

EGR 8 Regional Data Profile Summary

- EGR 8 consists of Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen counties.
- Based on the 2022 data, the total population for EGR 8 was 315,869, which represents approximately 4.6% of Indiana's population.
- The total population is expected to climb to 336,378 by 2030.
- Since 2020, Indiana has experienced a population growth of 0.7%. The range of growth across the state was between 0.8% (EGR 12) and 3.5% (EGR 5).
- EGR 8 has experienced 0.2% growth since 2020. This is the 50th percentile today, but future forecasts place its rank in the 25th percentile of expected growth by 2030.
- Across each of the dimensions of population change, EGR 8 tends to rank in the bottom half if not in the lower 25th percentile compared with other EGRs.
- Births were outpaced by deaths in this region representing a -0.66% decline in the population.
- While the state had a net increase in the total domestic migrations, this EGR was one of four regions to experience a negative domestic migration. This was offset to some degree by the increase in international migration.
- The top industries in EGR 8 are largely consistent with the rest of Indiana. Manufacturing, Educational Services, and Healthcare/Social Services are the top 3 industries in EGR 8. The main difference between this EGR and others is that Educational Services ranks higher on the list relative to other EGRs. The main difference here is likely driven by the fact Indiana University is located in this EGR.
- The top ten employers in this region are Indiana University Bloomington, Cook Group Inc., Catalent, IU Health Bloomington Hospital, French Lick Spring Resort & Spa, West Baden Springs Hotel, Boston Scientific Corp., GM Powertrain, NSW Crane, and Baxter Biopharma Solutions.
- WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth employment, retention, and median earnings metrics exceeded state targets.
- Indiana University Bloomington is performing above the state average "on time" and "extended" percentage rates, while Ivy Tech Bloomington is performing lower than the state average "on time" and "extended" percentage rates.
- 853 individuals have earned a Workforce Ready Grant credential through Ivy Tech Bloomington.
- Combined, Region 8 has served 347 clients and spent a total of \$1,237,877 on tuition for needed training activities in support of local employers from PY21-PY22.
- EGR 8 Career Technical Education is performing lower than the state average in post program placement, dual credit attainment, credential attainment, and work-based learning participation. There are 6.7% high school students who earn a credential vs. 5.5% of high school students statewide.

- EGR 8 has a high performing Adult Education portfolio with notable median quarterly earnings increase from \$3,995 in PY 2020-2021 to \$5,808 in PY 2021-2022.
- Region 8 was recognized on a national level on 3/24/23. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) - Employment and Training Administration launched the “Yes, WIOA Can!” community on WorkforceGPS. The site will serve as an ongoing repository of innovative practices and resources from state and local leaders and practitioners. The Indiana Department of Workforce Development recognized the Region 8 collaboration between WIOA and Adult Education providers as an innovative practice and asked the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board for permission to submit information regarding the partnership for the “Yes, WIOA Can!” initiative. Region 8 was selected by DOL, and an interview was conducted that is now being highlighted on the website. The interview can be found at: <https://ywc.workforcegps.org/blog/general/2023/03/24/16/59/Yes-WIOA-Can-Create-Collaborative-Service-Models-Indiana-Region-8>
- The labor force participation rate for EGR 8 within the age 20-64 age group is 75% in comparison to 78% statewide.
- The unemployment rate in June of 2023 was 3.8% in comparison to a 3.7% non-seasonally adjusted statewide rate.
- The top barriers to employment according to the U.S. Census Bureau were housing costs, lack of internet, and disability.
- Healthcare and social assistance job postings, followed by educational services, manufacturing and retail trade made up the top job postings by industry over the 2022 calendar year.