

Wabash County, Indiana Community Data

Location

Region: Northeast
County: Wabash
Sq. Miles: 413.2

Distance From: Fort Wayne, IN – 50 Miles
Indianapolis, IN – 84 Miles
Chicago, IL – 155 Miles

Note: Distance calculated from Wabash, IN at MapQuest.com

Population / Households

	2000	2007	2010(proj.)
Wabash County	34,960	32,918	34,523
Wabash	11,743	11,209	
North Manchester		5,980	
LaFontaine		859	
Lagro		436	
Roann		380	
Percentage Ethnic:		2.2%	
Male:		48.5%	
Female:		51.5%	
24 years & under:		32.8%	
25-64 years:		50.5%	
65 year & over:		16.7%	
Median age:		40.0	
Population Urban (2000):	53%	Population Rural(2000):	47%
Population Growth 2000-2005:	-3.25%		
Household Growth 2000-2004:	2.5%		
2005 Estimates:			
Median Household Income:	\$4209		
Per Capita Income:	\$27867		
Number of Households (2006):	14,440		
Household Type (2007):	Single: 22.0%	Married: 64.0%	
	Other Family: 11.0%	Non-family: 3.0%	
Median Property value:	\$78400		
Median Rent:	\$425		

Information Sources: www.stats.Indiana.edu and US Census Bureau, 2000 Census

Economic Indicators

<u>Labor status as of November 2008</u>	
Labor Force:	17,318
Total Employed:	16,090
Unemployment Rate (January 2007):	7.1%
20 mile radius estimated labor force	63,624
% of Households living above Poverty Level(2006):	91.3%
% of Households living below Poverty Level(2006):	8.7%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Applied Geographic Solutions, Thousand Oaks, CA

Tax Structure

2007 Payable 2008

(net rate per \$100 Worth of Taxable real & personal property)

Wabash County: 1.7835 – 3.7073 (range)
Circuit Breaker: 3.5% (2008) / 3.0% (2009)
CAGIT, CEDIT & LOIT: 2.9%

State Sales Tax: 7%
State Income Tax: 3.4%

Education

(2007-2008)

	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
Public Schools	15	424	5,728
Private Schools	2	19	249

White's Residential & Family Services, Inc. 18 153

Heartland Career Center (Grades 11-12) 20 515

High School Graduation Rate in the County (2006):

Percentage: 81.7% State: 85.2%

National Average: 84.1%

College: IVY Tech Community College
Manchester College
Huntington College

Libraries

Wabash Public Library	64,000 volumes
Manchester College Library	183,000 volumes
North Manchester Public Library	59,000 volumes
Roann Carnegie Library	16,000 volumes
Lafontaine Troyer Library	16,000 volumes
Lagro Library	16,000 volumes

Fire Defense System

Equipment: 12 Vehicles (Wabash)
5 Vehicles (North Manchester)
35 Vehicles (Township/county wide)

Fulltime Firemen: 31 (Wabash)
3 (North Manchester)

Volunteer firemen: 24 (North Manchester)
135± (County Wide)

Insurance Rating: Class 5 (Wabash)
Class 6 (North Manchester)

Municipal Facilities

City of Wabash: Mayor/City Council
Town of North Manchester: Manager/Town Council

Law Enforcement:
30 employees (Wabash City Police Department)
11 employees (North Manchester Town Police Department)
35 employees +18 reserves (Wabash County Sheriff's Department)
2 employees (LaFontaine Town Marshall)

Planning Commission: Yes
Zoning Regulations: Yes
Industrial Development Corporation: Yes (County Wide)

Utilities / Services

Electric Services

Duke Energy
Indiana Michigan
Wabash County REMC

Gas

NIPSCO

Fuel Oil/LP Gas

Local Distributors

Water

Indiana American Water Co. (4.5 MGD-Wabash)
North Manchester Municipal (1.8 MGD-N. Manchester)

Source: Deep Wells

Analysis	(Wabash)	(North Manchester)
Hardness:	21 grains/million gal.	3 grains/million gal.
Iron:	Trace	None
Calcium:	96 mg./liter	0.1 part/million
PH:	7.4 PH	8 PH

Sewage Treatment

Treatment plant/Class 3 Activated sludge

Average Capacity:	4.0 MGD (Wabash)
	1.25 MGD (North Manchester)
Average Daily Load	3.0 MGD (Wabash)
	.95 - 1.0 MGD (North Manchester)

Refuse Disposal: Wabash Valley Refuse Removal (landfill)
(privately owned and operated)

Residential Drop-off Recycling Locations:

Wabash: 1408 N. Vernon St.
814 Manchester Ave.
Wabash Crossing - US 24 & SR 15

North Manchester: The Hardware - 902 W. Thorn St.

LaFontaine: 201 S. Walnut Street

Communications

Newspapers: Wabash Plain Dealer (Daily)
\$hopper (Weekly)
News Journal - North Manchester (Weekly)
The Monitor - North Manchester (Weekly)
"The Paper" of Wabash (Weekly)

Television: Ft. Wayne/South Bend: ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS
Indianapolis: ABC, CBS, NBC
Cable Television: 63 channels

Telephone: Verizon: City of Wabash/North Manchester
Sprint & Ameritech: Rural Wabash County
Cellular Services: Centennial Wireless,
U.S. Cellular, Sprint, Comcast

Internet: KC Online, MediaCom, McLeod USA, Verizon,
REMC Internet, Comcast, Comteck

Radio Stations: WKUZ, WJOT, WARU

Cable TV: Comcast, Direct TV, Dish Network

Financial Institutions

(Assets as of 4th qtr 2007)

Beacon Credit Union	\$ 551,000,000
Community First Bank & Trust (6/30/05)	\$ 928,548,000
First Farmers Bank & Trust(3 rd qtr)	\$ 606,646,000
Crossroads	\$ 281,000,000
First Merchants	\$ 189,810,000
Wells Fargo Bank	\$575,000,000,000
Mutual Federal Savings Bank	\$ 962,517,000

Hotels / Motels

Hotels	2	Motels	2
Bed & Breakfast	4	Rooms (total)	185±

Civic / Recreational

Parks:	9+	Golf Courses:	3
Swimming Pools:	2	Country Clubs:	1
Theaters:	2	Bowling Alleys:	2
Reservoirs	3		

Major Employers in Wabash County (Updated 2008)

Name of Company	Products	# Emp.	Union Affiliation
ALFE Heat Treating (W)	Heat treating of aluminum	50	None
Aleris (W)	Secondary aluminum smelter	390	IBB
Altivity Packaging (W)	Composite, recycled, coated box board	250	PACE
Autumn Ridge (W)	Long term nursing care	45	None
Beacon Credit Union (W&NM)	Bank - loan office	70	None
BKB Manufacturing, Inc. (NM)	Machine parts for automotive industry	55	None
Bulldog Battery Corporation (W)	Lead acid industrial batteries	115	None
Community First Bank and Trust	Bank - Savings & Loan	40	None
Custom Magnetic, Inc. (NM)	Transformers & coils	45	None
Cyclone Manufacturing CO. (R)	Metal fabrication	40	None
Dexter Axle, Div Tomkins Industries (R)	Axles	225	None
Diehl Machines (W)	Woodworking Machinery	50	DPMEU
Econoclean, Inc. aka MJV Group, Inc. (W)	Office Cleaning	190	None
First Federal Savings Bank (W& NM)	Bank - Savings & Loan	50	None
Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. (W)	Water meter settings & testing equipment	690	None
G & S Metal Consultants, Inc.	Aluminum recycling	122	None
Harvey Industries, LLC (W)	Aluminum castings	108	None
Kroger (W)	Grocery Store	65	UFCW
Kurz-Kasch (W)	Electronic components	60	None
Lance's New Market (NM)	Grocery Store	85-95	None
Living Essentials (W)	Producers of "Five Hour Energy Drink"	41	None
Manchester College (NM)	Four year liberal arts institution	300	None
Manchester Community Schools (NM)	Public education	250	M.T.A.
Manchester Metals	Gray iron and ductile iron castings	127	None
Manchester Tool & Die, Inc. (NM)	Tube and forming machines	87	None
Martin Yale Industries, Inc. (W)	Small business machines & graphics equip.	100	None
Metropolitan School District of Wabash City (R)	Public education	487	ISTA
Miller's Merry Manor (W)	24 hour professional nursing care	130	None
Next Marketing, Inc (W)	Embroidery, Imprints shirts	130	None
North Central Co-op, Inc. (NM)	Farmers Co-operative	44	None
North Manchester Ethanol (NM)	Alternative Fuel Producer	40	None
North Manchester, Town of (NM)	Municipal government	76	None
OJI Intertech (NM)	Headliners	100	None
Peabody Retirement Community (NM)	Retirement living, extended healthcare	370	None
Rolling Meadows Health Care Center (LF)	Long term nursing care	125	None
Strauss Veal Feeds, Inc. (NM)	Milk products	78	None
ThermaFiber LLC (W)	Mineral board & insulation	133	None
The HF Group (NM)	Book and periodical binding/rebinding	205	None
Timbercrest - Church of the Brethren Home (NM)	Retirement living & extended healthcare	200	None
U.S. Postal Service (County-wide)	Postal mail service	75±	NALC/APWU
Vernon Manor Children's Home (W)	Medical & nursing care	130	SCIU 1199
Wabash City Schools (W)	Public education	250	WCTA
Wabash County (County wide)	County government	175	None
Wabash County Hospital (W)	Medical & nursing facility	270	None
Wabash Electric Supply (W)	Distributor of electrical products	40	None
Wabash MPI/ Carver, Inc. (W)	Hydraulic compression molding presses	74	None
Wabash Plain Dealer	Newspaper	50	None
Wabash, City of (W)	Municipal government	92	None
Wal-Mart (W)	Department Store	195	None
Wendt & Sons (W)	Machinery movers and erectors	45	None
White's Residential & Family Services (R)	Residential school for troubled youth	174	None

