

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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RE: German Township Branch Demographic Information

The township is 85.7% white with the most common ancestry being German (27%), Polish (22%), and Irish (12.7%) immigrants.

The population for St. Joseph County as a whole is projected to grow 7% from 2000-2020, a twenty year span. In contrast, German Twp. has a projected population decline of .43% from 2000-2005.

Currently, 6.9% of the population is preschool age. In total about 30% of the population is 24 or under, 33% is 25-64 and 13.2% is over 65. The unemployment rate is 2.7% and 3.8% of the population lives below the poverty level.

10.8% of the township over the age of 25 did not graduate high school while 28% have a bachelor's degree or above.

Traffic is quite heavy past the proposed branch with an average of 21,915 vehicles passing by during a 24-hour weekday.

There are 256 businesses in German Township. Of that number, minorities or women own 6. There are 0 nursing and retirement facilities, 0 registered childcare providers and 8 churches.

The closest library to the proposed German Township Branch is the La Salle library at 3.5 miles away. RBF has a distance of 4.22 miles. The Main SJCPPL library is also less than 5 miles away at 4.7 miles.

German Township Demographic Profile

Year 2000	Population	Percent
Total population	8,518	
Total households	3,749	
Ave. household size	2.27	
Total housing units	4,035	
Occupied	3,749	92.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	2,376	63.4%
Renter-occupied housing units	1,373	36.6%
Sex		
Female	4,344	51.0%
Male	4,174	49.0%
Age		
0-4	592	6.9%
5-14	1,032	12.1%
15-24	976	11.4%
25-44	2,802	32.9%
45-64	1,989	23.3%
65-84	1,028	12.0%
85+	99	1.2%
Race		
White	7,302	85.7%
African American	810	9.5%
Hispanic or Latino/a	173	2.0%
Asian	128	1.5%
Native American	30	0.4%
Other race or two or more races	248	2.9%
Language spoken at home among people at least 5 years old		
English only	7,282	92.1%
Language other than English	621	7.9%
Speak English "less than very well"	68	0.9%
Spanish	169	2.1%
Other Indo-European languages	313	4.0%
Asian and Pacific Island languages	73	0.9%
Labor force — people age 16 +	6,734	
Employed	4,847	72.0%
Unemployed	179	2.7%
Percent of labor force unemployed		3.6%
Not in labor force	1,708	25.4%
Occupations — people age 16+		
Management, professional	1,826	37.7%
Service	500	10.3%

Sales, office	1,537	31.7%
Construction, maintenance	267	5.5%
Production, transportation, moving	717	14.8%
Household income (1999)		
Median household income	\$44,267	
Households with earnings	3,202	86.1%
Households with Social Security	916	24.6%
Households with Supplemental Security	86	2.3%
Households with public assistance	52	1.4%
Households with retirement	676	18.2%
People below poverty level	321	3.8%

Data source: U.S. Census data, Census 2000 Summary Files 1 and 3

Found on: U.S. Census FactFinder (<http://factfinder.census.gov/>)

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GERMAN TOWNSHIP

German Township Population Changes

Year	Population	% increase
1980	6,826	
1990	7,222	+5.8%
2000	8,518	+17.9%
2005 (est.)	8,481	-0.43%

Data source: U.S. Census data

Found on: STATS Indiana (<http://www.stats.indiana.edu>)

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St. Joseph County Population Projections

Year	Total	Pre-School 0-4	School Age 5-19	College Age 20-24	Young Adult 25-44	Older Adult 45-64	Seniors 65+
2005	266,371	19,077	59,149	21,259	71,249	62,365	33,272
2010	270,266	19,763	58,542	21,479	70,033	67,232	33,217
2015	276,679	20,302	60,031	21,423	70,579	67,770	36,574
2020	283,885	20,673	61,595	21,519	71,062	66,675	42,361
2025	290,946	21,142	62,765	21,640	71,413	65,633	48,353
2030	297,557	21,483	63,857	21,810	71,947	65,292	53,168
2035	303,345	21,709	64,908	21,999	72,557	66,485	55,687

Data source: Indiana Business Research Center

Found on: STATS Indiana (<http://www.stats.indiana.edu>)

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German Township Educational Attainment — People Age 25+

Year 2000	Population	Percent
Less than 9 th grade	131	2.2%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	505	8.6%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,973	33.5%
High school graduate or higher		89.2%
Some college, no degree	1,306	22.2%
Associate degree	315	5.4%
Bachelor's degree	1,073	18.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher		28.1%
Graduate or professional degree	578	9.8%

Data source: U.S. Census data, Census 2000 Summary File 3

Found on: U.S. Census FactFinder (<http://factfinder.census.gov/>)

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Schools, Public

Name	Grades	Location	Enrollment (2005-2006)
Bendix School	09-12	South Bend	324

Schools, Private

Name	Grades	Location	Enrollment (2005-2006)
Corpus Christi School	PK-08	South Bend	381

From Indiana Department of Education (<http://ideanet.doe.state.in.us>)

Colleges & Universities

None reported.

From Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County (<http://www.sjchamber.org>)

**Transportation – German Township
Arteries/Traffic Counts**

Location	Count	Year
Portage		
South of Cleveland	14785	2005
South of Bendix Dr (Maple)	11901	2004
South of Brick Rd.	12581	2003
Cleveland		
East of Bendix	12831	2003
East of Portage	21915	2005
East of Mayflower	11605	2004
Bendix		
South of Ninitz Pkwy	15076	2005
South of Cleveland	16421	2003
South of Lathrop	16815	2005
South of Portage	8777	2004
Lincolnway W		
East of Meadowview	16735	2003
West of Hollywood	14712	2003
US 31 (bypass)		
North of Lincolnway W	25503	2002

Businesses

Business and Organizations <i>(Figures from Dun & Bradstreet Microcosm)</i>	256
Minority and Women Owned Businesses <i>(Diversity Business Directory of Greater Michiana)</i>	6
Nursing and Retirement Facilities <i>(Telephone Directory and Switchboard, includes Assisted Living Facilities)</i>	0
Child Care Providers <i>(Carefinder IN.Gov also Phone Directory)</i>	0
Churches <i>(United Religious Community of St Joe County)</i>	8

Housing

Total number of housing units	8,507
Total number of residences	6692 78.6% of total
Total number of apartments/duplexes	1815 21.4% of total

Residential units in development

Description	Number of units
Portage Prarie	200-300 Units
Westwood Knollsq	150 Units

Accessed via Area Plan

Public Library	Distance in Miles
Francis Branch Library	4.22
La Salle Branch Library	3.5
Main Library SJCP	4.7