

# TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Census Population Report | 2020 – 2025  
U.S. Census Bureau Annual Estimates • SUB-IP-EST2025-POP-18  
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## Key Statistics at a Glance

**58,764**

2025 Population

**+369**

Net Change 2020–25

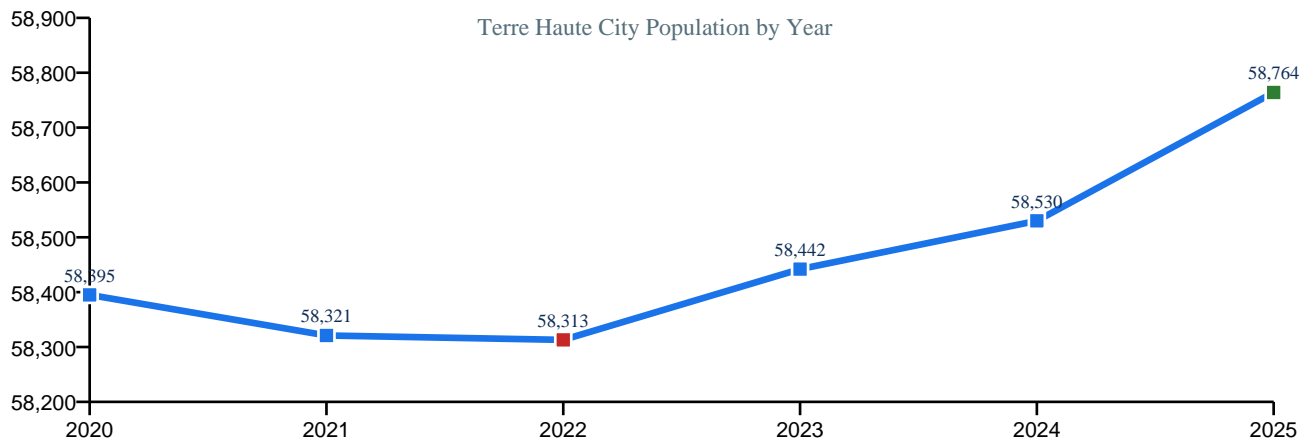
**+0.63%**

% Growth 2020–25

**58,313**

Trough (2022)

## Population Trend (2020–2025)



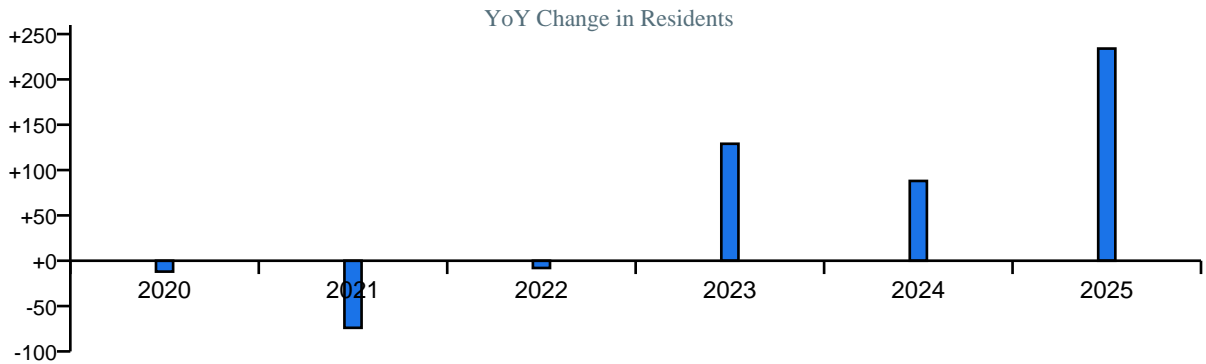
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, SUB-IP-EST2025-POP-18. Estimates as of July 1 each year.

## Terre Haute — Annual Population Data

Year	Population	YoY Change	Trend
Base (Apr 1, 2020)	58,407	—	—
2020	58,395	-12	▼
2021	58,321	-74	▼ (Largest decline)

2022	58,313	-8	▼ Trough
2023	58,442	+129	▲ Recovery begins
2024	58,530	+88	▲
2025	58,764	+234	▲ Strongest year

## ■ Year-over-Year Population Change



Red bars = population decline | Green bars = population growth

## INDIANA PEER CITY COMPARISON

### ■ Indiana Cities: Population Change 2020–2025

City	2020 Pop.	2025 Pop.	Net Change	% Change	Trend
Fort Wayne	264,377	275,203	+10,826	+4.09%	▲ Growing
Bloomington	80,077	83,307	+3,230	+4.03%	▲ Growing
Anderson	54,795	56,153	+1,358	+2.48%	▲ Growing
Indianapolis	887,223	901,116	+13,893	+1.57%	▲ Growing
<b>Terre Haute</b>	<b>58,395</b>	<b>58,764</b>	<b>+369</b>	<b>+0.63%</b>	<b>▲ Growing</b>
Muncie	65,105	65,466	+361	+0.55%	▲ Growing
South Bend	103,341	103,201	-140	-0.14%	▼ Declining
Evansville	117,377	116,176	-1,201	-1.02%	▼ Declining

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, SUB-IP-EST2025-POP-18. Terre Haute row highlighted in blue.

### ■ West Terre Haute — Adjacent Town

West Terre Haute is a separate incorporated town immediately adjacent to Terre Haute. Its population has remained essentially flat throughout the 2020–2025 period, with a net gain of just +4 residents (+0.19%).

Year	Population	YoY Change
Base (Apr 1, 2020)	2,157	—
2020	2,156	-1
2021	2,159	+3
2022	2,157	-2
2023	2,155	-2
2024	2,155	0
2025	2,160	+5

### ■ Key Insights

<p><b>Dip &amp; Recovery Pattern</b></p> <p>Insight Score: 88/100</p>	<p>Terre Haute declined for three consecutive years (2020–2022), bottoming out at 58,313 in 2022. It then reversed course, gaining +451 residents from trough to 2025 — a clean V-shaped recovery.</p>
<p><b>2025 Is the Strongest Growth Year on Record</b></p> <p>Insight Score: 85/100</p>	<p>The +234 gain in 2025 is the single largest year-over-year increase in the entire 2020–2025 window, suggesting momentum is building, not plateauing.</p>
<p><b>Middle of the Pack Among Indiana Peers</b></p> <p>Insight Score: 76/100</p>	<p>Terre Haute's +0.63% growth outpaces Evansville (–1.02%), South Bend (–0.14%), and Muncie (+0.55%), but trails Fort Wayne (+4.09%), Bloomington (+4.03%), Anderson (+2.48%), and Indianapolis (+1.57%).</p>
<p><b>West Terre Haute Remains Stable</b></p> <p>Insight Score: 70/100</p>	<p>The adjacent town of West Terre Haute shows virtually no population movement — net +4 residents over five years — indicating a highly stable, established community.</p>

## ■ Recommendations

### 1. Track 2025 Momentum

The +234 gain is the strongest signal yet. If this pace continues, Terre Haute could cross 59,000 by 2026. Monitor mid-year estimates closely.

### 2. Investigate the 2020–2022 Decline

The dip aligns with COVID-era trends. Worth examining whether it was driven by out-migration, excess mortality, or reduced in-migration from Indiana State University enrollment changes.

### 3. Benchmark Against Anderson

Anderson (+2.48%) is a comparable-sized city significantly outperforming Terre Haute. Studying its growth drivers — economic development, housing, infrastructure — could offer strategic insights.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Terre Haute's 2025 population stands at **58,764** — its highest point in the 2020–2025 window.
- After a three-year decline (2020–2022), the city has posted **three consecutive years of growth**, with 2025 being the strongest at +234 residents.
- The overall net change from 2020 to 2025 is **+369 residents (+0.63%)** — modest but positive.
- Among Indiana's mid-sized cities, Terre Haute ranks **5th out of 8** in percentage growth — ahead of Muncie, South Bend, and Evansville.

- West Terre Haute remains essentially flat at ~2,160 residents, indicating a stable adjacent community.
- **Next step:** Run a forecast scenario for 2026–2030 based on the current growth trajectory.

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Data Trustworthiness: ● ● ● High | Source: U.S. Census Bureau Annual Estimates (SUB-IP-EST2025-POP-18) | All geographic boundaries as of January 1, 2025.