



## GOVERNOR ERIC J. HOLCOMB

Eric Holcomb served as the 51st Governor of Indiana. A lifelong Hoosier, he was born in Indianapolis and graduated from Pike High School and Hanover College. Holcomb served six years on active duty in the U.S. Navy, beginning at Naval Station Great Lakes, then at Naval Air Station Cecil Field in Florida, and later overseas at CINCIBERLANT NATO Command in Portugal. He recently completed his second term as governor, having been elected in both 2016 and 2020—the latter with the highest number of votes for a governor in Indiana history. Before his election as governor, Holcomb served as Indiana’s 51st Lieutenant Governor.

Holcomb is recognized as a problem-solving consensus builder, dedicated to creating new opportunities for all. He perpetually traveled the state, engaging with Hoosiers to discussing ways to make Indiana the best place to live, work, study, and play, while maintaining a strong focus on economic, workforce, and community development.

During his tenure as Indiana’s governor (2017–2025), Holcomb strengthened the state’s economy, cutting taxes, paying down 35% of state debt, and attracting over \$120 billion in new capital investment. Indiana’s GDP grew by \$181.4 billion, and private sector employment increased by 268,100 jobs. The state became a leader in foreign direct investment, manufacturing, and small business growth, earning *Forbes’* recognition as the best state in America to start a business. Under his leadership, Indiana also secured major federal designations in microelectronics, hydrogen, and biotech while expanding its global business presence through 28 international trips.

Holcomb’s administration attracted high-profile investments from Google, Microsoft, Meta, AWS, SK Hynix, Samsung SDI, Doral Renewables and major automakers, advancing Indiana’s standing in technology, life sciences, and clean energy. The state saw record-breaking venture capital activity, with initiatives like the Next Level Indiana Fund fostering startup growth. Indiana became the top steel-producing state and home to leading companies like Eli Lilly, Roche, Cummins, and Rolls Royce. His focus on economic development, innovation, and global engagement made Indiana a prime destination for business expansion.

As governor, Holcomb oversaw major infrastructure advancements, including the \$60 billion Next Level Roads program and the early completion of I-69, the largest new interstate project in the U.S. He led Indiana’s largest commuter rail expansion, enhanced port facilities for international trade, and secured the state’s first two transatlantic flights. His administration invested \$328 million in broadband expansion, connecting over 100,000 homes and businesses, and secured \$868 million in federal funds to close the rural digital divide. Indiana was recognized as a national leader in digital government and ranked #1 in infrastructure by CNBC in 2019 and 2022.

Holcomb also aligned education, workforce development, and economic growth to prepare Hoosiers for high-demand careers. He launched the Next Level Jobs program, secured historic investments in K-12 education, and raised the average teacher salary to over \$60,000. Indiana expanded school choice, boosted literacy funding, and developed regional workforce hubs. His administration provided grants to up-skill thousands of workers and modernize businesses while reducing recidivism through career training for incarcerated individuals. He also enhanced childcare support for families and employers, ensuring a stronger workforce for the future.

Holcomb led a major transformation of Indiana’s public health system, increasing state funding to local health departments by 1,500% and expanding mental health resources with a 358% increase in treatment beds. He also strengthened infant and maternal health programs, improving mortality rates by 10% since 2017. *Politico* recognized Indiana’s efforts as a conservative model for bolstering public health systems.



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Holcomb enhanced Indiana's communities by investing \$180 million in trail systems, creating new state forests and parks, and supporting conservation efforts like planting 1 million trees. Under his leadership, Indiana became a leader in renewable energy and saw its cleanest air and water levels in decades. His READI program leveraged \$1 billion in state funds to attract \$22 billion in investments for housing, infrastructure, and workforce development.

Holcomb prioritized public safety by raising Indiana State Trooper salaries, expanding manpower, and modernizing law enforcement facilities. He led major state asset projects, including a new school for the deaf and blind, a correctional facility, and state infrastructure improvements. He also set a record for judicial appointments, naming 120 judges across all court levels.

Holcomb served on the executive committees of the National and Republican Governors Associations and was named one of ten governors shaping politics by *The Hill* in 2018. *Governing* magazine praised his leadership style, stating, "He just wins." A basketball fan and presidential signature collector, he has made a basket in all 92 Indiana counties and owns documents signed by every U.S. president. He and his wife, Janet, live outside Indianapolis with their pets.