**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Area: Wells County, IN**

**Population**

The population in Wells County, IN is estimated to change from **27,600** to **27,846**, resulting in a growth of **0.9%** between the year 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the population is projected to decline by **-0.6%**. The current year median age for this population is **39.4**, and the average age is **39.1**. Five years from now, the median age is projected to be **39.4**.

Of Wells County, IN's current year population:
- **98.1%** are White
- **0.4%** are Black or African American
- **0.2%** are American Indian or Alaska Native
- **0.4%** are Asian
- **0.0%** are Native Hawaiian
- **0.4%** are Some Other Race, and **0.5%** are Two or More Races

**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**.

**Household**

The number of households in this area is estimated to change from **10,402** to **11,012**, resulting in an increase of **5.9%** between 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the number is expected to increase by **3.6%**.

**Household Income**

For the current year, the average household income is estimated to be **$59,937** and is projected to increase **6.0%** over the next five years, from **$59,937** to **$63,506**. The estimated per capita income for Wells County, IN is **$24,133**.

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**.

**Educational Attainment**

Currently, it is estimated that **4.4%** of the population over 25 in Wells County, IN had earned a Masters, Professional, or Doctorate Degree and **10.4%** had earned a Bachelor's Degree.

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.

**Dwellings**

Most of the dwellings (**75.6%**) in Wells County, IN are estimated to be **Owner-Occupied** for the current year.

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

**Consumer Spending**

The total expenditures for Wells County, IN is estimated to be **$49,427** per household. Over the next five years, total expenditures is projected to increase **4.1%**.

For All of US, the total expenditures is estimated to be **$51,449** per household. Over the next five years, total expenditures is projected to increase **4.6%**.

Source: 2009 Applied Geographic Solutions