

Citizens Water - Indianapolis

EWG's drinking water quality report shows results of tests conducted by the water utility and provided to the Environmental Working Group by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, as well as information from the U.S. EPA Enforcement and Compliance History database (ECHO). For the latest quarter assessed by the U.S. EPA (January 2019 - March 2019), **tap water provided by this water utility was in compliance with federal health-based drinking water standards.**

Utility Details

Indianapolis, Indiana

Serves: 814,338

Data available: 2012–2017

Source: Surface water

Contaminants Detected





29 Total Contaminants

- Legal does not necessarily equal safe. Getting a passing grade from the federal government does not mean the water meets the latest health guidelines.
- Legal limits for contaminants in tap water have not been updated in almost 20 years.
- The best way to ensure clean tap water is to keep pollution out of source water in the first place.

What To Do

FILTER CONTAMINANTS OUT

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICIAL

WHAT ABOUT LEAD?

Legal \neq Safe

EWG Health Guidelines fill the gap in outdated government standards.

The federal government's legal limits are not health-protective. The EPA has not set a new tap water standard in almost 20 years, and some standards are more than 40 years old.

Contact Information

Postal Code (Optional)

Email

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Contaminants Detected

VIEW: EXCEED GUIDELINES OTHER DETECTED

Arsenic

Potential Effect: cancer

42x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	0.168 ppb
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	0.004 ppb
LEGAL LIMIT	10 ppb

DETAILS

Atrazine

Potential Effect: harm to the developing fetus

2.8x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	0.279 ppb
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	0.1 ppb
LEGAL LIMIT	3 ppb

DETAILS

Bromodichloromethane

Potential Effect: cancer

140x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	8.40 ppb
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	0.06 ppb
NO LEGAL LIMIT	

DETAILS

Chlorate

Potential Effect: harm to the thyroid

2.3x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	492.9 ppb
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	210 ppb
NO LEGAL LIMIT	

Chloroform

Potential Effect: cancer

50x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	20.1 ppb
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	0.4 ppb
NO LEGAL LIMIT	

Chromium (hexavalent)

Potential Effect: cancer

4x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	0.0800 ppb
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	0.02 ppb
NO LEGAL LIMIT	

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Dibromochloromethane

Potential Effect: cancer

27x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	2.66 ppb
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	0.1 ppb
NO LEGAL LIMIT	

DETAILS

Nitrate

Potential Effect: cancer

6.5x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	0.913 ppm
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	0.14 ppm
LEGAL LIMIT	10 ppm

DETAILS

Nitrate and nitrite

Potential Effect: cancer

6.5x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	0.913 ppm
EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE	0.14 ppm
LEGAL LIMIT	10 ppm

DETAILS

Radium, combined (-226 & -228)

Potential Effect: cancer

19x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	0.94 pCi/L
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Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)

Potential Effect: cancer

328x

EWG'S HEALTH GUIDELINE

THIS UTILITY	49.3 ppb
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EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE 0.05 pCi/L

LEGAL LIMIT 5 pCi/L

DETAILS

EWG HEALTH GUIDELINE 0.15 ppb

LEGAL LIMIT 80 ppb

DETAILS

Includes chemicals detected in 2015-2017 for which annual utility averages exceeded an EWG-selected health guideline established by a federal or state public health authority; chemicals detected under the EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 3) program in 2013 to 2015 (and subsequent testing when available), for which annual utility averages exceeded a health guideline established by a federal or state public health authority; radiological contaminants detected between 2012 and 2017.

Other Contaminants Tested



Citizens Water - Indianapolis compliance with legally mandated federal standards:

From April 2016 to March 2019, Citizens Water - Indianapolis complied with health-based drinking water standards.

Information in this section on Citizens Water - Indianapolis comes from the U.S. EPA Enforcement and Compliance History Online database (ECHO).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS UTILITY

Water Filters That Can Reduce Contaminant Levels

Contaminant	Activated Carbon	Reverse Osmosis	Ion Exchange
CONTAMINANTS ABOVE HEALTH GUIDELINES			
Arsenic		✓	✓
Atrazine	✓	✓	
Bromodichloromethane	✓	✓	
Chlorate			
Chloroform	✓	✓	
Chromium (hexavalent)		✓	✓
Dibromochloromethane	✓	✓	
Nitrate		✓	✓
Nitrate & nitrite		✓	✓
Radium, combined (-226 & -228)		✓	✓
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	✓	✓	
OTHER CONTAMINANTS DETECTED			
1,4-Dioxane		✓	
2,4-D	✓	✓	
Antimony		✓	
Barium		✓	✓
Benzo[a]pyrene	✓	✓	
Bromoform	✓	✓	
Chromium (total)		✓	✓
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	✓	✓	
Ethylbenzene	✓	✓	
Fluoride		✓	
Haloacetic acids (HAA5)	✓	✓	
Molybdenum		✓	✓
Simazine	✓	✓	
Strontium		✓	✓
Toluene	✓	✓	
Uranium, combined (pCi/L)		✓	✓

Contaminant	Activated Carbon	Reverse Osmosis	Ion Exchange
Vanadium			✓
Xylenes (total)	✓	✓	

Take Action

Contact Your Local Official

One of the best ways to push for cleaner water is to hold accountable the elected officials who have a say in water quality – from city hall and the state legislature to Congress all the way to the Oval Office – by asking questions and demanding answers.

LEARN MORE

Filter Out Contaminants

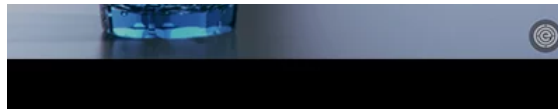
Check out our recommendations for filters to protect your water against the detected contaminants.

EWG'S WATER FILTER GUIDE



EWG Drinking

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Water Standards

Have a Question?
