

2024 Snapshot



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About Us

The Sierra Club is the oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organizations in the United States with more than three million members and supporters.

The Hoosier Chapter has more than 10,000 members. Local Sierra Club groups are located in Indianapolis (Heartlands Group), Southwest Indiana Network, Greater Columbus (Winding Waters Group), and Bloomington (Uplands Group). Groups work on issues related to conservation, energy, environment, and lead outdoor activities in Indianapolis (Heartlands Group), Southwest Indiana Network, Greater Columbus (Winding Waters Group), and Bloomington (Uplands Group).

The Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign has a goal of moving Indiana to 100% renewable energy. We are calling on Duke Energy, Indiana's largest and dirtiest monopoly utility to release a 20-Year Energy Plan that ends coal burning no later than 2030, and dramatically shifts towards renewable energy, energy efficiency, and battery storage.



**Learn more about the
Beyond Coal Campaign**

sierraclub.org/indiana/energy/duke



2024 Legislative Tracker



See what state bills the Sierra Club is watching in 2024. The Chapter is tracking environmental, energy-related legislation and democracy and justice focused legislation.

sierraclub.org/indiana/legislative-tracker-2024

2023 Legislative Scorecard



We highlighted the 2023 session as "Greed, Hate, Harm" because of the attacks on our democracy, and our environment which further erodes our ability to advance an equitable, clean energy future in Indiana.

tinyurl.com/legscores23

2014 - 2022 Legislative Scorecard



Our scorecard covers pivotal votes on a range of energy and conservation issues between 2014-2022. Two-thirds of the Indiana legislature earned a D or F. Cancelling Energizing Indiana, and phasing out net metering have had negative consequences on our transition to clean energy in Indiana.

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Indiana's Energy Burden is too high

More than 30 million American's are living with a high "energy burden" and struggle to pay utility bills each month. High energy burden results when households spend greater than 6% of income towards energy bills, and severe energy burdens are greater than 10% of income. Energy burden is partly due to inefficiencies in the condition of a home, a household's ability to invest in energy-efficient upgrades, and the availability of energy efficiency programs and incentives. Indiana's major electric utilities have made sharp increases in monthly "fixed charges" which further disincentivizes investments in energy efficiency. In 2014, Indiana cancelled "Energizing Indiana," a successful, statewide energy efficiency program; and left efficiency programs in the hands of major electric utilities. Overall, utilities failed to implement the same level of affordable, and effective programs.

The median energy burden for renters is 13% higher; contributing to displacement and high eviction rates. People of color, older adults, and people with disabilities have an average energy burden of 19%, compared with a national average of 4%. High energy burden has been strongly correlated to detrimental effects on health; as energy burden increases, so does risk for mental health issues; pulmonary, respiratory, and cardiovascular diseases; injuries; excess winter/summer deaths; and more. Energy burden is not a singular problem. It is intersectional, affecting households' access to other critical resources, which can lead to food, water, and housing insecurity (NRDC).



See your energy burden
and find resources

sierraclub.org/energy-burden-calculator



See your communities
energy burden

bit.ly/49vrRjk

Save Money Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act

The Inflation Reduction Act includes more than 100 programs that will invest about \$370 billion in climate action, clean energy jobs, and environmental justice. These investments will put us on a path to cutting climate pollution by 40% by 2030 while creating over 9 million family-sustaining jobs over the next decade. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is developing a Climate Action Plan which will guide implementation of these funds. Indiana must prioritize Justice 40 to ensure funds reach environmental justice communities, fund communities in realizing their sustainability and climate plans, expand access to solar, clean up and reinvest in communities which house brownfields, toxic coal ash and harmful industries like coal and gas extraction, suspend further investments in fossil fuels and more.



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eligible for

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Learn about how the
Inflation Reduction Act can
transform our communities

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