

THE TOWN OF Merrillville WELCOMES YOU

Why Merrillville? Heart of the Region

- Strategic location in Lake County, Indiana
- Gateway to the Chicago metropolitan area
- Pro-business environment
- Access to regional highways & major markets
- Local government support for new & growing businesses
- Robust utility & infrastructure services
- Low tax rates

Strategic Access & Connectivity

- Located near major highways and interstates
- Easy access to **Chicago** markets and beyond
- Regional transit, freight rail, and international airports nearby



Business & Industry

Sectors with strong labor supply:

- Logistics & Transportation
- Manufacturing
- Professional Services
- Healthcare

Opportunities

Workforce & Talent

- **Labor Force:** 18,257
- **Top Occupations:**
 - Management & Professional: 29.2%
 - Sales & Office: 20.8%
 - Service: 18.9%
- **Mean Commute Time:** 32.3 minutes
- 80.4% commute solo – mobile, reliable workforce



Business-Friendly Stats

- **#1 in Cost of Doing Business**
- **#1 in State Infrastructure** (vs. Michigan, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio), including the best state tax climate index among the other states
- Mixed residential, commercial & industrial development

Community Demographics

- **Population: 36,343 and growing**
- Daily population increases 100,000+ with influx of daily traffic
- Median Age: 41.3 years
- Diverse, multigenerational & educated population
- Inclusive community with welcoming values



Housing & Quality of Life

- **Total Housing Units: 16,255**
- **Median Household Income: \$64,791**
- 65% homeownership rate
- 1.4% seasonal housing – year-round stable population
- Affordable, stable housing options
- Urban amenities with suburban comfort
- Respected school district, recreation, healthcare, and nature nearby



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