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INDIANA

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MAJOR CITIES:

East Region	Fort Wayne
Central Region	Indianapolis
South Region	Evansville
North Region	South Bend
South Central	Bloomington

	Name	Population Estimate (E) 2013-07-01
1	Indianapolis	843,393
2	Fort Wayne	256,496
3	Evansville	120,310
4	South Bend	100,886
5	Carmel	85,927
6	Fishers	83,891
7	Bloomington	82,575
8	Hammond	78,967
9	Gary	78,450
10	Lafayette	70,373
11	Muncie	70,316

INDIANA – CLIMATE

Indiana has an invigorating climate with strongly marked seasons. Winters are often cold, sometimes bitterly so. The transition from cold to hot weather can produce an active spring with thunderstorms and tornadoes. Oppressive humidity and high temperatures arrive in summer. Autumn is favored by many residents as a pleasant time of the year with lower humidity than the other seasons, and mostly sunny skies.

Indiana's location within the continent highly determines this cycle of climate. The Gulf of Mexico is a major player in Indiana's climate. Southerly winds from the Gulf region readily transport warm, moisture laden air into the state. The warm moist air collides with continental polar air brought southward by the jet stream from central and western Canada. A third air mass source found in Indiana originates from the Pacific Ocean. Due to the obstructions posed by the Rocky Mountains, however, this third source arrives less frequently in the state.

A winter may be unusually cold or a summer cool if the influence of polar air is persistent. Similarly, a summer may be unusually warm or a winter mild if air of tropical origin predominates. The interaction between these two air masses of contrasting temperature, humidity, and density favors the development of low pressure centers that move generally eastward and frequently pass over or close to the state, resulting in abundant rainfall. These systems are least active in midsummer and during this season frequently pass north of Indiana.

Weather changes occur every few days as surges of polar air move southward or tropical air northward. These changes are more frequent and pronounced in winter than in summer.

The effect of Lake Michigan on the climate of northern Indiana is well defined in the climatological data. This effect is most pronounced just inland from the Lake Michigan shore and diminishes rapidly with distance. Cold air passing over the warmer lake water induces precipitation in the lee of Lake Michigan in autumn and winter. As a result of this phenomena, heavy winter precipitation, especially snowfall, can extend eastward from Gary inland to as far as Elkhart. Lake-related snowfall and cloudiness can extend to central Indiana in winter, driven by strong northwesterly winds. In the spring, daily maximum temperatures decrease northward in northern Indiana because of the cooling effect of the Lake. Average daily minimum temperatures in autumn are higher in northwestern Indiana near the warmer lake surface than farther south.

Variations in temperature can occur in short distances where terrain is hilly. On calm, clear nights the valley bottoms have lower temperatures than the slopes and tops of the surrounding hills.

Temperature

Air temperatures in Indiana have a wide annual range due to the state's location and its natural characteristics. The state record observed daily maximum temperature is 116 degrees at Collegeville on July 14, 1936. The record minimum temperature is -36 degrees observed on January 19, 1994 at New Whiteland. January is typically the coldest month of the year with normal daily maximum temperatures ranging from 31 to 38 degrees north to south across Indiana. Normal January minimums range between 15 and 21 degrees north to south. July is the warmest month with daily maximums averaging 80 to 83 degrees and minimums 63 to 65 degrees north to south. Winters have been milder than usual during the last decade due to the strong influences of El Nino on Indiana weather. Prolonged severe hot and cold spells are uncommon in Indiana.

The dates of the last freezing temperature in spring and the first in autumn vary greatly from year to year. Two-thirds of the time they occur within a 20- to 24-day period centered at the mean date. The average date of the last freezing temperature in spring ranges from the second week of April in extreme southwest Indiana to the second week of May in the extreme northeast. The trend of a later date toward the north is reversed in extreme northwestern Indiana, where the average date is about May 1 near Lake Michigan. In autumn the average date of the first temperature of 32 degrees or colder is from September 26 in the extreme northeast to October 26 along the Ohio River in the southwest.

Average annual precipitation ranges from 37 inches in northern Indiana to 47 inches in the south. May is the wettest month of the year with average rainfall between 4 and 5 inches across the state. Average rainfall decreases slightly as summer progresses. Autumn months are drier with 3 inches of rainfall typical in each month. Indiana winters are the driest time of year with less than 3 inches of precipitation commonly received each month. February is the driest month of the year statewide, then precipitation increases in March and April as the spring soil moisture recharge season begins. On average precipitation occurs every third day in Indiana.

Cloudiness is least in autumn and greatest in winter. The sun is usually visible about 65 percent of daylight hours on summer days but only 30 percent of the time on winter days. The northern part of the state is cloudier than the south, particularly in the winter when the Great Lakes have their greatest effect upon the weather.

During daylight relative humidity is usually lower in the south than in the north. This is true for all seasons. However, the simultaneous occurrence of high temperatures and high relative humidity is most frequent in the south. This combination defines the heat index which is often in the uncomfortable zone during much of Indiana summer.

Severe storms which damage property and cause loss of life are most frequent in the spring. Indiana has an annual average of 23 reported tornadoes. Indiana tornadoes have occurred in every month of the year. On June 2, 1990, 37 tornadoes ripped through Indiana, the most on any one day in state history. Property damage is greatest from high winds during thunderstorms, while hail occasionally causes loss of crops over small areas during the summer.

Prevailing winds average near 10 miles per hour and travel generally from the southwest during most of the year. Wind speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour have been measured in Indiana near severe storms and tornadoes. During winter months winds prevail from a northerly direction and are more persistent. The land and sea breeze effect is prominent in the summer and the cooling sea breeze tends to reduce daytime maximum temperatures along the Lake Michigan shore and for up to a mile inland.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Indiana Cultural Districts

History and Locations

In 2008, Rep. Eric Koch (R-Bedford) authored legislation to establish Indiana Statewide Cultural Districts. These Districts promote the exploration of and participation in the arts and humanities through cultural experiences that are unique to our communities, while also supporting community life and economic vitality. In December 2009, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) <http://www.in.gov/arts/> in Bloomington, Carmel, and Lafayette/West Lafayette. Currently, Indiana has five designated cultural districts:



- [Tippecanoe Arts and Cultural District](#)
- The Tippecanoe Arts and Cultural District encompasses the downtown districts of Lafayette-West Lafayette—the heart of the Tippecanoe region. This area, comprised of three distinct areas (Chauncey Village, Wabash Riverfront and Arts and Market) centered around the storied Wabash River, is also home to an abundance of art and cultural attractions and venues such as the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, Long Center for the Performing Arts, Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, Morton Community Center and the Tippecanoe Arts Federation. Art galleries, traditional and non-traditional performance spaces, theaters, specialty retail and casual and fine dining restaurants representing the ethnic diversity of the area dot the District which help to define the Greater Lafayette Culture. The community also celebrates its heritage, holidays and culture through unique public art and dozens of festivals, events and community gatherings throughout the downtown and district that attracts both local citizens and visitors far and wide.
- Website: <http://www.lafayettewestlafayettedowntown.com/>
- [Carmel Arts and Design District](#)
- Welcome to the Midwest’s newest, premier setting for the arts and design industry. The Carmel Arts & Design District has attracted well over 100 businesses including art galleries, antique dealers, furniture and interior design showrooms, restaurants, boutiques, creative service providers, and an eclectic variety of specialty retail stores. And the list of merchants continues to grow.
- Residents and visitors enjoy a vibrant oasis of fun and inspiration. Townhouses and condominiums share the stimulating, artistic atmosphere with retail storefronts and professional office suites. With immediate access to the Monon Trail, bricked sidewalks, public sculptures and proximity to nearby cultural amenities, the Arts & Design District provides a truly unique experience.
- Website: <http://www.carmelartsanddesign.com/>
- [Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District \(BEAD\)](#)
- Experience what makes Bloomington Bloomington.

- Beats. Eats. Arts. Digs. Shops.
60 blocks of fabulousity.
Found only in downtown Bloomington.
- The Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District (BEAD) is galleries, live music, performing arts, over 90 restaurants and 100 specialty shops, parks, hotels, cozy neighborhoods in ten distinct character districts – each with a personality all its own. Walkable, rideable, don't miss-able. A cultural district like no other.
- To make BEAD your next arts and entertainment destination go to <http://www.visitbead.com/>. It's got the rundown on everything there is to see and do in downtown.

Start your visit at the official BEAD Info Stop at the BCT Box Office & Downtown Visitor Center at 114 E. Kirkwood Avenue. There you'll find more information on BEAD and other attractions throughout Bloomington.

- BEAD is an economic development project of the City of Bloomington. For more information contact bead@bloomington.in.gov or call 812.349.3534.
- [Columbus Arts District](#)
- Located just 45 miles from Indianapolis, The Arts District of Columbus, Indiana is home to a modern design revolution presenting a bounty of more than 70 buildings and 360 cultural assets and pieces of public art by prominent architects and artists. Fueled by the civic-minded industrialist J. Irwin Miller, the city's architectural explosion attracted some of the world's most notable modern master architects including I.M. Pei, Cesar Pelli, Harry Weese, Gunnar Birkerts, and Eero Saarinen.

Within the Columbus Arts District is a unique blend of historic structures and contemporary works – featuring buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, seven National Historic Landmarks; indoor and outdoor public parks that are creatively designed, unique and accessible; art and design galleries and cultural tours. Columbus embraces a “Welcoming Community” strategy complemented by diversity in both culture and architecture and manifested in the design and enhancement of the Arts District.

Columbus Area Visitors Center: www.columbus.in.us.

- Columbus Area Arts Council: www.artsincolumbus.org.
- [Nashville Arts and Entertainment District](#)
- For over 100 years, Nashville, in the tree-covered hills of Brown County, Indiana, has been a destination for artists and tourists seeking the natural beauty and rustic charm of one of America's original artists' colonies. Visitors will find the town a hub of local art, live music, and eclectic boutiques with their overnight stay enhanced by welcoming accommodations. A leisurely drive through the winding back roads of Brown County reveal an array of artist studios and galleries, outdoor recreation, and more of the beauty and history of this unique locale. Whether you're looking for a peaceful respite from the daily grind, an inspiring immersion into the world of art, or an adrenaline-inducing excursion deep into the hills, your perfect escape awaits you here.
- Brown County Convention and Visitors Bureau: www.browncounty.com.

GROCERY SHOPPING

<p>The Kroger Company Aldi Inc Buehler Foods Inc IGA Foodliner</p>	<p>Jay C Food Stores Marsh Supermarkets Inc More for Less Lakeshore Foods Corp</p>
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SHOPPING

Area 	City 	Mall 
Chicago area	Merrillville IN	Southlake Mall
Chicago area	Michigan City IN	Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets
Chicago area	Michigan City IN	Marquette Mall and Office Tower
Indianapolis/central IN	Bloomington IN	College Mall
Indianapolis/central IN	Carmel IN	Clay Terrace
Indianapolis/central IN	Edinburgh IN	Edinburgh Premium Outlets
Indianapolis/central IN	Greenwood IN	Greenwood Park Mall
Indianapolis/central IN	Indianapolis IN	Castleton Square
Indianapolis/central IN	Indianapolis IN	Circle Centre
Indianapolis/central IN	Indianapolis IN	Fashion Mall at Keystone
Indianapolis/central IN	Indianapolis IN	Glendale Town Center
Indianapolis/central IN	Indianapolis IN	Washington Square
Indianapolis/central IN	Kokomo IN	Markland Mall
Indianapolis/central IN	Lafayette IN	Tippecanoe Mall
Indianapolis/central IN	Marion IN	Five Points Mall
Indianapolis/central IN	Muncie IN	Muncie Mall
Indianapolis/central IN	Noblesville IN	Hamilton Town Center
Indianapolis/central IN	Plainfield IN	Metropolis
Indianapolis/central IN	Richmond IN	Richmond Square Mall
Northern Indiana	Elkhart IN	Concord Mall
Northern Indiana	Fort Wayne IN	Glenbrook Square
Northern Indiana	Fort Wayne IN	Jefferson Pointe

Northern Indiana	Fremont IN	The Outlet Shoppes At Fremont
Northern Indiana	Mishawaka IN	University Park Mall
Southern Indiana / Tri-state	Clarksville IN	Green Tree Mall
Southern Indiana / Tri-state	Evansville IN	Eastland Mall
Western IN	Terre Haute IN	Honey Creek Mall

Border State Malls - within 20 miles of IN

Distance from IN	Area	City	Mall
20 miles	Chicago region	Bourbonnais IL	Northfield Square Mall
1 miles	Chicago region	Calumet City IL	River Oaks Center
16 miles	Chicago region	Chicago IL	Water Tower Place
16 miles	Chicago region	Chicago IL	Shops at North Bridge
17 miles	Chicago region	Chicago IL	The 900 Shops
13 miles	Chicago region	Chicago IL	Ford City Mall
15 miles	Chicago region	Chicago Ridge IL	Chicago Ridge Mall
11 miles	Chicago region	Matteson IL	Lincoln Mall
20 miles	Chicago region	North Riverside IL	North Riverside Park Mall
18 miles	Chicago region	Orland Park IL	Orland Square
17 miles	Northern KY	Crestview Hills KY	Crestview Hills Town Center
14 miles	Northern KY	Florence KY	Florence Mall
6 miles	Northern KY	Louisville KY	Mall St. Matthews
7 miles	Northern KY	Louisville KY	Oxmoor Center
11 miles	Northern KY	Louisville KY	Jefferson Mall
11 miles	Western KY	Owensboro KY	Towne Square Mall
15 miles	Cincinnati	Cincinnati OH	Northgate Mall

<http://www.mallseeker.com/Indianamalls.aspx>

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PHARMACIES

Walgreens

CVS Pharmacy

Target

Kroger

Rite Aid

Wal-Mart

Hook's

POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



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TIME ZONES

Indiana Time Zone - Indiana Current Local Time – Daylight Saving Time

80 eastern Indiana counties are in the Eastern Time Zone
12 western Indiana counties are in the Central Time Zone

http://localtimes.info/North_America/United_States/Indiana/

COST OF LIVING IN INDIANA

Cost of Living	Indiana, IN	United States
Overall	85	100
Grocery	92.1	100
Health	97	100
Housing	64	100
Utilities	89	100
Transportation	99	100
Miscellaneous	96	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Indiana, IN is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Indiana, IN is more expensive.

Overall, Indiana, IN cost of living is 85.30

http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/Indiana

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MINIMUM WAGE

State	2018 Minimum Wage	2018 Tipped Wage
IN	\$7.25	\$2.13

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/minwage/america.htm#stateDetails>

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WORMAN'S COMPENSATION

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Bloomington: [Bloomington Transit](#)

Chicago: [Northern Indiana CTD](#)

Indianapolis: [IndyGo](#)

Lafayette: [CityBus](#)

South Bend: [Transpo](#)

<http://www.apta.com/resources/links/unitedstates/Pages/IndianaTransitLinks.aspx>
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