Indiana Population Projections

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Key Findings

• Indiana will add 660,000 residents between 2015 and 2050—a 10 percent increase

• Population will climb from 6.61 million to 7.27 million

• Indiana will grow older, with the share of the Hoosier population age 65+ jumping from 14.6 percent to 20.9 percent

• A handful of metro areas will drive Indiana’s growth
  • Indy metro will add 520,000 residents (26 percent increase)
  • Lafayette, Elkhart, Bloomington and Ft. Wayne metros will each grow by at least 15 percent
  • 59 of Indiana’s 92 counties projected to lose population over next 35 years
Population Projections

Projections show a rebound in population gains next decade before growth slows again in the 2030s and 2040s.

Projected Change in Indiana’s Population, 2010 to 2050

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<th>Period</th>
<th>Population Change</th>
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<td>2010-2015</td>
<td>122,178 (actual)</td>
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Source: Indiana Business Research Center; U.S. Census Bureau
Slower Growth

• Indiana’s average annual growth:
  • 1990 to 2000 – 53,600 residents per year
  • 2000 to 2010 – 40,300 per year
  • 2010 to 2017 – 25,300 per year

Indiana’s Population Growth by Decade, 1900 to 2050

Source: Indiana Business Research Center; U.S. Census Bureau
Why Slower Growth

- Slow growth in near term triggered by Great Recession
  - Decline in fertility rates—if pre-recession fertility rates held constant, Indiana would have 70k to 75k more births between 2010 and 2020
  - Average annual net migration dropped from 9,200 per year last decade to 2,300 per year between 2010 and 2017
- Longer term—aging population will lead to decline in natural increase

Indiana’s Components of Population Change, 1950 to 2050

Source: Indiana Business Research Center; U.S. Census Bureau; University of Wisconsin
One out of every five Hoosiers will be age 65 or older by 2030

Projected Share of Total Population by Age Group, 2015 to 2050

Source: Indiana Business Research Center
Projection Comparisons

University of Virginia publishes projections for states

- IBRC projects stronger growth for Indiana than UVA
- Indiana will grow at a faster pace than its neighbors

Percent Change in Population, 2010 to 2040

Source: Indiana Business Research Center; Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia
Projected Population Change by County, 2015 to 2050

Metro Areas Drive Indiana’s Growth

- The five fastest-growing communities will all be Indy-area suburban counties
- The Indy metro’s share of the total population will jump from 30 percent in 2015 to nearly 35 percent in 2050
- 59 of Indiana’s 92 counties expected to lose population

Source: Indiana Business Research Center
Metro Areas Drive Indiana’s Growth

Percent Change in Population by Metro Area, 2010 to 2050

- Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson: 26.2%
- Lafayette-West Lafayette: 21.9%
- Elkhart-Goshen: 20.6%
- Bloomington: 18.9%
- Fort Wayne: 15.3%
- Columbus: 14.2%
- Louisville (part): 12.6%
- Evansville (part): 5.6%
- Gary: 2.0%
- South Bend-Mishawaka: 0.9%
- Cincinnati (part): 0.1%
- Michigan City-La Porte: -4.9%
- Terre Haute: -5.4%
- Non Metro Counties: -6.5%
- Muncie: -6.8%
- Kokomo: -10.1%

Source: Indiana Business Research Center
Metro Areas Drive Indiana’s Growth

As a group, Indiana’s metro counties will grow by 15 percent by 2050. Micropolitan counties will decline by 6 percent and rural counties will slip by 9 percent.

Projected Population Change by County Type, 2010 to 2050

Source: Indiana Business Research Center
Drivers of Population Change

Indiana’s micropolitan counties, as a group, are projected to have a natural decrease of the population in the 2030s and 2040s.

Components of Population Change for Indiana’s Micropolitan Counties, 1950 to 2050

Source: Indiana Business Research Center; U.S. Census Bureau; University of Wisconsin
Drivers of Population Change

Indiana’s rural counties also expected to see a natural decrease in the 2030s and 2040s.

Components of Population Change for Indiana’s Rural Counties, 1950 to 2050

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<th>Net Migration</th>
<th>Natural Increase</th>
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Drivers of Population Change: Net Migration

- 63 of Indiana’s 92 counties are expected to have a net out-migration between 2015 and 2025.
- However, Indiana as a whole is projected to have a net inflow of roughly 42,000 residents over this period.
- The Indy metro area alone is expected to have a net in-migration of 67,000 residents between 2015 and 2025.
Drivers of Population Change: Natural Increase

- A growing number of counties will have a natural decrease of the population over the next 35 years.
- Between 2015 and 2025, 31 counties will have a natural decrease. This number could jump to 71 counties by 2050.
- However, Indiana will maintain a natural increase over the next 35 years.
Aging Population

As a group, micropolitan and rural counties are expected to have declines in each age group over the next two decades except for 65+

Projected Population Change By Age Group and County Type, 2015 to 2035

Source: Indiana Business Research Center
Aging Population

Projection Median Age of Population by County Type

Source: Indiana Business Research Center