

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	6	4
Mathematics: 8th Grade NAEP	12	10
Readings: 4th Grade NAEP	9	9
Reading: 8th Grade NAEP	6	15
Science: 4th Grade NAEP	No update	12
Science: 8th Grade NAEP	No update	23
<b>Increase to 90% those who graduate college/career ready</b>		
High School Graduation Rates	30	15
Remediation	No overall state ranking or direct comparison available	
<b>Eliminate the educational achievement gaps for disadvantaged populations</b>		
Mathematics Gap: 4th Grade	24	8
Mathematics Gap: 8th Grade	18	21
Reading Gap: 4th Grade	8	7
Reading Gap: 8th Grade	17	27
Science Gap: 4th Grade	No update	18
Science Gap: 8th Grade	No update	26
<b>Increase to 60% those with high quality postsecondary credentials</b>		
Associate Degree or Credential	37	42
<b>Increase bachelor degrees to "Top 10" status nationally</b>		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	38	39
<b>Increase associate degrees to "Top 10" status nationally</b>		
Associate Degree or Higher	37	40
<b>Increase STEM credentials/degrees to "Top 5" status nationally</b>		
Science & Technology Degrees Conferred	10	3
Population With Science & Engineering Degrees	38	42
Science & Engineering Occupations	35	34
<b>Address the skills shortages of adult and incumbent workers</b>		
Less Than High School Diploma	32	32
Speaks English Less Than 'Very Well'	15	17
Poverty Rates	27	25
<b>Improve Indiana's per-capita income ranking to "Top 25" nationally</b>		
Per Capita Income	39	38
Per Capita Income (adjusted for cost of living)	24	20
<b>ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE</b>		
<b>Increase efficiency and effectiveness in delivery of government services</b>		
State and Local Government Spending	7	4
Population/Unit of Local Government	32	33
<b>Reform public pension systems</b>		
State Public Pension Spending	3	3
Funded Pension Ratios	34	33
<b>"Top 5" ranking for legal environment</b>		
State Lawsuit Climate Survey	15	18
<b>"Top 5" ranking for business regulatory environment</b>		
Small Business Policy Index	9	9
Regulatory Freedom Index	5	2
<b>Eliminate business personal property tax</b>		
Urban Industrial Property Tax Rates	42	44
<b>Establish funding mechanisms to approximate "user fee" model</b>		
Business Taxes Per Government Expenditures	31	29

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<b>Contain health care costs</b>		
Health Insurance Premiums	18	26
<b>Reduce smoking levels to less than 15% of the population</b>		
Adult Smoking Rate	44	39
<b>Return obesity levels to less than 20% of the population</b>		
Adult Obesity Rate	39	36
<b>Reduce the number of drug-related deaths in Indiana by 25% by 2025</b>		
Drug-Related Deaths per 100,000 Population (new goal, metric)	37	
<b>SUPERIOR INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
<b>Develop strategic energy resource plan/be "Top 10" most affordable state for electricity</b>		
Commercial Electricity Prices	29	26
Industrial Electricity Prices	28	29
<b>Diversify Indiana's energy mix</b>		
Clean Energy Per Capita	47	47
Clean Energy/Total Generation	47	45
<b>Identify and implement workable energy conservation strategies</b>		
Energy Efficiency	21	24
<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	25
<b>Build out advanced telecommunications networks</b>		
Percent of All Households Reporting Broadband Connection	No direct comparison	38
Access to Fixed Broadband and Mobile Connectivity Meeting FCC Standard	No direct comparison	35
Download Speeds Available to Businesses	No direct comparison	20
		N/A
<b>DYNAMIC AND CREATIVE CULTURE</b>		
<b>Drive strategic entrepreneurship and innovation formation for new and existing firms</b>		
Kauffman Entrepreneurial Index	47	44
Total Employment/Firms 0 to 5 years old	47	42
Net Job Creation/Firms 0 to 5 years old	28	44
Net Job Creation/Firms 6 Years and Older (new metric)	5	
<b>Increase intellectual property commercialization and attain "Top 5" ranking</b>		
University Licensing Income	26	27
University Licenses and Options	10	14
University Business Spinouts	9	5
<b>Achieve a "Top 12" ranking among all patents per worker</b>		
Utility Patents	20	22
Design Patents	21	19
<b>Achieve "Top 12" ranking in venture capital invested per capita</b>		
Venture Capital Invested	30	35
<b>Strategically recruit foreign direct investment (FDI) and achieve "Top 5" ranking</b>		
Employment at U.S. Affiliates	5	12
Foreign Direct Investment	21	18
<b>Increase Indiana exports to achieve "Top 5" ranking per capita among all states</b>		
Exports as Percent of GDP	8	10
Exports per Capita	9	10
<b>Promote a diverse and civil culture that attracts and retains talented individuals</b>		
Violent Crime Index	30	29
Net Domestic Migration	22	27
H-1B Certified Visas	29	29

\*Most recent data year in prior Report Card (2017)