



### RANDOM TIDBITS

- New York City's Empire State Building and Rockefeller Center as well as the Pentagon, the U.S. Treasury, a dozen other government buildings in Washington D.C. as well as 14 state capitols around the nation, are built from the rich limestone deposits in Southern Indiana.
- When Indiana became a state in 1816, almost all of its population resided in what is now Southern Indiana. Today, less than a third does. In 1850, two of the three largest cities were in Southern Indiana — New Albany and Madison. (Indianapolis was second in size.) After the Civil War and the coming of a railroad network, New Albany, sixth in size in 1890, would drop out of the top ten permanently.
- Most of the state's 813,000 acres of wetlands are located in Southern Indiana.
- All but two counties in the region in 2000 were less than 5 percent African American. Two, Clark and Vanderburgh, were 5 to 9 percent. All but Clark, Floyd and Vanderburgh counties were 95 percent or more white, non-Hispanic.
- Only Floyd and Warrick counties had populations in which at least 25 percent had a bachelors degree or higher.
- Southern Baptists made up the largest Protestant religious group in Clark and Floyd counties.

SOURCES: University of Southern Indiana, U.S. Geological Survey, Indiana State Library.

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## THE ELEMENTS

### ► Rain:

- The maximum average rainfall in Floyd and Clark counties occurs in May, with about 4.8 inches of rain, while the least amount of rain falls in October, with about 2.7 inches recorded.
- The average rainfall amount in Floyd and Clark counties is 43-45 inches a year, while the state average ranges from 37-47 inches.
- 2006 was the wettest year on record for Southern Indiana, which received 56 inches of rainfall.

### ► Snow:

- The average amount of snowfall in Southern Indiana is 14 inches, compared to 76 inches in the northern Indiana snow belt region.
- Less snow than average has fallen on the area in recent years. In 2005, 9 inches of snow was recorded, and in 2006, only 5 inches of snow hit the area.
- The average date of the state's first snowfall is Nov. 19; the last snowfall occurs March 30, on average.

### ► Temperatures:

- January is the coldest month in Southern Indiana, with an average low of 25 degrees and an average high of 41 degrees. July is the hottest month, with an average high of 87 and an average low of 70.
- In 2006, the highest temperature in Southern Indiana was 95 degrees, in August, while the lowest was 9 degrees in February. In 2005, the highest temperature was 98 degrees, in August, while the lowest was 7 degrees, in January.
- The highest recorded temperature on record was 116 degrees on July 14, 1936, in Colledgeville. The lowest was -36 degrees on Jan. 19, 1994, in New Whiteland.

### ► Tornadoes

- While tornado activity in Floyd and Clark counties is slightly below the state average, it is 86 percent greater than the overall United States average.
- Indiana has an average of 23 tornadoes a year; tornadoes have occurred in the state during every month.
- Harrison County has had two F5 tornadoes, more than any other county in

the state. Only eight F5 tornadoes have ever been recorded in Indiana.

- One of the worst tornadoes in U.S. history was the March 23, 1917, F4 tornado that hit Floyd and Clark counties. It first hit New Albany, destroying 300 homes, causing more than \$1.5 million in damage and killing 46 people. Of those who died, at least five, and possibly as many as 12, were killed at Olden Street School.

### ► Floyd County Tornadoes:

- March 23, 1917, F4 tornado killed 46 people and injured 250
- June 2, 1990, F3 tornado, injured seven
- June 6, 1990, F0 tornado
- April 20, 1996, F2 tornado
- May 27, 2004, F1 tornado
- May 30, 2004, F0 tornado

### ► Clark County Tornadoes:

- March 27, 1890, F4 tornado killed 76 people and injured 200
- May 26, 1894, F2 tornado
- March 23, 1917, F4 tornado killed 46 and injured 250
- July 29, 1943, F3 tornado injured 25
- May 5, 1945, F2 tornado destroyed two large factory buildings, halting the production of much-needed naval artillery for World War II
- June 7, 1948, F4 tornado killed one, injured 20
- Feb. 10, 1959, F2 tornado
- March 5, 1961, no data
- July 23, 1961, F2 tornado
- Sept. 3, 1970, F1 tornado
- April 13, 1972, F1 tornado
- June 16, 1973, F1 tornado
- June 27, 1973, F1 tornado
- April 3, 1974, F4/F5 tornadoes killed 11, injured 190 in eight Southern Indiana counties, including Clark, Harrison, Washington and Jefferson.
- June 2, 1990, F3 tornado injured five people
- May 27, 2004, F2 tornado
- May 30, 2004, F1 tornado

SOURCES: Indiana State Climate Office, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service



## Experience Living by the Lake

IU Southeast has entered a new chapter in its illustrious history. Beginning in fall 2008, IU Southeast will be the first and only public university in Southeastern Indiana to offer residential housing to its students.

The lodge style residence halls will be located on campus near our picturesque lake. Consistent with the beauty and uniqueness of the IU Southeast campus, the residence halls will be far from conventional style halls.

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