INDIANA, The Early Years

Maps

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1800 - INDIANA TERRITORY

First division of territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio. Act approved May 7, effective July 4, 1800.

1803 - OHIO ADMITTED

Enabling act approved April 30, 1802.

1805 - MICHIGAN TERRITORY

Act approved January 11, effective June 30, 1805

1809 - ILLINOIS TERRITORY

By act approved February 3, effective March 1, 1809.

From Buley, The Old Northwest, Vol. 1
1816 - INDIANA ADMITTED
Indiana, enabling act approved. April 19, 1816. Indiana admitted December 11, 1816.
Unshaded portion of Upper Peninsula left out of limits of any state or territory and with no government, 1816-1818.

1818 - ILLINOIS ADMITTED
Indiana Counties, 1816

From Kingsbury, An Atlas of Indiana

(Boundaries of present-day counties shown by dashed lines)
Land Grants and Indian Treaties Which Opened Indiana to Settlers

1. Clark's Grant given by Virginia to the soldiers who fought in the Illinois campaign with George Rogers Clark
2. Treaty with the Wyandot, Delaware, Shawnee, Ottawa, Chippewa, Potawatomi, Miami, Eel River, Wea, Kickapoo, Piankashaw, and Kaskaskia Indians signed August 3, 1795 at Greenville, Ohio
3. Treaty with the Delaware, Shawnee, Potawatomi, Miami, Eel River, Wea, Kickapoo, Piankashaw, and Kaskaskia Indians signed August 18 and 27, 1804 at Vincennes
4. Treaties with the Delaware and the Piankashaw Indians signed August 18 and 27, 1804 at Vincennes
5. Treaty with the Delaware, Potawatomi, Miami, Eel River, and Wea Indians signed August 21, 1805 at Vincennes
6. Treaty with the Delaware, Potawatomi, Miami, and Eel River Indians signed September 30, 1809 at Fort Wayne
7. Supplementary treaty with the Miami, Eel River, Delaware, and Potawatomi Indians signed September 30, 1809 at Fort Wayne
8. Treaty with the Wyandot, Seneca, Delaware, Shawnee, Potawatomi, Ottawawa, and Chippewa Indians signed September 29, 1817 at the Rapids of the Maumee River in Ohio
9. Treaties with the Potawatomi, Wea, Delaware, and Miami Indians signed October 2-6, 1818 at St. Mary's, Ohio
10. Treaty with the Ottawa, Chippewa, and Potawatomi Indians signed August 29, 1821 at Chicago
11. Treaty with the Potawatomi Indians signed October 16, 1826 on the Wabash River near the Mouth of the Mississinewa River
12. Treaty with the Miami Indians signed October 23, 1826 on the Wabash River near the Mouth of the Mississinewa River
13. Treaty with the Potawatomi Indians signed September 20, 1828 at Carey's Mission, Michigan
14. Treaties with the Potawatomi Indians signed October 20, 26, and 27, 1832 on the Tippecanoe River
15. Treaty with the Miami Indians signed October 23, 1834 at the Forks of the Wabash
16. Treaty with the Miami Indians signed November 28, 1840 at the Forks of the Wabash

Indiana Counties and County Seats

County Seats:
- **Current**
- **Previous**

Date = Year of Establishment

Town name when designated county seat:
1. Jacksonburg
2. Carrollton
3. Liverpool
4. Munseytown
5. Lake Co. Court Hse.
6. Andersontown
7. Memphis
8. Portersville
9. Tiptontown
10. Salisbury
11. Columbia
12. Lima

The year of establishment of the first county seat coincides with the year that organization of the county became effective except for Benton, 1840; Blackford, 1839; Clark, 1891; Lake, 1837.

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Establishment of Indiana Counties

1800 - 1814

1815 - 1819

1820 - 1824

1825 - 1834

1835 - 1844

Adapted from Gregory S. Rose, The Southern-ness of Hoosierdom
Early Indiana Transportation Routes

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ROADS & TRAILS:

- Major
- Other
Migration Map Key


2. Clark's Grant—Donated by Virginia to Clark's soldiers, 1779. First settled 1784.

3. Whitewater Valley—First settlers came from KY, NC, TN, VA, 1810-1820; later migrants also came from the same area and included some Germans and Irish, 1830-1840.

4. Ohio Valley—First settlers came from KY, TN, NC, VA, 1810-1820; some Germans settled in this area, 1830-1850.

5. Central Indiana—Settlers from OH, PA, VA followed the National Road to eastern Indiana border, 1820-1840, spreading through the central part of the state.

6. Upper Wabash Valley—Settlers from OH, PA, NY, and New England followed the Erie Canal and Great Lakes to northern Indiana, 1830-1850; some Irish also settled along the Wabash and Erie Canal.

7. Calumet Region—Settlers from NY, PA, and New England moved here, 1830-1850; many Germans moved eastward into Lake Co. from Chicago which was a large German center.

Courtesy Indiana Historical Bureau
Indiana Population Density by 1850

Persons per Square Mile

13.5 and below

13.6 - 27.2

27.3 - 40.8

40.9 and above

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Indiana Population Distribution, 1860

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Indiana Population Distribution, 1960

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