

Michigan

BASIC INFORMATION

2010 Census Population:	9,883,640 (8 th)
Land Area:	56,538.9 square miles (22 nd)
Density:	174.8 persons per square mile (17 th)
Capital:	Lansing
Became a State:	January 26, 1837 (26 th)
Bordering States:	Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin
International Border:	Canada
Abbreviation:	MI
ANSI/FIPS Code:	26

HISTORY

The area of Michigan was part of the original territory of the United States, being part of lands ceded by four states to the United States and designated in 1787 as the "Territory northwest of the River Ohio." Michigan Territory was organized on June 30, 1805, from the northeastern part of Indiana Territory, and included all of the Lower Peninsula, the eastern part of the Upper Peninsula, a small strip of northern Indiana, and a portion of northwestern Ohio that was later contested. In 1818, when Illinois was admitted as a state, all of the remainder of Illinois Territory was added to Michigan Territory, including almost all of present-day Wisconsin, part of Minnesota, and the western part of the Upper Peninsula; at the same time, the central portion of the Upper Peninsula and eastern Wisconsin were added from the former Indiana Territory. In 1834, Michigan Territory was enlarged from part of Missouri Territory, including all of present-day Iowa, the remainder of Minnesota, and the eastern part of North Dakota and South Dakota. Michigan was reduced with the organization of Wisconsin Territory and the cession of the Toledo Strip to Ohio in 1836. As a compromise for the cession of territory to Ohio, Michigan Territory retained all of the Upper Peninsula when Wisconsin Territory was organized, resulting in a boundary generally the same as the present state.

Although not yet legally established as a separate territory, census data for Michigan are available beginning with the 1800 census. The 1800 census includes the population of a small area that is in present-day Ohio and excludes the population that was enumerated with Indiana of a small area of present-day Michigan. The 1800 population of the legally established Northwest Territory (of which Michigan was a part) was 45,916. The 1810, 1820, and 1830 census populations are for the entire area of Michigan Territory, including population in extensive areas not in the present state, and, in 1810, excluding again the population of a small area of present-day Michigan enumerated with Indiana. For an explanation of the revision to the 1800, 1820, and 1830 population of Michigan, see Richard L. Forstall, *Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790- 1990*, Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1996, page 82.

Data for the legally established state of Michigan are available beginning with the 1840 census.

AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS

Michigan has 13 federally recognized American Indian reservations, 9 with off-reservation trust lands.

METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS

Michigan has 15 metropolitan statistical areas, 18 micropolitan statistical areas, 2 metropolitan divisions, and 5 combined statistical areas.

COUNTIES

There are 83 counties in Michigan. All counties in Michigan are functioning governmental entities, each governed by a board of commissioners.

COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS

There are 1,573 county subdivisions in Michigan known as minor civil divisions (MCDs). There are 1,123 townships and 117 charter townships which are all actively functioning governmental units. Townships are the original units of government formed in the state. Typically, though not always, townships are 36 square miles in size. Each township is governed by a board of trustees consisting of the township supervisor, township clerk, township treasurer, and two or four elected trustees. The entire state is covered by township governments except for areas within cities.

The 275 cities in Michigan are independent of MCDs and serve as 293 county subdivisions. Cities are incorporated places and governed by home rule. When established, the geographic area of a city is removed from the township(s) of which it may have been a part.

In addition, there are 40 undefined MCDs that are water area only.

PLACES

Michigan has 692 places; 533 incorporated places and 159 CDPs. The incorporated places consist of 275 cities and 258 villages. Incorporated villages are dependent within county subdivision. Incorporated cities are independent of any township or charter township.

CENSUS TRACTS/BLOCK GROUPS/BLOCKS

Michigan has 2,813 census tracts, 8,205 block groups, and 329,885 census blocks.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

For the 111th Congress (January 2009-January 2011), Michigan had 15 congressional districts. For the 113th Congress (January 2013-January 2015), Michigan has 14 congressional districts as a result of reapportionment based on the 2010 Census.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Michigan has 29 elementary school districts and 524 unified school districts.

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

There are 38 state senate districts and 110 state house districts in Michigan.

URBAN AREAS

Michigan has 116 urban areas; 21 urbanized areas and 95 urban clusters.

ZIP CODE TABULATION AREAS

There are 989 ZIP Code tabulation areas (ZCTAs) in Michigan.

OTHER INFORMATION OF GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC INTEREST

Michigan is formed by two peninsulas; The Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula.

HISTORICAL CENTERS OF POPULATION

http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/centersofpop/histstate/historical_cenpop_26.html

Year	North Latitude	West Longitude
2010 ⁶	42° 52' 23"	84° 12' 12"
2000 ⁶	42° 51' 59"	84° 10' 15"
1990 ⁵	42° 51' 13"	84° 08' 37"
1980 ⁴	42° 50' 28"	84° 06' 30"
1970 ³	42° 48' 21"	84° 02' 58"
1960 ³	42° 48' 36"	84° 02' 06"
1950 ³	42° 51' 01"	84° 05' 48"
1940 ²	42° 53' 38"	84° 11' 44"
1930 ²	42° 54' 12"	84° 13' 16"
1920 ¹	43° 06' 17"	84° 24' 59"
1910 ¹	43° 19' 55"	84° 45' 00"
1900 ¹	43° 21' 00"	84° 46' 19"
1890 ¹	43° 15' 24"	84° 43' 38"
1880 ¹	43° 03' 29"	84° 38' 36"

¹ Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1923
² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, recomputation for historical county level data which relied upon aggregate county level population data with an estimated county centroid resulting in a possible error of up to one mile.
³ Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Centers of Population for States and Counties, 1974
⁴ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group/enumeration area data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.
⁵ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.
⁶ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, computation from national block-level data

MOST POPULOUS, LARGEST IN AREA, AND MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS

	Population		Land Area (square miles)		Population Density (Persons per square mile)	
	Name	Population	Name	Area	Name	Density
County	Wayne County	1,820,584	Marquette County	1,808.40	Wayne County	2,974.4
Place						
- Inc Place	Detroit city	713,777	Detroit city	138.75	Hamtramck city	10,751.0
- CDP	Forest Hills CDP	25,867	Forest Hills CDP	49.27	Woodland Beach CDP	3,941.8
Township	Clinton charter township, Macomb County	96,796	McMillan township, Luce County	588.78	Royal Oak charter township, Oakland County	4,376.5

LISTS OF ENTITIES

See the [Gazetteer Files](#) for a list of geographic entities. See the [Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas](#) page for a list of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas and related statistical areas.