

Eco NETWORK

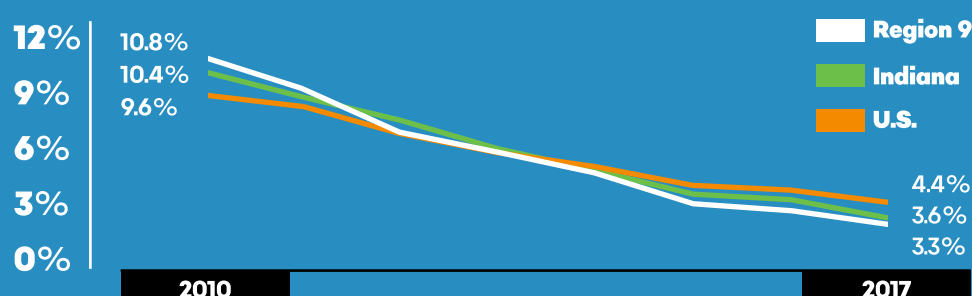
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION



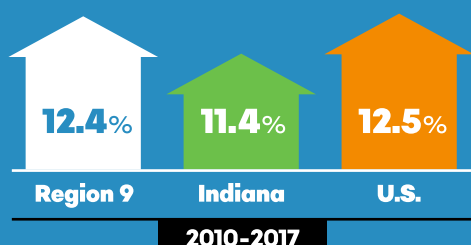
TALENT ATTRACTION

A STRONG ECONOMY NEEDS MORE SKILLED WORKERS. Due to a strong local economy, low unemployment, and higher than average growth in jobs and wages, area employers struggle to find skilled workers to meet demand. In response, Eco Network develops local educational pipelines to available jobs, and contributes to the education and retention of working adults in Southeast Indiana Region 9.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *Annual Average*



EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

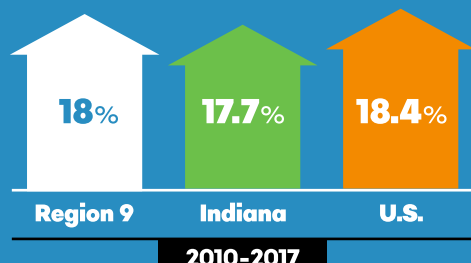


NET DOMESTIC MIGRATION 2010-2017

Indiana and Region 9 have seen more people leave than stay. Although the Columbus MSA has seen gains, Indiana and Region 9 have work to do to grow and retain local talent.



INCREASE IN WAGES



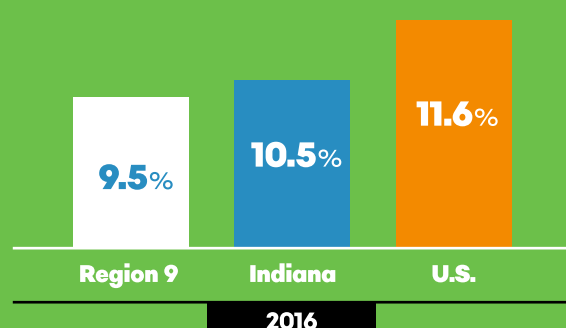
TALENT DEVELOPMENT

SKILL UP SOUTHEAST INDIANA.

Only 31% of adults in Region 9 have a 2-year degree or higher, while over 9% of our population has less than a high school degree. In the future, it's estimated that 60% of all jobs will require an industry recognized credential or degree. Eco Network focuses on strategies that help people access and complete training and education aligned with well-paying jobs.

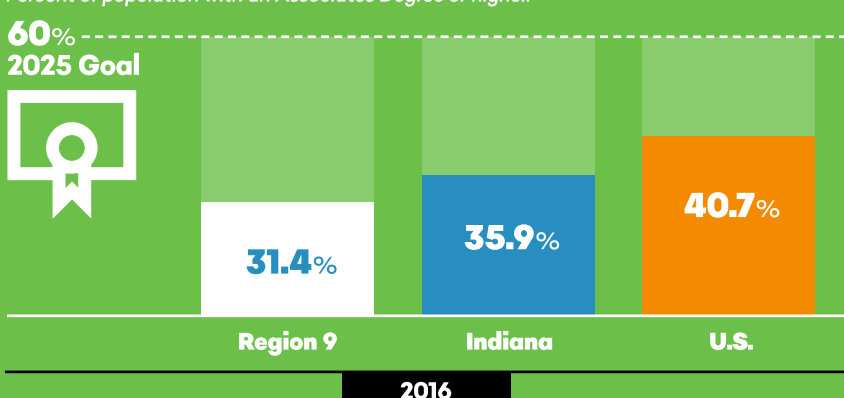
LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Percent of population with less than a High School education.



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Percent of population with an Associates Degree or higher.



NETWORK FOCUS ON INDUSTRY SECTORS

Eco Network focuses its efforts on increasing educational attainment, especially in those Industry Sectors that are the most well-paying in our Southeast Indiana region. Currently, Advanced Manufacturing employs 30% of people in the region, and Healthcare employs 10%.



Employment in Advanced Manufacturing
30%



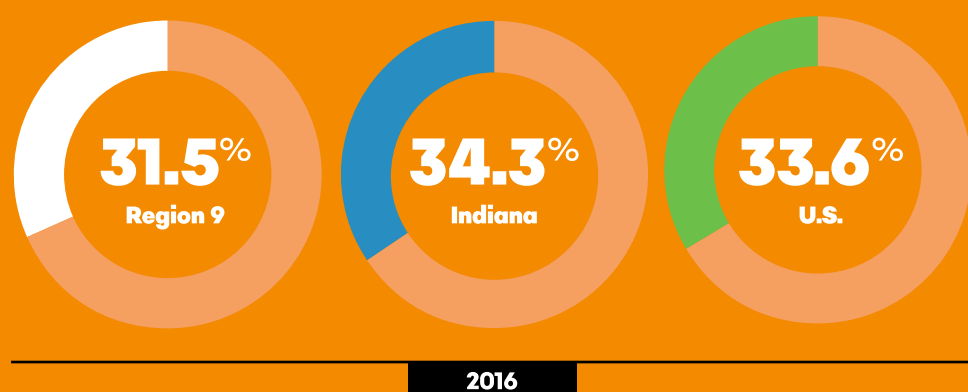
Employment in Healthcare
10%

TALENT ENGAGEMENT

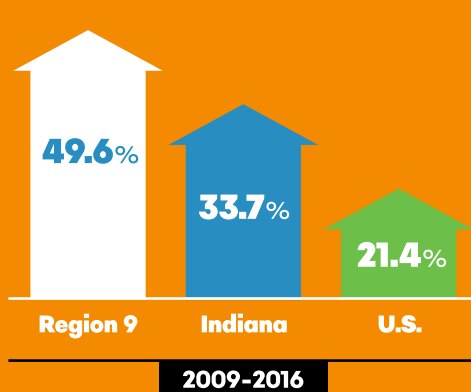
REMOVE BARRIERS TO ACCESS AND SUCCESS.

It's important that we grow and retain local talent to meet area workforce needs. Yet nearly one third of our Region's population lives below self sufficiency. How do we help our low income and Latino students and adults get more education? Eco Network facilitates working together through a lens of equity to improve the system of learning, thereby growing talent locally to meet family, community, and employer needs.

PEOPLE BELOW SELF-SUFFICIENCY *Below 200% Poverty*



LATINO POPULATION GROWTH



LUMINA FOUNDATION has designated Eco Network as one of 17 Talent Hubs across the country. This designation signals to the nation that Eco Network has the skills, know-how, and capacity to create systemic change for postsecondary learners. Acknowledging the exemplary status among peer communities, this elevates our region's effective work and practices to a national level.



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION ALIGNED TO OUR REGION'S ECONOMIC STRENGTHS.



EcO Network, the largest initiative of the Community Education Coalition, focuses on creating a regional system of lifelong learning especially linked to those economic sectors that are the most well-paying in our Southeast Indiana region: Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare.

THROUGH COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS



Through cross-sector collaboration and best practice sharing, the strategies supported by the EcO Network are providing opportunities to help many more students and adults increase their level of education and job skills. In turn, these students and adults are better prepared for well-paying careers in the high-demand economic sectors of the region.

ALIGNED TO WORKFORCE NEEDS



Our impact is seen in the initiatives co-created with employer, education, and community stakeholders through the EcO Manufacturing and Healthcare Networks, including:



- **EcO High School Champion Network**
Career Awareness
- **Work-based Learning Experiences**
High School and Postsecondary
- **Seamless Education Pathways**
In High Demand Fields

Each network has a guiding team that serves and supports the work and consists of a diverse group of stakeholders from the public, private, and social sectors. A regional guiding team is in place and takes responsibility for supporting the overarching goals of the entire network.

WITH A FOCUS ON EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND EQUITY



The EcO Attainment Network seeks to improve the system of lifelong learning, preparing individuals for life, work, and civic engagement. The EcO Attainment Network works with regional partners on strategies to improve:

- **High School Success**
- **Postsecondary Success**
- **Adult Education Success**

It is imperative that we focus our efforts on eliminating educational gaps and disparities for underserved populations through a lens of equity.

RESOURCES AND FACILITATION

Community Education Coalition and its EcO Network initiative serve as the backbone organization that convenes, facilitates, and provides support staff to bring cross-sector partners together through the Networks. The EcO Team uses the CivicLab process of stakeholder engagement and provides a shared language and a data-based common approach to ensure the work happens to create economic opportunities aligned to the region's economic strength.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- 1 / Move residents up at least one level in their education, training, and/or job placement.**
- 2 / Coordinate and align a regional learning system.**
- 3 / Be a catalyst for regional leadership and collaboration.**

