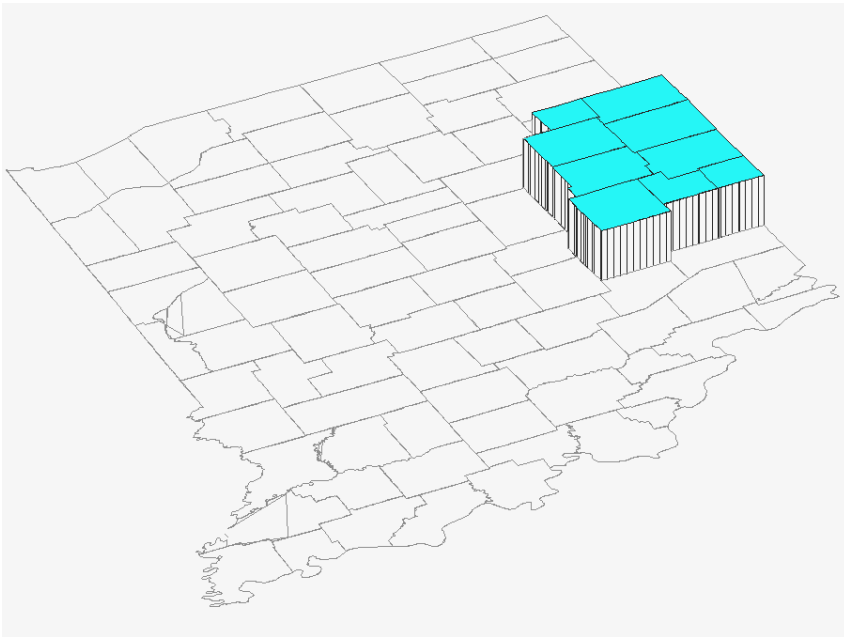


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One Region. One Economy. One Workforce.

**Thinking Locally,
Acting Regionally**

The Eastern Indiana Economy

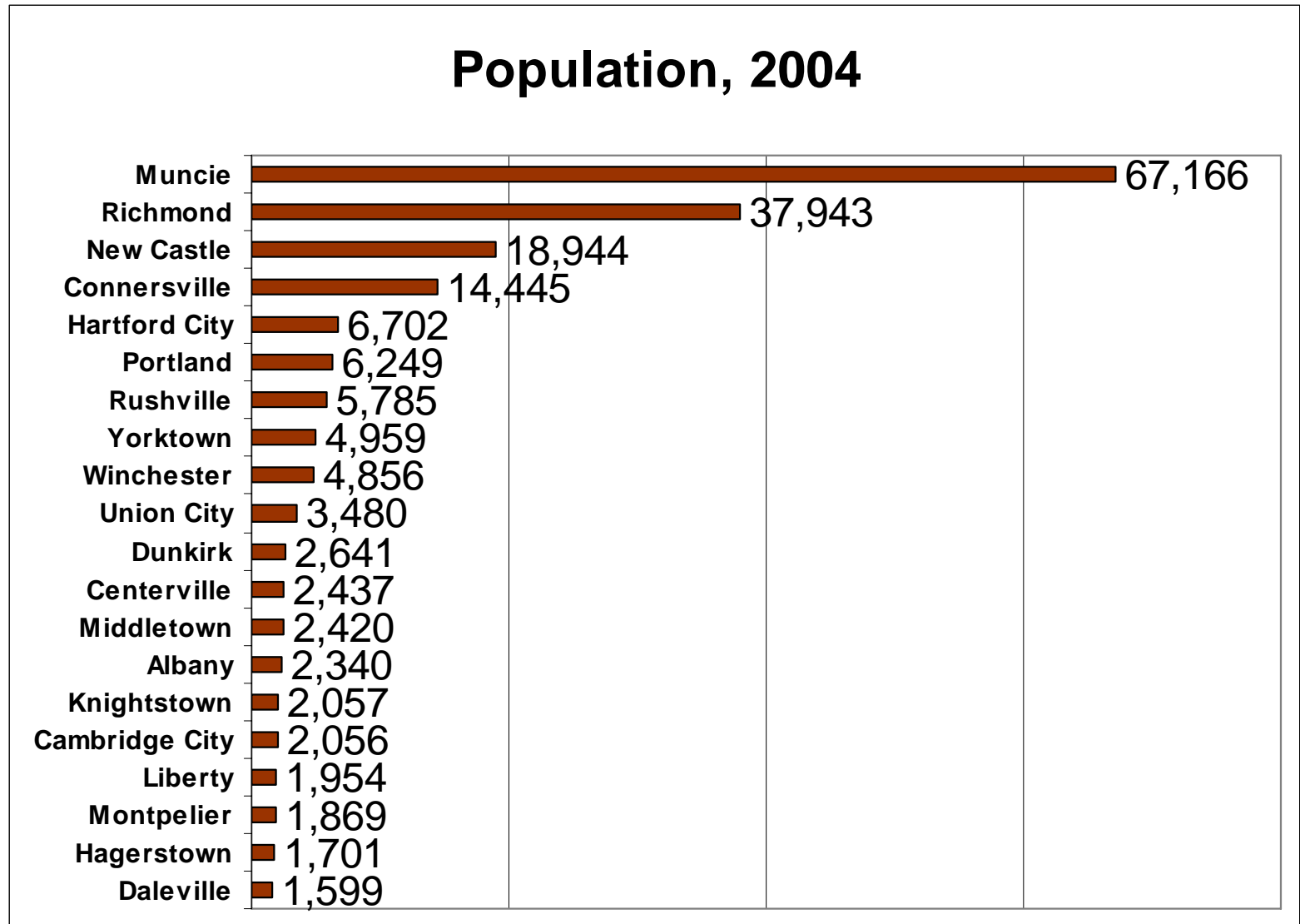


- **9 counties, 2,977 sq. miles, 350,000 people**
- **186,000 people working in 302 different industries**
- **\$8.5 bill. personal income in 2001**
- **Economy dominated by manufacturing**
- **Only region in Indiana to suffer population loss since 1990**

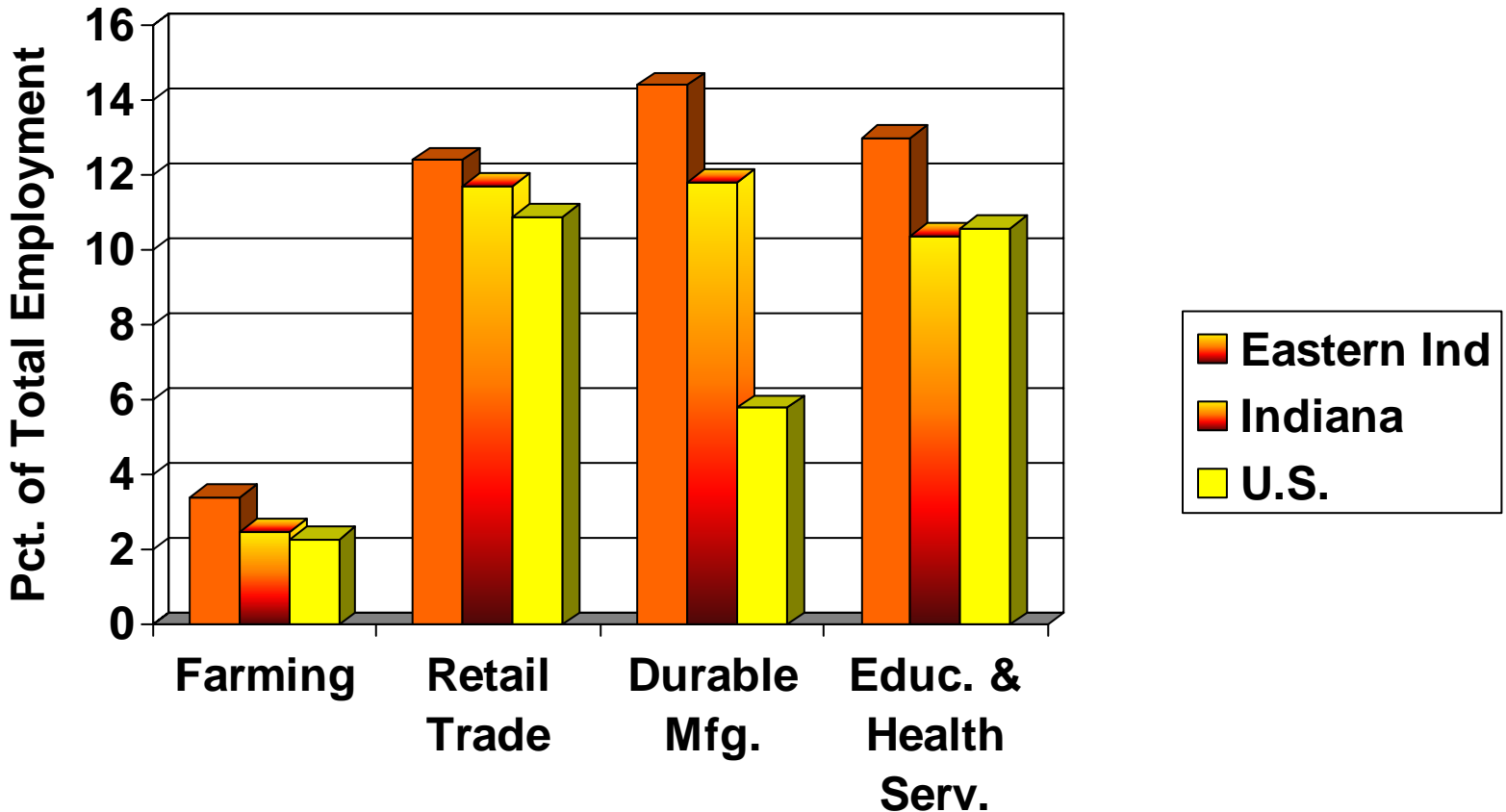
Are We a Region?

- **Muncie is a separate, one-county MSA**
- **No common airport, media outlets, or schools**
- **No obvious center of gravity**
- **Surface road connectivity is average or poor.**
- **Manufacturing boom is a common history**
- **Cross-commuting is significant**
- **Largest cities are close to Interstates**
- **Economic mix is very similar**
- **All communities face the same economic challenges**

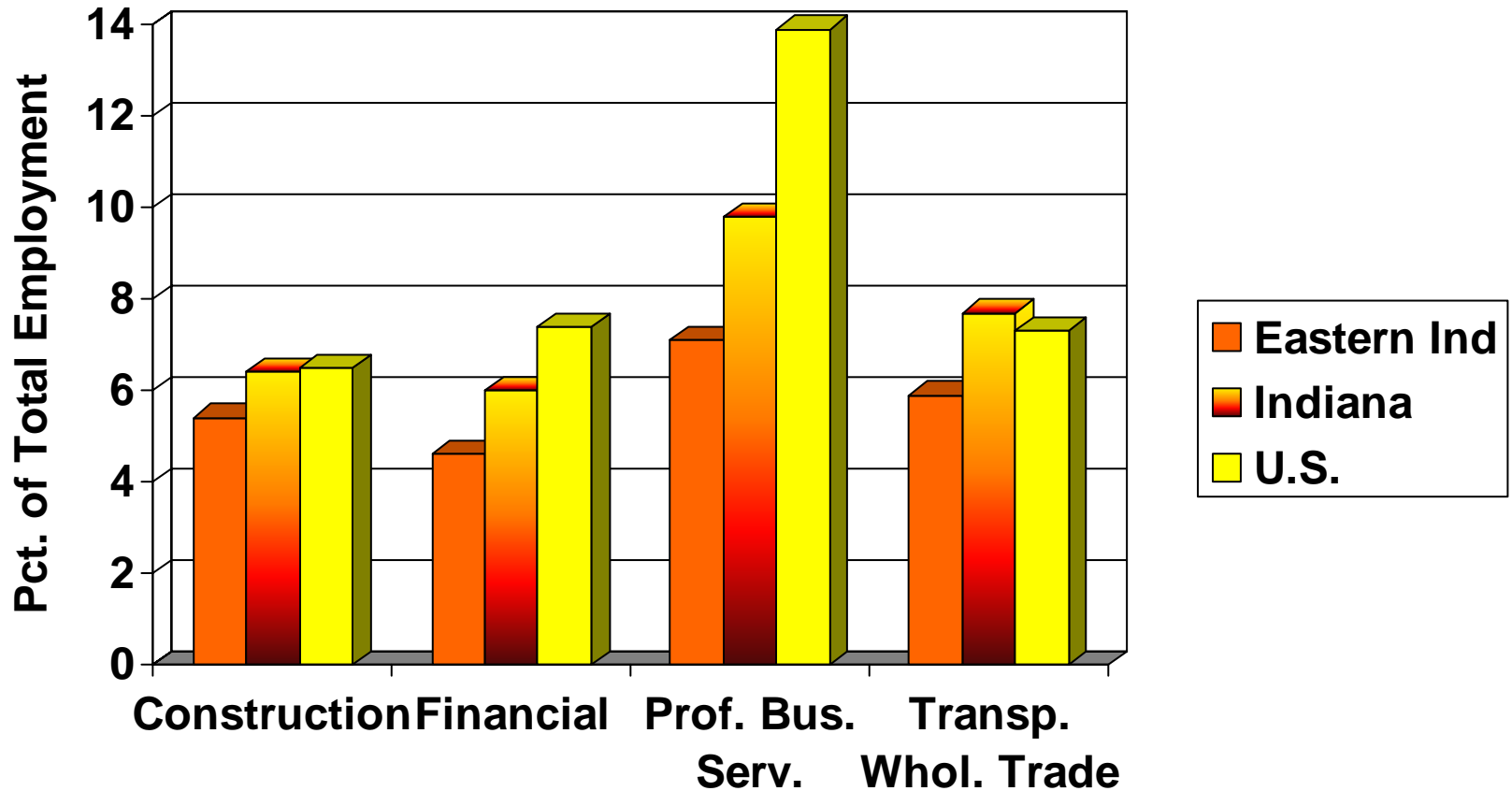
Muncie and Richmond Dominate



Durable Goods Manufacturing Is Much More Prevalent Here



White Collar Industries Are Relatively Scarce



What are the benefits of regionalism?

- **COLLABORATIVE EFFORT**
- **CONDUIT FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- **PARTNERSHIPS DEVELOPED WITH COUNTIES, UNIVERSITIES, AND COLLEGES WITHIN THE REGION**

What are the benefits of regionalism?

- **CENTRAL POINT OF FACILITATION**
- **ENHANCING REGIONAL COMMUNITIES**
- **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**
- **WORKFORCE ISSUES**
- **IN-STATE COLLABORATION**
- **REGIONAL PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS**
- **FEDERAL AND NATIONAL FOUNDATIONS**

What regionalism is not.

- **Does not displace the efforts at the local level – county specific issues**
- **Does not compete with local providers**
- **Does not eliminate your local preparedness**

What do we hope to accomplish?

- **JOB CREATION**
- **GOOD PAYING JOBS**
- **ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS**
- **STATE AND NATIONAL
COMPETITIVENESS**
- **GLOBAL COMPETITION**

A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR EASTERN INDIANA AND YOUR COUNTY

- **WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE EASTERN INDIANA A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND A GREAT PLACE TO WORK---BY WORKING TOGETHER AND FORMING A REGIONAL COLLABORATION**