

Region 2 Workforce Statistics



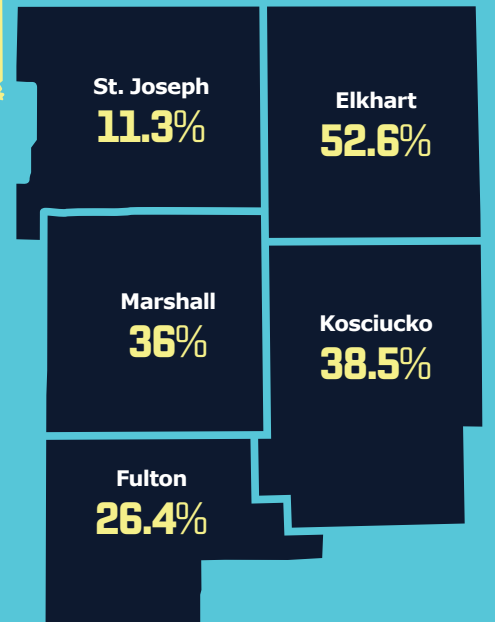
622,759 Total Population

37 Average Median Age of Population

309,842 Resident Labor Force

66.6% Labor Participation Rate

Manufacturing Intensity

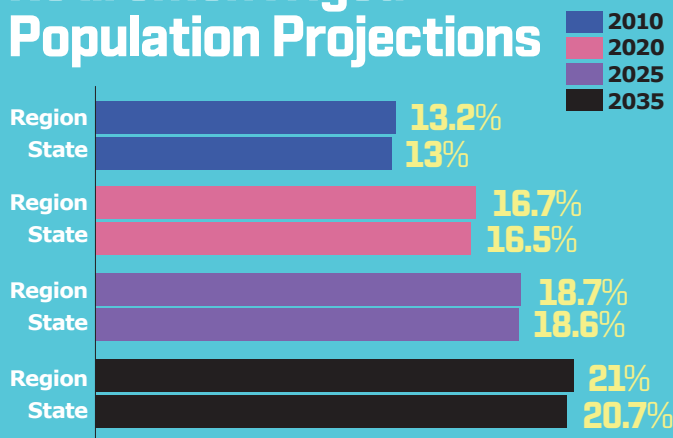


Overall 34.3%

Workforce Region 2 contains two metropolitan areas, South Bend-Mishawaka and Elkhart, located near the Michigan border. This region has a significant concentration of manufacturing positions, with Elkhart, Marshall and Kosciusco counties' manufacturing intensity clocking in well above the state average of 17.4%. Its population of over 620,000 residents represents 9.2 percent of the total state's population, though this proportion has decreased over time as population growth

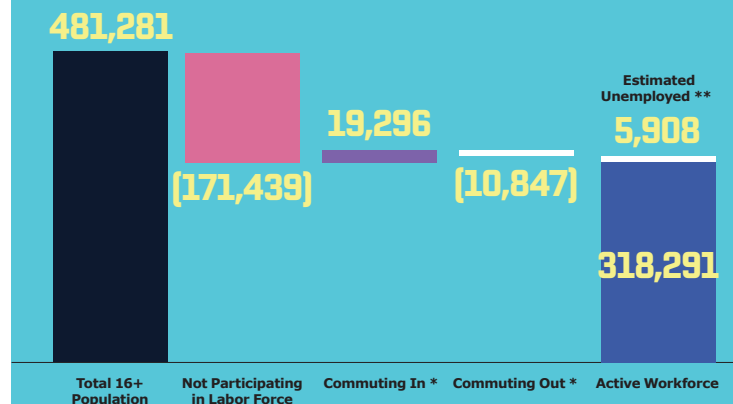
of 0.9 percent has lagged the overall state in the past 5 years. As of March 2022, the region's labor participation rate of 66.6 percent is above the state average of 62.4 percent. Commuting statistics indicate the region benefits from a net inflow of workers from neighboring geographic areas, specifically to the east and the west. The overall available workforce seeking employment within Region 2 is 1.9 percent (5,908), which by most standards is considered full employment.

Retirement Aged Population Projections



Data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and Indiana Department of Revenue.

Active Workforce Estimate



*The estimated net impact of commuting in and out of the region is +8,449 workers, driven primarily by net inflows of 7,081 and 4,527 from Regions 3 and 1, respectively, partially offset by an outflow to out of state areas of 2,670.

**As of November 2021. Not seasonally adjusted.