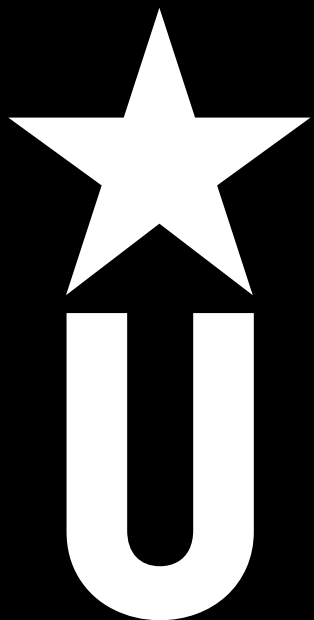


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## INDIANA UPLANDS JOB GROWTH 2010 - 2018

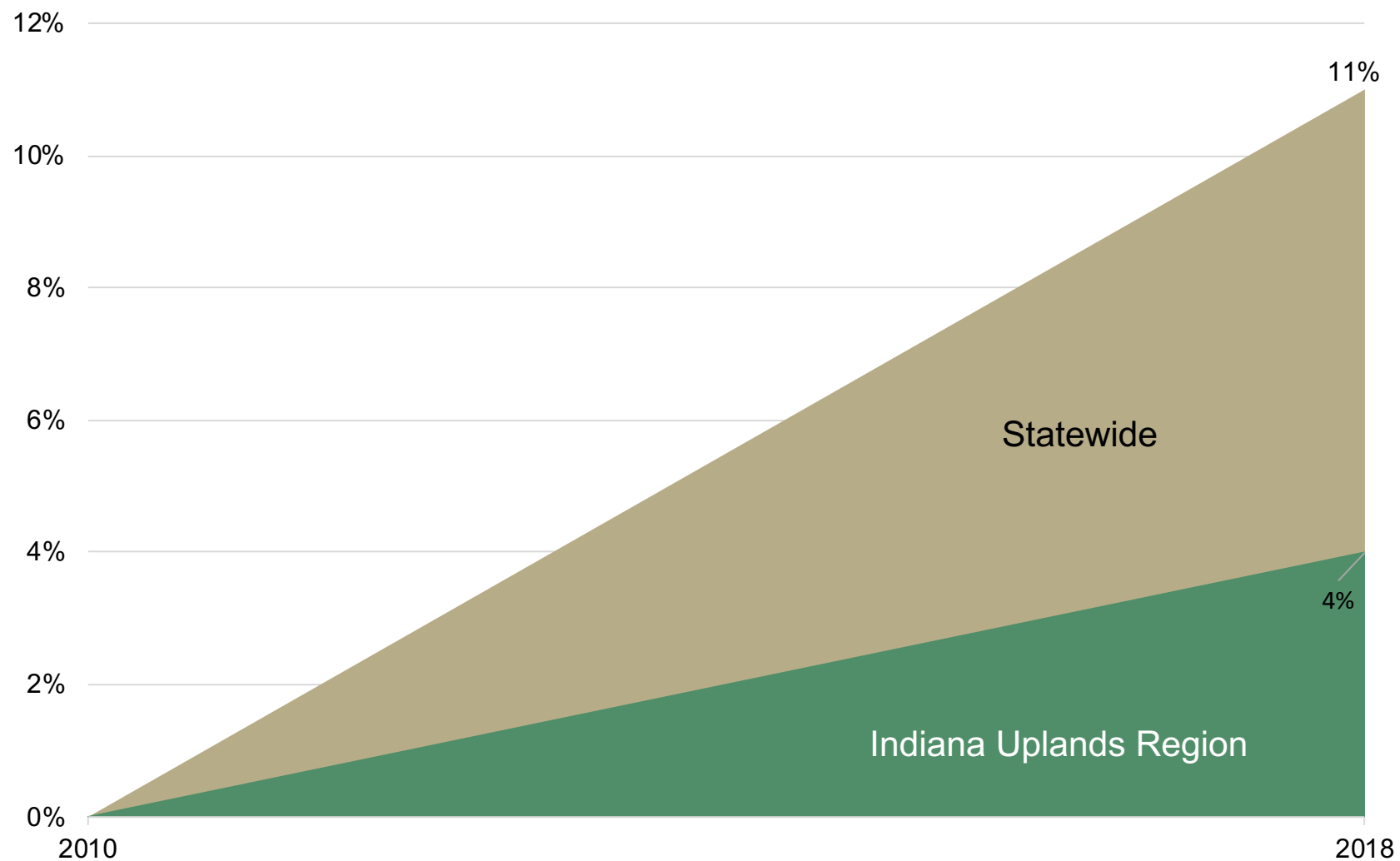




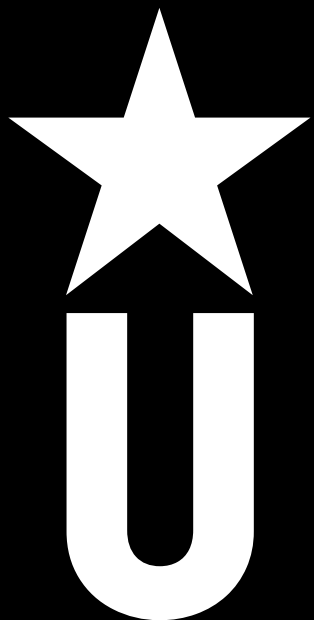
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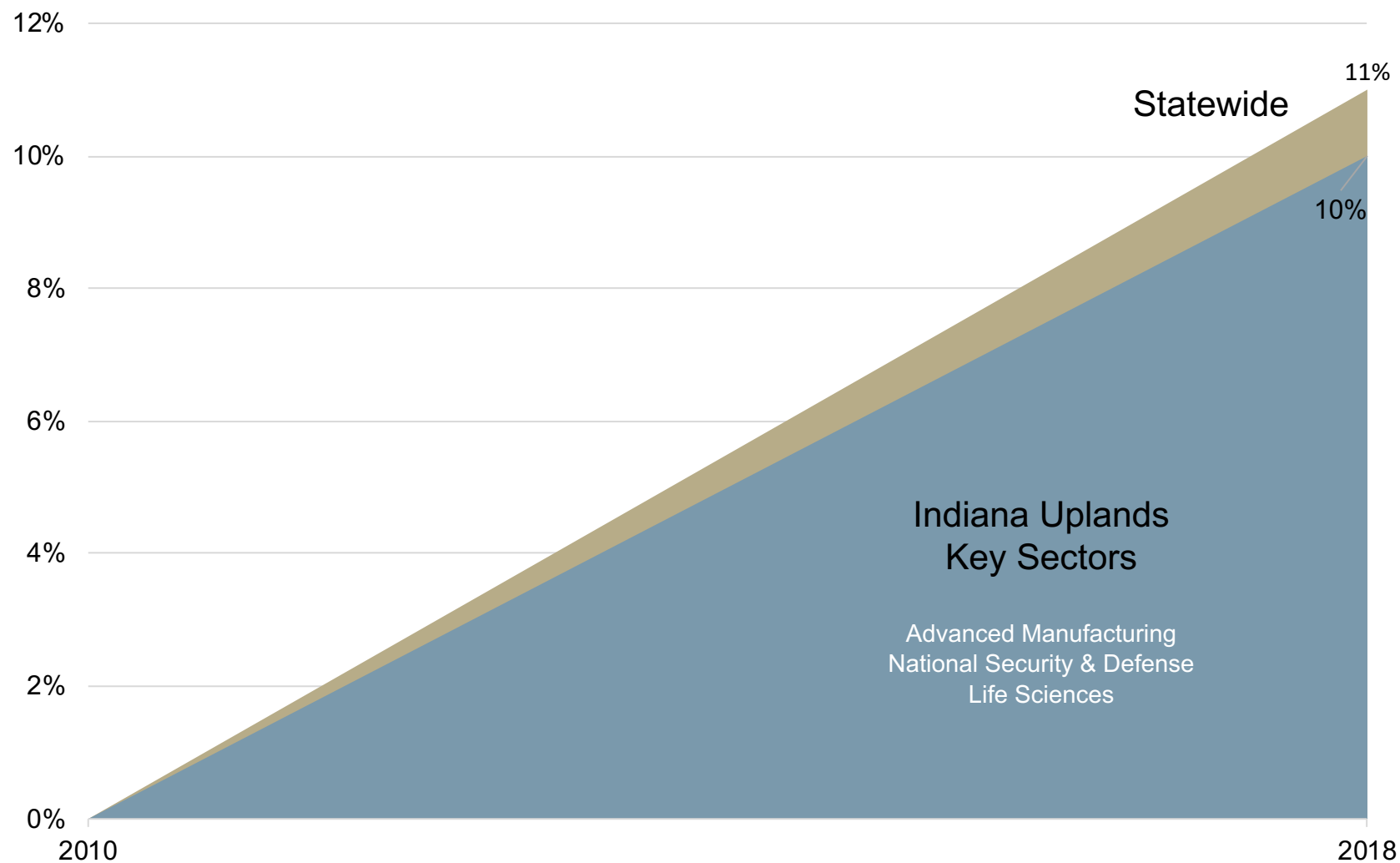


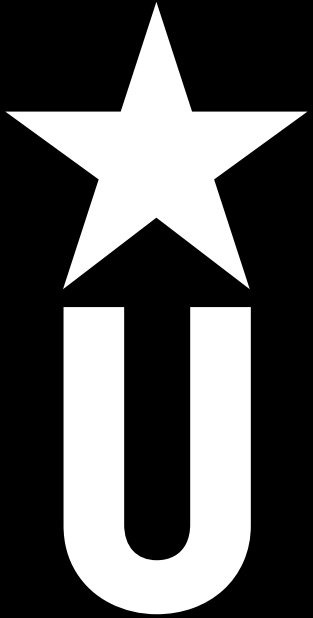


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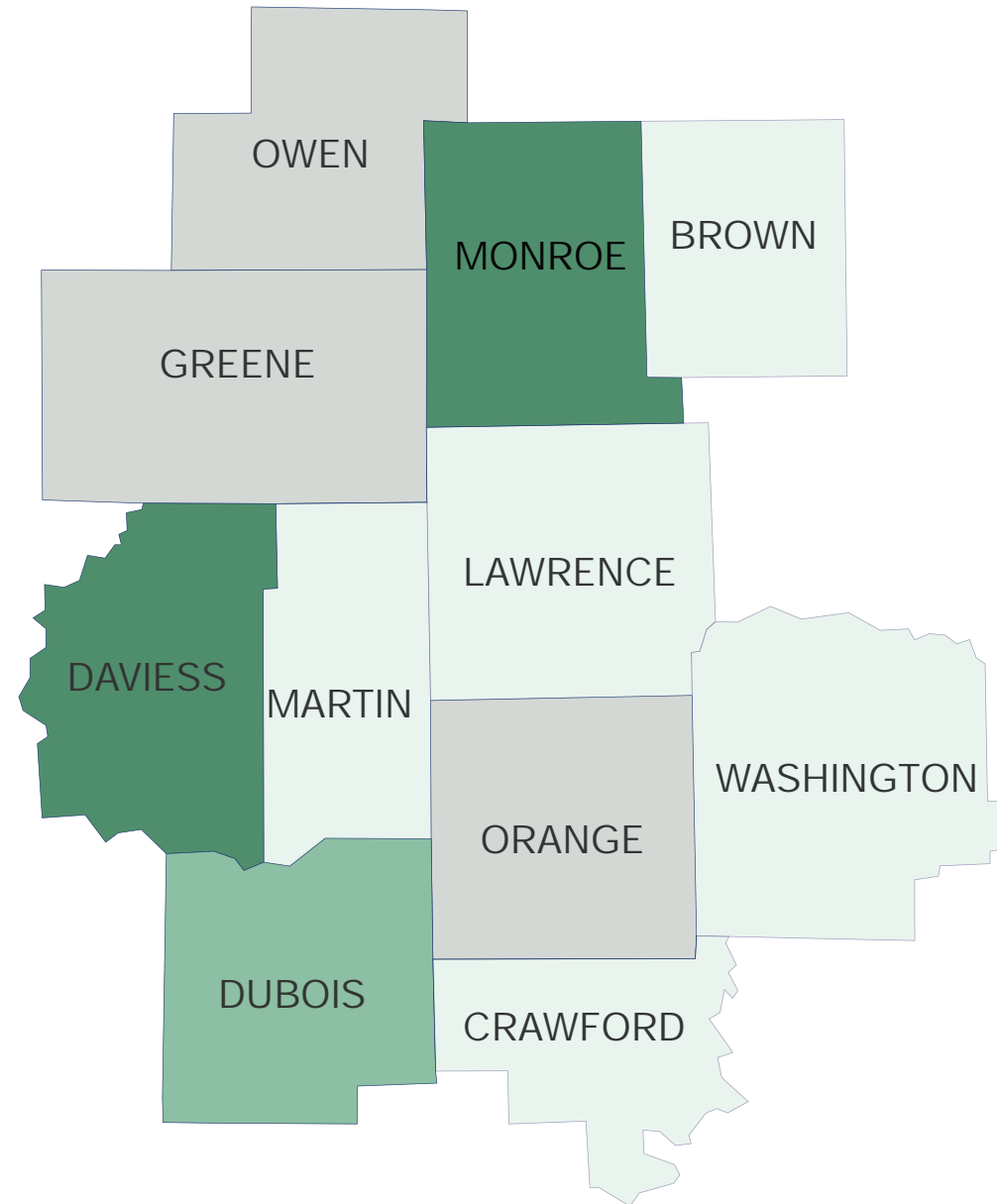
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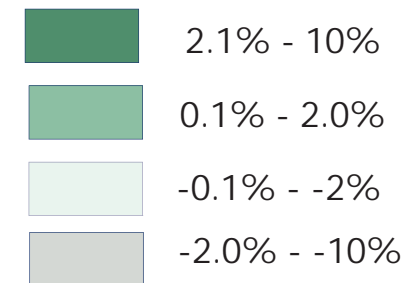


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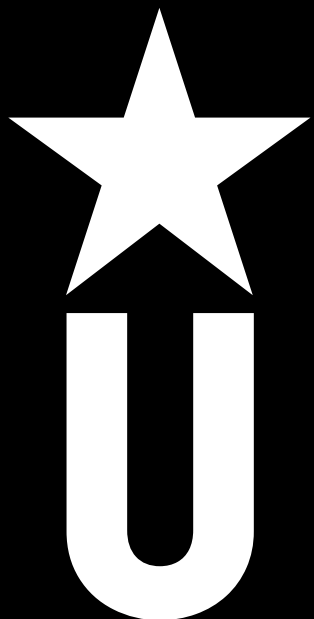
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Percentage Change in Population  
by County from 2009 to 2018

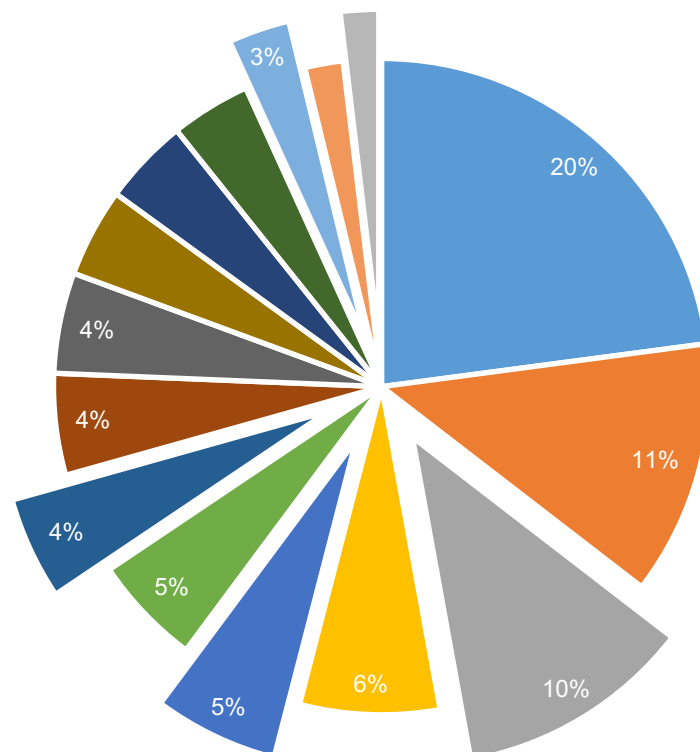






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## BACHELOR AND MASTERS DEGREES BY FIELD AS PROPORTIONS OF ALL GRADUATES, TOP 15 FIELDS



- Business Management Marketing and Related Support Services
- Health Professions and Related Programs
- Engineering
- Education
- Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services
- Communication Journalism and Related Programs
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences
- Public Administration and Social Service Professions
- Social Sciences
- Parks Recreation Leisure and Fitness Studies
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Psychology
- Engineering Technologies and Engineering-related Fields
- Agriculture Agriculture Operations and Related Sciences
- Mathematics and Statistics

An aerial photograph of a bustling town square during a festival. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is gathered around several food and information tents. One tent is labeled 'TIGER EARS' and another 'ONE STARS'. A large American flag flies on a tall pole in the center of the square. In the background, a large, multi-story brick building with many windows serves as the focal point. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall atmosphere is festive and community-oriented.

# *Quality of Place*



# READY COMMUNITIES

***Advancing Regional Prosperity  
through Quality of Place and  
Workforce Attraction Strategies***

The Ready Communities Initiative will provide counties and communities the resources necessary to strategically plan for, develop, and implement projects and programs that build quality of place, grow regional capacity for workforce development and attraction, and improve the attributes and amenities that make the Indiana Uplands a desirable place to live, work and play.







**Community  
Cohesion and  
Support**



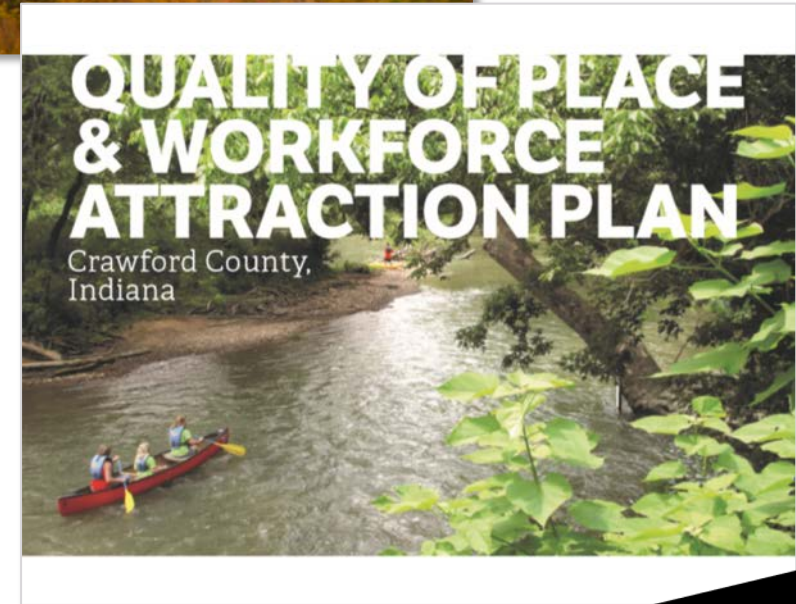
**Connectivity  
Infrastructure  
Development**



**Aesthetics and  
Beautification  
Enhancements**

**READY COMMUNITIES**









# Housing

# HOUSING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

**Lisa Abbott** — Regional  
*Bloomington Board of Realtors*

**Jesse Belcher** — Crawford  
*Crawford County Economic Development Corporation*

**Zachary Brown** — Orange  
*Orange County Economic Development Partnership*

**Sabrina Burdine** — Washington  
*Washington County Economic Growth Partnership*

**Neil Elkins** — Dubois  
*Tri-CAP*

**Brianne Jerrels** — Greene  
*Greene County Economic Development Corporation*

**Greg Jones** — Regional  
*Southern Indiana Development Corporation*

**Jim Kemp** — Brown  
*Brown County Redevelopment Commission*

**Joe Lannan** — Martin  
*eSolve Solutions*

**Geoff McKim** — Monroe  
*Monroe County Council*

**Bryant Niehoff** — Daviess  
*Daviess County Economic Development Corporation*

**Shance Sizemore** — Lawrence  
*Lawrence County Economic Growth Council*

**Mike Spinks** — Owen  
*Spencer Town Council*





# 2030 HOUSING PROJECTIONS

	Need
Total Owner Occupied	7,590
Affordable Low: \$60-100,000	1,113
Affordable Moderate: \$100-130,000	1,478
Moderate Market: \$130-200,000	1,958
High Market: Over \$200,000	3,041
Total Renter Occupied	5,865
Low: Less than \$450	2,261
Affordable: \$450-700	1,789
Market: Over \$700	1,815

# HOUSING CHALLENGES

- Low supply of buildable, affordable lots
- Pockets of low quality housing that impacts values
- Inconsistent building codes and permitting systems
- Infrastructure costs deter development
- State tax rate structure deters rental development



# STRATEGIC HOUSING GOALS

- Shared risk partnerships
- Funding pools for gap financing
- Higher density development
- Addressing housing quality, aging infrastructure
- Nonprofits to work where private market cannot
- Investing in quality of life amenities
- Expanding building trades programs

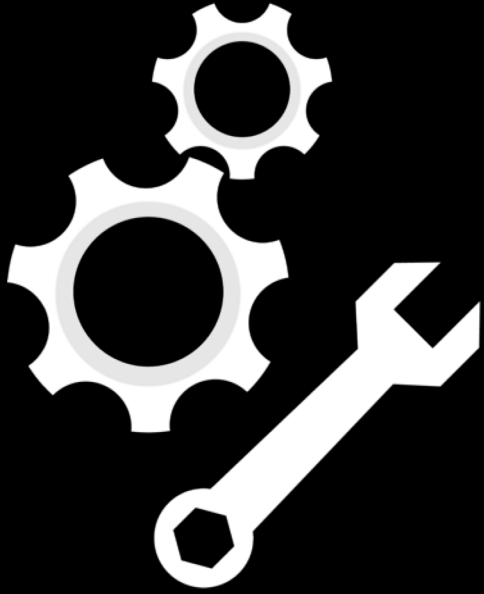


# WESTGATE ACADEMY





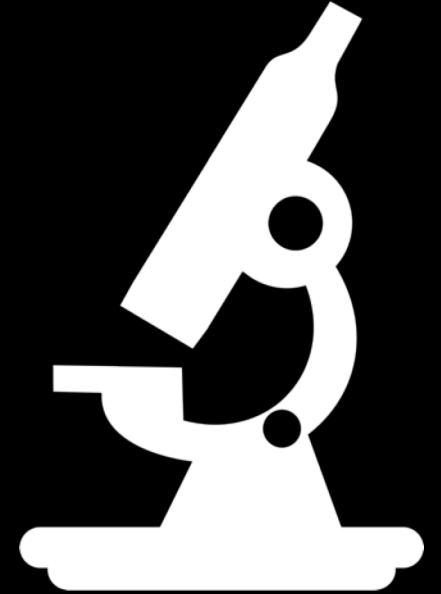




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Plant Manager, Bedford Casting Operations  
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*Cook Group and Cook Medical*



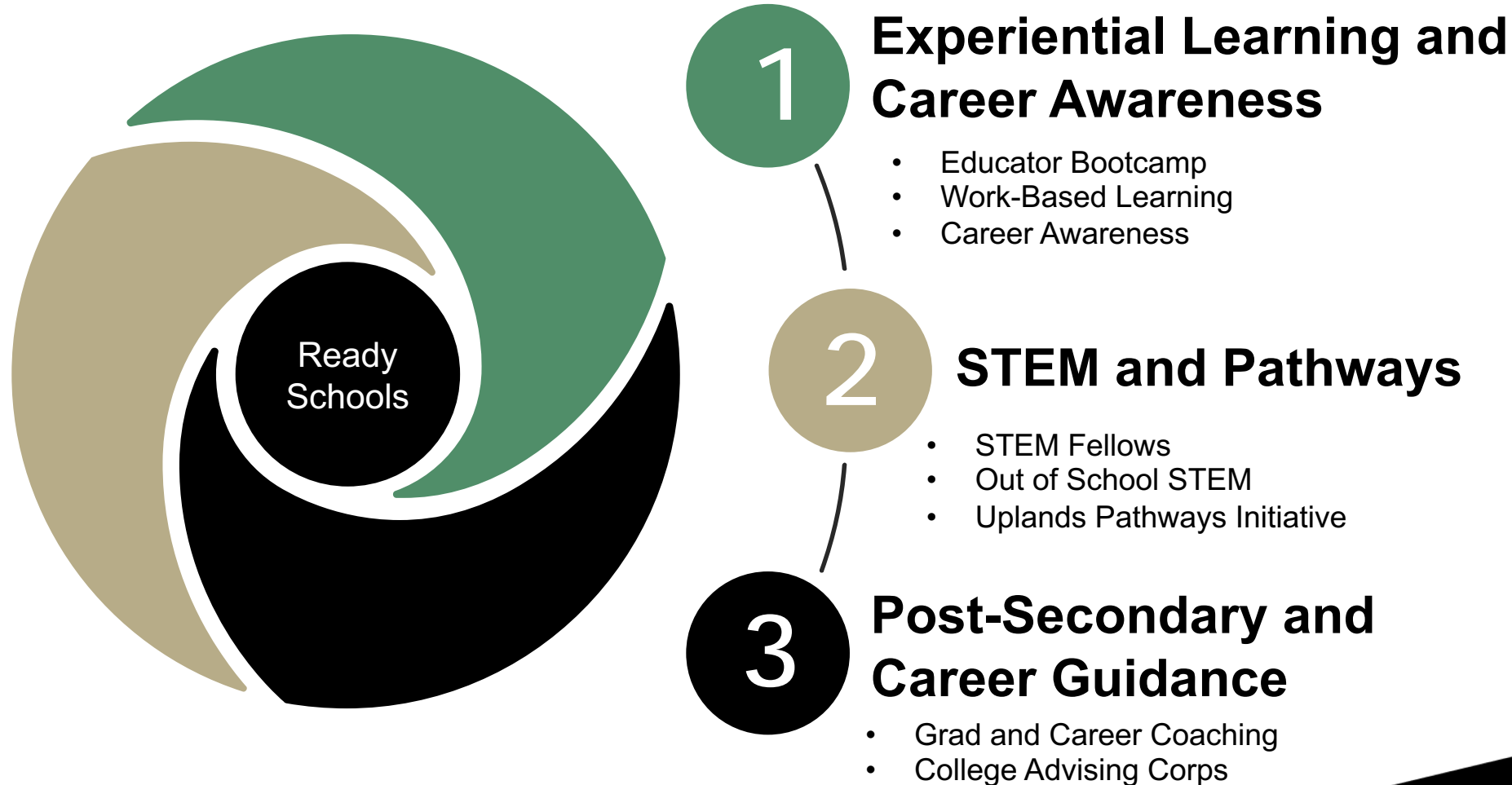


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# ROI Education and Workforce Initiatives





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# Ready Schools Cohort 1



Brown County



Southeast Dubois



Northeast Dubois



Loogootee



Greater Jasper



Southwest Dubois





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## Ready Schools Cohort 2



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