

Driver/Metric	Current rank	*Prior rank
<b>OUTSTANDING TALENT</b>		
<b>Increase proficiency in math, science and reading to "Top 5" status nationally</b>		
Mathematics: 4th Grade NAEP	4	4
Mathematics: 8th Grade NAEP	10	18
Readings: 4th Grade NAEP	9	14
Reading: 8th Grade NAEP	15	25
Science: 4th Grade NAEP	12	21
Science: 8th Grade NAEP	23	27
<b>Increase to 90% those who graduate college/career ready</b>		
High School Graduation Rates	15	7
Remediation	No overall state ranking or direct comparison available	
<b>Eliminate the educational achievement gaps for disadvantaged populations</b>		
Mathematics Gap: 4th Grade	8	20
Mathematics Gap: 8th Grade	21	15
Reading Gap: 4th Grade	7	8
Reading Gap: 8th Grade	27	11
Science Gap: 4th Grade	18	11
Science Gap: 8th Grade	26	32
<b>Increase to 60% those with high quality postsecondary credentials</b>		
Associate Degree or Credential	42	40
<b>Increase bachelor degrees to "Top 10" status nationally</b>		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	39	42
<b>Increase associate degrees to "Top 10" status nationally</b>		
Associate Degree or Higher	40	41
<b>Increase STEM credentials/degrees to "Top 5" status nationally</b>		
Science & Technology Degrees Conferred	3	6
Science & Engineering Occupations	34	35
Population With Science & Engineering Degrees	42	42
<b>Address the skills shortages of adult and incumbent workers</b>		
Less Than High School Diploma	32	31
Speaks English Less Than 'Very Well'	17	16
Poverty Rates	25	32
<b>Improve Indiana's per-capita income ranking to "Top 25" nationally</b>		
Per Capita Income	38	38
Per Capita Income (adjusted for cost of living)	20	19
<b>ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE</b>		
<b>Increase efficiency and effectiveness in delivery of government services</b>		
State and Local Government Spending	4	6
Population/Unit of Local Government	33	34
<b>Reform public pension systems</b>		
State Public Pension Spending	3	4
Funded Pension Ratios	33	39
<b>"Top 5" ranking for legal environment</b>		
State Lawsuit Climate Survey	18	14
<b>"Top 5" ranking for business regulatory environment</b>		
Small Business Policy Index	9	12
Regulatory Freedom Index	2	2
<b>Eliminate business personal property tax</b>		
Urban Industrial Property Tax Rates	44	42

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<b>Establish funding mechanisms to approximate "user fee" model</b>		
Business Taxes Per Government Expenditures	29	31
<b>Contain health care costs</b>		
Health Insurance Premiums	26	38
<b>Reduce smoking levels to less than 15% of the population</b>		
Adult Smoking Rate	39	39
<b>Return obesity levels to less than 15% of the population</b>		
Adult Obesity Rate	36	42
<b>SUPERIOR INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
<b>Develop strategic energy resource plan/be "Top 10" most affordable state for electricity</b>		
Commercial Electricity Prices	26	26
Industrial Electricity Prices	29	28
<b>Diversify Indiana's energy mix</b>		
Clean Energy Per Capita	47	47
Clean Energy/Total Generation	45	47
<b>Identify and implement workable energy conservation strategies</b>		
Energy Efficiency	24	17
<b>Develop and implement a strategic water resource plan</b>		
No overall state ranking or direct comparison available		
<b>New fiscal systems to support transportation infrastructure projects</b>		
State and Local Road Spending	25	30
<b>Build out advanced telecommunications networks</b>		
Residences With Wired High Speed Connection	25	36
Median Download Speed	24	31
<b>DYNAMIC AND CREATIVE CULTURE</b>		
<b>Drive strategic entrepreneurship and innovation formation for new and existing firms</b>		
Kauffman Entrepreneurial Index	44	42
Total Employment/Firms 0 to 5 years old	42	44
Net Job Creation/Firms 0 to 5 years old	44	36
<b>Increase intellectual property commercialization and attain "Top 5" ranking</b>		
University Licensing Income	27	29
University Licenses and Options	14	18
University Business Spinouts	5	10
<b>Achieve a "Top 12" ranking among all patents per worker</b>		
Utility Patents	22	27
Design Patents	19	19
<b>Achieve "Top 12" ranking in venture capital invested per capita</b>		
Venture Capital Invested	35	36
<b>Strategically recruit foreign direct investment (FDI) and achieve "Top 5" ranking</b>		
Employment at U.S. Affiliates	12	10
Foreign Direct Investment	18	21
<b>Increase Indiana exports to achieve "Top 5" ranking per capita among all states</b>		
Exports as Percent of GDP	10	12
Exports per Capita	10	12
<b>Promote a diverse and civil culture that attracts and retains talented individuals</b>		
Violent Crime Index	29	26
Net Domestic Migration	27	30
H-1B Certified Visas	29	31

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