

Australia's relationship with

INDIANA

KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 6,732,219 (7/2019)
- **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:** Known as the 'crossroads of America', Indiana is famed for its limestone being used to build the Empire State and the Pentagon. It is the host of the Indy 500 motor race. The state is heavily Christian, and is the home of James Dean and Michael Jackson.

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade (Goods Only):** \$1,305.6 Million (2018)
- **Australia's Exports to Indiana:** \$354.3 Million (2018)
- **Indiana's Exports to Australia:** \$951.3 Million (2018)
- **Priority Sectors for the Australia-Indiana economic relationship:** Auto parts, Medical equipment, Pharmaceuticals, Aircraft parts.

1.7% of Indiana's exports went to Australia.

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.



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australian Community:** The Australian community is managed through the social group, IndyAussies. Indianapolis has an Australian Football team.
- **Notable Australians in Indiana:** Indiana University President Michael McRobbie, Pauline Moffatt, Indyfringe CEO (Allan Moffatt ex-wife)



Indiana represents a stark contrast between cityscapes and the countryside.

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.

Indiana infrastructure rates 2nd in the nation. Known for being fiscally attractive, the state is one of a few in the US with a AAA credit rating and an actual budget surplus

GLOBAL BUSINESS

The major companies in Indiana are as follows:

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

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

Academic institutions and associations with Australian 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 with facilitates research collaboration on pan-Asian issues.
- **The Australian National University** maintains a strong partnership 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, and crop productino
- **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.
- **Eitejorg Museum's Indian Market and Festival:** Eitejorg 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. Furthermore, politicians always come to the fairs as it is a good way for them to meet their constituents and get a feel of pertinent issues (especially during election years).