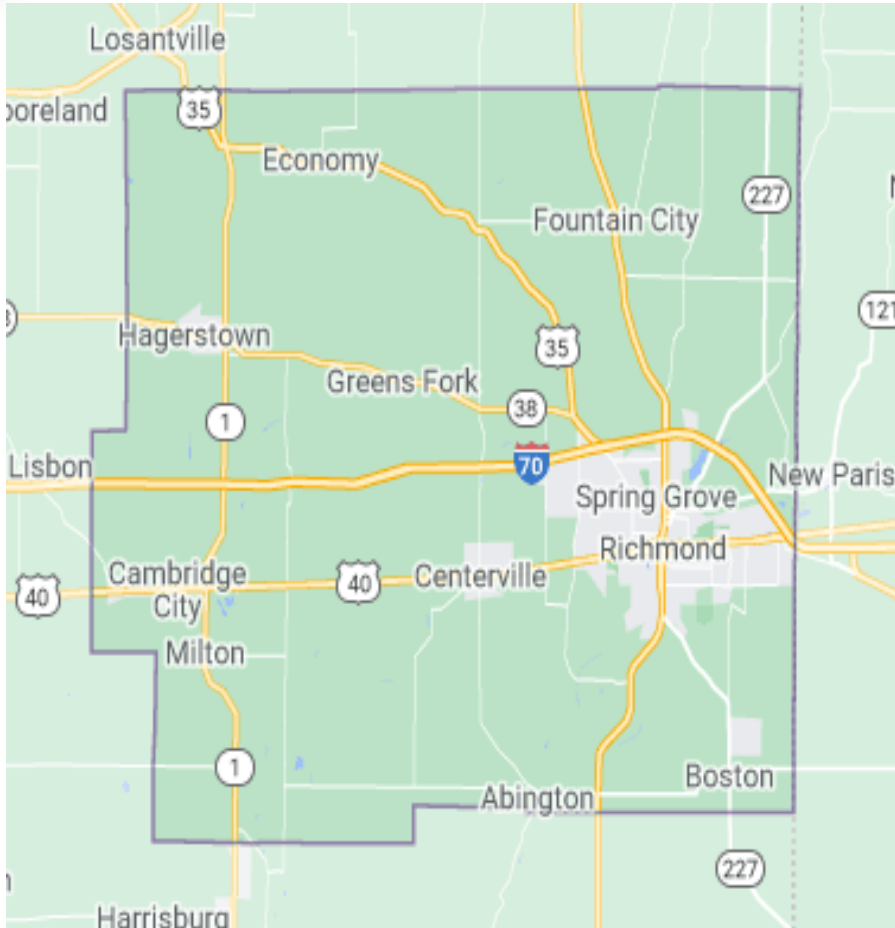# 2023 County Indicators
Wayne County, Indiana

WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION

FORWARD Wayne County

Wayne County Statistics

- Population: 66,273
  Estimated decrease of 3.9% since 2010 (updated figure)

- Households: 26,837

- Median Household Income: $50,569 (9.4% increase)
  State average is $62,723

- ALICE Households: 27%
  State average is 27%

- Households in Poverty: 18%
  State average is 12%

- Unemployment Rate: 3.1%
  State average is 3.0%

Goal

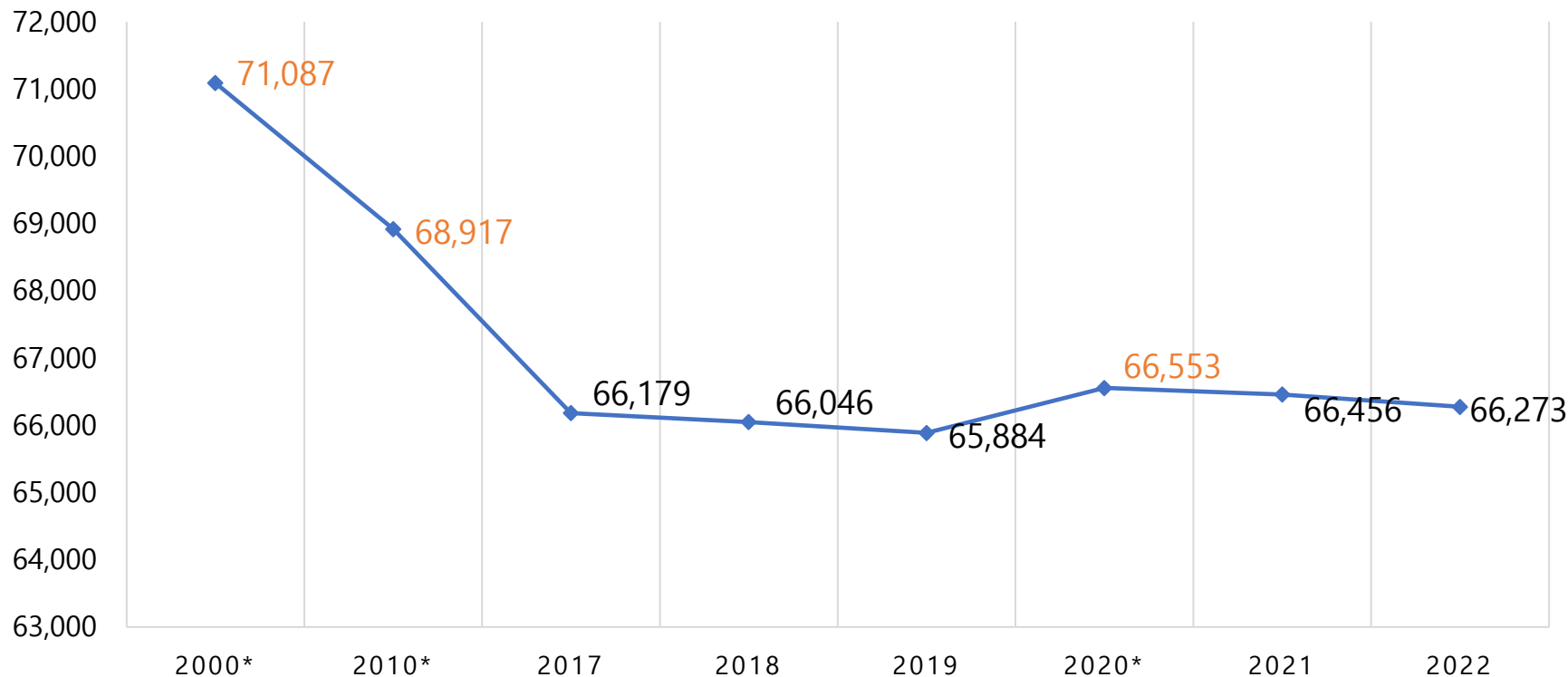Achieve a county population of 66,101 for a year-over-year increase of .05% for 5 years

Strategy

We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for our current and future residents by:

1. Creating projects and programs that make Wayne County a great place to live, work, and play

2. Focusing on enhancing our county's neighborhoods, cities, and towns

3. Supporting our environment through recycling, physical amenities, and alternative transportation

4. Continuing to incorporate arts and culture into the everyday lives of our residents

Source: Forward Wayne County Steering Committee and Main Street Coalition

Demographics – Population Trend

WAYNE COUNTY POPULATION SINCE 2000

Note: The Big Indicator for Success-Population is based on percentage decline/growth versus the actual number.

*2000, 2010, and 2020 denote actual census data.

The remaining years are estimates from the State of Indiana's reporting system. The State estimated that the County had a .3% decline over the past year.

We want to reverse that to show .05% growth over 5 years. And we do not want our population to dip below 66,101.

Source: 2022 stats.Indiana.edu, 2020 Census Data

Demographics – Population Ethnicity

County Population Estimates by Race

Race	Wayne County	State Average
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.4%	0.4%
Asian	1.1%	2.7%
African American	5.1%	10.2%
Native Hawaiian	0.1%	0.1%
White	90.0%	84.2%
Two or More Race Groups	3.2%	2.3%

Hispanic or Latino Origin

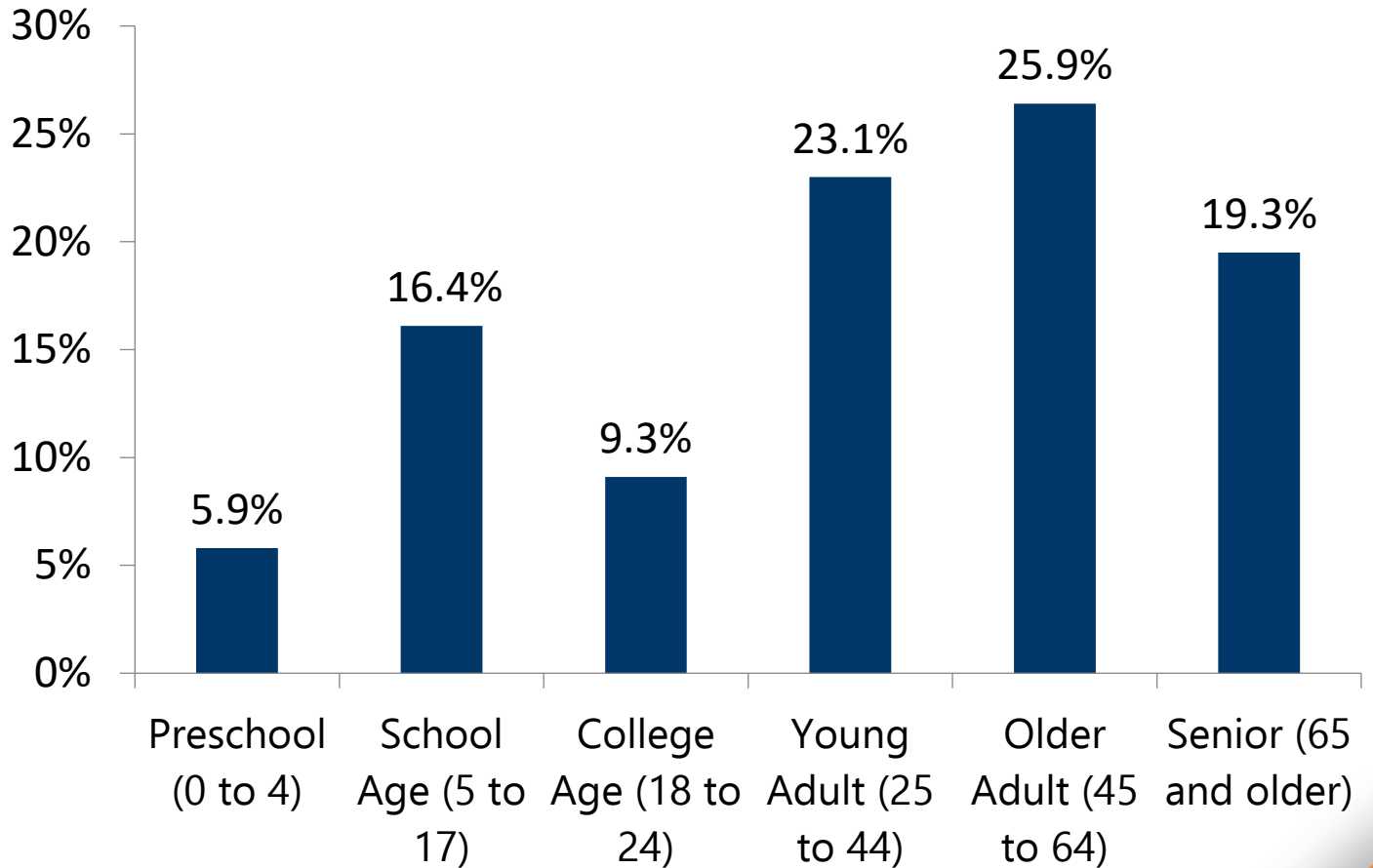| Wayne County	State Average
Non-Hispanic: 96.6%	92.3%
Hispanic: 3.4%	7.7%

Demographics – Population Age

Median Age:
Wayne County – 40.9
State Average – 38.1

Individuals 45 to 64 years old comprise the largest single population bloc of Wayne County at 25.9%. Individuals 45 to 64 plus seniors comprise 45.2% of Wayne County's population.

Wayne County Population by Age

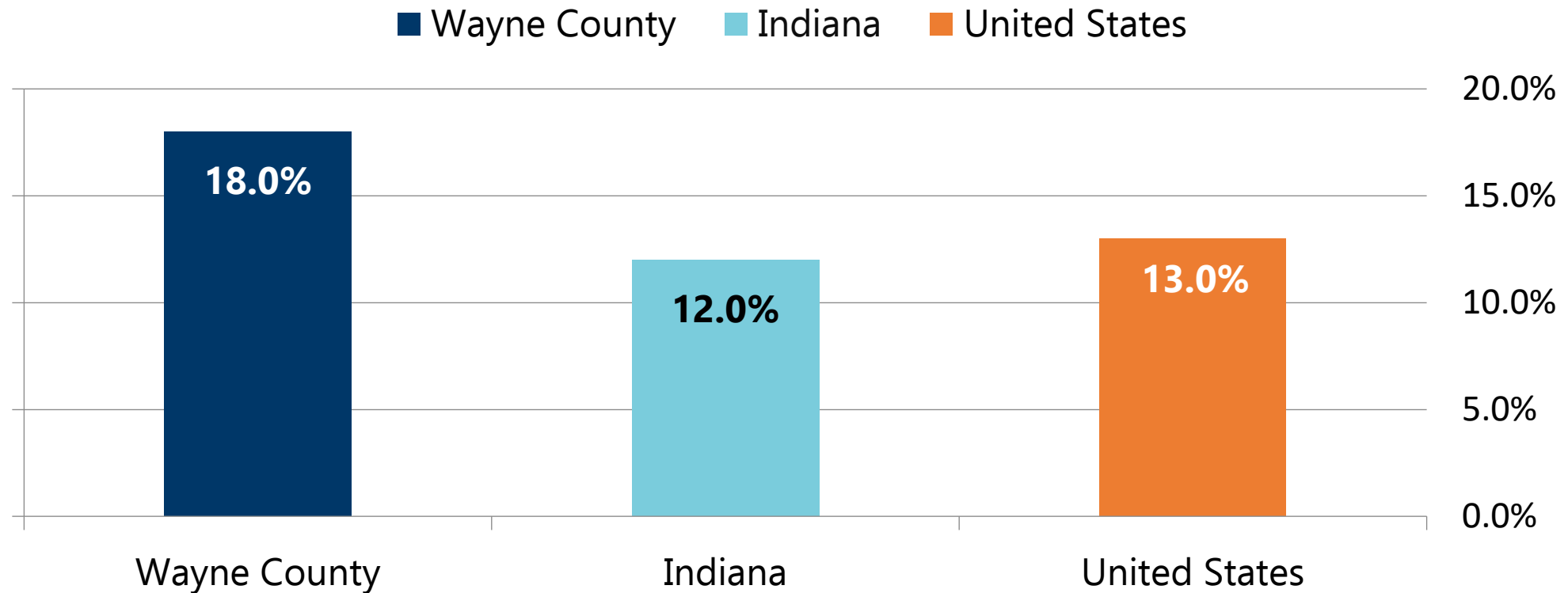| Category	Percentage
Preschool (0 to 4)	5.9%
School Age (5 to 17)	16.4%
College Age (18 to 24)	9.3%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	23.1%
Older Adult (45 to 64)	25.9%
Senior (65 and older)	19.3%

Goals

Decrease the percentage of residents living in poverty to be at or below the state average

Strategy

Forward Wayne County's strategy for improving the Poverty Level and Per Capita Personal Income is to:

1. Support better employment options and wages for residents

2. Improve workforce retention as well as Early Childhood Success through increased affordable high-quality childcare and additional childcare options
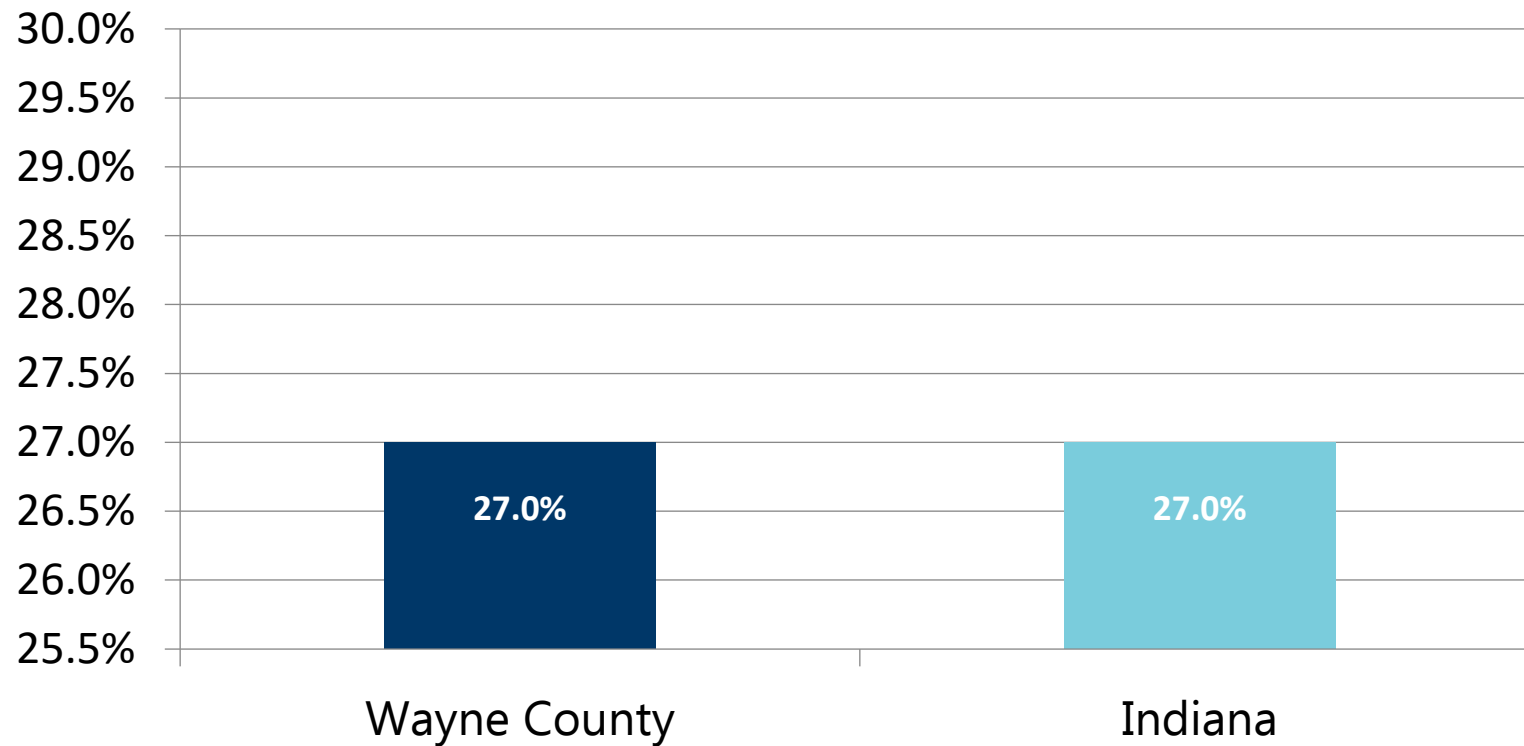
3. Promote Health and Wellness Efforts

Percentage of People Living Below Poverty Level

■ Wayne County   ■ Indiana   ■ United States

Wayne County	18.0%
Indiana	12.0%
United States	13.0%

The *Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is $14,580 for individuals, $19,720 for a family of 2, $24,860 for a family of 3, $30,000 for a family of 4, $35,140 for a family of 5, $40,280 for a family of 6, $45,420 for a family of 7, $50,560 for a family of 8.
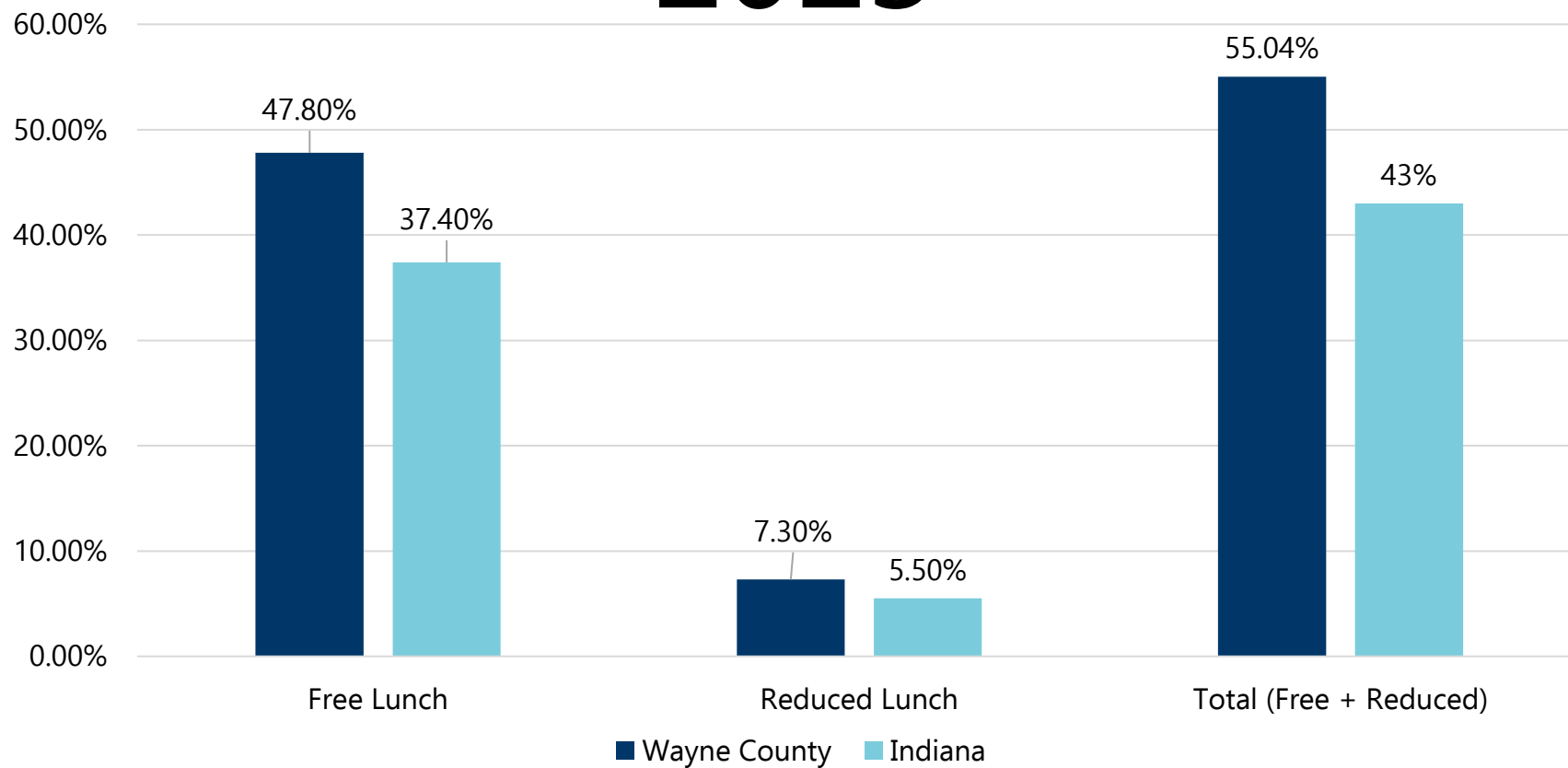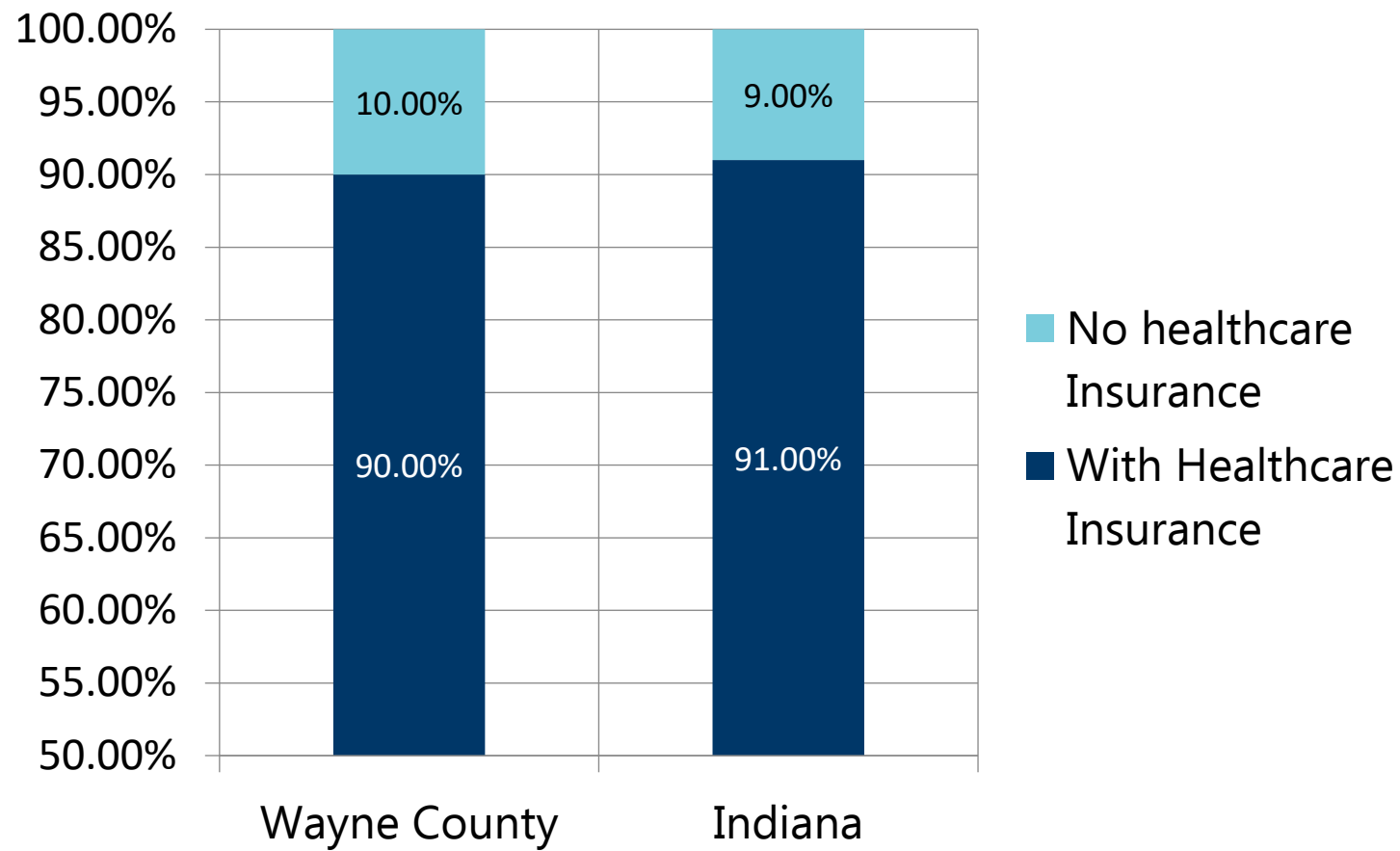
ALICE Households in Wayne County

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. They constitute households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold).

Free and Reduced Lunch

2023

Healthcare – No Insurance

Quality of Life in Wayne County

Metric	Wayne County	Indiana
Premature Death (YPLL per 100,000) YPLL=Years of Potential Life Lost	12,500	8,600
Poor physical health days	3.7	3.3
Poor mental health days	5.4	4.9
Adult obesity rate	38%	37%
Access to exercise opportunities	70%	77%

Wayne County ranks 87th out of 92 Indiana counties in 'Health Outcomes' and 76th in 'Health Factors' per CountyHealthRankings.org

29% of adults aged 18 and over in Wayne County report physical inactivity.

Source: *2023 countyhealthrankings.org*

Healthcare – Quality Indicators

Average Travel Time to Nearest Indiana Trauma Center

Wayne County – 15.4 Minutes
Indiana – 28.9 Minutes

Average Life Expectancy

Wayne County – 72.9 Years
Indiana – 76.5 Years
United States – 78.5 Years

Number of Residents per County Health Department Employee

Wayne County – 1471
Grant County* - 4749
Warrick County* - 3908

13.3% of Wayne County residents have received Food Stamps or SNAP Benefits in the last twelve months.

Goals

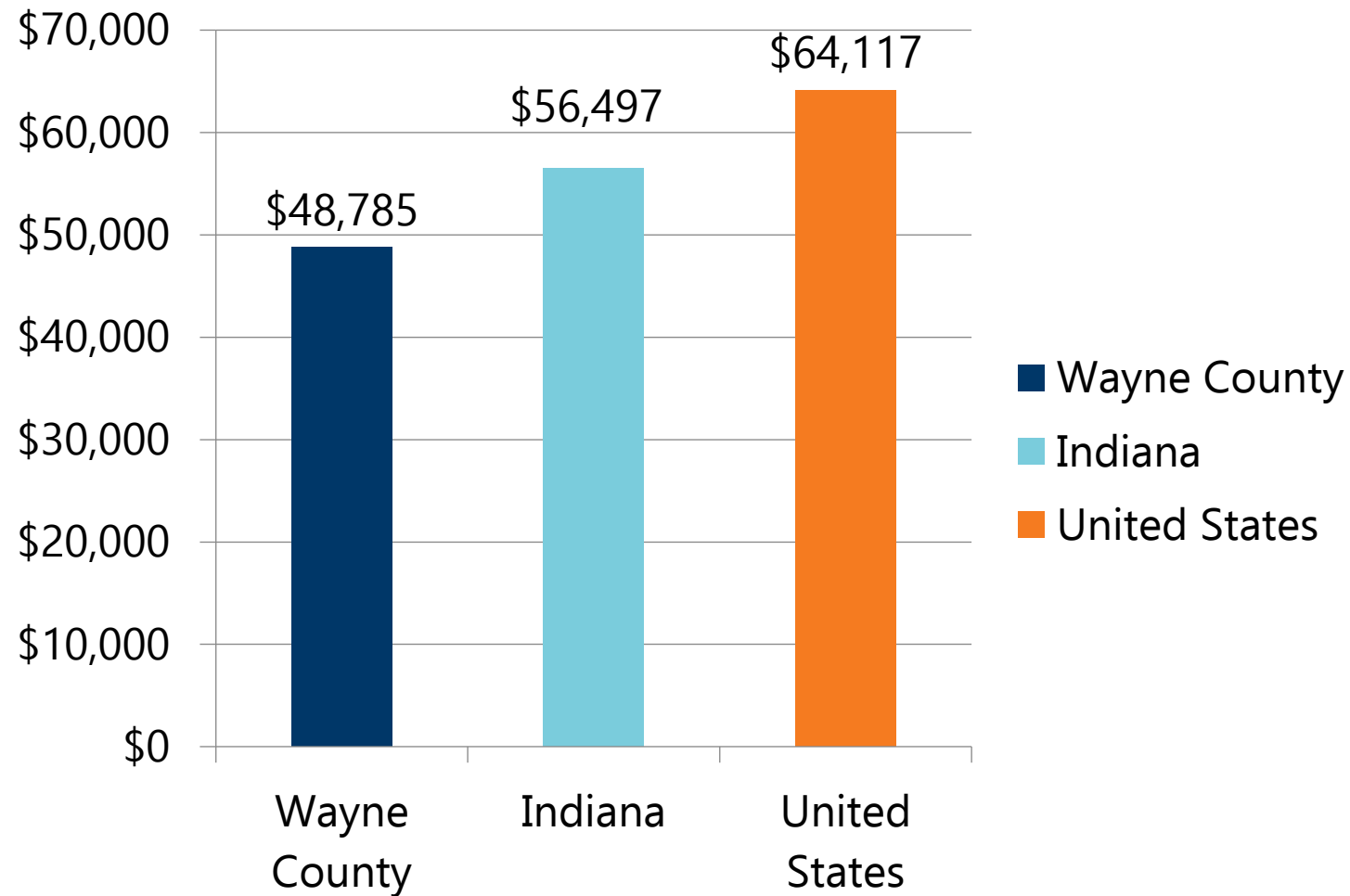Raise Per Capita Personal Income and Median Family Income to be equal to the state average

Strategy

Forward Wayne County's strategy for improving the Per Capita Personal Income and Median Family Income is to:

1. Support better employment options and wages for residents.
2. Support training and education that will lead to promotions and increases in wages.
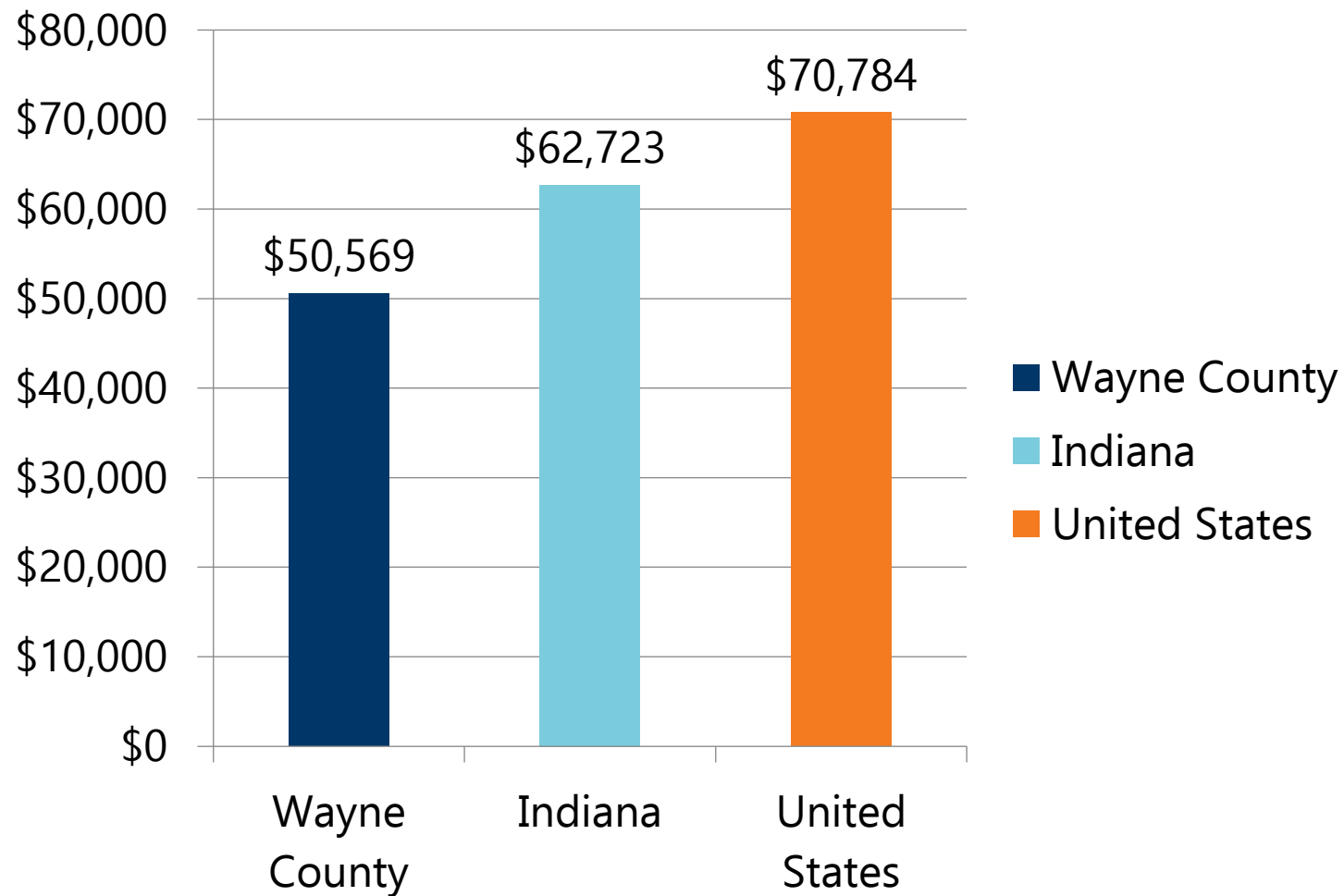
Per Capita Personal Income

Per Capita Personal Income in Wayne County is 14% less than the rest of the state and 24% less than the United States average.
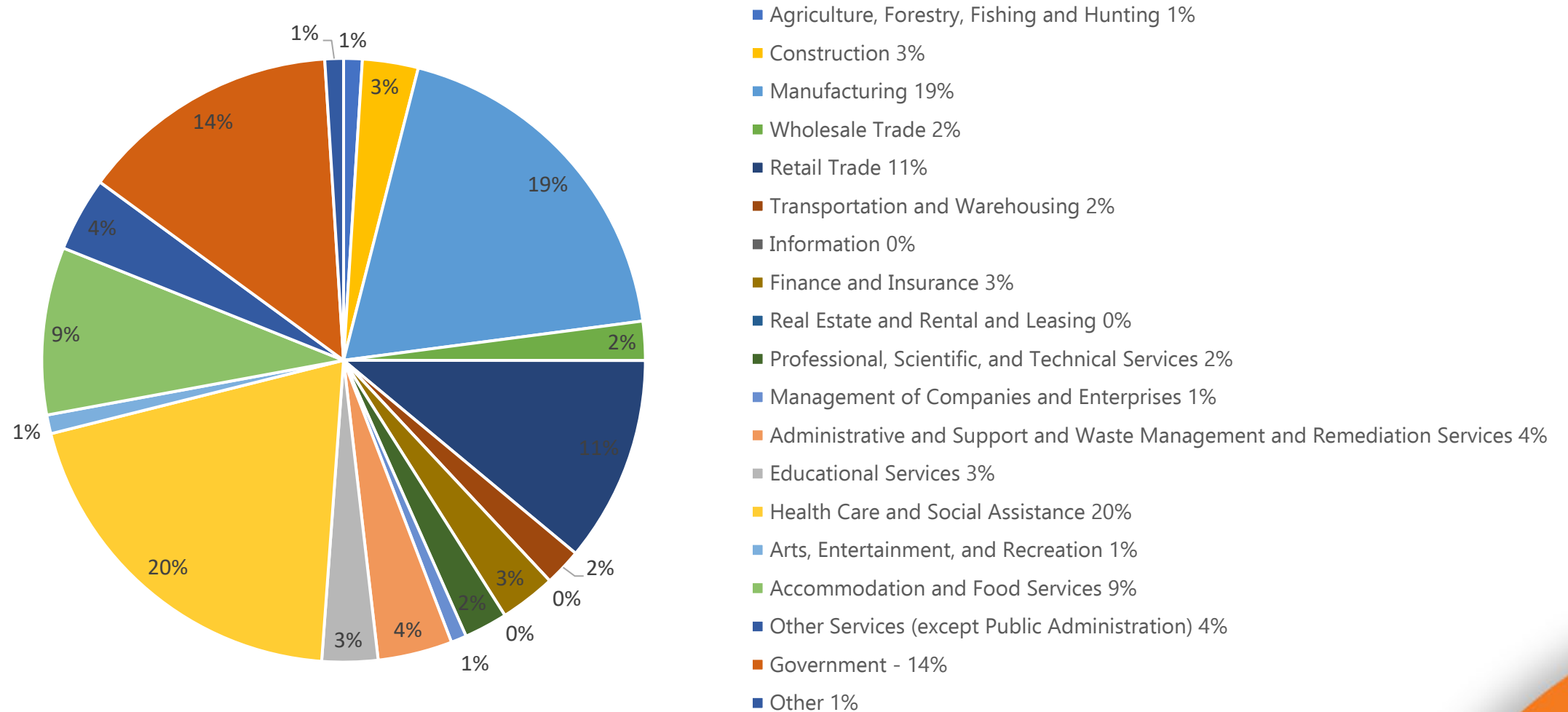
Median Household Income

Median Household Income in Wayne County is 19% less than the rest of the state and 29% less than the United States average.

Job Market – Top 15 Employers in Wayne County

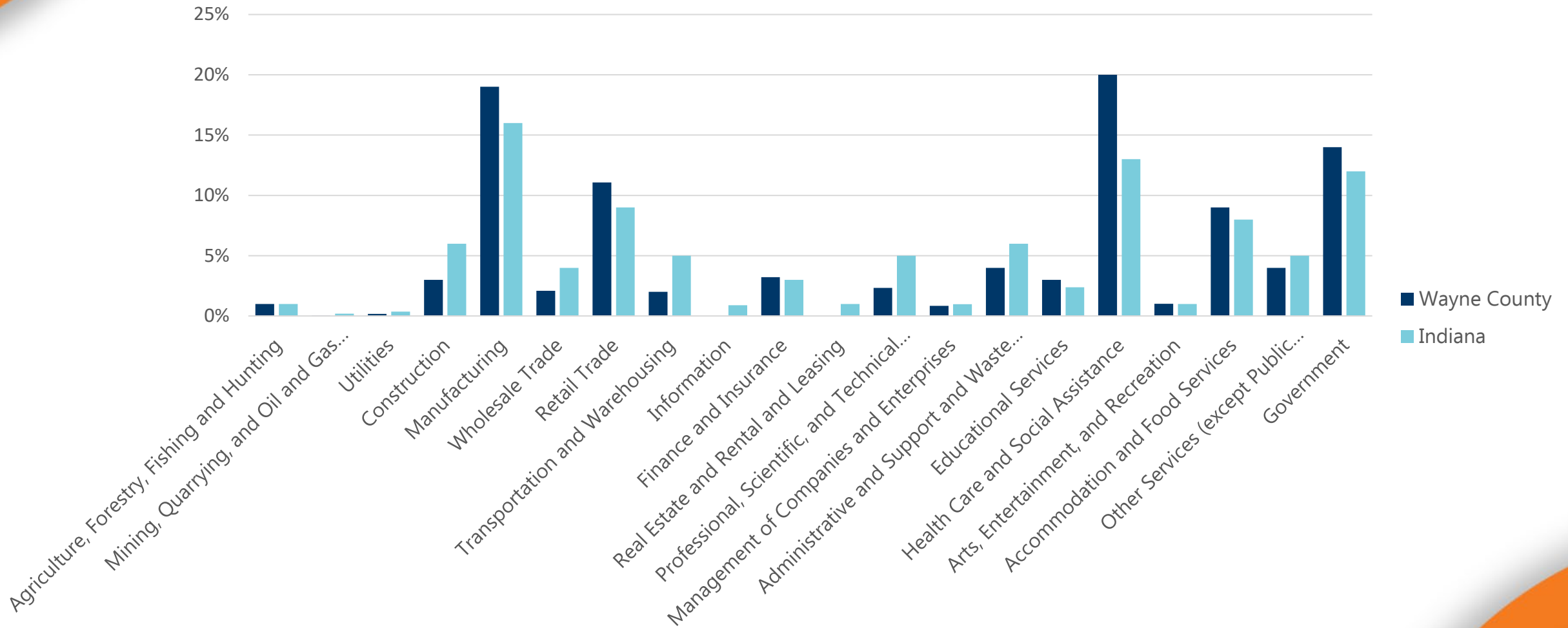| Employer	Product/Industry	# Employed
Reid Health	Healthcare	2,998
Richmond Community Schools	Education	723
Belden	Wire Product Manufacturer	714
Sugar Creek Brandworthy Food Solutions	Food Processor	650
Primex Plastics Corporation	Plastic Sheeting Manufacturer	450
Richmond State Hospital	Hospital	435
Wayne County Government	Municipality	400
City of Richmond	Municipality	400
Earlham College	Higher Education	388
Menasha	Packaging	370
Indiana University East	Higher Education	350
DOT Foods, Inc	Food Redistribution	270
Silgan White Cap	Metal Bottle Cap Manufacturer	208
Wolverine Worldwide	Customer Service Center	208
SmithFoods Richmond Indiana	Dairy Processor	203

Job Market – Occupations
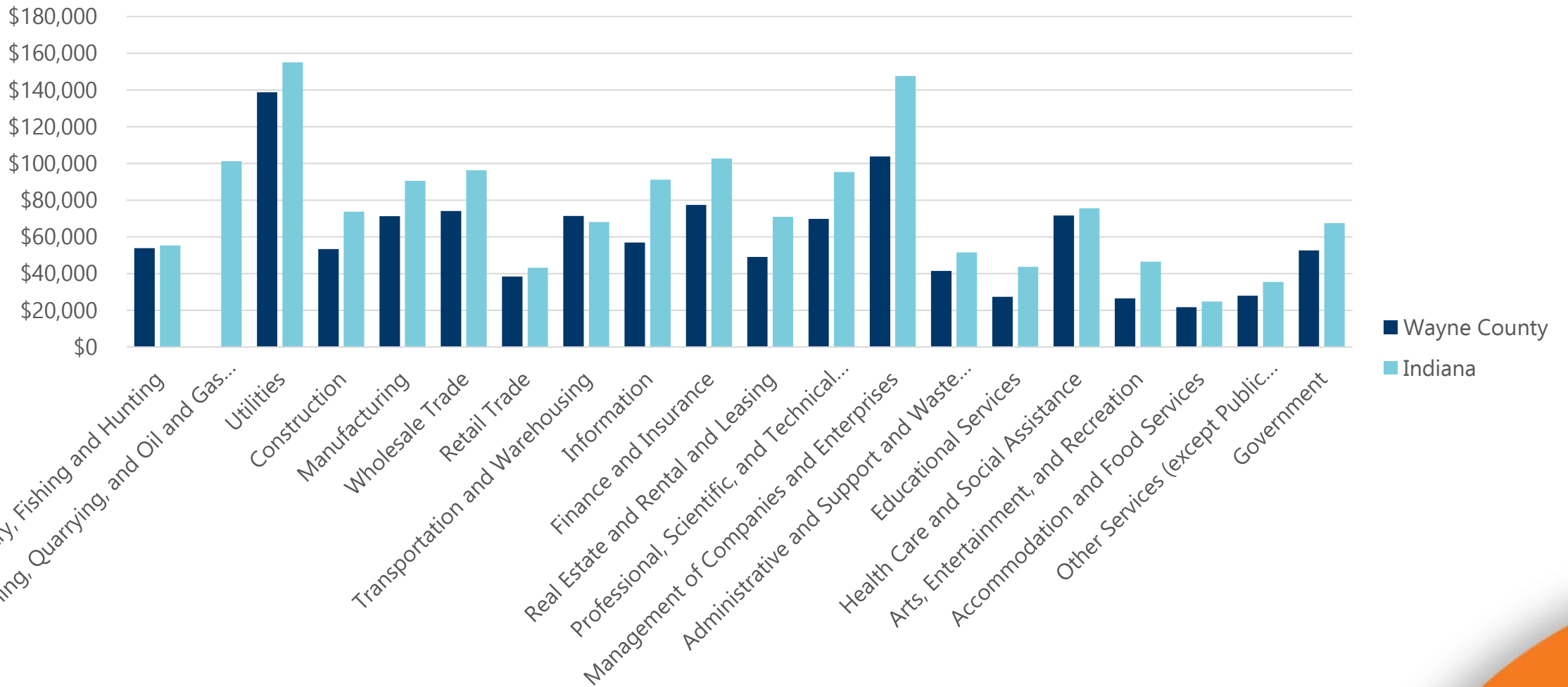## Distribution by Industry in Wayne County

- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting 1%
- Construction 3%
- Manufacturing 19%
- Wholesale Trade 2%
- Retail Trade 11%
- Transportation and Warehousing 2%
- Information 0%
- Finance and Insurance 3%
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing 0%
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services 2%
- Management of Companies and Enterprises 1%
- Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services 4%
- Educational Services 3%
- Health Care and Social Assistance 20%
- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation 1%
- Accommodation and Food Services 9%
- Other Services (except Public Administration) 4%
- Government - 14%
- Other 1%

Job Market – Occupation Distribution
by Industry in Wayne County and Indiana

Job Market – Average Earnings
by Industry in Wayne County and Indiana

Legend: Wayne County, Indiana

Categories: Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting; Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas...; Utilities; Construction; Manufacturing; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Transportation and Warehousing; Information; Finance and Insurance; Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific, and Technical...; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Administrative and Support and Waste...; Educational Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation; Accommodation and Food Services; Other Services (except Public...; Government

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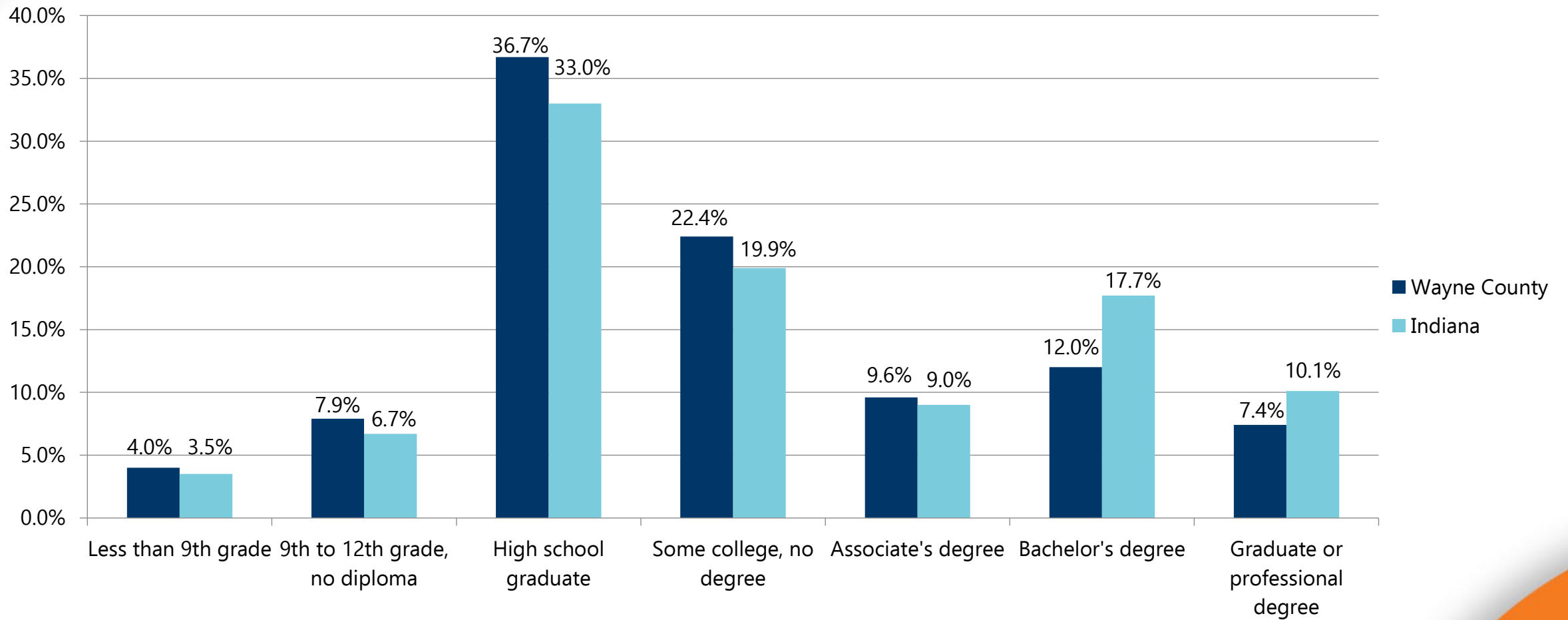# Big Picture Indicator – Educational Attainment

Goals

Increase to 35% of the population, ages 25-64, holding an associate degree or higher by 2025
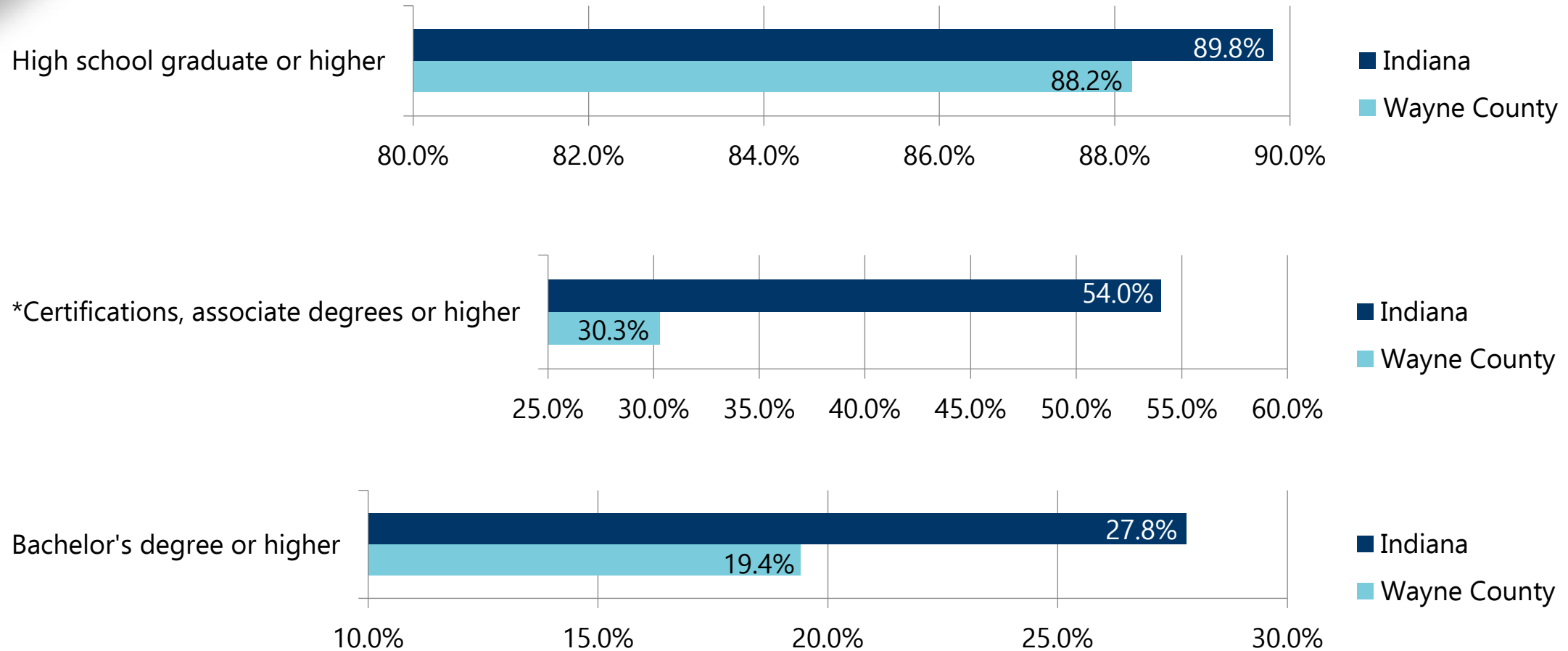
Strategy

We will work to increase our county's credential attainment by:

1. Promoting education and partnering on short-term credentials, associate degrees, and more
2. Developing career pathways within education systems and employers.
3. Supporting talent pipelines, talent networks, as well as career and job fairs
4. Connecting students with employers for internships, work-based learning opportunities, and other experimental learning.
5. Increasing Pre-K programs and increasing educational success from Pre-K to career attainment.

Source: *Forward Wayne County – Employability Coalition*

Education – Educational Attainment

Source: 2022 stats.Indiana.edu

Education – Educational Attainment

High school graduate or higher
- Indiana: 89.8%
- Wayne County: 88.2%

*Certifications, associate degrees or higher
- Indiana: 54.0%
- Wayne County: 30.3%

Bachelor's degree or higher
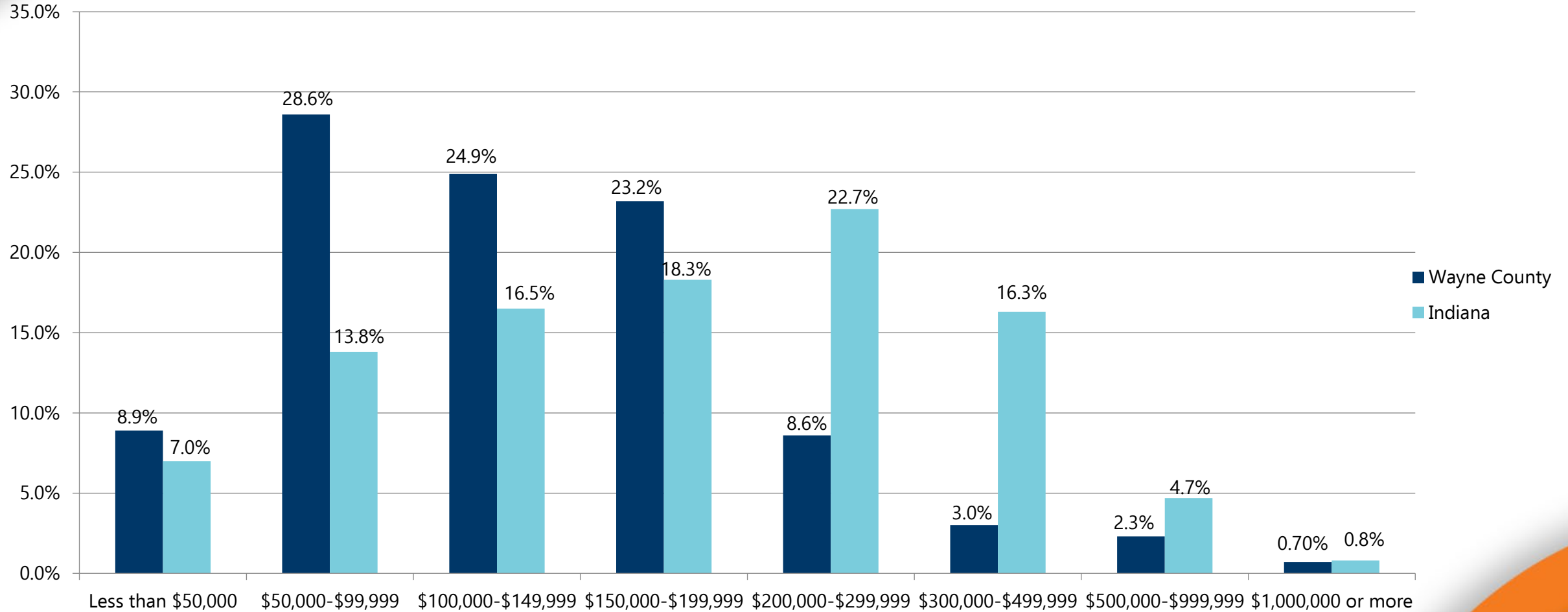- Indiana: 27.8%
- Wayne County: 19.4%

Goals

Increase Grossed Assessed Value annually at a rate at or above the state average

Strategy

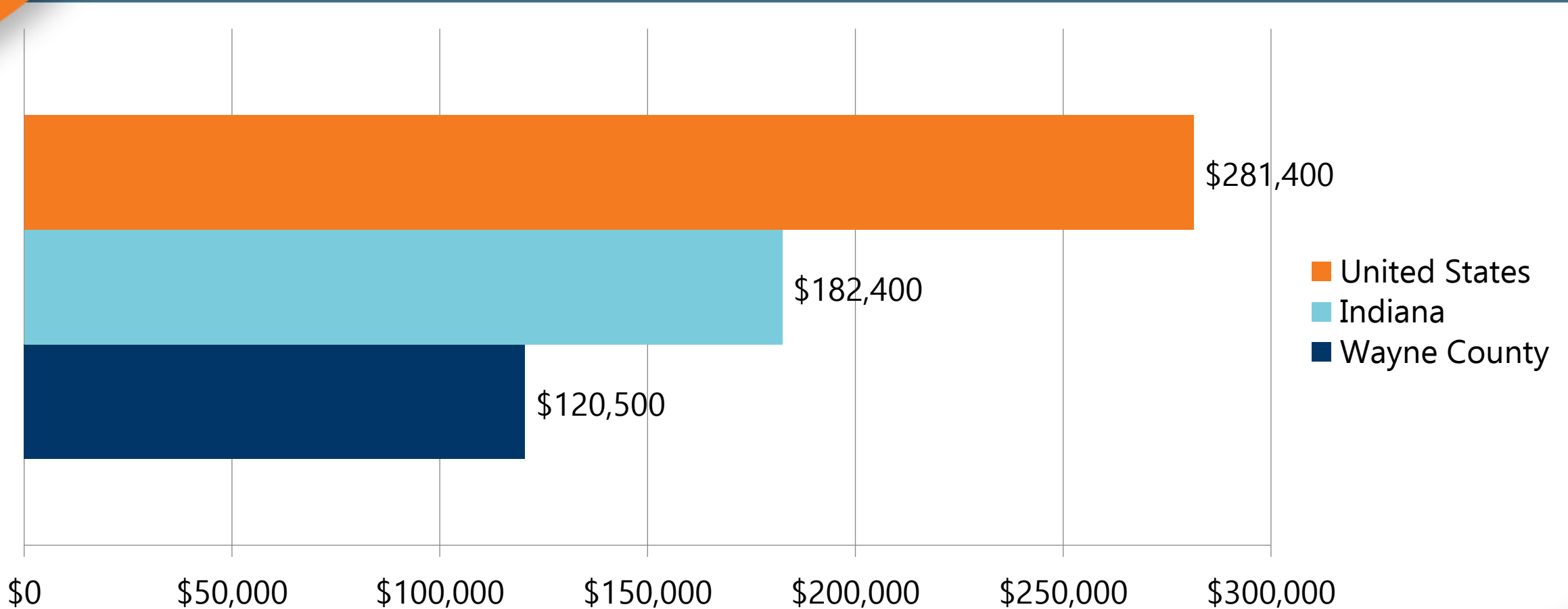Our efforts to increasing assessed value include:

1. Encourage affordable housing options with more private home ownership
2. Strengthen infrastructure of the county's current and new housing projects with public and private investors
3. Support development of downtowns through Main Street partners
4. Advocate, mobilize, and support government partnerships that encourage new housing projects, incentives to investors, and other applicable infrastructure inducements

Housing – Value

Source: 2021 American Community Survey

Housing – Median Home Value

Legend:
- United States
- Indiana
- Wayne County

United States: $281,400
Indiana: $182,400
Wayne County: $120,500

$0 $50,000 $100,000 $150,000 $200,000 $250,000 $300,000

Housing – Mortgage Status

Why does homeownership matter?

Stability of Community
  Homeowner property taxes provide funds for local governments and economies.

Income Stability
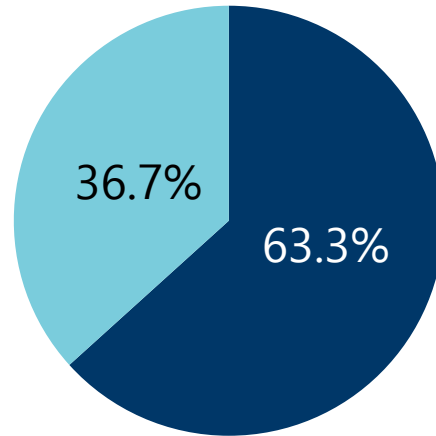 Homeownership increases household wealth through equity and appreciation over time.

Housing Stability
  Homeownership provides a sense of security through a consistent place to live and provides a theme of place in neighborhoods.

Correlations to Increased:
  Educational Attainment
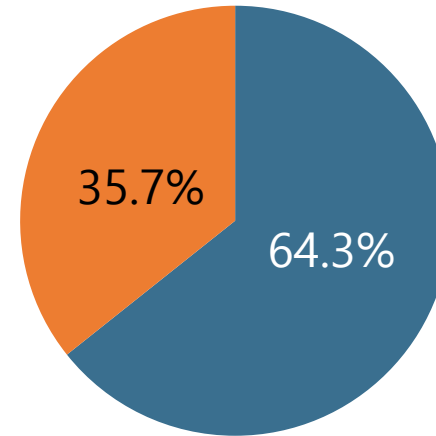 Household Income
  Community Engagement
  Volunteerism

Wayne County

36.7%
63.3%

■ Housing units with a mortgage

*Median gross rent in Wayne County is $733/month

Indiana

35.7%
64.3%

■ Housing units with a mortgage

62.3% of Indiana residents paying rent paid less than $1,000 per month. Median gross rent in Indiana is $905/month

Questions or Comments?

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