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## Indianapolis (USA)

With an estimated population of almost 850'000, **Indianapolis** (“Indy”) is the capital of the state of Indiana and is by far one of the country’s most livable big cities. Indianapolis is the largest city in Indiana and 14th largest in the U.S. Indianapolis has a quality about it that makes even the heart of a bustling downtown feel like home. Visitors are drawn from all over the globe to enjoy our top-notch professional sports venues, a thriving convention industry and numerous cultural attractions. And when they arrive, they too experience the character and hospitality that make Indianapolis special.

Indiana has long been synonymous with sports. For a century, Indianapolis has hosted the Indianapolis 500 race, the largest single-day sporting event in the world. For decades, Indiana has been home to professional sports teams including the Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Fever, Indianapolis Indians, and a vast array of other sports franchises.



Since 1979, Indiana Sports Corp. has been the driving force in the region’s sports initiative, one that features sports-based entities headquartered in Indianapolis, spectacular venues, and a focus on hosting marquee sporting events.

In addition to hosting many national and international swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, and water polo competitions at the Indiana University Natatorium, Indianapolis was the host city for the very successful 2004 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), which witnessed over 10'000 spectators in Conseco Fieldhouse.

