## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Area: Starke County, IN

**Population**
The population in Starke County, IN is estimated to change from 23,556 to 23,347, resulting in a decline of -0.9% between the year 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the population is projected to decline by -0.3%.
The current year median age for this population is 40.4, and the average age is 39.6. Five years from now, the median age is projected to be 41.3.

Of Starke County, IN's current year population:
- 97.1% are White
- 0.3% are Black or African American
- 0.3% are American Indian or Alaska Native
- 0.2% are Asian
- 0.0% are Native Hawaiian
- 0.8% are Some Other Race, and 1.3% are Two or More Races

### Household

The number of households in this area is estimated to change from 9,740 to 9,075, resulting in a decrease of 3.8% between 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the number is expected to increase by 1.6%.

### Household Income

For the current year, the average household income is estimated to be $47,137 and is projected to increase 1.9% over the next five years, from $47,137 to $48,023. The estimated per capita income for Starke County, IN is $19,022.

### Educational Attainment

Currently, it is estimated that 5.0% of the population over 25 in Starke County, IN had earned a Masters, Professional, or Doctorate Degree and 6.5% had earned a Bachelor’s Degree.

### Dwellings

Most of the dwellings (67.0%) 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 $42,053 per household. Over the next five years, total expenditures is projected to increase 1.2%.

### Benchmark: All of US

The population in All of US is estimated to change from 281,395,136 to 311,873,753, resulting in a growth of 10.8% between the year 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the population is expected to grow by 4.2%.

The current year median age for All of US is 36.9, while the average age is 37.5. Five years from now, the median age is projected to be 37.8.

For All of US:
- 72.4% are White
- 12.6% are Black or African American
- 1.0% are American Indian or Alaska Native
- 4.8% are Asian
- 0.2% are Native Hawaiian
- 5.9% are Some Other Race, and 3.2% are Two or More Races

The number of households in All of US is estimated to change from 105,471,527 to 118,275,661, resulting in an increase of 12.1% between 2000 and the current year. Over the next five years, the number is projected to increase by 5.4%.

For the current year, the average household income for All of US is estimated to be $73,458 and is projected to increase 11.6% over the next five years. The estimated per capita income for All of US is $27,856.

In comparison, for All of US, it is estimated that 10.5% of the population over 25 had earned a Masters, Professional, or Doctorate Degree and 18.0% had earned a Bachelor’s Degree.

In All of US, most of the dwellings (39.3%) are estimated to be Owner-Occupied for the current year.

### Consumer Spending

For All of US, the total expenditures is estimated to be $66,653 per household. Over the next five years, total expenditures is projected to increase 8.0%.

Source: 2011 Applied Geographic Solutions

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