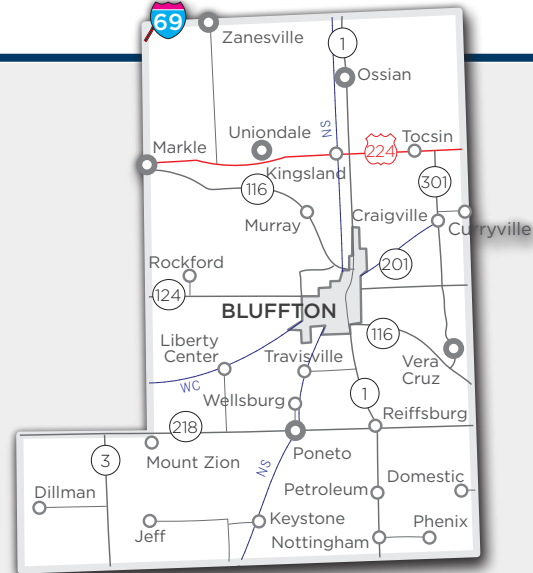




WELLS COUNTY

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POPULATION

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Total Population, 2008 | 27,964 |
| Total Households, 2006-08 | 10,770 |
| Median Age, 2008 | 39.5 |
| Projected Population, 2015 | 28,081 |

EDUCATION ATTAINMENT, 2006-08

| | |
|---|-------|
| Less than High School | 11.1% |
| High School Graduate | 44.3% |
| Some College | 20.5% |
| Associate's Degree | 9.5% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 9.2% |
| Master's PhD and/or Professional Degree | 5.5% |
| Population 25 and Older | |

LABOR FORCE, PRELIMINARY 2009

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Labor Force | 14,582 |
| Unemployment Rate | 10.1% |

COMMUTING, 2007

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|-------------------------------|-------|
| Commuting INTO Wells County | 2,878 |
| Commuting OUT of Wells County | 5,741 |

INCOME

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Median Household Income, 2008 | \$51,730 |
| Per Capita Income, 2007 | \$28,947 |

ANNOUNCED JOBS & INVESTMENTS, 2008

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| New Companies | 0 |
| Expanding Companies | 6 |
| Financial Investment | \$80.31 M |
| Jobs Created | 60 |

ACCESSIBILITY

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Nearest MSA Central City: Fort Wayne | 38 miles |
| Nearest Major City | Indianapolis |
| Distance to Nearest Major City | 105 miles |
| Nearest Commercial Airport | Fort Wayne International Airport |
| Runway Length | 12,000 ft., 8,001 ft., 4,001 ft. |
| Distance to Airport | 19 miles |
| Distance to Nearest Interstate | 16 miles |
| Nearest Deepwater Port | Toledo-Lucas County Port, Toledo, Ohio |
| Distance to Nearest Deepwater Port | 122 miles |
| Foreign Trade Zone Availability | Yes, in Fort Wayne |

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

| Company | Major Product | Employment in FTE |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Peyton's Northern | Food Warehouse & Distribution | 1,185 |
| TI Automotive | Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing | 457 |
| Bluffton Regional Medical Center | General Medical & Surgical Hospitals | 400 |
| Bluffton Motor Works | Electric Motors | 271 |
| Inventure Group | Chips & Other Snack Foods | 260 |
| Pretzels, Inc. | Pretzels & Other Snack Foods | 243 |
| Metaldyne Corp. | Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing | 187 |
| Buckhorn, Inc. | Plastics Product Manufacturing | 177 |
| Franklin Electric | Corporate Offices | 166 |
| Ormsby Trucking | General Freight Trucking | 160 |

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TAXES

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Corporate Adjusted Gross Income | 8.5% |
| Sales & Use | 7% |
| Individual Income | 3.4% |
| State Sales | 7% |

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Number of Physicians | 36 |
| Ratio per 1,000 Population | 1.29 |
| Number of Dentists | 9 |
| Ratio per 1,000 Population | 0.32 |
| # of hospitals in county | 1 |

UTILITIES

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Water Services | multiple providers |
| Sewer Services | multiple providers |
| Electric | Indiana Michigan Power, United REMC, City of Bluffton |
| Natural Gas | NIPSCO, Indiana Gas Company |

For a complete list of utility providers, please visit our website.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| New Employers (per \$100) | 2.70% |
| Minimum Tax Rate | 1.10% |
| Average Tax Rate | 2.71% |
| Taxable Base | \$7,000 |

GOVERNMENT

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Bluffton: Mayor | Ted Ellis |
| County Commissioners | C. Scott Mossburg, Paul Bonham, Kevin Woodward |
| Indiana State Senate Rep. | Travis Holdman |
| Indiana State House Reps | Mathew Lehman, Jeffery Espich |

EDUCATION

| | Corp. | Schools | Enrollment |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| Public Schools | 3 | 9 | 4,741 |
| Private Schools | | 3 | 179 |
| Colleges & Universities: | 15 in Northeast Indiana | | |

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HOUSING, 2006-08

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|---|-------------|
| Total Housing Units | 11,655 |
| Owner Occupied | 8,446 78.4% |
| Rental | 2,324 21.6% |
| Seasonal or Recreational, 2000 | 40 |
| Median Value for Owner Occupied Housing | \$105,500 |
| Median Gross Rent | \$580 |

AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2008

| Industry | Avg. Annual Wage | Employment | % Employment |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| Total- All Covered | \$30,999 | 10,905 | |
| Total-All Private | \$31,022 | 9,427 | |
| Natural Resources & Mining | \$28,097 | 203 | 2.2% |
| Construction | \$34,885 | 418 | 4.4% |
| Manufacturing | \$40,895 | 2,416 | 25.6% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | \$29,280 | 2,925 | 31.0% |
| Information | \$33,523* | 92* | 1.0% |
| Financial Activities | \$34,754 | 338 | 3.6% |
| Professional & Business Services | \$24,108 | 611 | 6.5% |
| Education & Health Services | \$31,141 | 1,549 | 16.4% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | \$8,607 | 644 | 6.8% |
| Other Services | \$19,241* | 238* | 2.5% |

*Estimated annual data based on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter numbers.

POPULATION BREAKDOWN BY AGE

Total Population of Wells County, 2008: 27,964

