

Economy

This portion of the Data Book contains information on the state of the economy in Washtenaw County. Some of the indicators presented in this section include:

- Major employers
- Employment statistics
- Income statistics
- Numbers of establishments

Major Employers

- The University of Michigan is by far the County's largest employer with over 24,000 employees
- Health industry employers, including the University of Michigan Hospitals, Chelsea Community Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Health System, also make up a significant portion of employment in the County
- The auto industry also continues to be a significant employer located in Washtenaw County, with General Motors, Visteon and Daimler

Top 20 Employers Within Washtenaw County

Employer	Product/Service	Approx. No. Employed
University Of Michigan	Public University	24,059
University Of Michigan Hospital & Health	Hospital, research, education	6,742
General Motors Corp./Powertrain Division	Automotive manufacturer	4,800
Pfizer Global Research and Development	Pharmaceuticals	4,000
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital	Hospital	3,698
Visteon Instruments & Plastics	Manufacturer of instrument panels	2,285
Visteon Rawsonville	Mfg. of alternators, electrical parts	2,266
Eastern Michigan University	Public University	1,991
Borders Group Inc	Book retailer headquarters	1,200
Washtenaw County Government	County Government	1,200
Visteon Ypsilanti Parts Plant	Automotive parts & accessories	1,052
University of Michigan Software	Computer software	1,000
City of Ann Arbor	City Government	951
ProQuest/Bell & Howell	Microfilm & data base products	900
Sheridan Books	Book manufacturing	700
Domino's Pizza	Pizza preparation & distribution	650
Daimler Chrysler Proving Grounds	Endurance & durability testing	630
Veridian E.I.	R & D imaging technology	580
Eaton Corporation	Diesel governors and fuel valves	565
Chelsea Community Hospital	Hospital	530

Source: Washtenaw Development Council, July 2001

Chrysler all making the top employer list.

Total Employment

Washtenaw County's total employment is expected to grow into the next two decades (2000 to 2020). Total employment in Washtenaw County is expected to increase 21.7% or 46,375 jobs between 1990 and the year 2020. The largest numeric increase of jobs will be in the services sector with a projected increase of 39,549 jobs (35.9% increase), comprising more than 85% of the growth in Washtenaw County's employment between 1990 and 2020. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate as well as Public Administration are projected to have the largest percentage growth in employment during this 30-year time period with 51.3% and 47.5% respectively.

Employment Forecast by Industry - Washtenaw County

Industry	1990	2000	2010	2020	% Change 1990-2020
Agricultural, Mining & Natural Resources	4,550	4,582	4,489	4,513	-0.8%
Manufacturing	37,363	31,697	32,177	28,982	-22.4%
Transportation, Communication, & Utilities	6,912	6,091	6,281	6,347	-8.2%
Wholesale Trade	6,177	6,892	7,995	8,089	31.0%
Retail Trade	33,166	35,661	39,082	39,277	18.4%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	10,970	14,297	15,693	16,597	51.3%
Services	110,208	137,824	146,131	149,757	35.9%
Public Administration	4,549	5,726	6,336	6,708	47.5%
Total Employment	213,895	242,770	258,184	260,270	21.7%

Source: SEMCOG Regional Development Forecast (April 1996)

Unemployment

- According to the Michigan Department of Career Development, unemployment rates in Washtenaw County have remained well below state and national rates over the past decade.
- The unemployment rate in the County has been steadily declining since reaching a high of 6.1% in 1991.
- Unemployment rates have ranged from 6.1% in 1991 to the current low of 1.6%



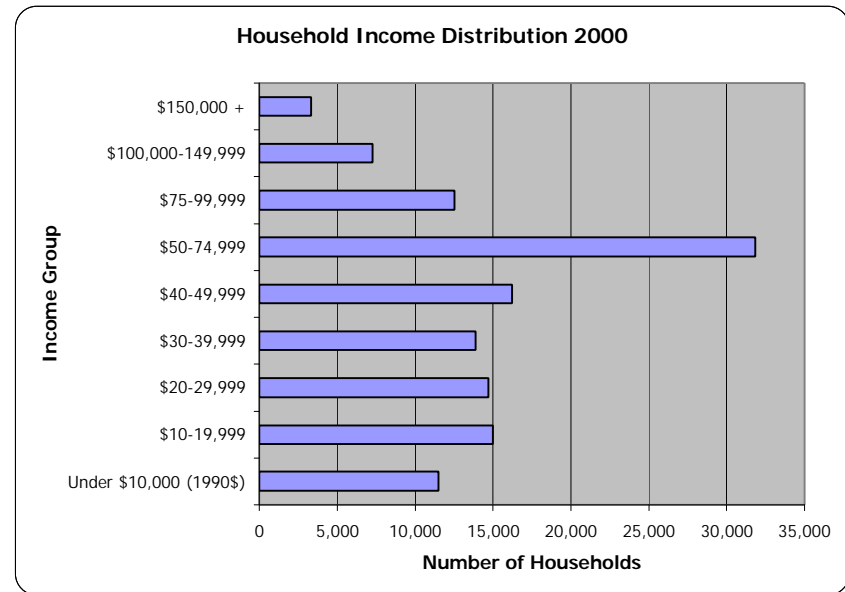
Household Income

- The median household income for Washtenaw County is currently \$42,250, up from \$36,690 in 1990 (adjusted to year 2000 dollars), an increase of over 15%.
- Similarly, per capita income has increased significantly over the past decade, from \$23,202 in 1990 to \$36,955 in 2000, a 59.3% increase.
- The numbers of households within the higher income groups were also on the increase since 1990, ranging from a 34.8% increase in households earning between \$40,000 and \$49,999 to a 54.6% increase in households earning \$75,000 to \$99,999.
- The largest number of households are within the \$50,000-\$74,999 income group in 2000.

Income Group	Total Household Income Distribution for Washtenaw County				
	1990		Year 2000		% Change
	#	% of HH	#	% of HH	
<i>Under \$10,000 (1990\$)</i>	11,951	11.4%	11,500	9.1%	-3.8%
<i>\$10-19,999</i>	15,569	14.9%	14,982	11.9%	-3.8%
<i>\$20-29,999</i>	15,270	14.6%	14,692	11.6%	-3.8%
<i>\$30-39,999</i>	14,164	13.6%	13,886	11.0%	-2.0%
<i>\$40-49,999</i>	12,021	11.5%	16,207	12.8%	34.8%
<i>\$50-74,999</i>	20,613	19.7%	31,844	25.2%	54.5%
<i>\$75-99,999</i>	8,084	7.7%	12,499	9.9%	54.6%
<i>\$100,000-149,999</i>	4,715	4.5%	7,276	5.8%	54.3%
<i>\$150,000 +</i>	2,143	2.1%	3,299	2.6%	54.0%
TOTAL Households	104,528		126,185		20.7%
Median Household Income	\$36,690		\$42,250		15.2%
Per Capita Income	\$23,202		\$36,955		59.3%

Dollar amounts based on Year 2000 dollars for both 1990 & 2000

Source: U.S. Census, Woods & Poole Economics, SEMCOG



Number of Establishments

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the largest numbers of establishments in Washtenaw County in 2000 were in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services Sector. This sector accounted for over 14% of all establishments in the County.
- The other sectors with the highest representation in the County included: Transportation and Warehousing (14.3%), Healthcare and Social Assistance (10.7%), Construction (9.9%) and Other Services Except Public Administration (9.4%).
- In the year 2000 there were over 8,000 establishments in Washtenaw County.

Number of Establishments by Industry in Washtenaw County - 2000		
Industry	# of Establishments	% of Establishments
Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Agriculture Support	5	0.1%
Mining	10	0.1%
Utilities	16	0.2%
Construction	811	9.9%
Manufacturing	400	4.9%
Wholesale Trade	413	1.4%
Retail Trade	1,171	5.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	118	14.3%
Information	162	5.3%
Finance & Insurance	437	4.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	327	2.0%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	1,183	14.4%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	65	0.8%
Admin., Support, Waste Mgt., Remediation Services	440	5.4%
Educational Services	93	1.1%
Healthcare and Social Assistance	874	10.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	137	1.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	628	7.7%
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	770	9.4%
Auxiliaries (Exc. Corporate, Subsidiary & Regional Management)	15	0.2%
Unclassified Establishments	113	1.4%
Total Establishments	8,188	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census