



# Distribution

## GRANT COUNTY

### A GLANCE AT THE REGION

- East Central Indiana serves as a strategic distribution hub for businesses distributing product to the Midwest, located between Fort Wayne and Indianapolis
- Northeast Indiana is among the lowest cost regions in the U.S. for serving national markets, ranking 8<sup>th</sup> in the country according to TaimERICA.

Dunham’s Athleisure Corporation invested over \$20 million to expand its Marion, Indiana, distribution center to 732,000 square feet and an additional \$12 million in new equipment, representing one of the largest economic development projects in Indiana for 2014.



DOLLAR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION FACILITY IN MARION, IN

### COST OF DOING BUSINESS

East Central Indiana is known for being aggressive in working to attract new businesses; Grant County prides itself in fitting into this mold. The Grant County Economic Growth Council has a proven track record of doing whatever it takes to create and retain jobs in our community.

A distribution company located in Grant County could expect to pay approximately 6.9 c/kWh for electricity.

#### Employment & Wages

Occupation	2013 ECI Employment	Avg. Hourly Wage	National Avg. Hourly Earnings	ECI/US
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	5,725	\$19.72	\$19.40	101.6%
Laborers and freight and material movers,	4,585	\$12.29	\$12.70	96.8%
Industrial truck and tractor operators	2,999	\$15.79	\$15.43	102.3%

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Occupation	2013 ECI Employment	Avg. Hourly Wage	National Avg. Hourly Earnings	ECI/US
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	2,532	\$13.22	\$14.76	89.6%
Packers and packagers, hand	2,099	\$11.00	\$10.80	101.9%
Light truck or delivery services drivers	1,644	\$15.58	\$16.32	95.5%
Machine feeders and offbearers	736	\$13.96	\$13.79	101.2%
First-line supervisors/managers of transportation and material-moving machine and vehicle operators	655	\$26.34	\$26.65	98.8%
First-line supervisors/managers of helpers, laborers, and material movers, hand	481	\$21.64	\$22.69	95.4%

Source: EMSI 2014.2 Class of Worker, QCEW

## Major Distribution Employers in Grant County

Wal-Mart Distribution Center	Food Warehousing and Distribution	Gas City
Dollar General Distribution Center	Warehousing and Distribution	Marion
Dunham's Athleisure	Sporting Goods	Marion
Hartson-Kennedy Cabinet	Countertop Distribution	Marion
Tree of Life Bookstores	Books Distributor	Marion
CVS Systems / Collins Group	Satellite and electronics; flags distributor	Marion

Source: Grant County Economic Growth Council

## GRANT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

Grant County, Indiana is just 65 miles north of Indianapolis, a city known across the nation as the "Crossroads of America." Situated within a 650-mile radius of major metropolitan markets, Grant County offers small town advantages with easy access to big city benefits.

### Transportation Services

#### Interstate (4 Lanes)

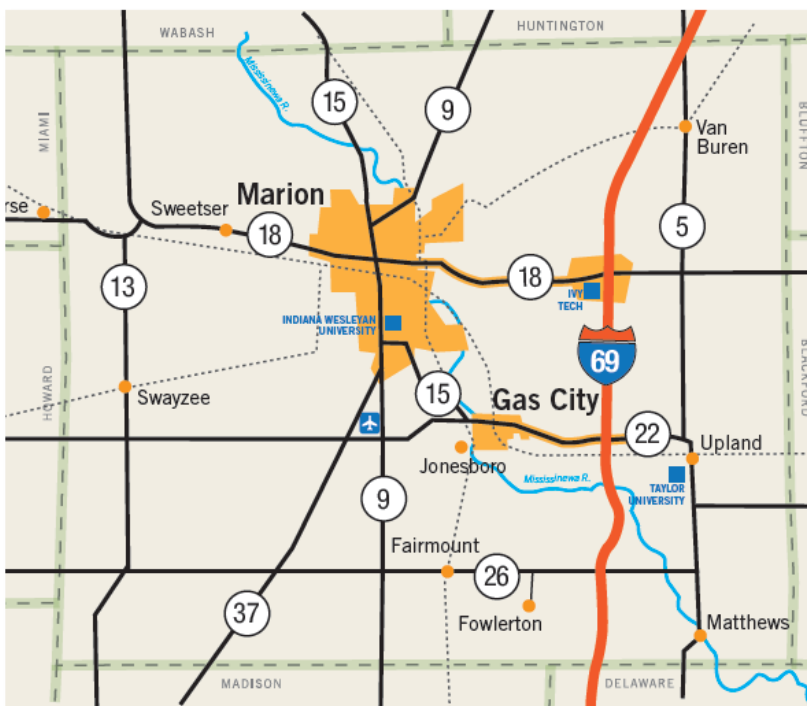
- Interstate 69 is a completed highway extending from Indianapolis, Indiana, northeast to the Canadian border in Port Huron, Michigan

#### Airports

- Fort Wayne International Airport | 45 miles from Marion
- Indianapolis International Airport | 75 miles from Marion
- Marion Municipal Airport | 0 miles from Marion\*
  - \* Full ILS System with 6000 and 3600 foot runways

#### Railroads

- Central Railroad of Indianapolis
- Norfolk Southern



#### TRANSPORTATION MAP LEGEND

- Railroad
- US Interstate
- US Road
- State Road
- Airport
- Port
- Grant County

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