



RAISING THE BAR FOR BUSINESS

Northeast Indiana is a vibrant 11-county region anchored by **Fort Wayne**, the fastest-growing metro in the Great Lakes region. With more than **1 million residents** within a 50-mile radius and nearly **\$2 billion in capital investment** from 2018-2020, **Northeast Indiana** is an ideal location for business. Economic development partners across the public, private and academic sectors are collaborative and focused on sustaining a **business-friendly environment**, coming together to quickly design solutions to integrate your business into the community.

BUSINESS CLIMATE MADE BETTER



DEFENSE +
AEROSPACE

BAE SYSTEMS

Raytheon



DISTRIBUTION +
E-COMMERCE

amazon

Kroger
FRESH FOR EVERYONE™



FOOD +
AGRICULTURE



Kraft Heinz



MEDICAL DEVICE

DePuySynthes

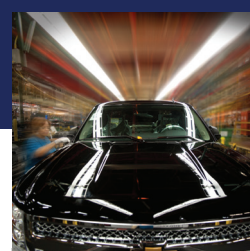
ZIMMER BIOMET



SPECIALTY
INSURANCE

Lincoln
Financial Group

Swiss Re



VEHICLES



REX
Vehicles for life



DID YOU KNOW?



Indiana consistently ranks as a **top state** to do business by **Chief Executive** and **Area Development**.



Custom state incentive packages in **ten days or fewer** and a **streamlined permitting process** give Northeast Indiana and its businesses a competitive edge.



Customers in Northeast Indiana benefit from **competitive utility rates** and a **diverse portfolio** of energy options.

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

Brotherhood Mutual

Miller Poultry

C&A Tool Engineering

Ruoff Mortgage

Do it Best Corp.

Steel Dynamics, Inc.

Fort Wayne Metals

Sweetwater Sound

Maple Leaf Farms

Vera Bradley

MedPro Group

Zimmer Biomet

STATE TAX DATA

4.9%

Corporate Income Tax

3.23%

Individual Income Tax

7%

Sales Tax

0%

Gross Receipts Tax, Inventory Tax, Local Sales Tax



Indiana ranks **No. 9 in the country** for state business tax climate index. Only Wyoming, South Dakota, Alaska, Florida, Montana, New Hampshire, Nevada and Utah rank higher than Indiana.

TALENT MADE BETTER

NORTHEAST INDIANA Colleges and Universities

"Beyond preparing a highly educated workforce, the Northeast Indiana Colleges and Universities Network also provides **training and professional development** opportunities to existing employees to help them perform better in their current roles as well as programs and credentials that can help them take the next step in their careers. Each of our institutions in the Network wants to be a **key partner** with the regional industry to help continue to attract and retain a **talented workforce**."

DR. JEFFREY MALANSON
Director of Strategic Planning | Purdue University Fort Wayne



• DID YOU KNOW?



Over **one million residents** live within a 50-mile radius.



Northeast Indiana's largest city, Fort Wayne, has demonstrated population growth of **.9%** over the past year, making it the **fastest-growing metro in the Great Lakes region**.



Over **200,000 graduates** from **Tier 1 and Tier 2** universities live within 200 miles of Northeast Indiana.



To support the region's industries, businesses have access to more than **40,000 students and 8,500 graduates annually** from over 240 degree and credential programs.



Indiana was the first **right-to-work state** in the Great Lakes region of the U.S.



Northeast Indiana Works, the region's workforce development organization, provided access to more than **\$10 million** for **employer-based worker training** in 2020 and 2021.

• COST OF LIVING

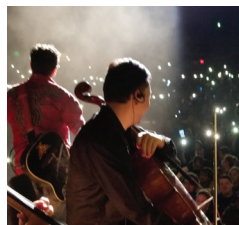
1%

The region is home to one of the hottest real estate markets in the nation, with residential property tax capped at just 1%.

44%
LESS

Northeast Indiana offers a high-value quality of life that costs 44% less than the national average.

Indiana has a total tax burden lower than Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.



INVESTMENT MADE BETTER

ELECTRIC WORKS

invested \$400 million in the downtown Fort Wayne campus.

\$2 BILLION

in capital investment in Northeast Indiana from 2018-2020 and \$1 billion in downtown Fort Wayne in the last decade.

GENERAL MOTORS

invested over \$23 million in Northeast Indiana over the last decade.

\$2 BILLION

of future private-public investment in the region's *Growing with Vision* economic development plan represents 130 projects focused on workforce, downtowns and innovation.

A REGION MADE BETTER

The public, private and academic sectors collaborate to create an environment where businesses thrive. Northeast Indiana, where **Business is Made Better**.

- Economic Developers
- Elected Officials
- Business Leaders
- Academic Institutions
- Young Professionals
- Permitting Officials

"Northeast Indiana has undergone a **major transformation** in the last decade. As the 11-county region continues this momentum, it's a rewarding time to operate a business in this thriving area. The **business-friendly climate** and **skilled workforce** are why we do business in Northeast Indiana."

MARK MILLETT

Chairman, President and CEO | Steel Dynamics

YOUR BUSINESS MADE BETTER

The Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership is a business-led organization that offers free services to companies looking to expand or relocate.

Visit our website to contact us and learn more about why **Business is Made Better** in Northeast Indiana.

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REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP



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THE 11 COUNTIES OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

ADAMS >> ALLEN >> DEKALB >> HUNTINGTON >> KOSCIUSKO >> LAGRANGE >> NOBLE >> STEUBEN >> WABASH >> WELLS >> WHITLEY