

**Institutional Research Update (August 2015)**

This month's update examines first-year students who entered Saint Mary's College between the fall of 2010 and the fall of 2014. This data covers the five most recent cohorts of Saint Mary's students. Specifically, this report focuses on Indiana residents whom, according to the most recent census (Fall 2014), represent 26% of undergraduate students. Of those Indiana residents, approximately 46% come to Saint Mary's from St. Joseph County, while the next most represented county is Lake which accounts for 9% of first-time students over that time period. The table below lists the top ten most represented counties within Indiana in descending order.

<b>Top 10 Counties: Fall 2010 to Fall 2014 Indiana First-Year Students</b>		
<b>County Name</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percent</b>
St. Joseph	243	45.8%
Lake	48	9.0%
Allen	37	7.0%
Marion	36	6.8%
Elkhart	31	5.8%
Hamilton	27	5.1%
LaPorte	19	3.6%
Porter	18	3.4%
Marshall	14	2.6%
Kosciusko	12	2.3%

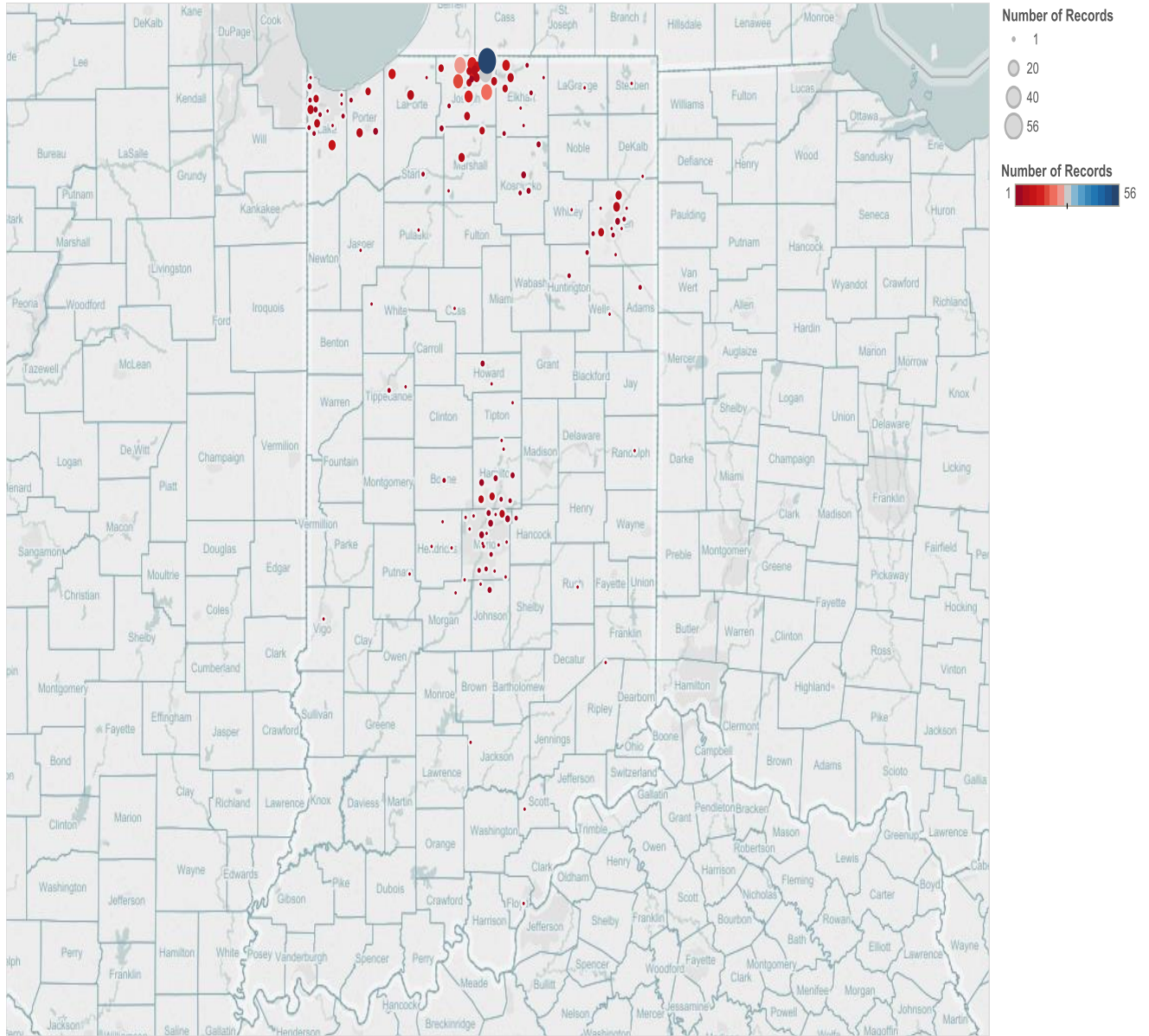
While St. Joseph County is well represented at Saint Mary's College, over 50% of first-time students from Indiana are from either St. Joseph or Elkhart counties. The next most represented region in Indiana is from the northwest. The counties of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte account for 16.0% of first-time Indiana students over the five-year period. The table below identifies four different regions in Indiana and how they are numerically represented among first-year students from Indiana at Saint Mary's College.

<b>Regions* Represented by Indiana First-Year Students</b>		
<b>County Name</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percent</b>
South Bend Area	288	54.2%
Northwest	85	16.0%
Indianapolis Area	53	11.9%
Fort Wayne Area	37	7.0%

\*Regions: **South Bend Area:** St. Joseph, Elkhart, and Marshall Counties; **Northwest:** Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties; **Indianapolis Area:** Hamilton and Marion counties; **Fort Wayne Area:** Adams, Allen, Huntington, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

The table below shows a geographical representation of the distributions of first-year students who come from Indiana by zip code. The larger the dot indicates a higher representation from that particular zip code. As the image below clearly shows the 46530 zip code, which lies in the northeastern corner of St. Joseph County, as the most represented among Indiana first-year students at Saint Mary's.

Fall 2010 to Fall 2014 Indiana First-year Students



Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Color shows sum of Number of Records. Size shows sum of Number of Records. The marks are labeled by CountOf-PIDM KEY. Details are shown for Zip1.