

ANNUAL REPORT

THE WHITLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHITLEY COUNTY AT A GLANCE

County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) receipts
 County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT) receipts
 Median Household Income
 Per Capital Personal Income
 Labor Force

	2019	2018	2017
County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) receipts	\$10.5 M	\$4.2 M	\$3.9 M
County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT) receipts	\$2.1 M	\$1 M	\$982,854
Median Household Income	\$67,758	\$60,126	\$54,873
Per Capital Personal Income	\$44,528	\$42,715	\$40,731
Labor Force	17,615	17,198	16,823



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
December 2019



POPULATION
34,074



HOUSEHOLDS
13,548

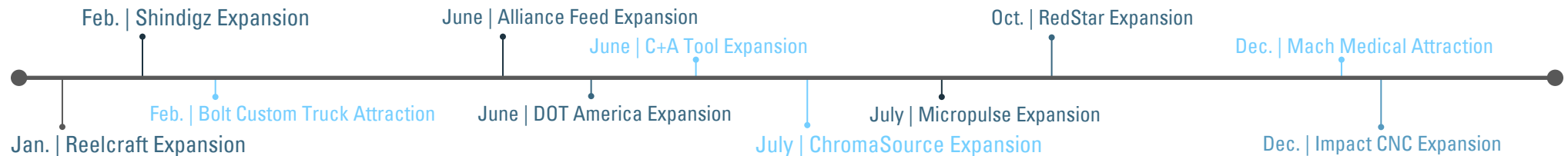


QUALITY OF LIFE RANKING
Based on overall quality and health compared to Indiana's 92 counties



BUSINESSES
1,176

2019 PROJECT TIMELINE



2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

\$47 M	344	\$38.40	9	2
NEW INVESTMENT	COMMITTED NEW JOBS	AVG. HOURLY WAGE <i>for new jobs</i>	EXPANSION PROJECTS	ATTRACTION PROJECTS



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ▶ South Whitley Established their first Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district at the first of the year
- ▶ TEK Coat and Spray, LLC (TEK) and Service Star Trucks (SST), affiliates of Bolt Custom Trucks and Manufacturing (Bolt) located to South Whitley
- ▶ The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) announced plans to install electric generating solar photovoltaic panels in Armstrong Corporate Park in Columbia City
- ▶ Leadership Whitley County celebrated its 18th graduating class
- ▶ Don and Vi LeBrun Gateway Park in South Whitley was completed following a successful crowdfunding campaign
- ▶ Churubusco, Larwill, South Whitley and the unincorporated parts of Whitley County all became certified by the state of Indiana as Broadband Ready Communities
- ▶ More than 300 students toured modern manufacturing facilities in Whitley County for National Manufacturing Day in October
- ▶ Jerry Busche/Impact CNC received a matching grant worth more than \$1 million to create employee housing
- ▶ Mach Medical, a new medical device company, chose to create their head quarters in Park 30 Business Park and is investing more than \$14 million in Whitley County
- ▶ Several housing initiatives began construction on new apartments and homes to combat the housing shortage throughout the county, including the Van Buren Flats and Northside Apartments in Columbia City
- ▶ Larwill announced the creation of their first Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) at the end of the year



WHITLEY COUNTY EDC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Increase the supply of talented employees in Whitley County
- ▶ Fill knowledge gaps for entrepreneurs, small businesses and medium-sized, privately owned business
- ▶ Pursue quality of life initiatives that create measurable outcomes
- ▶ Enhance relationships and coordinate with other community organizations who are pursuing the same priorities

WHITLEY COUNTY EDC MISSION

The Whitley County Economic Development Corporation's mission is to lead a comprehensive program that retains and expands employment opportunities for local residents and attracts business investment to Whitley County.

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- ▶ 80/20 Trust Foundation
- ▶ Bloom Gates Shipman & Whiteleather LLP
- ▶ Building Contractors Association of Northeast Indiana
- ▶ Churubusco
- ▶ Churubusco Rotary
- ▶ Churubusco VFW
- ▶ Columbia City
- ▶ Columbia City High School
- ▶ Community Foundation of Whitley County
- ▶ Duke Energy
- ▶ Fort Wayne Metals
- ▶ Huntington University
- ▶ Indiana Material Council
- ▶ Indiana Michigan Power
- ▶ Ivy Tech Community College
- ▶ Lake City Bank
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- ▶ Micropulse
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