

Region 8 Workforce Statistics

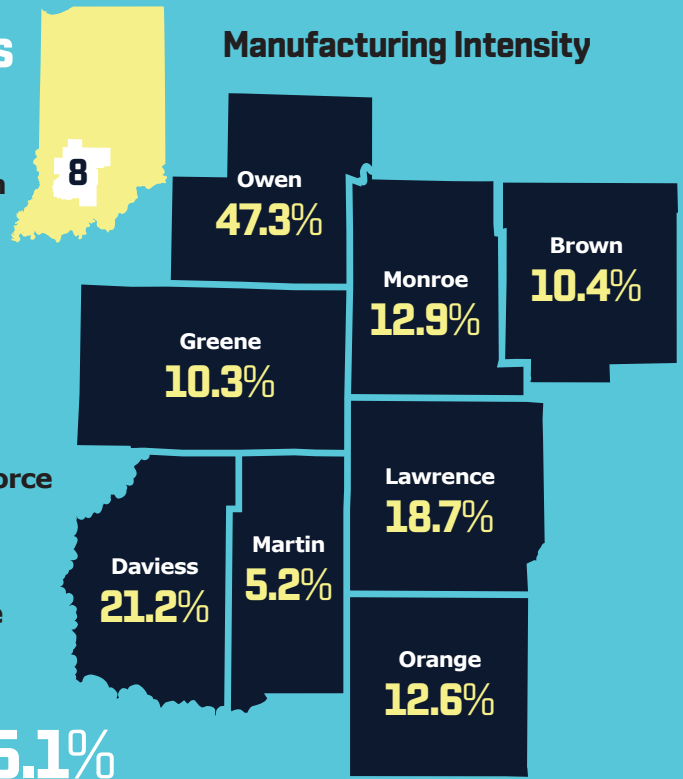
325,098 Total Population

37 Average Median Age of Population

161,537 Resident Labor Force

56.9% Labor Participation Rate

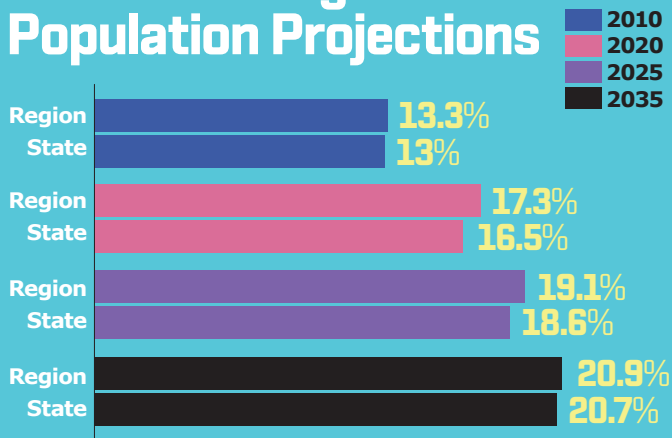
Overall 15.1%



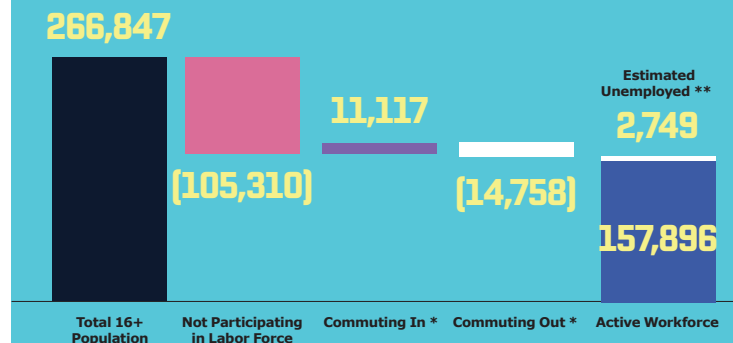
Workforce Region 8 is located in south central Indiana and contains the Bloomington metropolitan area. This region's manufacturing intensity of 15.1 percent is below the overall state average of 17.4 percent, though Owen County stands out as one of the most manufacturing-intensive counties in the state. Its population of over 325,000 residents represents 4.8 percent of the total state's population and has increased by 1.3 percent over the last 5 years (compared to the overall state increase of 2.2

percent). The average median age of 37 years old is one year lower than the overall state average. As of March 2022, the region's labor participation rate of 56.9 percent is well below the state average of 62.4 percent. Commuting statistics indicate the region is impacted by a net outflow of workers to neighboring geographic areas. The overall available workforce seeking employment within Region 8 is 1.7 percent (2,749), which by most standards is considered full employment.

Retirement Aged Population Projections



Active Workforce Estimate



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

*The estimated net impact of commuting in and out of the region is -3,641 workers, driven primarily by net outflows of 1,366 and 1,292 to Regions 9 and 11, respectively.

**As of November 2021. Not seasonally adjusted.