GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA

Quality of Place & Workforce Attraction Plan

Tulip Trussel, Eastern Greene County

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Our Story

Greene County is the fourth largest county in Indiana, and its size and sprawling landscapes are only surpassed by the incredible commitment of its residents to enhance the communities they call home.

From the residents leading Main Street programs, the dedicated city park board members preserving community resources, the economic developers expanding broadband and housing— to the groups partnering with Sustaining Hoosier Communities and the dedicated Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Advisory Team working toward Ready Communities opportunities—Greene County is in good hands.

Formed in 1821, the County's first settlers traveled from established counties in Eastern Indiana on a hunting expedition and discovered a wealth of fertile land and natural resources. Over the next several decades, homesteads and small settlements evolved into the cities and towns that define Greene County today. A love of the land, independent spirit, and humble hardworking nature that characterized those first settlers is alive today in the County's more than 30,000 residents.

Outdoor recreation is the heart and soul of the county. Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area is one of the most popular sites for outdoor enthusiasts. This 8,034-acre State Fish and Wildlife Area is one of the largest and most successful wetland restoration projects in the United States, and home to many migrating bird species, attested by the impressive Sandhill Crane fly-in each spring. From Shakamak State Park and Greene-Sullivan State Forest, which features thousands of acres of wooded rolling hills and lakes to the Sculpture Trail with three miles of primitive hiking paths scattered with over 60 large-scale sculptures by artists from around the world—there is no shortage of scenic views.

The rural county is not short on innovation. The 2,307 foot long, 157 foot tall steel-girded Tulip Trestle was built in 1906 and is one of the longest railroad bridges of its type in the world and is still in use today by the Indiana Railroad Company. Known locally as the Viaduct, the bridge is symbolic of the County's history in the coal mining industry. Today, a new generation of innovators can be found here—more than 1,100 scientists, engineers, and munitions technicians who support Naval Support Activity Crane call Greene County home.

The County has seven incorporated communities including Linton, Bloomfield, Jasonville, Worthington, Lyons, Switz City and Newberry. Bloomfield is the county seat and site of the Greene County Courthouse, which was built in 1885 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of only six remaining structures of architect George Bunting, a prolific courthouse designer in Indiana and Michigan. Linton, with just over 5,000 residents, is the County's population center.

Agriculture, healthcare and manufacturing are leading industries employing a majority of the workforce. Assets including NSA Crane and WestGate@Crane Technology Park act as major economic drivers for the County, and the newly completed I-69 corridor adds to the accessibility and appeal for the entire area.

Communities are ready to embrace the initiatives described in this plan that will strengthen the quality of place and attract new residents who will understand why Greene County is the place to call home.

Quality of Place

Quality of place has been defined as the physical characteristics of a community, the way it is planned, designed, developed and maintained that affect the quality of life of the people living and working in it and those visiting it both now and in the future.

Increasingly, studies show the importance of a "good" place in retaining and attracting the well-qualified, creative and entrepreneurial talent needed to sustain and grow successful economies. In other words, quality of place and workforce attraction and retention are intertwined at the most foundational level.

Quality of place can be broadly understood through the answers to three questions:

What's there?
the combination of the quality of the built environment coupled with the natural environment.

Who's there?
the diversity of the people living in the area, the interaction of those people and the ability for individuals to 'fit in' and make a life there.

What's going on?
the vibrancy of the area and culture – are there things for creative people to do and interact with?

Greene County has the thriving small towns nestled among some of the best nature and outdoor recreation experiences, the people work in industries from agriculture to engineering, and there is an undeniable momentum in the quality of place initiatives already underway.

Greene County is a proud member of the Indiana Uplands and understands the unique opportunities of being part of this region. In early 2019, Greene County partnered with **Sustaining Hoosier Communities**, facilitated by the Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement. Through SHC, the county will connect with faculty and students at IU to form, develop and lead projects that address health and wellness, community resilience and quality of place. The Center matches faculty, students and university resources to create a team that works together to achieve the community's vision.

In addition, Linton has an active park board, Pride in the Park, that has developed a master plan of improvement projects for the town that also will serve to better parks across the county in areas such as infrastructure, safety and offerings. More than 300,000 visitors frequent the parks in Greene County each year through youth programs, special events and health and wellness programs.

The County is actively working on one of the most important issues facing rural communities today—broadband connectivity and availability. A recent study has allowed the County to fully understand its challenges and opportunities to improve the access to broadband in the area. The Greene County Economic Development Corporation is working with regional economic development groups, the Southern Indiana Development Corporation and the Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC to develop a path forward to increase broadband.

Greene County General Hospital, Linton

Workforce Development and Attraction

Building the next generation workforce will not only prepare students for jobs in emerging fields, but also strengthen existing businesses. Connecting students with hands-on career experiences, internships, and targeted skills curriculum will show existing students that viable careers exist right here in Greene County. A thriving workforce and business environment helps attract new workers and increase the population for the County, which can lead to new businesses and a culture of entrepreneurism.

Greene County's school districts include the Bloomfield School District, White River Valley School District, Eastern Greene School District, Linton-Stockton School District and the Shakamak Metropolitan School District.

Through the ROI Ready Schools initiative, Greene County will work to re-align its PK-12 curricular and programmatic offerings to educational and workforce needs within the Indiana Uplands. Bloomfield Schools are already participating in the initiative, and White River Valley and Linton-Stockton School Districts will join the Ready Schools cohort for the 2019-2020 school year.

The County's first coworking space, Open Desk, opened in April 2019 in downtown Linton through the Greene County General Hospital Foundation and marked immediate success. Five local businesses have secured offices and multiple entrepreneurs and students are already using the common areas.
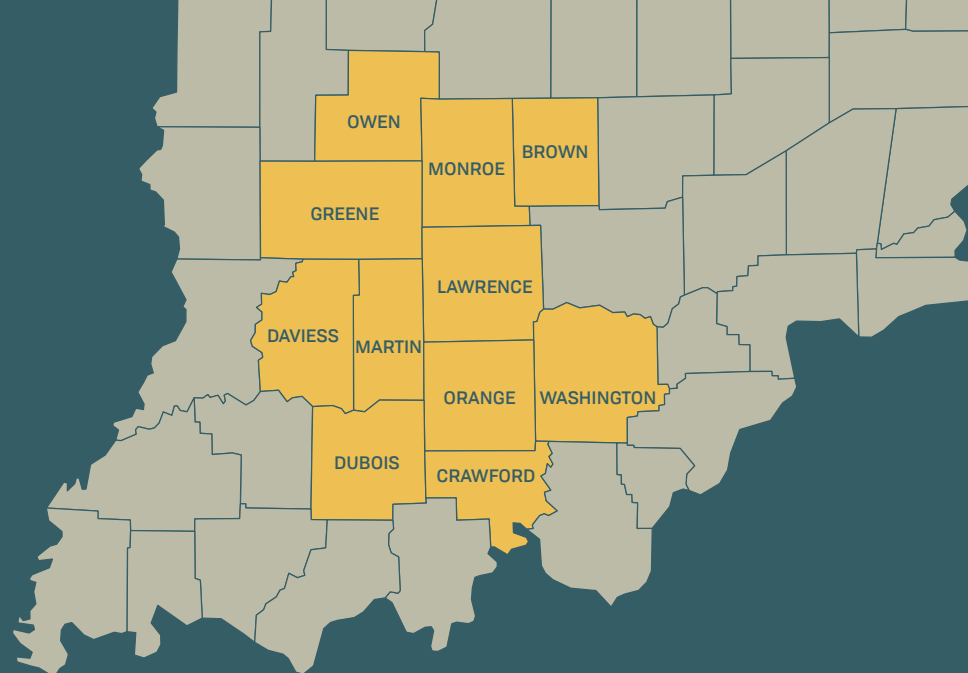
The Indiana Uplands region is comprised of 11 counties: Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen and Washington.

POPULATION:
402,000

AREA:
4,500
SQUARE MILES

CITIES & TOWNS:
48

KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS:

National Security and Defense

Life Sciences

Advanced Manufacturing

SCHOOLS:

School Corporations: **27**

School-aged Children: **52,000**

Graduating Seniors Per Year: **3,905**

Higher Education Institutions: **3**

County Assets

HISTORY

Bloomfield Public Square

Emanuel Hatfield Museum

Fountain Triangle Park

Greene County Courthouse

Linton Commercial Historic District

Jasonville History Museum

Mormon Chapel Monument

Old Clifty Church

Old Iron Bridge

Richland-Plummer Creek Covered Bridge

Scotland Hotel

U.S. Center of Population Marker

Yoho's General Store

RECREATION

Bakersfield Raceway Park

Bloomfield Town Park

Greene County Soccer Fields

Hanna Field

Hidden Hills Golf Course

Humphreys Park

Jasonville City Park

Lyons Town Park

Lyons Raceway Park

Newberry Park

Phil Harris Golf Course

Pleasant Grove Farms

Redbird State Recreati on Area

Worthington City Park

ARTS & INNOVATION

Carnegie Heritage & Arts Center

Phil Harris & Alice Faye Collection

Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum

Shawnee Summer Theatre

Tulip Trestle

Wabash-Erie Canal Corridor Area

World's Largest Jack

NATURE

American Bottoms Area

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area

Greene-Sullivan State Forest

Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area

Largest Sycamore Tree

Lee Sherrard Park

Mt. Nebo

Shakamak State Park

Sunset Park Recreation Area

Humphreys Park, Linton

Engagement

In creating this plan, we evaluated existing data and programs through Sustaining Hoosier Communities and studies such as a Broadband Study, Parks Master Planning, the Greene County Comprehensive Plan, the Linton Comprehensive Plan, and conducted a variety of community outreach efforts to learn directly from the people that matter most—Greene County residents.

Engagement By the Numbers

1,126
ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS

2
PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

3
KEY EMPLOYER INPUTS

Countless
STAKEHOLDER INPUTS

Ongoing
QPAT MEETINGS

Dozens
OF CONNECTIONS MADE WITH NONPROFITS

Greene County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Task Force (QPAT) Members

BRIANNE JERRELS
Greene County Economic Development Corporation

STACY BURRIS
Greene County General Hospital

KYLE CROSS
Greene County General Hospital Foundation

TED BAECHTOLD
Eastern Greene Schools

CHERYL HAMILTON
Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce

MALEA HUFFMAN
Purdue Extension

SUZANNE JACKSON
Greene County Foundation

CAM TRAMPKE
Greene County Foundation

Autumn Lakefront, Bloomfield

Quality of Place Survey

An anonymous online survey was created and distributed during the process through social media and with help from the QPAT team. The survey resulted in an impressive 1,126 participants from across the County. (Complete survey and raw data can be found in the appendix of this document.)
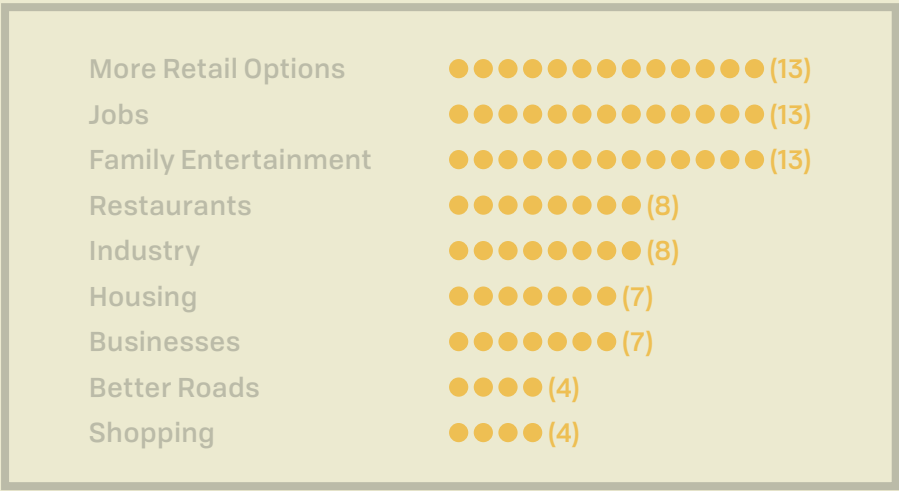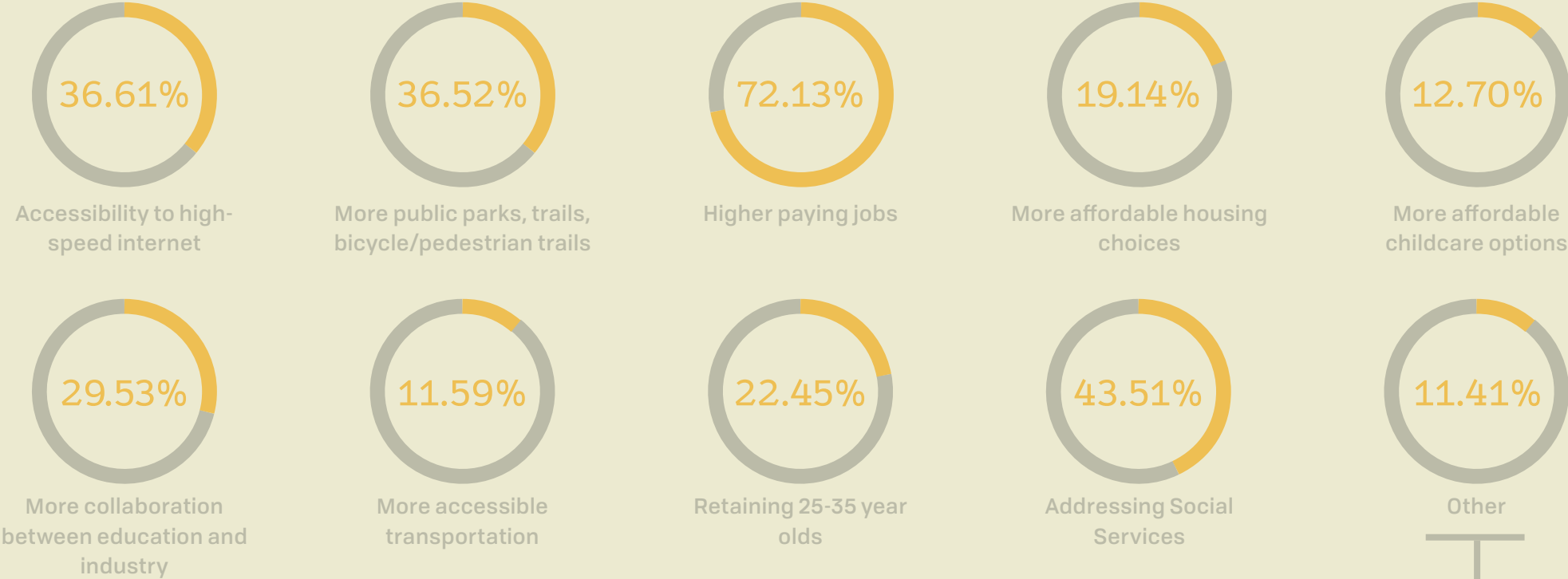
KEY SURVEY RESULTS

Most residents said they would NOT move away from Greene County, if they had the opportunity.

The top choices to make quality of life/place better in Greene County are higher paying jobs and addressing social services challenges.

90 percent of respondents support a coworking space in Greene County. Of those, 73 percent support multiple coworking locations throughout the county.

The top three responses given for why residents call Greene County home is because their family and friends live here, their jobs are here and because of the scenic, rural lifestyle.

QUALITY OF PLACE IMPROVEMENTS THAT WOULD MOST BENEFIT GREENE COUNTY

36.61%
Accessibility to high-speed internet

36.52%
More public parks, trails, bicycle/pedestrian trails

72.13%
Higher paying jobs

19.14%
More affordable housing choices

12.70%
More affordable childcare options

29.53%
More collaboration between education and industry

11.59%
More accessible transportation

22.45%
Retaining 25-35 year olds

43.51%
Addressing Social Services

11.41%
Other

More Retail Options	(13)
Jobs	(13)
Family Entertainment	(13)
Restaurants	(8)
Industry	(8)
Housing	(7)
Businesses	(7)
Better Roads	(4)
Shopping	(4)

90%+

CURRENT RESIDENTS

7%

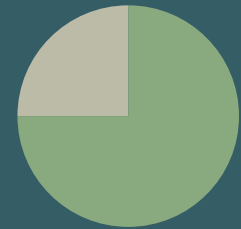WORK IN GREENE COUNTY

3%

FORMER RESIDENTS

The highest number of responses came from the population centers of the County: **Linton** and **Bloomfield**.
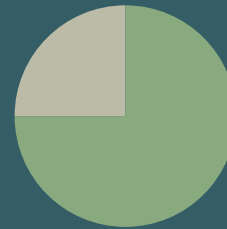
75%

OF RESIDENTS HAVE LIVED IN THE COUNTY FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS, GIVING THEM A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE HISTORY AS WELL AS THE CHALLENGES.

75%

OF RESPONDENTS ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25 AND 55, WHICH ARE KEY DEMOGRAPHICS TO WEIGH IN ON LIVING AND WORKING IN THE COUNTY.

Public Meetings

The QPAT team hosted two sessions for the public. The sessions were featured in the County's newspaper, Greene County Daily World and advertised through social media of various community organizations such as the Greene County General Hospital, the Greene County Community Foundation and the Greene County Economic Development Corporation. The QPAT team asked attendees to work through a series of stations that helped capture key ideas to contribute to the plan.

STATIONS INCLUDED:

Accessibility to High-Speed Internet	Affordable Childcare and Housing Options
Collaboration Between Schools and Industry	Tell Us One Thing You Want Us to Know about Greene County?
Public Parks, Trails and Pedestrian Paths and Public Transportation	What Are Greene Counties Biggest Assets?
Retaining 25-35 year olds	What Does Greene County Need to Improve?
Social Services	Tell us about a Project that could be done in One Day

QPAT Public Input Session, Greene County Foundation
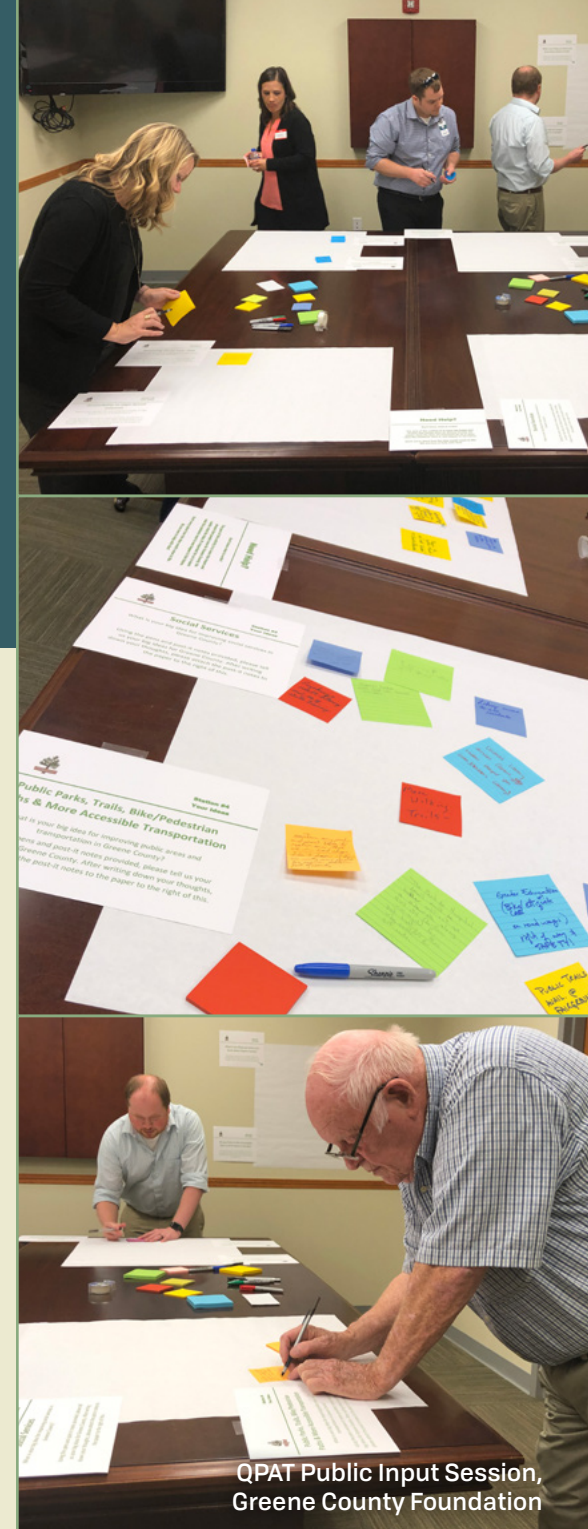
You spoke and we listened!

Our attendees were incredibly proud of the **thousands of acres of public land**, its **well educated senior population** (thanks to many retired STEM workers from NSA Crane), and its **family oriented communities** that are ideal places to raise families.

COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED STRATEGIES AND IDEAS

Accessibility to High-Speed Internet
- Access to reliable internet
- Utilize existing infrastructure
- More Fiber Access

Collaboration Between Schools and Industry & Industry/Higher Paying Jobs
- Job skills training
- Business education classes
- A gathering place where students can receive tutoring
- Summer internships for teachers with industry
- Collaborate with trade programs/certificates/vocational programs at area colleges (see White River Valley's Skills for Success)

Public Parks, Trails and Pedestrian Paths and Public Transportation
- Fitness Center with child care services available
- More walking trails
- Public trail available at fairgrounds
- County-wide park service

Retaining 25-35 year olds
- More attractive neighborhoods for young/growing families
- More social entertainment/events
- Better job of residents projecting 'Pride of Place'
- More Quality of Place Projects
- Young Professional Organization

Social Services
- Emphasize adult literacy and skills training
- Library Access to all residents
- Example - Grant Township residents are charged to use the Linton/Stockton Library

Affordable Childcare and Housing Options
- Housing incentives to clean up blighted properties (i.e. Tax Credit, Waivers, Revolving Loan Fund (RLF))
- Work = Credit towards public housing
- Child care options with public schools
- More affordable housing

What Does Greene County Need to Improve?
- A community building incorporating government offices
- More grocery options
- Land use plan to protect citizens property investment
- Acquire more 'living wage' jobs

Tell us about a Project that could by done in One Day:
- Planned 'clean-up' days
- Plant trees to increase the tree canopy in the urban areas
- Planting trees/landscape in community space

Greene County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan

What is the Greene County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan?

In November 2018, the Regional Opportunity Initiative challenged its 11-county region to create quality of place and workforce attraction plans. ROI reached out to each county's economic development and community foundation offices to provide a grant to each county for planning. Once the county's plan is complete, each county will have the opportunity to apply for additional grants from ROI to implement programs and initiatives identified in the plan.

As a part of the process, Greene County assembled a Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Advisory Task Force (QPAT). Greene County's QPAT team is hard at work creating a plan that captures the vision for the county, and resident feedback is needed to fully understand what that vision should be. Those ideas, in turn, will be used to help create the final plan.

Upon completion and acceptance of the plan, Greene County will be able to apply for competitive implantation grants for projects/programs that correspond with the county's Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan.

How is the plan being developed?

1

Phase One: Story Development and Engagement is intended to provide an understanding of the county's current condition, assets and history.

2

Phase Two: Data Analysis, Vision and Opportunities is intended to develop an understanding of the key community goals related to quality of place and workforce assets.

3

Phase Three: Solution Development is intended to provide the county with a prioritized list of project initiatives and a workplan for implementation.
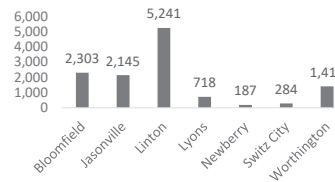
What will the plan include?

The Greene County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan will identify projects and programs that will be able to help develop the vision for the county. Some topics include: quality of life, workforce retention and social services.

Source: Stats Indiana 2017

Greene County Foundation
(812) 659-3142
gcf@greenecountyfoundation.org

Communities that make up Greene County

32,177
Total Population

Community	Population
Bloomfield	2,303
Jasonville	2,145
Linton	5,241
Lyons	718
Newberry	187
Switz City	284
Worthington	1,414

How does Greene County compare?

Projected Population Growth
Greene County: 2.3%
Daviess County: 2.9%
Lawrence County: 0.3%
Martin County: 0.9%
Owen County: 2.2%
Indiana: 2.8%

Diversity (Non-Caucasian)
Greene County: 2.1%
Daviess County: 4.0%
Lawrence County: 3.0%
Martin County: 2.0%
Owen County: 2.6%
Indiana: 14.6%

Median Age
Greene County: 43.4
Daviess County: 34.9
Lawrence County: 43.2
Martin County: 43.0
Owen County: 44.5
Indiana: 37.7

Median Household Income
Greene County: $46,019
Daviess County: $49,237
Lawrence County: $47,997
Martin County: $51,008
Owen County: $46,069
Indiana: $52,289

Educational Attainment (Bachelors Degree or Higher)
Greene County: 14.3%
Daviess County: 14.0%
Lawrence County: 14.3%
Martin County: 11.4%
Owen County: 12.0%
Indiana: 24.6%

Labor Force
Greene County: 15,074
Daviess County: 15,846
Lawrence County: 20,776
Martin County: 5,114
Owen County: 9,162
Indiana: 3,320,409

16.1% POVERTY LEVEL

$36,560 PER CAPITA INCOME

95.3% EMPLOYMENT RATE

Share your vision for Greene County

BLOOMFIELD -- Greene County residents are invited to share their ideas and opinions about the county's quality of place and workforce at a county-wide open house meeting Wednesday, May 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Greene County Foundation.

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This Wednesday's event will be an open house forum and residents are encouraged to drop by anytime during the two-hour window. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to ask questions to the QPAT team and learn more about how the plan is moving forward. Residents are asked to share their thoughts on what is important to improving the future of Greene County, from workforce development to improving public spaces.

"Community feedback is such an important part of this process and we are excited to see what visions our residents have for our county," said Suzanne Jackson, Financial Director of the Greene County Foundation. "The QPAT team is listening and anticipating great ideas to come out of this meeting."

For those not able to attend the meeting, an online survey is available to help the QPAT team capture data about resident's thoughts and visions for the county. Please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F7BMN3Q to take the brief survey.

See **Vision**, Page 6

Data

Bloomfield High School Band,
Linton-Stockton Chamber's Freedom Festival Parade

Educational Attainment

87% VS. 88.3%

ADULTS* WITH HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMA OR HIGHER

14.5% VS. 25.3%

ADULTS* WITH B.A. OR
HIGHER DEGREE

4,967

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
(2018/2019 TOTAL REPORTED)

* Age 25+ in 2017 ACS

Sources: Indiana Department of Education; U.S. Census
Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Income and Poverty

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME (ANNUAL) IN 2017

GREENE CO.	$37,575
INDIANA	$45,150

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 2017

GREENE CO.	$59,347
INDIANA	$54,134

POVERTY RATE IN 2017

GREENE CO.	11.6%
INDIANA	13.3%

POVERTY RATE AMONG CHILDREN UNDER 18

GREENE CO.	18.8%
INDIANA	17.8%

22

WELFARE (TANF) MONTHLY AVERAGE FAMILIES IN 2018

3,075

FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS IN 2018

2,366

FREE AND REDUCED FEE LUNCH RECIPIENTS IN 2018/2019
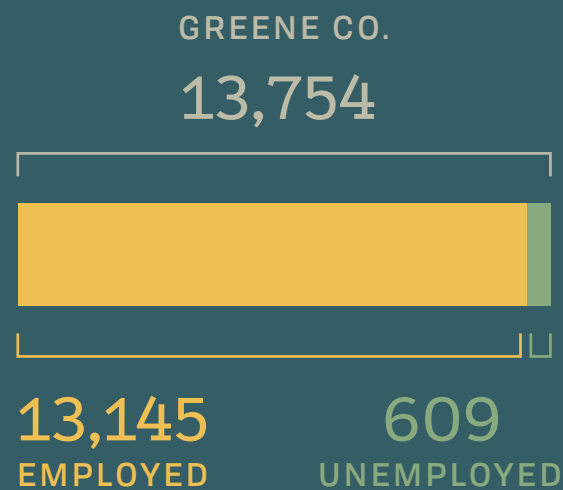
Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Census Bureau; Indiana Family Social Services Administration: Indiana Department of Education; Stats Indiana 2018

Labor Force

TOTAL RESIDENT LABOR FORCE, 2018

GREENE CO.
13,754

13,145
EMPLOYED

609
UNEMPLOYED

INDIANA
3,381,713

3,265,580
EMPLOYED

116,133
UNEMPLOYED

4.4% VS. 3.4%
ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

3.7% VS. 3.1%
APRIL 2019 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Source: STATS Indiana, using data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Housing

15,265

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS IN 2018
(estimate)

$95,900

MEDIAN VALUE (2017)

2,567

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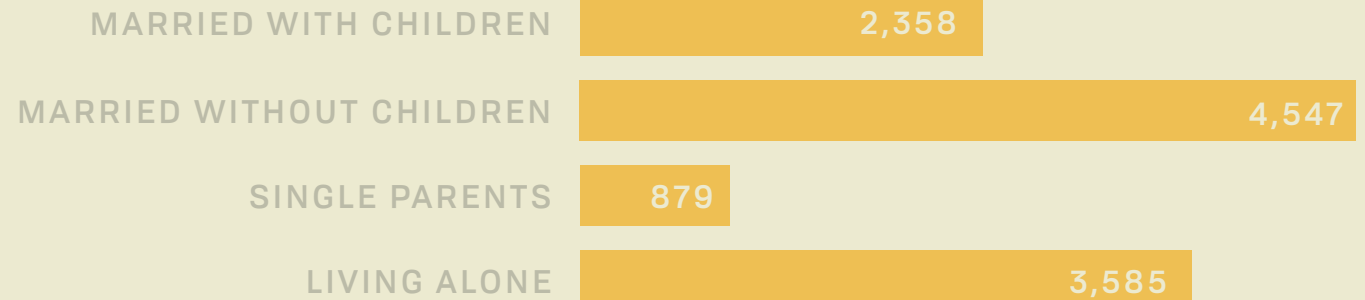*(Pct. distribution based on all housing units)*

$417

MEDIAN RENT (2017)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates.
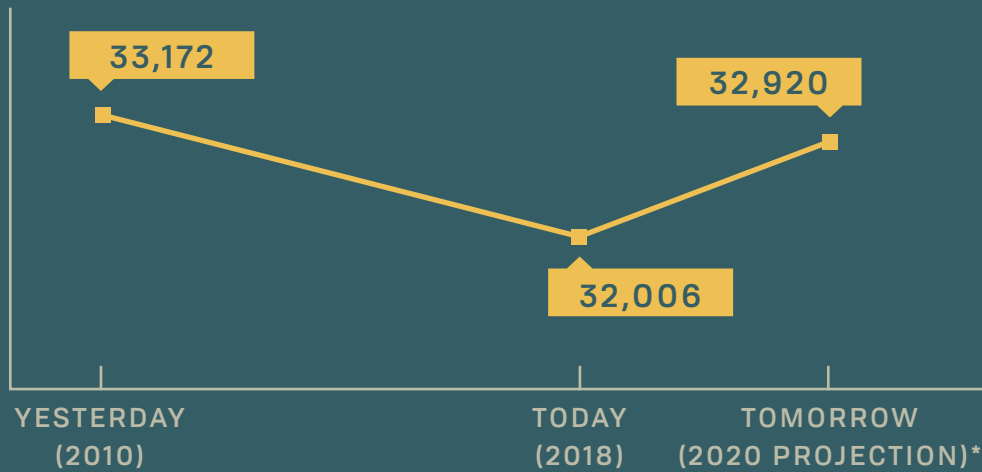
Household Types

12,653

HOUSEHOLDS IN 2017
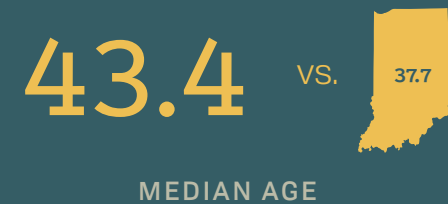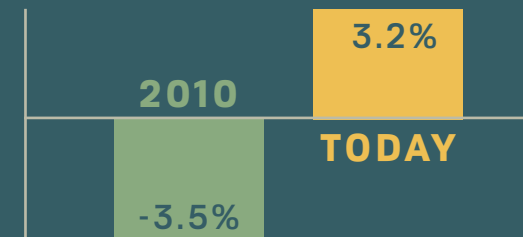*(includes detail not shown to the left)*

MARRIED WITH CHILDREN	2,358
MARRIED WITHOUT CHILDREN	4,547
SINGLE PARENTS	879
LIVING ALONE	3,585

Population Change

POPULATION OVER TIME

33,172
32,920
32,006

YESTERDAY
(2010)

TODAY
(2018)

TOMORROW
(2020 PROJECTION)*

PERCENT CHANGE

3.2%
2010
TODAY
-3.5%

43.4 VS. 37.7

MEDIAN AGE

POPULATION BY LOCATION

	% OF COUNTY	RESIDENTS
BLOOMFIELD	7.1%	2,285
JASONVILLE	6.7%	2,138
LINTON	16.3%	5,210
LYONS	2.2%	715
NEWBERRY	0.6%	185
SWITZ CITY	0.9%	282
WORTHINGTON	4.4%	1,404

POPULATION ESTIMATES BY AGE, 2017

PRESCHOOL (0 TO 4)	1,727
SCHOOL AGE (5 TO 17)	5,387
COLLEGE AGE (18 TO 24)	2,372
YOUNG ADULT (25 TO 44)	7,273
OLDER ADULT (45 TO 64)	9,252
SENIORS (65 AND OLDER)	6,166
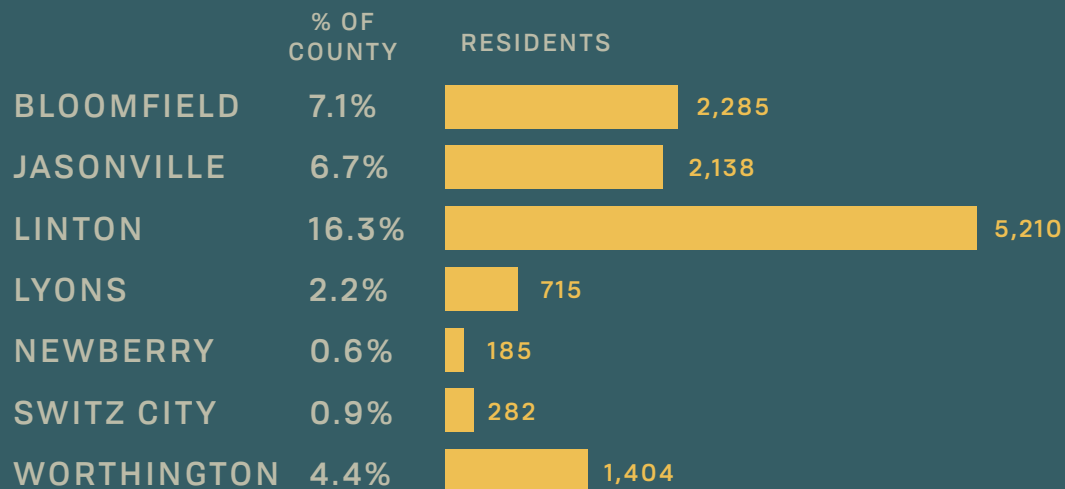
Child care costs

According to Indiana Institute for Working Families, the annual child care expenses in Greene County for 1 Preschooler + 1 School-Age Child is
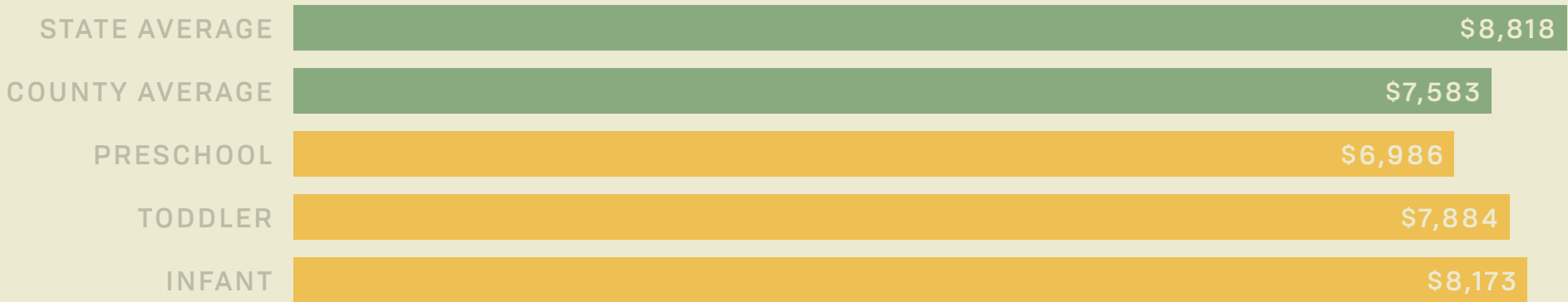
$9,240

According to the 2018 Indiana Early Learning Advisory Commission, the percentage of income a single parent in poverty pays for high-quality child care is
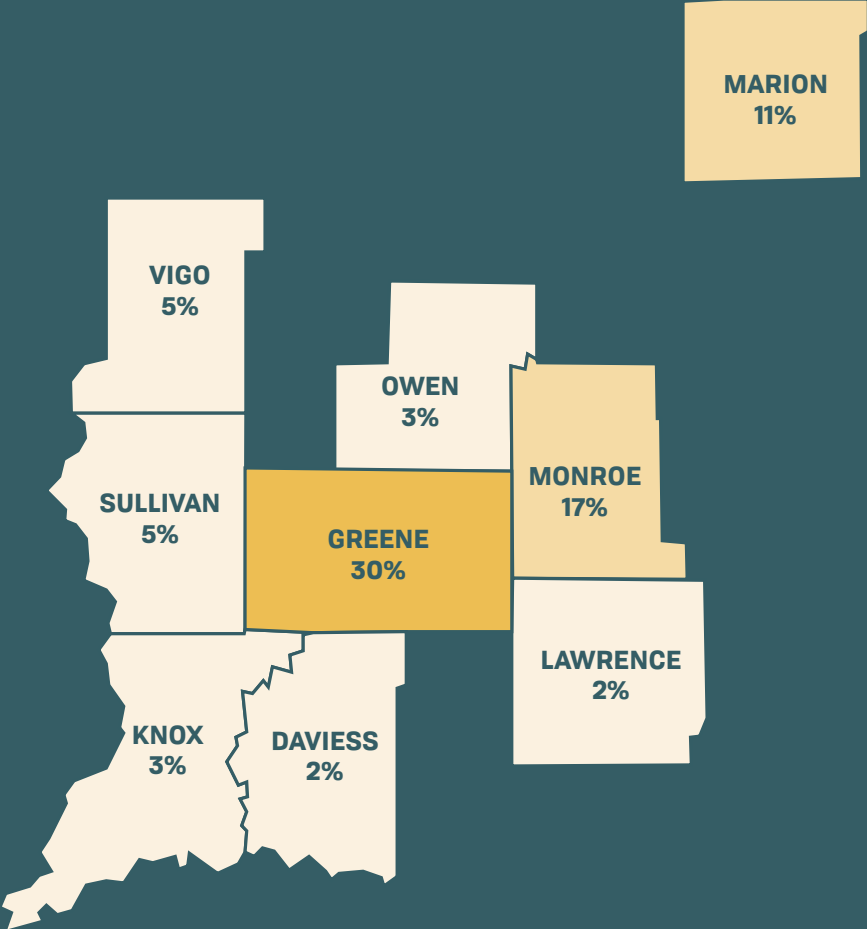
47%

(2017)

According to the 2018 Indiana Early Learning Advisory Commission, high-quality enrollment in known programs in the County is
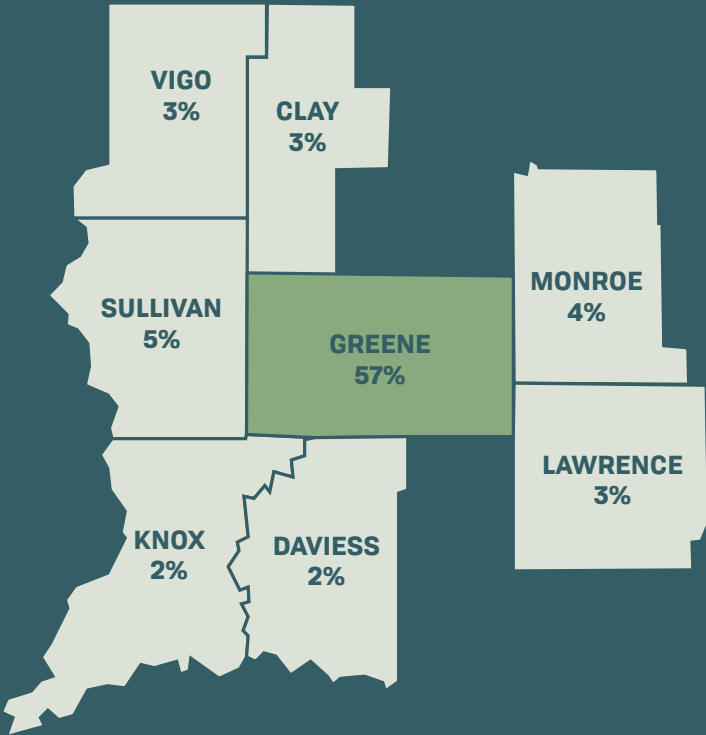
8%

DOWN 29% FROM THE STATE AVERAGE.

According to the 2018 Indiana Early Learning Advisory Commission, these are the costs associated with high-quality programs by age for the County.

STATE AVERAGE	$8,818
COUNTY AVERAGE	$7,583
PRESCHOOL	$6,986
TODDLER	$7,884
INFANT	$8,173

Where Greene County Residents WORK

MARION 11%

VIGO 5%

OWEN 3%

MONROE 17%

SULLIVAN 5%

GREENE 30%

LAWRENCE 2%

KNOX 3%

DAVIESS 2%

Where Greene County Workers LIVE


VIGO 3%

CLAY 3%

MONROE 4%

SULLIVAN 5%

GREENE 57%

LAWRENCE 3%

KNOX 2%

DAVIESS 2%

Source: Indiana Career Connections and Talent, Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Commission for Higher Education, 2018; Counties with less than 2% not inlcuded

Solutions

Through stakeholder engagement, the following 12 categories were identified as points of interest, offering growth opportunities for the County and its residents. Two specific categories are not mentioned below but ranked high in survey results: retaining 25-35 year olds and the creation of high-paying jobs. These are repetitive themes the County has seen dating back to the 2009 County Comprehensive Plan. We believe that tackling the following areas of interest will create pathways, building upon the already strong foundation to address those additional key issues of attracting and retaining young adults and the creation of high-paying jobs.
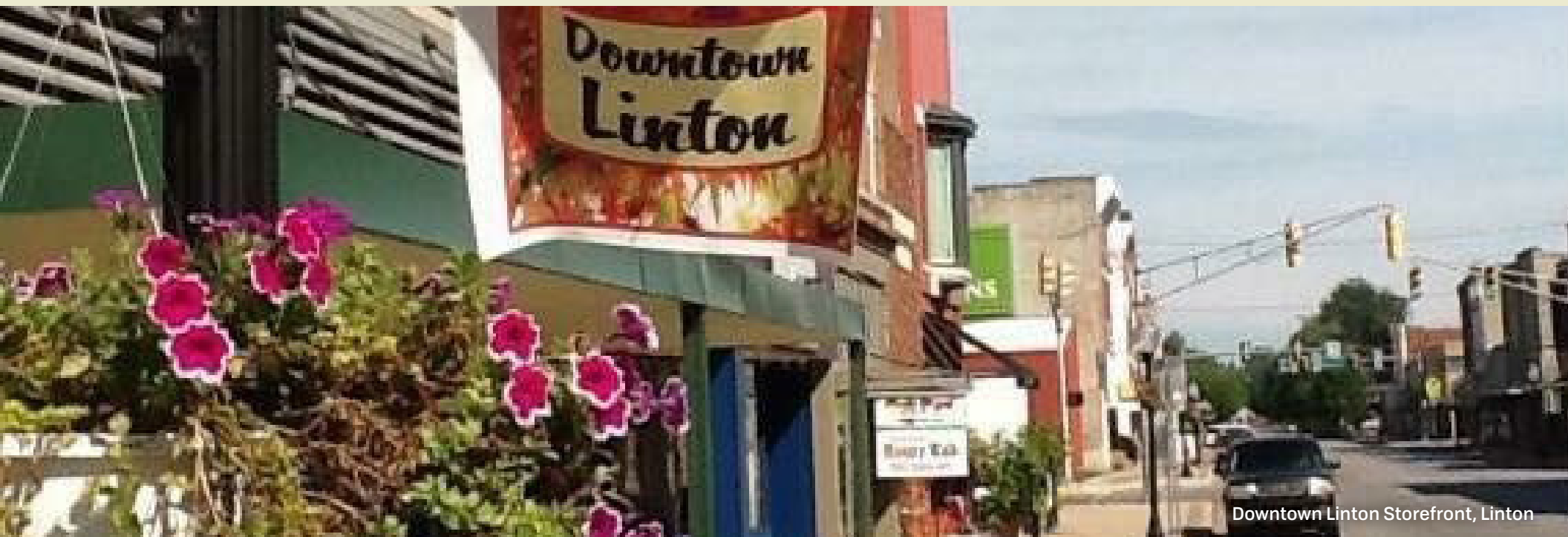
Downtown Linton Storefront, Linton

Aesthetics and Beautification Enhancements

Project	Partners
COUNTY-WIDE IDENTITY	Friends of Goose Pond, Friends of Shakamak, Shakamak State Park, Greene County Economic Development Corporation, Greene County Convention, Visitor and Tourist Commission, Greene County Government
DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT	Bloomfield Downtown Revitalization, Inc., Discover Linton, City of Linton, Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerice, Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, Shakamak Chamber of Commerce, Worthington Merchants and Friends
PARK IMPROVEMENT & ACCESSIBILITY	Pride in the Park (Humphreys Park in Linton), Linton City Park Board, Classic Cruisers, Bloomfield Park Board, Jasonville Park Board

Connectivity Infrastucture Development

Project	Partners
BROADBAND	Greene County Economic Development Corporation, Greene County Broadband Readiness Plan Steering Committee
HOUSING	Greene County Economic Development Corporation
TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS	Pride in the Park (Humphreys Park in Linton), Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Linton City Park Board, City of Linton, Bloomfield Park Board, Jasonville Park Board, Purdue Extension, Greene County Government

Community Cohesion & Support

Project	Partners
COLLABORATION BETWEEN EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY	Greene County Economic Development Corporation, MSD of Shakamak, White River Valley School District, Linton-Stockton School Corporation, Bloomfield School District, Eastern Greene Schools, Greene County CEO Program, Twin Rivers CTE- G/S Health Sciences, WestGate Authority Board, Regional Opportunity Initatives, Inc.
ENHANCING ARTS AND CULTURE	IDNR, Friends of Goose Pond, Greene County Convention, Visitor and Tourist Commission, Purdue Extension, Greene County Foundation. Linton Farmers Market (Pride in the Park), Regional Opportunity Initatives, Inc.
COUNTY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER	Greene County General Hospital, Greene County General Hospital Foundation, Greene County Economic Development
COWORKING SPACE	Greene County General Hospital, Greene County General Hospital Foundation, Bloomfield Public Library, Regional Opportunity Initatives, Inc.
CHILDCARE OPTIONS	Greene County Economic Development Corporation
SOCIAL SERVICES	System of Care, Greene County Foundation, Greene County General Hospital, Greene County Alcohol and Drug Support Groups, The Hamilton Center (Bloomfield and Linton), Social Services through My Clinics

GCGH Foundation, Linton

Context

To further expand on the 12 points of interest, let's take a deeper dive into each category. Here we'll look at where the County has been historically, the strides it has made and recommendations to further enhance the quality of place for current and future residents.

Linton Farmers' Market, Humphreys Park

County-wide Identity

We live in a world where people decide where they want to live and then look for a job, much different than the trends of the previous decades. Having a county-wide identify to share both internally and externally is key when attracting and retaining citizens.

When speaking with residents, most gravitate to the diversity of the County and its natural assets. With the completion of I-69, the County's landscape is evolving and additional opportunities will come because of it.

The idea of creating a county-wide identity has been pitched to the Sustaining Hooser Communities/IU Center for Rural Engagement as a project to move forward. The goal is to update the County logo, create kiosks that identify landmarks throughout the County and design and construct wayfinding signage.

In addition to these efforts, it's important that the County is engaging and developing the next generation of leaders. From elected and appointed officials to board members of various organizations and non-profits, a creative program to engage the youth is an integral part of Greene County's long-term success.

Next Steps:

- Update logo and create marketing pieces that prove the County is the ultimate place to live, work and play.

- Secure funding for kiosks and wayfinding signage as well as additional marketing material.

- Develop and engage the next generation of leaders through a NextGen Development and Enhancement Program (i.e. Mayor's Roundtable, Youth Council, etc.) and/or Young Professionals Association, offering networking opportunities.

Downtown Redevelopment

Category:
AESTHETICS AND BEAUTIFICATION ENHANCEMENTS

Potential Partners: Bloomfield Downtown Revitalization, Inc., Discover Linton, City of Linton, Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce, Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, Shakamak Chamber of Commerce, Worthington Merchants and Friends

Revitalization and the creation of public spaces have become an integral part in Quality of Place. People are interested in attractive downtowns and streetscapes, fun community events and walkability. Two communities have embraced those efforts through the formation of Mainstreet organizations: Bloomfield and Linton. Through this Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs program, these communities have access to additional grant funding and further planning opportunities.

Next Steps:

- Share plans between the two organizations, identifying synergies and potential ways to partner.

- Update existing plans and seek funding to be used toward matching requirements.

GCGH Staff, Linton-Stockton Chamber's Freedom Festival Parade

Park Improvement & Accessibility

Category:
AESTHETICS AND BEAUTIFICATION ENHANCEMENTS

Potential Partners: Pride in the Park (Humphreys Park in Linton), Linton City Park Board, Classic Cruisers, Bloomfield Park Board, Jasonville Park Board, Greene County Foundation, Regional Opportunity Initatives, Inc.

Indiana Bicentenial Parade Float,
Linton-Stockton Chamber's Freedom Festival Parade

Parks throughout the County see thousands of visitors throughout the year. Humphreys Park in the City of Linton, in particular, accommodates over 100,000 visitors yearly with events such as a car show and the Linton Freedom Festival. To further market and attract both residents and visitors, several items have been identified by Park Boards to enhance current features and improve accessibility. Some of these include but are not limited to: new trees planted, repair and painting of existing facilities, new bean bag court, new race course for bicycles, new bushes, new storage sheds, restored masonry, new restrooms, update electrical service, install surveillance cameras, prune trees, ensure ADA compliance, additional and/or updated playground equipment, reading benches and improved drainage.

Next Steps:

· Work cohesively between park districts to identify project list.

· Strategize and prioritize project list and phasing.

· Seek additional grant funding.

Broadband Connectivity

As is the case in much of rural Indiana, the lack of broadband across the County continues to be of concern. Through the work of the Greene County Economic Development Corporation, the communities of Bloomfield, Jasonville, Switz City and Worthington were selected in September 2018 as one of five rural Indiana communities that will receive funding as a part of the Broadband Readiness Planning Grant. Through the grant, the community received $50,000 as a part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to develop a plan that will educate, create and identify ways to improve broadband speeds within the county. Three steering committee meetings have taken place and the group is working through next steps. In order to attract and retain citizens as well as business, broadband is a need that must be addressed in the coming years.

In addition, three of the five school districts throughout the County are 1:1 with chromebooks, meaning each student has a chromebook to take home. Textbooks as well as assignments are found on these devices, most of which require internet access. Other school districts in the County would like to move in that direction but haven't for the lack of broadband.

% OF U.S. ADADULTS WHO USE THE INTERNET, BY AGE

○ 18-29   ○ 30-49   ○ 50-64   ○ 65+

Source: Surveys conducted 2000-2019. Data for each year based on a pooled analysis of all surveys conducted during that year.

Next Steps:

- Identify a vision for broadband for Greene County in the future.
- Identify potential funding mechanisms to implement a county-wide broadband plan.
  - Connect America Fund (CAF)
    https://www.fcc.gov/general/connect-america-fund-caf
  - Next Level Connections Broadband Grant
    https://www.in.gov/ocra/nlc.htm
- Meet with utility companies to gauge interest in potential partnerships.
  - Example: SCI Fiber
    https://www.sciremc.com/content/fiber-0

Housing

Greene County median home values in 2017 ranked 70th of 92. Ample, affordable housing options throughout the county have been and continue to be a pain point for residents. 19.14% of survey respondents indicated they would like more housing choices within the county, a redundant echo of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

The Greene County Economic Development Corporation has been working with the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation to identify land in eastern Greene County for residential development. The need for land use planning may become more prevalent as the County continues to dive further into development. With neighbors such as Monroe County and NSA Crane coupled with the completion of I-69, an increase in housing options within Greene County mixed with the ease of transportation through the region could be a tremendous opportunity.

Next Steps:

· Utilize the Indiana Uplands Housing Study findings to understand assets and opportunities.

· Work to identify future opportunities for new housing options.

$95,900
MEDIAN HOME VALUE IN 2017

70th IN THE STATE OF INDIANA

Trail Enhancements

Category:
CONNECTIVITY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Potential Partners: Pride in the Park (Humphreys Park in Linton), Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Linton City Park Board, City of Linton, Bloomfield Park Board, Jasonville Park Board, Purdue Extension, Greene County Government, Regional Opportunity Initatives, Inc.

When it comes to public trails, outside of the local parks systems, no paved, defined trails can be found within the County. The Purdue Extension office has identified potential trail routes at the Fairgrounds located in the heart of the County. Much of the research and groundwork for this inaugural trail has been planned. With assistance in funding, the County's first paved trail could be realized.

The City of Linton is planning a walking trail that will extend from Greene County General Hospital to Humphreys Park. A Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been commissioned to advise the City on planning the trail from a pedestrian viewpoint. Over $5,000 has been raised by the committee to purchase a welcome sign that will face the walking trail. Additional grant funding has already been secured for constuction which is set to begin in the spring of 2020.

Additionally, a long-term planning committee has met with local cyclists to identify county roads which could be used as a future county-wide trail system. To make this dream a reality, public education on safety would need to take place.

Next Steps:

- Coordinate between the local park districts and gauge interest in trail planning.

- Approach the County regarding a County parks department/ trail system.

- Create a formal plan for implementation.

- Secure additional funding for identified routes including educating the public and signage.

Collaboration between Education and Industry

We live in a global economy and the only way to truly thrive is through collaboration. Manufacturing doesn't look the same as it did 30 years ago. Most jobs require some sort of training, whether it be on-the-job, an apprenticeship, a certificate or a degree. One of the best ways to ensure a community is investing in itself is through collaboration between education and local industries, creating a pipeline of talent to fill local jobs.
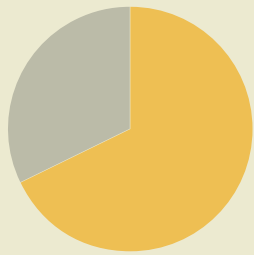
68%
of Greene County high school graduates go on to a 4 year post-secondary college or university following graduation
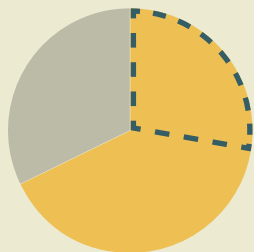
28%
of those individuals went back for their 2nd year

School districts within the County are working hard to offer solutions geared toward advanced placement coursework for college preparation as well as vocational programs such as but not limited to culinary arts, precision machining and early childhood education. Although schools are working diligently on these endeavors, there appears to be untapped opportunities for increased collaboration between education and industry. Through community stakeholder engagements, two separate employers shared their thoughts on tools that would help them succeed moving forward. One employer shared "a better vocational program in the schools would help our situation. We feel that a lot of school programs overlook manufacturing jobs as a 'real' career opportunity." Another employer shared they would appreciate 'a better understanding of curriculum utilized in STEM education as well as Material/Shop areas that are directly related to energy storage and renewables.' Through increased collaboration schools can capitalize on industry insights from local employers as well as expertise from Naval Support Activity Crane and the Battery Innovation Center.

All five school systems belong to Career and Technical Education cooperatives: Linton-Stockton, MSD Shakamak and WRV are part of the Twin Rivers Cooperative; Eastern Greene and Bloomfield are part of the Bloomington North Cooperative. There have been recent developments by some of the school districts to create their own stand alone programs that could serve as local talent pipelines in some areas (i.e. Precision Machining). Improved local business/education collaboration could help bolster start-

up programs that would help keep talent trained and locally employed. It could also help with retraining underemployed adults in the county.

On another front, Greene County CEO is launching in the Fall of 2019 as an exciting step toward further collaboration. The CEO program is entrepreneurship education that seeks to prepare people, especially youth, to be responsible, enterprising individuals who become entrepreneurs or entrepreneurial thinkers and contribute to economic development and sustainable communities. Students are immersed in real life learning experiences with the opportunity to take risks, manage the results and learn from the outcomes.

Next Steps:

- Create a roundtable group between employers and educators to foster collaboration, focus should be in areas of the county not participating in the Ready Schools cohort to prevent dublication of ongoing Regional Opportunity Initiatives efforts.

- Identify the needs of employers as well as school systems and create a plan determining both where synergies already exist as well as where there are gaps in educational opportunities.

- Create additional skills training opportunities for students, creating a pipeline for employers.

- Help retrain underemployed adults in the County to increase numbers of possible local talent pipeline for employers.

White River Valley High School, Switz City

Enhancing Arts and Culture

Category:
AESTHETICS AND BEAUTIFICATION ENHANCEMENTS/
COMMUNITY COHESION & SUPPORT

Potential Partners: IDNR, Friends of Goose Pond, Greene County Convention, Visitor and Tourist Commission, Purdue Extension, Greene County Foundation. Linton Farmers Market (Pride in the Park), Regional Opportunity Initatives, Inc.

With longstanding roots and vast landscapes, the County is truly a visual wonder. Whether it's the Tulip Trestle, Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area, the Shawnee Summer Theatre, the Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum or participating in Greene County 4-H, there is a rich history across the County with much pride. Keeping the integrity of such vital parts of the County's heritage is important to its citizens.

In addition to those County staples, smaller (but none-the-less important) undertakings such as the Linton Farmers Market are fundamental to the continued growth and prosperity of the County. Since the Farmers Market accepts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, it can also play an important role in the health of the residents.

Next Steps:

· Identify all arts and cultural opportunities within the County, creating a list of needs to ensure sustainability and viability long term.

· Seek additional grant funding for arts and cultural opportunities.

· Develop a volunteer program to provide additional information and tourism opportunities for Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area.

· Explore and develop a plan to support and permanently house the Linton Farmers Market.

TeamOrtho Senior Summer Fitness Group, Humphreys Park

County Health and Wellness Center

Category:
COMMUNITY COHESION & SUPPORT

Potential Partners: Greene County General Hospital, Greene County General Hospital Foundation, Greene County Economic Development Corporation

Repeatedly residents expressed frustration throughout the QPAT online survey as well as the public input session, regarding the lack of a health and wellness facility within the County. The County currently has three fitness facilities, two of which are specialty studios (women only and class specific). With so few options, this will continue to be an issue for the County going forward. This also creates greater concerns for community health and wellness as a whole.

Community leaders are currently working with Sustaining Hoosier Communities/IU Center for Rural Engagement on information gathering and plan creation. They are also working through donor engagement strategies and a potential business model.

Additionally, Greene County General Hospital has placed telehealth clinics called "My Virtual Clinic" at three (soon-to-be four) area schools. The school-based clinic gives students the opportunity to be seen via two-way video conferencing by a licensed healthcare provider without having to leave school. The healthcare provider can perform exams through technology that allows a high-resolution visualization of ears, throat, and skin as well as a high-fidelity sound of heart and lungs. This service could be expanded to other schools and even businesses throughout the county to provide quality healthcare to more residents in affordable and sustainable way.

Next Steps:

- Continue working through Sustaining Hoosier Communities/IU Center for Rural Engagement on moving this project forward.

- Research steps necessary to sustain such a project.

- Launch a funding campaign.

- Secure funding for additional telehealth clinics.

ADULT OBESITY IN 2018

GREENE COUNTY 33.1%

NATIONAL AVERAGE 32.2%
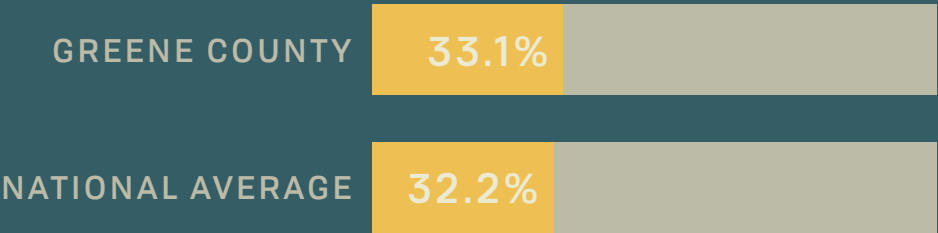
Source: County Health Rankings; CDC Diabetes Interactive Atlas

Coworking Space

Category:
COMMUNITY COHESION & SUPPORT

Potential Partners: Greene County General Hospital, Greene County General Hospital Foundation, Bloomfield Public Library, Regional Opportunity Initatives, Inc.

Coworking spaces are popping up all across the country, but up until recently, one couldn't be found in Greene County. That is until Greene County General Hospital Foundation, a division of Greene County General Hospital, stepped up in summer 2019 and decided to convert the former home health office into the County's first coworking space, Open Desk. Located in the heart of Linton, it serves as a one-stop shop for entrepreneurs, small business owners, professionals, students and others interested in renting a private office, cubicle or open office space. Since opening, the Open Desk has five registered users and several more expressing interest in the space.

As the fourth largest county (by land area) in Indiana, Greene County General Hospital wondered if there would be enough interest and support for multiple coworking spaces in the county. Of the 1,126 survey responses for the Plan, 89.38% of participants indicated they supported coworking space in Greene County, with 20.13% stating they would utilize the space. When asked, 73.30% of respondents stated that would support multiple locations throughout the county.

OPEN DESK
cowork space
812-699-4438

IS COWORKING SPACE SOMETHING YOU WOULD SUPPORT IN GREENE COUNTY?

69.25% YES, I SUPPORT IT, BUT IT'S NOT FOR ME

20.13% YES, I WOULD UTILIZE COWORKING SPACE

10.62% NO, I DON'T SEE THE NEED
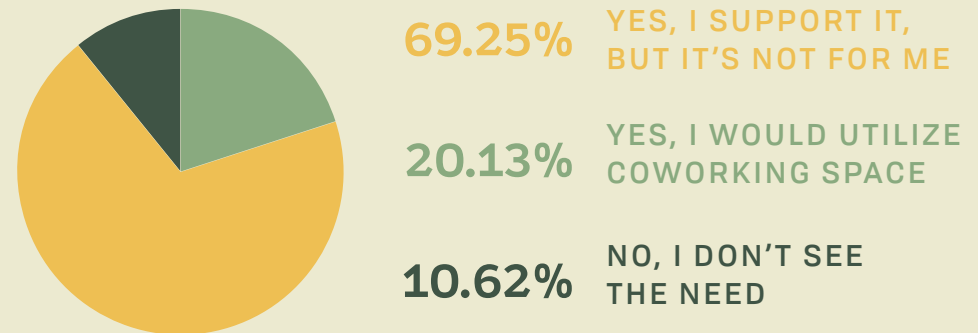
Next Steps:

· Identify enhancements that need to be made to existing coworking space to create optimal results.

· Identify other community partners who may have an interest or space available to house additional coworking offices.

· Become a member of the Indiana Coworking Passport to better leverage and market space. https://www.fcc.gov/general/connect-america-fund-caf

· Identify Entrepreneurs/Small Business leaders who can champion the space.

Childcare Options

Childcare is one of the largest expenses a family bears monthly. The Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) published a report in 2018 stating 47% of a single parent in poverty's income goes to pay for high-quality child care in the County. That same report states that 8% of children in Greene County are enrolled in a high-quality program, down 29% from the state average. 1,413 children in the County are in need of childcare. With additional affordable, high-quality childcare options available, more people may be able to enter the workforce.

Next Steps:

- Identify all childcare centers throughout the County and create a plan of action.

- Research other communities and employers who have taken on this project internally.

  - Perry Childcare, Tell City (non-profit created through employers and Perry County Development Corporation)

  - SIA (Subaru) provides on-site childcare options for employees.

HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS BY AGE?

27 + **1** + **5** = **8%** vs. **37%**

PRESCHOOLERS + INFANTS + TODDLERS = TOTAL IN HQ CARE IN GREENE COUNTY vs. AVERAGE

Social Services

11.6% of households in the County live in poverty. What's more, 18.8% of young children live in poverty. The per capita personal income for the County is over $7,000 less than the state average. The need for additional assistance from social services for families to survive is growing. In addition, assistance for public safety has been identified as a need.

System of Care is a group of non-profits that meet frequently to discuss needs and projects for the communities. The need for more collaboration and support, both from an administration standpoint as well as financial, is growing annually.

Next Steps:

- Identify all non-profits within the County focused on social services and create marketing materials that can be distributed to public places (schools, libraries, grocery stores, government offices, etc.).

- Identify needs within each non-profit and find synergies across multiple agencies.

- Create a plan to foster growth and sustainability for non-profits.

- Identify a project list and seek additional funding.

- Establish a process for keeping census data up-to-date to ensure funding and services are available for citizens.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME (ANNUAL) IN 2017

GREENE COUNTY	$37,575
INDIANA	$45,150
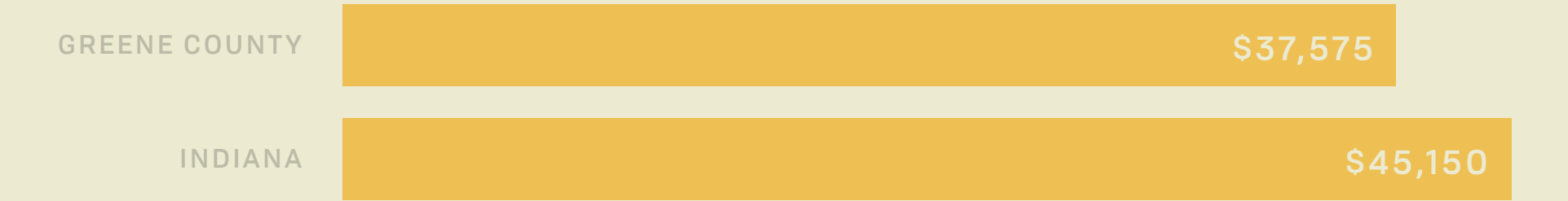
Freedom Festival Parade,
Linton-Stockton Chamber's Freedom Festival Parade

Bloomfield-Eastern Greene Public Library,
Bloomfield

City of Linton Parade Float,
Linton-Stockton Chamber's Freedom Festival Parade

Riding Trail,
Redbird State Recreation Area
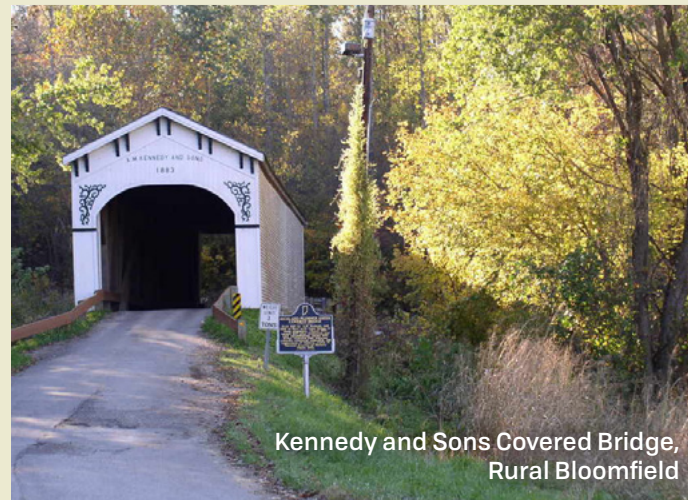
Kennedy and Sons Covered Bridge,
Rural Bloomfield

Parade Entry,
Linton-Stockton Chamber's Freedom Festival Parade

Humphreys Park,
Linton

TeamOrtho Senior Summer Fitness Group,
Humphreys Park

Route 67 Diner,
Downtown Worthington

Appendix

About the Greene County Foundation

OUR HISTORY

Founded as a public charity in 1997, the Greene County Foundation is a vital and sustainable organization. The Foundation serves the people of the Greene County community. A volunteer Board of Directors, whose makeup reflects the diversity of the communities it serves, governs the Foundation. The Foundation has over $8.6 million in assets as of December 2017, and since inception, has granted over $12 million. Over the last twenty years, the Foundation has had a philanthropic impact in every school, town, city and informal community in Greene County.

OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Greene County Foundation is to inspire individuals to engage in strengthening Greene County now and for generations to come.

As a public charity, we accomplish our mission by:

- Building permanent charitable funds
- Connecting donors to organizations, programs and charitable causes of interest
- Making effective grants
- Providing leadership on community issues

Shakamak State Park

OUR CORE VALUES

Stewardship – We believe responsible stewardship builds an effective Foundation.

Accountability – We believe it is our obligation to be answerable to our donors and our community in everything we do.

Leadership – We believe that the Foundation guides the development of philanthropy in Greene County.

Credibility – We believe that integrity is imperative in our conduct with other organizations, donors, and cons both within our community and elsewhere.

Community – We believe the Foundation unites Greene County in community sharing through philanthropic initiatives.

Philanthropy – We believe in promoting philanthropy as a devoted and unselfish concern for the welfare of others through gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

The National Standards Seal by our name indicates official confirmation from the Council on Foundations and the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance that we have met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy. It affirms our commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability. It says our grantmaking includes an open, competitive process designed to address the changing needs of our community. The National Standards Seal also confirms our history of honoring donors' wishes—to support the arts, cultivate gardens, help the homeless, cure illness, expand literacy, feed children, and countless other important causes.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program was established in 2000 in cooperation with the Council on Foundations. National Standards guide community foundations in establishing legal, ethical and effective operational practices that serve as blueprints for internal development and benchmarks for external assessment. The 43 National Standards require that we document our policies in donor services, investment management, grantmaking and administration. To receive confirmation of National Standards compliance, the Community Foundation submitted its organizational and financial policies and procedures to a rigorous peer review.

White Owl, Shakamak State Park

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Greene County, Indiana

Formed in 1821 and named after Revolutionary War hero General Nathaniel Greene

County Seat: Bloomfield
Largest City: Linton (2018 population: 5,210)
Population per Square Mile: 59.00
Square Miles: 542.50
Go to county's in.gov site

Population over Time	Number	Rank in State	Percent of State	Indiana
Yesterday (2010)	33,172	51	0.5%	6,484,192
Today (2018)	32,006	53	0.5%	6,691,878
Tomorrow (2020 projection)*	32,920	51	0.5%	6,852,121
Percent Change 2010 to Today	-3.5%	75		3.2%

*Projection based on 2010 Census counts.
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Indiana Business Research Center

Components of Population Change, 2017-2018	Number	Rank in State	Percent of State	Indiana
Net Domestic Migration	-69	62		3,555
Net International Migration	4	59		9,227
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	-108	90	-0.6%	19,211

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age, 2018	Number	Rank in State	Pct Dist. in County	Pct Dist. in State
Preschool (0 to 4)	1,659	58	5.2%	6.3%
School Age (5 to 17)	5,360	51	16.7%	17.2%
College Age (18 to 24)	2,299	55	7.2%	9.8%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	7,215	52	22.5%	25.4%
Older Adult (45 to 64)	9,225	46	28.8%	25.6%
Seniors (65 and older)	6,248	45	19.5%	15.8%
Median Age	43.7		Median Age = 37.9	

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Indiana Business Research Center

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2018	Number	Rank of	Pct Dist. in County	Pct Dist. in State
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	124	48	0.4%	0.4%
Asian Alone	120	62	0.4%	2.5%
Black Alone	90	82	0.3%	9.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	8	63	0.0%	0.1%
White	31,327	52	97.9%	85.1%
Two or More Race Groups	337	54	1.1%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (can be of any race)				
Non-Hispanic	31,530	49	98.5%	92.9%
Hispanic	476	67	1.5%	7.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Household Types	Number	Rank in State	Pct Dist. in County	Pct Dist. in State
Households in 2017 (Includes detail not shown below)	12,653	49	100.0%	100.0%
Married With Children	2,358	53	18.6%	18.8%
Married Without Children	4,547	47	35.9%	30.0%
Single Parents	879	58	6.9%	9.6%
Living Alone	3,585	43	28.3%	28.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Housing	Number	Rank in State	Pct Dist. in County	Pct Dist. in State
Total Housing Units in 2018 (estimate)	15,265	45	100.0%	100.0%
Total Housing Units in 2017 (includes vacant units)	15,242	44	100.0%	100.0%
Owner Occupied (Pct. distribution based on all housing units)	10,086	44	66.2%	61.2%
Median Value (2017)	$95,900	70		
Renter Occupied (Pct. distribution based on all housing units)	2,567	56	16.8%	27.7%
Median Rent (2017)	$417	86		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Education	Number	Rank in State	Percent of State	Indiana
School Enrollment (2018/2019 Total Reported)	4,967	53	0.4%	1,117,590
Public	4,967	51	0.5%	1,054,903

	Number	Rank in State	Percent of State	Indiana
Adults (25+ in 2017 ACS)	22,716	47	0.5%	4,369,451
with High School diploma or higher	87%	60		88.3%
with B.A. or higher degree	14.5%	64		25.3%

Sources: Indiana Department of Education; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Income and Poverty	Number	Rank in State	Percent of State	Indiana
Per Capita Personal Income (annual) in 2017	$37,575	63	83.2%	45,150
Median Household Income in 2017	59,347	19	109.6%	$54,134
Poverty Rate in 2017	11.6%	49	87.2%	13.3%
Poverty Rate among Children under 18	18.8%	34	105.6%	17.8%
Welfare (TANF) Monthly Average Families in 2018	22	61	0.4%	6,032
Food Stamp Recipients in 2018	3,075	35	0.5%	605,854
Free and Reduced Fee Lunch Recipients in 2018/2019	2,366	49	0.5%	514,915

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Census Bureau; Indiana Family Social Services Administration; Indiana Department of Education

Health and Vital Statistics	Number	Rank of	Percent of State	Indiana
Births, 2017	349	52	0.4%	82,170
Births to Teens, 2017	31	40	0.6%	5,152
Deaths, 2017	411	43	0.6%	65,602

Source: Indiana State Department of Health

Labor Force, 2018	Number	Rank in State	Percent of State	Indiana
Total Resident Labor Force	13,754	58	0.4%	3,381,713
Employed	13,145	60	0.4%	3,265,580
Unemployed	609	43	0.5%	116,133
Annual Unemployment Rate	4.4	6	129.4%	3.4
May 2019 Unemployment Rate	3.6	8	124.1%	2.9

Source: STATS Indiana, using data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Employment and Earnings by Industry, 2017	Employment	Pct Dist. in County	Earnings ($000)	Pct Dist. In County	Avg. Earnings Per Job
Total by place of work	10,816	100.0%	$373,999	100.0%	$34,578
Wage and Salary	7,115	65.8%	$250,192	66.9%	$35,164

Farm Proprietors	716	6.6%	$3,845	1.0%	$5,370
Nonfarm Proprietors	2,985	27.6%	$51,319	13.7%	$17,192
Farm	908	8.4%	$8,278	2.2%	$9,117
Nonfarm	9,908	91.6%	$365,721	97.8%	$36,912
Private	7,975	73.7%	$269,887	72.2%	$33,842
Accommodation, Food Serv.	623	5.8%	$10,138	2.7%	$16,273
Arts, Ent., Recreation	86	0.8%	$774	0.2%	$9,000
Construction	736	6.8%	$33,120	8.9%	$45,000
Health Care, Social Serv.	Data not available due to BEA non-disclosure requirements.				
Information	40	0.4%	$1,477	0.4%	$36,925
Manufacturing	603	5.6%	$30,816	8.2%	$51,104
Professional, Tech. Serv.	400	3.7%	$16,931	4.5%	$42,328
Retail Trade	1,373	12.7%	$31,178	8.3%	$22,708
Trans., Warehousing	348	3.2%	$21,355	5.7%	$61,365
Wholesale Trade	139	1.3%	$6,522	1.7%	$46,921
Other Private (not above)	2,545*	23.5%*	$73,921*	19.8%*	$29,046*
Government	1,933	17.9%	$95,834	25.6%	$49,578

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
* These totals do not include county data that are not available due to BEA non-disclosure requirements.

Residential Building Permits, 2018	Units	Pct Dist. in County	Pct Dist. in State	Cost ($000)	State Cost ($000)
Total Permits Filed	0	N/A	100%	$0	4,879,857
Single-Family	0	N/A	76.4%	$0	$4,269,197
2-Family	0	N/A	2.0%	$0	$49,353
3- and 4-Family	0	N/A	0.2%	$0	$0
5+ Family	0	N/A	21.4%	$0	$555,144

Notes: Detail cost may not sum to total due to rounding. Greene County does not currently issue building permits, so it is excluded.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Largest Cities and Towns in Greene County

Name	Population in 2018	Percent of County
Bloomfield	2,285	7.1%

Jasonville	2,138	6.7%
Linton	5,210	16.3%
Lyons	715	2.2%
Newberry	185	0.6%
Switz City	282	0.9%
Worthington	1,404	4.4%

*Residential building permits are not required in Greene County.

Local Market Update for August 2018
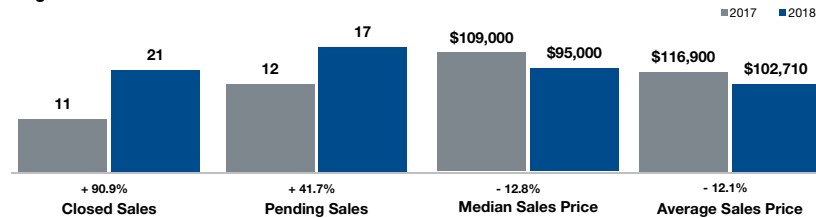A RESEARCH TOOL PROVIDED BY THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

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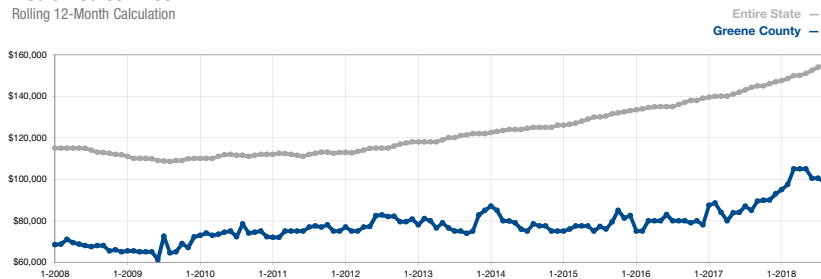| Key Metrics	August			Year to Date		
	2017	2018	Percent Change	Thru 8-2017	Thru 8-2018	Percent Change
New Listings	21	25	+ 19.0%	195	206	+ 5.6%
Closed Sales	11	21	+ 90.9%	128	138	+ 7.8%
Median Sales Price	$109,000	$95,000	- 12.8%	$89,950	$98,750	+ 9.8%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	91.2%	93.6%	+ 2.6%	93.4%	94.6%	+ 1.3%
Months Supply of Inventory	9.5	8.5	- 10.5%	--	--	--
Inventory of Homes for Sale	143	135	- 5.6%	--	--	--

* Does not account for list price from any previous listing contracts. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

August

■ 2017 ■ 2018

+ 90.9%	+ 41.7%	- 12.8%	- 12.1%
Closed Sales	Pending Sales	Median Sales Price	Average Sales Price
11 / 21	12 / 17	$109,000 / $95,000	$116,900 / $102,710

Median Sales Price
Rolling 12-Month Calculation

Entire State —
Greene County —

A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

Current as of September 19, 2018. Data obtained from participating Multiple Listing Services (MLSs) and Broker Listing Cooperatives® (BLCs®). Report © 2018 ShowingTime.

2016 DIGITAL DIVIDE PROFILE

66.85 Digital Divide Index Score

Greene, Indiana

The digital divide index score (DDI) ranges between 0 and 100, where a lower score indicates a lower divide. The infrastructure adoption score and the socioeconomic score both in a 0 to 100 range as well contribute to the overall DDI. Listed below each score are the indicators used.

49.02

Infrastructure/Adoption Score
If this score is much higher than the socioeconomic score, efforts should be made to upgrade the broadband infrastructure.

30.083 average maximum advertised download speed in Mbps

4.819 average maximum advertised upload speed in Mbps

20.1-40.0% of households with a 10/1 broadband connection

13.1% of people without access to fixed broadband of at least 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps up

86.49

Socioeconomic Score
If this score is much higher than the infrastructure/adoption score, efforts should be made to focus on digital literacy and exposing residents to the benefits of the technology.

18.1% population ages 65 and older

14.9% of individuals in poverty

14.4% ages 25 and older with less than a high school degree

19.4% noninstitutionalized civilian population with a disability

$ 3,089,532

Household Consumer Savings
Consumer savings over 20 years if 20% of unserved households had access and subscribed to the service.

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ALICE IN GREENE COUNTY

2016 Point-in-Time Data

Population: 32,633 • **Number of Households:** 12,688
**Median Household Income:** $45,153 (state average: $52,314)
Unemployment Rate: 6.2% (state average: 5.0%)
ALICE Households: 25% (state average: 25%) • **Households in Poverty:** 16% (state average: 14%)

How has the number of ALICE households changed over time?

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The number of households below the ALICE Threshold changes over time; households move in and out of poverty and ALICE status as their circumstances improve or worsen. The recovery, which started in 2010, has been uneven across the state. Conditions have improved for some families, but with rising costs, many still find themselves struggling.

Households by Income, 2010 to 2016
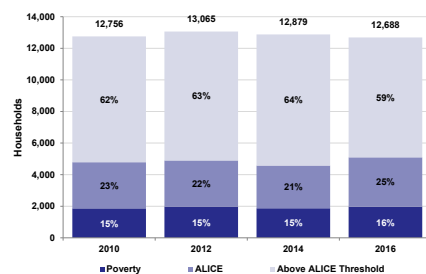
What types of households are struggling?

The way Americans live is changing. There are more different family and living combinations than ever before, including more adults living alone, with roommates, or with their parents. Families with children are changing: There are more non-married cohabiting parents, same-sex parents, and blended families with remarried parents. The number of senior households is also increasing. Yet all types of households continue to struggle: ALICE and poverty-level households exist across all of these living arrangements.

Household Types by Income, 2016
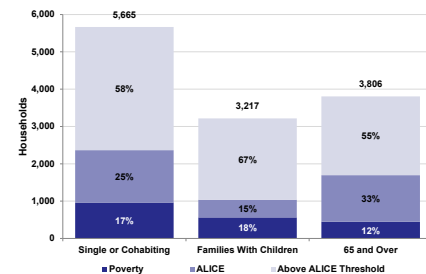
Why do so many households struggle?
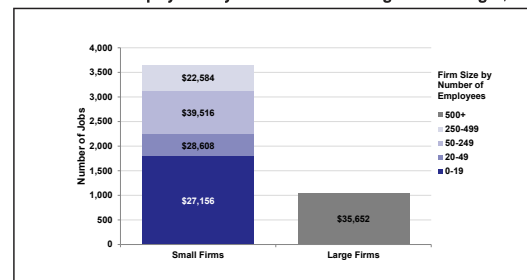
The cost of living continues to increase…
The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. In 2016, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of $11,880 for a single adult and $24,300 for a family of four. Family costs increased by 23 percent statewide from 2010 to 2016, compared to 9 percent inflation nationally.

Household Survival Budget, Greene County

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	$401	$650
Child Care	$–	$729
Food	$158	$525
Transportation	$349	$697
Health Care	$214	$800
Technology	$55	$75
Miscellaneous	$138	$378
Taxes	$200	$304
Monthly Total	$1,515	$4,158
ANNUAL TOTAL	$18,180	$49,896
Hourly Wage	*$9.09*	*$24.95*

…and wages lag behind
Employment and wages vary by location; firms generally pay higher wages in areas with a higher cost of living, although those wages still do not always cover basic needs. Employment and wages also vary by firm size: Large firms tend to offer higher wages and more job stability; smaller businesses can account for more jobs overall, especially in rural areas, but may pay less and offer less stability. Medium-size firms pay more but typically employ the fewest workers.

Private-Sector Employment by Firm Size With Average Annual Wages, 2016

Greene County, 2016		
Town	**Total HH**	**% ALICE & Poverty**
Beech Creek Township	925	39%
Bloomfield Town	1,060	49%
Cass Township	140	29%
Center Township	1,217	39%
Fairplay Township	201	39%
Grant Township	246	32%
Highland Township	294	32%
Jackson Township	649	43%
Jasonville City	785	56%
Jefferson Township	763	42%
Linton City	2,223	53%
Lyons Town	252	40%
Owensburg CDP	200	34%
Richland Township	2,079	40%
Smith Township	155	6%
Stafford Township	235	11%
Stockton Township	3,328	45%
Switz City Town	122	60%
Taylor Township	519	37%
Washington Township	445	43%
Worthington Town	574	54%
Wright Township	1,492	41%

Note: Municipal-level data is 1- and 5-year averages for Incorporated Places and County Subdivisions, which include Census Designated Places (CDPs). Totals do not match county-level numbers because some places cross county borders, geographies may overlap, data is not available for the smallest towns, and county-level data is often 1-year estimates.

Sources: *2016 Point-in-Time Data*: American Community Survey. **ALICE Demographics:** American Community Survey; the ALICE Threshold. **Budget:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Internal Revenue Service; Tax Foundation; and Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, 2016.

Greene County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan

What is the Greene County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan?

In November 2018, the Regional Opportunity Initiative challenged its 11-county region to create quality of place and workforce attraction plans. ROI reached out to each county's economic development and community foundation offices to provide a grant to each county for planning. Once the county's plan is complete, each county will have the opportunity to apply for additional grants from ROI to implement programs and initiatives identified in the plan.

As a part of the process, Greene County assembled a Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Advisory Task Force (QPAT). Greene County's QPAT team is hard at work creating a plan that captures the vision for the county, and resident feedback is needed to fully understand what that vision should be. Those ideas, in turn, will be used to help create the final plan.

Upon completion and acceptance of the plan, Greene County will be able to apply for competitive implantation grants for projects/programs that correspond with the county's Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan.

How is the plan being developed?

1

Phase One: Story Development and Engagement is intended to provide an understanding of the county's current condition, assets and history.

2

Phase Two: Data Analysis, Vision and Opportunities is intended to develop an understanding of the key community goals related to quality of place and workforce assets.

3

Phase Three: Solution Development is intended to provide the county with a prioritized list of project initiatives and a workplan for implementation.
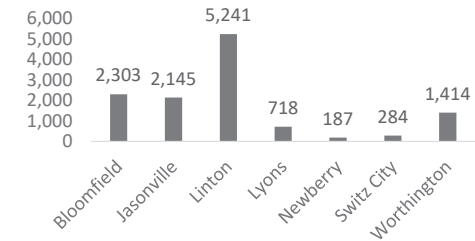
What will the plan include?

The Greene County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan will identify projects and programs that will be able to help develop the vision for the county. Some topics include: quality of life, workforce retention and social services.

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Communities that make up Greene County

32,177
Total Population

Community	Population
Bloomfield	2,303
Jasonville	2,145
Linton	5,241
Lyons	718
Newberry	187
Switz City	284
Worthington	1,414

How does Greene County compare?

Projected Population Growth
Greene County: 2.3%
Daviess County: 2.9%
Lawrence County: 0.3%
Martin County: 0.9%
Owen County: 2.2%
Indiana: 2.8%

Diversity (Non-Caucasian)
Greene County: 2.1%
Daviess County: 4.0%
Lawrence County: 3.0%
Martin County: 2.0%
Owen County: 2.6%
Indiana: 14.6%

Median Age
Greene County: 43.4
Daviess County: 34.9
Lawrence County: 43.2
Martin County: 43.0
Owen County: 44.5
Indiana: 37.7

Median Household Income
Greene County: $46,019
Daviess County: $49,237
Lawrence County: $47,997
Martin County: $51,008
Owen County: $46,069
Indiana: $52,289

Educational Attainment Bachelors Degree or Higher
Greene County: 14.3%
Daviess County: 14.0%
Lawrence County: 14.3%
Martin County: 11.4%
Owen County: 12.0%
Indiana: 24.6%

Labor Force
Greene County: 15,074
Daviess County: 15,846
Lawrence County: 20.776
Martin County: 5,114
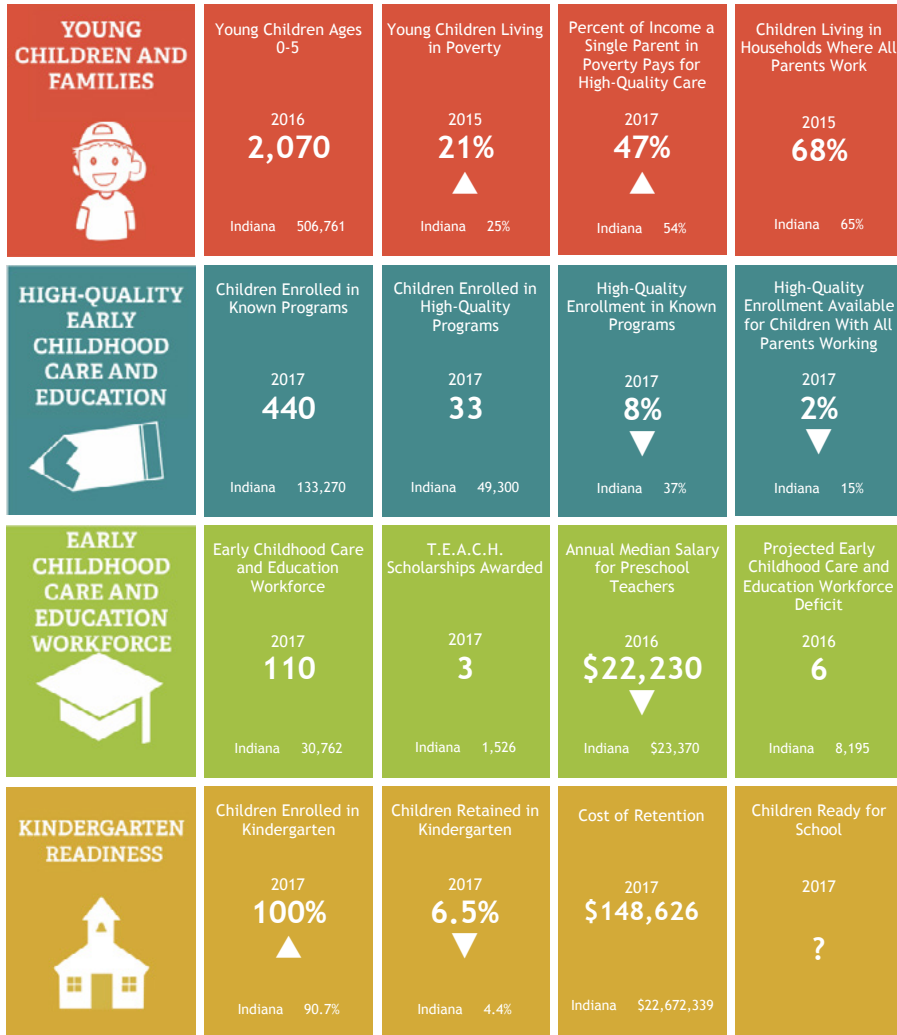Owen County: 9,162
Indiana: 3,320,409

16.1%
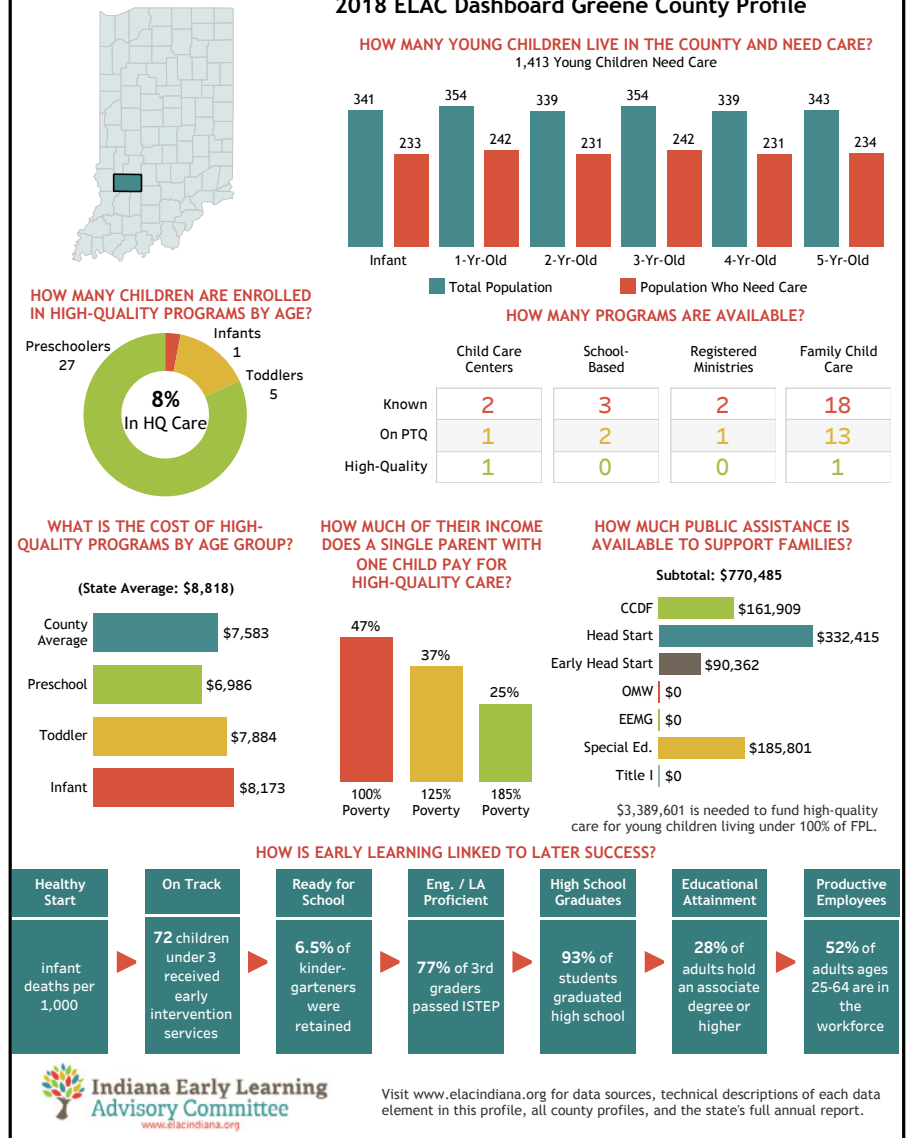POVERTY LEVEL

$36,560
PER CAPITA INCOME

95.3%
EMPLOYMENT RATE

2018 ELAC Dashboard Greene County Profile

Better ▲ Worse ▼
(Compared to State)

YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Young Children Ages 0-5 2016 **2,070** Indiana 506,761	**Young Children Living in Poverty** 2015 **21%** ▲ Indiana 25%	**Percent of Income a Single Parent in Poverty Pays for High-Quality Care** 2017 **47%** ▲ Indiana 54%	**Children Living in Households Where All Parents Work** 2015 **68%** Indiana 65%

HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Children Enrolled in Known Programs 2017 **440** Indiana 133,270	**Children Enrolled in High-Quality Programs** 2017 **33** Indiana 49,300	**High-Quality Enrollment in Known Programs** 2017 **8%** ▼ Indiana 37%	**High-Quality Enrollment Available for Children With All Parents Working** 2017 **2%** ▼ Indiana 15%

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE

Early Childhood Care and Education Workforce 2017 **110** Indiana 30,762	**T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships Awarded** 2017 **3** Indiana 1,526	**Annual Median Salary for Preschool Teachers** 2016 **$22,230** ▼ Indiana $23,370	**Projected Early Childhood Care and Education Workforce Deficit** 2016 **6** Indiana 8,195

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Children Enrolled in Kindergarten 2017 **100%** ▲ Indiana 90.7%	**Children Retained in Kindergarten** 2017 **6.5%** ▼ Indiana 4.4%	**Cost of Retention** 2017 **$148,626** Indiana $22,672,339	**Children Ready for School** 2017 **?**

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HOW MANY YOUNG CHILDREN LIVE IN THE COUNTY AND NEED CARE?
1,413 Young Children Need Care

	Total Population	Population Who Need Care
Infant	341	233
1-Yr-Old	354	242
2-Yr-Old	339	231
3-Yr-Old	354	242
4-Yr-Old	339	231
5-Yr-Old	343	234

HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS BY AGE?

8% In HQ Care
- Infants 1
- Toddlers 5
- Preschoolers 27

HOW MANY PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?

	Child Care Centers	School-Based	Registered Ministries	Family Child Care
Known	2	3	2	18
On PTQ	1	2	1	13
High-Quality	1	0	0	1

WHAT IS THE COST OF HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS BY AGE GROUP?

(State Average: $8,818)

County Average	$7,583
Preschool	$6,986
Toddler	$7,884
Infant	$8,173

HOW MUCH OF THEIR INCOME DOES A SINGLE PARENT WITH ONE CHILD PAY FOR HIGH-QUALITY CARE?

- 100% Poverty: **47%**
- 125% Poverty: **37%**
- 185% Poverty: **25%**

HOW MUCH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT FAMILIES?

Subtotal: $770,485

CCDF	$161,909
Head Start	$332,415
Early Head Start	$90,362
OMW	$0
EEMG	$0
Special Ed.	$185,801
Title I	$0

$3,389,601 is needed to fund high-quality care for young children living under 100% of FPL.

HOW IS EARLY LEARNING LINKED TO LATER SUCCESS?

Healthy Start	On Track	Ready for School	Eng. / LA Proficient	High School Graduates	Educational Attainment	Productive Employees
infant deaths per 1,000	**72** children under 3 received early intervention services	**6.5%** of kinder-garteners were retained	**77%** of 3rd graders passed ISTEP	**93%** of students graduated high school	**28%** of adults hold an associate degree or higher	**52%** of adults ages 25-64 are in the workforce

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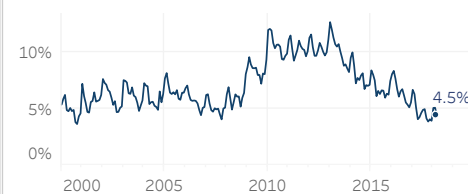
26,215
total population 16 and over

15,074
labor force

57.5%
labor force participation rate (LFPR)

80th
highest LFPR of 92 counties

Unemployment Rate
March 2018, not seasonally adjusted

4.5%

Unemployment Rate Comparison

4.5%
Greene County, Mar 2018 (not seasonally adjusted)

3.2%
Indiana, Mar 2018 (seasonally adjusted)

-0.7
change from last year

84th
lowest of 92 counties

Labor Force by Educational Level (Age 25 to 64)

	Population	Labor Force	Labor Force Participation Rate
Less than HS	2.0K	1.0K	48.5%
High school	6.3K	4.4K	69.6%
Some college/AA	5.9K	4.6K	76.9%
BA or more	2.6K	2.2K	84.8%

Educational Attainment
Lumina Foundation
Age 25 to 64

28.5%   60% goal

% with Associate degree or more
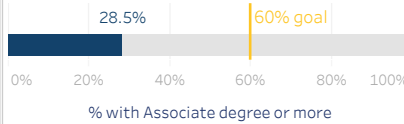
Self-Sufficiency Standard for Greene County, IN

Monthly Costs ($)	One Adult	One Adult, One Child	1 Adult, 2 Children	2 Adults, 2 Children
Housing	491	642	642	642
Food	237	427	607	765
Child Care	0	315	630	455
Other Expenses	531	923	1,000	1,319
Taxes	237	56	-31	-30
Self-Sufficiency Wage ($)				
Monthly	1,496	2,363	2,848	3,151
Annual	17,957	28,352	34,180	37,812

Where Greene County residents work:

Marion 11%
Vigo 5%
Owen 3%
Monroe 17%
Sullivan 5%
Greene 30%
Lawrence 2%
Knox 3%
Daviess 2%

Where Greene County workers live:

Vigo 3%
Clay 3%
Monroe 4%
Sullivan 5%
Greene 57%
Knox 2%
Daviess 2%
Lawrence 3%
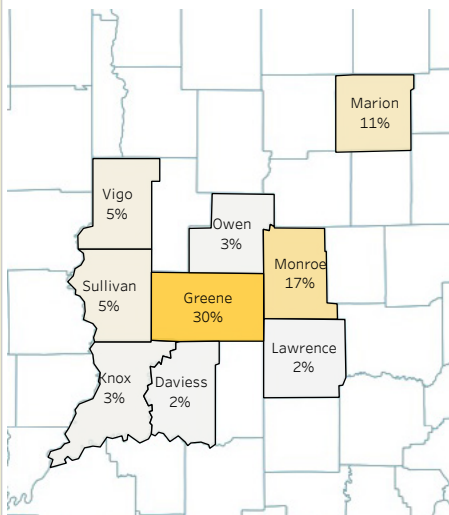
Household Income (Annual)

	Nonfamily Households	Families - No Children	Families - With Children
Median Income ($)	24,533	57,115	59,821

Indiana College Readiness Reports

College Going (within a year of high school graduation)

High School Graduates Enrolling in College

Breakdown	# of HS Graduates	# Enrolled in College	% Enrolled in College
High School Diploma Type			
Honors	107	100	93%
Core 40	153	105	69%
General	74	25	34%
High School Graduation Waiver Status			
Graduated with Waiver	14	1	7%
Graduated without Waiver	320	229	72%
Advanced Placement Status			
Took and Passed an AP Test	28	26	93%
Took but Did Not Pass an AP Test	50	47	94%
Did Not Take an AP Test	256	157	61%
Dual Credit Status			
Earned Dual Credit from an Indiana Public College	248	189	76%
Did Not Earn Dual Credit from an Indiana Public College	86	41	48%
21st Century Scholar Status			
21st Century Scholar	60	47	78%
Non 21st Century Scholar	274	183	67%
Socioeconomic Status			
Free or Reduced Lunch	104	52	50%
Non Free or Reduced Lunch	230	178	77%
Race/Ethnicity			
White	325	225	69%
Black	0	--	--
Hispanic	4	***	***
Asian	2	***	***
Other	3	***	***
All Students	**334**	**230**	**69%**

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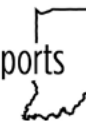
High School Graduate Enrollment by College Type

College Type	# of HS Graduates	% of Total HS Graduates
Indiana Public College	207	62.0%
Indiana Private College (non-profit)	12	3.6%
Indiana Private College (for-profit)	1	0.3%
Out-of-State Public College	6	1.8%
Out-of-State Private College (non-profit)	3	0.9%
Out-of-State Private College (for-profit)	1	0.3%
Non-degree Granting School	0	0.0%
Did Not Enroll in College	**104**	**31.1%**

Indiana Public College Enrollment

Indiana Public College Enrollment by College

College	# Enrolled in IN Public College	% of Total Enrolled in IN Public College
Ball State University	2	1.0%
Indiana State University	28	13.5%
University of Southern Indiana	27	13.0%
Indiana University-Bloomington	11	5.3%
Indiana University-East	0	0.0%
Indiana University-Kokomo	0	0.0%
Indiana University-Northwest	0	0.0%
Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis	8	3.9%
Indiana University-South Bend	0	0.0%
Indiana University-Southeast	1	0.5%
Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne	0	0.0%
Purdue University-Northwest	0	0.0%
Purdue University-Polytechnic Statewide	0	0.0%
Purdue University-West Lafayette	10	4.8%
Ivy Tech Community College	63	30.4%
Vincennes University	57	27.5%

Indiana College Readiness Reports

2016 High School Graduates
Greene County

Indiana Public College Enrollment by Degree Type

Degree Type	# Enrolled in IN Public College	% of Total Enrolled in IN Public College
Bachelor's Degree (four-year)	86	41.5%
Associate Degree (two-year)	113	54.6%
Award of at least 1 but less than 2 academic years	5	2.4%
Award of less than 1 academic year	0	0.0%
Unclassified undergraduate	3	1.4%

Indiana Public College Enrollment by Program Type

Program Type	# Enrolled in IN Public College	% of Total Enrolled in IN Public College
Arts and Humanities	46	22%
Business and Communication	21	10%
Education	14	7%
Health	42	20%
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)	45	22%
Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services	16	8%
Trades	19	9%
Undecided	4	2%

Indiana Public College Enrollment by Status

Status	# Enrolled in IN Public College	% of Total Enrolled in IN Public College
Full-Time Students	169	82%
Part-Time Students	38	18%

Academic Preparation

Indiana Public College Remediation by Subject

Subject	# Enrolled in IN Public College	% of Total Enrolled in IN Public College	# Earning Remedial Credits	% Earning Remedial Credits
Math Only	19	9%	17	89%
English/Language Arts Only	12	6%	8	67%
Both Math and English/Language	10	5%	10	100%
No Remediation	**166**	**80%**	**--**	**--**

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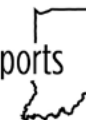
Indiana Public College Students Needing Remediation

Breakdown	# Enrolled in IN Public College	# Needing Remediation	% Needing Remediation	# Earning Remedial Credits	% Earning Remedial Credits
High School Diploma Type					
Honors	84	2	2%	***	***
Core 40	99	24	24%	22	92%
General	24	15	63%	***	***
High School Graduation Waiver Status					
Graduated with Waiver	***	***	***	***	***
Graduated without Waiver	***	***	***	***	***
Advanced Placement Status					
Took and Passed an AP Test	18	0	0%	--	--
Took but Did Not Pass an AP Test	43	1	2%	***	***
Did Not Take an AP Test	146	40	27%	***	***
Dual Credit Status					
Earned Dual Credit from an Indiana Public College	167	21	13%	18	86%
Did Not Earn Dual Credit from an Indiana Public College	40	20	50%	17	85%
21st Century Scholar Status					
21st Century Scholar	44	9	20%	***	***
Non 21st Century Scholar	163	32	20%	***	***
Socioeconomic Status					
Free or Reduced Lunch	51	16	31%	12	75%
Non Free or Reduced Lunch	156	25	16%	23	92%
Race/Ethnicity					
White	202	39	19%	33	85%
Black	0	--	--	--	--
Hispanic	***	***	***	***	***
Asian	***	***	***	***	***
Other	***	***	***	***	***
All Students	**207**	**41**	**20%**	**35**	**85%**

Student Performance

Indiana Public College Student Performance			
Breakdown	**# Enrolled in IN Public College**	**Average Freshman Year GPA**	**Average Freshman Credit Hours Earned**
High School Diploma Type			
Honors	84	3.1	27.60
Core 40	99	2.1	17.71
General	24	2.2	17.67
High School Graduation Waiver Status			
Graduated with Waiver	***	***	***
Graduated without Waiver	***	***	***
Advanced Placement Status			
Took and Passed an AP Test	18	3.0	25.28
Took but Did Not Pass an AP Test	43	3.0	24.60
Did Not Take an AP Test	146	2.4	20.42
Dual Credit Status			
Earned Dual Credit from an Indiana Public College	167	2.7	22.89
Did Not Earn Dual Credit from an Indiana Public College	40	2.0	16.83
21st Century Scholar Status			
21st Century Scholar	44	2.3	21.98
Non 21st Century Scholar	163	2.6	21.64
Socioeconomic Status			
Free or Reduced Lunch	51	2.1	17.45
Non Free or Reduced Lunch	156	2.7	23.11
Race/Ethnicity			
White	202	2.6	21.73
Black	0	--	--
Hispanic	***	***	***
Asian	***	***	***
Other	***	***	***
Enrollment Status			
Full-Time Students	169	2.7	24.21
Part-Time Students	38	2.0	10.63
All Students	**207**	**2.6**	**21.71**

Data Sources: Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE); Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), National Student Clearinghouse (NSC)

NOTES:

High School Graduates ("Students"): Count of Indiana high school graduates and associated disaggregations are based on the total count of graduates reported on the IDOE-GR report for 2016. Graduate counts are not IDOE cohort graduate counts and thus may not match cohort graduate counts and associated disaggregations reported in other places, such as DOE Compass. SOURCE: IDOE

College Enrollment: Represents students reported as enrolled in postsecondary education, regardless of institution type, within the year following high school graduation (e.g., for 2016 high school graduates, postsecondary enrollment is counted for 2016-17 school year). A student was considered enrolled only if: a) s/he was enrolled as a degree or certificate-seeking undergraduate student and b) s/he was enrolled for the equivalent of at least one semester during the school year. SOURCES: NSC, CHE

Indiana Public College Enrollment: Represents students reported as enrolled in an Indiana public postsecondary institution. SOURCE: CHE

21st Century Scholar Status: Represents students who were eligible for affirmation and affirmed. Students who were enrolled in K-12 as Scholars but did not affirm, or students who affirmed but were not eligible, are not considered 21st Century Scholars for this report. SOURCE: CHE

AP Participation/Passing Exam Status: Represents students who sat for and/or passed (received score of 3 or higher) at least one Advanced Placement exam. SOURCE: IDOE

Dual Credit Status: Represents students who earned/did not earn credit hours awarded by Indiana public colleges that were recognized by both the high school and the postsecondary institution. Dual credit calculations only include credits awarded by Indiana publics. SOURCE: CHE

Full-time/Part-time Enrollment Status: Full-time enrollment defined as enrolled in 12 or more credits in the semester of entry at an Indiana public college. Part-time enrollment defined as enrolled in fewer than 12 credits in the semester of entry at an Indiana public college. SOURCE: CHE

Remediation Enrollment: Represents Indiana public college students identified as deficient in the general competencies necessary for regular postsecondary curriculum in English/language arts and/or mathematics. Students enrolled in both credit and non-credit remedial coursework are included in remediation totals. SOURCE: CHE

Remediation Success: Represents Indiana public college students who successfully complete the subject(s) in which they were identified as needing remediation. Students who were identified as needing remediation in both English/language arts and math needed to successfully complete both English/language arts and math in order to be counted as earning remedial credit. SOURCE: CHE

Freshman GPA: Represents cumulative grade point average for the latest term of enrollment at an Indiana public college in the year following high school graduation. SOURCE: CHE

Freshman Credit Hours Earned: Represents average number of institutional credits earned during the year following high school graduation at an Indiana public college. SOURCE: CHE

***Not Applicable/Suppressed Data: Data may be missing either because no data were available or fewer than 10 students were in a group and the data had to be suppressed for privacy reasons. In some cases, at least two groups of student data had to be suppressed because of complementary suppression rules

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White River Valley School Corporation collaborates with Purdue MEP and Vincennes University; develops award winning manufacturing training program

FISHERS, Ind. – Nestled in the hills of southern Indiana is a small, rural high school corporation that is taking bold steps to address the skills gap in Greene County. White River Valley School Corporation (WRV) was recently awarded a tax referendum, and the funds were to be fully allocated to the development and delivery of a Precision Machining Program for WRV junior and senior high school students.

In the spring of 2016, Bob Hacker, Superintendent of WRV, approached Rob Hudson, Manufacturing Workforce Advisor for the Purdue University Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), requesting guidance with developing a CNC Machining program. Hudson connected Hacker to Vincennes University and a dual-credit training plan was developed that would include fundamental CNC Lathe and Mill training. Additionally, the program would include Purdue MEP's manufacturing training program called Manufacturing Skills for Success. The primary goals were to prepare students to become employed as machine operator's immediately following high school graduation, or for them to continue their degree in advanced manufacturing, specifically

precision machining at Vincennes University, the most comprehensive precision machining technology program in Indiana with a 100% placement rate for its graduates. Students successfully completing the WRV program also receive a Purdue University Certificate of Learning, an OSHA 10 certification, and a MSSC credential in Quality Practices and Measurement.

Fast forward to today--WRV has graduated two cohorts of students through this dynamic and innovative high school machining program with another cohort to begin in the fall of 2019. Upon graduation, students are prepared to enter the workforce directly with organizations like Metal Technologies in Bloomfield or Crane Naval Warfare Center. Now, in its second year, the program is offering students the opportunity to gain a valuable skill set while giving them a head start on their post-secondary education. Through the Purdue University MEP Skills for Success program, students earn three credentials before entering the Machining Program at the beginning of their junior year. Students then take their first year of college coursework, for credit, through a partnership with Vincennes University during their junior and senior years of high school.

In April of 2019, WRV received a Pathway Innovation of the Year award from the Regional Opportunities Initiative. This award was created for a K-12 or post-secondary pathway in advanced manufacturing, defense, healthcare, life sciences, or technology that aligns student learning with the employment ecosystem of the Uplands region.

"This award recognizes a bold and dynamic approach to addressing the manufacturing industry's workforce challenges. Purdue MEP greatly values our partnership with the White River Valley School Corporation, and we are excited to witness how this innovative training program will drive workforce impact throughout the Indiana Uplands region. A special thanks to the Regional Opportunities Initiative and the Greene County Foundation for their financial support of this program," said Rob Hudson, Manufacturing Workforce Advisor, Purdue MEP.

About Purdue MEP:

Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) provides high-value solutions to help Indiana businesses maximize their success. As advocates for Indiana's thousands of manufacturers, our staff identifies areas of improvement,

streamlines processes, and ultimately increases competitiveness. Purdue MEP serves over 500 companies annually by implementing continuous improvement principles in the areas of productivity, growth, and technology.

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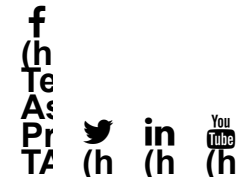
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Q1 Are you a current Greene County resident?

Answered: 1,126   Skipped: 1
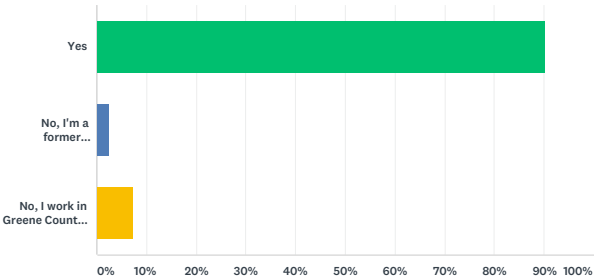
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.23%	1,016
No, I'm a former resident.	2.49%	28
No, I work in Greene County but live elsewhere.	7.28%	82
TOTAL		1,126

Q2 Are you originally from Greene County?

Answered: 1,122   Skipped: 5
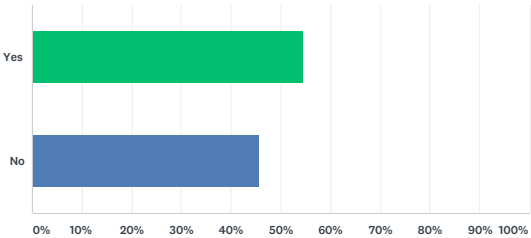
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.46%	611
No	45.54%	511
TOTAL		1,122

Q3 How long have you lived in Greene County?

Answered: 1,085   Skipped: 42
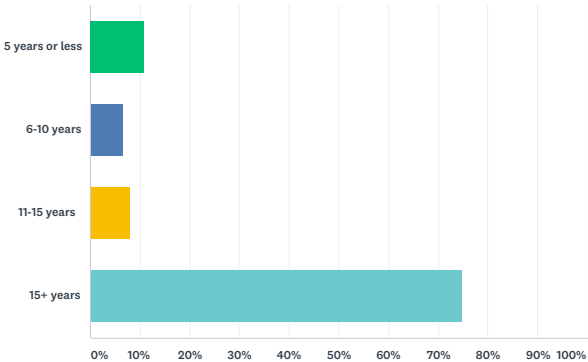
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
5 years or less	10.78%	117
6-10 years	6.54%	71
11-15 years	8.02%	87
15+ years	74.65%	810
TOTAL		1,085

Q4 Where do you live in Greene County?

Answered: 1,093   Skipped: 34
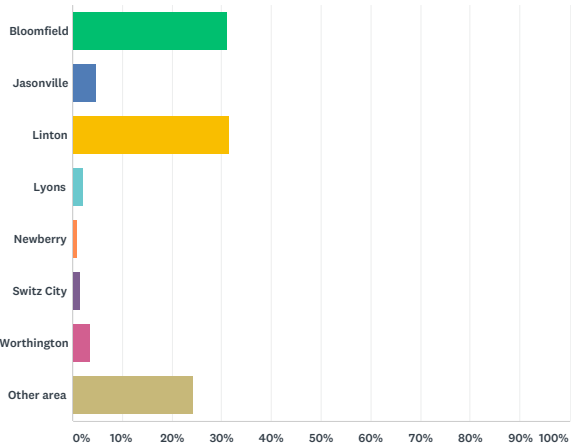
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bloomfield	31.20%	341
Jasonville	4.85%	53
Linton	31.56%	345
Lyons	2.10%	23
Newberry	0.91%	10
Switz City	1.56%	17
Worthington	3.57%	39
Other area	24.25%	265
TOTAL		1,093

Q5 Please specify your age:
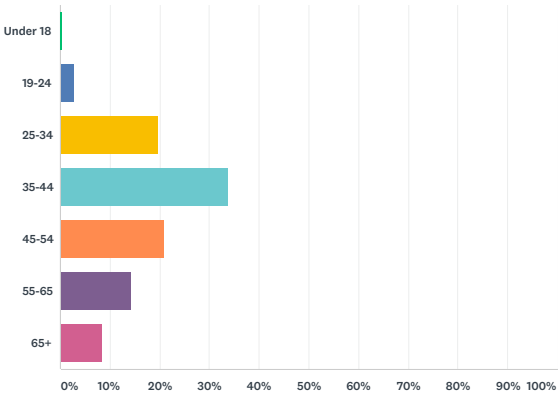
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.44%	5
19-24	2.76%	31
25-34	19.57%	220
35-44	33.72%	379
45-54	20.82%	234
55-65	14.23%	160
65+	8.45%	95
TOTAL		1,124

Q6 If you had the opportunity, would you move away from Greene County?
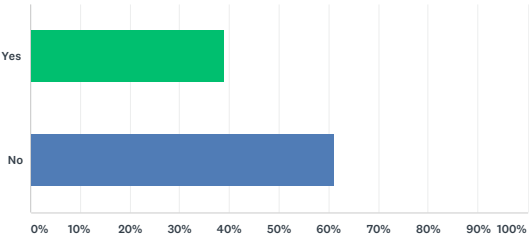
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.85%	425
No	61.15%	669
TOTAL		1,094

Q7 What has drawn you to call Greene County home?

Answered: 1,029   Skipped: 98
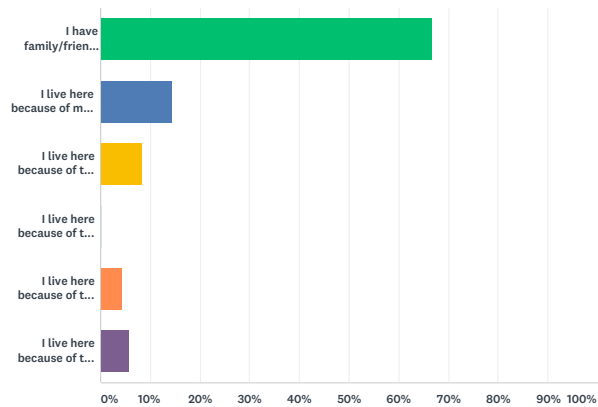
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
I have family/friends here.	66.67%	686
I live here because of my job.	14.48%	149
I live here because of the scenic, rural lifestyle.	8.45%	87
I live here because of the cultural amenities such as the Tulip Trestle, the Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum and the Shawnee Theatre.	0.29%	3
I live here because of the schools.	4.47%	46
I live here because of the affordability.	5.64%	58
TOTAL		1,029

Q8 What do you believe could be of benefit to increase the Quality of Life in Greene County? Check your top three choices.

Answered: 1,087   Skipped: 40
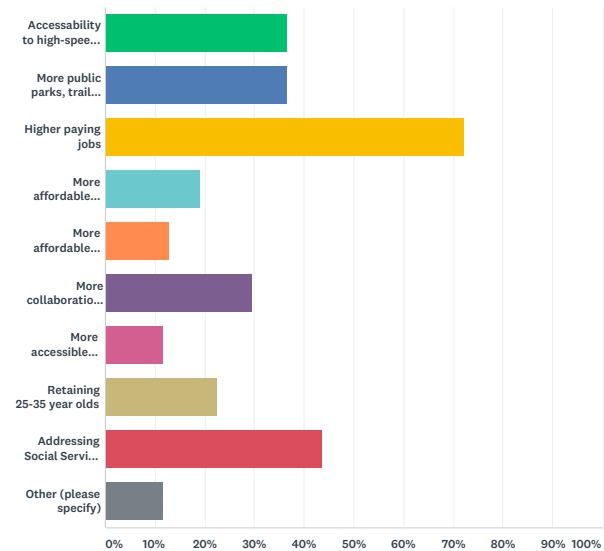
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Accessibility to high-speed internet	36.61%	398
More public parks, trails, bicycle/pedestrian trails	36.52%	397
Higher paying jobs	72.13%	784
More affordable housing choices	19.14%	208
More affordable childcare options	12.70%	138
More collaboration between education and industry	29.53%	321
More accessible transportation	11.59%	126
Retaining 25-35 year olds	22.45%	244
Addressing Social Services (i.e. poverty, crime, opioid addiction, poor health, etc.)	43.51%	473
Other (please specify)	11.41%	124

Total Respondents: 1,087

Q9 A coworking space provides business amenities and office space for entrepreneurs, small business owners, commuters and those looking to establish business and community connections. Greene County is preparing to open its first coworking space in Linton. Is coworking space something you would support in Greene County?
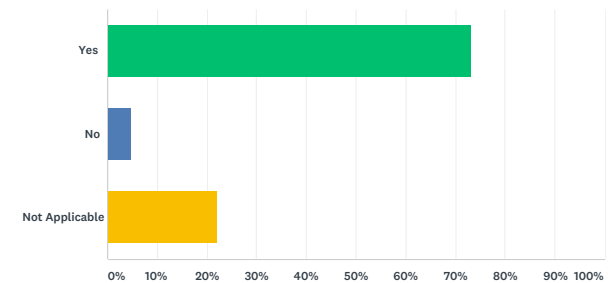
Answered: 1,083   Skipped: 44
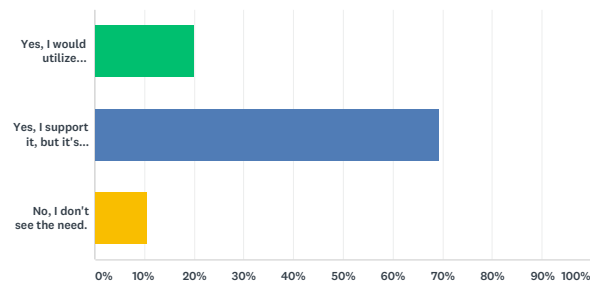
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I would utilize coworking space.	20.13%	218
Yes, I support it, but it's not for me.	69.25%	750
No, I don't see the need.	10.62%	115
TOTAL		1,083

Q10 If you are supportive of coworking space, would you support multiple locations throughout the county?

Answered: 1,086   Skipped: 41

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.30%	796
No	4.79%	52
Not Applicable	21.92%	238
TOTAL		1,086

Engaged Entities

4-H Clubs Of Greene County Incorporated

Battery Innovation Center Institute, Inc.

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Bloomfield Chamber Of Commerce Inc

Bloomfield Downtown Revitalization, Incorporated

Bloomfield School Building Corporation

Bloomfield Volunteer Firefighters Inc

Bloomfield/Eastern Greene County Public Library Leasing Corp

Carnegie Heritage & Arts Center Of Greene County, Inc.

Center Township Volunteer Fire Department Of Greene County, Inc.

Center-Jackson Fire Terrority Inc

Center-Jackson Township Fire Territory, Corporation

City of Jasonville

City of Linton

Eastern Greene County Firefighters, Inc.

Friends Of Goose Pond Inc.

Friends Of Shakamak, Inc.

Friends Of The Bloomfield Eastern Greene County Public Library

Greene County Economic Development Corporation

Greene County Farm Bureau Inc

Greene County Foundation, Inc.

Greene County General Hospital Foundation Inc

Greene County Purdue Extension Board

Greene County Sheriff's Merit Board

Jasonville Friends Of The Library, Inc.

Linton Friends Of The Library Inc

Linton-Stockton Chamber Of Commerce Inc

Linton-Stockton High School Building Corporation

Metropolitan School District Of Shakamak Education Foundatio

Newberry Volunteer Fire Department Corporation

Pride In The Park Inc

Richland Township Fire And Rescue Incorporated

Richland-Taylor Township Volunteer Fire Department Inc

Shakamak School Building Corporation

The Shawnee Summer Theatre Of Green County Inc

Town of Bloomfield

Town of Lyons

Town of Newberry

Town of Switz City

Town of Worthington

Tulip Trestle Community Restoration, Inc.

Udwi Remc Community Fund, Inc.

Utilities District Of Western Indiana Rural Electric Membership Corporation

White River Valley School Building Corporation

Worthington Fire Protection Territory Incorporated

Existing Plans Referenced

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