LARGEMOUTH BASS 
BY THE NUMBERS

Indiana has a long history of providing outstanding largemouth bass angling opportunities. DNR fishery and angler surveys indicate that largemouth bass populations are serving the diverse preferences of anglers. A strategic plan was developed in 2018 to provide long-term direction to largemouth bass management and habitat enhancement projects.

60% of licensed largemouth bass anglers rated fishing as excellent or good in the 2017 Licensed Angler Survey.

20 waterbodies that have above-average catch rates of largemouth bass ≥ 14 inches based on recent survey findings.

675 artificial structures have been placed in Sullivan (Sullivan Co.), Cecil M. Harden (Parke Co.) and Monroe (Monroe/Brown Co.) lakes since 2016 as part of the Reservoir Habitat Enhancement program to provide critical habitats for largemouth bass and other forage fish.

39 counties from which winning largemouth bass Fish of the Year entries have been submitted.

6 miles is the average distance of Hoosiers from the nearest public access site with largemouth bass fishing.

160 updated lake bathymetry maps have been created by the Division of Fish & Wildlife in the last five years and are available to anglers on the DNR website.