

## Comparing and Contrasting Indiana and Michigan

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### Indiana

Indiana became America's 19<sup>th</sup> state on December 11, 1816. It is nicknamed the Hoosier State. The origin of the word "Hoosier" remains unknown, but today it refers to a citizen of Indiana and has been in use since as early as 1833. Indiana is located in the Midwestern United States and borders Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky. Its northwestern coast borders Lake Michigan, thus, making it one of the Great Lakes states as well. The Ohio River forms its southern border between it and Kentucky. Its land is mostly rolling hills, farms, and grasslands. The state capital and largest city is Indianapolis - home of the Indianapolis 500 - one of the most important car racing events in the world. Over 6.8 million people live in Indiana, making it the nation's 17<sup>th</sup> most populous state. Its state bird is the cardinal.

### Michigan

Michigan, nicknamed the Wolverine State, or Great Lakes State, has two parts separated by Lakes Michigan and Huron. The upper part is called the Upper Peninsula or "U.P." and the lower, and much larger mitten-shaped part, is called the Lower Peninsula. Michigan borders Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. It also borders Canada. Waters from four great lakes: Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie, wash upon Michigan's shores. Michigan became America's 26<sup>th</sup> state on January 26, 1837. Its capital is Lansing and its largest city is Detroit. Detroit, aptly nicknamed "Motor City," was once the car-producing capital of the world. It was also called "Motown" because many famous rhythm and blues singers and groups got their start in Detroit under Motown Records including: The Jackson 5, the Supremes, Marvin Gaye, and Stevie Wonder. Today, a little less than 10 million people live in Michigan, which ranks its tenth among states.

Which facts belong in each category?

<b>Has more people</b>
<b>The state is split into two peninsulas</b>
<b>Residents are called Hoosiers</b>
<b>Borders Minnesota</b>
<b>Borders more than one Great Lake</b>
<b>Its largest city was once the car-producing capital of the world</b>
<b>Its capital and largest city are the same</b>
<b>Borders Lake Michigan</b>
<b>Borders another country</b>
<b>Was a state first</b>

<b>Indiana</b>
<b>Both</b>
<b>Michigan</b>
<b>Neither</b>

**Answers:**

**Indiana**

**Residents are called Hoosiers  
Its capital and largest city are the same  
Was a state first**

**Both**

**Borders Lake Michigan**

**Michigan**

**Has more people  
The state is split into two peninsulas  
Borders another country  
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Borders another country**

**Neither**

**Borders Minnesota**