

INVEST IN FORT WAYNE & ALLEN COUNTY

BUSINESS EXPANSION GUIDE



**GREATER
FORT WAYNE INC.**



Get to know Fort Wayne and Allen County

Grow your business in one of the fastest-growing metros in the Midwest. Innovation, Hoosier Hospitality, and a competitive business climate set Fort Wayne and Allen County apart from their peers, creating an environment where businesses and people can thrive. Come join us!

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Fastest-growing big city
in the Midwest

U.S. Census Bureau, 2026

TOP-25

Most Affordable Big-Cities
in America

MSN.com, Oct. 2025

1.5M+

Population within
a 60-Mile Radius

U.S. Census Bureau, 2026



Allen County Net Domestic Migration

Nine consecutive years of positive domestic migration from 2017 - 2025. Net domestic migration measures how many people moved into a community from other U.S. locales minus how many moved away to other U.S. communities.

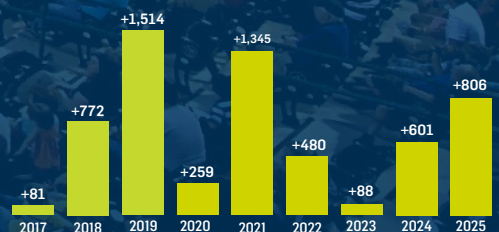


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A Message from Our CEO

Dear Business Leader,

Choosing where to grow your business is one of the most important decisions you can make. In Fort Wayne and Allen County, you will find a community that understands what businesses need to succeed: strong partnerships, a skilled workforce, room to grow, and a quality of life that helps attract and retain talent.

Why Allen County?

- 1. Rich Talent Pool:** Serving as the economic center for more than 1.5 million people within a 60-mile radius, Fort Wayne's growth continues to outpace state and national averages, ensuring businesses have access to a highly skilled and reliable workforce.
- 2. Business-Friendly Environment:** We offer a unique blend of high quality of life and low cost of doing business, making Fort Wayne and Allen County one of the most affordable and business-friendly locations in the U.S.
- 3. Seamless Investment Process:** From site selection to navigating business complexities, our economic development team ensures a smooth, coordinated effort for your project's success.

Our Commitment to Your Growth:

- ▶ **Single Point of Contact:** Guiding you through the process of investing in Allen County.
- ▶ **Overcoming Hurdles:** Assistance with development, legal, financial, and training issues.
- ▶ **Simplifying Site Selection:** Fast-tracking site location through established real estate partnerships.
- ▶ **Spurring Growth with Incentives:** Collaborating with the IEDC to secure beneficial incentives.
- ▶ **Building Connections:** Facilitating introductions and establishing valuable partnerships across various sectors to enhance your business network and support system in Allen County.

Take the Next Step

We are committed to transforming your business goals into tangible successes in Allen County. For further details, please visit our website at greaterfortwayneinc.com. Join our successful and thriving community and discover the strategic benefits of investing in our region—a decision that moves you toward your future objectives with clarity and precision.

Join the momentum – we're excited for you to become part of our community's success story.

Sincerely,



John Urbahns
President / CEO, Greater Fort Wayne Inc.



Leading a Nationally Recognized Economy

Pro-Business. Community-Focused.

Over the past decade, Fort Wayne and Allen County have experienced significant economic growth, from new job commitments to rising wages and continued investment. Greater Fort Wayne Inc. works alongside public, private, and community partners to support that momentum and help businesses find the resources, connections, and opportunities they need to grow here.

Key Statistics from 2014 - 2025

15,800+

New Jobs

\$765M+

New Annual Payroll

\$7.3B+

Capital Investments

Major Investments in Allen County

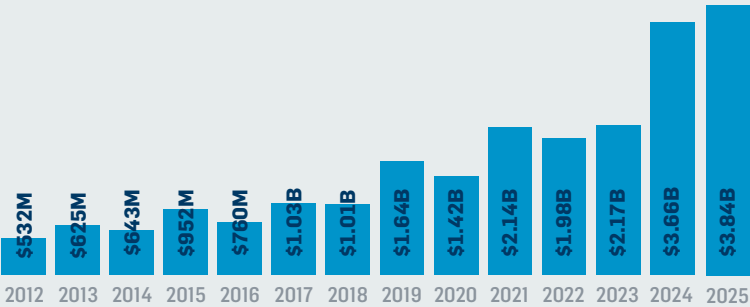
As of Q2 2026

Amazon	\$289M	Lutheran Downtown Hospital	\$118M
Brotherhood Mutual Insurance	\$25.5M	Master Spas	\$31M
Continental Diamond Tool	\$21.3M	Michelin North America	\$272M
CPI	\$33M	North American Cold Storage	\$91.3M
Dana Corp.	\$209M	Prairie Farms	\$68.4M
Do it Best	\$50.8M	SDI LaFarga COPPERWORKS	\$47.5M
Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream	\$337M	Seojin Global	\$46.8M
ElringKlinger	\$29.1M	SH America	\$62M
Fort Wayne Metals	\$260.4M	Superior Aluminum	\$26.2M
General Motors	\$1.8B	Sweetwater	\$85.2M
Google	\$2B	Van Eerden Foodservice	\$50M
L3Harris	\$125M	Walmart	\$181M

Building Permit Valuations by Year in Allen County

Building permit valuations are the estimated value of a construction job at the time of application.

Source: Allen County Board of Commissioners



Our Economic Diversity

What do we do here? A more fitting question might be, what don't we do here? Our local economy is rich and diverse, with a broad spectrum of industries from innovative tech startups to Fortune 500 companies, highlighting our community's dynamic business environment.

Do it Best World Headquarters located at Electric Works Campus

A Growing Job Market

Top employers are driving growth in Fort Wayne and Allen County by creating new job opportunities across a variety of industry sectors such as healthcare, manufacturing, technology, specialty insurance, and more. Explore the list below to discover the major private companies employing our local workforce.

Major Private Employers in Allen County

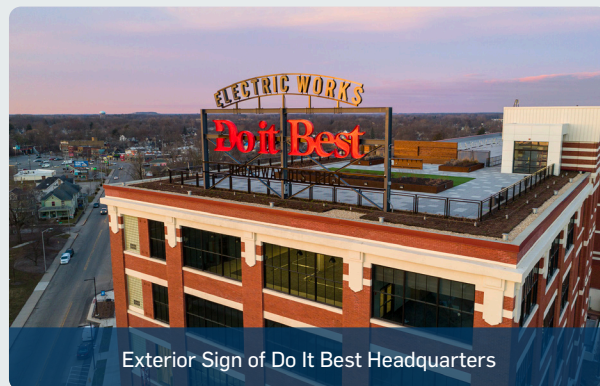
Company		Company		Company	
Parkview Health	HQ	Master Spas	HQ	Raytheon	
Amazon		Comcast Communications		Sabert	
General Motors		Easterseals Arc of NE IN	HQ	SIRVA	
Lutheran Health Network	HQ	Vera Bradley	HQ	Essex Furukawa	
Sweetwater	HQ	L3Harris Technologies		Indiana Michigan Power	
Lincoln Financial Group		Brotherhood Mutual	HQ	Brunswick Corporation	
Michelin North America		Kelley Automotive Group	HQ	3Rivers Federal Credit	HQ
Fort Wayne Metals	HQ	MedPro Group	HQ	Ortho Northeast	HQ
Shambaugh & Son	HQ	Trelleborg AB		Franklin Electric	HQ
Steel Dynamics Inc.	HQ	Lutheran Life Villages		WaterFurnace	HQ
BAE Systems		Do It Best & True Value	HQ	K&K Insurance Group	HQ
Dana Corp.		Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream		Google	

From locally headquartered companies to major regional and national operations, Allen County's private employers reflect the strength and diversity of the local economy. Their continued investment demonstrates confidence in the community and helps create a strong foundation for future business growth.

Headquarters, Office, and IT

Leading From Allen County

Allen County has become a strong home to a diverse mix of corporate headquarters, office operations, and tech-driven employers. With a business base that ranges from established leadership functions to growing digital infrastructure and IT investment, companies have room to direct, support, and expand their operations.



Exterior Sign of Do It Best Headquarters

Industry Leaders in Allen County



Franklin Electric



vera bradley



INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

Photography: Google

Google

Business Attraction

GFW Inc. services provided: Site selection assistance, land acquisition support, utility coordination, partner engagement, project management.

The first of a 12-building complex was completed in 2025, with two more scheduled for late 2026. Greater Fort Wayne Inc. led partner coordination and streamlined approvals, helping deliver Google's fastest data center launch globally. The project came together in just 90 days.

► **TOTAL LOCAL INVESTMENT: \$3.5 BILLION (PHASE I + II)**

Financial Services

Setting the Standard

Allen County's financial services legacy goes back more than a century. Today, Allen County is home to a diverse network of banks, credit unions, mortgage lenders, retirement-service providers, wealth-management firms, specialty insurance providers, and related professional services. These organizations are supported by a skilled workforce with expertise in regulatory compliance, risk management, data analytics, technology, sales, and customer service.



MedPro Group Headquarters

Industry Leaders in Allen County



INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

Photography: Brotherhood Mutual

Brotherhood Mutual

Local Expansion

GFW Inc. services provided: Incentive coordination, partner coordination for infrastructure, traffic management.

In recent years, Brotherhood Mutual has experienced three significant expansions, investing millions and adding hundreds of jobs. These expansions have enhanced the company's operations, underscoring its commitment to economic growth and job creation, establishing it as a key industry leader.

► **TOTAL LOCAL INVESTMENT: \$25.5 MILLION**

Automotive Tech

Built for Mobility

Allen County's automotive sector is driven by a strong base of manufacturers and suppliers producing components, systems, and advanced technologies for the global vehicle market. From established production to new EV-related investments, we have strength in automotive manufacturing and continued innovation.



Chevy Silverado production line at General Motors

Photography: General Motors - Fort Wayne Assembly

Industry Leaders in Allen County



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SH AMERICA, INC.

MITSUBA



FORVIA
faurecia



INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

SH America

FDI Business Attraction, 2023

GFW Inc. services provided: Location Assistance, Project Management, Labor Market Data, Incentive Coordination

SH America, a South Korean EV component supplier to Samsung, is investing \$62 million in a new location within the Stonebridge Business Park, adding 400 jobs. This investment is in support of Samsung's construction of three battery plants statewide in collaboration with Stellantis and GM, boosting electric vehicle production in the area.

► TOTAL LOCAL INVESTMENT: \$62 MILLION

Aerospace & Defense

Aerospace Advantage

Allen County's defense and aerospace industry is supported by a skilled workforce, strong innovation, and deep expertise in engineering, advanced manufacturing, communications, and mission-critical technology. This foundation supports companies advancing national defense, aerospace systems, and next-generation technology.



Industry Leaders in Allen County



INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

Photography: Bombardier

Bombardier

FDI Business Attraction, 2025

GFW Inc. Services Provided: Labor Market Data, Incentive Coordination.

Bombardier, a Canadian aerospace company, announced a significant investment in a 64,500-square-foot service center at Fort Wayne International Airport. Scheduled to open in the second half of 2026, the facility will create up to 100 jobs and provide maintenance, repair, and overhaul services for all Bombardier aircraft, with hangar space for up to six aircraft.

► **TOTAL LOCAL INVESTMENT: \$20.9 MILLION**

Logistics & Distribution

Strategic Location

Allen County's central location positions it within a one-day drive of half the U.S. market, giving the logistics and e-commerce sector fast, efficient, and reliable access. Our extensive transportation network and proximity to the nation's largest markets ensure seamless connections and unmatched customer reach.



FW6 Building (Amazon Robotics Fulfillment Center)

Industry Leaders in Allen County



INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

Van Eerden Foodservice

[Business Attraction, 2025](#)

GFW Inc. services provided: Incentive coordination, Labor Market Data.

Van Eerden Foodservice, a fourth-generation distribution company based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, built a \$50 million, 180,000-square-foot warehouse and distribution center at 8252 Smith Road. The facility is the company's first location outside Grand Rapids and is expected to create 110 jobs with an average annual wage of more than \$80,000.

► **TOTAL LOCAL INVESTMENT: \$50.5 MILLION**

Food & Beverage

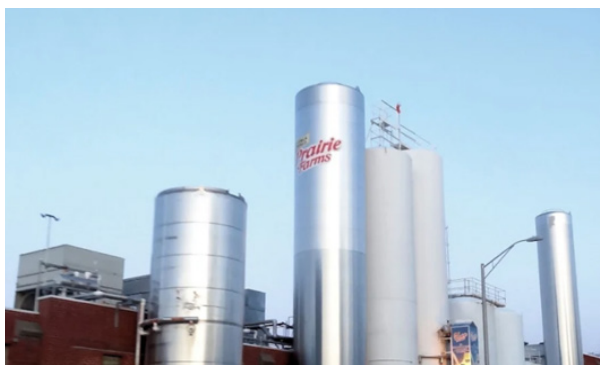
Powered By Production

Allen County's food and beverage sector is built on production. From dairy, frozen desserts, and chocolate to packaging and processing, companies here are making finished products to scale. This concentration of processors, producers, and support operations reflect a strong manufacturing base and a company equipped to help food and beverage companies grow.



Kuehnert Dairy Farm

Industry Leaders in Allen County


[INDUSTRY CASE STUDY](#)

Prairie Farms

Business Expansion, 2026

GFW Inc. Services Provided: Project Management & Incentive Coordination

Prairie Farms is investing more than \$68 million to transform its Fort Wayne facility from a regional fluid milk operation into the company's premier Class II dairy production facility. The project will expand production of cultured dairy products, including cottage cheese, and position the site as a strategic asset within Prairie Farms' national network.

► **TOTAL LOCAL INVESTMENT: \$68.4 MILLION**

Advanced Materials

Material Strength

The advanced materials sector supports a wide range of industrial production through companies focused on specialized materials, precision processing, and critical manufacturing inputs. We bring strength in the modern manufacturing supply chain.



Rea Magnet Wire Employee

Photography: Rea Magnet Wire

Industry Leaders in Allen County



INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

Photography: Valbruna

Valbruna Slater Stainless

Business Expansion, 2024

GFW Inc. Services Provided: Incentive Coordination, Familiarization Tour, Labor Market Data

Valbruna Slater Stainless Inc. invested \$27.8 million in new machinery and equipment to expand its Fort Wayne remelt and finishing operations. The project included the installation of a Vacuum Arc Remelting furnace, increasing melting capacity by 50% and supporting the company's plan to add up to 20 new jobs over five years.

► **TOTAL LOCAL INVESTMENT: \$27.8 MILLION**

Medical Devices

Advanced Orthopedic Solutions

Allen County supports the companies, talent, and advanced manufacturing capabilities that help make northeast Indiana the orthopedic capital of the world. From replacement joints and spinal implants to medical-grade components and precision technologies, the industry continues to drive innovation, investment, and growth across the region.



Industry Leaders in Allen County



INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

Fort Wayne Metals

[Latest Local Expansion, 2026](#)

GFW Inc. Services Provided: Project Management, Incentive Coordination.

Fort Wayne Metals has continued to invest and expand locally since 2024, with its latest expansion representing an \$18.5 million investment in new manufacturing and research and development equipment, as well as facility improvements. The project is expected to create 150 new jobs with an average annual salary of nearly \$70,000.

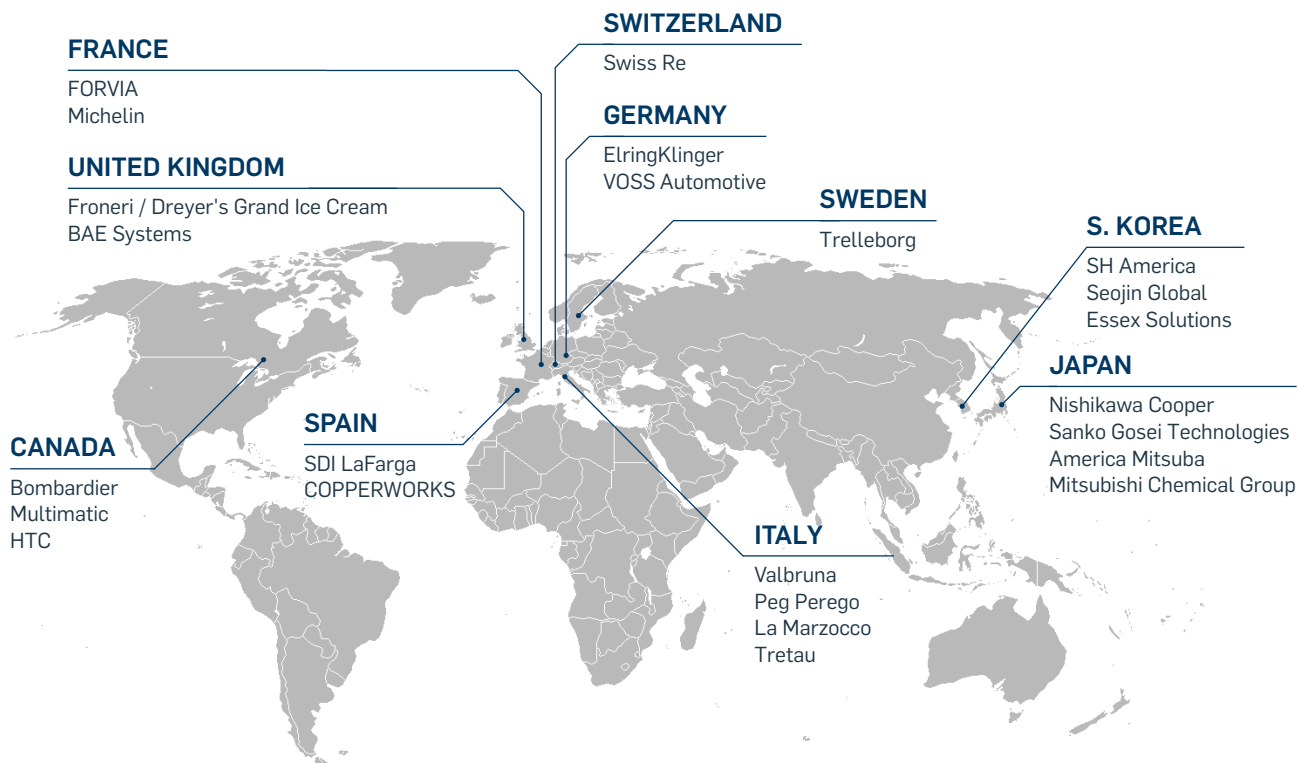
► **TOTAL LOCAL INVESTMENT: \$260.4 MILLION**

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

Attracting Businesses from Across the Globe

Business leaders from Canada to Europe to the Pacific Rim have chosen to grow their companies here, and we're eager to welcome you, too. Our outstanding workforce, central location, and strong business environment make Fort Wayne and Allen County a great place to build your U.S. operations.

Grand Opening of Swiss Re Insurance Group in Fort Wayne



"Once our executive team made their way to the U.S. and started to see what Fort Wayne had to offer, there was a lot of positive energy around the factory, around the people who work here, and the manufacturing environment in Fort Wayne."

Justin Larkin, Factory Engineering Manager
Froneri / Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream



OUR COMMUNITY

A Fastest-Growing Metro

Fort Wayne is the second-largest city in Indiana and is among the 100 largest nationally. And we're growing faster than peer cities like Cincinnati, Omaha, and Louisville. Fort Wayne and Allen County provide welcoming and inclusive communities that embody the very best of Hoosier Hospitality. It's why we are one of the fastest-growing metros in the Great Lakes region.

Promenade Park Along Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment

Supporting Our Local Growing Communities

Greater Fort Wayne Inc. serves all of Allen County's local communities. From our urban core to our rural townships, each offers something different for everyone, providing unique opportunities for investment and growth.

- ▶ Fort Wayne

▶ New Haven

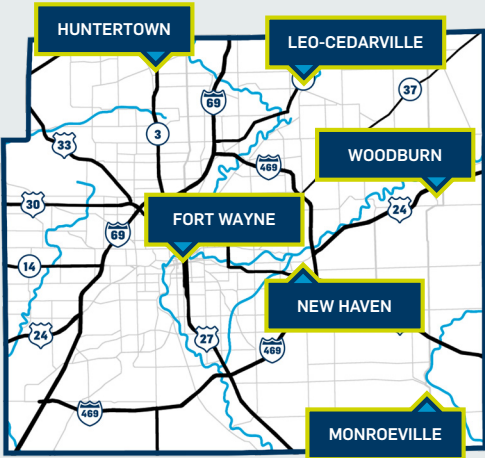
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▶ Huntertown
- ▶ Leo-Cedarville

▶ Monroeville

▶ Woodburn



Allen County Demographic Information

Local Population Estimates
U.S. Census Bureau, 2026

Allen County	405,564	Town of Huntertown	11,673
City of Fort Wayne	277,607	Within a 60-Mile Radius	1.5 Million
City of New Haven	16,482	Median Age	36.2 Years

Allen County Wages & Income
Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2026

Per-Capita Personal Income	\$62,717
Average Annual Wage	\$60,301
Median Household Income	\$70,889

Median Home Prices, National Association of Realtors
Q4, 2025

Fort Wayne, IN	\$239,600	Chattanooga, TN	\$331,500	Greenville, SC	\$338,200
Omaha, NE	\$294,600	Indianapolis, IN	\$316,200	Durham, NC	\$425,700
Louisville, KY	\$278,100	Grand Rapids, MI	\$321,400	Des Moines, IA	\$300,000
Cincinnati, OH	\$293,900	Columbus, OH	\$321,800	Huntsville, AL	\$312,000

EDUCATION IN ALLEN COUNTY

Talent to Fuel Growth

Allen County's continued growth is supported by a strong and expanding talent pipeline. Through collaboration with local schools, colleges, universities, and workforce partners, the community is preparing people with the skills employers need while creating pathways for students, workers, and families to build their futures here.



Talent Retention

Helping People Choose Allen County

Through **Onboard Fort Wayne** and related programs, Allen County helps interns, professionals, and executives build connections that support long-term career and community commitment.



Future Talent Attraction

Connecting Students to Local Careers

Grow Allen and **MadeByMe** connect students, educators, and employers to local career pathways, helping young people see their future in Allen County.



Education Partnerships

Aligning Business, K-12, and Higher Education

Strong K-12 and higher education partnerships **align classroom learning with employer needs** through internships, certifications, industry tours, work-based learning, and customized training.

Resources to Build your Business

Allen County has the tools to help cultivate, attract, and retain the workforce your business needs to thrive. Explore resources specializing in workforce development, employment services, talent recruitment, and more.

[RESOURCES.GFWINC.COM](https://resources.gfwinc.com)



ALLEN COUNTY WORKFORCE

Our Growing Workforce

Northeast Indiana boasts an expanding workforce, making it an ideal location to build your business. With a growing economy and a pool of talented professionals, Allen County offers ample opportunities to establish your business in Northern Indiana.

Welder at Steel Dynamics

OVER 650,000 WORKERS WITHIN 60 MILES OF ALLEN COUNTY

Critical Occupations & Estimated Employment in Northeast Indiana

IN DWD, 2025

Architecture and Engineering	5,570
Business and Financial Operations	15,110
Computer and Mathematical	5,420
Construction and Extraction	15,990
Food Preparation and Serving Related	30,150
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	23,700
Healthcare Support	16,690
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	16,810
Production	54,050
Transportation and Material Moving	40,110



75%

of college students stay in Allen County following graduation



2M+

College and Graduate Students within 200 miles

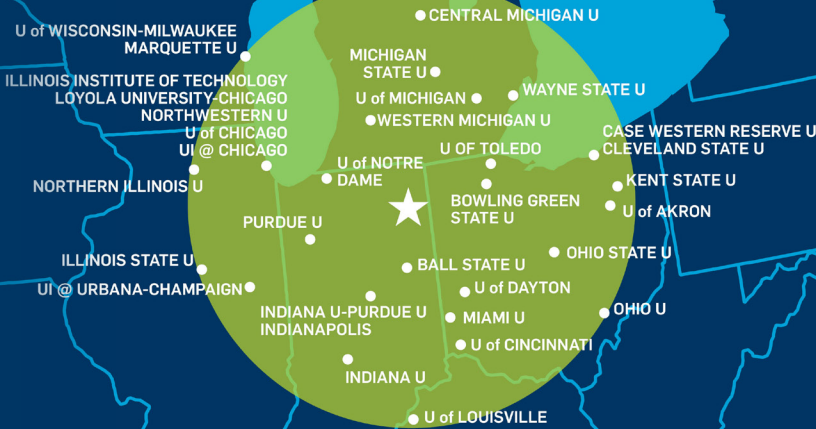


39,000+

Annual Computer Science & Engineering Graduates

Colleges & Universities

Allen County benefits from a highly skilled workforce, thanks to nearby nationally ranked colleges and universities within a **200-mile radius**. This proximity offers local businesses access to a rich pool of **over two million** educated individuals, significantly boosting our community's economic growth and development.



Transportation

Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA)

Serving more than 980,000 passengers in a typical year, Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) is not only the **“Friendliest Airport in the United States”** it is also convenient and cost-competitive. FWA offers direct flights to major cities, including Orlando, Tampa, Atlanta, Dallas, Sarasota, Las Vegas, Detroit, Myrtle Beach, Chicago, Phoenix, Minneapolis, Fort Myers, Charlotte, and Fort Lauderdale.



**FORT WAYNE-ALLEN COUNTY
AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

FORT WAYNE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SMITH FIELD AIRPORT

Business Amenities

FWA is equipped to support your business, featuring services such as air cargo service, foreign trade zone designation, 24-hour FAA air traffic control and customs services, T-hangar rentals, state-of-the-art Fixed Base Operator (FBO) terminal for private aircraft, and more.

Project Gateway

FWA continues to raise the bar. The **\$120 Million** Project Gateway builds on a decade of growth, improving the travel experience with a major terminal expansion, upgrades to the rental car area, the new Gateway Lounge Presented By STAR Bank, and more.

FWAIRPORT.COM



Rendering of Fort Wayne International Airport Expansion

Rail Service

Allen County is served by Norfolk Southern Railroad and Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

Moving Goods

Norfolk Southern's East Wayne Yard is a thriving depot that supports the transportation and logistics operations of businesses in Allen County and beyond. This strategic location largely contributes to improved operational efficiency in the region.



Utilities

Electricity & Natural Gas

Local Energy Partners in Allen County



Water & Wastewater

Proven, Stable, Long-term Water Supply

- ▶ The St. Joseph River is projected to continue providing a plentiful water supply.
- ▶ Fort Wayne City Utilities has **2.5 Billion gallons** of backup water storage.
- ▶ Former Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry and the Sustain Fort Wayne Plan received the **2024 NACWA National Environmental Achievement Award** for a commitment to sustainable water services.

Treatment Capacity and Savings

- ▶ Average-day water demand is approximately **38 Million gallons**, below City Utilities' **total daily water treatment capacity of 72 Million gallons**.

Wastewater Capacity and Flexibility

- ▶ Average-day wastewater flow is approximately **45 Million gallons per day**, below the **total daily wastewater treatment capacity of 100 Million gallons**.
- ▶ Fort Wayne City Utilities has a great deal of flexibility and can accept wide variations in waste streams.



TOP-5

State in the nation for
infrastructure quality
CNBC, 2023

TOP-10

Best-run city
in America
Wallethub.com, 2026

TOP-25

25 Best Places to
Live in the U.S.
U.S. News & World Report, 2026

Allen County Together Plan

Our Economic Development Plan for the Next 10 Years

The momentum in our community is real—and we're just getting started. Our Allen County Together (ACT) economic development action plan sets the pace and tone for our next decade of growth. **The plan focuses public and private efforts around three main pillars:**



The ACT plan is our roadmap for community-wide success: accelerating high-quality space development to attract jobs and talent, building a strong support network for entrepreneurs and tech-driven businesses, and aligning public and private partners to ensure equitable access to economic and educational opportunities across Allen County. Together, these strategies aim to drive high-growth, innovation, and inclusion.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ALLEN COUNTY TOGETHER PLAN

Scan the QR code or visit act.gfwinc.com for more information.



"They're committed to their downtown, and they've got a plan. Probably more importantly, they have some really, really good people to work with, so when you come up and sit down, these folks know what they're doing."

Rex Barrett, Executive Vice President,
Barrett & Stokely



DOWNTOWN MOMENTUM

Building a More Vibrant Community

The excitement continues to build in downtown Fort Wayne, as quality-of-place improvements attract businesses and residents alike to the urban core of one of the fastest-growing metros in the Great Lakes region. Parkview Field's opening in 2009 spurred more than \$1.7 Billion in downtown private investment—and unleashed a community-wide revitalization.

Downtown Fort Wayne Skyline

OVER \$1.7 BILLION IN DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT SINCE 2009

Quality of Place Investments in Downtown Fort Wayne



Parkview Field
Opened 2009

\$89M Investment



Lutheran Downtown Hospital
Opened 2021

\$118M Investment



The Pearl
Opened 2024

72M Investment



Arts United Center
Opened 2026

\$41.5M Investment

Riverfront Fort Wayne

The transformation continues where the St. Marys, St. Joseph, and Maumee rivers meet, creating a dynamic regional landmark. With Promenade Park, trails, recreation, mixed-use development, housing, dining, and future projects planned, the riverfront offers expanding opportunities for residents and visitors to explore.

[RIVERFRONTFW.ORG](https://riverfrontfw.org)

Promenade Park along Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment

BOLD PROJECTS

Recent Investments in Allen County

In Fort Wayne and Allen County, we invest in ourselves and our people. Through strategic investments and partnerships, we're building a vibrant community full of opportunities to help you achieve your full potential. Take a look at the improvements that are reshaping our skyline and making Fort Wayne one of the fastest-growing metros in the Great Lakes region.



The Elex at Electric Works



The Landing

Opened 2019

This investment brings boutique shopping and fine dining to Fort Wayne's original business district. Located just two blocks south of the Riverfront, the redevelopment of this charming street and its architecturally significant buildings includes 91 new downtown apartments.

Total Investment: \$44M



Electric Works

Phases I & II Opened 2022

One of the largest redevelopment projects in the country, Electric Works is the redevelopment of the former General Electric campus, creating a new hub for innovation and entrepreneurship. Featuring Union Street Market, the world headquarters for Do it Best, co-working spaces, an innovation-focused high school, and new residential space, with retail planned for the near future.

Total Investment: \$500M



East Allen's Rural Revival

Completed 2022

The momentum is spreading. This package of quality-of-place improvements enhances parks, sidewalks, downtown streetscapes, housing, and more across seven communities in east Allen County.

Total Investment: \$65M

Bold Projects in Allen County



STAR Financial Bank at The Ashberry

Opened 2024

STAR Financial Bank established a new company headquarters in the downtown Ashberry project—a two-tower, mixed-use building that includes a 387-space public parking garage, just steps away from other downtown attractions like The Bradley, The Landing, The Pearl, and more.

Total Investment: \$31M



The Pearl & Pearl Street Arts Center

Opened 2024

Nestled next door to The Bradley, this innovative downtown development features commercial and event space along with more than 70 residences. The project, led by the founder of Sweetwater Sound, adds to the buzz of activity in the nearby Harrison Street Corridor, The Landing, and the Riverfront District.

Total Investment: \$100M



The Lofts at Headwaters Park

Opened 2026

Overlooking Headwaters Park and the St. Marys River, this six-story, mixed-use project is in the middle of the downtown scene. The building features more than 208 apartments, 15 townhomes, commercial space, and a 650-space parking garage—all with easy access to restaurants, festivals, and the Rivergreenway trail system.

Total Investment: \$98M



New Haven District

Ground Broken in 2025

Located at Minnich Road and I-469, The New Haven District is a public-private development project. The mixed-use facility will feature a massive 140,000-square-foot sports fieldhouse, adjacent hotels, sports medicine facilities, dining options, and multi-family housing.

Total Investment: \$31M

Local Incentives

Eligible Vacant Building Deductions

If a commercial or industrial building that has sat 100% vacant for a year or longer becomes occupied, the owner/occupant can apply for the eligible vacant building property tax deduction. Documentation must be provided proving that the building has been unoccupied, but actively marketed for sale or lease, for at least a year. The deduction is 100% of existing real property taxes for year one and a 50% deduction in year two.

Façade Grants

Businesses located within the Downtown Improvement District or within an Economic Development Target Area can apply for a façade grant from the City of Fort Wayne. It is a 50% matching grant worth up to \$40,000. A property owner must work with city planning staff to make sure façade improvements meet certain guidelines.

Foreign Trade Zone #182

The Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) program operates in a 12-county region in northeast Indiana. Any company within this area can apply to be a FTZ operator, allowing it to defer or even void payment of import duties, and often enjoy a lower tariff rate. Restrictions, limitations, and regulations regarding how much merchandise can be brought into the country are eased or eliminated as long as the merchandise remains in the FTZ.

Low-Interest Loans

The Community Development Corporation (CDC) of Northeast Indiana facilitates three loan programs for new and existing businesses interrelated with job creation. These programs can fund a variety of business expenses, including building purchase, renovation or construction, equipment, and working capital, ranging in size from \$30,000 up to \$5.5 million on the CDC portion of the project.

New Markets Tax Credit Program

The New Markets Tax Credit Program is an initiative of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, a department of the U.S. Treasury, in support of its mission to expand the capacity of financial institutions to provide capital, credit, and financial services in underserved markets. Taxpayers receive a Federal Tax Credit for making qualified equity

Northeast Indiana Works

Northeast Indiana Works connects with various state and federal agencies to offer grants and incentives to businesses to help train workers. Northeast Indiana Works can also assist with hiring a skilled workforce for companies that are expanding operations.

Property Tax Phase-ins (aka Tax Abatements)

Tax phase-ins give local governments the option of allowing certain businesses to phase in those new taxes that would otherwise be assessed to their property because of new building construction or the purchase of equipment used for manufacturing, research and development, logistical distribution, and information technology.

Qualified Opportunity Zones

The federal Opportunity Zones (OZ) program is an economic development tool aimed at catalyzing new, long-term investments and development in economically challenged urban and rural communities across the country. Allen County is home to 10 Qualified OZs, and local incentives may be eligible for use in conjunction with the OZ program.

Summit City Entrepreneur and Enterprise District (SEED)

SEED focuses on programs that support entrepreneurship, innovation, technology development, and small business development. SEED also offers tax incentives (investment deduction of 100% up to 10 years, abatement deductions for vacant buildings, and personal property assessed value floor exemption) to businesses locating in the SEED boundaries. The district is located in the heart of the community, along the railroad corridor that runs from east to west just south of downtown. The district also includes several urban corridors.

Tax Increment Financing

TIF districts are established through redevelopment commissions. New taxes generated as a result of development in the TIF may be used as debt service on bonds issued for the purpose of developments and improvements in the area. Proceeds from the bonds may be used to construct public improvements on roads, sewers, etc.

State Incentives

Childcare Expenditure Credit

The Employer Child Care Tax Credit strengthens Indiana's employer childcare tax credit by expanding eligibility, broadening qualifying expenses, and supporting Indiana employers and working families. To be eligible, employers must have fewer than 500 employees. The tax credit allows operating expenses, not just capital expenses, to qualify for the credit, and it permits employers to partner with third-party intermediaries to offer childcare services. The credit equals 50% of qualified childcare expenditures with a maximum credit of \$100,000 per employer per year, and any unused portion can be carried forward for up to three years.

Data Center Sales Tax Exemption

The Data Center Gross Retail and Use Tax Exemption provides a sales and use tax exemption on purchases of qualifying data center equipment and energy to operators of a qualified data center for a period not to exceed 25 years for data center investments of less than \$750 million. If the investment exceeds \$750 million, the IEDC may award an exemption for up to 50 years. This program is established by Indiana Code § 6-2.5-15. Local governments may also provide a personal property tax exemption on qualified enterprise information technology equipment to owners of a data center who invest at least \$25 million in real and personal property in the facility.

Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credits (EDGE)

EDGE is a refundable tax credit program that rewards companies creating jobs and contributing to the growth of Indiana's economy. EDGE credits are calculated as a percentage of payroll tax withholding for net new Indiana jobs. EDGE credits may be awarded for a period of up to 10 years.

Headquarters Relocation Tax Credit (HQRTC)

The HQRTC provides a nonrefundable tax credit to a business that relocates its headquarters to Indiana. Businesses with at least \$50 million in worldwide revenues must commit to relocating their headquarters to Indiana and employment at least 75 Indiana residents by the expiration of the tax credit agreement.

Hoosier Business Investment Tax Credits (HBI)

This program encourages capital investment in Indiana by providing a credit against a company's Indiana tax liability. The credit amount is based on a company's qualified capital investment with the final credit amount determined by the Indiana Economic Development Corp. (IEDC), based on an analysis of the economic benefits of the proposed investment.

Indiana Film and Media Tax Credit

The Indiana Film and Media Tax Credit is designed to support film, television, music, and digital media production in the state. It offers an income tax credit of up to 30%, that can be applied to offset certain production expenses. Unused tax credits can be transferred one time.

Power Up

Power Up Indiana is a state workforce initiative that helps employers strengthen their existing teams through training, upskilling, and internal advancement. The program supports companies that invest in current employees, helping build stronger talent pipelines, improve retention, and create career pathways tied to wage growth.

Redevelopment Tax Credit

The Redevelopment Tax Credit incentivizes redevelopment of distressed properties. To be eligible for the credit, the taxpayer must make a qualified investment (approved by the IEDC) in the redevelopment or rehabilitation of real property located within a qualified redevelopment site. A qualified redevelopment site can be composed of buildings, vacant land, or brownfields. The amount of credit that may be awarded is 10-25% of the total cost of the project. Projects that qualify for New Markets Tax Credits or that are located in a designated Opportunity Zone may be eligible for an additional 5% credit.

Research and Development (R&D) Tax Credit

The Research and Development credit provides a credit against state tax liability for qualified company research expenses.

Small Town Opportunity Initiative (STOI)

The STOI provides an incentive to redevelop, rehabilitate or preserve vacant and underutilized land and buildings in community centers, downtowns and Main Streets. The initiative leverages the Redevelopment Tax Credit (RTC) to provide for-profit and non-profit developers an assignable income tax credit for investing in the revitalization of communities, improving quality of place and building capacity at the local level. The credit is equal to the amount of qualified investment made by the taxpayer during the taxable year, multiplied by a percentage determined by the IEDC (not to exceed 30%).

Venture Capital Investment Tax Credit

The Venture Capital Investment Tax Credit program improves access to capital for fast growing Indiana companies by providing individual and corporate investors an additional incentive to invest in early-stage firms and qualified investment funds. Investors who provide qualified debt or equity capital to qualified Indiana businesses or qualified investment funds may receive a credit against their Indiana tax liability.

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