



Vice President Pence has served in public office since 2000, and was the Governor of Indiana from 2012 to 2016. During this time, he has been a strong critic of heavy taxation and regulation, consistently advocating for free markets and limited government.

As Governor, Mike Pence:

- Maintained a **balanced budget** every year, closed the 2016 fiscal year out with over **2 billion in reserves**, and held a **AAA credit rating**
- Pushed forward the **largest tax cuts** in the state's history, enacting nearly **\$3.5 billion in tax relief** over the past four years.
- Oversaw **job growth** and a steep **drop in unemployment**
- Eliminated unnecessary and onerous **fees**
- Expanded **scholarships** and **school choice**
- Prioritized **reducing veteran unemployment**

More information:

Tax reform

- Indiana was the only Midwestern state on the Tax Foundation's top-ten list. [Forbes](#)
- Fought for and pushed forward tax cuts shortly after becoming governor, including a 5 percent cut in the individual income tax rate, bringing it down to 3.23 percent. [Indianapolis Business Journal](#)
- Signed [SB1](#) which reduced the business personal property tax (also expanded sales tax exemptions for business purchases) and lowered the corporate income tax (gradually lowers the corporate income tax from 6.5 percent in 2015 to 4.9 percent in 2021). [Forbes](#)
- Indiana's business-friendly tax climate has attracted businesses outside of the state to relocate there. For example, AEP River Operations in Chesterfield, Missouri, moved its 100 employees to Indiana in 2015. [St. Louis Business Journals](#)

Economic Growth & Unemployment

- Indiana's unemployment fell from 8.4% in January 2013 to 4.5% in November 2015. [Wall Street Journal](#)
- Businesses in Indiana, both large and small, created nearly 150,000 new jobs over the last four years. [WYKC](#)
- Total employment grew almost 10% in Indiana since the end of 2012 (compared to the 6.5% national average). [Wall Street Journal](#)
- In 2015, Indiana's continued economic success allowed it to [pay off a \\$250 million federal unemployment insurance loan](#) (which equates to \$126 per employee in Indiana). Ultimately, this saved Indiana businesses from having to pay \$327 million in additional taxes in 2016. [Forbes](#)

Eliminated Fees

- When it became evident that the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles was overcharging Indianans tens of millions of dollars on licensing fees and other vehicle services, Governor Pence signed the House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1087, which reduced or eliminated 163 Bureau of Motor Vehicles fees. [Indy Star](#)

Educational Opportunities

- As of 2016, nearly 60% of students in Indiana qualified for vouchers making Indiana's school voucher program the largest in the country. [NPR](#)
- Governor Pence's On My Way Pre-K pilot program provided scholarships for nearly 2,300 low-income young children from 2014 to 2016. [NPR](#)

Protected Veterans

- In 2016 alone, Governor Pence signed 13 bills aimed at protecting and improving the lives of our veterans, including expanding the Military Family Relief Fund and expanding property tax deductions for disabled vets. [WFYI Indianapolis](#)