



# The Trust for Public Land 2017 ParkScore® index

## INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The Trust for Public Land ParkScore® index analyzes public access to existing parks and open space. The analysis incorporates a two-step approach: 1) determines where there are gaps in park availability, and 2) constructs a demographic profile to identify gaps with the most urgent need for parkland. Park gaps are based on a dynamic 1/2 mile service area (10 minute walking distance) for all parks. In this analysis, service areas use the street network to determine walkable distance - streets such as highways, freeways, and interstates are considered barriers.

Demographic profiles are based on 2016 Forecast block groups provided by Esri to determine park need for density of youth, density of individuals in

households with income less than 75% of city median income (Indianapolis less than \$35,000), and population density (people per acre).

The combined level of park need result shown on the large map combines the three demographic profile results and assigns the following weights:

- 50% = population density (people per acre)
- 25% = density of youth age 19 and younger
- 25% = density of individuals in households with income less than \$35,000

Areas in dark red show a very high need for parks.

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2017 Rank  
**98**

ParkScore  
**28.5**

Acreage		Investment	Facilities Average				Access
<b>24</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>3</b>
out of 40 points		out of 20 points	out of 20 points				out of 40 points
Median Park Size	Park Land Percent of City Area	Spending per Capita	Basketball Hoops per 10,000 Residents	Dog Parks per 100,000 Residents	Playgrounds per 10,000 Residents	Recreation/Senior Centers per 20,000 Residents	Percent within 10-minute walk
19	5	2	7	3	4	6	<b>32%</b>
out of 20 points	out of 20 points	out of 20 points	out of 20 points	out of 20 points	out of 20 points	out of 20 points	
9.8 Acres	5%	\$35.00	2.2	0.5	1.5	0.5	

Each city can earn a maximum of 120 points. Points are awarded for eight statistical measures in three categories: acreage, facilities and investment, and access. The total is then normalized to a scale out of 100. This final value is the city's ParkScore.

Demographic Category	Total	Population Served**	Percent Served**	Population Not Served	Percent Not Served
Total Population	857,203	278,557	32%	578,646	68%
Age 19 and Younger	226,788	72,388	32%	154,400	68%
20-64 Years Old	524,284	173,960	33%	350,324	67%
Over 64 Years Old	106,130	32,199	30%	73,931	70%
Demographic Category	Total	Households Served**	Percent Served**	Households Not Served	Percent Not Served
Under 75% Median City Income	138,274	53,003	38%	85,271	62%
75%-125% Median City Income	52,603	17,082	32%	35,521	68%
Over 125% Median City Income	152,909	42,354	28%	110,555	72%

Total Population may vary from estimates published elsewhere due to differences between city boundaries and the boundaries of Census Block Groups used in this analysis, or due to methodology differences in third party data providers' forecast demographics.

The Trust for Public Land works with communities to ensure that everyone has parks, gardens, playgrounds, trails, and other natural places within a 10-minute walk from home. Learn more at [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)

\*\*Inside 10-minute walk dynamic park buffer  
2016 Forecast Census Block Groups  
Provided by Esri