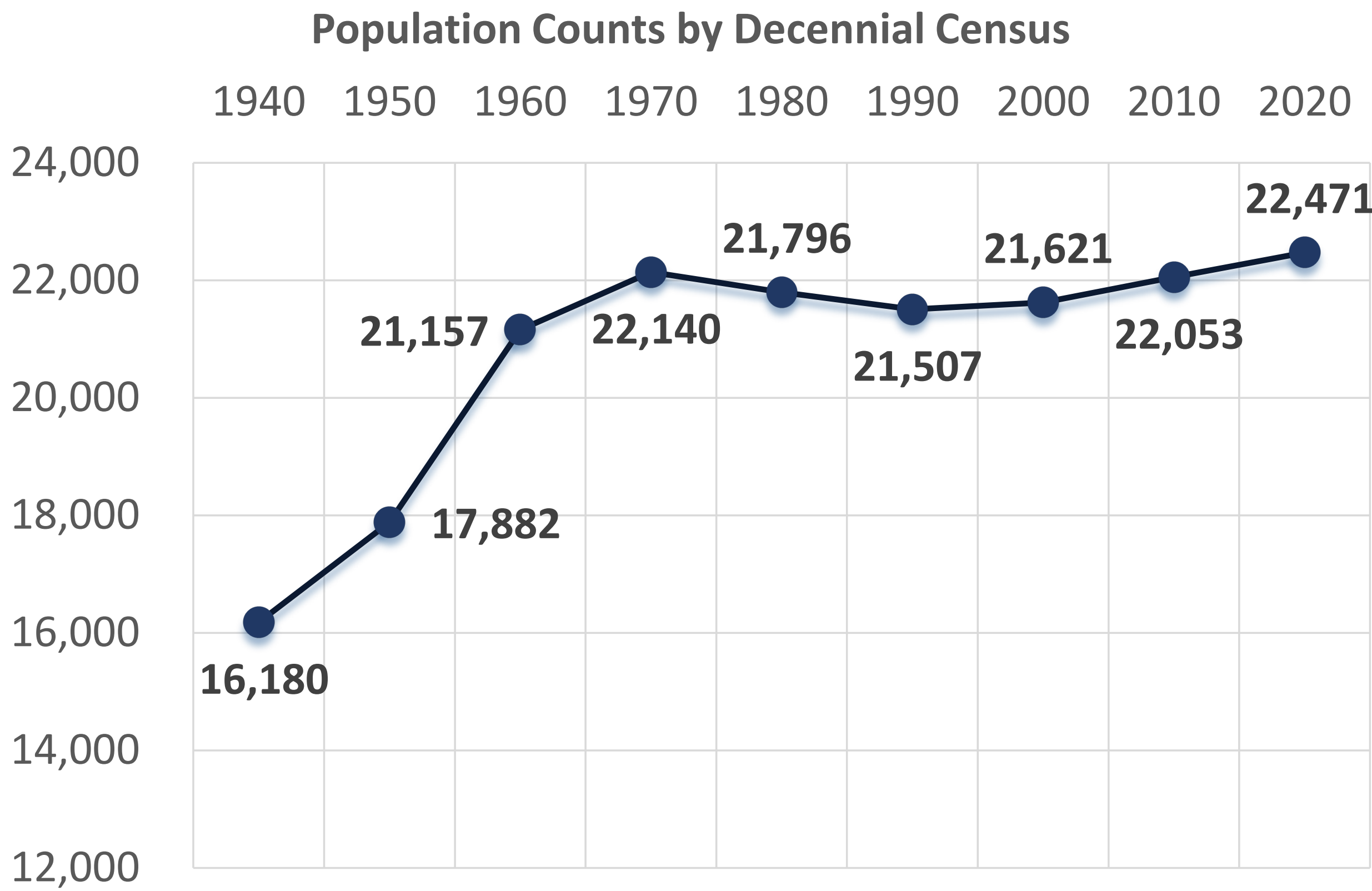


Population



Population Growth



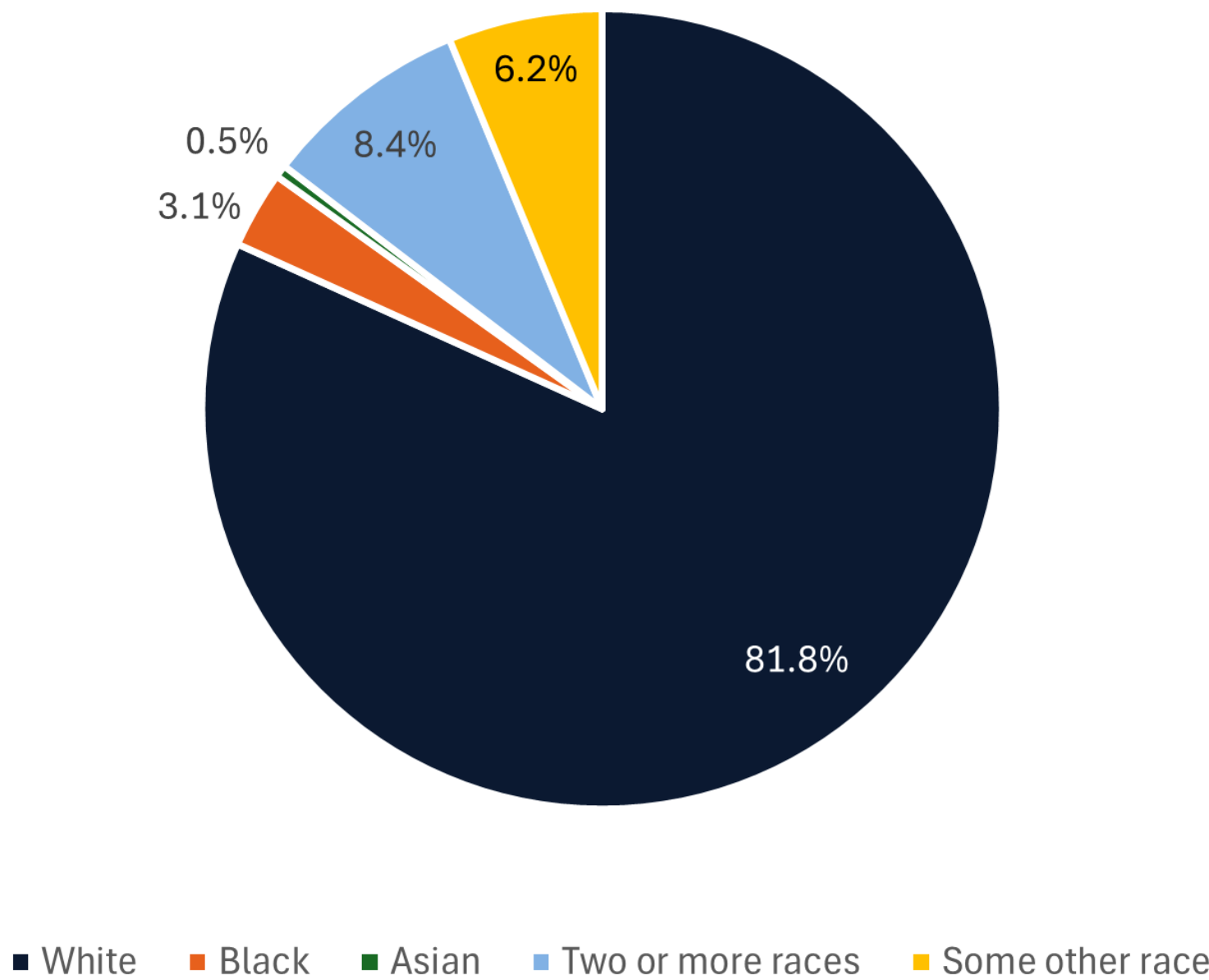
What does this data show?

The most recent census (2020) data has La Porte having **22,471 residents**. The Baby Boom, shown from 1940 to 1960 on the map, dramatically increased the population in the city by **30.8%**. La Porte’s population since 1970 has been relatively stable at **~21,000-22,000 people**.

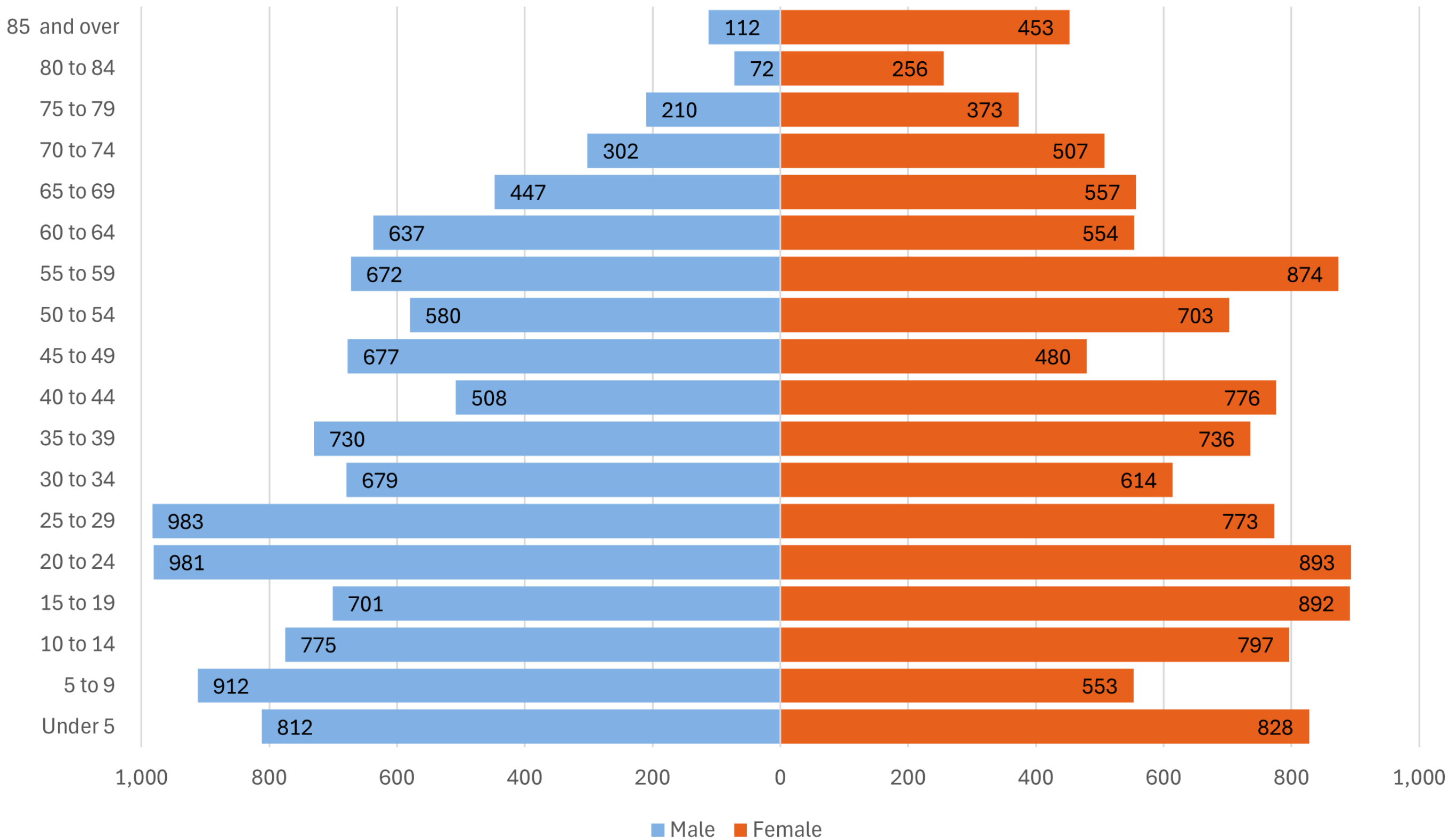
A recent estimate (2023) shows that the current population is somewhere around **22,486 people today**.

Population by Race

La Porte City Population by Race (2022)



Age Pyramid



Changes in Age Groups

The overall age pyramid chart looks stable. The **young adult population in La Porte is dominant making up 30-35%** of the total population. Among those 70 years or older, women make up about 65% of that group, meaning there are **twice as many older women as men**. The under-15 population is around 20% of the total population. The under-5 population is smaller than the 5-9 age range meaning there has been a **declining birth rate** in the recent years. The population 60 years and over accounts for around 20% of the total population. Given this trend, La Porte may need to prepare for **an aging population**.

Median Age

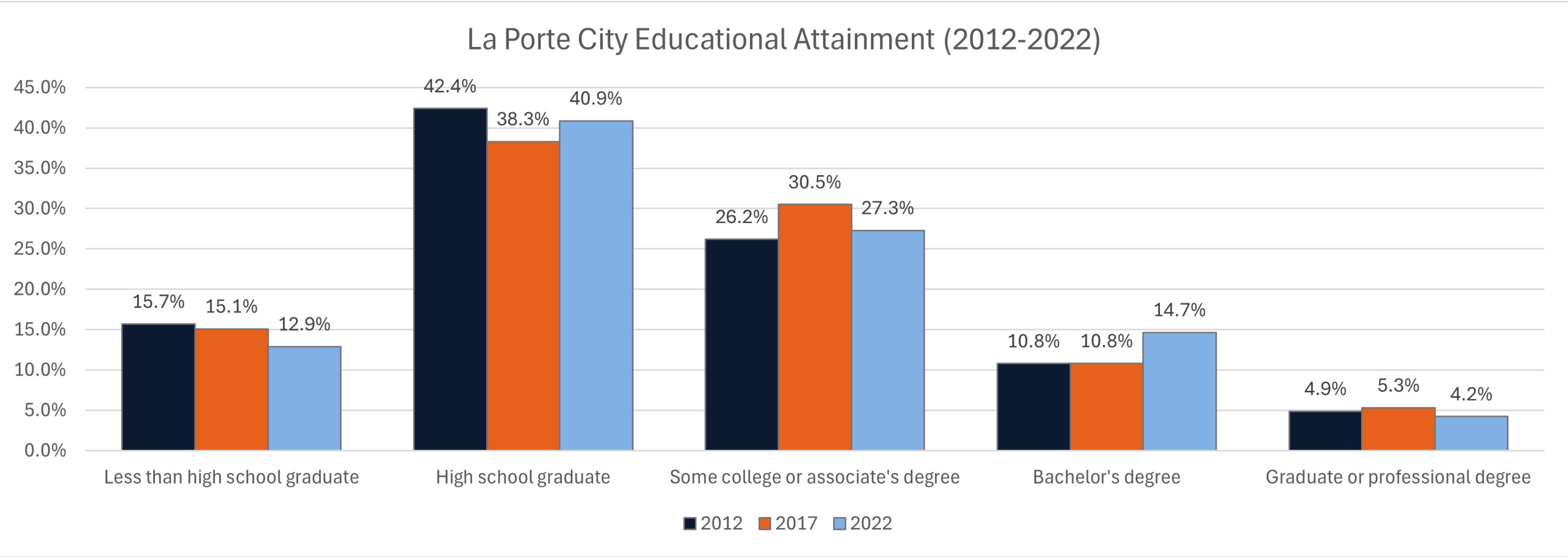
La Porte City 35.0
La Porte County 40.5
Indiana 38.0

The city population is relatively younger than both the county and the state of Indiana.

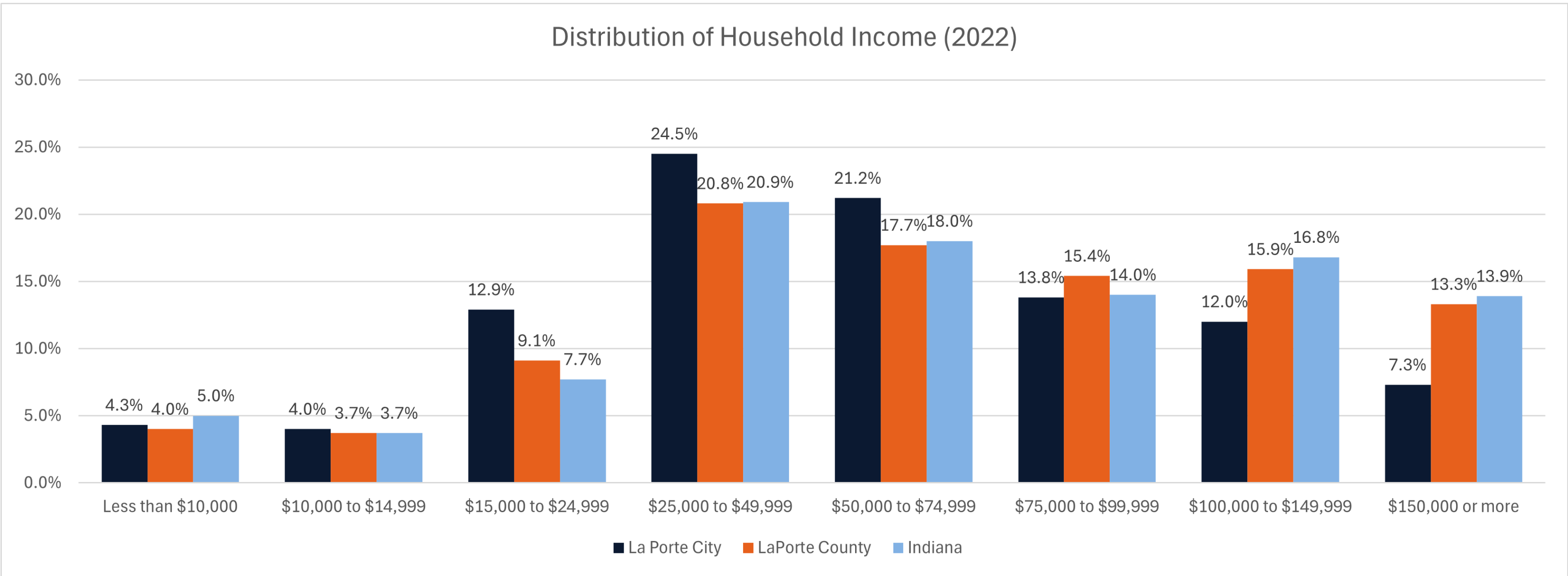
Educational Attainment



La Porte Educational Attainment Graph



Distribution of Household Income



The median income grew 15% between 2012 and 2022 to \$55k, but would have needed to be \$59k to keep up with inflation.

Income and Poverty

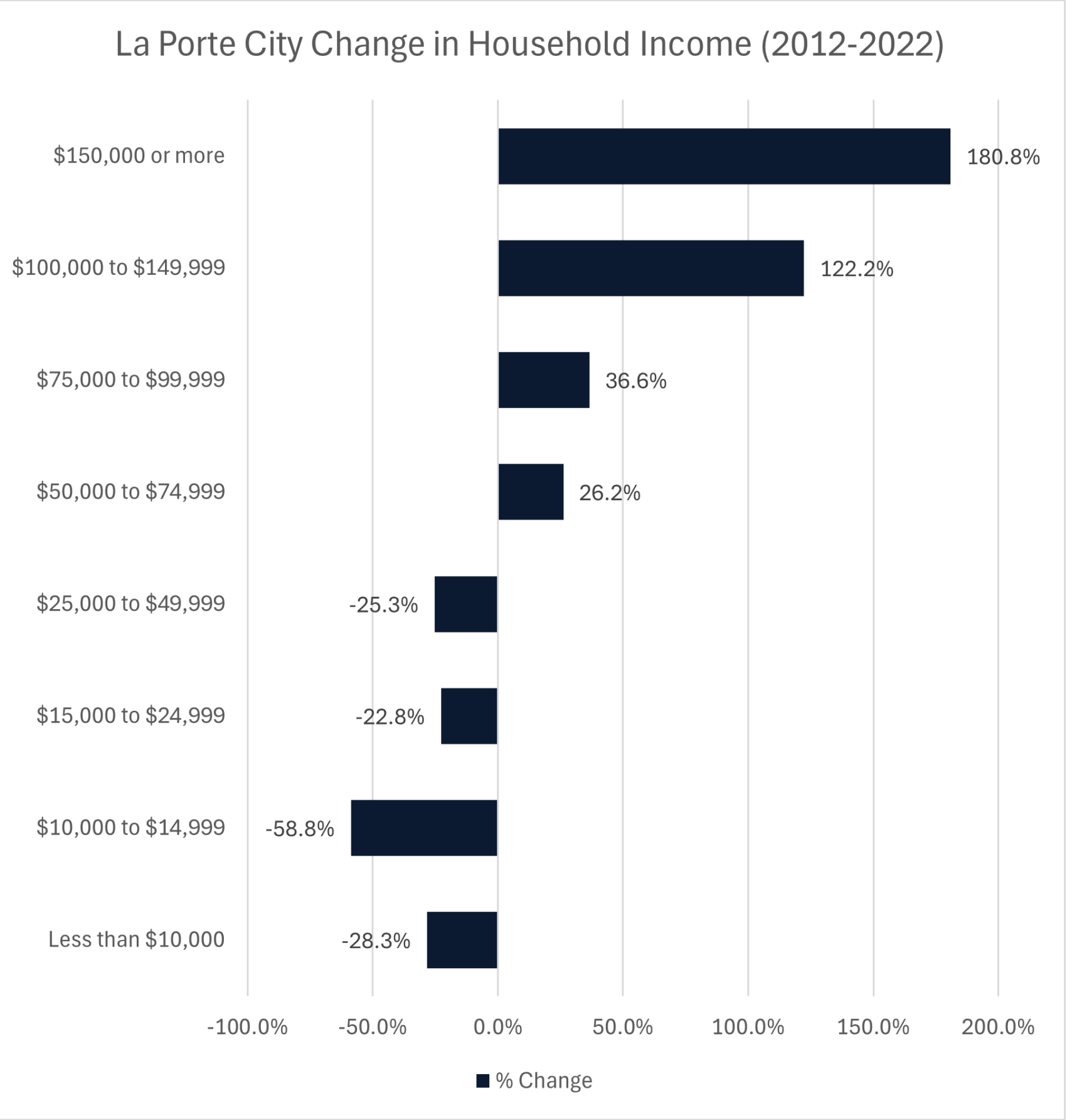
	2012	2017	2022	Change
Median HHI (adjusted for inflation in 2022 dollars)	\$47,723	\$44,461	\$55,031	+15.3%
Population Below Poverty Level	4,206	4,716	4,037	+

Between 2012 and 2022, the median household income for the city of La Porte has **increased by over 15%**. Moreover, the amount of people in poverty has decreased from 2017 after an increase between the years 2012 and 2017.

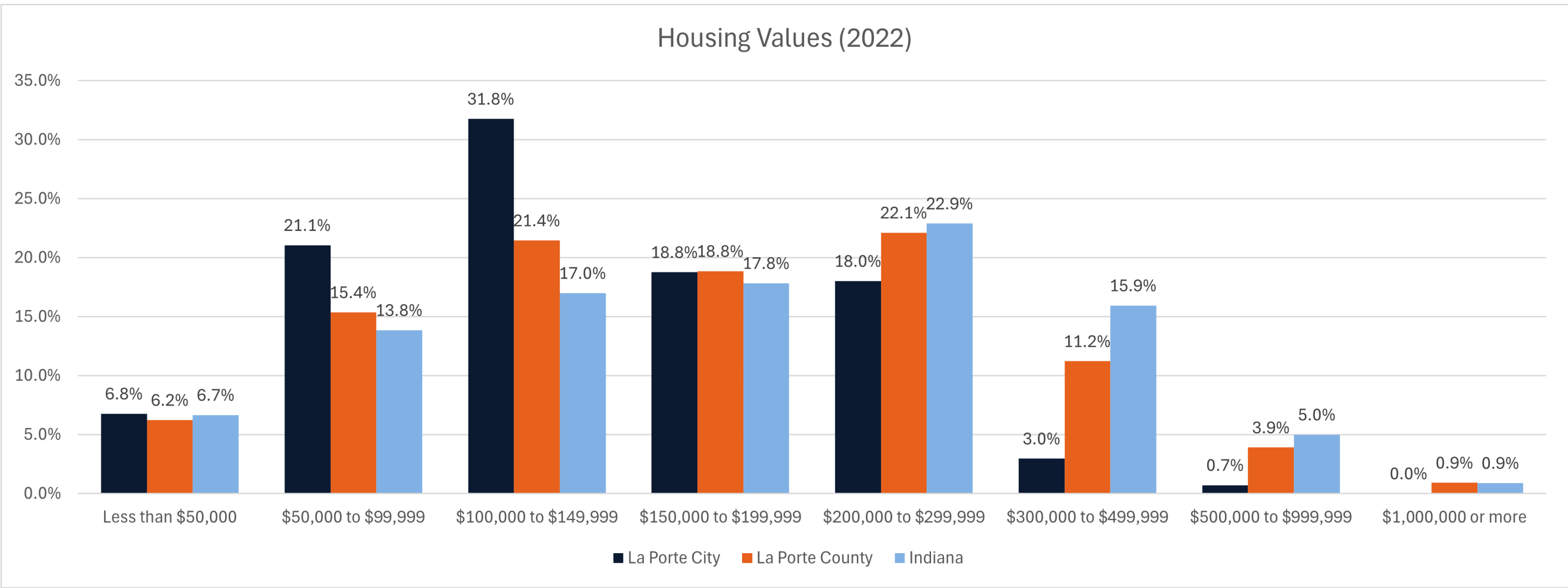
*Points refers to the nominal change in percentages (ex: 5%-2%), NOT the percent change between two numbers.

Household Income Changes

From 2012 to 2022, La Porte City experienced significant income growth, particularly in higher-income brackets. Households earning \$150,000 or more increased by 180.8%, while those making \$100,000 to \$149,999 grew by 122.2%. Meanwhile, lower-income brackets declined, with households earning \$10,000 to \$14,999 dropping by 58.8% and those under \$25,000 seeing notable decreases. This trend suggests rising affluence but may also indicate **increasing economic inequality** or cost-of-living shifts impacting lower-income residents.

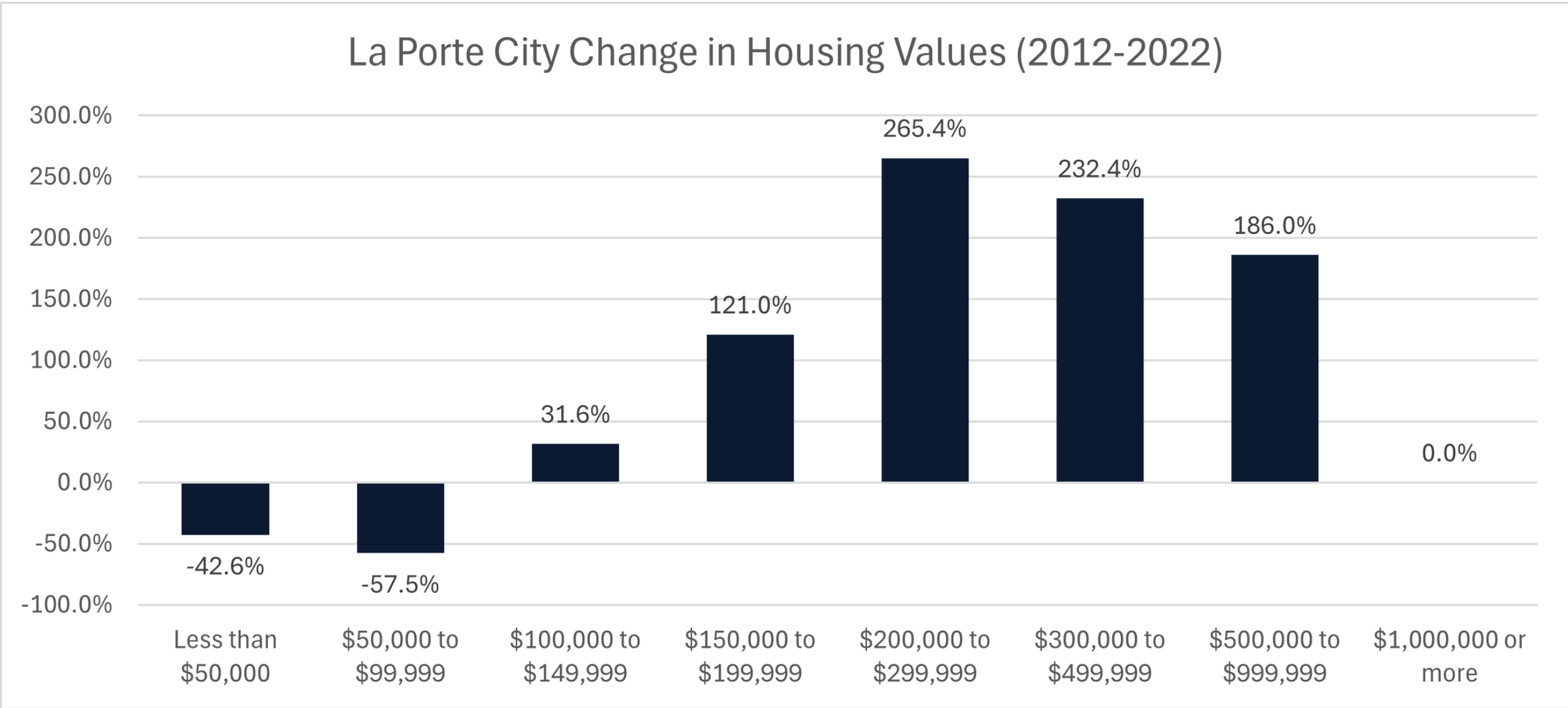


Housing Values



	La Porte City	La Porte County	Indiana
Median Value	\$135,800	\$166,200	\$183,600

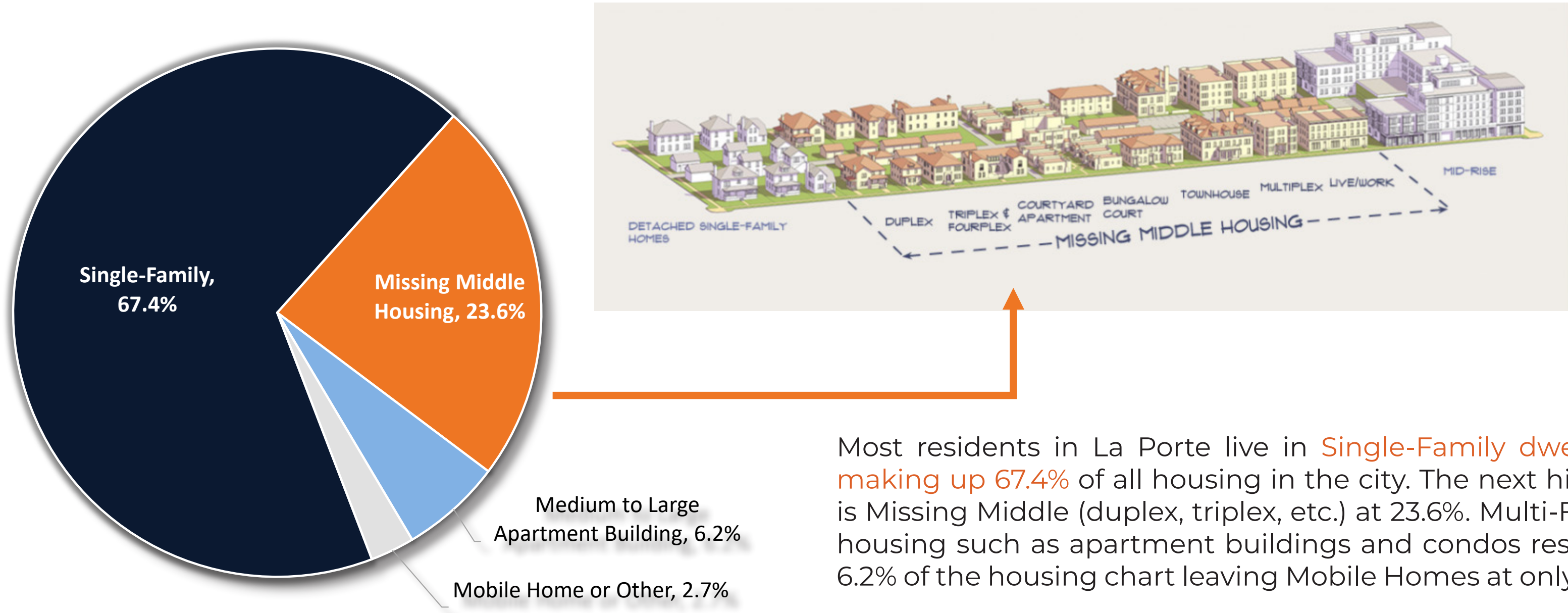
The city of La Porte's average housing value is lower than both La Porte County and the state. While the state has an average home value of \$183,600, La Porte's are in the \$135,800 range (31.8% of homes being between \$100,000-\$149,999).



The overall median home value in La Porte has gone up since 2012. There was a drop of around \$7,000 between 2012 and 2017, but between 2017 and 2022, the price increased 12.9% to \$135,800. The median housing value increased almost \$15,000 in 10 years.

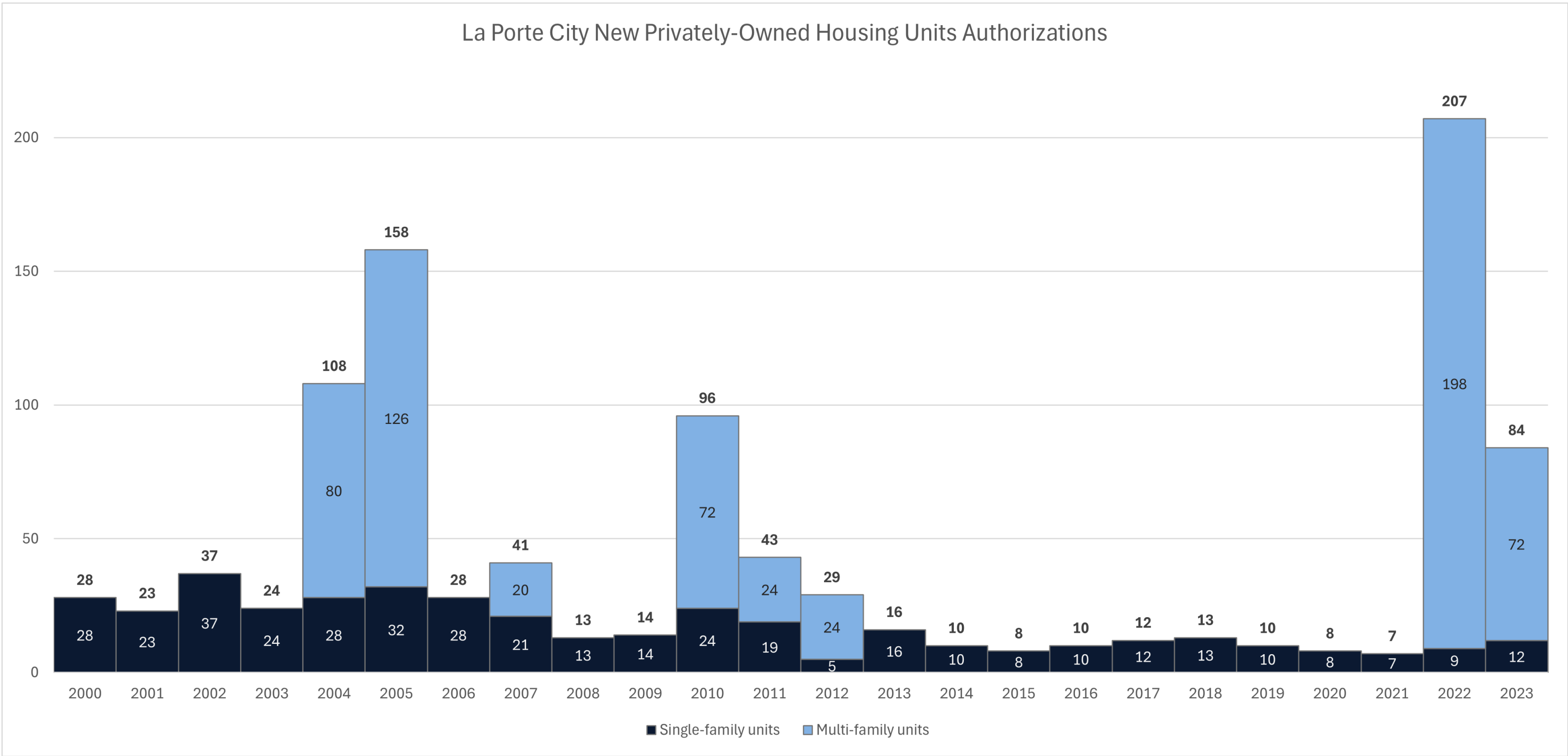
	2012	2017	2022	Change
Median Value (2022 \$)	\$120,267	\$113,046	\$135,800	12.9%

House Types in La Porte



Most residents in La Porte live in Single-Family dwellings making up 67.4% of all housing in the city. The next highest is Missing Middle (duplex, triplex, etc.) at 23.6%. Multi-Family housing such as apartment buildings and condos reside at 6.2% of the housing chart leaving Mobile Homes at only 2.7%.

Residential Building Permits

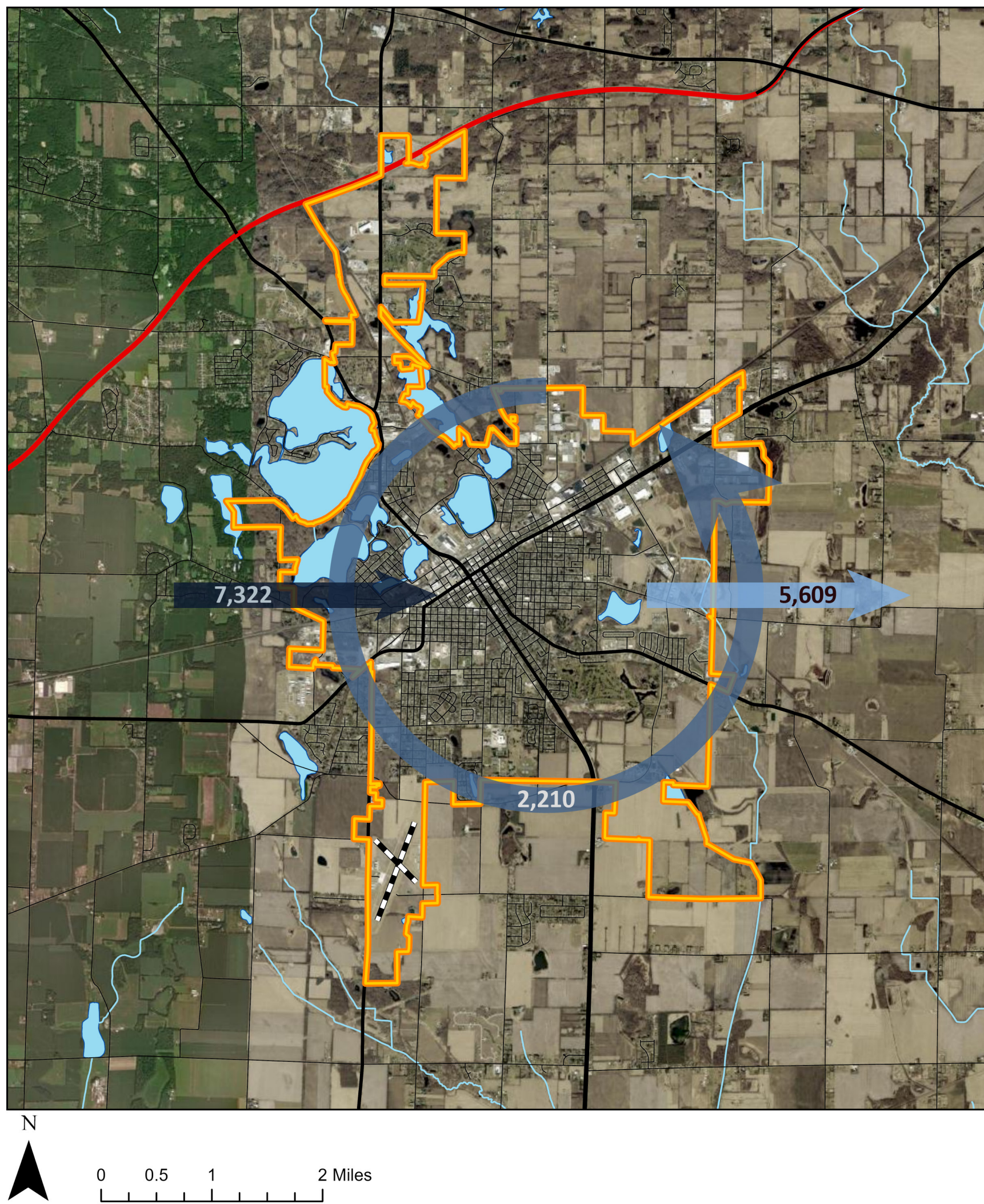


La Porte issues 200 more housing permits in 2022 than in 2021. This is due to two large projects that came to fruition. In 2023, 84 new permits were issued.

Community Patterns



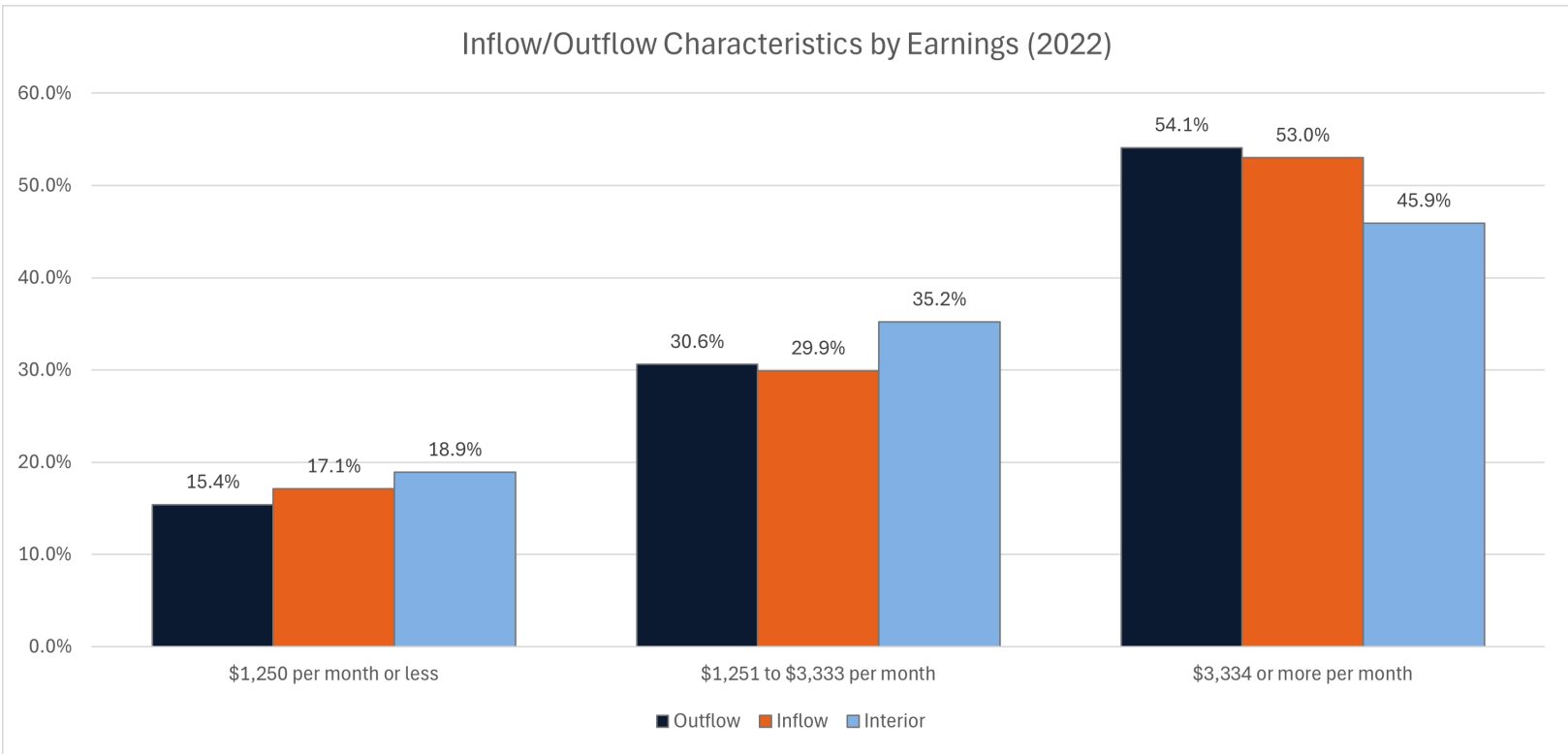
How many people are leaving/coming in La Porte for work?



	Count	Share
Living in La Porte	7,189	100.0%
Living and Employed in La Porte	2,210	28.3%
Living in La Porte and Employed Elsewhere	5,609	71.7%
Employed in La Porte	9,532	100.0%
Employed and Live in La Porte	2,210	23.2%
Employed in La Porte but Live Elsewhere	7,322	76.8%
Net Job Inflow (+) or Outflow (-)	+1,713	
*NOTE: Private Primary Jobs; Source: US Census Bureau		

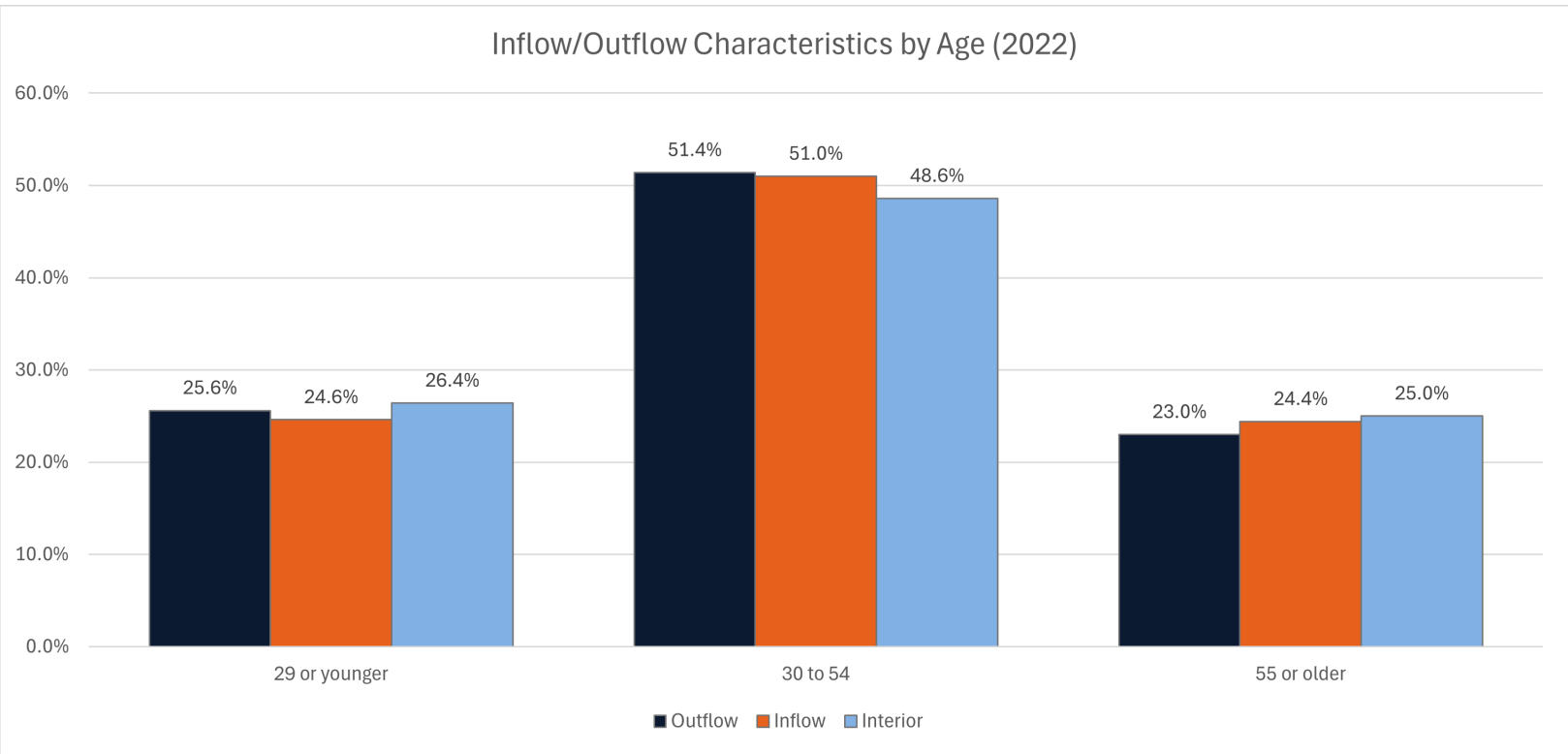
La Porte has a relatively even inflow and outflow of commuters with 7,322 coming into the city and 5,609 leaving the city for work. 2,210 people both live and work in La Porte. That is 28% of the population. There are opportunities for the city to capture people commuting into La Porte by providing different housing options.

Inflow/Outflow by Earnings



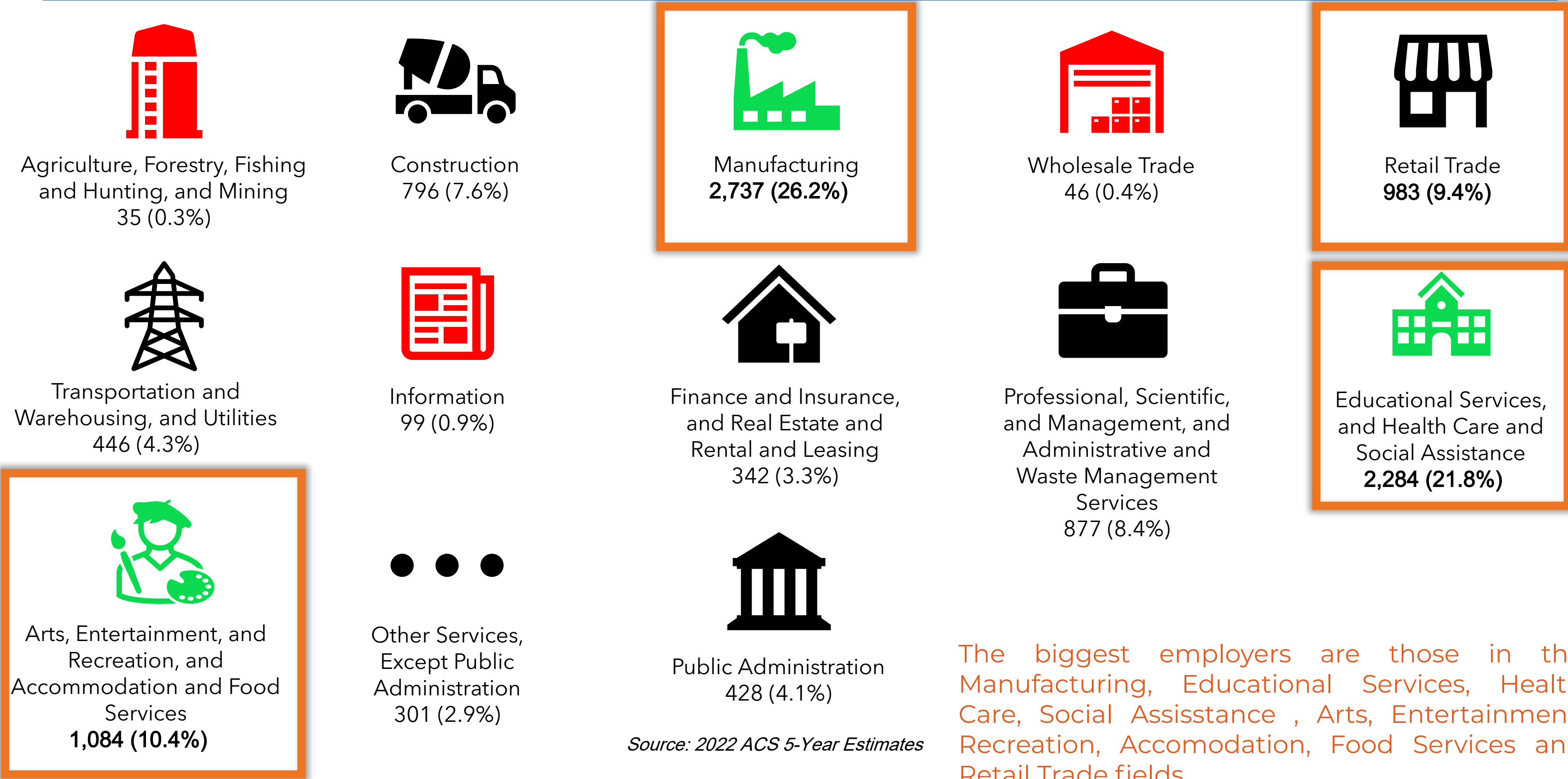
The highest amount of people who leave the city for work are those that make \$3,334 per month. The highest amount of people who come in to the city for work are also those who make more than \$3,334 per month. The higher the income, the higher percentages of mobility for jobs.

Inflow/Outflow by Age



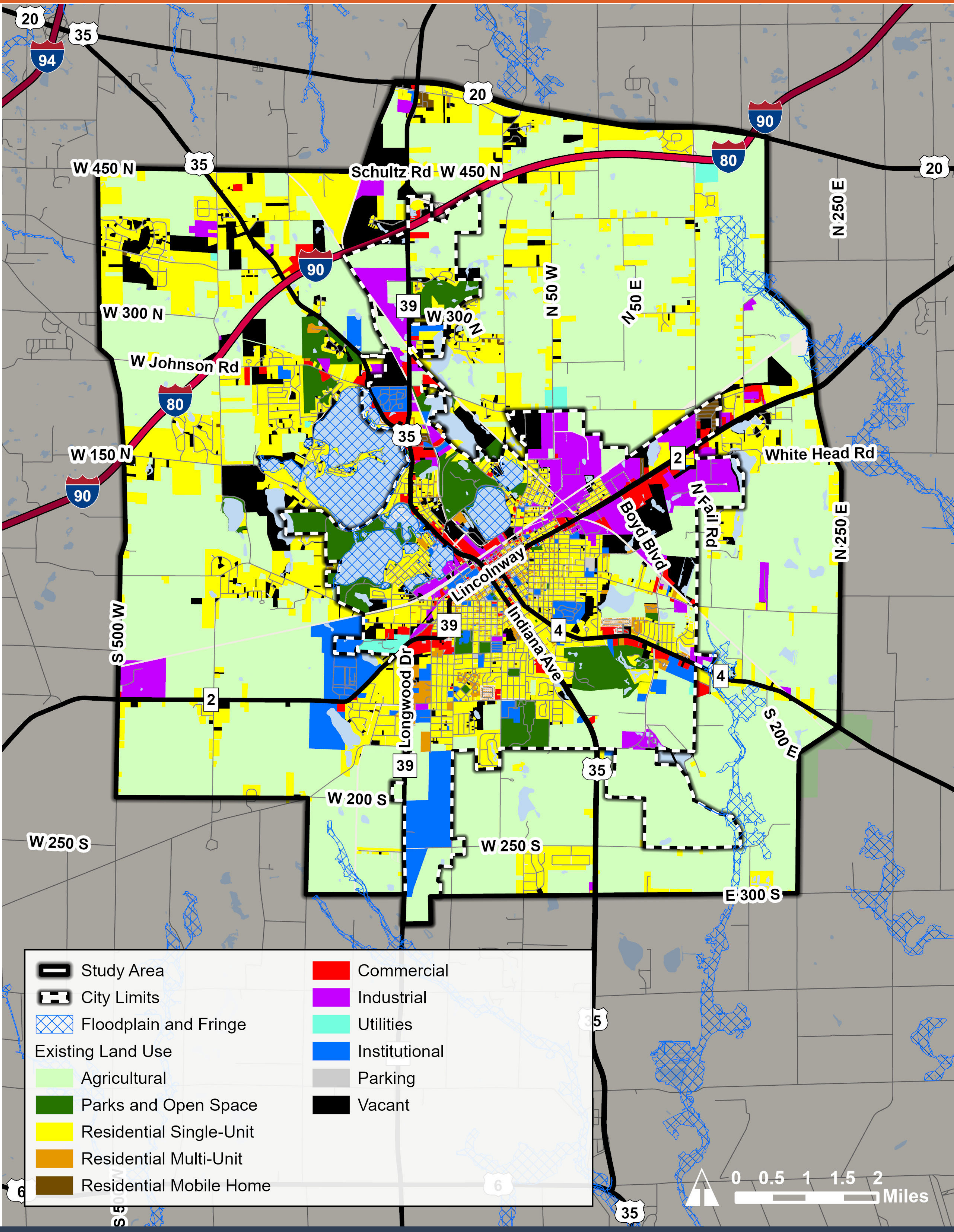
People between the ages 30 and 54 are most likely to leave and come into the city for work (inflow: 51.0%, outflow: 51.4%). That is over half of the commuters for both inflow and outflow. Those 29 and younger or 55 and older are evenly split at around 23-26% commuting outside and inside the city for both.

Jobs in La Porte

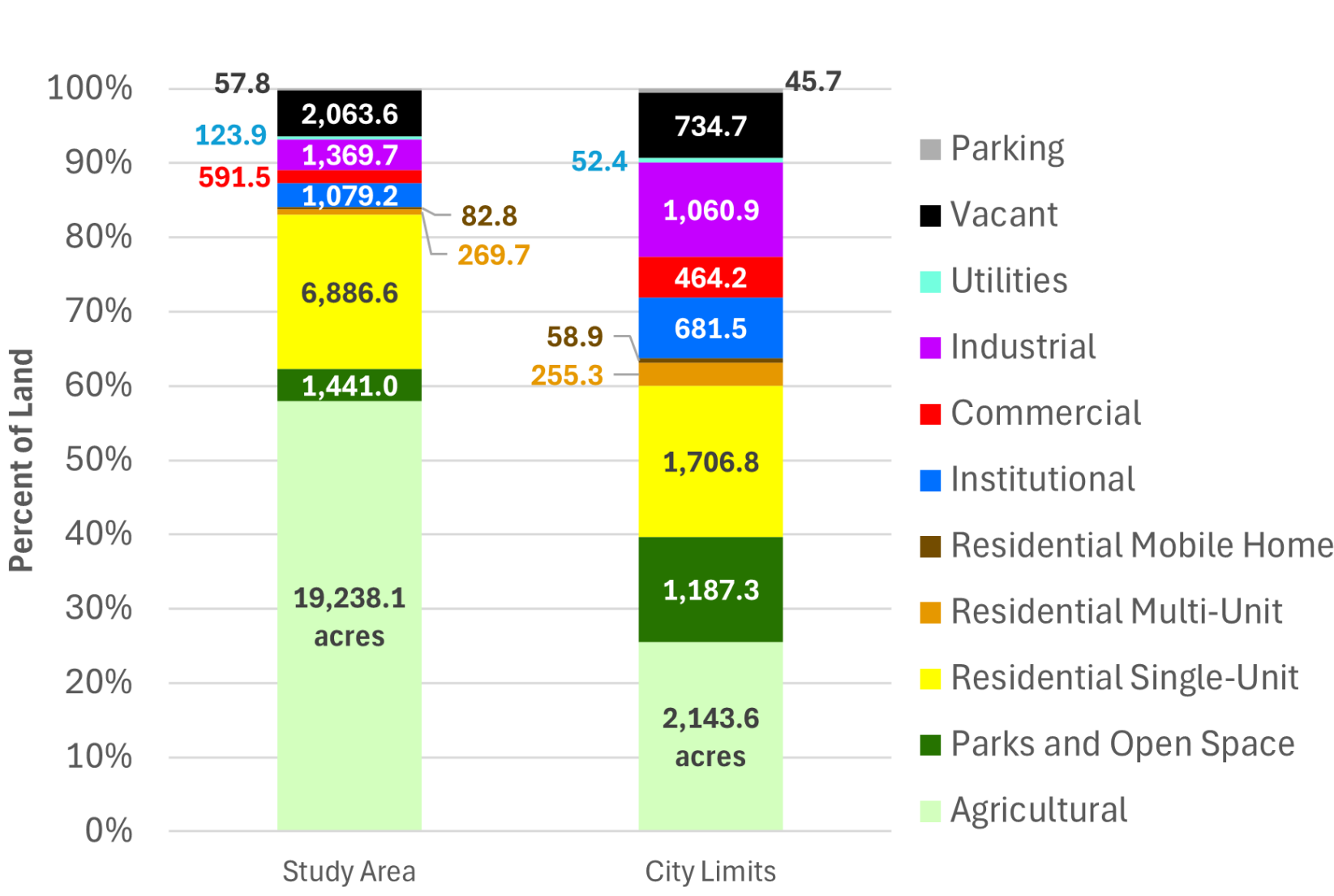
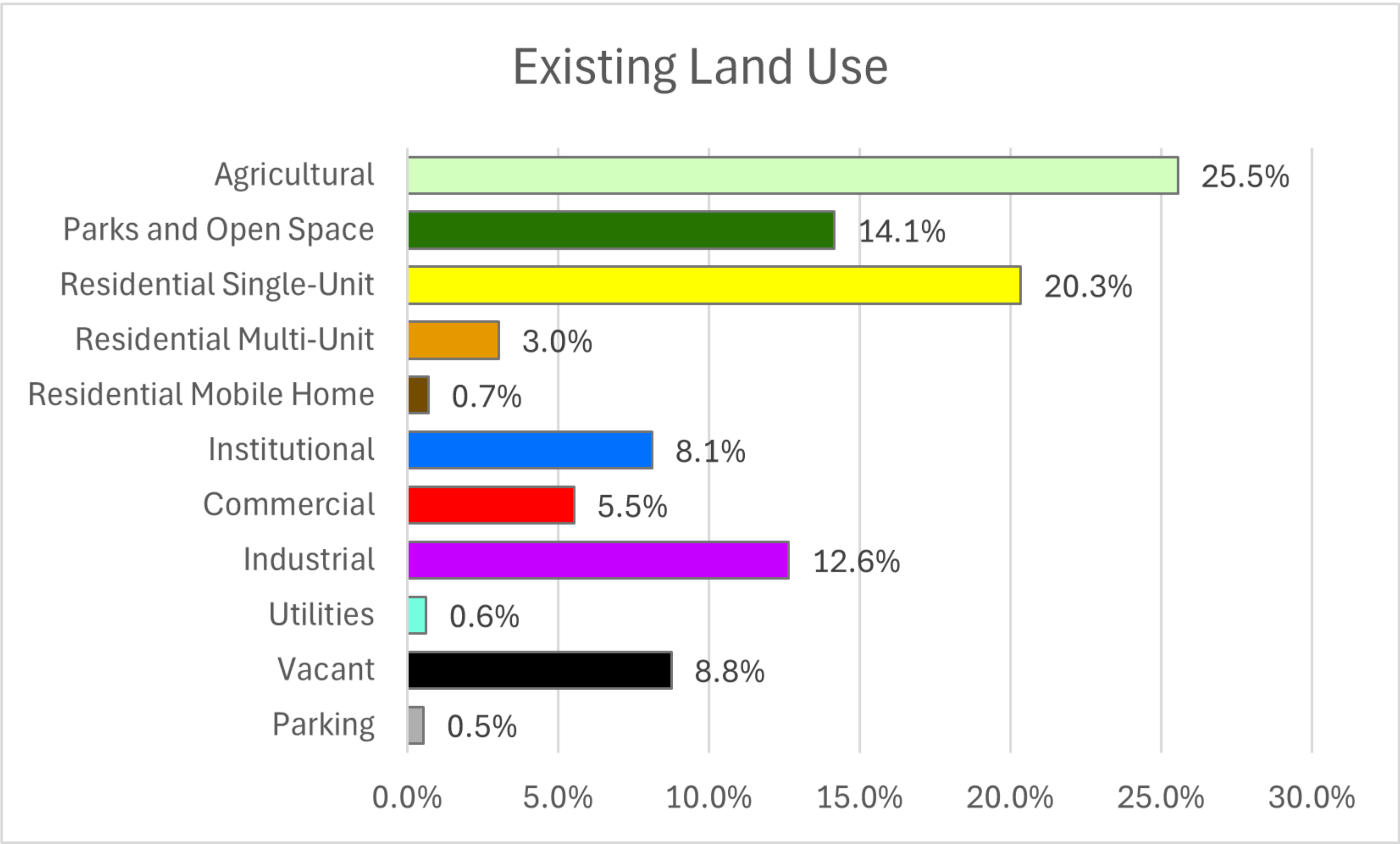


The biggest employers are those in the Manufacturing, Educational Services, Health Care, Social Assistance, Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, Food Services and Retail Trade fields.

Land Use Map



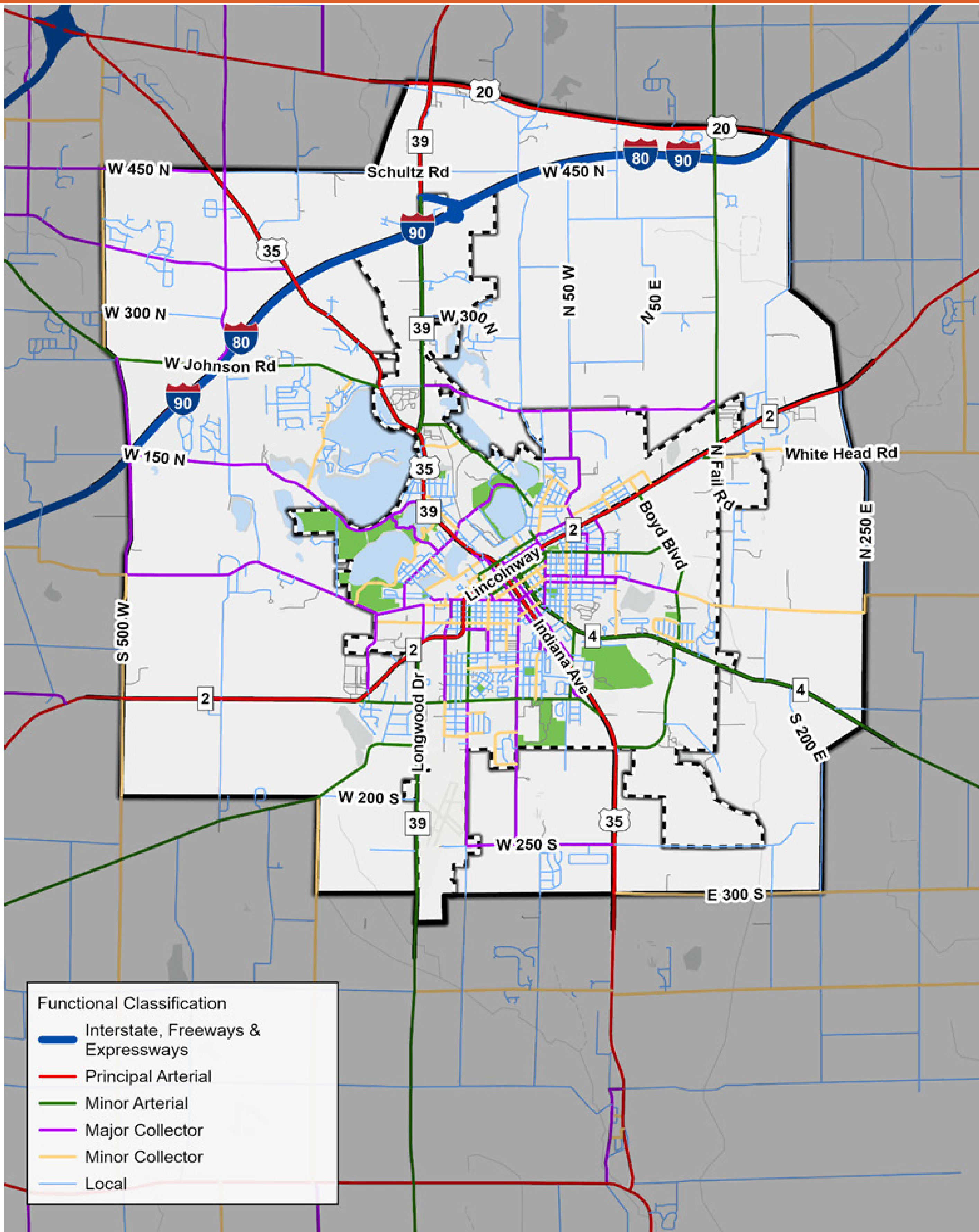
Land Use Percentages



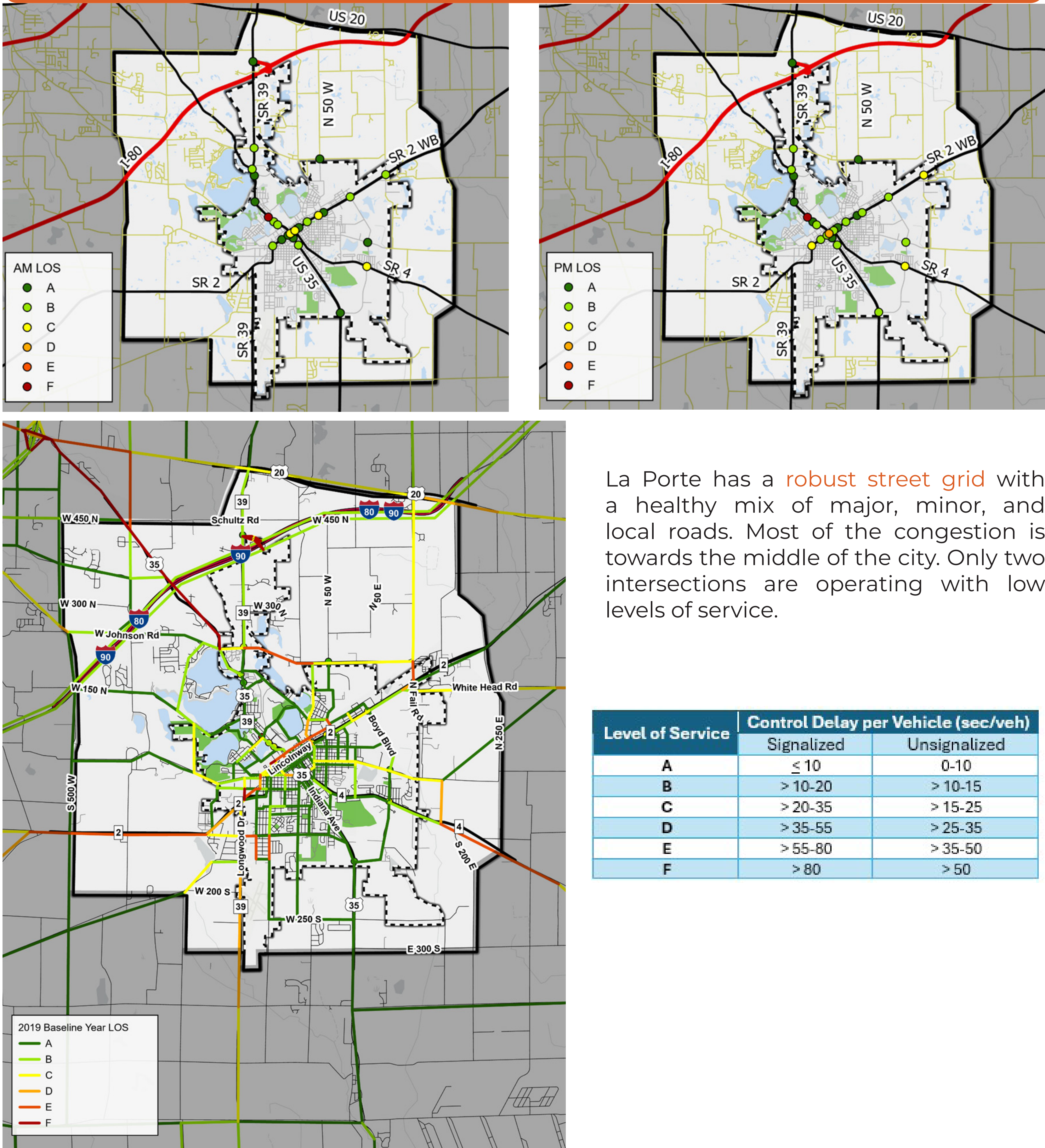
Future land use plans need to provide guidance not only on how to accommodate future housing but also the type, amount, location, and quality of future development. Almost 20% of land within the Downtown Design Development District is dedicated to off-street parking. Redevelopment opportunities exist here. Single-family residences are allowed by right on 45% of land within the city, missing middle housing is permitted by right but in limited capacity; however, it is not being built.

Street Function

Road Network



Street Capacity (Level of Service)

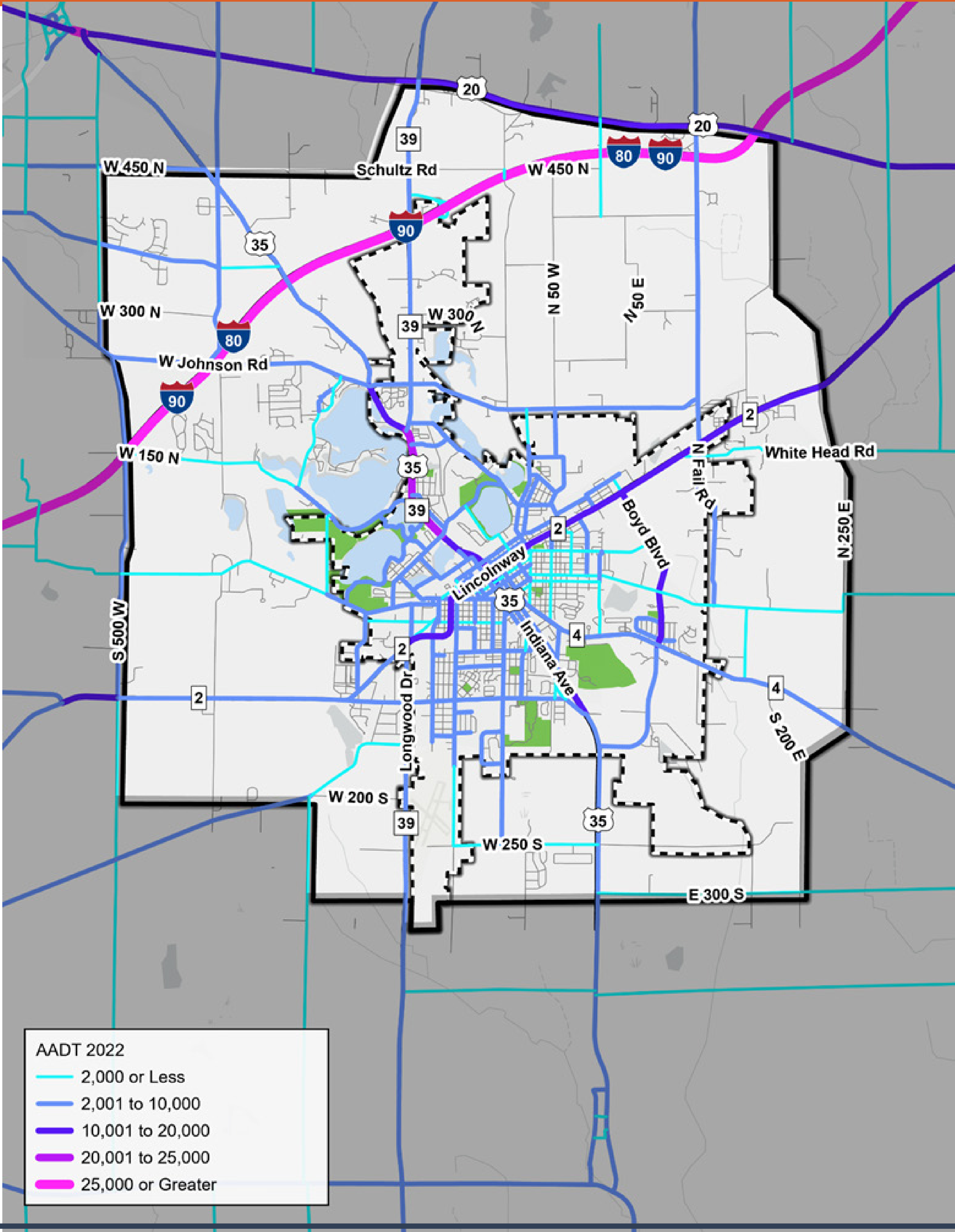


La Porte has a **robust street grid** with a healthy mix of major, minor, and local roads. Most of the congestion is towards the middle of the city. Only two intersections are operating with low levels of service.

Level of Service	Control Delay per Vehicle (sec/veh)	
	Signalized	Unsignalized
A	≤ 10	0-10
B	> 10-20	> 10-15
C	> 20-35	> 15-25
D	> 35-55	> 25-35
E	> 55-80	> 35-50
F	> 80	> 50

Traffic Volumes

Traffic Volume (2022)



What to take from this data?

- US 35 AADT: 21,700 vpd
- SR 3 AADT: 20,600 vpd
- I-80/90: 26,600 vpd
- ~30% decrease in traffic from 2016 to 2019
- ~3% increase in traffic from 2019 to 2022

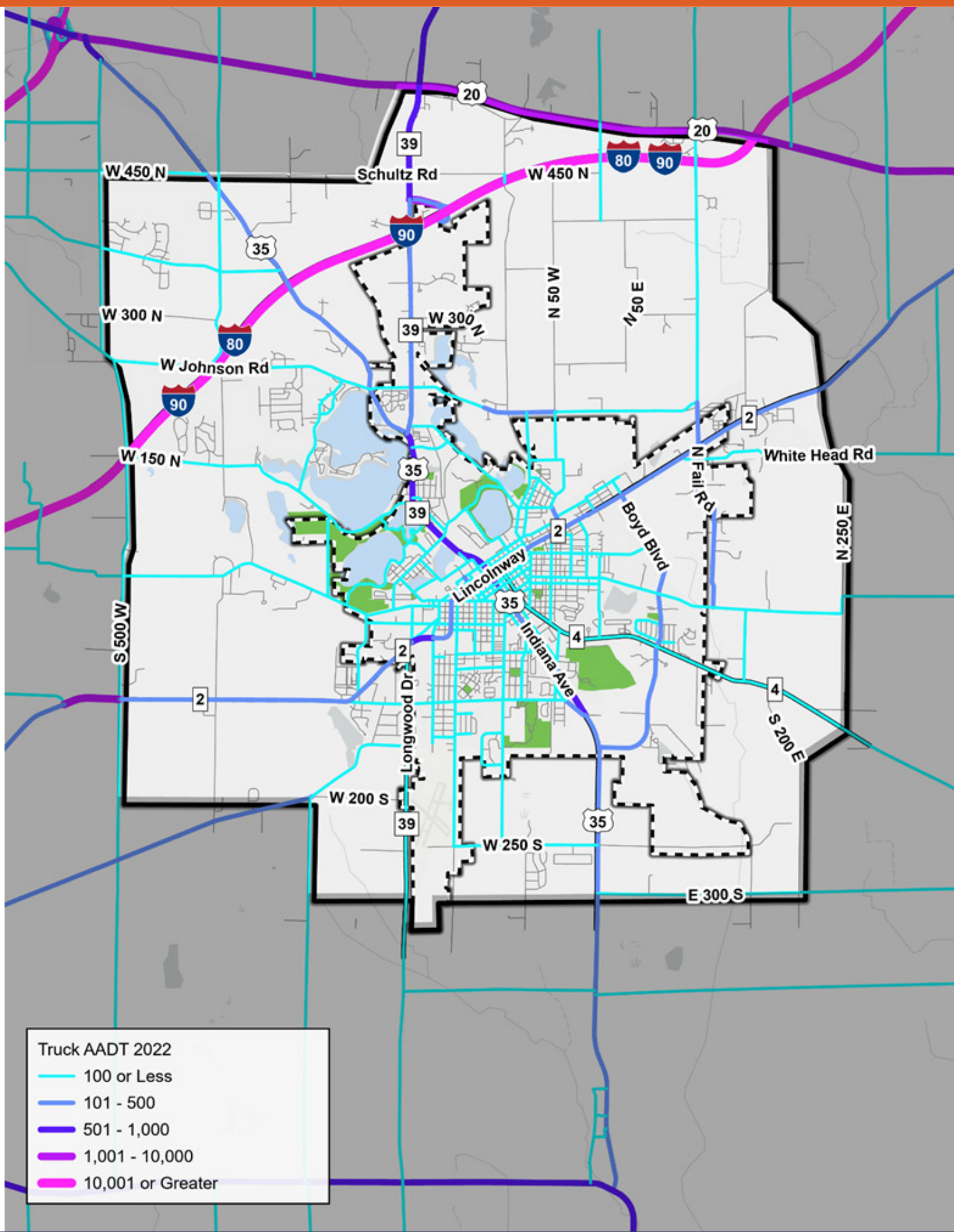
The downtown area is bisected by state-owned facilities (US 35 and SR 2) which carry the most traffic except I-80/90.

Crashes

Bicycle and pedestrian constitute 1.8% of crashes but 11.5% of KSI crashes. The number of fatal crashes increased to 4 in 2023. The number of incapacitating and non-incapacitating crashes also see an increase in 2023 (16 and 69).

Severity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	-	1	-	1	4	6
Incapacitating	13	10	4	12	16	55
Non-incapacitating	33	47	41	38	69	228
Property Damage Only	437	325	435	599	485	2281
Total	483	383	480	650	574	2570

Truck Traffic Volume



Most of the truck traffic is on I-80, US 35, and SR 2. This data reflects the Land Use map with these areas being high spots of Industrial and Commercial uses. These areas are susceptible to crashes and injuries.