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## Southeastern Indiana

### **DEARBORN COUNTY**

*Formed in 1803 by William Henry Harrison, first governor of the Indiana territory, the county was named for Major General Henry Dearborn, Secretary of War under President Thomas Jefferson. Population: 46,000.*

### **Aurora**

[www.aurora.in.us](http://www.aurora.in.us)

This is a pretty river town named Aurora by Judge Jesse Lynch Holman in 1819. There are older and newer homes, both in the downtown area and in the surrounding countryside. Its historic district includes 200 houses and five churches. The community celebrates with parades and festivals, such as the yearly Farmers Fair and Firecracker Craft Show. There's a regatta in August. Hillforest Mansion, a beautifully restored Victorian home overlooking the Ohio River, is a National Historic Landmark that offers a variety of programs. Aurora, along with the other Southeastern Indiana communities, has become increasingly popular with commuters seeking country living.

- *Avg. home price* \$109,828
- *Approx. Area* 2.2 square miles
- *Population* 3,825
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 35-40 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district:* South Dearborn Community Schools

## Bright

[www.brightin.org](http://www.brightin.org)

Once a farming community, Bright, settled in the 1800s, has grown as I-275 has expedited the area's outward expansion. The community retains its very rural feel, with heavily wooded hills and winding lanes. Deer, hawks and other wildlife are frequently observed. While the drive is a little farther to downtown, the distance also means home buyers get more for their money, with a fairly large selection of old homes, and newer, contemporary homes, many secluded on large, wooded lots. Bright's claim to fame? Knowles Shaw, who wrote the words to the hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves" in 1886, preached at Bright's First Christian Church known as Old Union.

- *Avg. home price* \$163,527
- *Approx. Area* 4 square miles
- *Population* 3,500 (unincorporated area)
- *Government* County Council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 35 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School districts:* Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools, Lawrenceburg Community Schools, South Dearborn Community Schools

## Greendale

The town was platted in 1852 by a group of industrialists looking for a location for their businesses. I-275 links Greendale with Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and the airport to the south, and the western suburbs of Cincinnati are to the north. Historic houses blend with affordable, newer homes in Greendale, situated atop a ridge near the Ohio River. Residents are proud of their neighborhood and do their part in keeping Greendale an attractive and well-kept community. In 1997, 3.67 acres (including Valley Woods Subdivision) were annexed to Greendale, doubling its size.

- *Avg. home price* \$103,682
- *Approx. Area* 5.81 square miles
- *Population* 4,689
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25-30 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 20 minutes
- *School district:* Lawrenceburg Community Schools

## Hidden Valley Lake

[www.hiddenvalley-lake.com](http://www.hiddenvalley-lake.com)

An upscale residential community, Hidden Valley, is an incorporated community developed in 1972 on 1,746 acres of wooded hills and valleys. A 150-acre lake, 120 feet deep with four and a half miles of shoreline, is its focal point. Many homes have been built on the shores of the lake or along the 18-hole PGA golf course. Some are located on wooded lots in a peaceful setting. Amenities here include a community swimming pool, tennis courts, a marina, a beach and a restaurant. Housing leans toward the traditional and the contemporary, though several have a Bavarian influence. The median household income is \$70,444.

- *Avg. home price* *\$190,684*
- *Approx. Area* *2.8 square miles*
- *Population* *3,500*
- *Government* *Property Owners Association*
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* *25 minutes*
- *Approx. drive to airport* *20 minutes*
- *School districts:* *Lawrenceburg, Sunman Dearborn Schools*

## Lawrenceburg

[www.lawrenceburg.in.us](http://www.lawrenceburg.in.us)

The county seat of Dearborn County, Lawrenceburg, has been reinvigorated with the opening of Argosy Casino. The area still retains its small-town atmosphere, even as it continues to grow. There are two main residential areas: the older homes section of the Lawrenceburg city area and the newer construction in Ludlow Hill. Lawrenceburg is also home to the Perfect North Slopes ski area and Dearborn County Hospital. The community's convenient access to I-275 makes this an easy commute to the airport and to growing commercial areas in western Northern Kentucky. Founded in 1801 by Samuel Vance, commander of U.S. troops at Cincinnati's Fort Washington, the city celebrated its 200th year in 2002. Vance named the city after his wife's maiden name, Lawrence.

- *Avg. home price* *\$111,789*
- *Approx. Area* *4 square miles*
- *Population* *4,392*
- *Government* *Mayor/council*
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* *25 minutes*
- *Approx. drive to airport* *20 minutes*
- *School district:* *Lawrenceburg Community Schools*