



# JACKSON, MICHIGAN: COMMUNITY PROFILE

The **City of Jackson** is located at the crossroads of south central Michigan, accessible from Interstate 94, US 127, Highway 50, Highway 106 and Highway 60, making Jackson an easy stop over for most travelers. Lansing, the capital of Michigan, is located less than a hour's drive north, Detroit approximately 70 miles to the east, and Chicago 200 miles to the west.



County: Jackson County  
 City Area: Eleven Square Miles  
 City Population: 36,316 (Source: 2000 US Census)  
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## Community Labor Force

(Source: Office of Labor, Feb 07)

- Civilian Labor Force: 77,800
- Employed: 71,600
- Unemployed: 6,200

## Jackson Income Statistics

- Median Household Income: \$31,294
- Median Family Income: \$39,072

## Colleges/ Universities within 50 miles of Jackson:

- Baker College—4 miles
- Jackson Community College—9 miles
- Spring Arbor University—9 miles
- Albion College—20 miles
- Hillsdale College—36 miles
- Adrian College—34 miles
- Siena Heights University—36 miles
- University of Michigan—37 miles
- Michigan State University—37 miles
- Eastern Michigan University—46 miles

## Top 10 Largest Community Employers

(Source: Jackson County Enterprise Group)

Foote Health System	3,146	Health Care/Hospice
Michigan Dept. of Corrections	2,345	Correctional Institutions
Consumers Energy	2,000	Utilities/Corporate Headquarters
Local Government	870	City and County Gov't Offices
Michigan Automotive Compressor	850	Automotive Compressors
Jackson Public Schools	782	Public School System
Meijer, Inc.~2 locations	755	Department Store
Jackson Community College	650	Education
Eaton Corporation	598	Power valves, aircraft parts/equip
Wal-Mart/Sam's Club	568	Department Store



## K-12 Education

There are 14 public school districts in the county (10 participating in School of Choice) in addition to 16 private or parochial schools.

The community, opposing a national trend of building new multi-acre schools, recently decided to renovate the historic Jackson High School at a cost of \$24.9 million. Students enjoy their 'almost' downtown location in a historic building that could never be replaced.

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## Quality of Life

Known for rich history and heritage, Jackson was instrumental in the Underground Railroad, the Civil War, as well as being the birthplace of the Republican Party. Community members also enjoy cultural activities from downtown concerts to the Shakespeare festival, and have over 250 churches of various denominations within the County to choose from.

## Recreation

- 25 parks within the City of Jackson and an additional 15 throughout the County, not including those maintained by villages
- 188 lakes throughout the County, with 22 allowing public access
- Falling Water Trail 10.3 mile linear park between Summit Township and Concord to be completed in 2008
- County was ranked No. 92 in golf value in the nation by Golf Digest with 22 public courses and more than 500 holes



## Arts and Culture

- Ella Sharp Museum's distinctions include the National Register of Historic places, a listing as the State of Michigan Landmark, a citation as "Best Small Museum" by Michigan Living magazine and accreditation by American Association of Museums
- Other important cultural features include the 1935 Historic Michigan Theatre, Cascades Falls, Jackson Symphony Orchestra, the Dahlem Environmental Education Center, Hurst Planetarium, ART 634 Studio, and Potter Center performance hall

## Recent Investments

- Designated by Governor Granholm as one of the first "Cool Cities" recipients, resulting in over \$3 million in funding
- \$10 million for City Hall renovation funded by a City-wide millage
- Over \$1.5 million invested in exterior renovations through downtown Façade Improvements since 1994
- Over \$400,000 invested in the MSHDA Residential Rental Rehabilitation Program turning underutilized space throughout Downtown into 14 residential units
- Over \$2.8 million investment in streetscape enhancements for Michigan Avenue, Blackstone, Pearl, Mechanic, Cortland and Jackson Streets
- Over \$600,000 to be invested in the Riverwalk Trail connecting Downtown with the Armory Arts Park Project
- Nearly \$4.5 million invested in the new headquarters for Anesthesia Business Consultants bringing 200 new jobs
- Construction of the \$2.5 million Great Lakes Home Health Care and Hospice Headquarters resulting in the creation of 125 jobs over a five year period
- Over \$113 million invested in construction for the new Consumers Energy Headquarters and campus
- Approximately \$600,000 invested in the expansion of Daryl's Downtown restaurant
- Rehabilitation of the County Senior Center into multiple unit retail space
- Over \$3.5 million renovation of PJs Banquet Facility into lofts
- Development of City View Lofts converting a warehouse into 26 luxury condos
- Multi-million dollar Armory Arts Park Project – Acquisition, interior and exterior rehabilitation of the National Guard Armory into artist live/work space



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