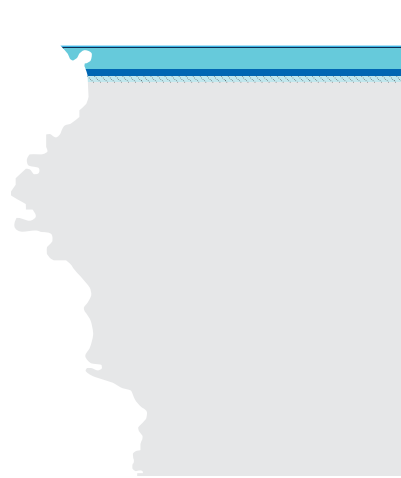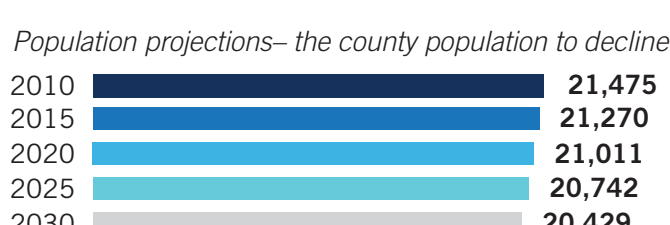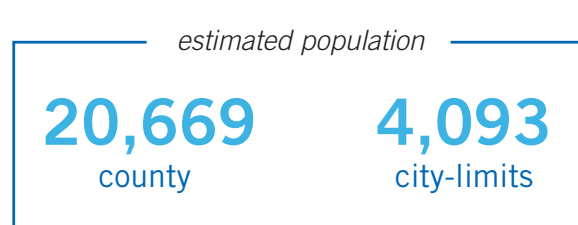# SULLIVAN, IN PROFILE

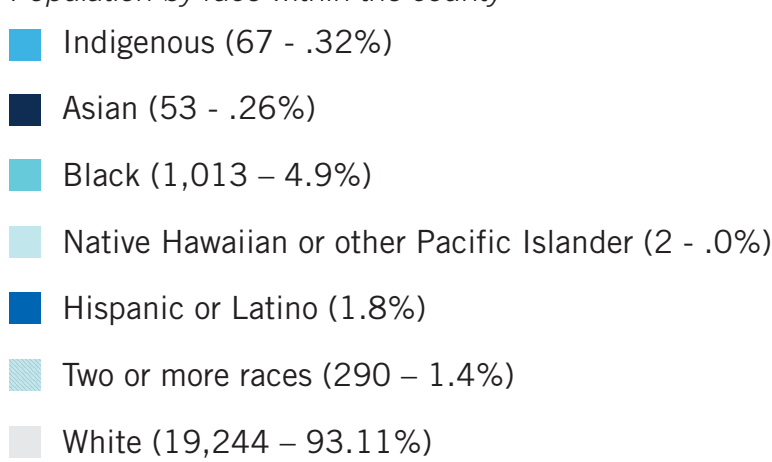## Quick Facts about the community of Sullivan

The information presented is representative of Sullivan County. Sullivan, IN is the county seat of Sullivan County and serves as a hub for the towns of Carlisle, Dugger, Farmersburg, Hymera, Merom, and Shelburn. Sullivan County was formed in 1817 and Merom served as the first county seat as a port town. Sullivan, IN was founded in 1853 and became the county seat. The total area is 1.88 square miles. Sullivan is considered part of the Wabash Valley for its proximity to the Wabash River. Today, Sullivan has the largest estimated population as an incorporated town in Sullivan County. Mayor Clint Lamb has developed the first comprehensive plan for Sullivan in about 50 years. Sullivan faces many similar social, environmental, and economic challenges to other rural Hoosier towns and others that are unique to the city itself.

Population

estimated population

20,669 county

4,093 city-limits

Population projections– the county population to decline

Year	Population
2010	21,475
2015	21,270
2020	21,011
2025	20,742
2030	20,429

Population by race within the county

- Indigenous (67 - .32%)
- Asian (53 - .26%)
- Black (1,013 – 4.9%)
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (2 - .0%)
- Hispanic or Latino (1.8%)
- Two or more races (290 – 1.4%)
- White (19,244 – 93.11%)

Employment

8,500 PEOPLE
available labor force

Since 2009, the unemployment rate has steadily decreased in the county

2018		2019	
employed	8,191	employed	8,085
unemployed	406	unemployed	359

Of 12,701 tax-filers in the county, 2,577 people live in Sullivan but work in other counties

2,577 people

$45,525
average earnings per job

Top 5 outside Sullivan county

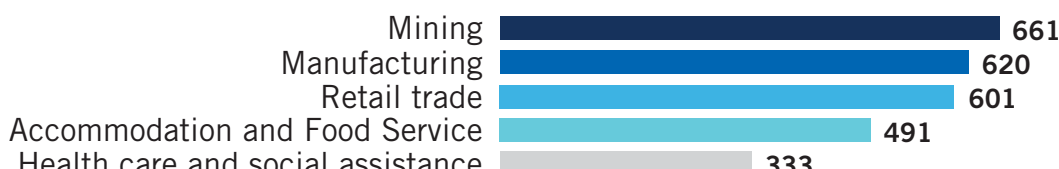| VIGO	KNOX	GREENE	ILLINOIS	OTHER
1,741	335	305	99	97

All but one of the top major employers in Sullivan County are located in Sullivan.

1. Raybestos Powertrain LLC
2. Hoosier Energy Emergency
3. Peabody Energy Corp.
4. Sullivan County Community Hospital
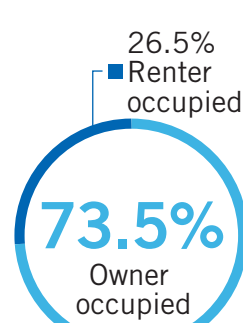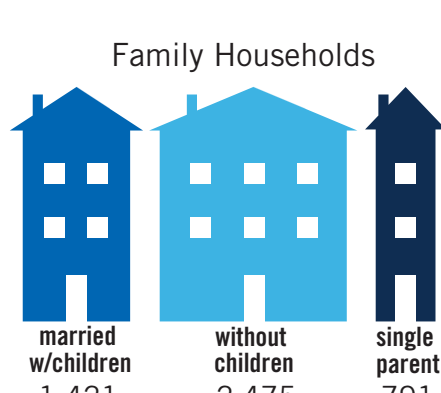5. Raybestos Products Co.

The five major industries in Sullivan
excluding federal, state, and local government which employs 1876 people

Industry	Count
Mining	661
Manufacturing	620
Retail trade	601
Accommodation and Food Service	491
Health care and social assistance	333

Households

8,990
housing units in the county

$47,554
median household income

Family Households

married w/children	without children	single parent
1,421	2,475	791

Non-family Households
2,470

Living Alone
2,145

26.5% Renter occupied
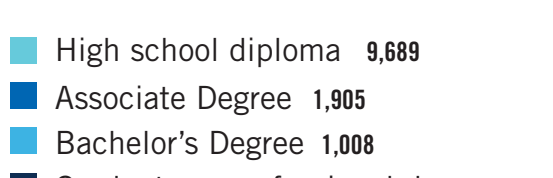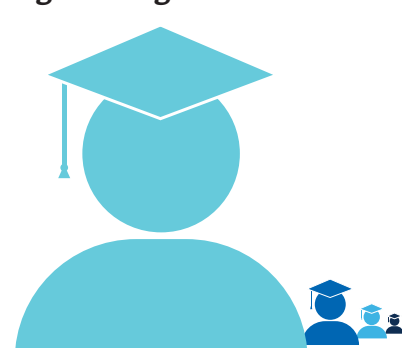
73.5% Owner occupied

Education

A common thought among Sullivan community members is that students that go to college, graduate, and don't return to Sullivan.

Trade programs and certifications are a community concern from folks, and they want to try to integrate one into the high school in Sullivan.

Highest degree attainment of residents 25 and older in Sullivan County

- High school diploma 9,689
- Associate Degree 1,905
- Bachelor's Degree 1,008
- Graduate or professional degree 595

Sullivan, IN Points of Interest

Sullivan County Public Library
Built of Bedford stone with a domed roof, this is a stunning architectural building with a unique classification in America. This is one of 1,679 libraries built in the U.S. with funds from Carnegie, and Indiana has more Carnegie libraries than any other states. In 1902, the Women's Club of Sullivan was instrumental in forming a Public Library Board that facilitated the libraries construction.

Sullivan Annual Rotary Corn Festival
An annual festival held on the downtown square that includes a parade, carnival, vendors, Turtle Race, and Free Corn Feed and Corn Eating Contest. All concerts are free to visitors.

The Heart of Sullivan
This civic organization hosts many large events throughout the year. Plaza Palooza is a free outdoor concert for all on the Central Plaza at the end of the summer. The Taste of Sullivan is an annual event in October where you can sample food from many restaurants and caterers in Sullivan.

Sullivan Civic Center
This facility provides a central location for community members in Sullivan. It is a modern event center that provides accessibility to any event the community might need.