



Indiana Vision 2025 Rankings Summary

OUTSTANDING TALENT Driver

Top 10 Ranks

- 6 – Science & Technology Associate Degrees and Beyond – States. GOAL: Increase the proportion of Indiana residents with postsecondary credentials in STEM-related fields to “Top 5” status internationally
- 9 – Mathematics Gap: 8th Grade. GOAL: Eliminate the educational achievement gaps for disadvantaged populations. Gap is the difference between test scores for students eligible and not eligible for free lunch program

Bottom 10 Ranks

- 46 – Associate Degrees or Higher. GOAL: Increase to 60% the proportion of Indiana residents with high quality postsecondary credentials
- 43 – Bachelor Degrees or Higher. GOAL: Increase the proportion of Indiana residents with bachelor’s degrees or higher to “Top 10 status internationally

Biggest Gains

- Reading Gap: 8th Grade. 34 (2003); 24 (2007); 12 (2011). Gap is the difference between test scores for students eligible and not eligible for free lunch program
- Science & Technology Associate Degrees and Beyond. 17 (2001); 9 (2006); 6 (2011)

Biggest Drop

- Poverty Rates. 12 (2000); 32 (2005); 35 (2011)

ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE Driver

Top 10 Ranks

- 1 – Regulatory Freedom Index. GOAL: Attain a “Top 5” ranking among all states for Indiana’s business regulatory environment
- 4 – Small Business Survival Index. GOAL: Attain a “Top 5” ranking among all states for Indiana’s business regulatory environment
- 4 – State Public Pension Spending. GOAL: Reform public pensions systems to achieve fairness and cost containment
- 9 – State and Local Government Spending. GOAL: Enact comprehensive government reform at the state and local levels to increase efficiency and effectiveness in delivery of services

Bottom 10 Ranks

- 45 – Urban Industrial Property Tax Rates. GOAL: Eliminate the business personal property tax
- 44 – Adult Smoking Rate. GOAL: Reduce smoking levels to less than 15% of the population
- 42 – Adult Obesity Rates. GOAL: Return obesity levels to less than 15% of the population
- 41 – Inheritance Tax. GOAL: Eliminate the state inheritance tax. **Addressed with 2013 legislation**

Biggest Gains

- Funded Pension Liability. 49 (2000); 44 (2006); 37 (2010)
- Small Business Survival Index: 19 (2006); 4 (2012)

SUPERIOR INFRASTRUCTURE Driver

Bottom 10 Rank

- 50 – Net Energy Use Per Capita. GOAL: Create and implement a plan to position Indiana as a net exporter of energy

Biggest Gain

- Water Quality: Community Water Systems. 34 (2000); 6 (2005); 17 (2011)

Biggest Drop

- Electricity Prices. 11 (2000); 12 (2005); 19 (2011)

DYNAMIC & CREATIVE CULTURE Driver

Top 10 Ranks

- 10 – Business Research and Development. GOAL: Develop entrepreneurship through education, networking, investment and financial support
- 10 – Exports (as a percent of GDP). GOAL: Increase Indiana exports to achieve “Top 5” ranking per capita among all states

Bottom 10 Rank

- 46 – Kauffman Index of Entrepreneurial Activity (percent of adults starting new businesses). GOAL: Develop entrepreneurship through education, networking, investment and financial support

Biggest Gains

- University Science & Engineering Research and Development. 33 (2000); 35 (2005); 21 (2011)
- Business Research and Development. 27 (2000); 15 (2004); 10 (2009)
- SBIR Funding. 45 (2000-02); 34 (2004-06); 29 (2008-10)
- University Research Licensing Income. 31 (2000); 24 (2005); 15 (2011)

Biggest Drop

- Kauffman Index of Entrepreneurial Activity (percent of adults starting new businesses). 30 (1999); 37 (2007); 46 (2011)