

**Background**

The Opportunity Index includes measures of income, poverty, unemployment, and health within given areas and represents IHCD’s attempt to assess the economic and wellness opportunities available to residents of proposed developments. This index directly connects to our vision for an Indiana with a sustainable quality of life for all Hoosiers in the community of their choice and is designed to provide access to affordable housing in all areas of the state.

**Note:** The categories of Access to post-secondary education and Access to employment will be determined on a case-by-case basis, according to the one-mile radius surrounding each proposed development and, therefore, the scores are not included in these maps.

An explanation and mapping visualization of the following Opportunity Index criteria are included at [this link](#) to our maps on the mySidewalk website:

- Census tracts at the top quartile of median income based upon the most recent data from the [US Census](#)
- Census tracts at the bottom quartile for poverty rate based upon the most recent data from the [US Census](#)
- Counties with unemployment rates below the State average based on data from [STATS Indiana](#)
- Counties with life expectancy above the State average of 75.6 based on data from the [2024 County Health Rankings](#)
- County ratios for population to primary care physicians as gathered from [2024 County Health Rankings](#)
- The R/ECAP status of census tracts according to the [HUD R/ECAP site](#)

**R/ECAP Map**

The map provided at the [HUD R/ECAP site](#) indicates the R/ECAP status of all Indiana census tracts.

Following is a list of those census tracts which qualify as R/ECAPS.

**Current R/ECAP Census Tracts**

Allen 13	Elkhart 26
Allen 16	Elkhart 27
Allen 17	Lake 102.01
Allen 23	Lake 102.03
Allen 28	Lake 102.05
Allen 29	Lake 104
Allen 30	Lake 105
Allen 31	Lake 106
Allen 44	Lake 109



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Lake 113	St. Joseph 27
Lake 114	St. Joseph 29
Lake 116	Tippecanoe 105
Lake 118	Vanderburgh 14
Lake 119	
Lake 122	
Lake 123	
Lake 124	
Lake 128	
Lake 206	
Lake 301	
Lake 302	
Lake 303	
Lake 310	
Lake 415	
Marion 3103.09	
Marion 3308.03	
Marion 3308.04	
Marion 3308.05	
Marion 3411	
Marion 3503	
Marion 3505	
Marion 3508	
Marion 3510	
Marion 3512	
Marion 3521	
Marion 3524	
Marion 3527	
Marion 3528	
Marion 3535	
Marion 3536	
Marion 3548	
Marion 3549	
Marion 3550	
Marion 3601.01	
Marion 3601.02	
Marion 3603.02	
Marion 3905	
St. Joseph 5	
St. Joseph 19	
St. Joseph 20	
St. Joseph 21	
St. Joseph 23	



