

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Indiana is a global logistics leader and offers companies a strong competitive advantage when it comes to reaching North American and world markets.

Known as the “Crossroads of America,” Indiana has eight interstate highways, three state-of-the-art international ports, and the second-largest FedEx hub in the United States. Each year, 724 million tons of freight travel through Indiana, making it the fifth busiest state for commercial freight traffic.

Indiana’s transportation assets, including 14 federal highways, over 11,000 highway miles, and 4,200 miles of Class I rail tracks, support any logistics-related enterprise and encourages companies to expand or locate their operations.

The Indiana workforce already leads the trucking and warehouse/distribution subsectors, with 60 percent higher employment in warehousing and storage establishments relative to the country average and long distance trucking over twice the national average. A workforce of 250,000 skilled and experienced workers, combined with customizable training options and advanced university programs, provide a nearly unbeatable labor advantage. Creative and innovative firms find prosperous niches in Indiana.

Indiana is investing billions of dollars on logistics infrastructure for the future. Through the Major Moves program, the state will invest nearly \$12 billion on hundreds of new road construction and improvement projects between 2006 and 2015. These improvements will increase efficiency, lower costs and create thousands of new jobs – all without an increase in the gas tax. A \$1.1 billion upgrade to the Indianapolis International Airport also is currently underway and another \$57.8 million is being spent to improve the Gary Airport in northwest Indiana. In addition, work is continuing on the extension of I-69, the NAFTA Superhighway, which will spark additional cross-continental opportunities for local industries.

INDIANA TDL PARTNERS

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- **Ports of Indiana**
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- **Indiana Department of Transportation/ Freight Mobility**
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- **Conexus Indiana/ Advanced Logistics Initiative**
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- **Purdue University/ Global Supply Chain Management Institute**
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Indiana’s TDL industry not only accelerates the state’s economy, improving incomes and opportunities for Indiana residents, but it also plays an indispensable role in supporting manufacturers and distributors in our state.

TDL IN INDIANA

- 14 interstate highways—more intersecting highways than any other state
- Within a 500-mile radius of more than 82 million people
- Ranks ninth among all states for railroad mileage
- Ranks 15th in waterborne shipping
- Maintains more than 680 airports, including the second largest hub on the FedEx airfreight network
- 15 percent of all U.S. freight touches Indiana
- Indiana’s own Celadon Trucking Services is one of the top 10 truckload carriers operating in the United States, Mexico and Canada

EDUCATION

Several institutions are developing curricula involving transportation, distribution and logistics (TDL), including:

- Ball State University
- Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- University of Indianapolis
- Purdue University is leading an initiative to create a multi-university research and teaching center in partnership with industry, government and academia
- Indiana University is developing a logistics technology center focused on Radio Frequency Identification Tags
- Indiana State University is developing a Packaging Institute to provide technical assistance to industry
- Ivy Tech Community College offers a logistics certification program at several regional campus locations
- Vincennes University provides an associate's degree focusing on supply chain management

ASSOCIATIONS

Several major TDL organizations are working to enhance Indiana's transportation infrastructure, processes and environment, including:

- American Production and Inventory Control Society
- Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals
- Indiana Motor Truck Association
- Indiana Warehouse Association

