

### Migration Into and Out of the Hoosier State

The largest number of people moving into Indiana has been from neighboring states, led by Illinois. It is estimated that 42% of the people moving into Indiana between 1996 and 1997 were from Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, or Michigan. People also moved into Indiana in significant numbers from Florida, California, Texas and from foreign countries.

The largest numbers of Hoosiers moving to other states between 1996 and 1997 tended to move to neighboring states or to states in the South or West: Illinois, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Texas, Tennessee and California.

Another way to view the migration picture between Indiana and other states is to look at the number of net migrants between pairs of states. Indiana's estimated in-migration of 119,000 and out-migration of 116,000 between 1996 and 1997 resulted in a net migration figure of 3,000. This means that 3,000 more people moved into the state than out of the state during this period. The largest numbers of in-migrants were from Illinois, California, foreign countries, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. States that accounted for the largest number of net out-migrants from Indiana were Florida, Arizona, Tennessee, Georgia, Texas, North Carolina and South Carolina.

### Rapid Population Growth in Suburban Counties

The most recent county population estimates for July 1, 1997 indicated that 76 of 92 Hoosier counties grew by 1% or more since 1990, with 49 of these

counties growing faster than the state. Eleven counties showed little population change (less than 1%) and five Indiana counties experienced population decline exceeding 1% since the 1990 census.

Hamilton has been the fastest growing county in the state, adding 46,000 persons since the 1990 census, for a growth rate of 42.1%. Hamilton county's growth rate was double the growth rate of the 2nd fastest growing county, Hendricks. Hamilton was the fastest growing county in the five state region consisting of Indiana and neighboring states Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

The fastest growing counties in the state since 1990 were primarily suburban counties. In addition to Hamilton and Hendricks, Johnson, Dearborn, Owen, Hancock, Morgan, Jasper and Jennings all experienced growth rates of 15% or higher between 1990 and 1997.

Counties that experienced population decline since 1990 were Miami, Delaware, Grant, Vigo and Wabash. Estimates indicate that the population of Miami County has been growing since 1995, due to redevelopment efforts there after the restructuring of Grissom Air Force Base resulted in significant population decline earlier in the decade.

The ten largest Hoosier counties in terms of population are Marion, Lake, Allen, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Vanderburgh, Hamilton, Porter, Tippecanoe, and Madison. The smallest Indiana counties are Ohio, Union, Warren, Switzerland and Benton, each with populations less than 10,000.

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## Indiana Farms: Bigger, But Fewer

The average size of Indiana's farms increased from 249 acres in 1992 to 261 acres in 1997, even while the land in farms decreased by 3 percent during the same five year span. (See **Figure 1**) But the number of farms in Indiana decreased between 1992 and 1997 (the years of the latest censuses of agriculture) by 14 percent, from 31,547 farms to 26,993. (See **Table 1** and **Figure 2**) Indiana ranked 1st in the number of ducks, geese, and other poultry sold (10,547,462 were sold in 1997), and was among the top ten states in sales of other agricultural items:

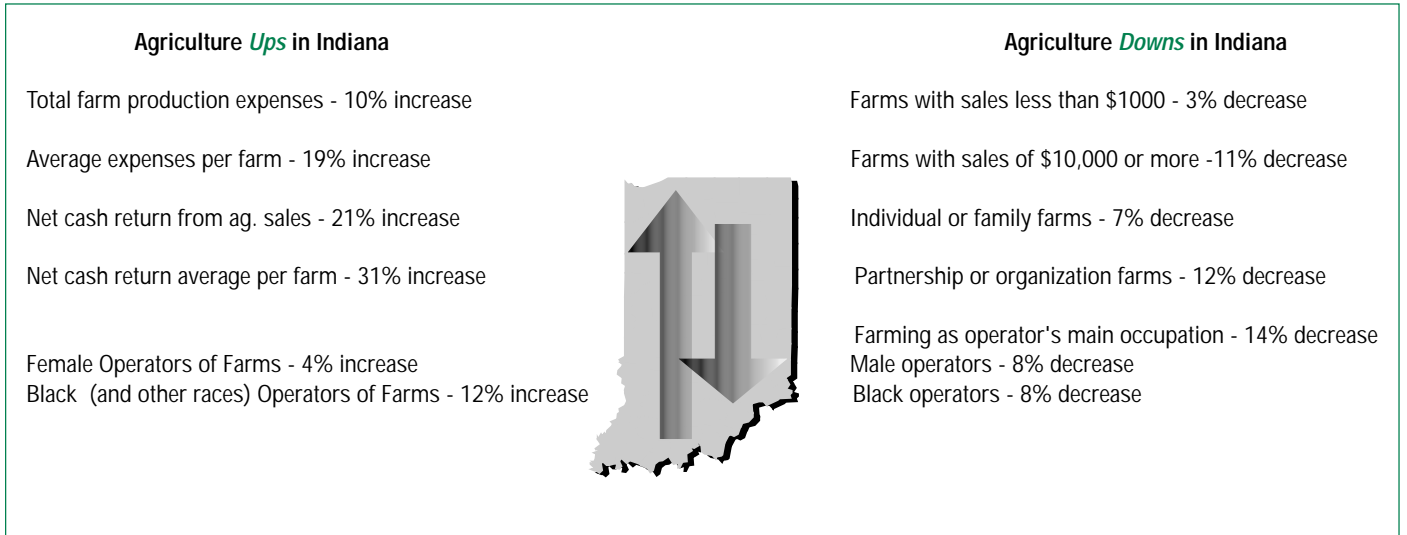
Item	Value	Indiana's Rank
Value of Crops (including nursery)	\$3,246,617,000	9th out of 50 states
Corn for Grain	\$1,515,617,000	5th out of 48 states
Soybeans	\$1,344,904,000	4th out of 40 states
Hogs and Pigs	\$ 843,002,000	6th out of 50 states

**Table 1**  
**Selected Indiana Data Just Released from the Agriculture Census**

1997 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	Farms (number)	Land in Farms (acres)	Average size of farm (acres)	Median size of farm (acres)	Total cropland (acres)
INDIANA	57,916	15,111,022	261	100	12,848,950
ADAMS	1,093	208,653	191	75	191,192
ALLEN	1,440	276,385	192	79	246,668
BARTHOLOMEW	577	166,612	289	111	146,039
BENTON	433	256,820	593	420	247,562
BLACKFORD	303	85,958	284	82	76,593
BOONE	611	228,328	374	127	212,137
BROWN	173	21,707	125	80	10,381
CARROLL	563	218,170	388	125	198,014
CASS	700	205,380	293	100	179,249
CLARK	647	108,773	168	80	75,586
CLAY	520	159,441	307	143	134,623
CLINTON	585	236,320	404	219	222,586
CRAWFORD	410	61,320	150	106	29,601
DAVISS	1,101	217,131	197	64	188,972
DEARBORN	679	81,383	120	90	44,856
DECATUR	654	198,614	304	162	170,873
DEKALB	785	162,936	208	95	135,205
DELAWARE	635	173,443	273	80	159,571
DUBOIS	812	191,053	235	126	138,274
ELKHART	1,335	182,771	137	60	160,160
FAYETTE	420	106,737	254	120	85,029
FLOYD	310	28,708	93	54	18,472
FOUNTAIN	550	204,554	372	159	177,202
FRANKLIN	776	138,635	179	112	91,558
FULTON	622	170,645	274	119	151,322
GIBSON	579	232,839	402	148	211,810
GRANT	575	192,292	334	137	178,082
GREENE	878	205,628	234	105	146,620
HAMILTON	591	140,813	238	57	126,509
HANCOCK	549	163,704	298	87	155,422
HARRISON	1,108	161,378	146	78	109,853
HENDRICKS	631	167,228	265	78	150,491
HENRY	770	177,601	231	78	161,322
HOWARD	486	147,750	304	136	137,933
HUNTINGTON	651	184,137	283	112	168,886
JACKSON	809	201,006	248	116	157,403
JASPER	618	282,915	458	239	257,576
JAY	839	179,794	214	98	157,345
JEFFERSON	796	126,379	159	80	80,534
JENNINGS	605	130,373	215	85	91,446
JOHNSON	526	135,563	258	80	121,046
KNOX	584	280,628	481	205	255,766
KOSCIUSKO	1,130	246,907	219	80	210,148
LAGRANGE	1,392	189,932	136	75	156,233
LAKE	442	148,872	337	100	138,929
LAPORTE	749	247,756	331	120	226,816
LAWRENCE	875	170,811	195	98	100,355
MADISON	738	223,751	303	94	208,843
MARION	225	29,034	129	27	24,102
MARSHALL	865	201,637	233	95	176,837
MARTIN	335	70,105	209	102	46,451
MIAMI	678	197,198	291	121	175,108
MONROE	473	62,149	131	77	36,214
MONTGOMERY	681	273,258	401	160	243,976
MORGAN	601	133,958	223	69	110,972

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NEWTON	381	207,315	544	280	192,801
NOBLE	942	181,963	193	86	147,016
OHIO	252	29,880	119	88	15,949
ORANGE	531	123,343	232	120	77,911
OWEN	569	107,265	189	90	70,022
PARKE	471	188,816	401	137	146,125
PERRY	484	84,251	174	120	44,187
PIKE	288	84,237	292	130	70,123
PORTER	476	134,505	283	110	122,766
POSEY	437	195,305	447	153	180,104
PULASKI	531	236,332	445	240	216,338
PUTNAM	794	195,377	246	82	152,919
RANDOLPH	851	223,817	263	109	202,017
RIPLEY	821	159,460	194	100	123,794
RUSH	663	227,874	344	189	207,225
ST. JOSEPH	666	154,142	231	73	139,661
SCOTT	348	57,372	165	66	41,364
SHELBY	641	200,661	313	110	185,603
SPENCER	638	172,687	271	98	142,200
STARKE	410	135,643	331	108	116,495
STEUBEN	581	123,953	213	100	99,218
SULLIVAN	473	176,895	374	120	154,407
SWITZERLAND	541	67,881	125	80	33,929
TIPPECANOE	665	241,539	363	109	220,806
TIPTON	415	158,440	382	150	147,636
UNION	268	82,500	308	183	68,968
VANDERBURGH	271	72,112	266	84	66,532
VERMILLION	249	118,065	474	199	101,027
VIGO	455	114,889	253	78	99,012
WABASH	762	188,230	247	112	163,227
WARREN	378	184,653	489	201	162,247
WARRICK	356	98,549	277	100	80,901
WASHINGTON	914	181,298	198	100	125,278
WAYNE	814	172,860	212	95	142,427
WELLS	660	195,901	297	115	182,069
WHITE	620	272,072	439	200	253,021
WHITLEY	787	165,067	210	80	138,872

**Figure 1**  
**A Comparison of Selected Census Categories, 1992-1997**



**Figure 2**  
**Indiana Farms By Size of Farm**

