

# Central Time Indiana's Right Time

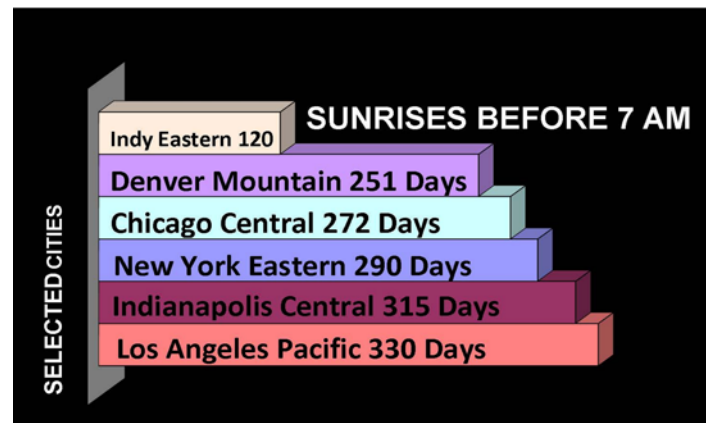
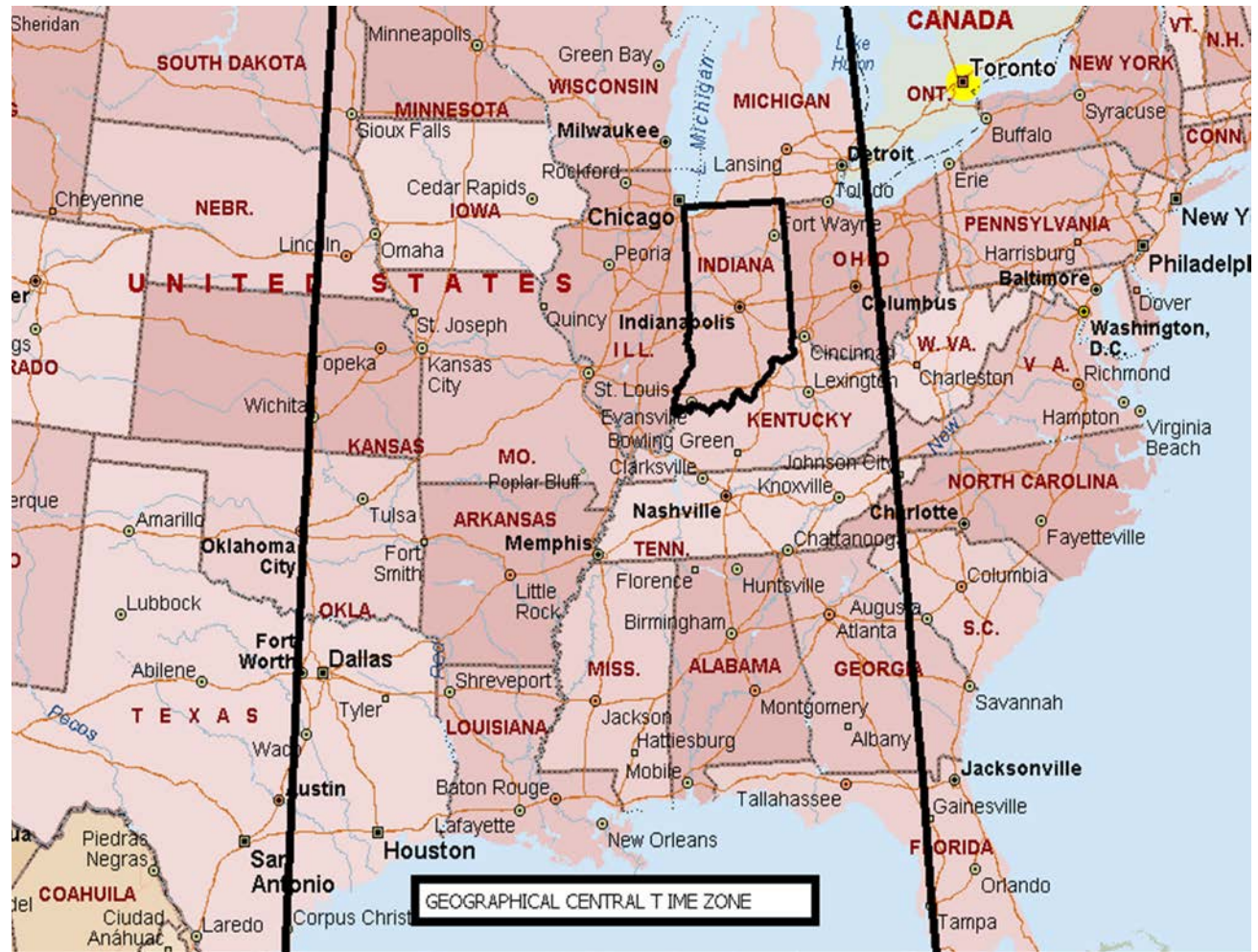
The mission of the Central Time Coalition is to promote the allocation of available sunlight and darkness in a manner that provides the greatest peace, safety, and well-being to the citizens of Indiana.

This mission will be accomplished when Indiana is restored to the Central Time Zone.

## Why Support Central Time?

- Indiana's geographically correct time zone is the Central Time Zone.
- Eastern Time's excessive morning darkness is unsafe for students.
- Eastern's 3-hour time gap with the west coast discourages business interaction.
- Central Time would unite all of Indiana in the same time zone and eliminate confusion within our state.
- Darkness-dependent activities would return to normal – July 4<sup>th</sup>, bedtime, youth and family camping, stars, etc.
- Nationally televised events would be broadcast one hour earlier – NCAA, pro-sports, Olympics, World Series, etc.
- In Central, civil clocks would be in sync with Hoosier's biological clocks and everyone would function better.

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## Morning Darkness

- 8:20 a.m. sunrise in Nov. on Eastern
- 6:30 a.m. - school buses begin picking up students all over Ind.
- Unsafe for 1.35 million students
- Unsafe for morning commuters, walkers, and joggers
- Central's morning sunlight helps burn off fog and clear winter roads

# How to bring Central Time Back Home In Indiana

- Visit [www.hoosiersforcentraltime.com](http://www.hoosiersforcentraltime.com) and learn about the issues.
- Sign in the guest book to add your name & email to the Central Time contact list.
- Sign this petition in support of CT.
- Share this petition with friends, family and co-workers.
- Share the petition with parents of school children.
- Encourage your school board members to approve the “School Resolution in Support of Central Time”.
- Write an editorial to your newspaper.
- Contact your state Representative and Senator and tell them you want them to vote for Central Time legislation in our General Assembly. Contacts info at: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/2345.htm>

**Indiana’s time isn’t going to get fixed  
without support from people who  
care - like  
YOU.**

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## PETITION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING CENTRAL TIME IN INDIANA

When US time zones were established by the railroads in 1883 and officially adopted by Congress in 1918, all of Indiana was correctly designated in the Central Time Zone. In the 1960s, perceived advantages to Indiana’s commerce prompted moving portions of Indiana to the Eastern Time Zone with no thought for the effects on ordinary citizens. Eastern Time is now an obsolete time zone designation for Indiana. It causes inconveniences for Indiana’s commerce and has detrimental consequences on the wellbeing of Indiana’s citizens.

- Being split into two time zones (20% living in the Central Zone and 80% living in the Eastern Zone) is divisive for Indiana’s citizens. It causes inconveniences and confusion that are costly for commerce and for citizens (missed meetings, missed deadlines, missed deliveries, etc.)
- The time zone boundary splits 17 adjacent Indiana counties, causing difficulties for thousands of people who live in one time zone while families and friends live in the adjacent time zone. It very much complicates family participation in events - school, athletic, social, church, civic, etc.
- Eastern Time results in excessively late sunrises and sunsets, caused by the sun being one hour out of sync with our civil clocks in the winter and two hours out of sync the remaining eight months.
- Excessive morning darkness is unsafe for students waiting for school buses, walking and driving to school, as well as for morning commuters traveling in rain, fog, snow, and ice.
- Excessively late sunsets diminish summer experiences that require darkness we do not have on Eastern Time – July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, evening concerts, youth and family camping, campfires, watching the stars, etc.
- Late sunsets make bedtime difficult and often result in sleep-deprived students who are not alert, and frequently not prepared, when they arrive at school.
- Eastern Time’s sunlight schedule is detrimental to educational achievement in Indiana. Biological clocks are set by the sunlight/darkness schedule. In addition to quality sleep, students and adults learn and perform tasks best when civil clocks are in sync with biological clocks.
- Eastern Time’s 3-hour time difference with the West Coast is a deterrent to conducting business with Indiana companies. Indiana businesses are denied the advantage of being located in Indiana’s natural Central Time Zone location.
- Is Indiana’s motto, “Crossroads of America”, appropriate for the Eastern Time Zone?

**For these and many other reasons, I support restoring Indiana to the Central Time Zone.**

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