

The State of Girls in Indiana

This profile summarizes some of the key social, economic, and health issues affecting the 569,960 girls ages 5 to 17 living in Indiana. Girls in Indiana rank 36th out of 50 states on an overall index of well-being that includes measures of girls' physical health and safety, economic well-being, education, emotional health, and extracurricular activities.

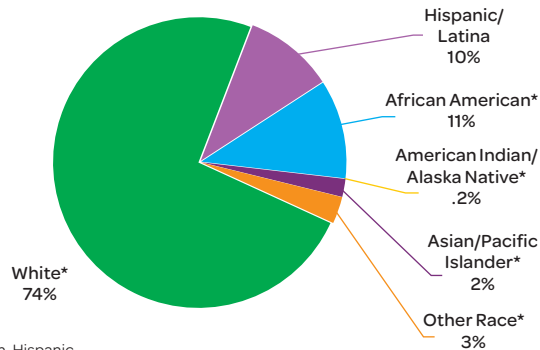
State Rankings of Girls' Overall Well-Being

Top States	Rank
New Hampshire	1
North Dakota	2
South Dakota	3
Massachusetts	4
Vermont	5
Indiana	36

Areas of Girls' Well-Being in Indiana

Area	State Rank
Physical Health and Safety	44
Economic Well-Being	29
Education	31
Emotional Health	44
Extracurricular Activities	29

Racial/Ethnic Composition of Girls in Indiana



*Non-Hispanic.

In 2012, about 10% of girls ages 5 to 17 in Indiana were Latina, 74% were white, 0.2% were American Indian, 11% were African American, 2% were Asian, and 3% identified with other racial groups.

About 8% of girls ages 5 to 17 in Indiana live in immigrant families,* compared with 24% of school-age girls nationwide.

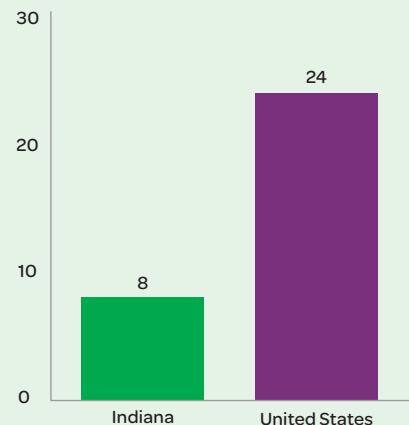
*Children who are foreign-born or who reside with at least one foreign-born parent.

Girls Ages 5–17 in Poverty, by Race/Ethnicity

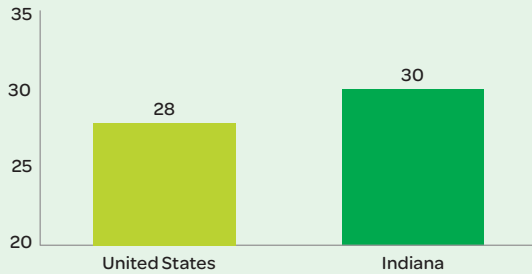
Race/Ethnicity	Percent
All girls	20
White*	15
Hispanic/Latina	38
African American/Black*	42
Other Race*	27

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Girls Ages 5–17 in Immigrant Families (%)



Girls Ages 10–17 Who Are Overweight or Obese (%)

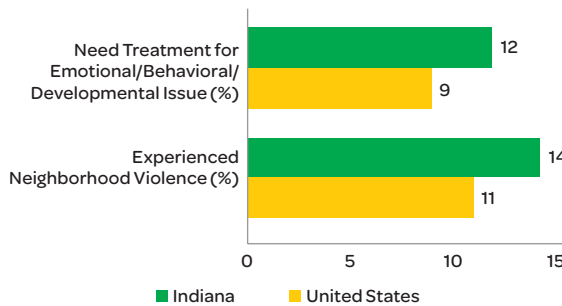


In Indiana, about 20% of school-age girls are living in poverty.

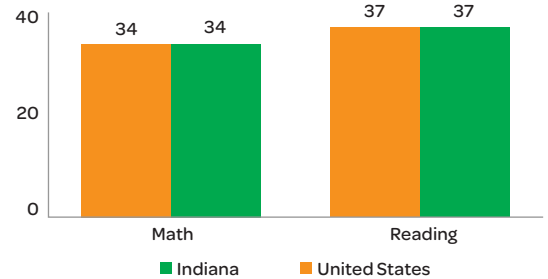
About 30% of girls ages 10 to 17 are overweight or obese.

Roughly 14% of girls ages 6 to 17 have experienced neighborhood violence.

Emotional Health and Safety of Girls Ages 6–17 (%)



Girls Who Are Proficient or Above in 8th Grade Math and 4th Grade Reading (%)

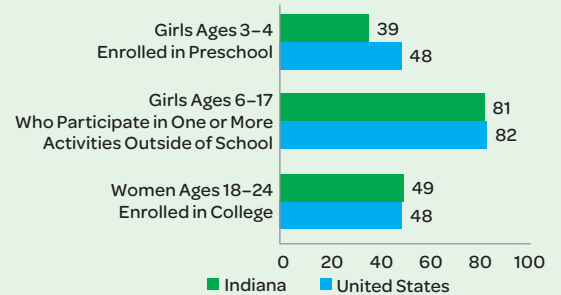


Roughly 37% of fourth-grade girls in Indiana are proficient in reading and 34% are proficient in math.

In Indiana, 39% of 3- to 4-year-old girls are enrolled in preschool.

About 81% of girls ages 6 to 17 participate in at least one extracurricular activity.

School Enrollment and Extracurricular Activities (%)



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Source: PRB analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau 2012 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Samples, U.S. Census Bureau 2012 Population Estimates, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011–12 National Survey of Children’s Health, and U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). For information about the state-level index of girls’ well-being, see www.girlscouts.org/stateofgirls.

Note: ACS and NSCH estimates are based on surveys of the population and are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error.