Survey respondents provided demographic information about themselves and their households. This information lends itself to determining if there was some potential bias in responses and some indication of prevailing trends in the Great Fort Wayne Area.

Respondents were asked their age twice in the survey. The first time, as the opening question, they were asked if they were 45 years old or older. If they responded that they were younger than 45, they were brought to the end of the survey and not given an opportunity to complete the remaining questions. The second time was in the Demographics section at the end of the survey. The youngest survey respondents (45-55 years old) comprised 27 percent of the respondents. Just over one-third of respondents (35%) were between the ages of 56 to 65. Nearly one-third (30%) were between 66 and 75. The uppermost age ranges 76-85 and 86-95 represented six percent and two percent of the respondents, respectively.
The majority of respondents (65%) were married and 15 percent were divorced. Eight percent of respondents were widowed and eight percent were never married. The remaining three percent were ‘Not married, living with partner’, none were Separated.
Survey respondents were asked about the generational composition of their household. Fifteen percent of respondent households included children under the age of 18 and 19 percent included children 18 years old or older. Nearly eight percent (7.5%) of respondents reported having children in their household who were below and above the age 18 threshold. Nine percent of respondents reported having children that were attending college, but still considered part of the household. Eighteen percent of respondents reported having an adult relative or friend living in their household. The least common multi-generational combination was having a parent of the survey respondent as part of the household (5%). It should be noted that over two-thirds of respondent households (63.9%; 280/438) were only composed of the householder or the householder and partner or unrelated friend.

FIGURE 8: DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING KINDS OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE?

Respondents were asked if they have a variety of types of health coverage. Over half of the respondents that answered the question (56%; N=428) reported that they carried insurance through a current or former employer of theirs or their spouse. Nearly half (47%) of respondents carried Medicare. Interestingly, almost twelve percent (11.8%; N=415) carried a combination of employer-related insurance and Medicare. The third most common source of health coverage was insurance purchased directly from an insurance company (24%, N = 414). Nine percent of respondents were using Medicaid and seven percent were covered through the Veterans Administration or other military health care.
Over three-quarters of respondents (77%) reported that neither they nor their spouse had any disability, handicap or chronic disease that kept them from fully participating in work, school, housework or other activities. Fourteen percent of respondents reported having such an issue that was impacting their daily lives and six percent reported that their spouse did. Three percent said that these issues impacted both their spouse and themselves. Of those that reported that either they or their spouse had a disability, handicap or chronic disease, the majority (55% or 60/109) were using Medicare for health coverage, just over a quarter (28%, 31/109) were using employer-based health coverage and 22 percent (24/109) were using Medicaid. It should be noted that the health coverages are not mutually exclusive so some people with health-related issues were using a combination of coverages.

Despite efforts to market and offer the survey in Spanish, very few people of Hispanic, Spanish or Latino origin/descent participated in the survey (<1% or three people) and, of those that did, the data suggests that English is their primary language.
The vast majority of respondents indicated that they were White or Caucasian (93%). The second largest race/ethnic group was Black or African American (4%) and the third was Other (3%). Allen County's population itself (372,907 in 2017) is rather diverse (White (82.1%), Black or African American (12%), Asian (2.9%), Two or More Races (2.5%), American Indian or Alaskan Native (0.5%) and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (0.1%)). Keeping in mind that the Greater Fort Wayne Area contains populations in six adjacent counties, that population (223,860 in 2017) is much less diverse (White (98%), Black or African American (0.4%), Asian (0.4%), Two or More Races (0.9%), American Indian or Alaskan Native (0.3%) and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (0.03%)). This dichotomy, along with the Census tracts that were predominant sources of respondents, resulted in the racial/ethnic mix of respondents.
The educational attainment of the respondents primarily fell into the post-secondary and above categories with 89 percent of respondents having at least some post-secondary to graduate/professional training. The remaining 12 percent includes 10 percent having a high school degree only and two percent not having obtained a high school degree, or equivalent, by the time they reached a minimum age of 45 years old. The most common educational attainment across respondents was graduate or professional degree (24%) and four-year college degree (23%). Nearly, fifteen percent of respondents completed a two-year degree. Twenty-eight percent started degrees, either post-secondary (19%) or graduate (9%), but did not obtain a degree by the end of their studies. Interestingly, both Allen County and the surrounding counties have similar educational attainment patterns (for those people 25 years old or older) with 37 percent of the population attaining the level of a two-year degree or higher and 28 percent ending their education after high school graduation. This suggests that the respondent’s educational attainment was higher on average than the general population over the age of 25 in the Greater Fort Wayne Region.

**FIGURE 14: THINKING ABOUT STATE ELECTIONS FOR INDIANA GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATORS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU SAY YOU VOTED? (N=487, RESPONSE RATE=98.2%)**

By-in-large, the survey respondents in the Greater Fort Wayne Area were civically engaged, in terms of voting in state elections for Indiana Governor and Legislators, with 93 percent reporting that they vote at least half the time (Always (74%), Most of the Time (16%) and About half the time (3%)). Seven percent (Seldom (3%) and Never (4%)) reported that they were not civically engaged.
A slight majority of respondents considered themselves to be Republican (33%) versus Democrat (31%). Just over a quarter of respondents (26%) identified themselves as Independent and the remaining ten percent were “Something Else.”

FIGURE 16: IN GENERAL, HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO ONLINE TO ACCESS THE INTERNET? (N=488, RESPONSE RATE=98.4%)
Over three-quarters (78%) reported that they go online “Several times a day” and an additional 13 percent go online about once a day. Of the nine percent of the respondents that are not online daily, nearly seven percent are online between one and six days per week. Less than two percent (1.4%) go online every few weeks (0.6%) or once a month or less (0.8%). Just over one percent (1.2%) of respondents never go online.

**FIGURE 17: WHAT WAS YOUR ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME BEFORE TAXES IN THE MOST RECENT TAX YEAR? (N=452, RESPONSE RATE=91.2%)**

Median income in Allen County (2017) was $52,661. Roughly 64 percent of respondents reported their household income was at or above the median for Allen County. Approximately nineteen percent of respondents reported annual household income in the lowest three tiers (Less than $10k (3%), Between $10k-19,999 (nine percent) and $20k - $29,999 (7%)). At the other end of the spectrum, 39 percent of respondents reported annual household income in the top three tiers ($75k-$99,999 (15%), $100k-$149,999 (17%) and $150k+ (7%)). The remaining 32 percent of respondents fell roughly on either side of median income ($30k - $49,999 (17%) and $50k-$74,999 (25%)).