## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Area: Starke County, IN

**Population**
The population in Starke County, IN is estimated to change from **23,556** to **23,407**, resulting in a decline of **-0.6%** between the year 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the population is projected to decline by **-1.0%**. The current year median age for this population is **39.1**, and the average age is **39.2**. Five years from now, the median age is projected to be **39.4**.

Of Starke County, IN's current year population:
- **97.8%** are White
- **0.5%** are Black or African American
- **0.2%** are American Indian or Alaska Native
- **0.3%** are Asian
- **0.0%** are Native Hawaiian
- **0.5%** are Some Other Race, and **0.6%** are Two or More Races

**Household**
The number of households in this area is estimated to change from **8,740** to **9,466**, resulting in an increase of **8.3%** between 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the number is expected to increase by **8.6%**.

**Household Income**
For the current year, the average household income is estimated to be **$51,960** and is projected to increase **6.7%** over the next five years, from **$51,960** to **$55,457**. The estimated per capita income for Starke County, IN is **$21,324**.

**Educational Attainment**
Currently, it is estimated that **3.9%** of the population over 25 in Starke County, IN had earned a Masters, Professional, or Doctorate Degree and **5.2%** had earned a Bachelor's Degree.

**Dwellings**
Most of the dwellings (**68.3%**) in Starke County, IN are estimated to be **Owner-Occupied** for the current year.

**Consumer Spending**
The total expenditures for Starke County, IN is estimated to be **$44,828** per household. Over the next five years, total expenditures is projected to increase **4.5%**.

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### Benchmark: All of US

The population in All of US is estimated to change from **281,421,906** to **306,069,955**, resulting in a growth of **8.8%** between the year 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the population is expected to grow by **3.6%**. The current year median age for All of US is **37.1**, while the average age is **37.5**. Five years from now, the median age is projected to be **38.0**.

For All of US:
- **73.9%** are White
- **12.4%** are Black or African American
- **0.8%** are American Indian or Alaska Native
- **4.4%** are Asian
- **0.2%** are Native Hawaiian
- **5.4%** are Some Other Race, and **2.9%** are Two or More Races

The number of households in All of US is estimated to change from **105,480,101** to **113,900,247**, resulting in an increase of **8.0%** between 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the number is projected to increase by **3.3%**.

For the current year, the average household income for All of US is estimated to be **$69,346** and is projected to increase **31.2%** over the next five years. The estimated per capita income for All of US is **$26,485**.

In comparison, for All of US, it is estimated that **10.4%** of the population over 25 had earned a Masters, Professional, or Doctorate Degree and **17.6%** had earned a Bachelor's Degree.

In All of US, most of the dwellings (**58.3%**) are estimated to be **Owner-Occupied** for the current year.

For All of US, the total expenditures is estimated to be **$46,841** per household. Over the next five years, total expenditures is projected to increase **4.6%**.

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Source: 2009 Applied Geographic Solutions