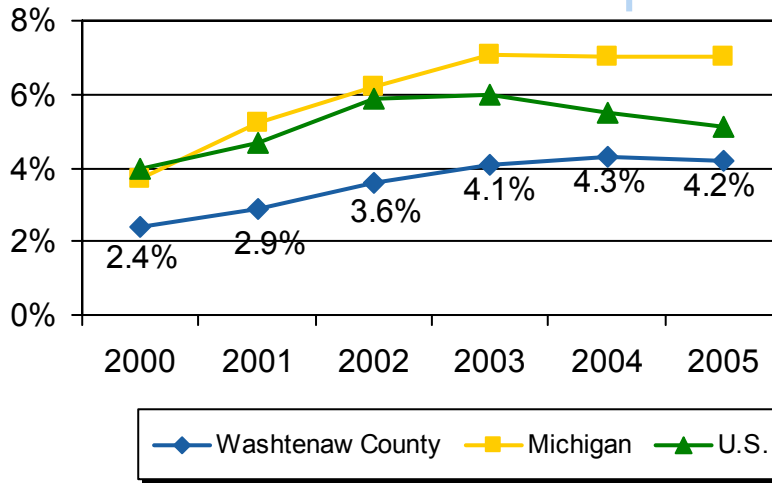


Percent of Individuals Unemployed



Local Differences in Unemployment Percent (Individuals >16 yrs) U.S. Census 2000	
Michigan	3.7%
Washtenaw County	2.6%
Ann Arbor City	2.8%
Chelsea Village	1.8%
Dexter Village	1.1%
Manchester Village	2.9%
Pinckney Village	4.7%
Saline City	2.5%
Whitmore Lake CDP	2.9%
Ypsilanti City	3.9%

What it is:

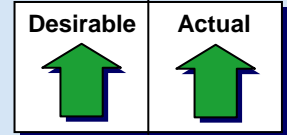
The percent of employable people actively seeking work, divided by the total number of employable people (age 16 years and over).

Why it matters:

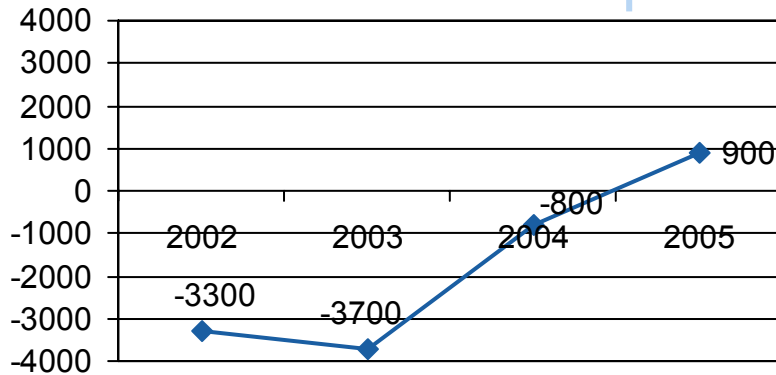
Unemployment rates are a critical indicator of a community's economic health.

What it tells us:

County unemployment rates increased from 2000 to 2005. Michigan's unemployment rates have continued to increase, while national unemployment rates decreased. Washtenaw County has maintained much lower unemployment rates than the state or national averages, although the difference between US and Washtenaw County unemployment rates appears to be narrowing.



Number of Jobs Added or Lost 2002-2005 in Washtenaw County



Job Growth by Sector for Washtenaw County between 2004 and 2005 (Percentage growth/reduction within sector)	
Total Nonfarm jobs	+0.4%
Total Private	+0.3%
Goods-Producing	-3.1%
Private Service-Providing	+1.2%
Government	+0.8%

What it is:

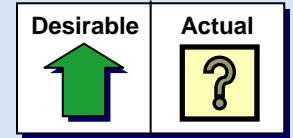
Job growth represents the number of non-farm jobs lost or added from December of one year to December of the following year in Washtenaw County.

Why it matters:

Job growth is a key indicator of a community's economic health and make it an attractive area for in-migration.

What it tells us:

Washtenaw County added an average of 4,000 jobs a year from 1990-2001, according to the Economic Outlook done by economists from the Institute for Labor & Industrial Relations at the University of Michigan. Starting in 2002, the job market slowed down, and 3,000-4,000 jobs were lost in 2002 and 2003. Much of the negative growth has been attributed to loss of automotive manufacturing jobs and loss of high-tech jobs post September 11. Projections indicate there will be continued growth in 2006-2008, driven by increases in the service sector.



What it is:

The percentage of working adults in Washtenaw County who earn a living wage. There is a lot of data about wages and income, but currently no group calculates the percentage of adults who earn a living wage.

Why it matters:

A living wage is the minimum hourly wage necessary for a person working forty hours a week, with no additional income, to be able to afford housing, food, utilities, transport, health care and recreation.