

Eastern Indiana Strategic Skills Initiative

The Blackford County Economy A Competitive Analysis

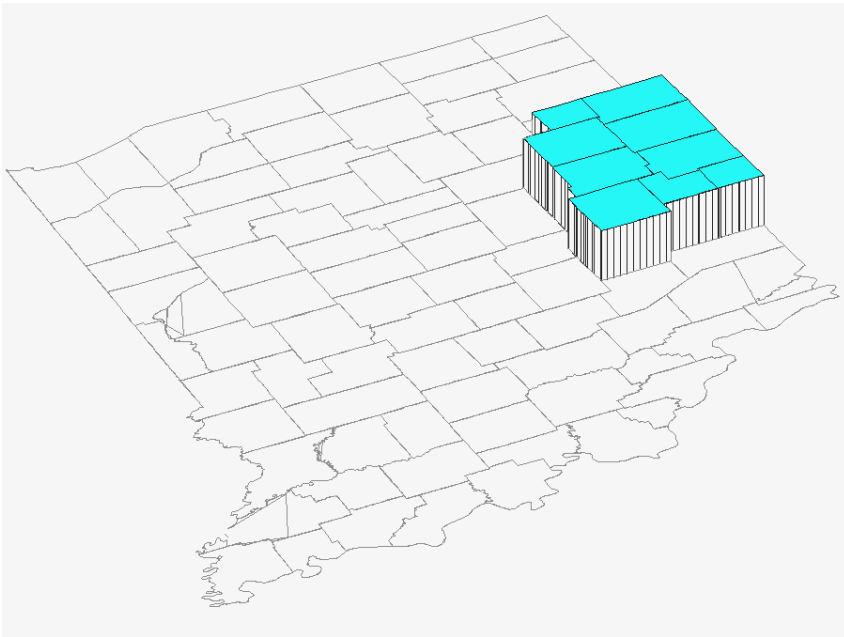
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Map of Workforce Regions



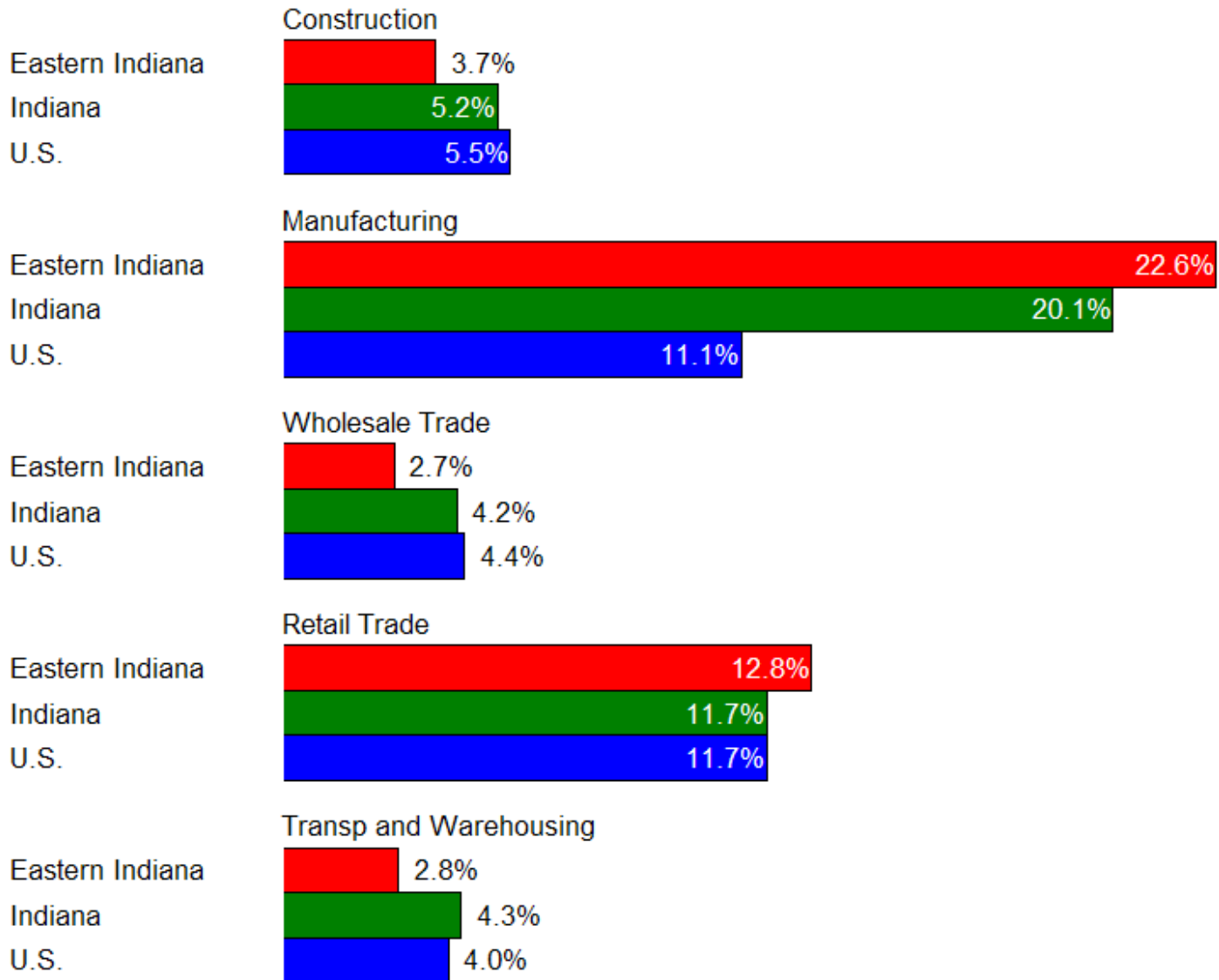
Balance of State Workforce Regions
 Note: Marion County is a separate WSA

The Eastern Indiana Economy

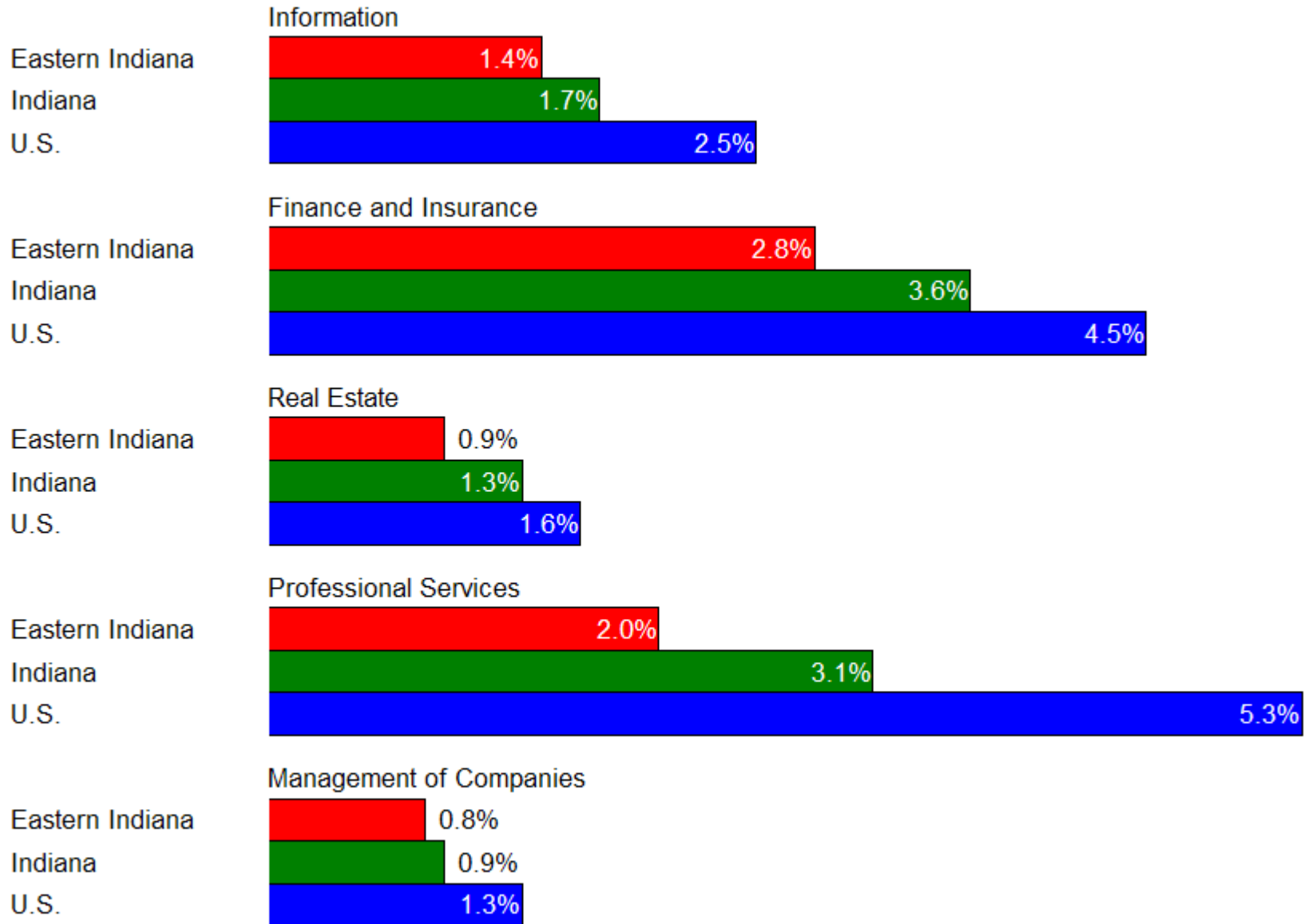


- 9 counties, 2,977 sq. miles, 350,000 people
- 186,000 people working in 302 different industries
- Economy dominated by manufacturing
- Only region in Indiana to suffer population loss since 1990

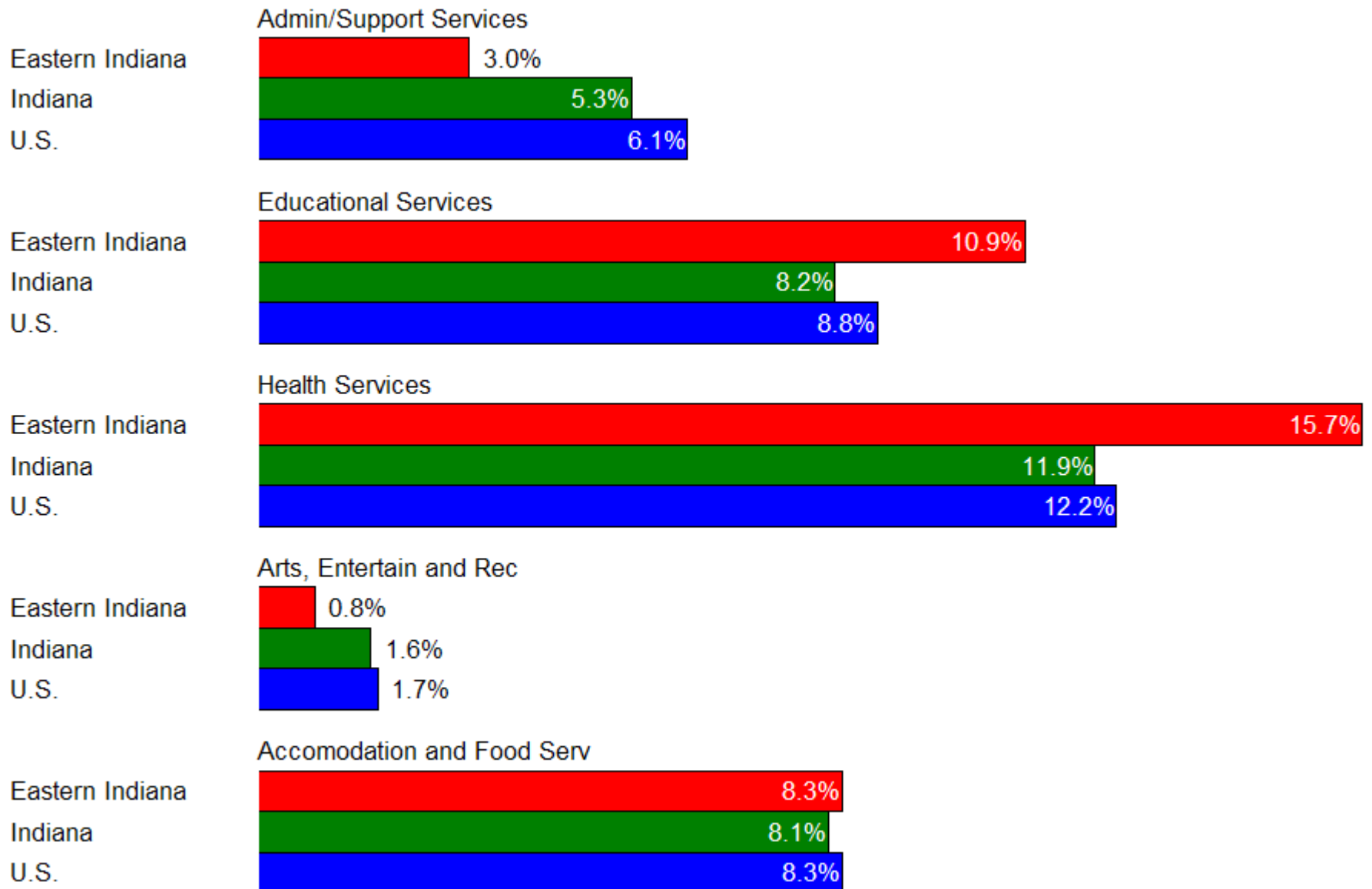
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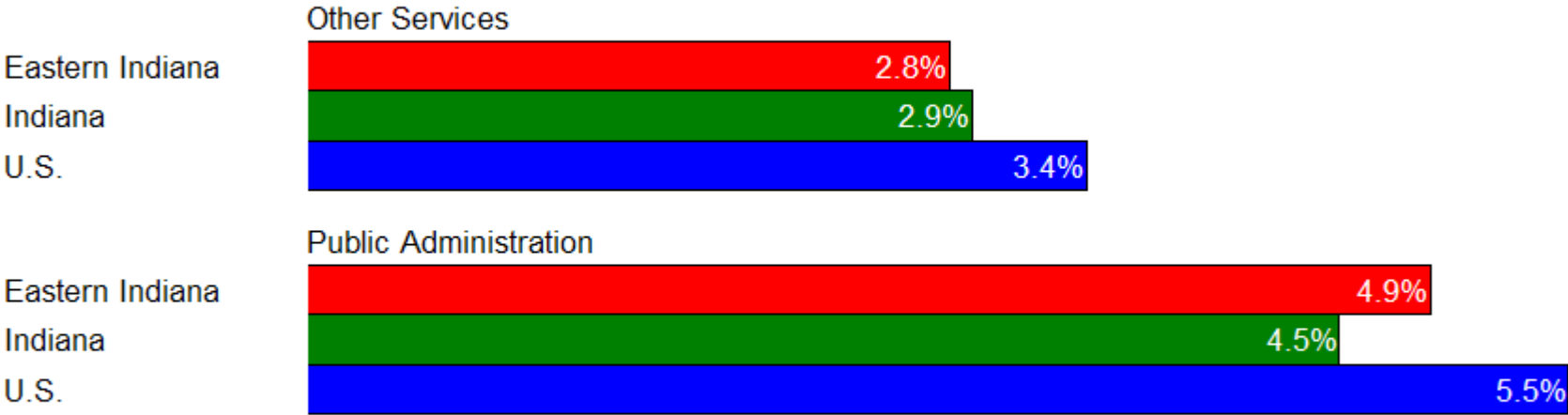
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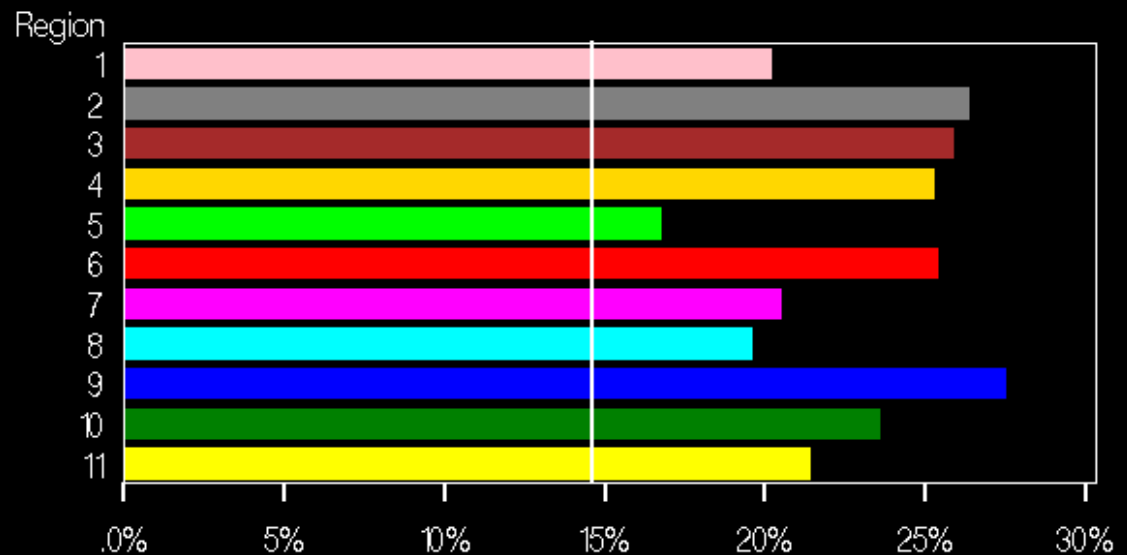
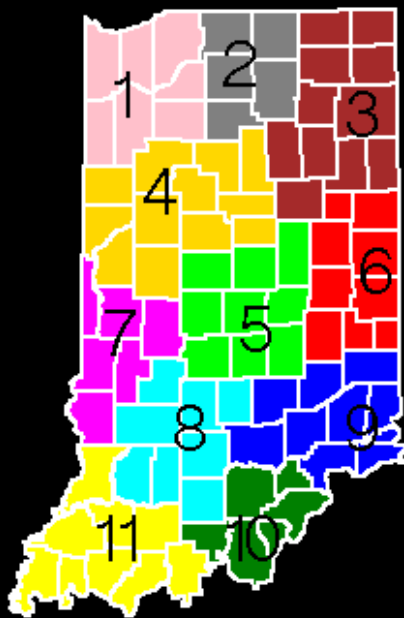


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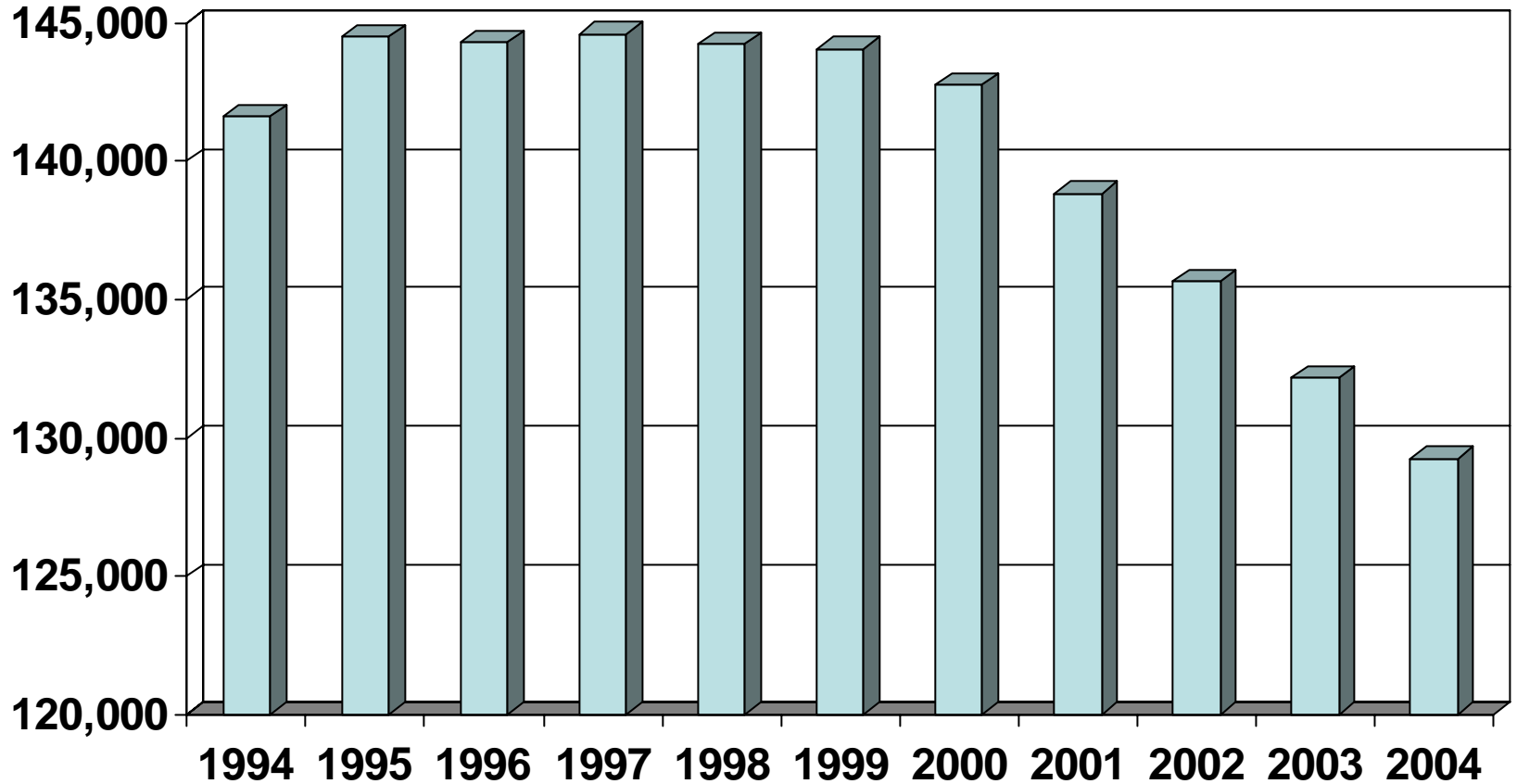


Indiana Growth Regions

Pct. of Workforce in Production/Transp Occupations



Employment Has Fallen Since the mid-1990's



Total Covered Employment, Eastern Indiana

Shift Share Analysis of Employment

Job Loss 1994-2004 = -12,366

If we had grown at US average = 21,120

Job losses due to our industry mix = -5,554

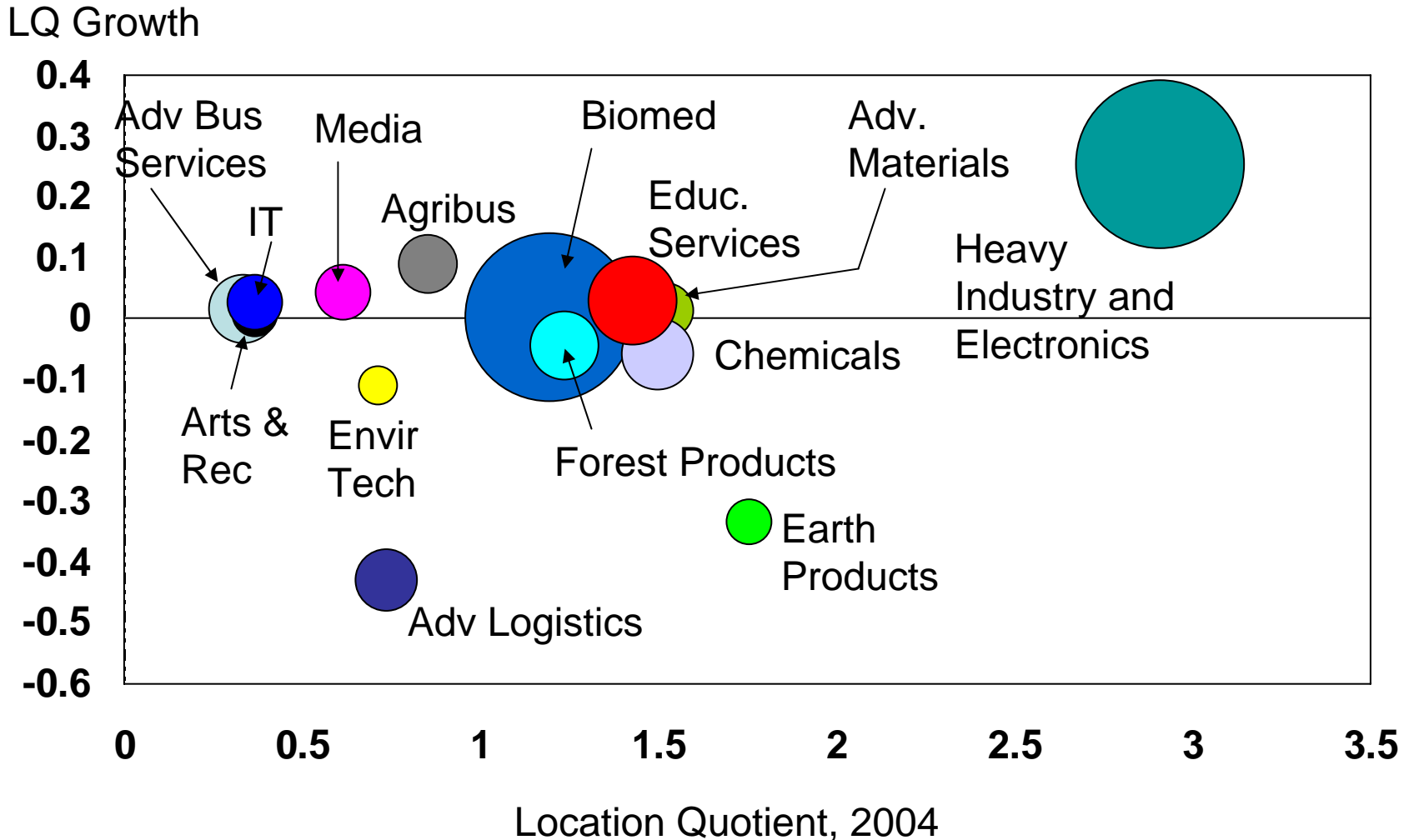
Loss of market share of existing base = -27,720

Clusters and Competitiveness

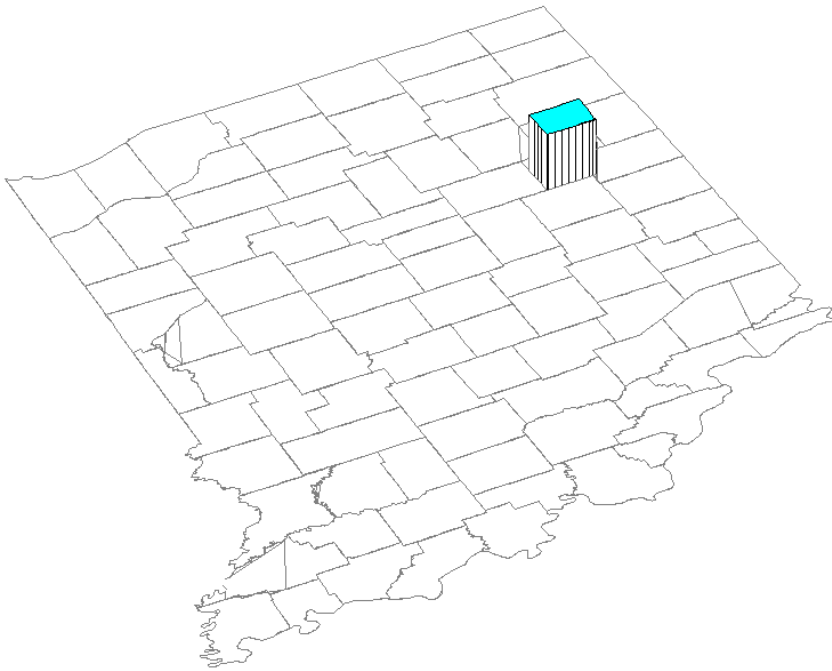
- Industry Cluster – a collection of industries that share products, technology or expertise
- Measuring concentration – the Location Quotient
- $LQ = 1$ means an industry or cluster is no more or no less concentrated than the national average

Eastern Indiana Industry Clusters

Employment Analysis

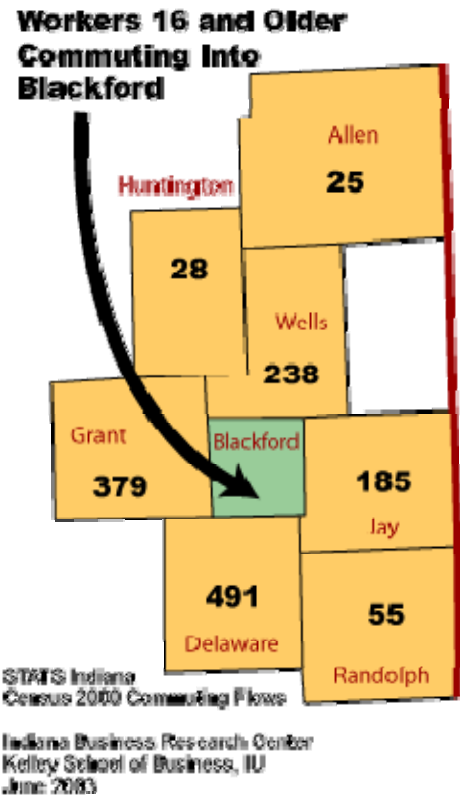
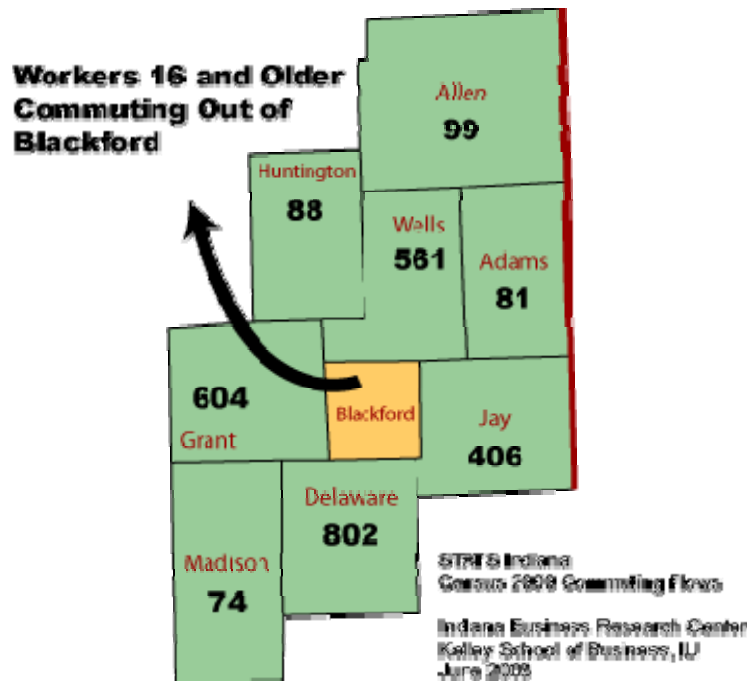


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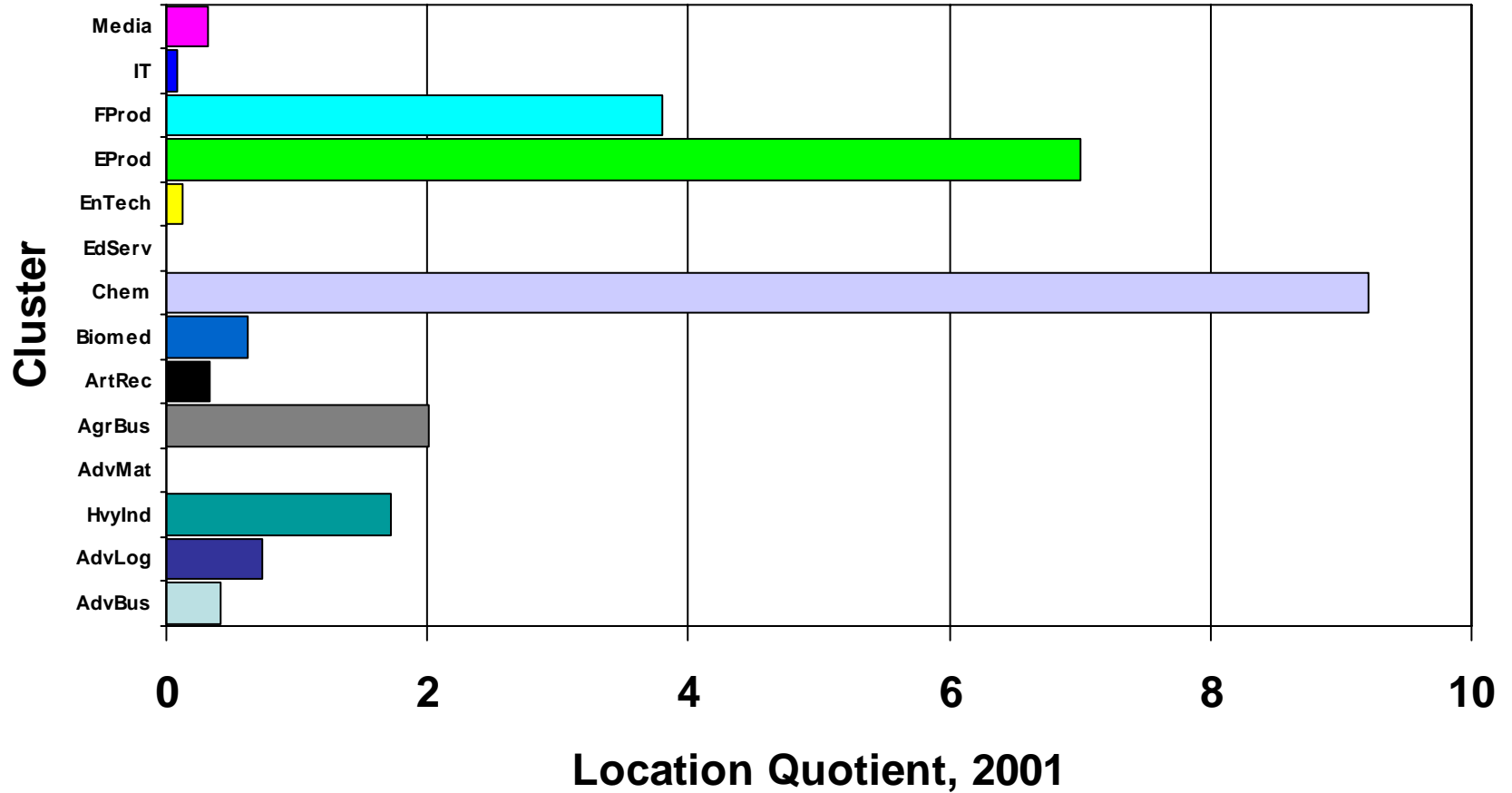


- 6,199 workers in 99 industries
- 6,273 households
- Average income per household: \$49,227
- Largest employers are manufacturing, retail trade, and government

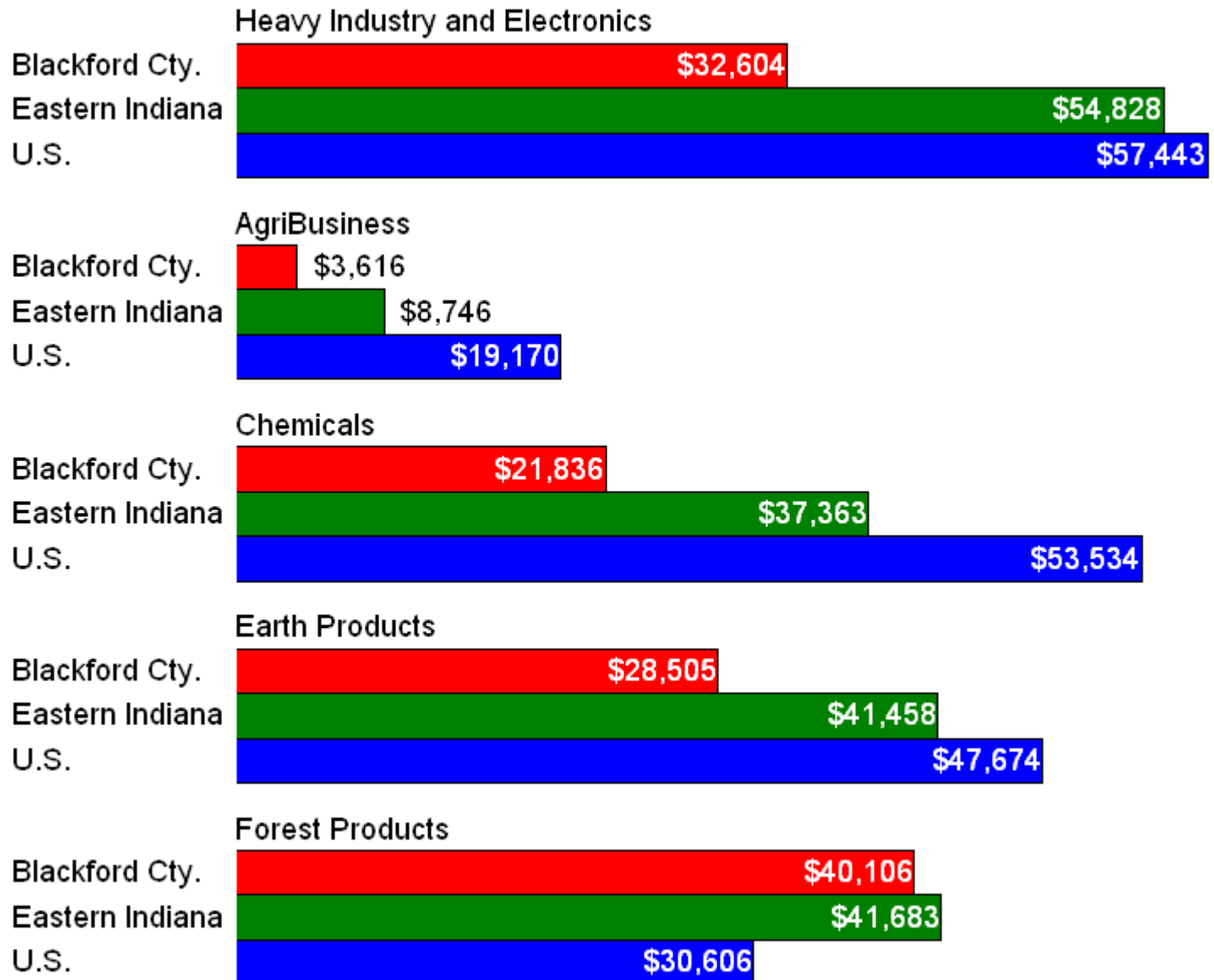
Cross-Commuting is Significant



Blackford County Employment Analysis



Average Annual Pay, Selected Clusters, 2001



Cluster Detail: Chemicals

Blackford County: 803 jobs

- Rubber
- Concrete products
- Glass

Cluster Detail: Forest Products

Blackford Co. Total: 545 jobs

- Paper

Cluster Detail: Heavy Industry

Blackford Co. Total: 488 jobs

- Fasteners
- Construction machinery

Cluster Detail: Agribusiness

Blackford Co. Total: 488 jobs

- Corn and soybean farming
- Livestock (hogs)