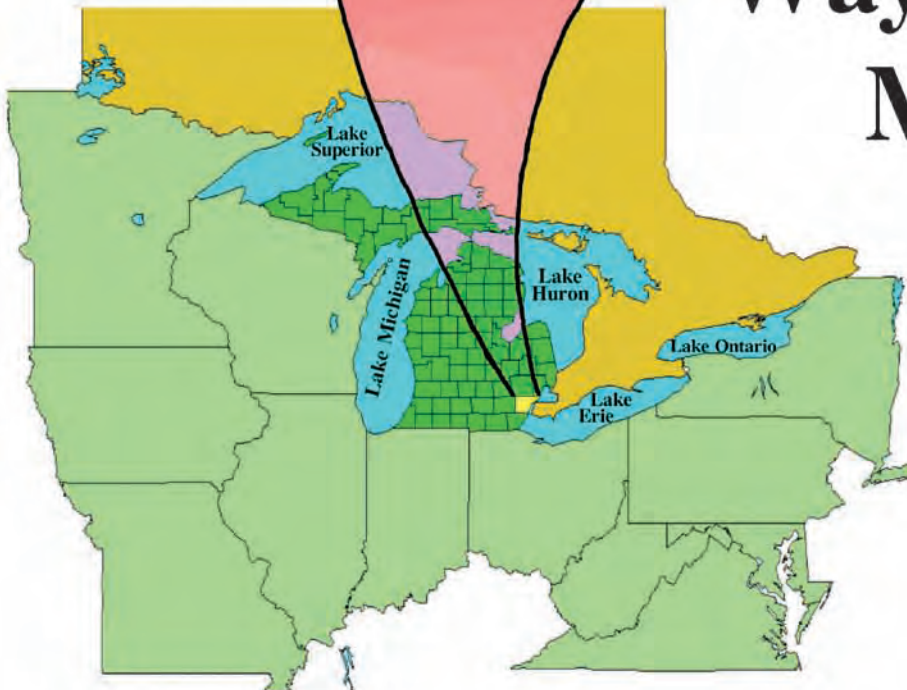




Wayne County, Michigan





COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

WAYNE COUNTY OVERVIEW

With a sparkling waterfront location, the Charter County of Wayne is the 11th largest county in the United States and boasts 20% of Michigan's population. Wayne County consistently leads the state in economic growth and development initiatives and opportunities.

The county's rich history and diverse cultures and faiths make it the place with something for everyone. From the Grosse Pointes to Grosse Ile, from downtown Detroit to Downriver and Western Wayne, the County's cosmopolitan centers, towns, villages and rural communities offer a variety of lifestyle choices.

Wayne County residents enjoy access to a wide selection of cultural, entertainment and recreational venues. Concerts, festivals, athletic events and museums of international acclaim enrich the lives of residents and draw millions of visitors each year. Residents also benefit from affordable home prices. Wayne County's 2000 median owner-occupied home value was \$90,400, almost 17 % below the national average. Wayne County is an exceptionally diverse county. Migrants historically drawn by the area's good jobs have created a rich tapestry of communities. While Wayne County is home to two of the world's largest corporations, General Motors Corporation and Ford Motor Company, it is also a thriving location for new and expanding firms engaged in emerging technologies. Today, 18.6% of all businesses in Wayne County are minority-owned. Additionally, companies and their employees benefit from the comfort of proximity to quality schools, prominent universities, and 25 hospitals, which include two teaching/research hospitals.

Residents and businesses are attracted by the county's expansive shoreline along the Detroit River, a gateway to Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes. The area is extremely inviting to commercial shipping, leisure cruise lines and recreational boating and is home to the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the only international wildlife refuge in North America.

By ship, train, truck or automobile, Wayne County is North America's #1 international border crossing. Over \$91 billion in goods pass through the county's bridges, tunnels and ports with Canada annually. The Detroit-Windsor border remains one of the friendliest in the world. Wayne County currently has two crossings into Canada, and a third has been proposed.

Wayne County boasts a world-class international airport, renowned health care systems, prestigious educational institutions, sports venues, arts and culture, and numerous tourist attractions. The Executive and Legislative branches of Wayne County work closely with its 43 municipalities on infrastructure and government policies that encourage and support thriving communities complete with industrial, commercial and residential initiatives.

Wayne County continues to be the focal point for manufacturing growth. As the manufacturing hub, the county is building on the technologies of today and tomorrow that contribute to its growing economic center.

Wayne County is the prime location for commerce and economic development in the 21st Century. The Detroit River and the railroads were once the sole commerce arteries. Today, the I-94 corridor gives Wayne County a tremendous advantage to attract business development that reaches into vast communities.



With a \$2.3 billion annual budget and a workforce of over 5,000 people, Wayne County's infrastructure of government services and support are vast and represent vital support for those who want to invest, live, work and raise families here. Recent government leadership has transformed thinking about what makes a strong county by placing more emphasis on family-oriented support services, safe communities, urban parks, appealing waterfronts, and vibrant economic areas.

The County seat is the City of Detroit, the nation's 10th largest city. Wayne County also serves as a center of government for the state of Michigan.

Wayne County offers many choices for an enjoyable quality of life. Tree-lined neighborhoods, waterfront developments, a vibrant urban center, and rural communities allow families of all incomes and sizes to feel at home here. A rich history of homeownership continues with a wide selection of modern lofts, condos, traditional single-family homes, mansions and estates.

There continues to be an employment shift in Wayne County away from financial activities, trade and manufacturing and towards service jobs and professionals. The service sector has seen the biggest movement increase and now accounts for one of every two private sector jobs in the county.

Some of the best-trained and educated workers in the county are in the professional and business areas. A key area of future growth will be to continue attracting and retaining high-wage jobs in the services sector and educational opportunities in technical fields.

Wayne County is aggressively pursuing economic opportunities in places from China to the United Arab Emirates. The county has a strong commitment to job development through programs that improve the environment and transportation systems of the county that, in turn, improve the climate for economic development. Wayne County continues to lead the state in business investment, with more than \$1 billion in 2003.

WAYNE COUNTY HISTORY

On July 24, 1701, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, former commandant of Fort Michilimackinac, landed on the wooded shores of "la place du detroit" (the place of the strait) with his party, and the history of Detroit and Wayne County began. On August 15, 1796, Wayne County was officially established by Winthrop Sargent, secretary and acting governor of the Northwest Territory. The county was named after Major General "Mad Anthony" Wayne who was a career military officer. He led troops during the American Revolutionary War and successfully forced the British Army into surrendering near present day Toledo, Ohio.

Wayne County was originally established to encompass northwestern Ohio; a strip across the northern parts of Indiana and Illinois (including Chicago); all the Lower Peninsula of Michigan; about three-quarters of the Upper Peninsula and about 75,000 square miles of Wisconsin. Over the next 23 years, the boundaries of the county were modified and decreased until September 10, 1822, when the current boundaries – about 626 square miles - were established. Wayne County is bounded on the west by Washtenaw County at Napier and Rawsonville Roads and on the north by Oakland and Macomb Counties at Eight Mile Road. The Detroit River shapes the southeastern side and the Huron River and Monroe County form the southern boundary. Belle Isle and Grosse Ile are two of several islands that are a part of the County.



WAYNE COUNTY TODAY

The County is a public corporation, created under the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Michigan. The County has general governmental powers and authority as provided by law. Effective January 1, 1983, Wayne County became the first Home Rule County in Michigan pursuant to a charter adopted by the voters in a special election on November 3, 1981. The principal changes in the charter provided for a County Executive who assumed all budgetary and administrative functions formerly carried out by the Board of Auditors, whose offices ceased to exist. It also gave the County Treasurer the responsibility for all investment duties formerly under the control of that same board. The County Executive, who is elected on an at-large basis for a four-year term, was also given veto power over action taken by the County Commission.

In addition, the Wayne County Charter Home Rule reset the number of the bi-partisan Board of Commissioners from 27 to 15 and changed the legislative body's name to the Wayne County Commission. All 15 Commission members are elected for two-year terms. The County also elects the following officials on an at-large basis for four-year terms: County Treasurer, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Prosecuting Attorney, and Sheriff. The Judicial branch consists of the Third Circuit Court of Michigan and the Wayne County Probate Court. The voters amended the charter in 1984 to eliminate the Road Commission, in 1986 to eliminate the Office of the Drain Commissioner, and in 1999 to expand and clarify the duties of the Legislative Auditor General.

Wayne County provides a variety of services and facilities for its residents. Among those services are health and welfare, libraries, education, economic development, environmental protection, public safety, enforcement of state laws, maintenance of roads, keeping records of land sold and supervision of elections. All of these areas are supported by central administrative services, including personnel, management and budget, information technology, building management, and legal.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY PROFILE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

2007 (Est.)	1,905,411
2006 (Est.)	1,966,909
2005 (Est.)	1,970,300
2004 (Est.)	2,017,407
2003 (Est.)	2,028,228
2002 (Est.)	2,060,886
2001 (Est.)	2,057,065
2000 (U.S. Census)	2,061,162
1990 (U.S. Census)	2,111,687
1980 (U.S. Census)	2,337,843

Population by Age 2000 Census

Age 0-4	7%
Age 5-17	21%
Age 18-34	24%
Age 35-64	36%
Age 65+	12%

Gender Composition 2005

Male	48%
Female	52%

Racial Composition 2005

White	49%
Black	42%
Hispanic	5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%
Other Race	1%

Total Households

2007	736,342
2006	736,495
2005	757,640
2000	768,440
1995	781,280

Average Household (Persons)

2007	2.59
2006	2.67
2005	2.60
2000	2.64
1990	2.67

Household Income 2005

Less than \$10,000	13%
\$10,000-\$14,999	7%
\$15,000-\$24,999	13%
\$25,000-\$34,999	12%
\$35,000-\$49,999	14%
\$50,000-\$74,999	18%
\$75,000-\$99,999	10%
\$100,000-\$149,999	9%
\$150,000 or more	4%

Median Household Income

2005	\$40,881
2000	\$40,776
1999	\$38,489
1998	\$37,525

Per Capita Income

2005	\$21,871
2000	\$20,058
1990	\$17,756

Educational Attainment 2005

Less than 9 th grade	4%
High school, no diploma	13%
High school graduate	32%
Some college, no degree	23%
Associate's degree	8%
Bachelor's degree	12%
Graduate or professional degree	8%

School Enrollment 2005

Nursery School, Preschool	6%
Elementary School	48%
High School	24%
College or Graduate School	22%

Climate

January Avg. Low	18°F
January Avg. High	31°F
July Avg. Low	64°F
July Avg. High	84°F
Average Annual Rainfall	33"
Average Annual Snowfall	44"
Days Below Zero	6
Days Above 90°	12



ECONOMICS

Employment by Industry 2005

Construction	39,560
Wholesale/Trade	27,894
Retail Trade	77,724
Manufacturing	151,908
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	48,150
Trans., Info., Utilities	69,786
Prof./Tech./Managerial	73,460
Administration & Support Services	66,717
Agriculture & Mining	399
Educational & Healthcare	165,753
Arts & Entertainment	71,454

Labor Force 2005

Total Labor Force	913,377
Employed	792,805
Unemployed	120,307

Unemployment Rate

2005	8.7%
2004	8.8%
2003	8.8%
2002	7.1%
2001	5.5%
2000	3.7%

Property Tax

Agricultural	0.03%
Residential	66.45%
Industrial	13.02%
Commercial	18.35%
Other	2.15%

10 Largest Taxpayers 2005 (Millions)

Ford Motor Company	1,628,126
DTE Energy	1,312,588
Daimler Chrysler Corp.	871,427
General Motors Corp.	323,931
Visteon	169,104
Rouge Steel Co.	144,403
National Steel Corp.	144,391
Auto Alliance Int'l Inc.	126,727
Riverfront Holdings Inc.	121,819
Mirant Corporation	100,393

10 Largest Employers 2005

Ford Motor Company	47,091
Detroit Public Schools	18,639
City of Detroit	17,151
U.S. Government	13,708
Detroit Medical Center	10,617
Henry Ford Health System	10,471
Daimler Chrysler Corp.	9,900
General Motors Corp.	9,863
Oakwood Healthcare Inc.	7,515
State of Michigan	7,013

Wayne County's Bond Rating

Fitch	A
Moody's	
Unlimited Tax	A2
Limited Tax	A3
Standard and Poor's	AA

SERVICE STATISTICS

Roads

Streets Miles	1,584
Potholes Filled	104,077
Asphalt Used (tons)	44,658
Salt Used in Winter (tons)	98,242
Miles of Road Improved/Annually	16
Signalized Intersections	1,429
Movable Bridges	4

Facilities Management

Average Daily Wastewater Treatment (million gallons)	55.19
Drainage Districts	621
Drains (miles)	980
Interceptor Sewers & Appurtenances (miles)	169

Facilities Management – cont.

Pumping Stations	17
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Engineering

Permits Issued	1019
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Equipment (All types)

Fleet Size	2,500
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Health & Community Services (Persons Assisted)

Health Clinics	295,000(est.)
Mental Health	55,000
Nutrition Meals – Daily	4,243
4H Programming	32,900
Jail Medical-Health Screens	33,932

**Medical Examiner**

Autopsies	2,242
Inspections	784

Public Library

Libraries	12
Annual Circulation (est.)	1,369,867

Parks

Acres for Recreation	5,650
Rounds of Golf	
Warren Valley	42,154
Inkster Valley	18,604
Marina Slips	52

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