



Public Workshop

Johnson County Comprehensive Plan

WELCOME!!

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Johnson County Comprehensive Plan! This evening's public workshop is designed to give you an opportunity to comment on the future of the county on topics including:

- Growth
- Agriculture
- Transportation
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development

The workshop includes five interactive stations. We encourage you to visit each station, each covering a different topic. Ask any questions you may have and stay as long as you like.

Most importantly - have fun and think about how you want to see the Johnson County of the future!!

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- Policy document directing future decisions in the county.
- Focuses on the physical layout of various land uses and the compatibility of activities anticipated on the land.
- Includes analysis and recommendations for the community's population, economy, housing, transportation, community facilities, environmental resources and land use.
- Provides a sound basis for regulations, policies and programs intended to help achieve the vision and goals.



Comment Sheet

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Are you a: (please check all that apply)

Property Owner Resident Institution/Non-profit Representative
 Business Operator County Staff/Official Other (Please specify)

Welcome Station

After looking over the draft Vision, is there anything you would add? Anything you would change?

Growth Element Station

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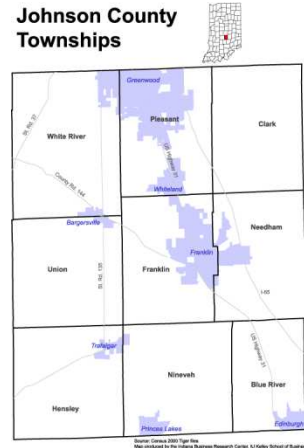


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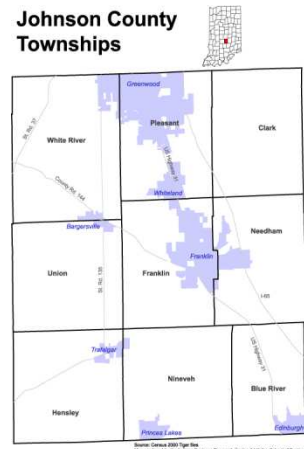
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Growth Element Station (continued)

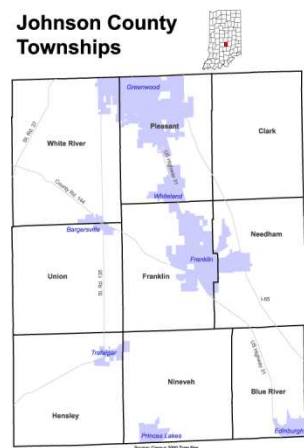
Where is residential development most appropriate (circle township)?



Where is commercial development most appropriate (circle township)?



Where is industrial development most appropriate (circle township)?





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Agriculture Element Station

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1. Protection and planned preservation of farmland while balancing farmers desires.
2. Implement strategies for the protection of farmland.

Would you support restricting residential/retail development in prime agricultural areas? Yes No

Transportation Element Station

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5. Increase mass/public transit availability locally and coordinate regionally.
6. Establish a renewed focus and commitment to the current standards of corridor overlay zones throughout the county.
7. Create and implement plans to improve rural road safety.

What road improvements need to be made to accommodate new development?

Do you support a county-wide trail system? Yes No



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Infrastructure Element Station

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Where do sewers need to be extended? Why?

In the space provided below please offer any additional questions or comments that you would like to be considered.

THANK YOU! Please leave this handout in the drop box before you leave



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Economic Development Element Station

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5. Study Johnson Counties housing stock and its impact on our economy.
6. Maintain and enhance economic development promotion and marketing .
7. Ensure that regulation is purposeful and efficient.
8. Attract high end and quality development.
9. Develop cost/benefit analysis for new development.

What type of jobs are most needed in the county?

What challenges are there to economic development in Johnson County?

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Comprehensive Plan Public Open House

Welcome to the Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Public Open House

Please be sure to sign in, pick up a comment sheet and visit each station to review and comment on the materials displayed. Stations are arranged by topics:

- Welcome to the Comprehensive Plan and Vision
- Growth
- Agriculture
- Transportation
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development

County officials, staff and consultants are here to help view the information and answer any questions you may have.

It is important to note that all materials and displays are DRAFT versions at this point in the process. Nothing is finalized until plan adoption by the County Commissioners.



What is the Comprehensive Plan?

- Policy document guiding future land use and public investment decisions in the county
- Focuses on the physical layout of land use and compatibility of activities
- Includes analysis and recommendations based on the county's population, economy, housing, transportation, community facilities, environmental resources and land use
- Provides a foundation for land use regulations, policies and programs to help achieve the vision laid out in the plan.

A Comprehensive Plan <i>IS...</i>	A Comprehensive Plan <i>IS NOT...</i>
... a guide for the future that recommends how communities should develop	...a Zoning Ordinance or regulation of land
... a long-range community blueprint for the future	... a zoning map
... a tool to ensure a logical development pattern	... a Transportation Plan or Parks and Recreation Plan
... county-wide	... property specific



Vision

Residents, leaders, and business owners from around the county worked together to develop a vision statement for the future of Johnson County: The vision expresses the desires for the county's future.

*In 2030, Johnson County will be a distinctive place
where we honor traditions and plan for
tomorrow...*

*By creating a comfortable quality of life with
connected unique communities and cooperative
and efficient governments.*



Growth Element

- The county's estimated population in July 2008 was 139,158, making it the fourth most populated county in Indiana.
- The county has grown by 20% since 2000.
- 33% of the county population is in Greenwood and 30% is in White River Township (based on 2007 population).
- Working age adults are the largest demographic group in the county.
- Pleasant and White River Townships experienced the most population growth from 2000 to 2007
- The county population is projected to be nearly 170,000 in 2030.

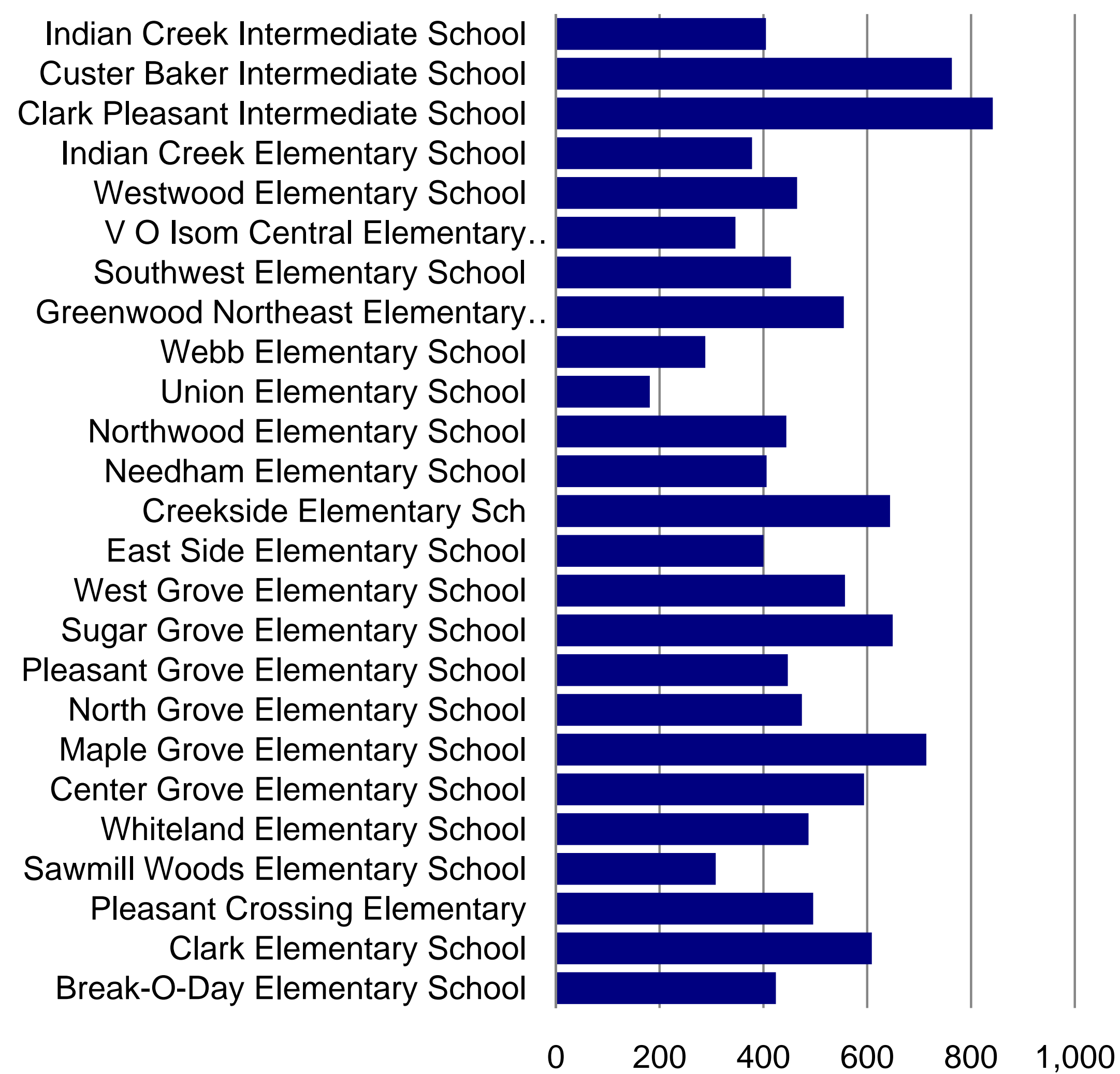
Population Estimates by Township, 2000-2007											
	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	Census 2000	Change April '00 to July '07	% Change April '00 to July '07
Johnson County	135951	132597	129229	126325	123913	121846	118705	115948	115209	20742	18.00%
Blue River township	5566	5480	5417	5390	5351	5311	5247	5202	5189	377	7.27%
Clark township	2104	2048	1995	1913	1906	1904	1897	1901	1900	204	10.74%
Franklin township	21581	21181	20744	20340	20113	19767	19394	18886	18752	2831	15.10%
Hensley township	3722	3631	3573	3476	3400	3307	3177	3037	3002	720	23.98%
Needham township	5955	5808	5649	5463	5332	5165	4979	4778	4725	1230	26.03%
Nineveh township	4542	4455	4492	4360	4274	4188	4089	3998	3975	567	14.26%
Pleasant township	49827	48065	46079	44714	43501	42681	41277	40163	39901	9958	24.98%
Union township	2945	2864	2785	2682	2583	2487	2362	2254	2226	719	32.30%
White River township	39709	39065	38495	37987	37453	37036	36283	35729	35539	4136	11.63%



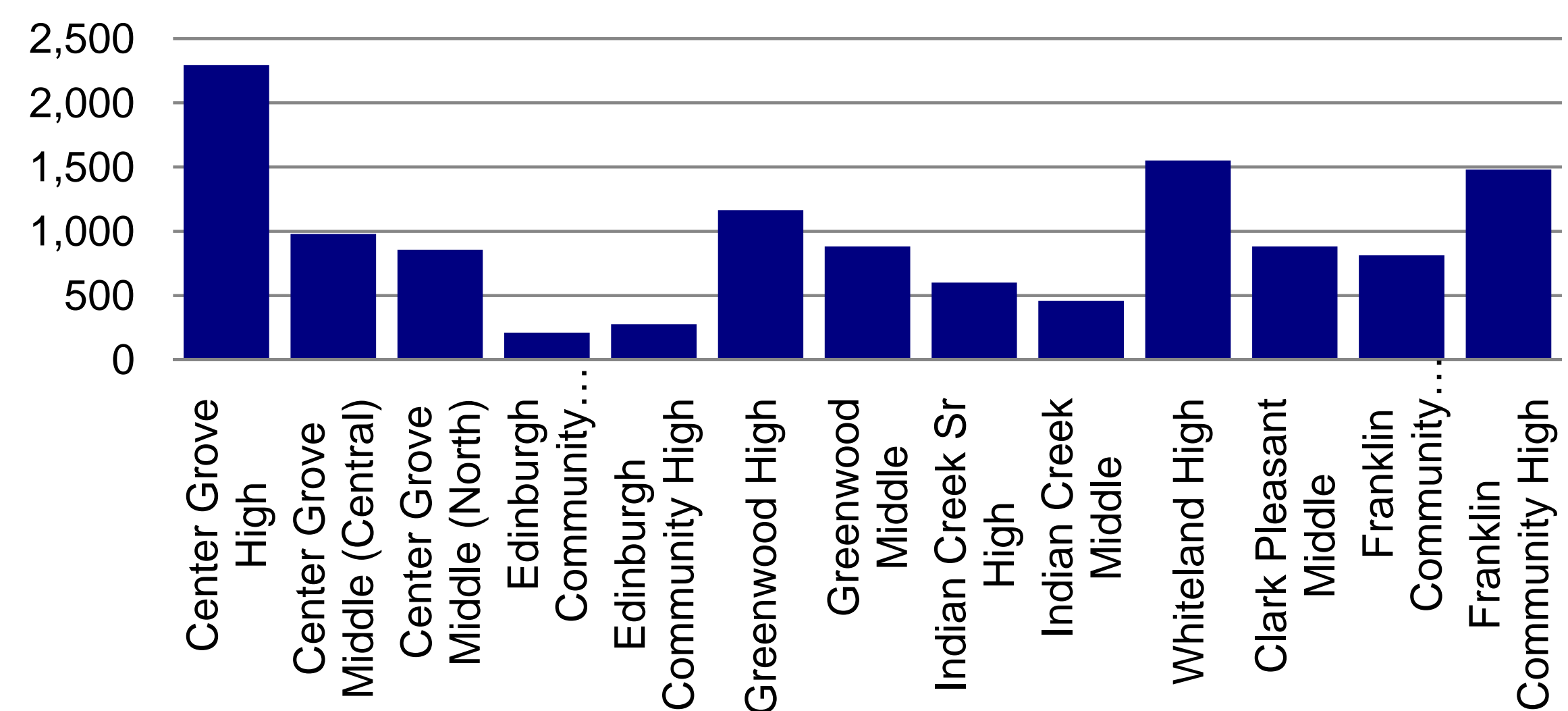
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Building Permits, 1998 - 2009,												
Township	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
White River	438	493	389	392	366	259	337	269	211	159	158	25
Pleasant	3	5	4	7	4	6	5	5	4	2	1	0
Clark	21	15	16	15	17	17	18	15	14	9	4	1
Union	16	11	10	9	8	12	12	6	16	10	9	2
Franklin	5	15	8	14	8	10	5	7	15	6	2	1
Needham	12	10	14	13	7	10	7	8	6	2	5	0
Hensley	16	22	14	22	13	20	15	16	7	11	7	4
Nineveh	47	25	34	17	24	18	13	16	11	8	9	0
Blue River	3	3	4	6	6	1	8	4	2	3	3	1
Total	561	599	493	495	453	353	420	346	286	210	198	34

Elementary/Intermediate School Enrollment 2008-2009



Middle/High School Enrollment 2008-2009



White River Township residential density (sample)



Greenwood residential density (sample)



Franklin residential density (sample)



Bargersville residential density (sample)



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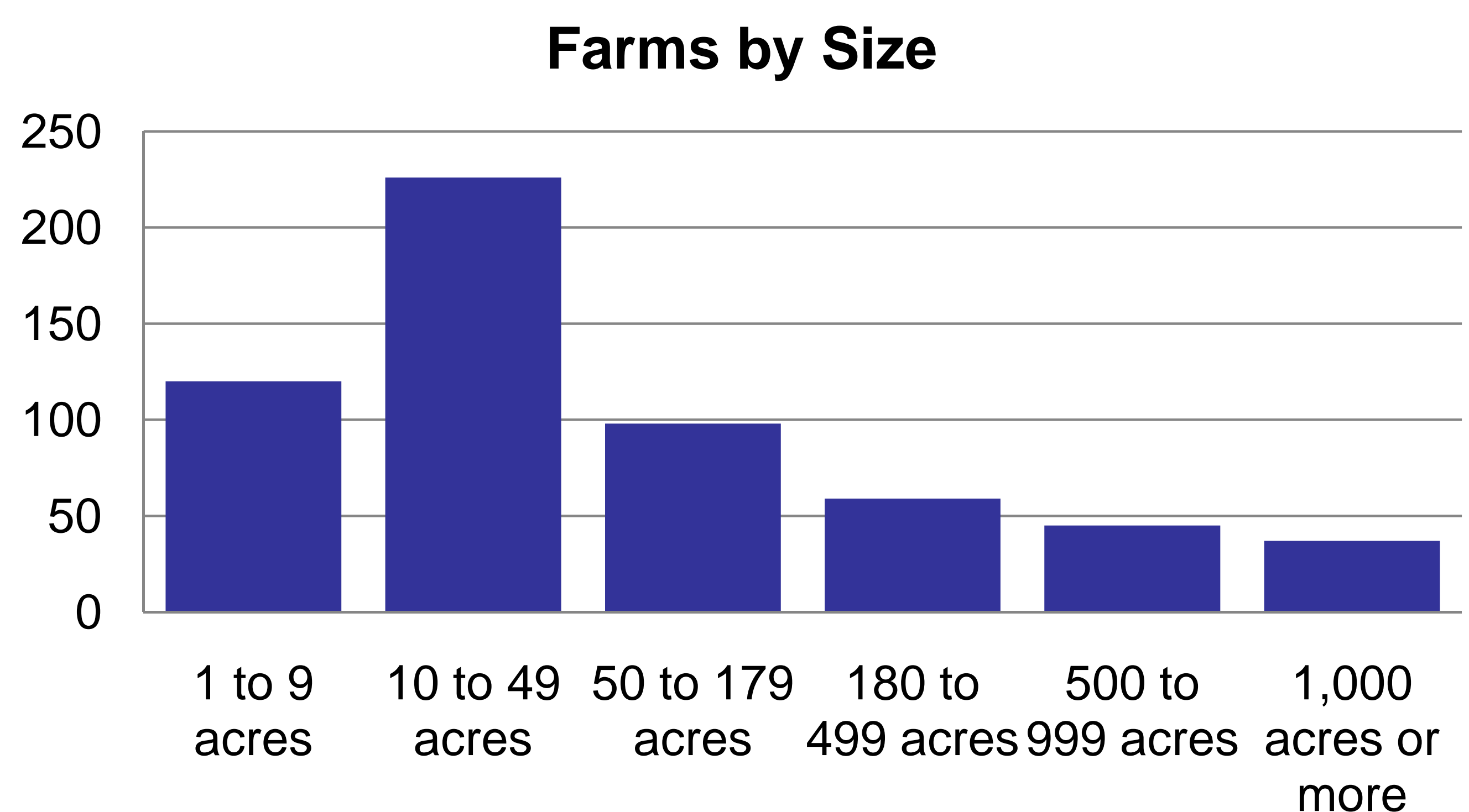
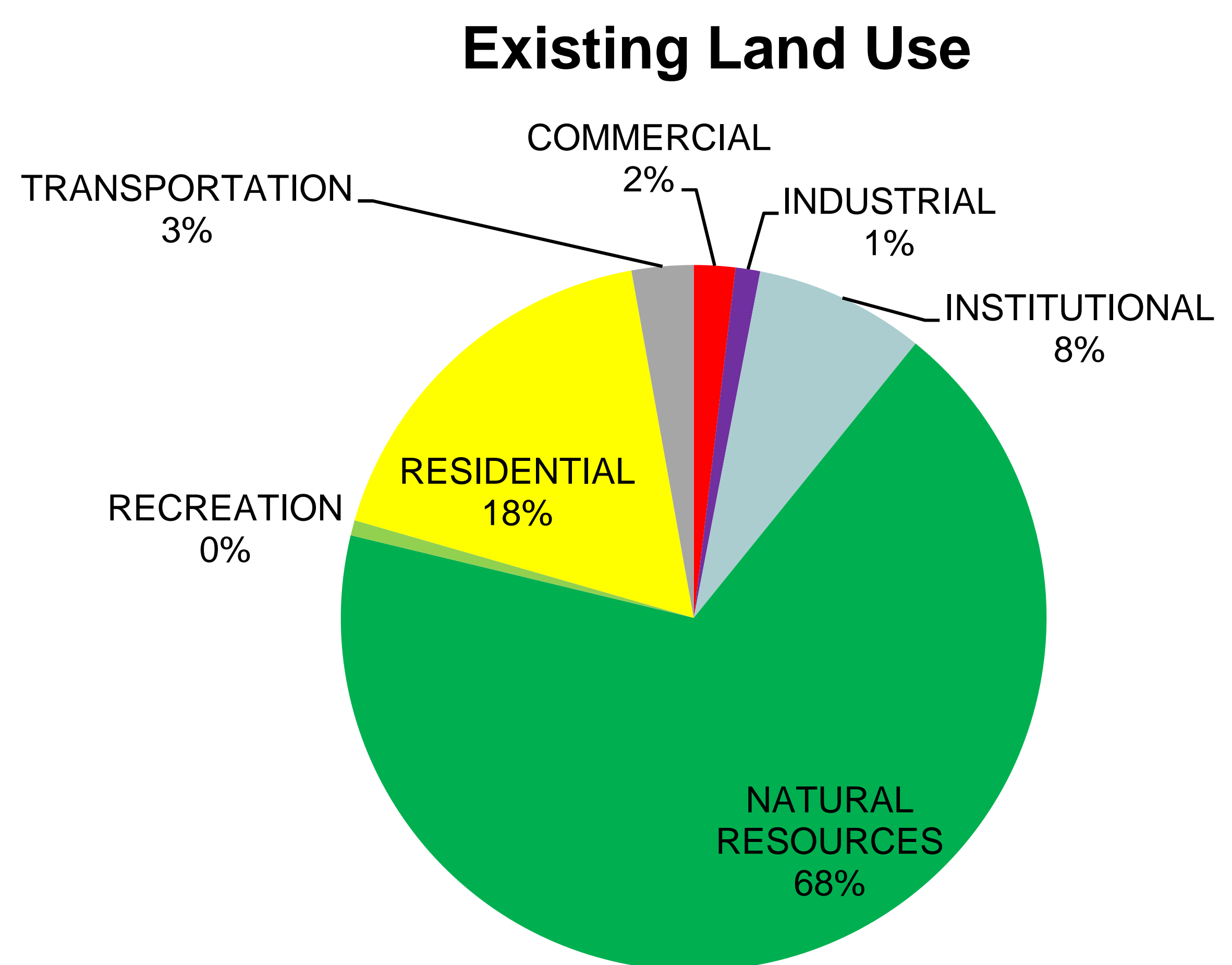
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Agriculture Element

- Agriculture and natural features occupy more than 2/3 of the county's land.
- 90% of the agricultural land in Johnson County is in cropland.
- The average farm size is 243 acres; however, most farms are between 10 and 50 acres.
- The county ranks 12th in the state in sales of horses, ponies, mules, and donkeys.
- Johnson County ranks 13th in the state in fruit, tree nut, and berry sales.





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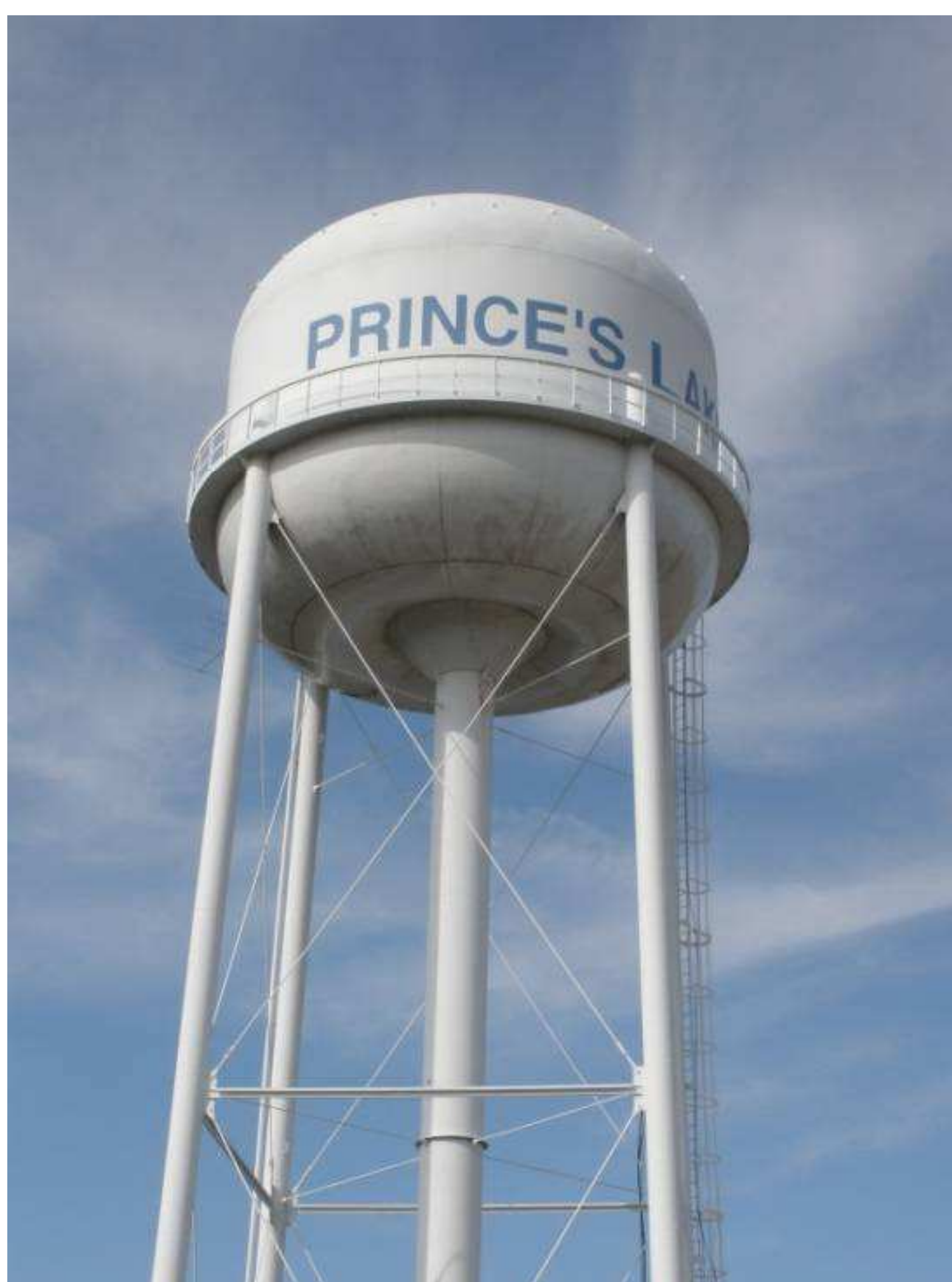




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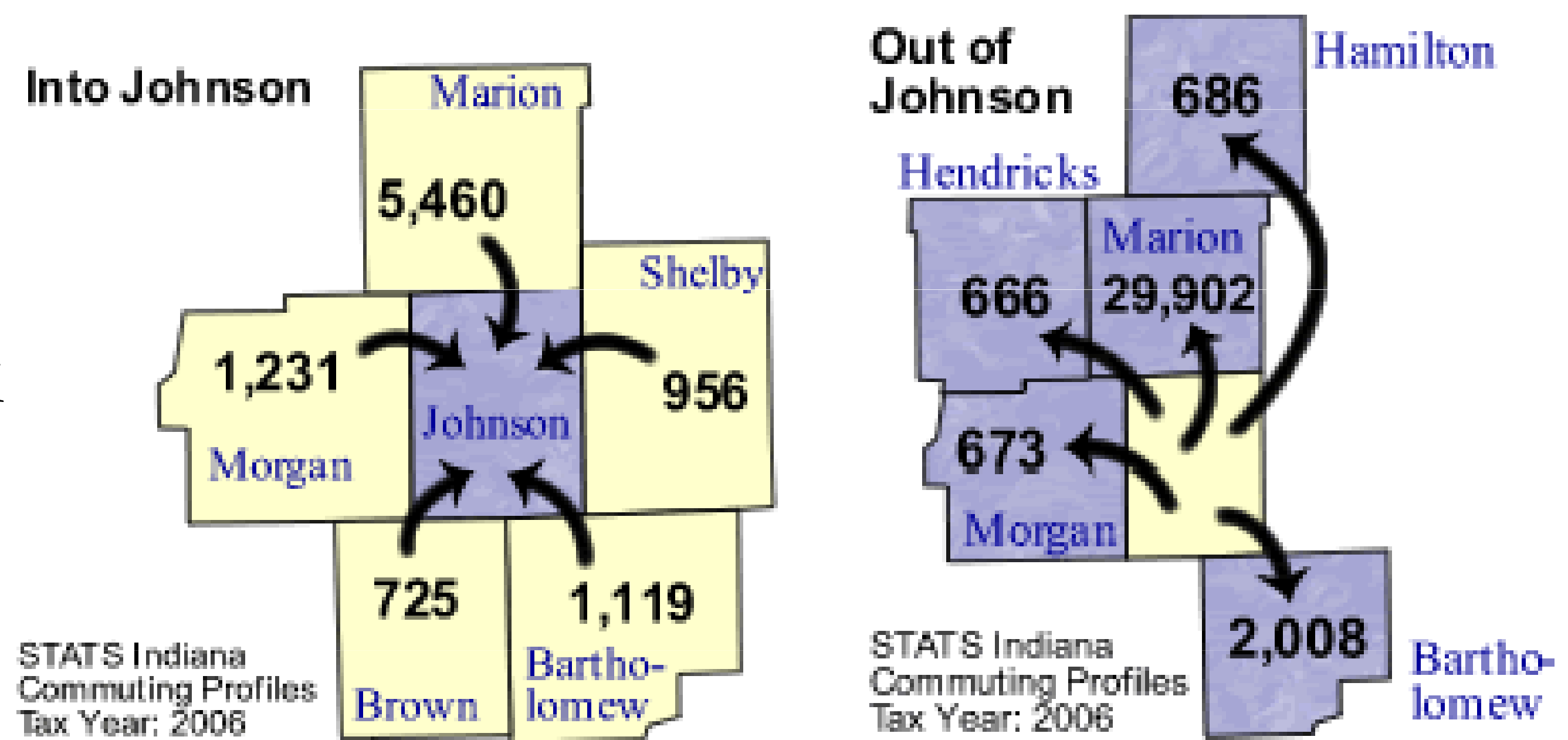




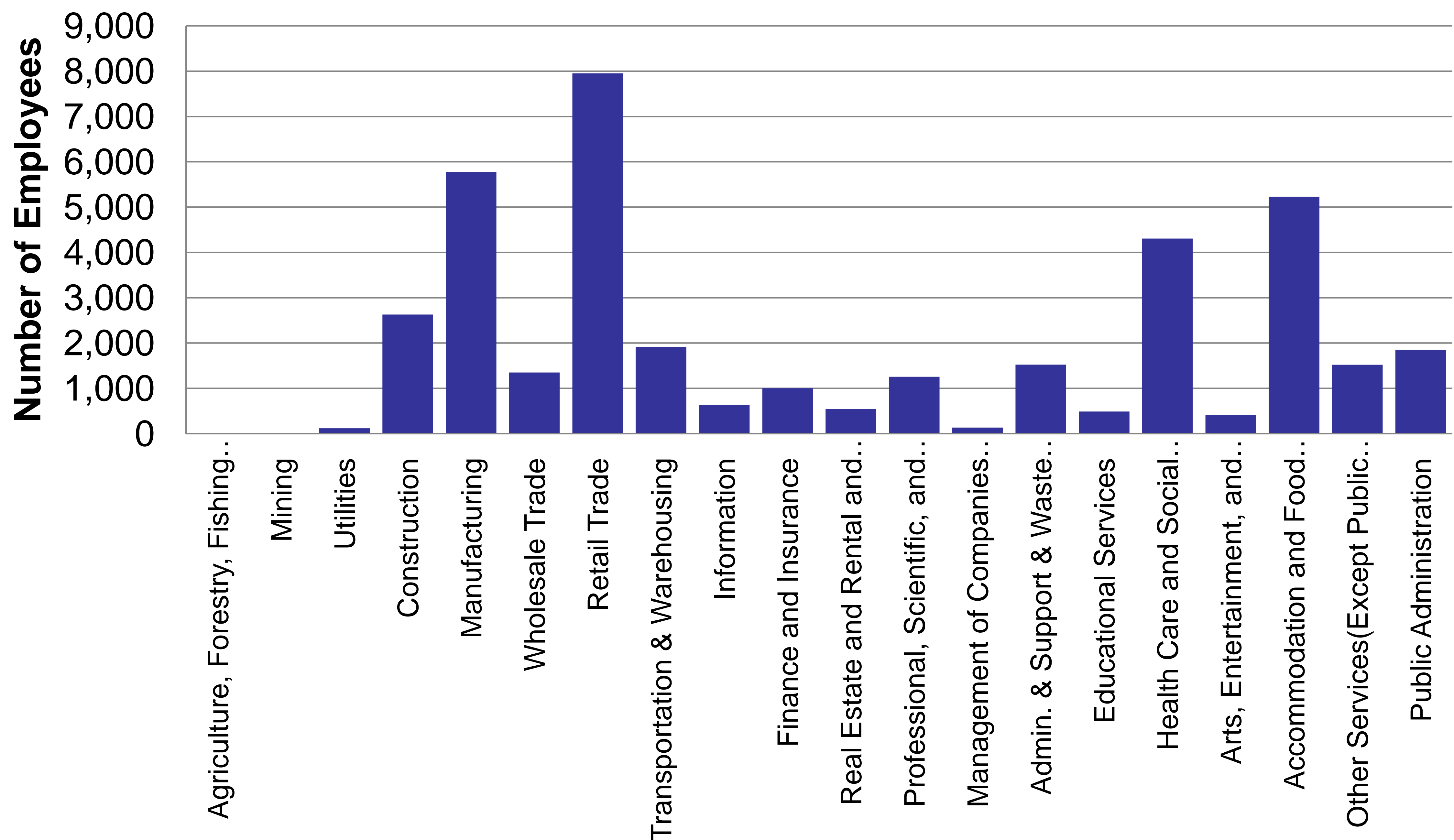
Economic Development Element

- Johnson County is a bedroom community for Indianapolis.
- More people leave the county each day to work than come in to the county.
- Manufacturing, Retail, and Accommodations & Food Services are the county's economic base.

Commuting Patterns



Employment by Industry





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