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Indiana is a constituent state in the Midwestern United States. The nickname of Indiana is *Hoosier State*. Hoosier is the official nickname for the people of Indiana. Indiana was admitted as the 19th state of the Union on December 11, 1816, with a name that is generally thought to signify "Land of the Indians", or simply "Indian Land".

"The Crossroads of America," the state motto, was established in 1937.

It is bordered to the northwest by Lake Michigan, to the north by Michigan, to the east by Ohio, to the south and southeast by the Ohio River and Kentucky, and to the west by the Wabash River and Illinois.

Since 1825, Indianapolis has served as the state capital.

Indiana is the thirty-eighth largest by area with a total area of 36,420 sq mi (94,326 km). The state's total population as recorded in the United States Census 2020 is 6,785,528. Indiana ranks the 17th most populous of the 50 states.

Indians who spoke Algonquian languages, such as the Miami, Potawatomi, and Delaware peoples, first settled in Indiana. Indiana got its name because native tribes dominated the state even after it was awarded statehood. In 1679, the area was explored by La Salle of France, who claimed it for his country. In the French and Indian War (also known as the Seven Years' War), which Great Britain won after France had dominated for a century, France surrendered its control of the area east of the Mississippi River. After Britain's loss in the American Revolutionary War, it handed the whole region, including what is now Indiana, to the newly established United States.

Michael, Janet, and other members of the Jackson family, John Mellencamp, Axl Rose, David Lee Roth, Adam Lambert, Renée Fleming, and Babyface are all well-known Indiana musicians.

The interesting fact is that, before the arrival of the immigrants, forests covered more than 80% of Indiana. Currently, only about 17% of Indiana is covered in trees.

Schuyler Colfax, Thomas A. Hendricks, Charles W. Fairbanks, Thomas Marshall, Dan Quayle, and Mike Pence are the six people from Indiana who have been elected vice president: Thomas R. Marshall, the 28th Vice President, jokingly remarked that Indiana is recognized as the "Mother of Vice Presidents."

The Wabash River is the longest stretch of the free-flowing river east of the Mississippi, running for 411 miles to the Ohio River. In 1996, Indiana declared the Wabash River the official state river.

Indiana's economy is broad, having a gross state product of \$352.62 billion in 2021. Today, the Indiana economy is mostly centered on services, manufacturing, and agriculture. Since 1975, Indiana has been the largest steel-producing state in the United States. Pharmaceuticals and medical devices, autos, electrical equipment, transportation equipment, chemical goods, rubber, petroleum and coal products, and manufacturing machinery are among Indiana's other manufacturers.

The state bird of Indiana is the Northern cardinal, the state flower is Peony, and the state song is "On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away".

The official language of the state is English.

