



# Whitley County

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## Demographics

	<u>2010</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>2018</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>2025</u> <sup>3</sup> (Projection)	<u>Families with Own Children</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>2013-2017</u>
<b>Population</b>					
Total population	35,637	36,242	35,677	... Married couple	2,739 (+/-340)
... Under 20 years old	9,836	10,383	10,671	... Female householder	725 (+/-198)
... Ages 65 and over	5,084	5,779	6,080	... Male householder	129 (+/-90)

## Youth

	<u>2013-2017</u>
# of grandparents who live with and are responsible for grandchildren <sup>4</sup>	720 (+/-249)
% of own children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force <sup>4</sup>	60.3% (+/-12.4%)
<b>STARS certified and licensed child care:</b> <sup>5</sup>	<u>2018</u>
... Number of Providers	14
... Capacity	721

## Education

	<u>2013-2017</u>
% of population 25 and over with high school or higher <sup>4</sup>	79.1% (+/-2.5%)
% of population 25 and over with bachelor's degree or higher <sup>4</sup>	19.9% (+/-2.6%)
% of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on math in the 2017-18 school year <sup>5</sup>	52.4%
# of children enrolled in Head Start during the 2017-18 school year <sup>5</sup>	192
<b>High school graduates in 2017:</b> <sup>7</sup>	
... average high school GPA	3.15
... % earning an industry certificate	15.5%
... % college/career ready	61.9%

## Income/Earnings

Median household income (2017) <sup>6</sup>	\$33,809 (\$30,251-\$37,367)
Median earnings in past 12 months <sup>4</sup>	<u>2013-2017</u>
... Women	\$19,753 (+/-1,883)
... Men	\$26,678 (+/-2,580)
... High school graduate	\$24,080 (+/-2,332)
... Bachelor's degree	\$33,951 (+/-2,400)

## Agriculture

# of farms	<u>2017</u> <sup>8</sup> 548	Farms with food sold directly to consumers	<u>2017</u> <sup>8</sup> 29
% of land in farms	21.0%	Value of food sold directly to consumers	\$215,000
% of farms operated by a family or an individual	94.5%	Processed or value-added agricultural products sold	
% of principal producers under age 35	4.0%	... Farms	15
% of principal producers who are female	23.1%	... Value	\$63,000
# of new and beginning principal producers	201	Food sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs for local or regionally branded products	
# of farms with income from agri-tourism and recreational services	0	... Farms	7
		... Value	\$8,000

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## Employment

	<b>2017</b>
Total employment (# of jobs) <sup>9</sup>	15,856
	<b>2016</b>
# of establishments w/ 1-9 employees <sup>10</sup>	434
% of establishments w/ 1-9 employees <sup>10</sup>	70.8%
Nonemployer establishments (w/o employees) <sup>11</sup>	2,199
% of workers ages 16 and over who: <sup>4</sup>	<b>2013-2017</b>
... work inside the county	65.9% (+/-4.0%)
... work outside the county	31.7% (+/-4.0%)
... work outside the state	2.4% (+/-0.8%)

## Coal Employment

	<b>2011<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>2016<sup>13</sup></b>
(-- = no data)		
Direct employment at coal mines	212	109
% of total employment	1.51%	0.90%

## Health

	<b>2015-2017</b>
% of adults with obesity <sup>14</sup>	29% (22.6-37.17%)
% of adults with diabetes <sup>14</sup>	13% (8.34-18.38%)
% of adults reporting a time in past year they needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost <sup>14</sup>	19% (12.48-28.17%)

## Substance Abuse

### Drug-related inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits for overdose among county residents<sup>15</sup>

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Heroin	1-4	1-4	1-4	Benzodiazepines (i.e. Valium, etc.)	28	15	13
Cocaine	0	1-4	0	Antidepressants	13	10	1-4
Opioids other than Heroin	45	27	19	Any Substance	179	148	117

### Drug overdose deaths among county residents<sup>16</sup>

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
All Drug Overdose Deaths	8	12	7	Involving Benzodiazepines	1-4	9	1-4
Involving Heroin	0	0	0	Involving Fentanyl	0	0	1-4

## Poverty/Insecurity

% of workers ages 16 and over who worked full-time year-round and were below poverty (2013-2017) <sup>4</sup>	2.9% (+/-1.6%)
Estimated food insecurity rate (2017) <sup>17</sup>	16.4%
Youth under age 18 who lived in households that received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance, or food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months (2013-2017) <sup>4</sup>	3,707 (+/-585)
Children determined by the Dept. of Community Based Services to have been victims of child abuse or neglect (2018) <sup>18</sup>	413

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