



# Lansing, MI



Lansing, the capital of Michigan, is located along the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers. Settlers from Lansing, New York, named the Michigan settlement for their home village. In 1847, the Michigan state legislature moved the capital to Lansing, which was a more centralized and protected location than the original capital of Detroit. The invention and manufacture of the automobile led to the city's development.

Lansing was the home of Ransom E. Olds, who invented the Oldsmobile. The R.E. Olds Transportation Museum showcases its founder's collection of cars and memorabilia, including the first Oldsmobile. Impression 5 is a local interactive science museum. The Michigan Museum of Surveying shares the story of the surveying and mapping of Michigan. The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center's exhibits explain the judicial branch of state government. The Michigan Walk of Fame honors the ingenuity and resourcefulness of Michigan residents. Other museums in Lansing include the All Around the African World Museum and Resource Center, the Michigan Historical Museum, and the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame.

The State Capitol Building was designed by Elijah E. Myers, one of the foremost architects of public buildings during the Gilded Age. The Turner-Dodge mansion, designed in the Classical Revival style, is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been restored to the turn-of-the-19th-century style.

The Lansing Civic Players Guild, All-of-Us Express Children's Theater, Riverwalk Theatre, Peppermint Creek Theatre Company, and the Starlight Dinner Theatre offer a broad spectrum of theatrical performances. Other performing arts organizations include the Greater Lansing Ballet Company and Lansing Symphony Orchestra. The Lansing Community College's Performing Arts program annually presents musical, theatrical, and dance productions. The Michigan Princess, a paddle-wheeled riverboat, offers theatrical and musical entertainment.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Lansing contains multistory office and commercial buildings with apartments available on the upper floors. Prudden Place and those in the Stadium district are new constructions, but others, such as Motor Wheel Lofts in the former Prudden Wheel Factory, are renovated historic buildings. The downtown area also has several recently constructed row house developments, such as On the Grand Condominiums, Printers Row Condominiums, and Pere Marquette Condominiums. The nearby historic Cherry Hill neighborhood contains the largest number of 19th-century brick and clapboard Victorian homes, mostly in Italianate and Queen Anne styles.

Other neighborhoods include the Moores River Drive area, which features estate-style, custom designed single- and two-story homes located on large lots along the Grand River. In the Westside neighborhood, brick and stucco homes were built between the late 1800s and 1960s. This neighborhood also features winding streets lined with mature shade trees. Single-family homes in Colonial and ranch styles dominate the suburban Groesbeck neighborhood that was established during the 1960s. The Miller-Marscot neighborhood contains ranch-style houses from the mid- to late 20th century.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Lansing's 114 designated park facilities have amenities that include swimming pools; ball fields for baseball, football, and soccer; tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts; playgrounds; golf course facilities; boat ramps and docks; an off-leash dog park; skateboard park; indoor ice rink; and sledding and skiing areas. The city has four community

centers and operates the Fenner Nature Center, which focuses on outdoor education and environmental awareness. The Kenneth A. Hope Soccer Complex is a premier soccer complex in the tri-county area.

Four lakes within the city allow public access for fishing, boating, and swimming. Hawk Island Park's facilities include a 35-acre lake, swimming beach, bath house, boat rental, fishing, playgrounds, volleyball courts, ball diamonds, paved trails, and a winter sports area for cross-country skiing, snow tubing, and snowboarding.

Designed as a festival park, the Adado Riverfront Park is bisected by the Grand River and is home to the Labor Day weekend Michigan Mosaic Music Festival, the City Market, and an amphitheater.

Potter Park, which is located along the banks of the Red Cedar River, features many gardens and is also home to the Potter Park Zoo, with its more than 160 species of animals. Planet Walk begins outside the Impression 5 Science Center and ends near the Potter Park Zoo. This two-mile walk present exhibits about the planets in the solar system.

The Lansing Lugnuts (baseball) play in Cooley Law School Stadium.

## EDUCATION

The Lansing School District educates more than 10,500 students in 29 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, 3 high schools, and a vocational/alternative education building. The district offers nine magnet programs. Several charter and private institutions are also available throughout the city.

Opportunities for higher education in Lansing are available at Davenport University, which offers graduate and undergraduate programs in business, technology, and health professions. The Thomas M. Cooley Law School is an independent graduate college of law. Lansing Community College offers educational opportunities in workforce development, general education, developmental education, and personal enrichment. The University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, and Central Michigan University have branch campuses in the Lansing area and offer graduate-level programs.

Michigan State University is located in neighboring East Lansing and offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs, including medical degrees from the College of Human Medicine and College of Osteopathic Medicine.

## HEALTH CARE

Lansing is served by 2 hospital systems with a total of 1,122 licensed beds in 4 facilities. A long-term acute care hospital is located within one of the hospitals.

### CITY STATS

2011

City Population	114,605
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	465,138
Per Capita Personal Income, Lansing-East Lansing, MI, MSA	\$34,505