



WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA

Wells County Economic Development

211 W. Water Street, Suite A | Bluffton, Indiana 46714
 260-824-0510 | tehlerding@wellsedc.com | www.wellsedc.com

POPULATION

Total Population, 2012	27,652
Total Households, 2011	10,767
Median Age, 2012	40.9
Projected Population, 2020	27,977
Population Breakdown by Age, 2010	
0-14 years	20.3%
15-17 years	4.7%
18-24 years	7.9%
25-44 years	23.0%
45-64 years	28.4%
65-84 years	13.3%
85+ years	2.5%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2011

Less than High School	10.80%
High School Graduate	42.60%
Some College	21.80%
Associate's Degree	10.40%
Bachelor's Degree	9.00%
Master's PhD and/or Professional Degree	5.40%
Population 25 and Older, 5 yr. ACS Estimate	

COMMUTING, 2011

Commuting INTO Wells County	2,684
Commuting OUT of Wells County	4,760

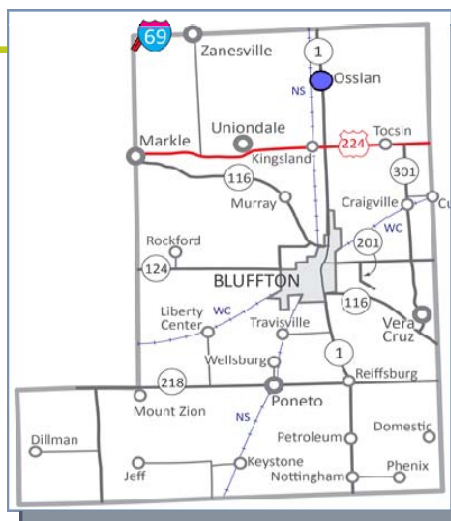
LABOR FORCE

Labor Force, 2012	13,651
July 2013 Unemployment Rate	7.8%

INCOME, 2011

Median Household Income	\$48,154
Per Capita Income	\$34,321

Wells County Economic Development
 Tim Ehlerding, Executive Director
tehlerding@wellsedc.com | 260-824-0510
www.wellsedc.com



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest MSA Central City: Fort Wayne	25 miles
Nearest Major City	Indianapolis
Distance to Nearest Major City	109 Miles
Nearest Commercial Airport	Fort Wayne International Airport
Runway Length	11,981 ft., 8,001 ft., 4,001 ft.
Distance to Airport	19 miles
Distance to Nearest Interstate	15 miles
Nearest Deepwater Port	Toledo-Lucas County Port, Toledo, Ohio
Distance to Nearest Deepwater Port	124 miles
Foreign Trade Zone Availability	Yes, in Fort Wayne

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company	Major Product	Employees
Peyton's Northern	Food Warehouse & Distribution	1050
Bluffton Regional Medical Center	Medical Facility	333
Metaldyne	Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing & Assembly	273
Bluffton Motor Works	Motors and Generators	271
Pretzels, Inc.	Pretzels & Other Snack Foods	243
Wayne Metals	Automotive Forging & Stamping	230
Buckhorn	Reuseable Containers & Pallets	177
TI Group Automotive	Motor Vehicle Gas Tanks	150

WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA

Wells County Economic Development

TAXES

Corporate Income	8%
Sales & Use	7%
Individual Income	3.40%
State Sales	7%
Local CAGIT	1.65%
Local CEDIT	0.45%

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Number of Physicians	30
Ratio per 1,000 Population	0.92
Number of Dentists	9
Ratio per 1,000 Population	0.33
# of hospitals in county	1

UTILITIES

Water Services	Bluffton Utilities, Town of Ossian
Sewer Services	Bluffton Utilities, Town of Ossian
Electric	Bluffton Utilities, Indiana Michigan Power, United REMC, Cinergy
Natural Gas	NIPSCO, Vectren

GOVERNMENT

Bluffton: Mayor	Ted Ellis
County Commissioners	Blake Gerber, Scott Mossburg, Kevin Woodward
Indiana State Senate Rep.	Travis Holdman
Indiana State House Rep.	Matthew Lehman

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

New Employer Rate	2.5%
Minimum Tax Rate	0.5%
Maximum Tax Rate	7.4%
Taxable Base	\$9,500

EDUCATION

	Corp.	Schools	Enrollment
Public Schools K-12	3	8	4,885

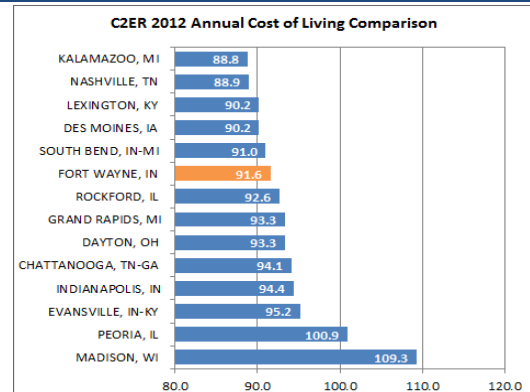
HOUSING, 2010

Total Housing Units	11,659
Owner Occupied	8,433 72.3%
Rental	2,334 20.0%
Seasonal or Recreational	28
Median Value for Owner Occupied Housing, 2009-11	\$108,900
Median Gross Rent, 2009-2011	\$557

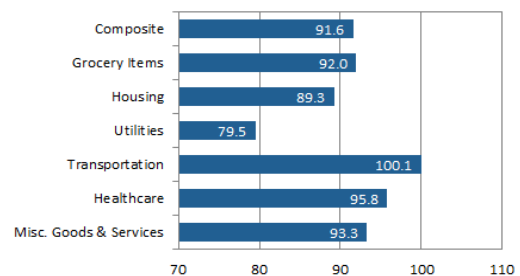
AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2011

Industry	Avg. Annual Wage	Employment	% Employment
Total—All Covered	\$33,591	10,170	
Natural Resources & Mining	\$24,375	129	1.3%
Construction	\$34,232	330	3.3%
Manufacturing	\$47,796	2,288	22.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	\$34,879	2,664	26.3%

COST OF LIVING, 2012 ANNUAL



Fort Wayne MSA Cost of Living



Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index, 2012 Annual