

# Quality of Life Indicators

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## 1.1 The Development of Community-based Indicators

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## 1.2 Design Principles



## 1.3 Design Changes

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1.4 Findings

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Section	Indicator Category	Grade	Trend

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## 1.5 Recommended Uses

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## 1.6 Acknowledgements

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<b>Population</b>			
	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>
2000	484,564	110,106	146,798
1990	475,594	107,066	128,932
1980	522,910	108,630	119,810
1970	546,253	105,342	87,114

Table 2; Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<b>Population (Lake County)</b>			
	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Winfield	645	2,298	256.3%
St. John	4,921	8,382	70.3%
Dyer	10,923	13,895	27.2%
Schererville	20,155	24,851	23.3%
Lowell	6,430	7,505	16.7%
Merrillville	27,257	30,560	12.1%
Crown Point	17,728	19,806	11.7%
Munster	19,949	21,511	7.8%
Cedar Lake	8,885	9,279	4.4%
Hobart	24,440	25,363	3.8%
Schneider	310	317	2.3%
Lake Station	13,899	13,948	0.4%
New Chicago	2,066	2,063	-0.1%
Whiting	5,150	5,137	-0.3%
Highland	23,696	23,546	-0.6%
Hammond	84,236	83,048	-1.4%
Griffith	17,914	17,334	-3.2%
East Chicago	33,892	32,414	-4.4%
Gary	116,646	102,746	-11.9%
Balance	36,447	40,561	11.3%

Table 3; Source: NIRPC

## 2.1 Population

<b>Population (LaPorte County)</b>			
	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Wanatah	852	1,013	18.9%
Pottawattamie Park	281	300	6.8%
LaPorte	21,507	21,621	0.5%
Westville	5,255	5,211	-0.8%
Kingsford Heights	1,486	1,453	-2.2%
Michigan City	33,822	32,900	-2.7%
Trail Creek	2,463	2,296	-6.8%
Kingsbury	258	229	-11.2%
Michiana Shores	378	330	-12.7%
LaCrosse	677	561	-17.1%
Long Beach	2,044	1,559	-23.7%
Balance of County	38,043	42,633	12.1%

Table 4; Source: NIRPC

<b>Population (Porter County)</b>			
	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Porter	3,118	4,972	59.5%
Portage	29,062	33,496	15.3%
Chesterton	9,118	10,488	15.0%
Beverly Shores	622	708	13.8%
Hebron	3,183	3,596	13.0%
Valparaiso	24,414	27,428	12.3%
Kouts	1,603	1,698	5.9%
Town of Pines	789	798	1.1%
Burns Harbor	786	766	-2.5%
Ogden Dunes	1,499	1,313	-12.4%
Dune Acres	263	213	-19.0%
Balance of County	54,475	61,322	12.6%

Table 5; Source: NIRPC

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**Population Projections**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
2020	503,185	113,217	169,493
2015	500,195	112,698	166,306
2010	496,886	112,124	162,781
2005	492,903	111,433	158,537
2000 (baseline)	486,308	110,289	151,509

Table 6; Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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**Age Cohorts (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Median	35.9	37.1	36.3	35.2

Table 7; Source: Indiana Business Research Center

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**Age Cohorts (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Senior (65 plus)	63,234	14,912	15,972	752,831
Adult (18-64)	291,533	68,192	93,024	3,753,258
School Age (5-17)	95,158	19,886	28,314	1,151,181
Preschool (0-4)	34,639	7,116	9,488	423,215

Table 8; Source: Indiana Business Research Center

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**Age Cohorts (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Senior (65 plus)	13.00%	13.50%	10.90%	12.40%
Adult (18-64)	60.20%	61.90%	63.40%	61.70%
School Age (5-17)	19.60%	18.10%	19.30%	18.90%
Preschool (0-4)	7.10%	6.50%	6.50%	7.00%

Table 9; Source: Indiana Business Research Center

## 2.2 Race and Ethnicity

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**Race (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
One Race	475,585	108,432	144,854	6,004,813
! " African-American	122,723	11,156	1,344	510,034
! " American-Indian	1,343	342	326	15,815
! " Asian	3,983	498	1,341	59,126
! " White	323,290	94,972	139,946	5,320,022
! " Other	24,246	1,464	1,897	99,816
Two or More Races	8,979	1,674	1,944	75,672
Hispanic (any race)	59,128	3,402	7,079	214,536

Table 10; Source: Indiana Business Research Center



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**Percent African-American Population (2000)**

Gary	84.0%
East Chicago	36.1%
Westville (skewed by institutional residents)	26.4%
Michigan City	26.3%
Merrillville	22.9%
Pottawattamie Park	16.3%
Hammond	14.6%
Griffith	10.1%
Kingsford Heights	9.7%
Balance of Lake County	4.7%
Trail Creek	2.7%
Schererville	2.1%
La Porte	1.9%
Valparaiso	1.6%
Portage	1.4%
Crown Point	1.4%
Hobart	1.4%
Highland	1.3%
Balance LaPorte County	1.0%
Munster	1.0%
Porter	0.8%
Lake Station	0.8%
Beverly Shores	0.7%
Dyer	0.7%
Whiting	0.6%
New Chicago	0.5%
Balance Porter County	0.5%
Chesterton	0.4%
Long Beach	0.4%
Winfield	0.3%
Schneider	0.3%
Michiana Shores	0.3%
Hebron	0.3%
Burns Harbor	0.3%
Ogden Dunes	0.2%
La Crosse	0.2%
St. John	0.1%
Town of Pines	0.1%
Wanatah	0.1%
Cedar Lake	0.1%
Lowell	0.0%
Dune Acres	0.0%

Table 11; Source: NIRPC

## 2.3 Households

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**Number Foreign-born (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Naturalized Citizens	14,319	1,464	2,349	70,983
Non-citizens	11,529	1,266	2,010	115,551

Table 12; Source: U.S. Census

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**Percent Foreign-born (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Percent	5.3%	2.5%	3.0%	3.1%

Table 13; Source: U.S. Census

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**Percent Households in Which English Is Only Language Spoken**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Percent	86.5%	94.1%	93.8%	93.6%

Table 14; Source: U.S. Census

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**Linguistically Isolated Households (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Households	4,318	498	385

Table 15; Source: U.S. Census

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**Types of Households (2000)**

	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
Married with Children	21.5%	22.6%	27.6%	23.8%
Married without Children	27.2%	31.3%	32.1%	29.8%
Single Parent Households	11.3%	9.3%	7.4%	9.1%
Living Alone	25.8%	25.2%	22.2%	25.9%
Other	14.2%	11.6%	10.7%	11.4%



*Table 16; Source: Indiana Business Research Center*

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### 3.1 Employment

#### Labor Force (2001)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Number	219,320	54,230	74,270

Table 17; Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

#### Labor Force as Percent of Population (2001)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Percent	45.2%	49.0%	49.9%	50.7%

Table 18; Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

#### Unemployment Rate

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Jan-03	6.20%	7.50%	5.10%	5.40%
Jan-03	8.00%	7.80%	6.50%	5.90%
Feb-03	5.00%	5.00%	3.80%	4.40%
Jan-00	5.40%	5.10%	3.80%	3.80%
Jan-99	4.60%	4.30%	3.50%	3.60%

Table 19; Source: Indiana Business Research Center

#### Unemployment Rate by Race (2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
African-American Female	13.7%	9.3%	1.1%	11.4%
African-American Male	17.1%	10.7%	4.3%	12.9%
Hispanic Female	9.6%	9.6%	7.0%	9.5%
Hispanic Male	8.3%	2.1%	4.1%	6.8%
White Female	4.8%	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%
White Male	5.1%	3.5%	3.9%	4.2%

Table 20; Source: U.S. Census



**Private Non-farm Employment (Lake County)**

	Mar-98	Mar-01	Percent Change		Mar-98	Mar-01	Percent Change
Manufacturing	36,252	33,669	-7.1%	Finance and Insurance	5,767	5,361	-7.0%
Healthcare and Social Assistance	26,087	26,715	2.4%	Information	2,206	2,777	25.9%
Retail Trade	26,585	25,708	-3.3%	Real Estate/Rental and Leasing	1,971	2,505	27.1%
Accommodation/Food Services	15,617	15,558	-0.4%	Non-public education	1,992	2,384	19.7%
Other Non-Govt Services	10,302	10,773	4.6%	Management	1,308	2,333	78.4%
Construction	11,956	10,580	-11.5%	Utilities	1,750	2,313	32.2%
Admin Support/Waste Mgmt	8,003	8,702	8.7%	Non-local Management Services	375	1,073	186.1%
Arts and Entertainment/Recreation	6,953	7,775	11.8%	Unclassified	55	49	-10.9%
Wholesale Trade	7,137	7,062	-1.1%	Mining	55	38	-30.9%
Professional/Scientific/Technical	5,708	6,112	7.1%	Ag. Services/Forestry	8	11	37.5%
Transportation/Warehousing	5,369	5,822	8.4%				

Table 21; Source U.S. Census

**Private Non-farm Employment (LaPorte County)**

	Mar-98	Mar-01	Percent Change		Mar-98	Mar-01	Percent Change
			-11.3%				-8.7%
			-2.6%				0.0%
			-4.9%				5.1%
			8.7%				200.5%
			6.1%				41.4%
			-2.3%				0.0%
			3.8%				19.7%
			10.9%				548.1%
			-3.3%				0.0%
			13.6%				-47.1%
			-9.9%				

Table 22; Source U.S. Census

**Private Non-farm Employment (Porter County)**

	Mar-98	Mar-01	Percent Change		Mar-98	Mar-01	Percent Change
				Ag. Services, Forestry	8	11	37.5%

Table 23; Source U.S. Census

### Major Employers in Region (2002)

	Location	Employees
Ispat Inland Steel	East Chicago	8,500
USX Corporation	Gary	8,000
Bethlehem Steel (now ISG)	Burns Harbor	6,000
LTV Steel (now ISG)	East Chicago	3,000
NIPSCO	Merrillville	2,200
BP	Whiting	1,800
National Steel (now U.S.S.)	Portage	1,600
Empress Casino	Hammond	1,600
St. Margaret Mercy	Hammond	1,555
Community Hospital	Munster	1,500
Methodist Hospitals	Gary/Merrillville	1,417
Porter Memorial	Valparaiso	1,302
Trump Casino	Gary	1,200
Harrah's Casino	East Chicago	1,200
St. Anthony's Medical Center	Crown Point	1,157
Cooper Industries	Michigan City	1,100
Blue Chip Casino	Michigan City	1,100
Majestic Star Casino	Gary	900
St. Catherine's Hospital	East Chicago	853
LaPorte Hospital	LaPorte	720
St. Mary Medical Center	Hobart	700
St. Anthony's Hospital	Michigan City	680
Weil-McClain	Michigan City	675
St. Margaret Mercy	Dyer	659
Sullair Corporation	Michigan City	550
Cerestar	Hammond	550
Trans-Apparel	Michigan City	500
Lever Brothers	Hammond	500

Table 24; Source: NIRPC

### Farm Self-Employment/Employment

	1996	2000	% Change
Farm Proprietors	1,892	1,859	-1.7%
Farm Employees	2,380	2,400	0.8%

Table 25; Source: U.S. Census

### Skills in Demand

Lake County	LaPorte County	Porter County
1. Receive payments and make change.	1. Receive payments and make change.	1. Adhere to safety procedures.
2. Apply good listening skills.	2. Use cash registers.	2. Apply good listening skills.
3. Work as a team member.	3. Maintain safe work environment.	3. Load and unload.
4. Follow detailed instructions.	4. Use sales techniques.	4. Follow detailed instructions.
5. Adhere to safety procedures.	5. Apply health/sanitation standards.	5. Use computer.
6. Follow customer instructions.	6. Balance cash register.	6. Work as a team member.
7. Manage time effectively.	7. Follow and give instructions.	7. Receive payments and make change.
8. Perform more than one task at a time.	8. Unpack/inventory store goods.	8. Follow and give instructions.
9. Use cash registers.	9. Apply food handling rules.	9. Maintain safe work environment.
10. Follow and give instructions.	10. Organize and work with records.	10. Manage time effectively.
11. Prioritize tasks.	11. Sell merchandise.	11. Apply health/sanitation standards.
12. Balance cash register.	12. Handling merchandise.	12. Apply loading/unloading procedures.
13. Load and unload.	13. Price merchandise.	13. Follow customer instructions.
14. Apply health/sanitation standards.	14. Use a computer.	14. Organize and work with records.
15. Unpack/inventory/store goods.	15. Describe/demonstrate goods/services.	15. Use computers with client data.
16. Organize and work with records.	16. Work as a team member.	16. Keep records and maintain files.
17. Maintain safe work environment.	17. Manage inventories and supplies.	17. Process and prepare forms.
18. Use computer.	18. Apply merchandising techniques.	18. Use computer keyboard.
19. Apply food handling rules.	19. Apply product knowledge to marketing.	19. Apply food handling rules.
20. Serve customers/clients.	20. Sell merchandise to public.	20. Handle money.

Table 26; Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development

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**Jobs Anticipated to Be in Demand in 2008**

1. Cashiers.
2. Retail sales persons.
3. General office clerks.
4. Heavy truck drivers.
5. Registered nurses.
6. General managers and top executives.
7. Childcare workers.
8. Telemarketers.
9. Home health aides.
10. Systems analysts.

*Table 27; Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development*

### 3.2 Leading Industries

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**Tons of Steel Produced in Indiana**

2002	20,600,000
2000	25,667,000
1990	21,231,000
1980	19,820,000

*Table 28; Source: Indiana Department of Commerce*

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**Person-Hrs. per Ton of Steel Produced**

1998	3.2 hrs.
1983	10.1 hrs.

*Table 29; Source: American Iron and Steel Institute*

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**Gaming Boat Admissions (2002)**

Blue Chip	3,384,262
Harrah's	5,062,388
Horseshoe	4,766,533
Majestic Star	2,547,868
Trump	2,664,331

*Table 30; Source: Indiana Gaming Commission*

<b>Gaming Tax Distributions (1996-2000)</b>	
Build Indiana Fund	\$502,253,579
Cities with Gaming Boats	\$253,754,956
Lake County	\$74,163,392
LaPorte County	\$1,217,470
Convention and Visitors Bureaus	\$8,633,809
Division of Mental Health	\$8,633,809

Table 31; Source: NIRPC

<b>Gaming Boat Taxes Paid (2002)</b>	
Blue Chip	\$53,773,164
Harrah's	\$78,828,970
Horseshoe	\$84,653,586
Majestic Star	\$33,573,794
Trump	\$32,835,820

Table 32; Source: Indiana Gaming Commission

<b>Port of Indiana (Tons Processed)</b>	
2000	2,264,628
1990	1,686,139
1980	1,250,312

Table 33; Source: Ports of Indiana

<b>Bushels of Field Crop Production (2001)</b>			
	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>
Corn	8,608,600	15,524,000	8,674,000
Soybeans	2,490,300	4,059,800	2,646,400
Wheat	154,200	152,400	166,400

Table 34; Source: U.S. Census

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4.1 Income

**Per Capita Income (Tax Year 1999)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Total	\$19,639	\$18,913	\$23,957	\$20,397

Table 35; Source: NIRPC

**Percent Households with Less than \$20,000 Income (Tax Year 1999)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
White Householder(s)	17.5%	19.6%	14.9%	19.4%
African-American Householder(s)	36.8%	32.6%	14.5%	34.8%
Hispanic Householder(s)	23.4%	21.0%	12.4%	23.3%

Table 36; Source: U.S. Census

**Family Income in 1999 (Lake County)**

	Median	Mean
Married Couples	\$59,619	\$68,957
Male Householders	\$39,435	\$47,445
Female Householders	\$25,122	\$31,595

Table 37; Source: U.S. Census



Family Income in 1999 (LaPorte County)		
	Median	Mean
Married Couples	\$54,860	\$62,254
Male Householders	\$36,901	\$47,265
Female Householders	\$25,205	\$31,044

Table 38; Source: U.S. Census

Family Income in 1999 (Porter County)		
	Median	Mean
Married Couples	\$67,052	\$79,117
Male Householders	\$44,810	\$47,271
Female Householders	\$31,710	\$37,392

Table 39; Source: U.S. Census

Median Household Income (Tax Year 1999)	
Dune Acres	\$94,843
Ogden Dunes	\$76,924
St. John	\$71,378
Long Beach	\$71,364
Winfield	\$65,641
Munster	\$63,243
Dyer	\$63,045
Schererville	\$59,243
Beverly Shores	\$59,107
Chesterton	\$55,530
Burns Harbor	\$53,929
Crown Point	\$52,889
Highland	\$51,297
Wanatah	\$50,625
Porter	\$50,625
Griffith	\$50,030
Kingsbury	\$50,000
Merrillville	\$49,545
Lowell	\$49,173
Hobart	\$47,759
Portage	\$47,500
Schneider	\$46,339
Michiana Shores	\$46,250
Valparaiso	\$45,799
Kouts	\$44,850
Cedar Lake	\$43,987
Trail Creek	\$43,750
Hebron	\$42,103
Town of Pines	\$41,875
Pottawattamie Park	\$37,500
Lake Station	\$36,984
Westville	\$36,761
LaCrosse	\$36,667
Hammond	\$35,526
LaPorte	\$35,376
Whiting	\$34,972
Michigan City	\$33,732
New Chicago	\$32,759
Kingsford Heights	\$32,169
Gary	\$27,195
East Chicago	\$26,538

Table 40; Source: NIRPC



## 4.2 Poverty



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**Poverty Rate (1999 Tax Year)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
All Individuals	12.2%	8.7%	5.9%	9.5%
Children Under Age 18	17.8%	11.5%	6.8%	11.7%

Table 41; Source: Indiana Business Research Center

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**Poverty Rate (1999 Tax Year)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
White	6.5%	7.1%	5.7%	7.8%
African-American	25.6%	21.7%	8.7%	23.2%
Hispanic	15.6%	17.9%	8.2%	17.8%

Table 42; Source: U.S. Census

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**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Monthly Avg.)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2001 (TANF)	8,884	687	326	39,395
1990 (AFDC)	11,245	1,121	507	52,732

Table 43; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

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**Food Stamps (Monthly Avg.)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2001	50,901	6,266	3,606	331,206
1990	51,836	6,787	3,179	315,742

Table 44; Source: Indiana Youth Institute



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**Non-Marital Births (Percent of All Births)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2000	48.3%	39.4%	25.6%	34.6%
1990	39.3%	31.0%	15.8%	26.2%

Table 45; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

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**Grandparents Responsible for Grandchildren Under Age 18**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Number	5,804	919	908

Table 46; Source: U.S. Census



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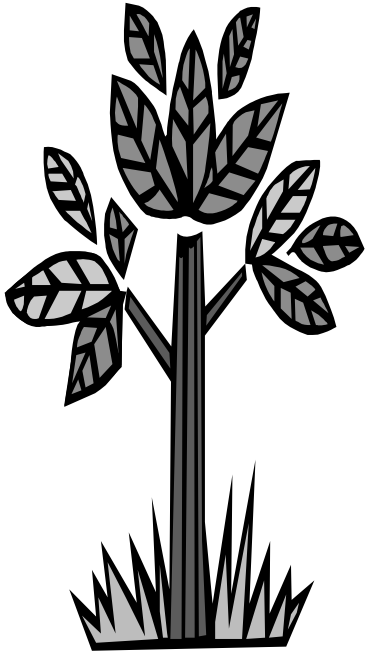
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5.1. Air Quality

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Lake County (2002)	% Days Air Quality Was Good	% Days Air Quality Was Moderate	% Days Air Quality Was Unhealthy	Highest Recorded Score	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Score	Median Score
2001	69.2%	30.8%	0.0%	92	71	42
2000	81.1%	18.9%	0.0%	87	56	33
1999	73.2%	26.8%	0.0%	97	69	34
1998	65.2%	34.5%	0.3%	103	67	39
1997	77.5%	22.2%	0.3%	108	64	35

Table 47; Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

LaPorte County (2002)	% Days Air Quality Was Good	% Days Air Quality Was Moderate	% Days Air Quality Was Unhealthy	Highest Recorded Score	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Score	Median Score
2001	72.5%	27.1%	0.4%	92	71	42
2000	85.0%	15.0%	0.0%	87	56	33
1999	78.6%	21.1%	0.3%	97	69	34
1998	71.0%	28.5%	0.5%	103	67	39
1997	78.9%	20.8%	0.3%	108	64	35

Table 48; Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Porter County (2002)	% Days Air Quality Was Good	% Days Air Quality Was Moderate	% Days Air Quality Was Unhealthy	Highest Recorded Score	90 <sup>th</sup> PSI Score	Median PSI Score
2001	72.2%	27.8%	0.0%	92	67	40
2000	80.1%	19.4%	0.0%	92	57	31
1999	74.4%	24.9%	0.5%	106	69	32
1998	67.7%	31.8%	0.5%	116	67	32
1997	79.7%	19.7%	0.5%	103	62	30

Table 49; Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Lake County	CO (ppm)		NO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	O <sub>3</sub> (ppm)		SO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)		PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		P <sub>b</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	2nd Max 1-hr	2nd Max 8-hr	Annual Mean	2nd Max 1-hr	4th Max 8-hr	2nd Max 24-hr	Annual Mean	98th Percentile	Annual Mean	99th Percentile	Annual Mean	Quarterly Mean
2003	4.8	2.6	0.019	0.125	0.101	0.032	0.006	40	17.7	106	30	0.03
1993	7.8	4.5	0.019	0.116	0.079	0.052	0.01			135	39	0.16

Table 50; Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

LaPorte County	CO (ppm)		NO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	O <sub>3</sub> (ppm)		SO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)		PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		P <sub>b</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	2nd Max 1-hr	2nd Max 8-hr	Annual Mean	2nd Max 1-hr	4th Max 8-hr	2nd Max 24-hr	Annual Mean		2nd Max 1-hr	2nd Max 8-hr	Annual Mean	2nd Max 1-hr
2003				0.136	0.107	0.015	0.004	32	13.5			
1993				0.123	0.093	0.029	0.007					

Table 51; Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Porter County	CO (ppm)		NO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	O <sub>3</sub> (ppm)		SO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)		PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		P <sub>b</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	2nd Max 1-hr	2nd Max 8-hr	Annual Mean	2nd Max 1-hr	4th Max 8-hr	2nd Max 24-hr	Annual Mean		2nd Max 1-hr	2nd Max 8-hr	Annual Mean	2nd Max 1-hr
2003				0.132	0.101	0.031	0.005	33	14.2	66	22	
1993				0.12	0.089	0.03	0.008			57	25	

Table 52; Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Air Toxins (2000-2001 Mean Averages for Lake and Porter Counties)			
	Lowest Average	High Average	CEP Benchmark
Benzene	.22	.83	.038
Chloroform	.10	.10	.0088
Chloromethane	.44	.51	.27
Styrene	.12	.65	.47
Carbon Tetrachloride	.06	.07	.011
Trichloroethene	.08	.13	.11
P-dichlorobenzene	.03	.04	.025

Table 53; Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## 5.2 Water Quality



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<b>Beach Closings</b>	
2002	61
2001	92
2000	30
1999	32
1998	64
1997	30
1996	40

Table 54; Source: Lake Michigan Federation

<b>Waterbody Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Parameters of Concern</b>
Main Beaver Dan Dt - Above Niles Ditch & Crown Point WWTP	Lake	Impaired Biotic Communities
Portage Burns Waterway (Previously Burns Ditch)	Porter	FCA for PCB & Hg, Impaired Biotic Communities, E. coli
Burns Ditch (Previously Little Calumet River)	Lake	E. coli, Impaired Biotic Communities, FCA for PCB & Hg
Deep River-Tributary (Merrillville)	Lake	Impaired Biotic Communities, Siltation, E. coli
Dunes Creek	Porter	Impaired Biotic Communities, E. coli
Grand Calumet River - Gary to Indiana Harbor Canal	Lake	E. coli, FCA for PCB & Hg; Cyanide; oil and grease
Grand Calumet River - Headwaters	Lake	FCA for PCB & Hg; Cyanide; oil and grease; Ammonia; Impaired Biotic Communities
Grand Calumet River - Gary to Indiana Harbor Canal	Lake	Impaired Biotic Communities
Grand Calumet River - Illinois to Indiana Harbor Canal	Lake	FCA for PCB & Hg; Ammonia; Cyanide; Chlorides; E. coli
Marquette Park Lagoons	Lake	FCA for PCB
Indiana Harbor Canal Main Channel	Lake	E. coli; FCA for PCB & Hg
Lake George Branch-Indiana Harbor Canal	Lake	E. coli; FCA for PCB & Hg Impaired Biotic Communities; Oil and Grease
Lake George	Lake	FCA for PCB
Lake Michigan Shoreline	Lake, Porter, LaPorte	E. coli; FCA for PCB & Hg
Little Calumet River	Porter, LaPorte	E. coli; FCA for PCB & Hg
Little Calumet River	Lake	Cyanide; E. coli; FCA for PCB & Hg, Impaired Biotic Communities
Niles Ditch	Lake	Impaired Biotic Communities

Salt Creek; Clark Ditch and Other Tribs	Porter	E. coli
Salt Creek	Porter	Impaired Biotic Communities
Trail Creek	LaPorte	E. coli; FCA for PCB & Hg
Trail Creek Tributary Basin	LaPorte	Impaired Biotic Communities
Turkey Creek Mainstem; Turkey Creek - Merrillville	Lake	E. coli; Impaired Biotic Communities
Wolf Lake	Lake	FCA for PCB
East Branch Trail Creek and Other Tribs	LaPorte	E. coli
West Branch Trail Creek and Other Tribs	LaPorte	E. coli
Galena River	LaPorte	E. coli; Impaired Biotic Communities
Kintzele Ditch and Tribs	LaPorte/Porter	E. coli
Rice Lake Tributaries and Outlet Stream	Porter	E. coli
Coffee Creek Basin	Porter	E. coli
Damon Run-Swanson Lamporte Ditch; Damon Run & Trib	Porter	E. coli
Damon Run and Tributary	Porter	Impaired Biotic Communities; E. coli
Gustafson Ditch - Other Tribs	Porter	E. coli
Cedar Creek	Lake	Impaired Biotic Communities
Cobb Creek/Breyfogel Ditch	Porter	Impaired Biotic Communities
Crooked Creek	LaPorte, Porter	Impaired Biotic Communities
Kankakee River - Mainstem	Lake, LaPorte	E. coli; FCA for PCB & Hg; Impaired Biotic Communities
Bull Run Basin	Lake	Impaired Biotic Communities
East Branch Stony Run	Lake	Nutrients; Total Dissolved Solids; Chlorides
Singleton Ditch - Bruce Ditch/Bailey Ditch	Lake	Impaired Biotic Communities; Total Dissolved Solids
Singleton Ditch - Bryant Ditch	Lake	E. coli
Cobb Ditch - Sievers Creek	Porter	Impaired Biotic Communities
Salisbury Ditch	LaPorte	Impaired Biotic Communities
Kankakee River - Travis Ditch/Long Ditch	LaPorte	E. coli
Little Kankakee River - Byron	LaPorte	E. coli
Little Kankakee River - Mill Creek-Fish Lakes	LaPorte	Impaired Biotic Communities
Pine Creek-Horace Miller Ditch	LaPorte	E. coli
Lower Fish Lake	LaPorte	FCA for PCB & Hg
Little Calumet River	Lake	FCA for PCB & Hg; Cyanide; Impaired Biotic Communities
Cedar Lake; Cedar Creek	Lake	FCA for PCB
Dyer Ditch	Lake	Impaired Biotic Communities

Table 55; Source: Abbreviated from Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Municipality	No. of Combined Sewer System Outfalls
Chesterton	1
Crown Point	5
East Chicago	3
Gary	12
Hammond	20
LaPorte	1
Michigan City	2
Valparaiso	1

Table 56; Source: Indiana Department of Environmental Management

<b>Underground Storage Tanks that Have Leaked (Not Resolved)</b>			
	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>
High Priority	159	46	72
Medium Priority	521	71	123
Low Priority	134	32	19

Table 57; Source: Indiana Department of Environmental Management

<b>Septic Systems (Number)</b>			
	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>
2000		Not Yet Reported	
1990	18,274	18,002	14,444

Table 58; Source: U.S. Census

<b>Septic Systems (Percent)</b>			
	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>
2000		Not Yet Reported	
1990	10.7%	17.8%	32.0%

Table 59; Source: U.S. Census

### 5.3 Solid Wastes

<b>Tons of Municipal Waste Produced</b>			
	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>
2001	1,099,149	110,455	107,780
2000	1,100,952	128,926	106,677
1999	1,115,650	124,388	95,070
1998	930,599	134,509	80,199

Table 60; Source: Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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**Municipal Waste Produced (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Pounds Per Capita	4,544	2,342	1,453

Table 61; Source: Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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**Curbside and Drop-off Recycling Diverted (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Tons	28,865	9,248	27,161

Table 62; Source: Solid Waste Districts

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**Curbside and Drop-off Recycling Diverted (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Pounds Per Capita	119.1	168.0	370.0

Table 63; Source: Solid Waste Districts

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**2001 Landfill Capacity in Tons Per Year**

Newton	1,176,499
Deercroft	881,725
County Line	530,075
Prarie View	243,547
Munster	157,622

Table 64; Source: Indiana Solid Waste Annual Report

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**Hazardous Waste Produced (2001)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Tons	288,319.5	1,578.0	403,972.6

Table 65; Source: Indiana Department of Environmental Management

## 5.4 Sprawl



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Percent of Population Living in Urban Core	
2000	37.3%
1990	33.9%

Table 67; Source: U.S. Census

Loss of Farmland (1982-1997)			
	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Acres	433	43,039	25,750

Table 67; Source: USDA, Census of Agriculture

Loss of Farmland (1982-1997)			
	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Change	-0.3%	-9.4%	-24.2%

Table 68; Source: USDA, Census of Agriculture

Land at High Risk for Development			
	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Percent of Total Acres	21.86%	12.35%	14.15%

Table 69; Source: Open Lands Project

Land Permanently Allocated as Open Spaces			
	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Percent of Total Acres	2.40%	2.72%	5.05%

Table 70; Source: Open Lands Project



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**Designated Brownfield Sites**

Bairstow Slag Dump	Hammond
Bear Brand Hosiery Company	Gary
Bortz Farm	LaPorte
CVS Pharmacy	Highland
Former Wolohan Lumber Site	Crown Point
Industrial Scrap Corporation	East Chicago
Josam Foundry	LaPorte
LaPorte Redevelopment Project	LaPorte
Lme Sludge Disposal	Crown Point
Schreiber Oil	Cedar Lake
Town of Dyer Site	Dyer
West Point Industrial Complex	Hammond

*Source 71: Indiana Department of Environmental Management*

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Actions:

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## 6.1 Educational Attainment

Highest Education Level Obtained (2000)				
	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Doctorate	0.4%	0.2%	0.9%	0.7%
Professional School Degree	1.1%	1.2%	1.8%	1.4%
Master's Degree	4.0%	3.5%	6.5%	5.1%
Bachelor's Degree	10.7%	9.0%	13.5%	12.2%
Associate Degree	5.2%	5.5%	6.0%	5.8%
Some College; No Degree	22.0%	20.1%	21.7%	19.8%
High School Diploma or Equivalency	37.3%	41.0%	38.0%	37.2%
Less than High School	19.3%	19.5%	11.6%	17.8%

Table 72; Source: U.S. Census



**College Enrollment (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Number	24,644	4,525	8,959

Table 73; Source: U.S. Census

**6.2 Educational Outcomes**



2001-2002 Graduation Rate (Lake County)	
Munster	97.2%
Lake Central	96.6%
Hobart	96.5%
Griffith	96.5%
Gary	96.4%
Whiting	96.3%
Highland	96.3%
Hanover	96.2%
Merrillville	95.9%
Crown Point	95.9%
River Forest	95.8%
Lake Station	95.5%
Tri-Creek	94.9%
East Chicago	94.4%
Hammond	94.3%
Lake Ridge	93.8%
State Average	95.9%

Table 74; Source: Indiana Department of Education

2001-2002 Graduation Rate (LaPorte County)	
Dewey Township	96.7%
LaPorte	96.2%
New Durham	96.0%
New Prairie	95.5%
South Central	94.9%
Michigan City	94.5%
State Average	95.9%

Table 75; Source: Indiana Department of Education

2001-2002 Graduation Rate (Porter County)	
Union Township	96.9%
Valparaiso	96.8%
East Porter County	96.4%
Boone Township	96.2%
Duneland	96.2%
Portage	96.0%
Porter Township	95.0%
State Average	95.9%

Table 76; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2000-2001 College Attendance (Lake County)</b>	
Munster	92%
Whiting	81%
Highland	80%
East Chicago	79%
Merrillville	75%
Gary	73%
Tri-Creek	73%
Hanover	73%
Lake Central	68%
Crown Point	66%
Griffith	63%
Hammond	59%
Hobart	50%
River Forest	49%
Lake Station	39%
Lake Ridge	32%
State Average	68%

Table 77; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2000-2001 College Attendance (LaPorte County)</b>	
New Durham	73%
Michigan City	65%
LaPorte	65%
New Prarie	64%
South Central	62%
Dewey Township	59%
State Average	68%

Table 78; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2000-2001 College Attendance (Porter County)</b>	
Duneland	79%
Valparaiso	76%
Portage	74%
East Porter County	69%
Union Township	67%
Porter Township	63%
Boone Township	55%
State Average	68%

Table 79; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2001-2002 Composite SAT Scores (Lake County)</b>	
Munster	1,053
Highland	1,010
Crown Point	1,009
Lake Central	1,007
Griffith	996
Tri-Creek	992
Merrillville	986
Hanover	968
Lake Station	944
Whiting	941
Hobart	941
Hammond	926
Lake Ridge	853
River Forest	823
East Chicago	798
Gary	774
State Average	1,001

Table 80; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2001-2002 Composite SAT Scores (LaPorte County)</b>	
LaPorte	1,057
New Prarie	975
New Durham	955
Dewey Township	949
South Central	947
Michigan City	945
State Average	1,001

Table 81; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2001-2002 Composite SAT Scores (Porter County)</b>	
Valparaiso	1,062
Union Township	1,042
Duneland	1,022
East Porter County	1,001
Porter Township	992
Portage	951
Boone Township	939
State Average	1,001

Table 82; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2002-2003 Cognitive Skills Index (Lake County)</b>	
Lake Ridge	Not Reported
Gary	Not Reported
Highland	Not Reported
Munster	110.3
Crown Point	105.9
Lake Central	105.4
Hobart	104.1
Tri-Creek	102.9
Hanover	102.9
East Chicago	101.2
Merrillville	101.2
Griffith	100.7
Lake Station	99.7
River Forest	99.2
Whiting	98.7
Hammond	96.2
State Average	103.9

Table 83; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2002-2003 Cognitive Skills Index (LaPorte County)</b>	
Dewey Township	110.4
New Prarie	106.5
South Central	104.1
LaPorte	104.0
New Durham	102.1
Michigan City	97.8
State Average	103.9

Table 84; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2002-2003 Cognitive Skills Index (Porter County)</b>	
Valparaiso	108.8
East Porter County	108.5
Union Township	108.5
Boone Township	106.5
Duneland	106.2
Porter Township	105.0
Portage	104.2
State Average	103.9

Table 85; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2002-2003 Percent Above Math and English Standard (Lake County)</b>	
Munster	76%
Lake Central	72%
Hanover	70%
Crown Point	69%
Highland	67%
Griffith	64%
Tri-Creek	61%
Hobart	59%
Merrillville	57%
Lake Station	48%
Whiting	47%
Lake Ridge	43%
River Forest	42%
Hammond	36%
East Chicago	33%
Gary	21%
State Average	58%

Table 86; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2002-2003 Percent Above Math and English Standard (LaPorte County)</b>	
South Central	73%
New Prarie	68%
New Durham	65%
LaPorte	64%
Dewey Township	61%
Michigan City	42%
State Average	58%

Table 87; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2002-2003 Percent Above Math and English Standard (Porter County)</b>	
Union Township	80%
East Porter County	75%
Valparaiso	74%
Porter Township	72%
Boone Township	70%
Duneland	69%
Portage	58%
State Average	58%

Table 88; Source: Indiana Department of Education

### 6.3 Risk Factors



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**Licensed Capacity as a Percent of Children Needing Day Care (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Percent	30.0%	14.0%	14.0%	28.0%

*Table 89; Source: Indiana Business Research Center*

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**Children on Day Care Voucher Waiting List**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
2001	352	268	0
1990	867	99	113

*Table 90; Source: Indiana Youth Institute*





Percent of Adults in District with Less than H.S. Education (Lake County)	
East Chicago	39.9%
Lake Ridge	39.1%
Lake Station	34.8%
River Forest	34.7%
Gary	32.9%
Whiting	31.5%
Hammond	29.8%
Hobart	20.0%
Merrillville	19.3%
Tri-Creek	19.1%
Hanover	18.5%
Crown Point	16.6%
Griffith	15.6%
Highland	14.3%
Lake Central	13.5%
Munster	11.7%
State Average	23.4%

Table 91; Source: Indiana Department of Education

Percent of Adults in District with Less than H.S. Education (LaPorte County)	
New Durham	29.4%
Michigan City	26.2%
LaPorte	25.3%
New Prairie	23.1%
Dewey Township	17.3%
South Central	15.4%
State Average	23.4%

Table 92; Source: Indiana Department of Education

Percent of Adults in District with Less than H.S. Education (Porter County)	
Portage	22.6%
Boone Township	18.3%
East Porter County	16.8%
Duneland	15.4%
Union Township	13.0%
Valparaiso	11.8%
Porter Township	10.4%
State Average	23.4%

Table 93; Source: Indiana Department of Education

Percent of Families in District Below Poverty Level (Lake County)	
Gary	36.7%
East Chicago	34.4%
Lake Ridge	20.4%
Hammond	19.4%
Whiting	19.3%
River Forest	15.3%
Hanover	9.9%
Lake Station	7.7%
Hobart	6.3%
Crown Point	5.5%
Griffith	5.2%
Tri-Creek	4.9%
Merrillville	4.0%
Highland	3.8%
Lake Central	2.4%
Munster	1.5%
State Average	11.8%

Table 94; Source: Indiana Department of Education

Percent of Families in District Below Poverty Level (LaPorte County)	
Michigan City	15.8%
LaPorte	10.5%
New Prairie	7.3%
South Central	6.6%
Dewey Township	6.4%
New Durham	6.2%
State Average	11.8%

Table 95; Source: Indiana Department of Education

Percent of Families in District Below Poverty Level (Porter County)	
Portage	8.8%
Valparaiso	5.7%
Boone Township	5.1%
Duneland	5.0%
East Porter County	4.7%
Porter Township	3.9%
Union Township	0.7%
State Average	11.8%

Table 96; Source: Indiana Department of Education

Percent of Students in District in Single Parent Families (Lake County)	
Gary	55.5%
East Chicago	50.5%
Whiting	32.7%
Hammond	32.2%
Lake Ridge	28.8%
River Forest	24.3%
Lake Station	21.2%
Hobart	20.7%
Griffith	19.2%
Highland	17.7%
Crown Point	15.8%
Merrillville	14.4%
Lake Central	14.3%
Tri-Creek	13.3%
Munster	12.8%
Hanover	12.6%
State Average	24.3%

Table 97; Source: Indiana Department of Education

Percent of Students in District in Single Parent Families (LaPorte County)	
Michigan City	30.4%
LaPorte	23.1%
New Durham	22.2%
South Central	15.0%
New Prairie	11.0%
Dewey Township	6.9%
State Average	24.3%

Table 98; Source: Indiana Department of Education

Percent of Students in District in Single Parent Families (Porter County)	
Portage	20.6%
Valparaiso	18.5%
Duneland	17.0%
Boone Township	13.1%
East Porter County	13.0%
Porter Township	12.4%
Union Township	7.0%
State Average	24.3%

Table 99; Source: Indiana Department of Education

2002-2003 Percent of Students Eligible for Free Lunch (Lake County)	
East Chicago	76.4%
River Forest	62.6%
Gary	58.4%
Hammond	56.3%
Lake Ridge	48.8%
Whiting	46.4%
Lake Station	43.6%
Hobart	19.7%
Merrillville	16.3%
Hanover	13.4%
Tri-Creek	11.7%
Griffith	11.2%
Crown Point	9.0%
Highland	6.6%
Lake Central	6.3%
Munster	3.8%
State Average	25.1%

Table 100; Source: Indiana Department of Education

2002-2003 Percent of Students Eligible for Free Lunch (LaPorte County)	
Michigan City	41.1%
LaPorte	22.6%
New Durham	18.9%
Dewey Township	12.4%
New Prairie	11.5%
South Central	7.5%
State Average	25.1%

Table 101; Source: Indiana Department of Education

2002-2003 Percent of Students Eligible for Free Lunch (Porter County)	
Portage	21.9%
Duneland	13.0%
Valparaiso	11.1%
Boone Township	8.5%
East Porter County	7.2%
Union Township	6.5%
Porter Township	6.1%
State Average	25.1%

Table 102; Source: Indiana Department of Education

## 6.4 Other Factors



<b>2000-2002 Avg Expense per Student (Lake County)</b>	
Hammond	\$11,568
East Chicago	\$11,432
Whiting	\$10,564
Gary	\$9,907
Lake Ridge	\$9,765
Griffith	\$9,281
Merrillville	\$8,383
Munster	\$8,330
River Forest	\$8,288
Lake Station	\$8,080
Highland	\$7,822
Tri-Creek	\$7,571
Lake Central	\$7,559
Crown Point	\$7,463
Hanover	\$7,044
Hobart	\$6,934
State Average	\$8,337

Table 103; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2001-2002 Attendance Rate (Lake County)</b>	
Munster	97.2%
Lake Central	96.6%
Hobart	96.5%
Griffith	96.5%
Gary	96.4%
Whiting	96.3%
Highland	96.3%
Hanover	96.2%
Merrillville	95.9%
Crown Point	95.9%
River Forest	95.8%
Lake Station	95.5%
Tri-Creek	94.9%
East Chicago	94.4%
Hammond	94.3%
Lake Ridge	93.8%
State Average	95.9%

Table 106; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2000-2002 Avg Expense per Student (LaPorte County)</b>	
Michigan City	\$8,934
Dewey Township	\$8,335
New Durham	\$7,486
LaPorte	\$7,431
New Prairie	\$7,359
South Central	\$7,288
State Average	\$8,337

Table 104; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2001-2002 Attendance Rate (LaPorte County)</b>	
Dewey Township	96.7%
LaPorte	96.2%
New Durham	96.0%
New Prairie	95.5%
South Central	94.9%
Michigan City	94.5%
State Average	95.9%

Table 107; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2000-2002 Avg Expense per Student (Porter County)</b>	
East Porter County	\$10,916
Duneland	\$9,577
Porter Township	\$9,159
Valparaiso	\$8,935
Union Township	\$7,984
Portage	\$7,430
Boone Township	\$6,286
State Average	\$8,337

Table 105; Source: Indiana Department of Education

<b>2001-2002 Attendance Rate (Porter County)</b>	
East Porter County	96.9%
Union Township	96.9%
Valparaiso	96.8%
Boone Township	96.2%
Duneland	96.2%
Portage	96.0%
Porter Township	95.0%
State Average	95.9%

Table 108; Source: Indiana Department of Education

2001-2002 Suspensions/Expulsions per 100 Students (Lake County)	2001-2002 Suspensions/Expulsions per 100 Students (LaPorte County)	2001-2002 Suspensions/Expulsions per 100 Students (Porter County)
East Chicago 58.6	Michigan City 56.3	Portage 17.2
River Forest 35.9	LaPorte 10.8	Porter Township 14.9
Lake Ridge 35.8	New Durham 8.9	Duneland 12.4
Hammond 32.9	New Prarie 6.1	Union Township 6.9
Lake Station 29.3	Dewey Township 1.8	Valparaiso 2.4
Whiting 27.5	South Central 0.1	East Porter County 2.2
Gary 24.5	State Average 13.9	Boone Township 1.7
Merrillville 22.0	<i>Table 110; Source: Indiana Department of Education</i>	State Average 13.9
Tri-Creek 13.0		<i>Table 111; Source: Indiana Department of Education</i>
Hobart 11.1		
Griffith 10.0		
Crown Point 8.9		
Lake Central 7.3		
Highland 4.8		
Hanover 3.0		
Munster 2.9		
State Average 13.9		

Table 109; Source: Indiana Department of Education

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**Leading Health Indicators (Healthy People 2010)**

Physical Activity

Overweight and Obesity

Tobacco Use

Substance Abuse

Responsible Sexual Behavior

Mental Health

Injury and Violence

Environmental Quality

Immunization

Access to Healthcare

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*Table 112; Source: Department of Health and Human Services*

## 7.1 Mortality

### Leading Causes of Death (2001)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Heart Disease	39.0%	40.6%	40.3%	39.2%
Cancer	24.1%	25.7%	23.4%	23.2%
Other	36.9%	33.7%	36.3%	37.6%

Table 113; Source: Indiana Business Research Center

### Infant Deaths

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2000	61	10	10	676
1990	77	12	15	827

Table 114; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

### Child Deaths (Age 1-14)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2000	24	4	9	305
1990	36	8	10	340

Table 115; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

### Teen Deaths by Accident, Homicide, Suicide

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2000	40	8	3	256
1990	26	3	14	265

Table 116; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

### Leading Causes of Death Among Hoosiers Age 10-24 (2001)

Motor Vehicle Crashes	30%
Homicides	16%
Suicides	13%
Other Injuries	13%
HIV Infections	0%
Other Causes	28%

Table 117; Source: Indiana Business Research Center



## 7.2 Cost and Insurance Coverage

### Primary Health Insurance Status (2000-2001)

	United States	Indiana
Employer	58%	64%
Self-Covered	5%	5%
Medicaid	11%	6%
Medicare	12%	14%
Uninsured	15%	12%

Table 118; Source: Kaiser Family Foundation



### Primary Health Insurance Status for Children 18 and Under (2000-2001)

	United States	Indiana
Employer	61%	70%
Self-Covered	4%	5%
Medicaid	22%	14%
Medicare	0%	0%
Uninsured	12%	11%

Table 119; Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

### Number of Children Enrolled in Hoosier Healthwise

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2002	31,382	47,620	6,318	433,141
1998	7,889	4,128	2,526	210,423

Table 120; Source: Indiana Youth Institute



## 7.2 Risk Factors

### No Leisure Time Physical Activity

	United States	Indiana
2001	26.2%	25.8%

Table 121; Source: Indiana State Department of Health

### Overweight or Obese

	United States	Indiana
2001	56%	58%

Table 122; Source: Kaiser Family Foundation





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**Cigarette Smoking**

	United States	Indiana
2001	22.7%	27.3%

Table 123; Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

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**Percent of Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2000	15.9%	25.3%	17.1%	20.2%
1990	25.4%	32.6%	27.7%	26.6%

Table 124; Source: Indiana Youth Institute



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**Teen Births**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2001	882	195	172	10,66
1995	1,296	219	182	12,193

Table 125; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

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**Births to Teens as Percent of Total Births (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
1990	14.3%	14.5%	8.0%	12.5%

Table 126; Source: Indiana Business Research Center

**Sexually-transmitted Diseases per 100,000 Population (2000)**

	United States	Indiana
Chlamydia	258	237
Gonorrhea	132	110
Syphilis	12	13

Table 127; Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

**HIV/AIDS**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
AIDS Cases Reported Since 1982	747	107	82	6,927
HIV Cases Reported Since 1985	489	94	59	3,958

Table 128; Source: Indiana State Department of Health

**Deaths from AIDS**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Reported Since 1985	446	47	49

Table 129; Source: Indiana State Department of Health

**Living with HIV/AIDS (2002)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
1990	763	148	97

Table 130; Source: Indiana State Department of Health

**Percent Reporting Poor Mental Health During Preceding 30 Days**

	United States	Indiana
2001	34%	36%

Table 131; Source: Kaiser Family Foundation



**Children Reported as Victims of Abuse and Neglect (Lake County)**

	Abuse	Neglect
2001	827	1,364
2000	638	1,072
1999	625	1,186
1998	614	876
1997	689	1,271
1996	1,250	2,315

Table 132; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

**Children Reported as Victims of Abuse and Neglect (LaPorte County)**

	Abuse	Neglect
2001	114	153
2000	121	100
1999	151	103
1998	64	87
1997	85	112
1996	194	233

Table 133; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

**Children Reported as Victims of Abuse and Neglect (Porter County)**

	Abuse	Neglect
2001	291	1,105
2000	273	857
1999	327	1,017
1998	386	975
1997	342	797
1996	518	815

Table 134; Source: Indiana Youth Institute




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**Percent of Seniors Who Received Vaccines (2001)**

	United States	Indiana
Influenza Vaccine	64.9 %	65.7%

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**Percent of Mothers Who Received 1st Trimester Prenatal Care**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2000	76.90%	72.50%	82.40%	79.40%
1990	75.10%	75.80%	81.40%	78.80%

*Table 136; Source: Indiana Youth Institute*

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**Percent of Low Birthweight Births**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2000	9.00%	7.30%	6.40%	7.30%
1990	7.90%	6.20%	5.10%	6.60%

*Table 137; Source: Indiana Youth Institute*





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## 8.1 Housing Profile

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### Housing Units (2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Occupied	194,992	45,621	57,616
Vacant	13,359	4,571	2,967

Table 138; Source: NIRPC

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### Residential Building Permits Issued (1990-2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Number	20,337	4,902	12,636

Table 139; Source: NIRPC



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**Home Ownership vs. Renting**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Own Home	64.2%	67.6%	72.7%	65.9%
Rent Home	28.9%	22.3%	22.1%	26.3%
Other	6.9%	10.1%	5.2%	7.8%

Table 140; Source: Indiana Business Research Center

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**Living in Group Quarters**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
1990	5,648	6,490	3,539

Table; 141; Source: NIRPC

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**Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Value	\$97,500	\$93,500	\$127,000

Table 142; Source: U.S. Census

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**Median Rent (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Monthly Rent	\$544	\$495	\$625

Table 143; Source: U.S. Census

## 8.2 Cost of Housing

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**Median Percentage of Household Income Spent on Housing (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Rent	24.8%	23.6%	23.2%	23.9%
Own Home with Mortgage	19.9%	19.8%	19.6%	19.3%
Own Home without Mortgage	10.9%	9.9%	9.9%	9.9%

Table 144; Source: U.S. Census

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**Percent of Renters Paying More than 50% of 1999 Household Income on Rent**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Percent	18.5%	15.1%	15.4%	15.5%

Table 145; Source: U.S. Census

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**Median Income of Home Owners vs. Renters (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Renters	\$25,069	\$24,614	\$31,781	\$25,550
Home Owners	\$50,760	\$47,781	\$60,672	\$49,688

Table 146; Source: U.S. Census



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## 8.3 Housing Quality



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### Median Year Housing Units Were Constructed (2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Year	1960	1960	1974	1966

Table 147; Source: U.S. Census

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### Occupants per Room (2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
.50 or less	66.9%	71.6%	71.9%	72.1%
.51 to 1.00	28.9%	26.3%	26.3%	25.6%
1.01 to 1.50	2.8%	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%
1.51 to 2.00	1.0%	0.5%	0.2%	0.5%
2.01 or More	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%

Table 148; Source: U.S. Census

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### Basic Housing Amenities (2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
No Plumbing	1,601	272	232
No Kitchen	2,285	367	327
No Telephone	4,923	1,003	571

Table 149; Source: U.S. Census

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## 9.1 Vehicle Census

<b>Passenger Vehicle Registrations</b>			
	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>
2000	277,918	69,367	90,927
1990	255,420	61,529	76,835

*Table 150; Source: NIRPC*

## 9.2 Commuting Patters

<b>Location of Worksite (2002)</b>			
	<b>Lake</b>	<b>LaPorte</b>	<b>Porter</b>
In County of Residence	72.1%	74.0%	56.2%
Outside County of Residence/In State	5.5%	21.4%	34.9%
Outside State of Residence	22.4%	4.6%	8.9%

*Table 151; Source: U.S. Census*

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**Travel into Lake County to Work (2000)**

From Porter County	21,530
From Illinois	11,437
From LaPorte County	1,837
From Other Non-Lake County Locations	6,369

Table 152; Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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**Travel Time to Work (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Less than 30 Minutes	33.1%	42.1%	64.5%
30 to 44 Minutes	23.6%	19.2%	19.6%
45 to 59 Minutes	12.0%	14.1%	7.6%
60 Minutes or More	31.2%	24.6%	8.3%

Table 153; Source: U.S. Census

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**Means of Transportation to Work (2002)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Drive Alone	80.7%	83.6%	85.5%	81.8%
Car Pool	11.3%	9.8%	7.8%	11.0%
Public Transit	3.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.0%
Other	2.8%	3.0%	2.9%	3.3%
Work at Home	2.0%	2.6%	2.5%	2.9%

Table 154; Source: U.S. Census

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**Daily South Shore Ridership**

1998	3,369,557
1995	3,295,987

Table 155; Source: MultiSystems



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**Percent Reliance on Public Transportation to Commute to Work (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
White	2.7%	0.8%	1.3%	0.7%
African-American	5.0%	3.0%	1.3%	5.5%
Hispanic	3.4%	1.6%	2.8%	2.2%

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**Unmet Need for Public Transportation**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Percent of Need Not Met	73.7%	90.6%	97.6%

Table 157; Source: NIRPC

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### 9.3 Accidents

Vehicle Crashes (2000)			
	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Total	19,838	4,208	4,982
Alcohol Related	851	220	215

Table 158; Source: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Vehicle Fatalities			
	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
2001	79	27	20
1994	61	22	25

Table 159; Source: Indiana Department of Transportation

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## 10.1 Criminal Activity

### Crimes Reported (2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Murder	90	4	2
Rape	119	30	22
Robbery	959	98	21
Aggravated Assault	1,208	150	97
Burglary	3,184	840	503
Larceny-Theft	9,938	3,648	3,078
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,971	557	279

Table 160; Source: Federal Bureau of Investigations

### Crimes Reported per 10,000 Population (2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Murder	1.9	0.4	0.1
Rape	2.5	2.7	1.5
Robbery	19.8	8.9	1.4
Aggravated Assault	24.9	13.6	6.6
Burglary	65.7	76.3	34.3
Larceny-Theft	205.1	331.3	209.7
Motor Vehicle Theft	61.3	50.6	19.0

Table 161; Source: Federal Bureau of Investigations

### Arrests (2000)

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Murder	26	2	4
Rape	19	5	1
Robbery	161	20	7
Aggravated Assault	830	107	140
Burglary	256	105	71
Larceny-Theft	2,179	540	474
Motor Vehicle Theft	240	26	33
Fraud	180	76	62
Vandalism	297	142	101
Total Drug Offenses	2,107	266	578
Offenses Against Family and Child	100	76	10
Driving Under the Influence	3,048	611	654
Liquor Law Violations	1,691	287	753
Drunkenness	2,190	404	468
Disorderly Conduct	1,052	93	46

Table 162; Source: Federal Bureau of Investigations



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## 10.2 Youth and Crime

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### Juveniles Committed to the Department of Corrections

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
1990	64	7	30
2001	92	41	16

Table 163; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

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### Juvenile Status Case Filings

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
1990	13	0	0
2001	247	98	65

Table 164; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

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### Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
1990	1,626	176	326
2001	2,269	593	397

Table 165; Source: Indiana Youth Institute

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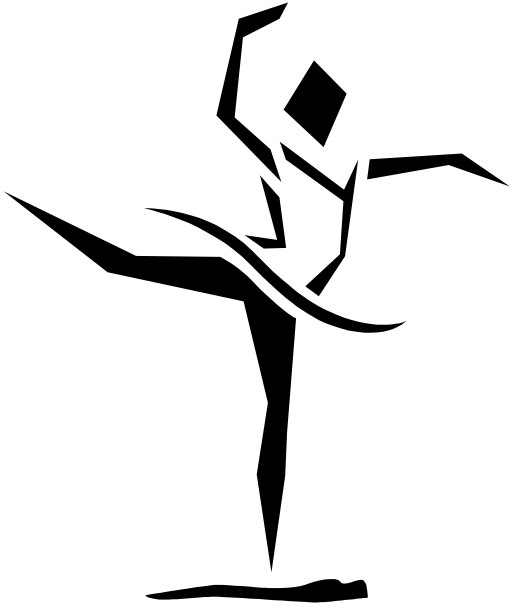
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## 12.1 Tax Burden

<b>1999 Assess Property Values (Lake County)</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Rank in State</b>	<b>Cum. Percent</b>
Assessed Value by Property Class	\$3,542,640,200	2	100.00%
! " Commercial & Industrial	\$2,110,077,980	2	59.60%
! " Residential	\$1,184,748,790	4	33.40%
! " Agricultural	\$43,037,490	70	1.20%
! " Utilities	\$204,775,940	2	5.80%
Total Assessed Value Per Capita	\$7,366	74	

Table 166; Source: Indiana Department of Local Government Finance

<b>1999 Assess Property Values (LaPorte County)</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Rank in State</b>	<b>Cum. Percent</b>
Assessed Value by Property Class	\$938,340,940	14	100.00%
! " Commercial & Industrial	\$370,791,050	14	39.50%
! " Residential	\$410,967,620	14	43.80%
! " Agricultural	\$80,224,290	15	8.50%
! " Utilities	\$76,357,980	12	8.10%
Total Assessed Value Per Capita	\$8,543	54	

Table 167; Source: Indiana Department of Local Government Finance

<b>1999 Assess Property Values (Porter County)</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Rank in State</b>	<b>Cum. Percent</b>
Assessed Value by Property Class	\$1,733,624,770	7	100.00%
! " Commercial & Industrial	\$782,148,100	8	45.10%
! " Residential	\$821,867,640	6	47.40%
! " Agricultural	\$27,567,130	83	1.60%
! " Utilities	\$102,041,900	6	5.90%
Total Assessed Value Per Capita	\$11,854	15	

Table 168; Source: Indiana Department of Local Government Finance

<b>Tax District (Lake County)</b>	<b>2002 Rate</b>
East Chicago Corp (North)	11.8745
Hammond Corp (North)	11.1065
Gary Corp Calumet Twp Lake Ridge Schools	10.9055
Gary Corp Calumet Twp Gary Schools	10.6973
Gary Corp Hobart Twp River Forest Schools	9.8232
Lake Station Corp Calumet Twp	9.6306
Lake Station Corp Hobart Twp Lake Station Schools	8.8640
Lake Station Corp Hobart Twp River Forest Schools	8.7651
Whiting Corp (North)	8.1979
Hobart Corp Hobart Hobart City Schools Gary Sanitary	7.8637
Calumet Township Gary Sanitary	7.4643
Hobart Corp Hobart Twp Hobart City Schools	7.4056
New Chicago Corp (Hobart)	7.2095
Griffith Corp Calumet Twp	7.0840
Calumet Township	7.0062
Hobart Corp Hobart Twp River Forest Schools	6.9876
Hobart Corp Ross Twp	6.7467
School Schneider Corp (West Creek)	6.5998
Lowell Corp West Creek Twp	6.3588
Lowell Corp Cedar Creek Twp	6.3459
Crown Point Corp Center Twp	6.2862
Crown Point Corp Center Twp Annex	6.2862
Munster Corp (North)	6.2428
Crown Point Corp Ross Twp	6.2397
Cedar Lake Corp Center Twp	6.0854
Merrillville Corp Ross Twp Gary Sanitary	5.9818
Highland Corp (North)	5.9221
Griffith Corp Saint John Twp	5.8068
Saint John Corp Saint John Twp	5.7278
Saint John Corp Hanover Twp	5.6644
Dyer Corp (Saint John)	5.5846
Merrillville Corp Ross Twp	5.5237
Cedar Lake Corp Hanover Twp	5.5106
Winfield Corp Winfield Water District	5.3810
Winfield Corp (Winfield)	5.1773
Schools Schererville Corp (Saint John)	5.1404
Hobart Township	5.0071
Cedar Creek Township	4.9975
Eagle Creek Township	4.9587
Winfield Township	4.9566
Center Township	4.9396
West Creek Township	4.9199
Ross Township	4.7120
Saint John Township School	
Schererville Water	4.4181
Saint John Township	4.3911
Hanover Township	4.3218
Hobart Corp Ross	2.0461

Table 169; Source Indiana Department of Local Government Finance

<b>Tax District (LaPorte County)</b>	<b>2002 Rate</b>
LaCrosse Corp (Dewey)	5.5192
Michigan City Corp - Michigan Twp	5.0022
Michigan City Corp - Coolspring Twp	4.9967
Long Beach Corp (Michigan) MC Sanitary	4.4224
Trail Creek Corp - Michigan Twp MC Sanitary	4.1801
Trail Creek Corp - Coolspring Twp MC Sanitary	4.1746
LaPorte Corp - Kankakee Twp 1	4.1710
LaPorte Corp - Center Twp	4.1701
LaPorte Corp - Scipio Twp	4.1688
LaPorte Corp - Pleasant Twp	4.1671
Pottawattamie Park Corp (Michigan) MC Sanitary	4.1575
LaPorte Corp - Kankakee Twp 2	4.1529
Westville Corp (New Durham)	4.0257
Long Beach Corp (Michigan)	3.9916
Kingsford Heights Corp (Union)	3.9517
Wanatah Corp - Clinton Twp	3.7555
Trail Creek Corp - Michigan Twp	3.7493
Trail Creek Corp - Coolspring Twp	3.7438
Dewey Township	3.7281
Pottawattamie Park Corp (Michigan)	3.7267
Michiana Shores Corp - Michigan Twp	3.4377
Michiana Shores Corp - Springfield Twp	3.4247
Coolspring Township 1 MC Sanitary	3.4059
Hanna Township	3.3930
Kingsbury Corp (Washington)	3.3088
Noble Township	3.3069
New Durham Township	3.2726
Johnson Township	3.2164
Clinton Township	3.1642
Springfield Township	3.1558
Hudson Township	3.0399
Lincoln Township	3.0247
Union Township	3.0186
Coolspring Township 1	2.9751
Michigan Township	2.9674
Scipio Township	2.9501
Pleasant Township	2.9476
Kankakee Township	2.9450
Wanatah Corp - Cass Twp	2.9181
Center Township	2.9090
Galena Township	2.8997
Washington Township	2.8946
Wills Township	2.8916
Coolspring Township 2	2.8797
Cass Township	2.3443
Prairie Township	1.7901

Table 170; Source Indiana Department of Local Government Finance

<b>Tax District (Porter County)</b>	<b>2002 Rate</b>
Valparaiso-Washington Twp	4.4438
Portage City-Westchester Twp	4.3511
Valparaiso (Center)	4.2467
Chesterton-Westchester Twp	4.0838
Chesterton-Liberty Twp	4.0798
Chesterton-Jackson Twp	4.0694
Porter Town (Westchester)	4.0626
Portage City-Portage Twp	4.0087
Burns Harbor (Westchester)	3.8332
Kouts (Pleasant)	3.7209
Beverly Shores (Pines)	3.6557
Dune Acres (Westchester)	3.5588
Porter Township	3.4376
Hebron (Boone)	3.4228
Porter Twp-W Porter Fire	3.3939
Ogden Dunes (Portage)	3.3727
Pleasant Township	3.2940
Union Township	3.2289
Washington Township	3.2160
Morgan Township	3.2111
Pines Town (Pines Twp)	3.2064
Center Township	3.1303
Pine Township-Duneland Schools	3.0627
Liberty Township	3.0313
Jackson Township	2.9749
Westchester Township	2.9638
Portage Township	2.8973
Pine Township-Mich City Schools	2.8662
Boone Township	2.7597

Table 171; Source Indiana Department of Local Government Finance



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**Anticipated Property Tax Shifts (2002-2003)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
Agricultural	-8.3%	-11.3	-11.0
Residential	+16.3%	-8.8	-12.3
Commercial	-28.5%	-22.0	-37.6
Industrial	-21.1%	-27.7	-32.7
Utility	-30.1%	-21.1	-39.1

Table 172; Source: Purdue University Agricultural Economics Department

## 12.2 Government Services

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**Local Government Spending by Type of Government (1997)**

School Corporations	43%
Cities and Towns	26%
Counties	21%
Special Districts	9%
Townships	1%

Table 173; Source: Purdue University Agricultural Economics Department

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**Local Government Spending by Function (1997)**

Education	48%
Hospitals and Health	12%
Other	12%
Environment/Housing	9%
Public Safety	7%
Transportation	5%
Welfare	4%
Administration	3%

Table 174; Source: Purdue University Agricultural Economics Department

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<b>Local Government Spending by Object Code (1997)</b>	
Employees	44%
Other Operating Expenditures	38%
Construction	8%
Other Capital Expenditures	5%
Interest Payments	4%
All Other	1%

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*Table 175 ; Source: Purdue University Agricultural Economics Department*

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County	2001 Appropriation	Revenue Source		Fund			Appropriation/ Assessed Value	Appropriation/ Population
		Prop. Tax	Other	Gen. Fund	Capital	Other		
Lake County	\$194,397,420	73.3%	26.7%	48.5%	6.3%	45.2%	2.0%	\$401.18
LaPorte County	\$43,824,370	45.8%	54.2%	60.9%	9.7%	29.3%	1.6%	\$398.02
Porter County	\$38,888,255	59.0%	41.0%	68.4%	10.7%	21.0%	0.7%	\$264.91

Table 176 : Source: Purdue University Agricultural Economics Department

Municipality	2001 Appropriation	Revenue Source		Fund			Appropriation/ Assessed Value	Appropriation/ Population
		Prop. Tax	Other	Gen. Fund	Capital	Other		
Burns Harbor	\$1,732,549	81.7%	18.3%	71.5%	15.9%	12.6%	0.17%	\$2,261.81
Whiting	\$10,030,760	52.8%	47.2%	67.1%	4.0%	28.9%	3.78%	\$1,952.65
East Chicago	\$47,355,867	58.3%	41.7%	64.1%	9.1%	26.8%	3.25%	\$1,460.97
Dune Acres	\$293,774	57.1%	42.9%	78.3%	4.0%	17.7%	0.85%	\$1,379.22
Beverly Shores	\$606,950	49.3%	50.7%	67.7%	3.4%	28.9%	1.43%	\$857.27
Gary	\$81,858,470	56.4%	43.6%	72.4%	1.3%	26.4%	5.82%	\$796.71
Michigan City	\$26,018,437	40.4%	59.6%	62.9%	3.2%	33.8%	3.08%	\$790.83
Schnieder	\$249,711	32.8%	67.2%	61.8%	3.6%	34.6%	4.47%	\$787.73
Hammond	\$57,433,904	50.3%	49.7%	69.4%	2.7%	28.0%	5.49%	\$691.57
Ogden Dunes	\$875,415	51.0%	49.0%	67.2%	12.6%	20.3%	1.20%	\$666.73
Valparaiso	\$17,014,409	48.9%	51.1%	62.3%	6.0%	31.6%	2.09%	\$620.33
Hobart	\$15,349,324	60.0%	40.0%	75.7%	7.4%	16.9%	2.65%	\$605.19
Munster	\$12,476,057	51.6%	48.4%	46.3%	22.4%	31.3%	2.07%	\$579.98
St. John	\$4,815,216	54.3%	45.7%	62.3%	17.1%	20.6%	1.96%	\$574.47
Crown Point	\$11,341,313	48.8%	51.2%	73.4%	10.9%	15.7%	2.36%	\$572.62
Chesterton	\$5,851,813	47.5%	52.5%	56.8%	18.1%	25.1%	2.02%	\$557.95
LaPorte	\$11,780,328	44.8%	55.2%	58.1%	9.2%	32.7%	2.21%	\$544.86
Michiana Shores	\$175,562	34.6%	65.4%	49.2%	9.3%	41.5%	1.03%	\$532.01
Portage	\$17,294,973	53.5%	46.5%	56.8%	7.3%	35.9%	1.64%	\$516.33
Porter	\$2,532,002	50.2%	49.8%	58.5%	5.6%	35.9%	1.71%	\$509.25
Highland	\$11,198,198	43.6%	56.4%	53.4%	11.1%	35.5%	2.34%	\$475.59
Griffith	\$7,921,285	45.6%	54.4%	63.3%	11.6%	25.2%	2.78%	\$456.98
Schererville	\$10,626,538	50.6%	49.4%	57.7%	12.6%	29.8%	1.46%	\$427.61
Lowell	\$3,190,089	54.0%	46.0%	65.1%	4.1%	30.8%	2.25%	\$425.06
LaCross	\$229,652	40.6%	59.4%	78.3%	0.0%	21.7%	3.07%	\$409.36
Dyer	\$5,393,950	48.3%	51.7%	59.5%	15.0%	25.5%	1.67%	\$388.19
Merrillville	\$11,515,104	46.7%	53.3%	57.5%	15.7%	26.8%	1.44%	\$376.80
Kouts	\$608,821	31.1%	68.9%	67.6%	8.0%	24.4%	1.34%	\$358.55
Cedar Lake	\$3,096,253	46.2%	53.8%	69.8%	5.9%	24.3%	2.27%	\$333.68
Wanatah	\$324,653	42.4%	57.6%	59.5%	8.5%	32.0%	1.19%	\$320.49
Trail Creek	\$682,479	37.7%	62.3%	65.9%	4.5%	29.5%	1.62%	\$297.25
New Chicago	\$600,944	32.8%	67.2%	69.3%	4.5%	26.2%	5.23%	\$291.30
Winfield	\$618,349	33.6%	66.4%	71.2%	3.1%	25.7%	1.05%	\$269.08
Kingsford Heights	\$374,415	26.6%	73.4%	64.0%	4.6%	31.4%	3.22%	\$257.68
Hebron	\$893,248	39.8%	60.2%	73.6%	5.3%	21.0%	1.45%	\$248.40
Lake Station	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kingsbury	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Long Beach	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pottawattamie Pk	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Westville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pines	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 177; Source: Purdue University Agricultural Economics Department

### 1.3 Philanthropy

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**Average Charitable Donation**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
2001	\$2,291	\$2,339	\$2,291

Table 178; Source: Chronicle of Philanthropy

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**Percent of Discretionary Income Donated to Charity**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
2001	7.1%	4.9%	5.9%

Table 179; Source: Chronicle of Philanthropy

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**Total Dollars Raised in United Way Campaigns**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
2001	\$5,100,000	\$1,600,055	\$1,850,000
2000	\$6,000,000	\$1,246,019	\$2,500,000
1990	\$5,600,000	N/A	\$1,650,000

Table 180; Source: United Way

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**Per Capita Dollars Raised in United Way Campaigns**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter
2002	\$11	\$10	\$12

Table 181; Source: United Way

## 1.4 Citizenship and Civility

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**Turnout of Registered Voters**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
2002 General Election	71%	74%	85%	74%
2000 General Election	55%	54%	68%	55%
1998 General Election	37%	45%	42%	44%

Title 182; Source: Indiana Secretary of State

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**Voter Turnout of Citizens Over Age 18 (2000)**

	Lake	LaPorte	Porter	Indiana
Percent	27.2%	27.2%	30.1%	26.4%

Title 183; Source: U.S. Census

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**Types of Reported Bias Incidents (1990-2001)**

Vandalism	26
Public Demonstrations	11
Cross Burnings	8
Harassment	4
Murder of Attempted Murder	3

*Table 184; Source: Valparaiso University*

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**Reported Bias Motivated Crimes (1990-2001)**

	Lake	Porter
2001	36	18

*Table 185; Source: Valparaiso University*



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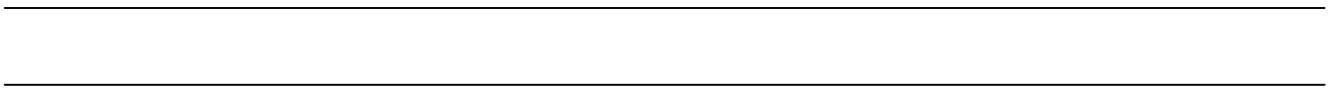
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**A Safe Community....**



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A Community that Appreciates the Arts and Celebrates Life...

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A Community of Engaged and Caring Citizens...

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