



# **Hub of the Midwest**

Northeast Indiana's geographic position and intermodal connection to major markets make it a principal **hub of the Midwest**. The region's central location makes **Chicago**, **Cleveland**, **Detroit**, **Cincinnati** and **Indianapolis** reachable within a three-hour drive. Additionally, **80% of the U.S. population** and more than **20% of the Canadian population is within a one-day drive**. I-80, I-90 and I-69 run through the region, putting us in the **middle of millions**.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



Indiana is ranked **#3** in the nation for **infrastructure** by CNBC.



More then **\$650 billion** in goods are moved through the state of Indiana annually.



I-65, I-70 and I-74 are within a two-hour drive. I-69 is planned to connect **Canada** to **Mexico**, and **1-80** and **1-90** connect the **east** and **west** coasts.



Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) has a nearly **12,000-foot runway** and a cargo-sort facility. It also serves as a foreign trade zone (**FTZ #182**).



Class I rail providers **Norfolk Southern** and **CSX** as well as **Genesee & Wyoming** and **Indiana Northeastern Railroad** operate out of the region.



**Lucas-Toledo** and **Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor** are both located within 125 miles of the region and serve as key ports for the region.



As the Crossroads of America, we are perfectly positioned to help companies reach customers across the Midwest, across the country and around the globe. I will continue to be laser-focused on enhancing our infrastructure network so that businesses can help to drive our economy forward.

GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB
State of Indiana

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# **DISTRIBUTION + E-COMMERCE MADE BETTER**

#### TALENT MADE BETTER

Northeast Indiana combines an **innovative**, **forward-thinking** approach with a **Midwestern work ethic** to create a talent formula that is unparalleled anywhere in the U.S. There is **no limit** to what the innovative, dependable and hard-working residents of Northeast Indiana can bring to reality.



Indiana offers one of the largest warehousing workforces in the nation.



Northeast Indiana boasts many career academies including Heartland Career Center and Fort Wayne Community Schools Career Academy.



Northeast Indiana Works assists companies with recruiting, training and building talent pipelines.

### **BUSINESS CLIMATE MADE BETTER**



Northeast Indiana is an **ideal location** for distribution and e-commerce and boasts more than **630 businesses** in the **transportation** and **logistics** sector.



There is **no inventory tax** in Indiana. Additionally, Indiana provides a logistics **tax credit up to 25%** of a company's new logistics investment.

#### **INVESTMENT MADE BETTER**



**Amazon** recently invested **\$15** billion throughout Indiana, with **three facilities in Fort Wayne**.



Sweetwater Sound, the world's largest online music retailer, recently invested \$76.4 million in a major expansion at its current facility.

### A REGION MADE BETTER













NEI is a business-led organization that offers free services to companies looking to expand or relocate.

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