Howard County

The maps and tables in this publication were prepared using PCensus 7.06 for MapInfo and MapInfo Professional 7.0.
Howard County is located in North Central Indiana. It is bordered by the following counties: Grant to the east, Miami and Cass to the north, Carroll to the west, Clinton to the southwest, and Tipton to the south. U.S. Highways 31 and 35 and State Highway 22 cross the county. Elevation is 750-900 feet. Most of the terrain is nearly level, except for slightly sloping near some creeks. And there is some steeply sloping terrain in the west and north central regions. The landscape features oak and hickory trees. The landscape features oak, ash, elm, cottonwood and hickory trees. The county pertains to the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain land resource area.

Howard county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 16°/33° in January and 63°/86° in July. Annual precipitation is about 38 and snowfall about 25 inches. Typically the first freeze of the season occurs October 10-15. The last freeze varies from May 1-5. The growing season lasts about 158-168 days.

Agricultural activity is diversified with corn for grain, soybeans, and livestock. About four-fifths of the land is in farms and about four-fifths of that land is in cash crops. An additional crop is winter wheat. Cucumbers, sweet corn and tomatoes are main vegetables. Apples are a primary fruit. Popcorn is a special crop. Livestock includes cattle/calves and hogs/pigs. Main natural resources include construction sand and gravel, petroleum, and forestland. Water resources include the Kokomo Reservoir No. 1 and nearly a dozen creeks.

Communities include the city of Kokomo, and the towns of Greentown and Russiaville.

Sources: Map from PCensus for MapInfo; Geographic Notes from Indiana Facts: Flying the Colors by John Clements, 1995.
Famous sons and daughters of Howard County include Ryan White, who became a world symbol for courage in the face of AIDS. A hemophiliac, he acquired AIDS from a blood transfusion. His life was the subject for a TV movie, *The Ryan White Story* (1987).


Howard County is not a tobacco-producing county, according to the Strategic Development Group’s “Alternative Agricultural Strategy” (Bloomington, March 15, 2001) report, which is part of Governor Joseph E. Kernan’s “Recipient Final Reports for Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture Grant Programs”

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