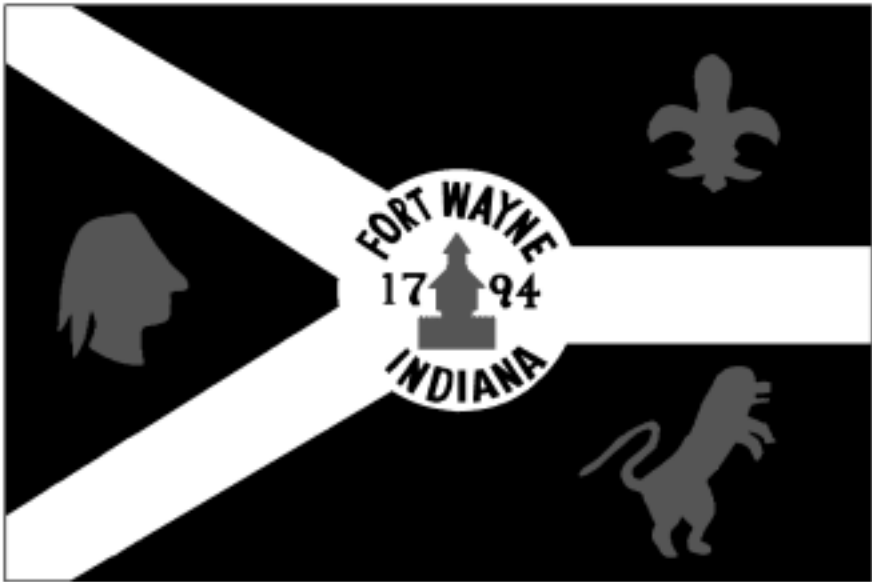


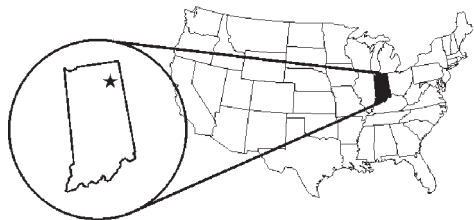
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA



Population Rank: U.S. # 84
Indiana # 2

Proportions: 2:3 (usage)

Adopted: 1934 (official)



DESIGN: The flag of Fort Wayne has a dark blue field trisected by a white Y-shaped figure positioned horizontally. The top of the “Y” extends to both corners of the hoist, and its bottom bisects the fly. Overlaid the center of the “Y” is a white circle with a blockhouse in red. Curved above the blockhouse is **FORT WAYNE**, below is **INDIANA**, on the hoist side **17**, and on the fly side **94**, all in dark blue. A silhouette of a male Native American head is centered in the hoist field, in red, with two feathers and in profile facing the fly. In the top fly field is a red *fleur-de-lis* and in the lower fly field, is an upright red lion, facing the fly.

SYMBOLISM: The white “Y” represents the confluence of three rivers in the center of Fort Wayne: the St. Joseph (top hoist), the St. Mary’s (bottom hoist), and the Maumee (fly). The blockhouse symbolizes the original Fort Wayne, established in 1794 by General Anthony Wayne, for whom the city is named. The Indian head recalls the early settlement of the Miami Indians near the city’s current site. The *fleur-de-lis* recognizes the contribution of the French, who organized Fort Miami, the first fort on the site, as a trading post in the 1680s. The lion symbolizes the British, who captured Fort Miami in 1760 and occupied it until 1763, when the Indians reoccupied the site during Pontiac’s Rebellion. Indians held the area until Gen. Wayne secured the land in 1794 for the fledgling United States.

HOW SELECTED: Through a contest, in 1916.

DESIGNER: Guy Drewitt, whose 1916 design is described (no picture is extant) as a blue field with a white Y and two small white stars, position unspecified, to recognize Fort Wayne’s position as the second largest city in Indiana.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: Drewitt’s original design was apparently used until 1934, when at the suggestion of a local citizen he modified the flag to its current design.

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