

Australia's relationship with

INDIANA



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 6,732,219 (2019)
- **Major Cities:** Indianapolis (capital), Fort Wayne, South Bend
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$379,133 Million (2019).
- **Key Industries:** Agriculture/Agribusiness, Manufacturing, Aerospace and Aviation, Cybersecurity, Defence, Energy, Information Technology, Science, and Motorsports
- **Known for:** Nick name: "The Hoosier State", limestone used to build the Empire State & the Pentagon, the Indy 500 motor race, home of James Dean, Michael Jackson

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** US\$ 2,003,600,000 (2019)
- **Australia's Exports to Indiana:** US\$ 1,002,195,178 (2019)
- **Indiana's Exports to Australia:** US\$ 1,001,469,942 (2019)
- **Priority Sectors for the Australia-Indiana economic relationship:** Auto parts, Medical equipment, Pharmaceuticals, Aircraft parts.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:** None
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Indiana is managed by the **Consulate General in Chicago**.
- **Consul General:** David Bushby.

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Eric Holcomb (R) [next election in 2024](#)
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** [Trump 57%](#)
- **Senators:** Mike Braun (R), Todd Young (R)
- **House:** [2 Democrats, 7 Republicans](#)

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Sports:** Indianapolis Giants ([Aussie Rules Club](#))
- **Facebook group:** IndyAussies & Australians In Indiana USA
- **Notable Australians, Benefactors, Champions:** Michael McRobbie – President, Indiana University
Pauline Moffatt, Indy fringe CEO (Allan Moffatt ex-wife)

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Visy:** Australian firm VISY has invested \$250M into a new paper mill in Valparaiso.
- **Nanosonics:** An Australian company studying the way infection practices are understood and conducted and developing new technology to assist.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

- Zimmer Biomet
- Ely Lilly International
- Cummins Inc.
- Elanco
- Corteva Agriscience (DowDuPont)

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **Indiana University** has exchanges and a joint Master's program with the Australian National University. The universities operate the ANI-UI Pan Asia Institute.
- **The Australian National University** partners with Indiana University in areas such as cybersecurity, Asia-Pacific studies and public health. The Indiana University system is led by President Michael McRobbie, an Australian and ANU alumnus.



Nationally Ranked Universities

- **Notre Dame:** #15
- **Purdue University:** #57 – bulk of Indiana’s university-based research in agriculture occurs at Purdue University; hosted USDA labs focused on livestock behaviour, soil erosion & crop production
- **Indiana University:** #79
- **Valparaiso University:** #153

MAJOR EVENTS

- **The Indy 500:** Indy 500 is more than a car race, but a community festival with nearly 50 annual events and programs. The 500 Festival fuels the entire magical month of May. Incorporated in the event is the Mini-Marathon.
 - **Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival:** The Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival is one of the oldest continuous running bluegrass festivals in the world, with over 50 bands performing over 8 days in mid-June.
 - **Eiteljorg Museum’s Indian Market and Festival:** Eiteljorg Museum’s Indian Market and Festival is a celebration of Native American cultures and one of the largest Indian markets, and featuring art from more than 160 Native artists, performances by contemporary Native American dancers.
 - **Indiana State Fair:** Indiana State Fair, is a well-known event culturally as well as politically and economically. Filled with well-known singers and performers, the fair also includes agriculture and technology exhibits. Politicians come to the to meet their constituents and get a feel for pertinent issues (especially during election years).
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