

Porter County



Demographics

	County		Indiana	
White	29,331	78.3%	1,147,927	73.0%
Black	2,179	5.8%	205,415	13.1%
Hispanic	5,281	14.1%	174,893	11.1%
Asian	602	1.6%	41,230	2.6%
American Indian	84	0.2%	3,944	0.3%
Total Child Population	37,477		1,573,409	



Family and Community

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females, Ages 15–17	10.0	3.3	8.9	56
Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	3.0	8.8	18.8	84
Child Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children, Under Age 18	7.5	12.3	20.8	86
Juveniles Committed to the Department of Correction	8	14	622	9
Single Parent Families	27.1%	29.0%	36.2%	58



Economic Well-Being

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Children in Poverty, Ages 0–17	13.2%	12.4%	17.8%	78
Students Receiving Free Price Lunch	27.3%	27.5%	39.5%	84
Students Receiving Reduced Price Lunch	7.3%	6.6%	7.7%	83
Food Insecure Children (2013 and 2016)	18.6%	15.9%	17.7%	76
Monthly Average Number of Persons Issued Food Stamps	14,174	11,395	687,926	12
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	6.3%	4.1%	3.5%	15
Median Household Income	\$63,030	\$67,525	\$54,134	7
Students Experiencing Homelessness	243	377	16,677	10



Health

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Ratio of Population to One Mental Health Provider	789	660	700	77
Low Birthweight Babies	6.8%	8.4%	8.3%	31
Babies Born Prematurely	8.8%	10.2%	9.9%	30
Mothers Who Received First Trimester Prenatal Care	75.8%	72.3%	68.6%	45
Mothers Who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy	10.5%	10.7%	13.5%	78
Deaths, Ages 1–19	9	11	517	11
Infant Deaths, Under Age 1	10	9	602	14
Deaths from Drug Poisoning Involving Any Opioid	30	36	1,138	8



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Education

Early Childhood

	2014	2017	IN	Ranking
Children Served by First Steps	431	504	22,074	10
Licensed Child Care Centers	9	9	694	17
Licensed Child Care Homes	27	32	2,695	16
Licensed Child Care Center and Home Slots Rate per 100 Children, Ages 0-5	13.2	15.4	21.3	40
Children Receiving CCDF Child Care Vouchers	834	636	44,607	14
CCDF Voucher Monthly Average Waitlist	59	81	7,235	19
High-Quality Early Childhood Care and Education Programs, Paths to QUALITY™ 3-4	12	21	1,334	15

Grades K-12

	2015	2018	IN	Ranking
Students Receiving Out-of-School Suspension	4.1%	4.6%	6.1%	37
IREAD-3, Students in 3rd Grade Passing	94.4%	94.0%	87.1%	10
English/Language Arts ISTEP+, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	76.1%	73.0%	64.1%	7
Math ISTEP+, Students in Grades 3-8 Passing	69.8%	69.9%	58.3%	8
High School Graduation Rate, Four-Year Cohort	90.9%	92.0%	88.1%	49
Grades K-12 School Enrollment	27,217	28,436	1,112,639	8
English Learner Students	1.8%	1.5%	5.2%	43
Special Education Students	15.0%	16.1%	15.3%	57

College and Career

	2013	2016	IN	Ranking
High School Graduates Enrolling in College	69%	66%	64%	20
Free and Reduced Price Lunch High School Graduates Enrolling in College	56%	54%	50%	18
21st Century Scholar High School Graduates Enrolling in College	78%	86%	82%	21
College Students Needing Remediation	15%	10%	13%	69

HOW TO READ THIS DASHBOARD

The County Snapshot is a comprehensive collection of indicators on the well-being of Hoosier youth. Leaders, policymakers, and community members are encouraged to use the data, engage in advocacy, and inform policies, practices, and decision-making.

Change over time: Indicators can be compared over a four-year time span.

State Comparison: Indicators can be compared to Indiana, for the most recent year.

Ranking: For each indicator, higher rankings (1st) indicate the largest number or percentage and do not necessarily represent better outcomes for youth.

Discussion Questions: What is significant? What patterns exist? What questions does the data raise? What additional data should be explored? How might the data be used to inform work and improve youth outcomes?

SOURCES

Child Population: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Family and Community: Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Department of Correction, U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey

Health: County Health Rankings, Indiana State Department of Health

RESOURCES

The Indiana Youth Institute exists to improve the lives of all Indiana children by strengthening and connecting the people, organizations, and communities that are focused on children and youth.

2019 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book: Developed with you in mind, the 2019 Indiana KIDS COUNT® Data Book provides an in-depth profile on child well-being. Download your copy at www.iyi.org.

KIDS COUNT® Data Center: Access up-to-date critical data and be equipped with the information you need to create measurable change. Visit www.iyi.org.

Data Requests: Curious about a youth issue? Submit a custom data request by contacting us at data@iyi.org.

Economic Well-Being: U.S. Census Bureau; Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, Indiana Department of Education, Feeding America, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Education: Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

