

# 2008 Executive Overview



After assessing the 2007 Citizens Survey, 2007 Stakeholder Survey, and the 2007 Inventory of Needs, the United Way of Porter County and the Porter County Community Foundation held a community forum where the results were reviewed, and a list of seventeen top priority areas in the community was compiled.

Resources used to obtain the information in the 2008 Porter County Needs Assessment is the last page of each section. All information is publicly available at [www.unitedwaypc.org](http://www.unitedwaypc.org) or [www.portercountyfoundation.org](http://www.portercountyfoundation.org).

The research and collection of secondary data came from local sources and focuses on information obtained from January through July 2008. The data reported is the most recent available as of publication in July 2008. Some sections, such as medical related information, are not released for two to three years due to the time required to compile and report the data. In addition, some data may be based on the 2000 Census and could be outdated until the next update in 2010.

The United Way of Porter County and the Porter County Community Foundation would like to thank the 800 respondents who participated in the Citizen Survey, the 56 participants to the Stakeholder Survey, and all of the participants in the Inventory of Needs and Focus Groups.





The 2008 Porter County Needs Assessment consists of three studies, which include: The 2007 Citizen Survey, The 2007 Stakeholder Survey, and The 2007 Inventory of Services and Focus Groups. The studies and focus groups were conducted from June through October 2007 and were developed based on input from United Way of Porter County and Perspectives Consulting Group, Inc.

### **2007 Citizen Survey**

The 2007 Citizen Telephone Survey was administered to citizens of Porter County who were 18 or older. Eight hundred surveys were completed by random dialing in order to correctly represent the demographics of Porter County. The purpose of the survey was to understand how citizens feel about issues facing Porter County, areas of concern to Porter County residents, recent building and development in Porter County and volunteering and charitable contributions. The survey consisted of 79 questions with 800 completed surveys.

### **2007 Stakeholder Survey**

The 2007 Stakeholders Telephone Survey was conducted with Stakeholders of Porter County. Stakeholders include Porter County residents involved in organizations who have personal experiences or exposure to the issues discussed in the survey, such as Government Officials, School Superintendents, and business professionals. Topics of the 2007 Stakeholders Survey include: quality of life in Porter County, strengths and issues facing Porter County, community needs and resource allocation. The survey consisted of 57 questions, and 53 completed surveys.

### **2007 Inventory Services and Focus Groups**

The 2007 Inventory of Services was conducted in order to identify existing needs in Porter County regarding programs and services offered, clients served, locations, cost to clients, outcomes and impacts of programs and services, and unmet needs within organizations. Telephone calls were made to organizations within Porter County from the 2005 Resource Directory, resulting in 104 completed surveys.

In addition, six focus groups were conducted with community members. A list of the community members was provided by United Way of Porter County and the Porter County Community Foundation. Two of the six focus groups consisted of participants representing nonprofit organizations in Porter County. Each of the following groups participated in one focus group each: Porter County youth, employers in Porter County, public safety and government officials, and community leaders. All focus groups were moderated by Perspectives Consulting Group, Inc. consultants and discussed the same issues, although all groups were not asked every question. The main topics of discussion in the focus groups included: top issues in Porter County, how to adequately address community needs in Porter County, and how the community can better address needs and allocate resources effectively.





Public Opinion of Living Wage Jobs

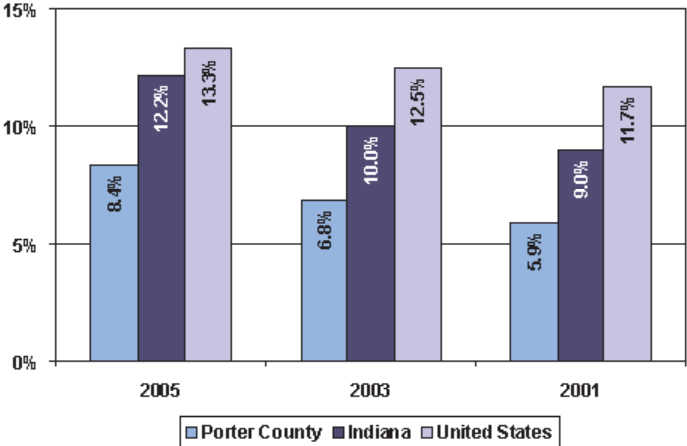
		Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Employment	Most significant issue facing Porter County	1st	4th
	Most significant family issue	2nd	NA
	Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues	4th	16th
	Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	49.3%	64.2%
Poverty	Most significant issue facing Porter County	13th	10th
	Most significant family issue	15th	NA
	Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues	25th	32nd
	Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	27.8%	37.7%

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- Living Wage is a term used by advocates to point out that the minimum wage is not high enough to support a family. The idea of a living wage encompasses issues surrounding the availability of jobs for people who are unemployed, in poverty, and who want to work.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Porter County’s overall poverty rate has increased from almost six percent (5.9%) in 2001, to over eight percent (8.4%) in 2005.
- Less than thirty percent (28.8%) of Northwest Indiana jobs pay the living wage (\$19.97 per hour) for a household of two adults, one working, and two children.
- Almost twenty-two percent (21.9%) of Porter County residents feel that employment is one of the top three issues facing Porter County residents.



Poverty Rates



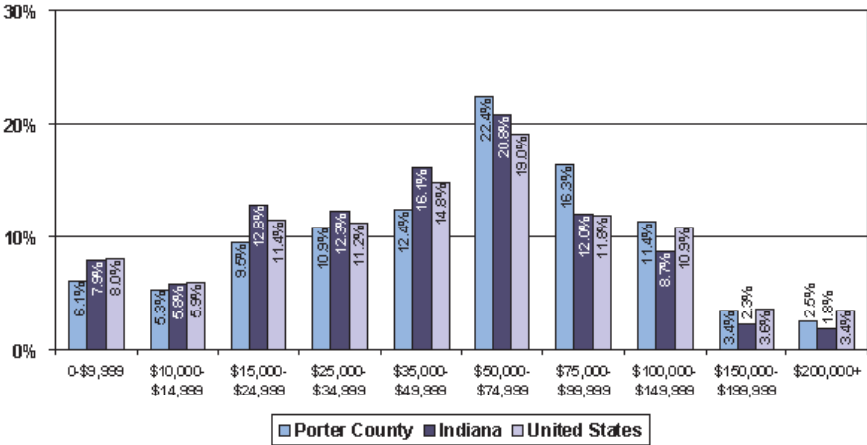
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Top Five Occupations

Job Rank	Porter County	Indiana	U.S.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Precision production, craft and repair (16.0%)	Administrative support (15.0%)	Administrative support (16.0%)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Professional specialty (15.0%)	Precision production, craft and repair (13.0%)	Professional specialty (14.0%)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Administrative support (15.0%)	Service (13.0%)	Executive, administrative, and managerial (12.0%)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sales (11.0%)	Professional specialty (12.0%)	Service (12.0%)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Service (11.0%)	Sales (11.0%)	Sales (12.0%)

Source: Indiana Prevention Resource Center

Household Income



Source: U.S. Census Bureau



## Public Opinion of Home Ownership

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	6th	7th
Most significant family issue	6th	N/A
Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues	15th	11th
Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	38.9%	62.2%

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Citizen Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- The number of households in Porter County has increased significantly from 1999 to 2006 in comparison to Indiana.
- When comparing the percentage of renters, owners, and vacant homes in Porter County, almost seventy-four percent (73.3%) are owned, compared to renters (21.8%), and vacant homes (4.9%).
- The majority of Porter County residents have an annual household income between \$50,000 and \$75,000.
- According to 2000 data, approximately 31.0% of renters and 16.2% of homeowners in Porter County are considered to be cost burdened as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Development.
- An individual in Porter County who has to pay 30.0% of their income towards housing expenses can only afford a monthly housing cost of \$452. Indiana individuals on average can only afford a monthly cost of \$439.
- Since 2003, Porter County has currently experienced a twenty-five percent (25.4%) increase in the number of foreclosure sheriff sales.
- Porter County foreclosure rates are increasing year to year, and there are limited programs to assist individuals.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) categorizes households into two categories, cost burden and severely cost burden, to determine costs of housing or housing conditions. Cost Burden is when a household is paying more than 30.0% of their total income towards their rent or mortgage. Severely Cost Burden is when a household is paying more than 50.0% of their income towards their rent or mortgage.



**Number of Households in Porter County**

Year	Households	Numerical Change	Percentage Change
1990	45,159		
2000	57,616	12,457	27.6%
2006	64,647	7,031	15.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Porter County Household by Type**

Household by Type	Percent
<b>Family Households</b>	<b>69.3%</b>
Married-couple family	54.7%
Female householder, no husband present	11.3%
Other Family Household Types	3.2%
<b>Non-Family Households</b>	<b>30.7%</b>
Householder living alone	25.1%
Other Non-Family Household Types	5.7%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>61,491</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Cost Burden Outline**

		Maximum Affordable Monthly Housing Costs by % of Family Income			
		30%	50%	80%	100%
Porter County	Porter County	\$452	\$754	\$1,206	\$1,508
	Indiana	\$439	\$731	\$1,170	\$1,462

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition

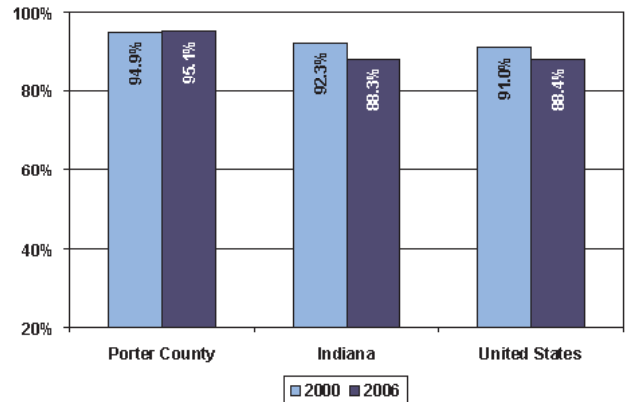
**Housing Wage\***

		Zero Bedroom	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom
Porter County	Porter County	\$9.04	\$11.27	\$13.77	\$16.48	\$16.98
	Indiana	\$8.49	\$9.65	\$11.77	\$15.10	\$16.07

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition

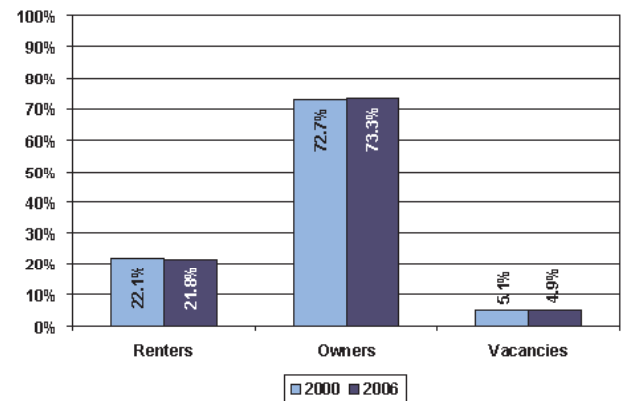
\*In order for a Porter County resident to afford a zero bedroom home, individuals must have a hourly wage of \$9.04. To afford a zero bedroom in Indiana, the hourly wage is \$0.55 lower than Porter County. As the number of bedrooms increases in a household so does the difference in hourly wage comparison between Porter County and Indiana.

**Percentage of Housing Units Occupied**



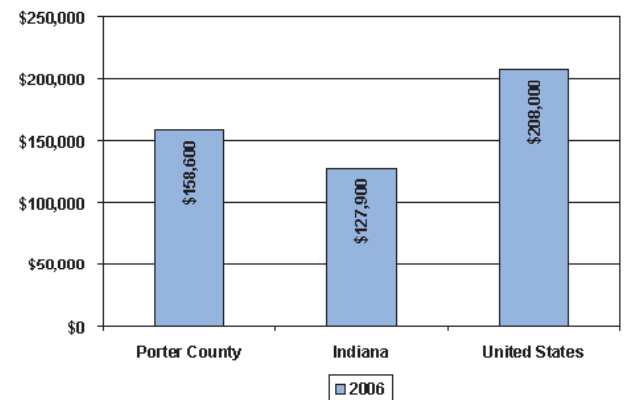
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Porter County Renters, Owners, Vacancies**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Median Home Value**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau



## Public Opinion of Emergency Shelters

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	22nd	13th
Most significant family issue	20th	N/A
The availability of Emergency Shelters	36th*	22nd*
	1.94**	2.64**

\*Rank of Significance among forty-three (43) issues

\*\*Rating of Concern on a 1-4 Scale (1 meaning not concerned 4 meaning very concerned)

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- The need for emergency shelters exist in Porter County; however, there is not enough capacity to meet the needs of the community.
- There are many reasons why people need emergency shelters due to specific types of situations. Some of these situations can include drug dependency, homelessness, domestic violence, lack of affordable housing, poverty, and eviction.



**Homeless One Night Count**

**Total Homeless**

Indiana, One Night Count	7,551
Porter County, One Night Count	72

Source: Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues  
 \*Information excludes Marion County

**Emergency Shelter Outline**

	Spring Valley Shelter	Gabriel's Horn	Moraine House	Alice's Halfway House for Women	The Caring Place
Total Capacity	28 households, 148 beds, do not put more than one family in each unit	5 rooms	13 total residents	16 rooms	6 dorm size bedrooms or 25 to 30 people
Current Capacity	Full	Full	Full	Full	2/3 capacity
Average Length of Stay	3 to 4 months	Usually 3 months	180 days	Recommended 6 months	no more than 4 to 6 weeks

Source: Self Reporting Interviewing with each individual organization



## Public Opinion of Transportation

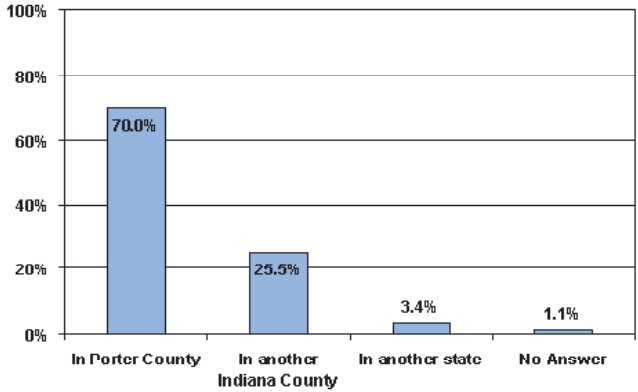
	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	9th	2nd
Most significant family issue	8th	NA
Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues	22nd	1st
Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	35.5%	86.8%

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- In Porter County, Indiana, and the United States, the most common form of transportation is driving a car, truck or van.
- Porter County has four forms of public transportation: South Shore Like, Porter County Aging and Community Service, Valparaiso V-Line, and Opportunity Enterprises.

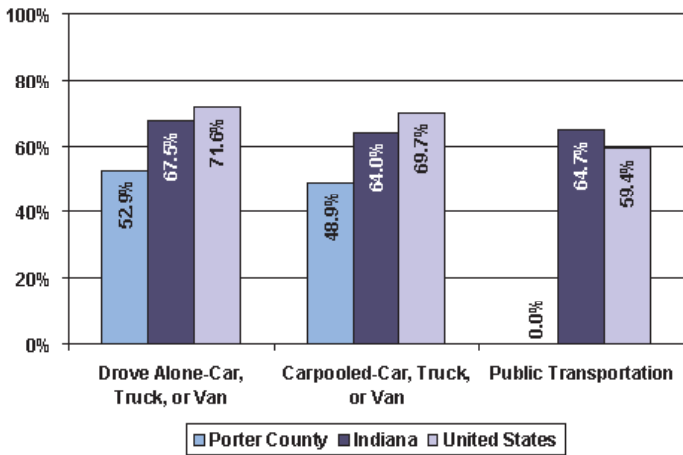


**Where Respondents Work**



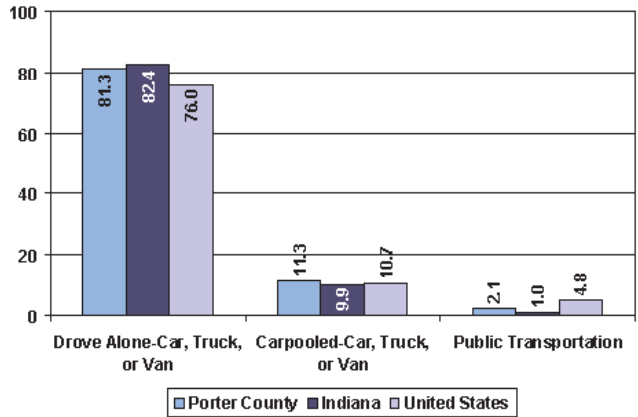
Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey

**Work in County of Residence\***



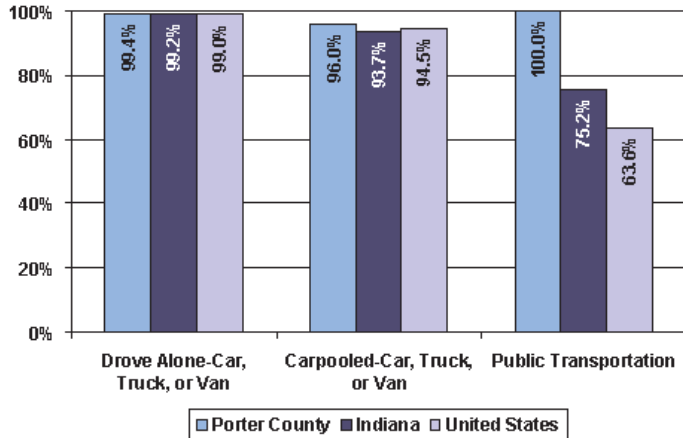
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**Means of Transportation to Work**



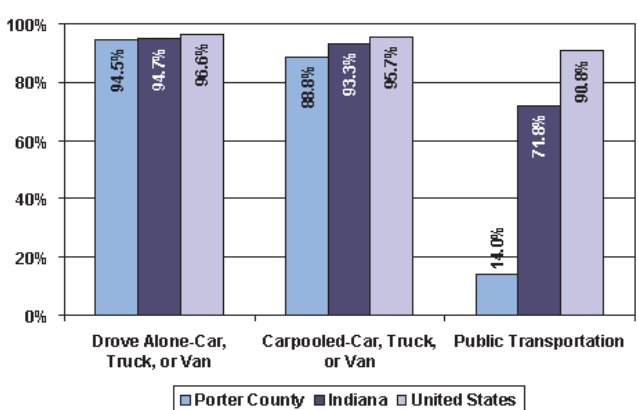
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Car Available**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Work in State of Residence**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

\* Zero percent (0.0%) of Porter County residents that use public transportation to get to work, actually work in Porter County.



## Public Opinion of Elder Care

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	12th	11th
Most significant family issue	4th	N/A
Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues	31	13
Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	21.5%	60.4%

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- Of people age 65 and older in the United States, 1.6 million live in a nursing facility.
- A nursing home is a place for people who require constant nursing care and need help with activities of daily living.
- Although Porter County has a variety of services that are offered to the elderly, many individuals are on fixed incomes and cannot afford the available services.



**Assisted Living Daily Rates**

Provider	Chain Affiliation	Profit Status	Total NF Beds	Occupancy	Medicaid Utilization
Canterbury Place Nursing @ Rehab.	Beverly Enterprises	Profit	102	74.5%	70.8%
Fountainview Place Portage	Beverly Enterprises	Profit	226	73.1%	75.4%
Life Care Center of the Willows	Life Care Centers	Profit	100	79.7%	54.9%
Life Care Center of Valparaiso	Life Care Centers	Profit	110	91.6%	49.6%
Miller's Merry Manor-Portage	Caremet, Inc.	Profit	66	94.8%	60.3%
The Waters of Duneland	The Park Associates	Profit	100	97.2%	66.8%
Valparaiso Care and Rehabilitation	Care Centers, Inc.	Profit	192	75.2%	73.9%

Source: Indiana Office of Medicaid and Policy Planning

**Assisted Living Daily Rates**

Facilities	Price Range*
Clare Bridge Cottage of Valparaiso	\$91.31
Sterling House of Valparaiso	\$80.26-\$87.54
Sterling House of Portage	\$91.67-\$101.17
Pines Village Retirement Community	\$80.50-\$94.83
Miller's Merry Manor	\$80.00-\$88.33

Source: Phone calls with each facility

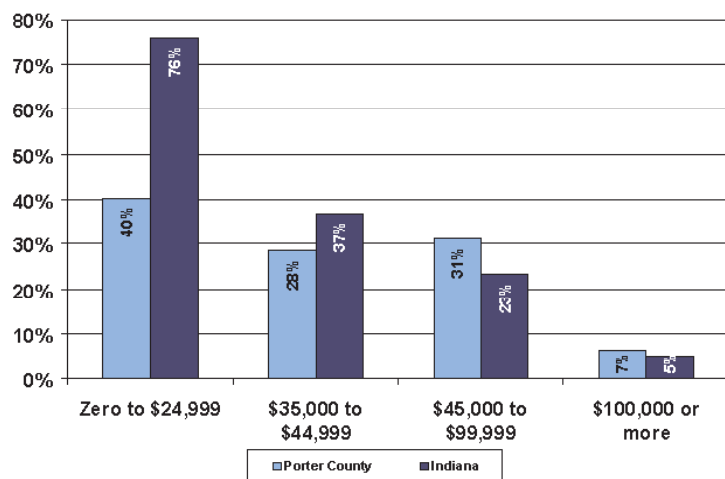
\*Price is dependant on unit size ranging from studio to two bedroom

**Median Household Income Age 65 and Older**

Median Household Income	
Indiana	\$28,694
Porter County	\$31,185

Source: 2006 U.S Census Bureau Data, State and County Data

**Distribution of Income**



Public Opinion of Child Care

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Availability of Affordable Child Care	30th*	12th*
	2.00**	2.82**
Availability of Child Care with Flexible Hours	32nd*	10th*
	1.98**	2.90**
Availability of After School Programs	38th*	15th*
	1.94**	2.78**

\*Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues

\*\*Rating of concern on a 1-4 scale (1 meaning not concerned, 4 meaning very concerned)

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- Porter County offers a range of different child care options that can meet the needs of children of all ages. These child care facilities offer a variety of availability, flexibility, and cost.
- The number of Porter County licensed child care centers has steadily increased from 2003 to 2006 by 33.3%. However, licensed child care centers from 2000 to 2006 in Indiana have decreased by twelve percent (11.8%).
- Since 2003, Porter County has seen a consistent increase of children in poverty, age 0-17, as well as a consistent teen birth rate per 1,000 females age 15-17 since 2003.
- With the current need for child care assistance programs in Porter County, programs such as the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and the Head Start Association have been created to assist children in providing proper child care.
- With the strong need for CCDF assistance, Porter County has seen an increase in the average number of children on the CCDF waiting list since 2000.
- There are many child care facilities offered to Porter County residents; however, none of these nine facilities listed in the Needs Assessment offer after-hours care past 8:00 p.m. or weekend care.

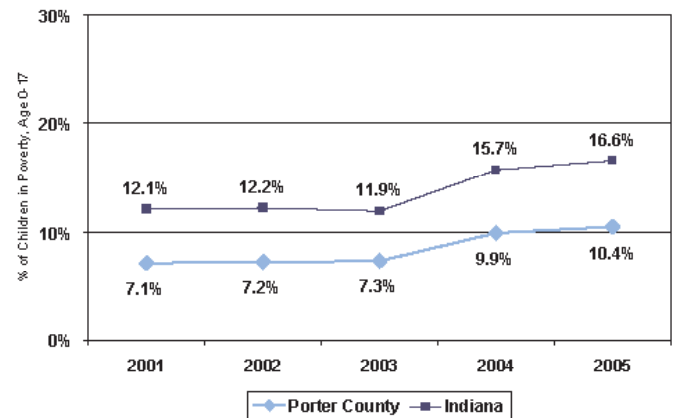


Licensed Child Care Centers

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2000	10	685
2001	11	676
2002	11	668
2003	9	640
2004	10	636
2005	11	603
2006	12	604

Source: Indiana Youth Institute

Percentage of Children In Poverty, Age 0-17

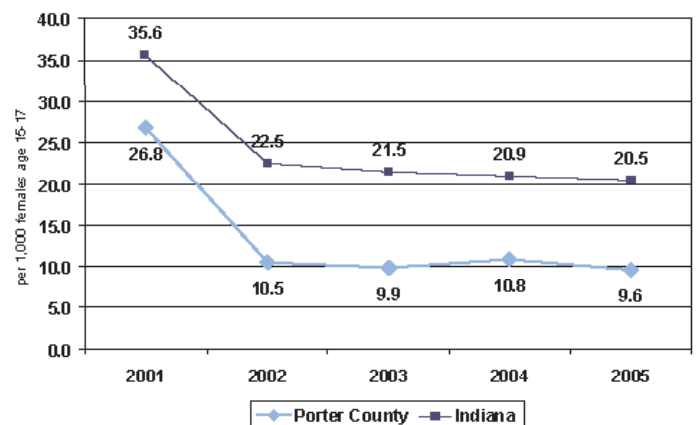


Source: Indiana Youth Institute

Licensed Child Care Homes

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2000	37	3,515
2001	38	3,888
2002	45	4,030
2003	43	3,608
2004	30	3,168
2005	30	3,020
2006	32	2,958

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females Age 15-17



Source: Indiana Youth Institute

Registered Child Care Ministries

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2000	2	3,185
2001	0	10,185
2002	137	13,342
2003	101	5,529
2004	133	8,524
2005	175	7,603
2006	130	4,317

Source: Indiana Youth Institute



### Public Opinion of Youth Concerns

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	10th	13th
Most significant family issue	5th	N/A
Rank of Significance among forty-three (43) issues	34th	24th
Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	17.7%	1.0%

*Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey*

- Porter County has seen an increase in the number of termination of parental rights case filings from 2000-2006.
- Youth supplement programs such as the National School Lunch Program have been created to provide nutritious lunches to students whose families are income eligible. The number of students eligible for reduced price and free lunches continues to increase, which illustrate the importance of supplement programs.
- Porter County has implemented programs and activities for youths that provide guidance and support for children.



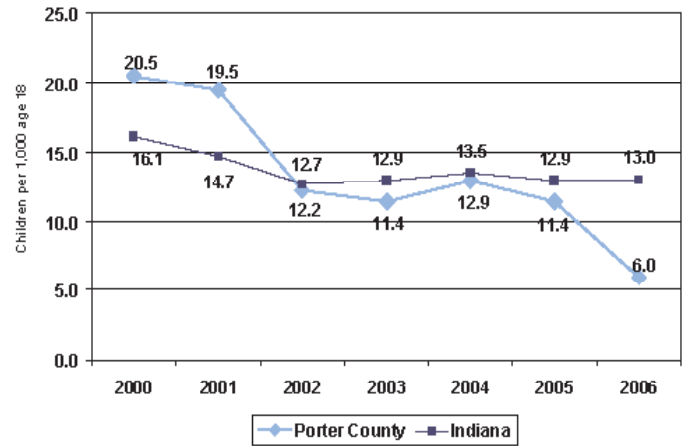
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### Number of Termination of Parental Rights Case Filings

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2000	17	1,637
2001	13	1,550
2002	23	1,516
2003	11	1,803
2004	26	2,097
2005	28	2,231
2006	33	2,545

Source: Indiana Youth Institute

### Child Abuse/Neglect Rate Per 1,000 Children Under Age 18



Source: Indiana Youth Institute

### Number of Public School Dropouts

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2000	75	8,309
2001	92	7,441
2002	92	6,714
2003	99	6,769
2004	101	8,034
2005	97	7,984
2006	171	9,821

Source: Indiana Youth Institute

### Total Number of Expulsions

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2000	154	7,307
2001	183	6,781
2002	132	6,094
2003	149	5,879
2004	144	6,596
2005	195	6,273
2006	247	6,656

Source: Indiana Youth Institute

### Number of Alternative Education Enrollment

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2002	883	30,011
2003	868	29,826
2004	283	31,955
2005	185	30,254
2006	288	29,295

Source: Indiana Youth Institute

### Number of Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2000	330	24,419
2001	397	25,517
2002	500	26,101
2003	497	25,861
2004	452	25,024
2005	458	26,926
2006	508	27,835

Source: Indiana Youth Institute



## Volunteer Resources for Nonprofits

### Organizations Volunteered For

Organizations	% of Respondents
Religions organization	39.9%
Schools	25.0%
Health and human service organization	15.6%
Service organization	14.9%
Parks and recreation	8.8%
United Way	4.9%
Other	10.7%
Unsure/NA	1.9%

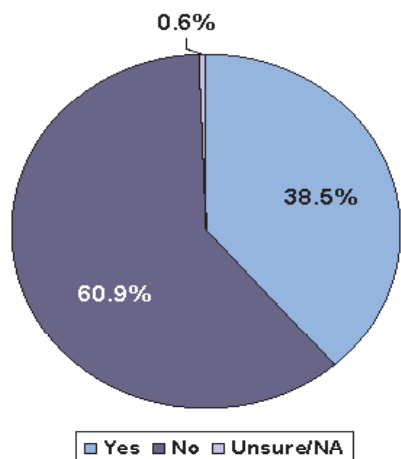
Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Citizen Survey

- Of the volunteers who completed the 2007 Needs Assessment Citizen Survey, religious organizations are the most common organization in which the individuals of Porter County have volunteered.
- In all three regions, fundraising and selling items to raise money was the most usual form of volunteering.
- There are two organizations in Porter County that serve as volunteer service organizations which include: The United Way Regional Volunteer Center and The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.
- In Porter County, volunteer organizations are making efforts to promote volunteerism by promoting their individual organization through their web sites, campaigns, and word of mouth,



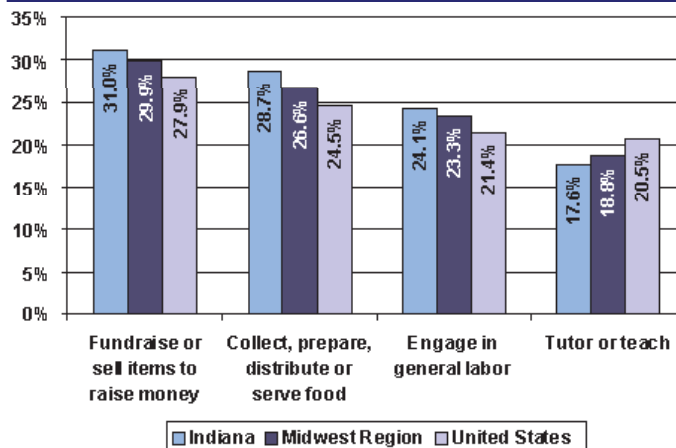
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### Volunteer in the Past Year



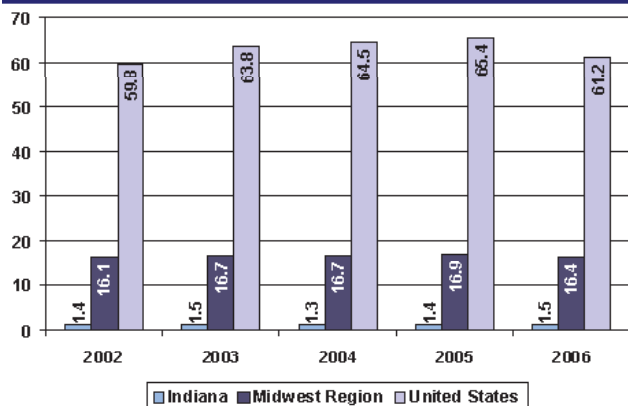
Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Citizen Survey

### Type of Volunteer Activity



Source: National and Community Service, 2007 State Trend Rankings in Civil Life

### Number of Volunteers



Source: Britta Neinst, Volunteer Coordinator, United Way Regional Volunteer

### History of Referrals and Number of Volunteers

Year	Referrals	# of Volunteers
2003	213	132
2004	507	329
2005	486	311
2006	905	551
2007	1105	581
Through 5/08	797	339
Totals	4013	2154

Source: Britta Neinst, Volunteer Coordinator, United Way Regional Volunteer Center

### Distribution Of Volunteerism

Age	Indiana		Midwest Region		United States	
	Median Hours	Rate	Median Hours	Rate	Median Hours	Rate
16 - 24 years	30	25.6%	34	26.1%	39	23.4%
25 - 34 years	48	26.5%	30	27.9%	37	24.7%
35 - 44 years	48	35.2%	48	38.6%	48	33.3%
45 - 54 years	54	31.6%	50	36.6%	52	32.2%
55 - 64 years	52	32.0%	53	31.4%	60	29.3%
65+ years	104	26.3%	81	28.5%	100	24.4%
Age Group						
College Students	30	35.1%	32	31.8%	40	29.6%
Baby Boomers	55	33.8%	50	36.9%	52	32.2%
Gender						
Male	52	27.3%	48	28.4%	52	24.3%
Female	48	31.8%	48	35.8%	50	31.6%

Source: National and Community Service, 2007 State Trend Rankings in Civil Life



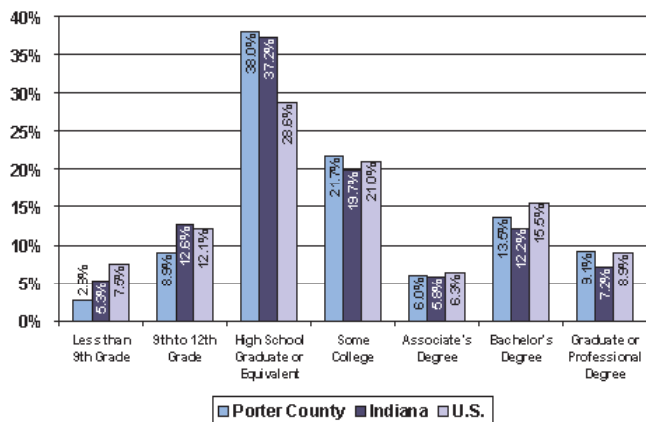
Public Opinion of Literacy		
	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	22nd	12th
Most significant family issue	20th	NA
Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues	41st	37th
Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	18.0%	35.9%

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- Literacy has a variety of definitions; however, the most traditional definition is from the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, which defines literacy as "An individual's ability to read, write, speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual, and in society."
- Problems caused by low levels of literacy include; inability to understand medicine dosage, inability to find locations on a map, inability to read to children, inability to communicate through e-mail or other written correspondence, inability to create or use spreadsheets, and the inability to complete government forms, such as tax forms.
- To be literate in today's world, individuals need to be able to read, write, speak, and listen. Individuals must also be able to compute problems, have problem solving skills, set individual goals, and be able to increase their own skills.
- Thirty-seven percent (37.1%) of Porter County individuals age 25 and over have attained an education level of high school graduate or equivalent, which is higher than the national average of thirty percent (30.2%).
- Porter County has a higher level of literacy than Indiana and neighboring counties according to the Discovery Alliance.

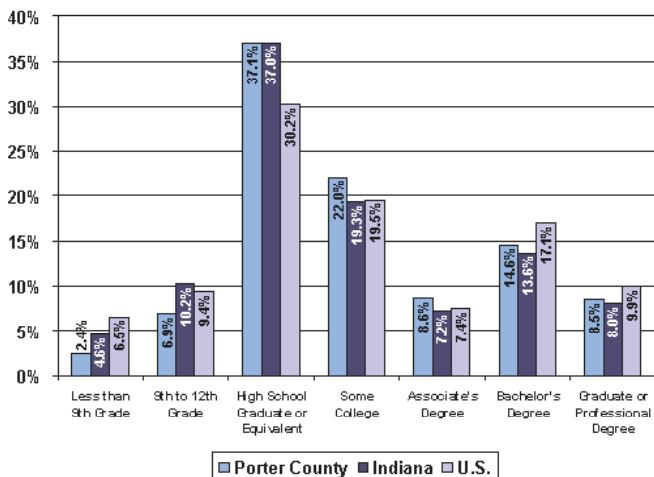


**Educational Attainment, 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Educational Attainment, 2006**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Porter County Graduation Rates**

School	2005-2006	2006-2007
Duneland School Corp.	73.0%	83.1%
East Porter County School Corp.	93.0%	92.3%
MSD Boone Township	90.8%	90.5%
Portage Township Schools	83.0%	81.1%
Porter Township Schools	81.6%	88.5%
Union Township School Corp.	91.3%	89.4%
Valparaiso Community Schools	92.2%	90.6%

Source: Indiana Department of Education

**Educational Attainment**

**Educational Attainment Percent of Population 25 Years Old and Over**

	2006	2000	% Change 2000-2006	
Porter County	Less Than High School	9.2%	11.7%	-2.5%
	High School Graduate or Equivalent	37.1%	38.0%	-0.9%
	Some College	22.0%	21.7%	0.3%
	Associate's Degree	8.6%	6.0%	2.6%
	Bachelor's Degree	14.6%	13.5%	1.1%
	Graduate or Professional Degree	8.5%	9.1%	-0.6%
Indiana	Less Than High School	14.9%	17.9%	-3.0%
	High School Graduate or Equivalent	37.0%	37.2%	-0.2%
	Some College	19.3%	19.7%	-0.4%
	Associate's Degree	7.2%	5.8%	1.4%
	Bachelor's Degree	13.6%	12.2%	1.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree	8.0%	7.2%	0.8%	

Source: 2000 and 2006 Census Fact Finder



Public Opinion of Medical Care		
	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	3rd*	1st*
Most significant family issue	1st	N/A
Availability of affordable medical care	6th*	5th*
	2.46**	3.23**
Availability of accessible medical care	26th*	26th*
	2.07**	2.55**

\*Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues

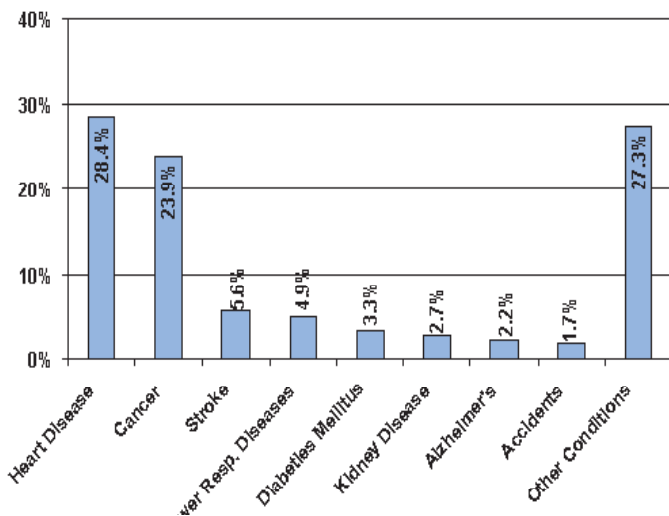
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Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- Porter is Porter County's only general acute medical care service provider, with multiple locations throughout Porter County.
- As reported in 2002, the three leading causes of death in Porter County are heart disease, cancer, and stroke.
- Of the different types of heart disease that have lead to death, Ischemic heart disease continues to remain the number one killer of Porter County residents.
- According to the Center for Workforce Innovations, the nursing and entry-level healthcare workforce is increasing rapidly, as well as the Healthcare practitioners with advanced degrees are in adequate supply. However, with two new hospitals scheduled to be built in the next five years, the available pool of healthcare workers may not be sufficient to meet the demand within the county.
- In 2004, 88.0% of children ages 19 to 35 months in Porter County are up to date for their immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, poliovirus, measles, and mumps.

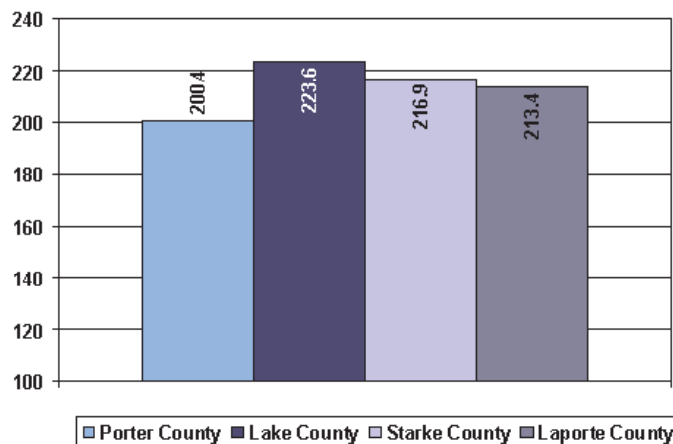


**Leading Causes of Death In Porter County**



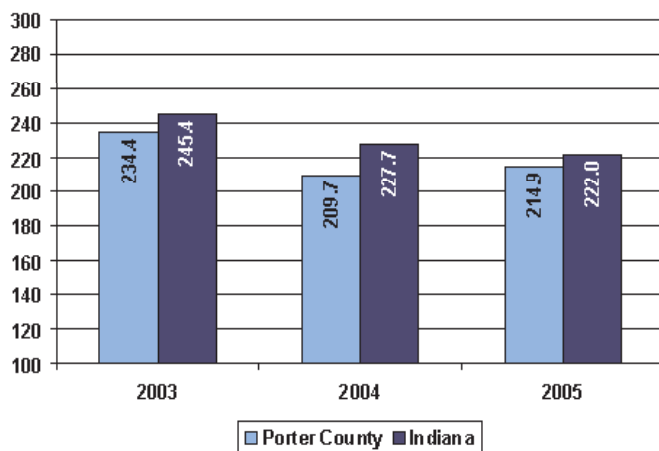
Source: 2005 Epidemiological Report on the Health Concerns of Northwest Indiana

**Cancer Mortality Average Rate Northwest Indiana**



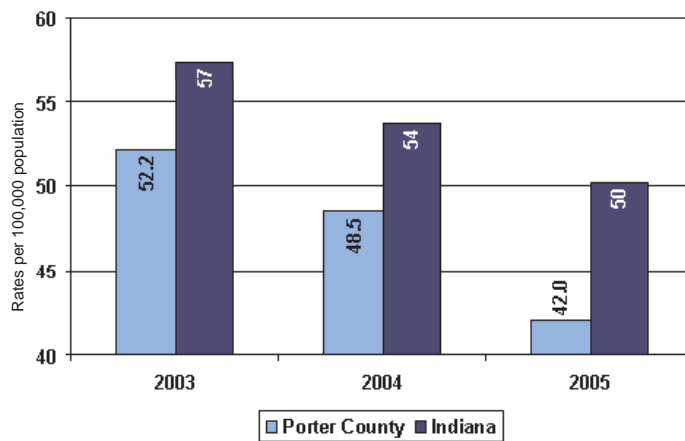
Source: Indiana State Department of Health

**Mortality Rate of Heart Disease**



Source: State of Indiana, Mortality Report  
\*Rate is based out of 100,000 people

**Cerebrovascular Mortality Rate**



Source: Indiana State Department of Health



## Public Opinion of Mental Health Care

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	17th	13th
Most significant family issue	19th	N/A
Availability of Adolescent Mental Health Care	27th*	17th*
	2.06**	2.76**
Mental Illness or Emotional Issues	19th*	19th*
	2.02**	2.71**

\*Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues

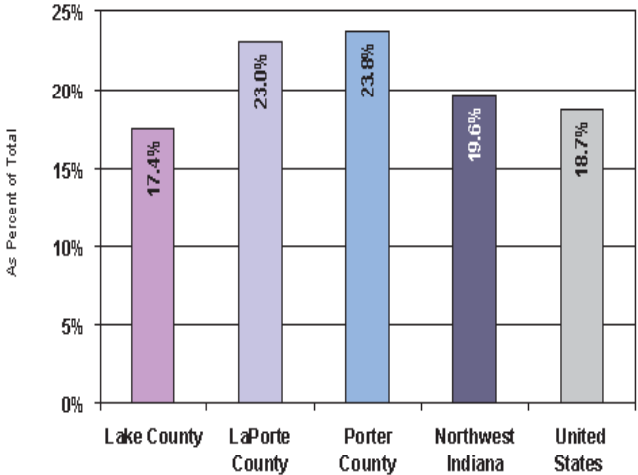
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Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

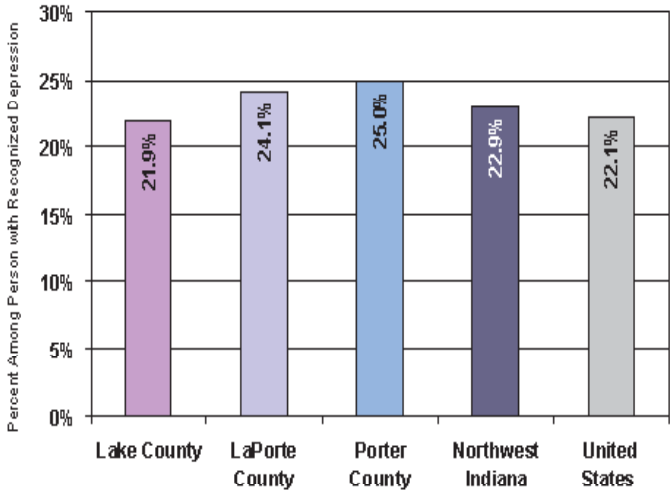
- Compared to other counties in Northwest Indiana, Porter County has the highest percent (23.8%) of individuals who have experienced a mental health occurrence three or more days in the past month.
- Of the individuals in Porter County who admitted to having a mental or emotional problem, fifty percent (50.0%) of them sought professional help.
- Depression is a very common mental disorder, and in Porter County one out of four individuals have experienced periods of depression which lasted two or more years. This ratio is a lot larger when compared to the U.S. and Northwest Indiana.
- Porter County continues to have an increasing need for programs and services for children and adolescents.



**Mental Health Occurrence in Past Three Months**

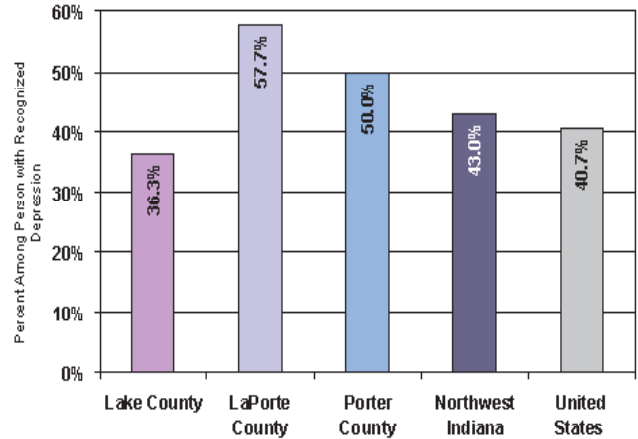


**Experienced Depression Lasting Two or More Years**

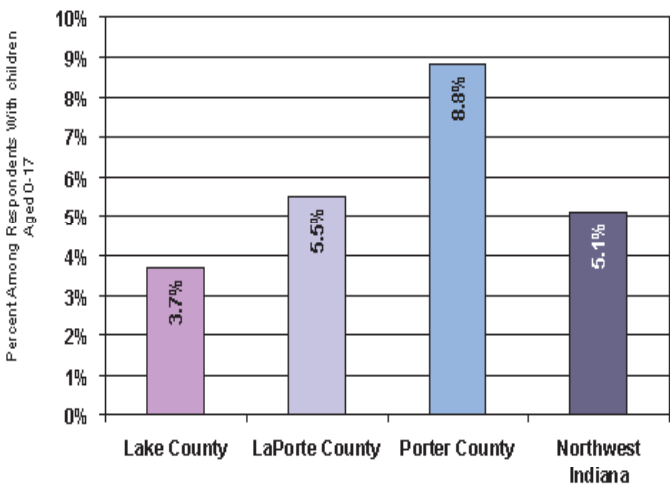


Source: 2005 Epidemiological Report

**Sought Professional Help**



**Child has Mental or Emotional Disorder**



## Public Opinion of Prescription Drugs

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	22nd	13th
Most significant family issue	20th	N/A
Cost of prescription drugs	3rd*	6th*
	2.58**	3.22**

\*Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues

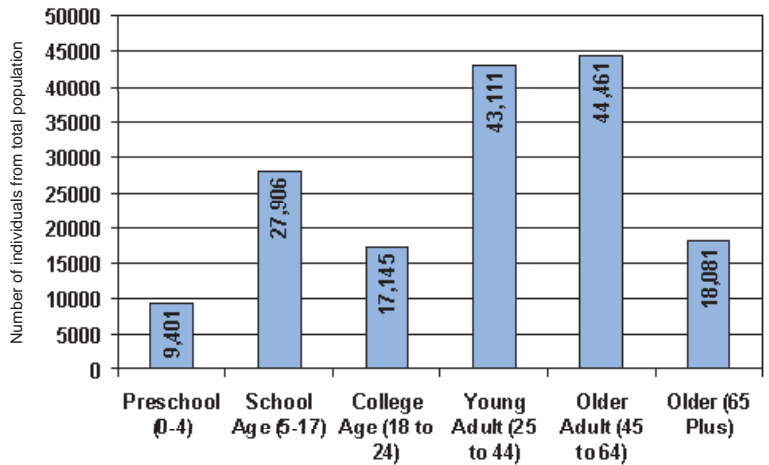
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Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- Those that have the largest need for prescription drugs are seniors age 65 and older and people with disabilities.
- Indiana's HoosierRx helps individuals in Porter County afford the premium and deductible costs associated with Medicare, Medicare Part D, and prescription drug plan premiums.
- When comparing prescription drugs prices to surrounding counties, Porter County does not have the most affordable price for drugs to treat the top five leading causes of death for medicare beneficiaries.



**Porter County 2007 Population by Age**



Source: US Census Bureau 2007 Estimates

The following chart outlines the cost of prescription drugs in Porter, Lake, and Starke Counties. All prices are assuming that the consumer does not have insurance at the time of purchase. Prices marked in blue indicates which county has the most expensive cost of the prescription drug, and prices marked in yellow indicate which county has the least expensive cost for the prescription drug.

**Prescription Drug Prices by County**

	Actonel 45 MG Tablet (Osteoporosis)	Alprazolam 1 MG Tablet (Depression)	Lipitor 20 MG Tablet (Hypertension)	Plavix 75 MG Tablet (Heart Attack)	Lantus 100 Units/ML (Diabetes)
Porter County	\$96.29	\$20.01	\$187.26	\$154.54	\$97.85
Lake County	\$96.13	\$17.99	\$127.92	\$154.42	\$98.18
Starke County	N/A	\$24.19	\$139.76	\$167.49	\$91.99

Source: IndianaConsumers.com



## Public Opinion of Health Insurance

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	22nd	13th
Most significant family issue	20th	N/A
Availability of adequate medical insurance coverage	5th*	3rd*
	2.48**	3.38**

\*Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues

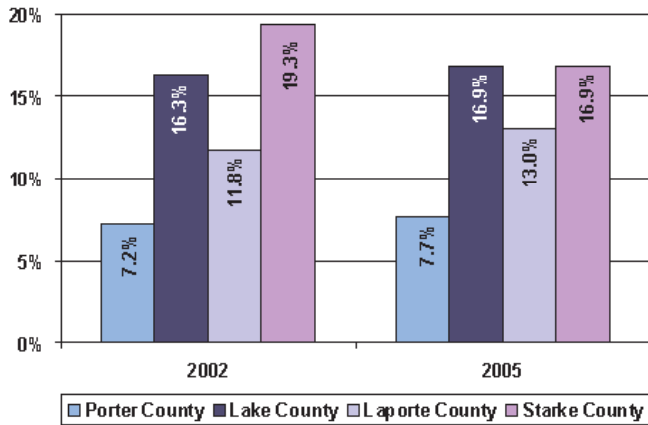
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Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- In 2000, Porter County residents had a lower percentage of uninsured individuals of all ages in comparison to Indiana.
- In 2002 and 2003, Porter County had a smaller percentage of people who have used Medicaid as a health insurance supplement compared to Indiana's Northwest counties.
- In 2004, the percent of uninsured individuals age 18 to 64 in Porter County has increased 3.9% since 2000. However, the options and availability of medical insurance fluctuates upon eligibility standards set by programs offered in Porter County.



**NW Indiana % of Population\* Enrolled in Medicaid**



Source: The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration  
 \*Percentages based on reported 2000 census data

**Number of Children Enrolled in Hoosier Healthwise**

	Porter County	Indiana
2000	3,629	292,726
2001	4,073	317,238
2002	5,059	354,687
2003	4,981	344,797
2004	5,207	359,901
2005	5,478	376,465
2006	9,508	584,274
00-06 Percent Change	61.8%	49.9%

Source: Indiana Youth Institute

**Health Insurance Coverage**

	All Ages, 2000		
	# Insured	# Uninsured	% Uninsured
Porter County	130,537	16,270	11.0%
Indiana	5,320,829	694,791	11.5%

Source: U.S Census Bureau

**Average of Families Receiving TANF\***

	Porter County	Indiana
2000	223	30,432
2001	326	39,395
2002	408	47,459
2003	497	52,478
2004	486	51,025
2005	476	48,908
2006	486	47,657
00-06 Percent Change	54.1%	36.1%

Source: Indiana Youth Institute

\*The Indiana Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), formally known as welfare, provides cash assistance to help families become economically self-sufficient.



# Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention

## Public Opinion of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

	Community Stakeholder Survey	
	Survey	Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	2nd	1st (tie)
Most significant family issue	10th	N/A
Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues	1st	2nd
Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	54.4%	90.6%

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

## Public Opinion of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

	Community Stakeholder Survey	
	Survey	Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	2nd	1st (tie)
Most significant family issue	10th	N/A
Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues	1st	2nd
Percentage indicating moderate or major concern	54.4%	90.6%

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

## Drug and Alcohol Treatment

- Annual spending per household on alcohol in Porter County has steadily increased from 2004 to 2006 and is higher in dollars per household than both State of Indiana and United States averages.
- In 2003, the percentage of adults who reported they abused alcohol in the past year was higher in Porter County compared to the State of Indiana levels, while the percentage of adults dependent on alcohol in a lifetime is lower in Porter County compared to the State of Indiana levels.
- In Porter County, males abuse alcohol more than females, and a higher percentage of males abuse alcohol in Porter County compared to the State of Indiana.
- Porter County has lower alcohol treatment episode rates than Indiana from 2001-2006.
- Porter County adults have a lower drug abuse rate than State of Indiana levels, however, adults in Porter County have a higher rate of drug dependency in their lifetime than State of Indiana adults.
- Porter County has many treatment facilities, but long-term inpatient care is limited.

## Drug and Alcohol Prevention

- According to the National Institute on Drugs and Alcohol, recent research says that each dollar invested in prevention can provide a savings of up to \$10 in treatment for substance abuse.
- Only three out of ten children report learning a lot about drug abuse from their parents.
- Between 1995 and 2005, drug treatment admission for prescription drugs has increased more than 300.0%.



## Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention - continued

### Drug and Alcohol Treatment

#### Drug Abuse and Dependency by Age

		Abused Drugs	Dependent on Drugs
		in the Past Year	in a Lifetime
Porter County	Age 18-24	159.3	600.4
	Age 25-44	350.6	751.1
	Age 45-64	131.7	90.4
	Age 65+	0.0	0.0
	Total	641.6	1441.9
Indiana	Age 18-24	302.0	489.6
	Age 25-44	506.4	405.3
	Age 45-64	134.3	118.2
	Age 65+	3.1	0.0
	Total	945.8	1013.1

Source: Indiana Adult Household Survey 2003  
\*Adults per 100,000 people

#### Alcohol Abuse and Dependency Rates by Age

		Abused Alcohol	Dependent on Alcohol
		in the Past Year	in a Lifetime
Porter County	Age 18-24	760.3	1042.1
	Age 25-44	4736.0	1477.9
	Age 45-64	3758.1	445.0
	Age 65+	332.3	113.4
	Total	9586.6	3078.4
Indiana	Age 18-24	995.8	1062.9
	Age 25-44	3751.1	1741.9
	Age 45-64	2623.5	838.8
	Age 65+	612.3	130.7
	Total	7982.7	3774.3

Source: Indiana Adult Household Survey 2003  
\*Adults per 100,000 people

#### Alcohol Spending per Household

		Alcohol Spending per Household in Dollars	Alcohol Spending per Household as % of Median Household Income
2004	Porter County	\$502	0.8%
	Indiana	\$439	0.8%
	United States	\$460	0.9%
2005	Porter County	\$594	0.9%
	Indiana	\$501	1.0%
	United States	\$545	1.1%
2006	Porter County	\$671	1.1%
	Indiana	\$582	0.7%
	United States	\$622	0.8%

Source: Porter County Profile <http://www.drugs.indiana.edu>



## Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Prevention - continued

### Jail Clients In IOP by Substances 2007

	Total	% of All Substances	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
Alcohol	244	31.2%	149	72	23
Cocaine/Crack	151	19.3%	59	53	39
Marijuana/Hashish	174	22.3%	70	64	40
Heroin	55	7.0%	34	13	8
Other Opiates/Synthetics	49	6.3%	13	21	15
Benzodiazepine	30	3.8%	4	12	14
Tobacco	43	5.5%	2	21	20
Other Substances	36	4.6%	12	10	14

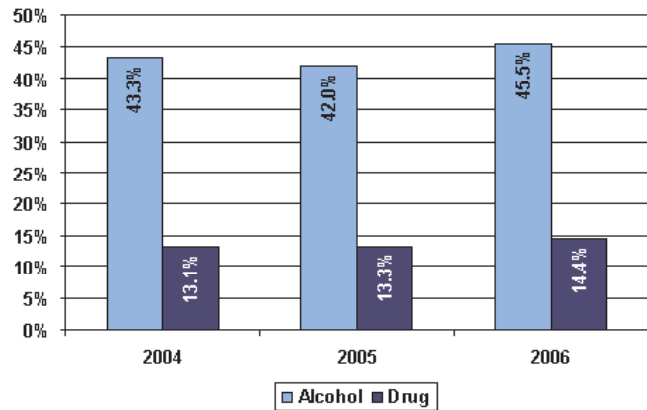
Source: Porter County Jail Chemical Dependency & Addiction Program

### Positive Drug Screening Results

	% of Positive Results		
	2004	2005	2006
Marijuana (THC)	8.6%	7.4%	6.5%
Alcohol (ETOH)	3.3%	0.5%	0.3%
Cocaine	4.8%	10.0%	11.3%
Amphetamine	0.8%	0.0%	2.0%
Opiate (heroin, morphine, oxycontin, methadone)	4.0%	6.3%	8.9%

Source: Porter County Adult Probation Department  
\*After August 2005 oral and urine were used to test

### Referrals to Porter County Adult Probation



Source: Porter County Adult Probation Department

### Sought or Needed Treatment (per 100,000)

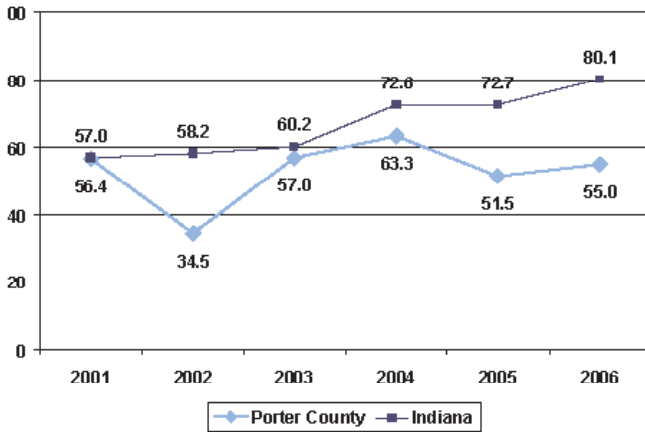
		Sought Treatment in Lifetime	Sought Treatment in Past Year	Needed Treatment in Past Year	Needed but Received No Treatment in the Past Year
Porter County	Age 18-24	1008.7	441.1	1422.2	981.2
	Age 25-44	813.4	100.3	5862.6	5762.3
	Age 45-64	735.4	0.0	3980.9	3980.9
	Age 65+	0.0	0.0	445.7	445.7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2557.4</b>	<b>541.4</b>	<b>11711.5</b>	<b>11170.1</b>
Indiana	Age 18-24	763.8	247.7	1914.6	1666.8
	Age 25-44	1351.7	210.5	4961.3	4750.7
	Age 45-64	836.8	73.4	3020.2	2946.7
	Age 65+	27.1	0.0	643.8	643.8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2979.3</b>	<b>531.7</b>	<b>10539.8</b>	<b>10008.1</b>

Source: Indiana Adult Household Survey 2003, Treatment Episodes Data Set



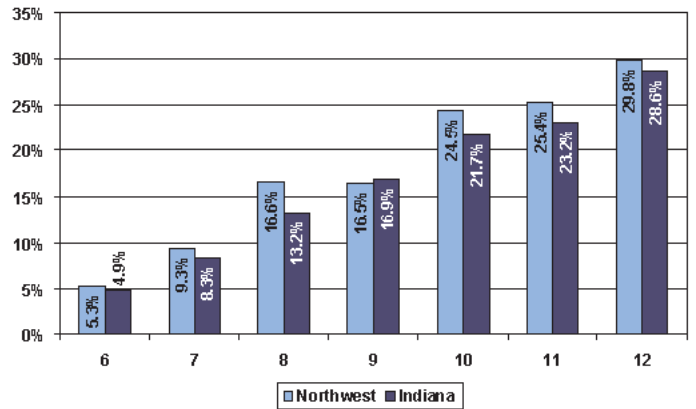
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### Cocaine Treatment Rates



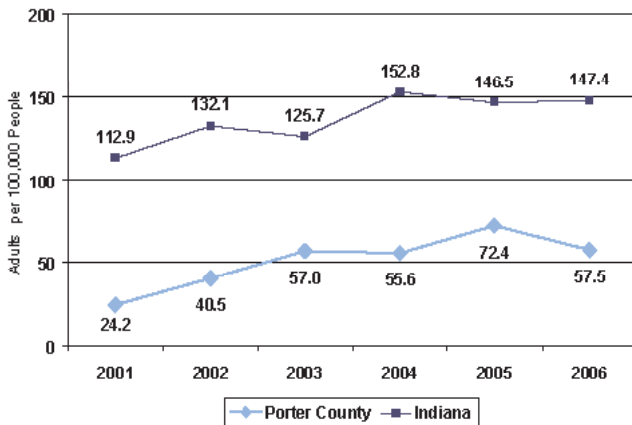
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### Binge Drinking in Northwest Indiana By Grade, 2007



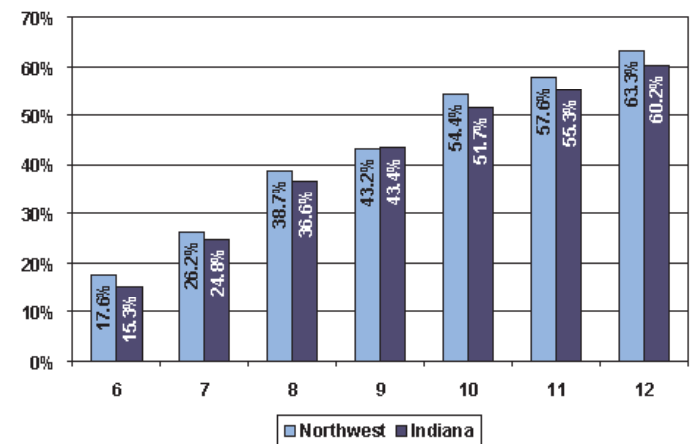
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### Marijuana Treatment Rates



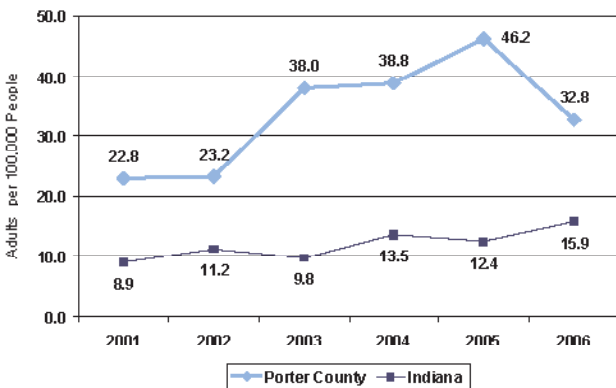
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### Annual Alcohol Use by Grade, 2007



Source: Indiana Prevention Resource Center (IPRC) 2007 Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use by Indiana Children and Adolescents

### Heroin Treatment Rates

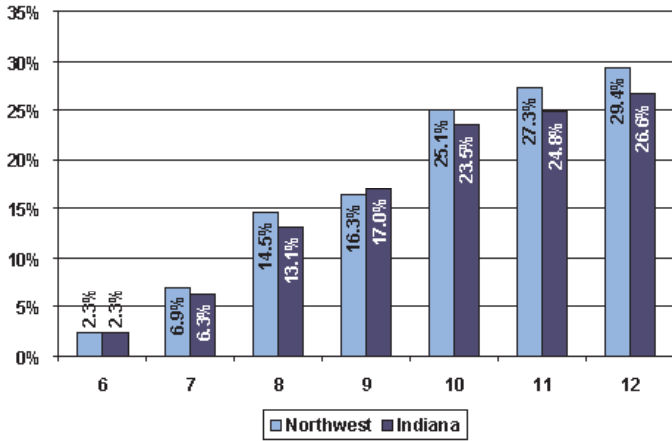


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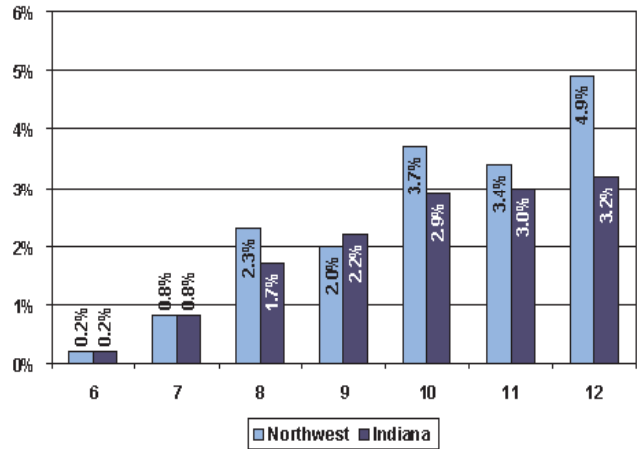
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### Annual Marijuana Use by Grade, 2007



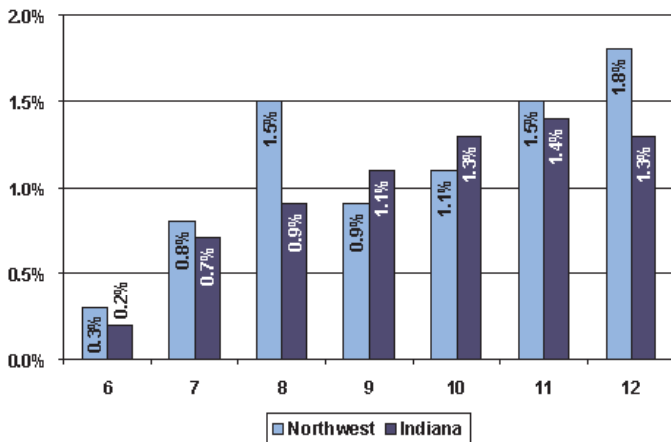
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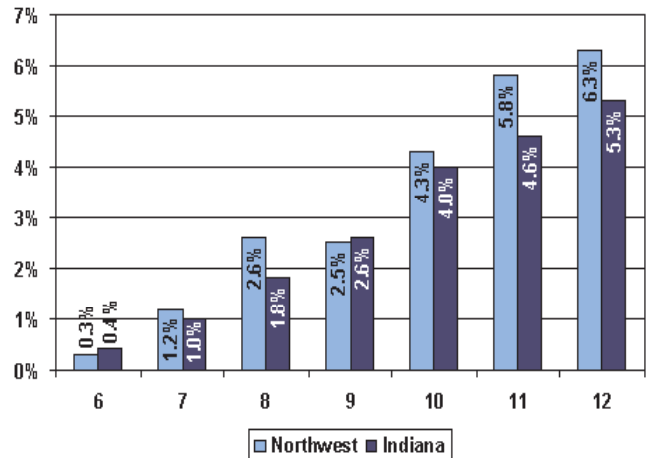
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### Annual Cocaine Use by Grade, 2007



Source: Indiana Prevention Resource Center (IPRC) 2007 Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use by Indiana Children and Adolescents





## Public Opinion of Domestic Violence

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	17th	13th
Most significant family issue	17th	N/A
Domestic violence, abuse of children or adults	23rd*	14th*
	2.15**	2.81**

\*Rank of significance among forty-three (43) issues

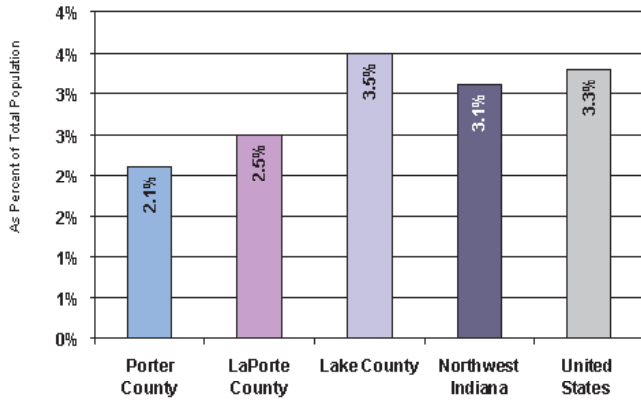
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Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- American Families conducted a Risk Factors and Adaptations to Violence study of 6,000 families nationally and found that fifty-percent (50.0%) of the men who frequently assaulted their wives also frequently abused their children.
- Of the individuals who have become victims of domestic violence in the past 5 years in Northwest Indiana, the majority were women.
- Porter County has seen a decrease in both the number of child physical abuse cases substantiated by CPS, and the number of reported cases of child abuse in recent years.
- The percentage of child abuse cases substantiated by the Child Protection Service in Porter County has remained very steady, but still continues to remain higher than Indiana's average.
- Porter County has the lowest percent of victims of domestic violence compared to neighboring counties within the past five years. However, even though Porter County has the lowest percent, this is considered a topic of concern.



**Victim of Domestic Violence in the Past 5 Years**



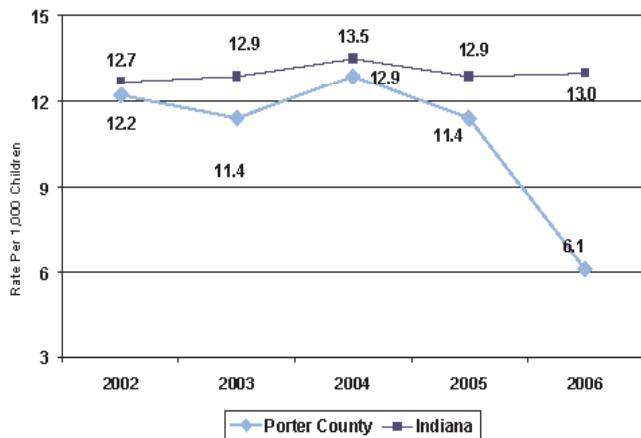
Source: 2005 Epidemiological Report

**Number of Child Abuse & Neglect Deaths in Porter County**

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2002	1	69
2003	0	51
2004	2	57
2005	1	54

Source: Indiana Youth Institute

**Child Abuse & Neglect Rate Per 1,000 Children under age 18**



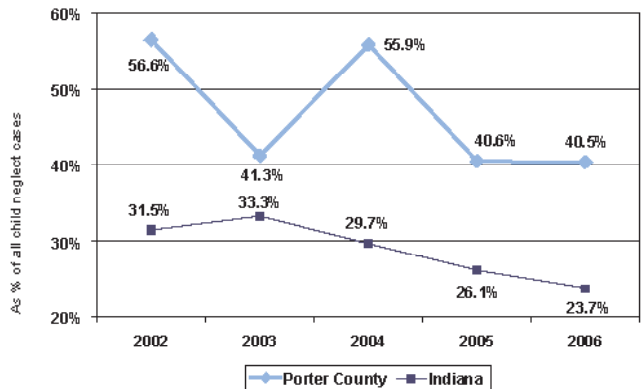
Source: Indiana Youth Institute

**Number of Reported Child Abuse Cases**

Year	Porter County	Indiana
2002	200	23,147
2003	218	22,781
2004	253	24,995
2005	206	25,959
2006	137	27,675

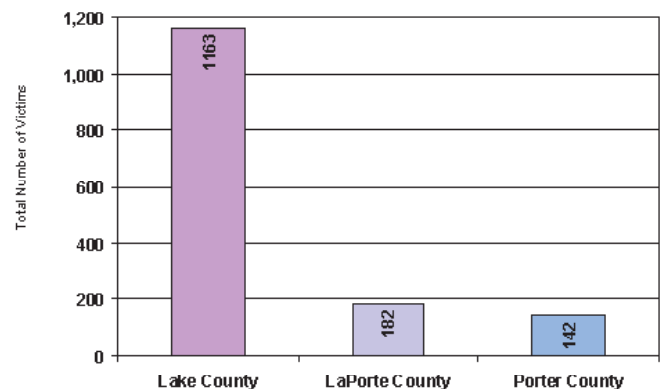
Source: Indiana Youth Institute

**Percentage of Child Neglect Substantiated by CPS**



Source: Indiana Youth Institute

**Domestic Violence Victims Served in Emergency Shelters**



Source: 2005 Epidemiology Report



## Public Opinion of Racial or Ethnic Discrimination

	Community Survey	Stakeholder Survey
Most significant issue facing Porter County	22nd	13th
Most significant family issue	20th	N/A
Racial or Ethnic Discrimination	21th*	7th*
	2.18**	3.20**

\* Rank of Significance among forty-three (43) issues

\*\* Rating of Concern on a 1-4 Scale (1 meaning not concerned 4 meaning very concerned)

Source: 2007 Needs Assessment Community Survey and 2007 Needs Assessment Stakeholder Survey

- Northwest Indiana has seen an increase in ethnic distribution from 2000 to 2006. Porter County has seen the largest growth, in comparison to neighboring counties and state averages, in the number of African-Americans.
- Of the bias motivated incidents that have occurred since 1990 in Porter County, trends indicate that the majority of incidents have occurred around the cities of Valparaiso and Portage. The leading types of bias motivated incidents in Porter County are harassment and vandalism.
- There are 196 accounts of bias motivated incidents that have been recorded in Porter and Lake County. Of the total number of bias related incidents race has been the main motivation.
- Porter County has experienced a total of fifteen hate crimes since 1997, with 87.5% of these crimes due to race.
- Indiana is one of five states in the U.S. that has not established its own hate crime law that addresses additional sentencing for offenders who commit hate crimes.
- Since 2003 there has been a steady increase of bias motivated incidences in Porter County. These recent trends could be traced back to 2001 where Porter County peaked in bias motivated incidences during the 9/11 events.



**Racial Distribution**

Porter County			
	2000	2006	% Change
One Race	144,854	160,105	10.5%
African-American	1,344	3,697	175.1%
American-Indian	326	401	23.0%
Asian	1,341	1,729	28.9%
White	139,946	152,582	9.0%
Two or More	1,239	1,659	33.9%

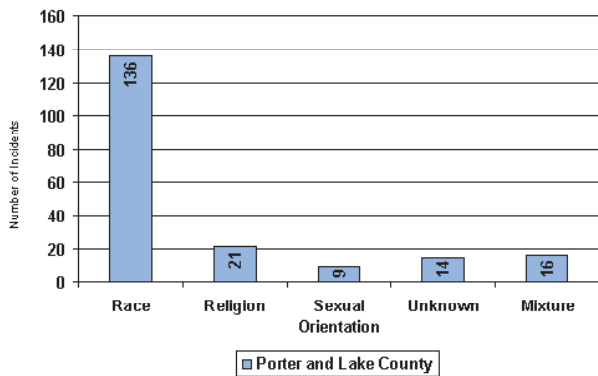
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Hispanic/Latino Origin**

	2000	2006	% Change
Porter County	7,079	10,010	41.4%
Lake County	59,128	68,937	16.6%
LaPorte County	3,402	4,393	29.1%
Indiana	69,069	83,340	20.7%

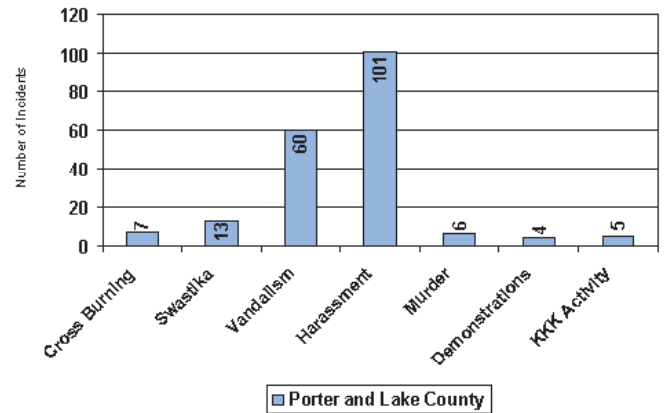
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**Motivation for Bias Related Issues**



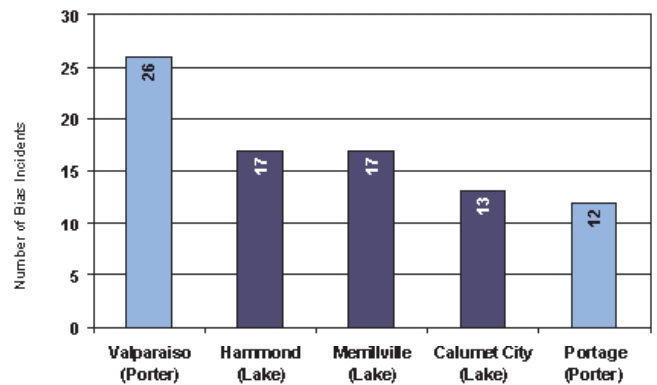
Source: Community Research and Service Center

**Types of Bias Motivated Incidents**

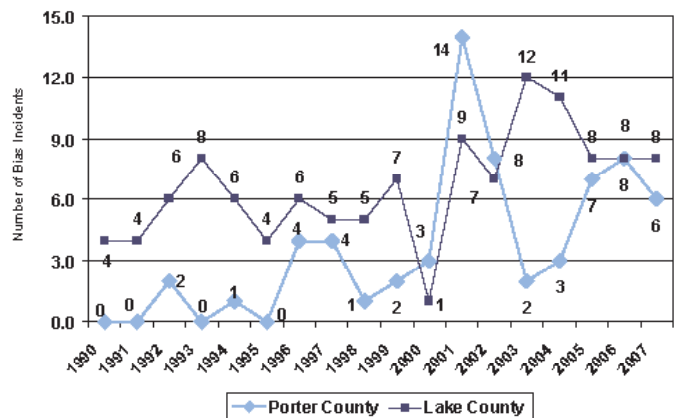


Source: Community Research and Service Center

**Locations of Bias Incidents in Porter & Lake County**



**Bias Motivated Incidents Trends**



Source: Community Research and Service Center

