Metro area's population up in census data

Outgains other parts of state, Midwest

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INDIANAPOLIS – Allen County saw robust growth in the last decade – double the state average – while Fort Wayne also gained population at a slightly slower pace.

Nationwide about 52% of all counties lost population from 2020 to 2010, new census data released Thursday showed. And the growth took place around cities.

"The country's population is increasingly metropolitan," said Marc Perry, senior demographer of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Indiana followed that trend, with northeast Indiana doing better than some other regions of the state. The most growth was seen in central Indiana.

"The population growth of Allen and surrounding counties is no small feat considering how popu-

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Here is the new 2020 population for each area county and the change from the 2010 census:

County	2020 pop	Change
Adams	35,809	4.1%
Allen	385,410	8.5%
DeKalb	43,265	2.5%
Huntington	36,662	−1.2%
Kosciusko	80,240	3.7%
LaGrange	40,446	8.9%
Noble	47,457	−0.2%
Steuben	34,435	0.7%
Wabash	30,976	−5.8%
Wells	28,180	2%
Whitley	34,191	2.7%

lation decline is the general trend for the Midwest and rural areas in particular," said Rachel Blakeman, director of the Community Research Institute at Purdue University Fort Wayne. "Looking at the individual counties, you start to see different patterns with some gaining and some losing, but as a collective, it bodes well for the Fort Wayne metro and all of northeast Indiana. I think we can see this as a vote of confidence in the future here."

Fort Wayne grew 4%

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to 263,886.

Allen and LaGrange counties led the population gains locally at 30,081 people or 8.5% and 3,318 or 8.9% respectively. The three counties that lost population in the past decade were Huntington, Noble and Wabash.

The census also released initial data on race, which found the white population remained the largest race or ethnicity group in the nation. But that decreased by 8.6% since 2010. The multiracial population changed considerably – jumping from 9 million people to 33.8 million people.

Indiana's white-only population is 75.5%, followed by the Black population at 9.4%. Eight and two-tenths percent described themselves as Hispanic.

Looking at age, 78% of the nation is 18 or older. Indiana is at 76.5%, meaning there are 5,192,579 adults and 1,592,949 children.

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U.S. Census Results for Huntington County, Indiana

1900-2020

Census Year	County-wide Total Population		% Change	
1900	28901			
1910	28982		0.28%	
1920	31671		9.28%	
1930	29073		-8.20%	
1940	29931		2.95%	
1950	31400		4.90%	
1960	33814		7.69%	
1970	34970		3.42%	
1980	35596		1.79%	
1990	35427		-0.47%	
2000	38075		7.47%	
2010	37124		-2.50%	
2020	36662		-1.20%	
120 Year Average	33202		2.12%	
120 Year Peak	38075	2000	9.28%	1910
120 Year Low	28901	1900	-8.20%	1930
Growth in 2020 compared to 1900			26.80%	

*Source U.S. Census Bureau Statiscal Data

Notes

Plant Closures 2010-2020

Company	#jobs Lost
Unilever	120
UTECH	800
Total	**920**

Job Creation 2010-2020

130 Project Wins

New Jobs	**2,146**
Net Gain	**1,226**