

DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY PROFILE

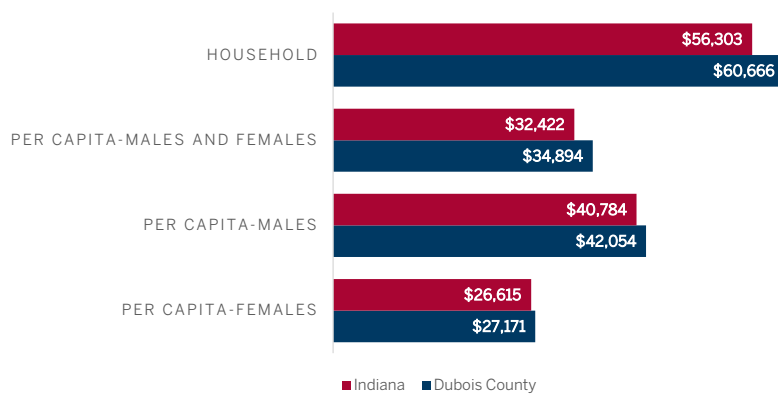
Facts, figures, and things to know about the people and places in Dubois County.

Household Demographics

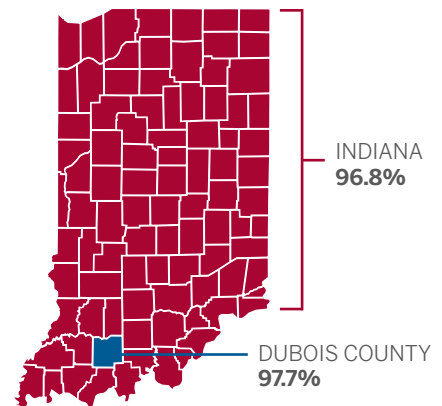
According to population estimates, there are 42,543 people who live in Dubois County.¹

The median household income for Dubois County is approximately \$4,000 higher than the state average.² There is a notable wage disparity between women and men in the county, with women earning approximately \$15,000 less than men on average. This pay gap is almost \$1,000 greater than the state average.³ The employment rate for Dubois County is about 1 percent higher than the state average, with most residents of Dubois County being employed.⁴

MEDIAN INCOME FOR NON-DISABLED ADULTS

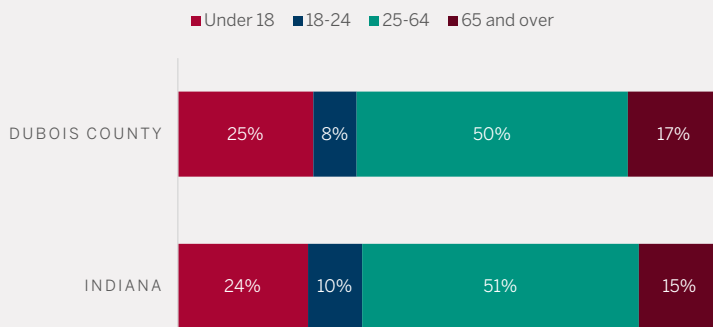


ADULTS EMPLOYED



The median age for Dubois County is approximately two years higher than the state's median age. Dubois County has a very similar age distribution as the rest of the state, with slightly more residents age 65 and higher than the state average.⁵

PERCENT OF POPULATION



MEDIAN AGE

37.7
INDIANA

40.3
DUBOIS COUNTY

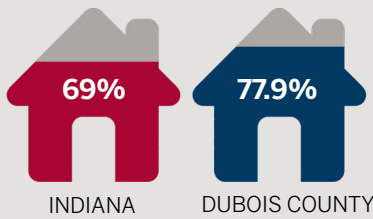


PATOKA LAKE encompasses 8,800 acres of fresh water, and the recreation area offers 26,000 acres for fishing, boating, swimming, water-skiing, canoeing, hunting, hiking, biking, and camping. The lake is known for being one of the clearest and cleanest bodies of water available in the area, providing optimal conditions for water sports and other activities. Patoka Lake also has one of the largest campgrounds available in the state, including ten boating launch ramps, shelter houses, playgrounds for children, paved biking and hiking trails, state park facilities, and a large beach, perfect for weekend getaways for the outdoor enthusiast and for week-long family trips.⁶

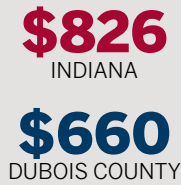
Housing

Dubois County residents are slightly more likely to own their home than the average Hoosier.⁷ Residents also pay about \$165 less in monthly rent payments on average. About half of the homes in Dubois County are 40 years or older, while approximately 24 percent are worth less than \$100,000.⁸ Multi-family housing comprises approximately 16 percent of housing options in Dubois County, and only 5 percent of houses in the county are vacant. About 8 percent of households in Dubois County qualify as having a severe housing problem (overcrowding, high housing costs, or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities), which is much lower than the state average.⁹

PERCENT OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS



MEDIAN RENT PAYMENT

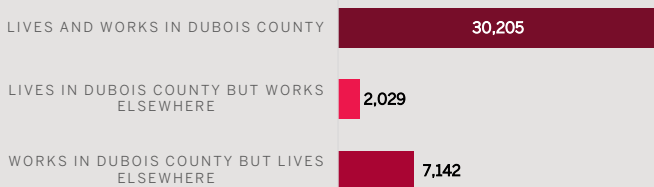


HOUSING CHALLENGES

BUILT PRIOR TO 1980	50.6%
HOUSES VALUED AT LESS THAN 100K	24.0%
MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING	15.7%
VACANT HOUSING UNITS	5.4%

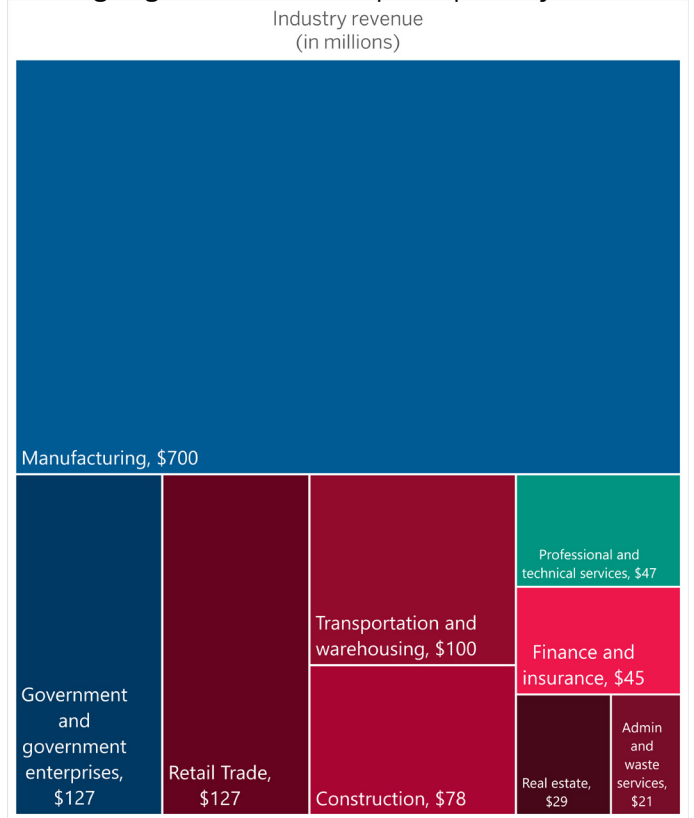
COMMUTING

Over 80 percent of Dubois County's workers both work and live in the county, while the remaining 20 percent commute in to the county for work. Meanwhile, only a little over 2,000 workers commute outside of the county for work.¹⁰



Industry

The top three industries in Dubois County are Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Government and Government Enterprises.¹¹ The top three major employers in the county are OFS Brands, Masterbrand Cabinets Inc, and Jasper Engines & Transmissions, located in Huntingburg, Ferdinand, and Jasper respectively.¹²



Technology

Access to the internet provides communities with a number of opportunities, from educational tools, to telemedicine, to the ability for local businesses to sell to people around the world. High speed broadband (25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload) allows for the most effective use of new technology that links rural communities to resources worldwide.¹³ Dubois County residents with an internet connection experience average internet speeds compared to the rest of the state, and only 16 percent of households in the county do not have internet access available to them.¹⁴

MEDIAN DOWNLOAD ↑ UPLOAD SPEED (MBPS)



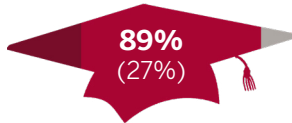
PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO INTERNET ACCESS



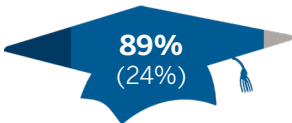
Educational Attainment

Dubois County is home to four public school districts, the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, the Northeast Dubois County School Corporation, the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation, and the Southwest Dubois County School Corporation. Approximately 89 percent of Dubois County residents age 25 years or older are high school graduates and 24 percent of county residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. Both statistics are in line with the state averages of 89 percent and 27 percent, respectively.¹⁵ Almost all high school graduates in Dubois County complete their degree within four years.¹⁶ In comparison to the rest of the state, students in Dubois County are more likely to pass the ISTEP 10th grade math and language arts exams combined, with approximately 42 percent of students passing.¹⁷ 12th grade students in Dubois County are more likely to take the SAT than the ACT; about 66 percent of 12th grade students take the SAT while 38 percent take the ACT.¹⁸

% WITH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (BACHELOR'S DEGREE)



INDIANA



DUBOIS COUNTY

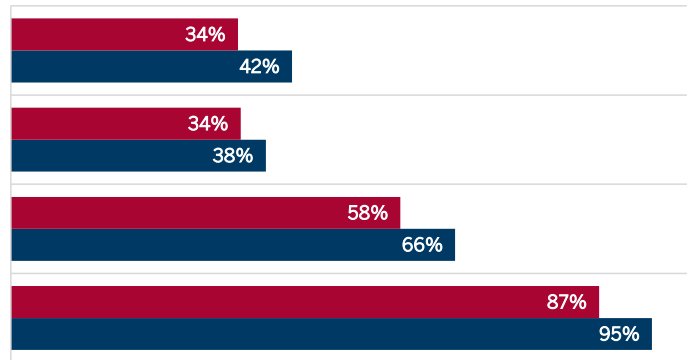
COMBINED ISTEP PASS IN ENGLISH AND MATH

12TH GRADERS TAKING ACT

12TH GRADERS TAKING SAT

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN 4 YEARS

COLLEGE READINESS

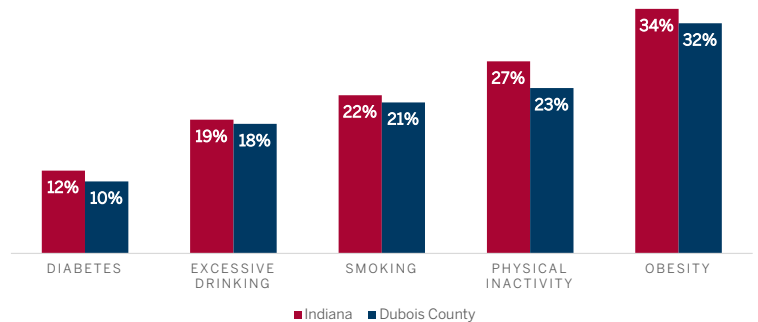


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Health

Dubois County residents are slightly more healthy overall than the average Hoosier. Health indicators for Dubois County indicate that residents are less likely to be diagnosed with diabetes, drink excessively, smoke, be physically inactive, and be obese than the average Hoosier.¹⁹

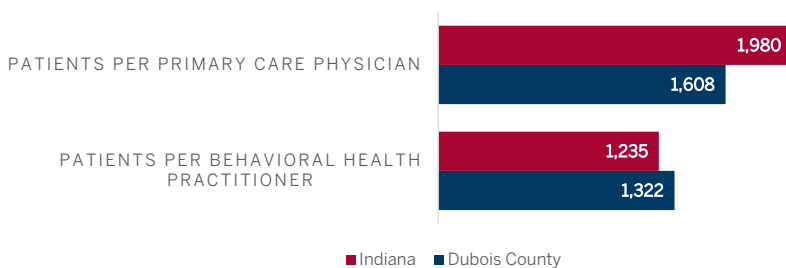
HEALTH RISK FACTORS



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Health Provider Ratios

NUMBER OF PATIENTS PER PROVIDER



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Medical and behavioral health providers can help address issues such as diabetes, obesity, smoking, and excessive alcohol consumption, and they can provide assistance to those struggling with mental health and substance use—issues currently facing many Hoosiers. Residents of Dubois County have better access to both primary care physicians and behavioral health practitioners than the average Hoosier. In Dubois County, there is one primary care physician available for every 1,608 residents and one behavioral health practitioner available for every 1,322 residents.^{20,21}

Highlights



The Spirit of Jasper Train & Depot offers visitors a one-of-a-kind unique experience to ride in authentic train cars and view the scenic Dubois County and southwestern Indiana area. The Spirit of Jasper Train & Depot has a Club Car, Lounge Car, and Parlour Car that all date back to the 1920s and 1940s. All cars have been renovated to modern standards and include air-conditioning, heat, restrooms, a cash bar, and an improved comfortable seating arrangement. The train takes visitors across the southern Indiana countryside, stopping at the French Lick Resort and Casino and historic West Baden area. The Depot also offers a special "Ride & Dine" dinner train where guests are served a full meal while they coast through the countryside, along with other special rides and events that happen throughout the year.²²

Ferdinand State Forest was established in 1934 as a Civilian Conservation Corps camp to provide individuals with a suitable area to hunt and fish. The forest is known for being an excellent spot to hunt whitetail deer and squirrels. The forest is not just for hunting, though. Visitors can also engage in boating, swimming, hiking, camping, and fishing around Ferdinand Lake. Over 50 campground sites are available that have nearby trails, picnic shelterhouses, tables, and grills located around the area for individuals to relax and enjoy an adventure or meal together.²³



The Jasper Strassenfest is an event that celebrates the authentic German heritage of Jasper and Dubois County. The festival is a 50-year tradition. Adults and kids of all ages have a variety of events and activities to enjoy during the four-day celebration, including a polka contest, Schuhplattler dances, a parade, carnival rides, live music performances, a 5k run/walk, a car show, and a backyard chili cook off.²⁴

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