

Forward Wayne County Goal Statements

- 1. That the decline in population be less than the predicted number of 1,860 people (2.7%) between 2015 (68,111) and 2025 (66,250).**

Wayne County's population was 68,111 in 2015. It is projected to be 66,250 in 2025.

- 2. That Per Capita Personal Income and Median Family Income in the county be equal to or greater than the state average by 2025.**

At \$36,494, Wayne County's Per Capita Personal Income in 2015 was 87% of the state average (\$41,940). The Median Household Income that year (\$41,849) was 82% of the state level (\$50,510).

- 3. That the percent of people living in poverty be equal to or less than the state average by 2025.**

Eighteen percent of people in Wayne County were living in poverty in 2015, or 125% of the state rate of 14.4%.

- 4. That 60% of the population age 25 – 64 hold quality educational credentials or a Bachelor's Degree or higher by 2025.**

Approximately 25% of Wayne County's population age 25 and older hold an Associate's Degree or higher. *Still attempting to determine the percent who have achieved a certificate or other "quality educational credential."*

All statistics above as reported by STATS Indiana.

http://www.stats.indiana.edu/profiles/profiles.asp?scope_choice=a&county_changer=18177

- 5. That the county's gross assessed valuation increase from year-to-year at a rate at least equal to the state average.**