

Jackson Michigan

Jackson County Overview

- ❖ Jackson was originally the hub of the county's railroad, and for over a century it has been known as the crossroads of Michigan. In this modern time, Jackson is accessible from Interstate 94, US 127, M-50, and M-60 as well as the rail lines, making Jackson County a great location for both businesses and residents.
- ❖ Jackson County has plenty of options for recreational activities. From golf to shopping, to festivals, there's plenty to do. The Jackson Symphony Orchestra and the Potter Center offer shows; summers light up with all sorts of contests, tournaments, festivals and parades; Michigan Theatre offers a variety of films, plays and musical productions.
- ❖ NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series and IRL races occur regularly at nearby Michigan International Speedway. During the summer of 2005, the two-mile speedway oval hosts two Nextel Cup Series races, and an IRL race in July. The track has reserved seating for over 137,000 race fans, including a brand new suites level and club seating section.
- ❖ Jackson has over 200 restaurants, offering full-service and family dining to include Chinese/Asian fare restaurants, Mexican/Southwestern, Italian, and pizzerias. Jackson also has a variety of bakeries and numerous fast food restaurants. Don't forget our famous Coney's at a number of great locations. It's designated as one of America's best markets in which to open a restaurant.
- ❖ Just about every weekend during the summer you can find a festival in the area, from the Rose Festival during the month of June, to the Hot Air Jubilee and RaceWeek in July, the four-week Michigan Shakespeare Festival and the largest Civil War Muster in the Midwest happens in August. Jackson has all the action, whether for couples, families or groups of many. Outdoor events are easy to enjoy. Jackson County is host to over 500 holes of golf, 188 lakes and 27 public parks covering 17,000 acres. With the third largest number of public golf holes per capita in the United States and the second oldest harness racing track in the nation, there is year 'round fun indoor and out.
- ❖ In 1830, the community that was settled a year earlier was given the name of Jacksonburgh in honor of Andrew Jackson. That name was changed to the tongue-twisting "Jacksonopolis" and then ultimately (and mercifully) shortened to Jackson in 1833.
- ❖ Traditional shoppers seeking large retailers are in luck, as are those who enjoy seeking out specialty shops and antique collections. Jackson County is strong in collectibles and you can always take a break at Gramer's Fine Candies, or Gilbert's Chocolates, both long-standing Jackson traditions. Antique treasures can be found in small boutiques throughout Jackson County. At the other end of the spectrum, Jackson offers exceptional hunting and fishing opportunities including rocker Ted Nugent's hunting preserve. Visit some of America's most extensive outfitters including, Schupbach's and Knutson's. Wal-Mart Super Center opened in the summer of 2004 and neighbors the Westwood Mall.

QUALITY OF LIFE EXTRAS

Jackson County has a state-of-the-art hospital—Foote Health System with a total of 411 beds.
Jackson County houses the City of Jackson Police Department, Sheriff's Department, a State Police Post and National Guard Armory.
There are 43 firefighters with three stations in the City. Jackson has a Class IV Fire Rating; there are more volunteer and professional stations throughout the County.
One district library with 13 branches throughout the County with 300,000 volumes.
Over 250 Churches
14 hotels with a total of 918 beds.
Average temperature range: January, 15-29 F and in July, 61-83 F
Average annual snowfall is 39" and average annual rainfall is 29"
Altitude 900-1100 above sea level for Jackson County and 920-925 above sea level for the City of Jackson.
707 Square miles

POPULATION

Jackson County Population: 162,973

City of Jackson Population: 36,316

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau—July 2004 Reports (County Population) and 2000 Census (City Population)

Facts and Figures about the Jackson Region

Fact	Figure	Date	Source
Average Home Price:	\$130,352	2004	Michigan Association of Realtors
Unemployment rate:	6.0%	Sept. 2005	Michigan Employment Service Agency
Median household income:	\$44,906	2003	Michigan Department of Career Development
Population by age group: 14 yrs and under:	33,942	2000	U.S. Census Bureau
15-19 yrs:	10,611	2000	U.S. Census Bureau
20-44 yrs:	56,999	2000	U.S. Census Bureau
45-64 yrs:	36,490	2000	U.S. Census Bureau
> than or = 65:	20,380	2000	U.S. Census Bureau

LABOR FORCE

Total residents in Jackson County available to work: 79,800

Total residents employed in Jackson County: 75,100

Unemployment Rate: **6.0%**

*Source: September 2005 Labor Market Source/Michigan Employment Service Agency

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY

Total Personal Income: \$3,524,791 (in thousands)

Average Per Capita Income: \$20,171

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau—2000 Census

HOUSING

Owner Occupied Housing 44,503

Average Home Price \$130,352

Renter Occupied 13,665

Median Rent \$505

Vacant Housing Units 4,738

Total Housing Units 62,906 Includes individual apartments and homes (including mobile homes).

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau --2000 Census and 2004 Michigan Association of Realtors

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Percentage with high school diploma: 78.0%

Percentage with some college or Associates Degree: 30.7%

Percentage with Bachelor's Degree: 27.4%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau—2000 Census/Michigan Department of Career Development 2003, Jackson County.

COLLEGES-UNIVERSITIES-SCHOOLS

Jackson Community College (JCC)

www.jackson.cc.mi.us

Baker College

www.baker.edu

Spring Arbor University

www.arbor.edu

Michigan State University Extension-Jackson County

www.msue.msu.edu/jackson

Sienna Heights Extension-JCC

www.jackson.cc.mi.us

Michigan Virtual University

www.mivu.org

University of Michigan

www.umich.edu

Michigan State University

www.msu.edu

Western Michigan University

www.wmich.edu

Eastern Michigan University

www.emich.edu

Jackson County students have the choice of a wide range of quality educational opportunities. There are 16 public school districts in the county in addition to 16 private or parochial schools. The county's K-12 school districts consist of: Columbia, Concord, East Jackson, Grass Lake, Hanover Horton, Jackson County Intermediate School District, Educational Service Center, Jackson Area Career Center, Lyle A. Tarrant Center, Jackson Public Schools, Michigan Center, Napoleon, Northwest, Springport, Vandercook Lake and Western.

Education continues for adults who can take advantage of programs offered at three institutions of higher learning: Jackson Community College, Baker College, and Spring Arbor University. An additional 15 institutions all within one hour of Jackson County to include: Adrian College, Albion College, Eastern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Hillsdale College, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Concordia College, Great Lakes Bible College, Sienna Heights College, Kellogg Community College, Lansing Community College, Washtenaw Community College, Olivet College and Cooley Law School.

**Source: 2004-2005 Jackson Living Magazine*

BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Total Non-Farm	62,400 employees
Natural Resources & Construction	2,600 employees
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	12,500 employees
Information	400 employees
Manufacturing	10,100 employees
Financial Activities	2,300 employees
Professional and Business	4,900 employees
Educational and Health	9,400 employees
Leisure and Hospitality	6,000 employees
Government	11,500 employees
Other Services	2,700 employees

**Source: September 2005 Office of Labor Market Information*

Major Employers in Jackson County with 100 or more employees

<u>Company Name</u>	<u># of Emp.</u>	<u>Type/Product</u>
Foote Health System	3,000	Health care/Hospice
Michigan Department of Corrections	2,400 approx.	Correctional Institutions
Consumers Energy	2,100	Utilities/Corporate Headquarters
Michigan Automotive Compressor (MACI)	875	Automotive compressors
Local Government	854	City and County Gov't offices
Meijer, Inc.~2 Jackson locations	822	Department Store
Jackson Public Schools	782	Public School System
Wal-Mart SuperCenter/Sam's Club	617	Department Store
Eaton Corp.	588	Power valves, aircraft parts and equip.
TAC Manufacturing	550	Steering wheel assembly
Jackson Community College	506	Education
Jackson County Intermediate School Dist.	471	Education
Michigan Seat Co./Jackson Canvas	438	Seats (Agri./Ind.)
TRW, Inc.	379	Disc brakes
Mac Steel, Div. of Quanex	361	Alloy steels
Great Lakes Home Health & Hospice	350	Home Health/Hospice
Alro Steel Corp.	303	Steel service center
CertainTeed Corp./Wolverine Vinyl Siding	300	Vinyl siding
Dawn Food Products	273	Flour mixes/equipment

Tenneco	260	Engineering and research
Anesthesia Business Consultants	260	Medical Billing
Edscha	250	Hinges, power tracks, elec. reg.
Melling Tool Co.	232	Oil pumps
Adco Products	211	Caulking/sealants/etc.
Jackson Citizen Patriot	178	Newspaper Publishing
Midbrook, Inc.	160	Sheet Metal Fabricator
Way Bakeries/Perfection Bakeries	152	Baked goods
Allied Chucker & Eng.	147	Engineering/flanges
Target Corporation~Jackson Crossing	135	Department Store
Jackson District Library	125	Resource Library
Sparton Electronics	124	Electronic Products
General Products Corp.	124	Machining transportation
C. Thorrez Industries/Legends Manufacturing	111	Screw machine products
Home Depot	105	Home Improvement Department Store

*Source: Human Resource Department of each individual company, November 2005.

High Tech Employers in the Area

U S Com, Inc.	www.uscominc.net	Telecommunications
Sparton	www.sparton.com	Electronic manufacturing
Eagle Communications	www.eaglecomm.com	Satellite Antenna Systems
Commonwealth Associates, Inc.	www.cai-engr.com	Electrical Engineering
Chemical Technologies, Inc.	www.home.bluemarble.net	Chemicals
McGilvra Engineering, Inc.	www.mcgilvra.com	Electronics
Consumers Energy	www.cmsenergy.com	Utilities/Corporate Headquarters
MACI	www.michauto.com	Automotive Compressors
Eaton Corp.	www.eaton.com	Hose lines/Couplings
TAC Manufacturing	www.tokai-rika-usa.com	Steering wheel assembly
Adco Products	www.adcoglobal.com	Caulking/sealants/etc.
Tenneco Automotive	www.tenneco-automotive.com	Engineering and research

Mileage to and from other major cities

Michigan Cities

Ann Arbor	35
Lansing	38
Battle Creek	43
Kalamazoo	65
Detroit	73
Grand Rapids	98

Other Major Cities

Toledo	90
Fort Wayne	118
South Bend	137
Chicago	206
Columbus	226
Indianapolis	242
Cincinnati	280

Transportation to and from major markets

Main Highways I-94, US-127, M-50, M-60, M-106

Bus Lines: Greyhound, Jackson Transportation Authority

Rail Lines: Amtrak, Norfolk Southern

Truck Lines: 35 with 26 terminals

Ports: Monroe (60 miles-Lake Erie)/Detroit (75 miles-Detroit River)

Airports: Detroit Metro/Willow Run/Adrian/Lansing/Jackson County Reynolds Field

Networking Opportunities in the Jackson Region

- The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc. www.enterprisegroup.org
- Greater Jackson Chamber of Commerce www.gjcc.org
- Jackson County Convention and Visitors Bureau www.jackson-mich.org
- Jackson Area Manufacturers Association www.jacksonjama.org
- Jackson Small Business & Technology Development Center www.enterprisegroup.org
- Procurement Technical Assistance Center www.enterprisegroup.org
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority www.jacksonbrownfield.org
- Jackson District Library www.jackson.lib.mi.us

- Spring Arbor College Alumni Association www.arbor.edu/alumni
- Jackson Community College www.jackson.cc.mi.us
- Jackson County www.co.jackson.mi.us
- City of Jackson www.cityofjackson.org
- City Downtown Development Authority www.jacksondda.org
- Jackson Nonprofit Support Center www.jacksonnonprofit.org
- Business and Professional Women's Club, Jackson www.bpw-michigan.org
- Rotary Club, Jackson www.district6360.com
- Kiwanis Club of Jackson www.modempool.com/kiwanis
- Lions Club www.modempool.com/lionsclub/clubs.htm

Other Plug-Ins and Links Standard to these Regional Break Outs

- Jackson Michigan Home Page www.jacksonmich.com
- Area Guide, Jackson, Michigan www.jacksonmi.areaguides.net
- Jackson's "Town Square on the Internet" www.jxnMichigan.com
- Brooklyn-Irish Hills, Michigan Chamber of Commerce www.brooklynmi.com
- Michigan Live – Jackson Edition www.ja.mlive.com

Jackson Region National Awards/Top Rankings

- Jackson designated as a "Cool City" in June 2004.
- Named 4th best golf value in America by Golf Digest Magazine in 2004.
- All American City Finalist in 2001.
- 1997 Golf Digest rated Jackson County as #14 in its national ranking of best places to play golf.
- Ella Sharp Museum ranked first in Small Museums and second in the Art Gallery category by Michigan's Best Treasure Awards 2000, Reader's Choice Award.
- Dahlem Environmental Center ranked third among Michigan's nature centers.
- Cascades Falls Park ranked as number one Sledding Hill in Michigan.
- Phyllis Haehnle Memorial Sanctuary rated fourth best bird watching site in Michigan.
- The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. City of Jackson has received this award annually since 1991.
- City of Jackson Police Department received the Weber-Seavey award in 1995 for their Resident-Officer Program. Only the top ten in the nation receive this award.
- Jackson County ISD received an Award of Excellence for the Manufacturing Technologies Laboratory 1999.
- Jackson High School received a National Award in 1999 for their German Language Program.
- AAA Designations

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