

MUSKEGON COUNTY COMMUNITY PROFILE

Muskegon County

Muskegon County is located in the western portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula along Lake Michigan's shoreline. It is bordered by Oceana County to the north, Muskegon County to the northeast, Ottawa County to the south, Kent County to the southeast and Lake Michigan to the west. The county has an area of 499.25 square miles, or approximately 319,520 acres, 26 miles of Lake Michigan waterfront, 57 inland lakes, and more than 400 miles of river. The 2020 U.S. Census counted 175,511 persons, 66,064 households, and 45,366 families. From 2010 to 2020, the population grew about 2.30%. The population is projected to increase by .6% in 2022. For the 66,064 households counted in 2020, the median income was \$53,478. The county has a population density of 344.9 persons per square mile and there were 74,591 housing units. In terms of race, the 2020 Census states that Muskegon County consists of 81.2% White, 14.0% Black or African American, 1.0% American Indian, .7% Asian, <1% Pacific Islander, and 3.1% from two or more races. 5.8% of the population is Hispanic or Latino.



History and Development

The earliest recorded history of the Muskegon area reflects that it was inhabited by the Ottawa and Pottawatomi tribes. Perhaps the best remembered of the Indian inhabitants of this area was Ottawa Indian Chief Pandalouan. They, and other bands of Native Americans traded at posts along the lower Muskegon River, the lower Grand River, the White River, and the Mouth of Duck Lake. The name "Muskegon" is derived from the Ottawa Indian term "Masquigon" meaning "marshy river" or "swamp". The "Masquigon" river is identified on French maps as early as the late 17th century, suggesting that French explorers and fur traders had reached western Michigan by that time. The first known Frenchmen in the area were Father Jacques Marquette, who traveled through the area in 1675 on his way to St. Ignace, and a party of French soldiers under LaSalle's lieutenant, Henry de Tonty, who passed through in 1679. If the French established trading posts in the area, their locations are not known. The earliest known resident of the county was a fur trader and trapper named Edward Fitzgerald, who settled in the area in 1748. Between 1810 and 1820, several French-Canadian fur traders established posts around Muskegon Lake.

Muskegon County was organized in 1837 from portions of Ottawa (3/4) and Oceana (1/4) Counties. At the time of its incorporation in 1859, Muskegon County had six townships (Muskegon, Norton, Ravenna, White River, Dalton, and Oceana.). The development of the area, with vast numbers of white pines, coincided with its timbering activities during the turn-of-the-century lumber boom. When the lumber industry reached its peak in the 1880's, there were over 47 sawmills on Muskegon Lake's 12 square mile body of water and another 16 on White Lake in northern Muskegon County, establishing Muskegon as the "Lumber Queen" of the Midwest.

Following the lumber era, at the end of the nineteenth century, Muskegon County directed its economic growth to industry; including paper and cement manufacturing, production of chemicals, engines, and bowling equipment. Thousands of emigrants from southern and eastern Europe emigrated to Muskegon to further diversify the ethnic make-up of the community. The County also experienced a mini oil boom in the late 1920's when oil was accidentally discovered in the search for salt. While the City of Muskegon was becoming industrialized the area north and south fostered a number of summer resort communities, drawing tourism. Farmers found favorable soils for the establishment of fruit farms; commodities included apples, peaches, pears blueberries and other fruit crops.

Today the county is a major metropolitan center and a major producer of agricultural products (wheat, corn, dairy, and livestock). The local economy is much more diverse than it was in the twentieth century. The beaches of Lake Michigan and the inland fishing and water sport opportunities make tourism a major part of the economy. The Lake Michigan shoreline is accessible at eleven dune-filled public parks. Travel and tourist related businesses draw visitors from across the lake as well with the Lake Express Services, and Port City Princess. Continued development of water-based tourism and water front housing is re-inventing much of the lakeshore.

The county is also home to a number of state parks, a state game area, and Manistee National Forest. It has over 151,000 acres of forest, of which over 12,000 acres are national forest and over 8,000 acres are dedicated as state game and wildlife areas. The county's outdoor recreation opportunities are year-round with mild summers for water-based recreation, camping, and hiking. Winter brings approximately 80 inches of snow on average for winter outdoor recreation such as snowmobiling, sledding, skating, hockey, and ice fishing. There are also a variety of man-made recreational and tourism destinations that make Muskegon County attractive to visitors including a number of events and festivals.

Historic Figures

The following Historical Figures are several of the most notable citizens highlighted on the Muskegon County Government Website. These individuals made a significant contribution to the communities in which they resided from. These impacts can still be seen around Muskegon County to this day.

Charles and Julia Hackley



(1837 to 1905)

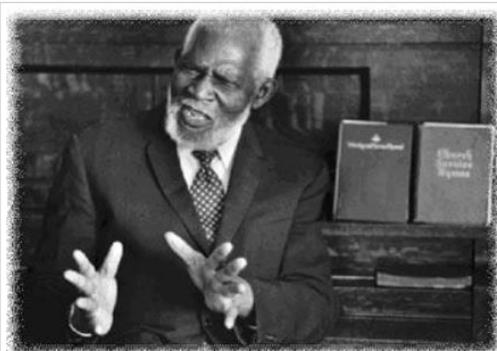
One of Michigan's spectacular rags-to-riches millionaires, lumberman Charles Hackley Born in Michigan City, Indiana in 1837, young Charles left high school at age 15 first to build roads and then to work in the newly developing lumber industry of western Michigan. As a teenager and young adult, he learned saw milling and the buying and selling of pine trees firsthand. By the 1870s, he had his own company and during the 1880s his mills produced an average of 30 million board feet per year, which helped make Michigan the top lumber state in the nation.



What makes Hackley's story especially interesting is that he used much of his \$12 million fortune to help his booming city of Muskegon meet the needs of a population that doubled during both the 1870s and the 1880s.

In 1864, Charles Hackley married Julia Ester Moore. They adopted one son, Charles Moore Hackley, in 1898, and raised a foster daughter, Erie Caughell (Hackley). Julia Hackley joined her husband in his philanthropy work. Julia Hackley had the Muskegon Museum of Art built and endowed. Julia also was instrumental in starting the Julia Hackley Poor Fund and the Julia E Hackley Educational Fund Endowment. These funds are still actively supporting Muskegon today.

Moses J. Jones



(1898 to 1989)

Moses J. Jones was a well-known pastor at Muskegon's John Wesley AME Zion Church for over 36 years. He is best remembered for his "good will dinners" that allowed him to both feed the hungry and at the same time foster interracial harmony. The grandson of slaves, Jones came to Muskegon from Hammond, Indiana in 1936. On a daily basis, Jones would scour bakeries and grocery stores for

day old goods to feed to those in need. He would also connect the underprivileged with just out of fashion suits. When an individual could not afford the relatively cheap suit, Jones would give the suit away for free.

Moses J. Jones also did outreach to the youth establishing a community recreation center in the basement of John Wesley AME Zion Church, where youths had a place to escape the streets and partake in table tennis and join basketball and baseball teams. After Jones died in 1989 the city commissioners paid tribute to his memory by renaming the northern end of Seaway Drive "Moses J. Jones Parkway." It remains there to this day.

Haddon Hubbard "Sunny" Sundblom



(1899-1976)

Born in Muskegon in 1899 to a Swedish-speaking family, Haddon Hubbard "Sunny" Sundblom was a famous American Artist best known for the images of Santa Claus he created for the Coca-Cola Company in the 1930s. So popular were Sundblom's images of Claus that the urban legend soon arose that Sundblom had actually created the modern image of Santa Claus and the images are used by Coca-Cola to this day. Sundblom also created the image of the Quaker Oats man in 1957, which is also used to this day.

Jonathan Walker



Jonathan Walker became a national hero in 1844 when he was tried and sentenced as a slave stealer following an attempt to assist seven runaway slaves find freedom. He was branded on the right hand with the letters SS signifying "Slave Stealer."

He became an ardent abolitionist in the years before the Civil War. At the wars end he moved to Norton Shores and lived the peaceful life of a fruit farmer. Upon his death in 1878 he was buried with full honors in a ceremony attended by 5,000 people. A unique marker in downtown Muskegon marks his final resting place.



Geography and Climate

Location, Communities, and Proximity to Surrounding Cities

Muskegon County is located in the west central region of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The City of Muskegon, located on the southwest side of Muskegon County, is the county seat and the largest city in Muskegon County with a population of 38,318. The other six cities include Montague, Muskegon Heights, North Muskegon, Norton Shores, Roosevelt Park, and Whitehall. In addition to the cities, there are four villages within Muskegon County which include Casnovia, Fruitport, Lakewood Club, and Ravenna. Between the seven cities and four villages, many of the needs of the residents of Muskegon County are adequately served. However, the City of Grand Rapids (population 198,917) is located approximately fifteen miles from the county's eastern border, Grand Haven (population 11,011) located approximately five miles from the county's southern border, and Allendale Charter Township (population 26,582), located approximately fifteen miles from the county's southwestern border, also serve as core communities.

Montague City

Montague City sits to the north of White Lake and to the northwest of the City of Whitehall. It lies in the northern portion of Muskegon County and is situated on a hill overlooking the White River and its sister city, Whitehall. Settlement of the area began in 1855 when Nat Sargent built the first house. The town was officially incorporated into a village in 1883 and a city in 1935. It was named after William Ferry Montague, who was one of the town fathers.



The 2020 population of the city was 2,417 with an estimated peak seasonal population of 2,577. 1047 residents commuted to work and 461 were school-aged. The city had 1,193 total housing units, of which 1,081 were occupied and 121 were vacant. 92 of the vacant homes were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Important critical facilities of the city include the Montague Police and Fire departments, Montague Maintenance Garage, Montague Area High School and Middle School, St. James Lutheran Church, Montague City Hall, and Muskegon Area District Library Montague Branch. Major infrastructure includes U.S. 31 Business Route and the U.S. 31 Business Route bridge over the White River. *Hayes Lemmerz International is the largest employer in Montague with over 600 employees, followed by Montague Area Public Schools with 137.* White Lake is the most prominent geographic feature of the city.

Muskegon City

The City of Muskegon is located on the shores of Lake Michigan and alongside Muskegon Lake, which connects Muskegon River to Lake Michigan. It lies to the south of the city of North Muskegon, and to the north of Muskegon Heights, Roosevelt Park, and Norton Shores. French explorers named the city in the late 1600's from the Indian word Masquigon meaning "marshy river." The first recorded settlers were Louis Baddaeu and Joseph Troutier, who opened up trading posts in 1834 and 1835. The lumber boom of



the 1860's was good for the town, giving it village status in 1861. City status was obtained in 1869.

In 2020, the city had a total population of 38,318 and an estimated seasonal peak population of 38,818. 11,835 residents commuted to work and 7,617 were school-aged. There were a total of 16,105 housing units in the city, 2,138 of those units were vacant and 13,967 were occupied. Of the vacant homes, 175 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Critical facilities in the city include the City of Muskegon Police Department, the Muskegon County Sheriff Department, the Marquette, Robinson, and Terrace stations of the Muskegon Fire Department, two public works yards, a pumping station, seventeen community shelters, eight community medical facilities, and five other critical facilities. There are many major employers in the city, the top three of which are Trinity Health Partners, the County of Muskegon, and Muskegon Public Schools.

Critical infrastructure consists of four major roads, Michigan Shore railroad, four bridges, two power stations, a water filtration plant, a water, and sewer maintenance facility, two transit systems, a coast guard station, and an army reserve center. Major geographic features of the city include the Lake Michigan shoreline and beach, coastal sand dunes, Muskegon Lake, and Muskegon River. There are also 4-6 small lakes and ponds, 4-6 small creeks, and dense residential, industrial, and commercial areas.

Muskegon Heights City

The City of Muskegon Heights is a southeastern suburb of the Muskegon urban area, incorporated in 1903. It is surrounded by the cities of Norton Shores and Muskegon and lies in the southwestern portion of Muskegon County. Its origin goes back to 1890 when local business leaders were looking to stimulate the economy after the lumber boom ended. They formed the Muskegon Improvement Company and purchased 1,000 acres.



The land was then sold in lots by lottery and the proceeds were used to underwrite new businesses. The successful improvement project, and proximity to the City of Muskegon, precipitated a station spot for the Chicago and Western Michigan Railroad Company in 1902.

The city had a 2020 population of 9,917 with a peak summer population of 10,856. 2,649 commuted to work and 2,720 residents are school-aged. There were 4,842 total housing units, 846 of those were vacant, while 8 of the vacant housing units are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Important critical facilities of the city include the Muskegon Heights Police and Fire departments, Muskegon Heights City Hall, a Muskegon Area District Library Muskegon Heights Branch, and Muskegon County Family Independence Agency (FIA). No major employers were identified within the city. Major infrastructure includes Muskegon Heights Water and Sewer, Muskegon Area Transit System, U.S. 31 Business Route, Michigan Shore railroad. Major geographic features within the city include dense residential and industrial areas and 1-2 small lakes and ponds along with 1-2 small creeks.

North Muskegon City

North Muskegon is located just inland from Lake Michigan to the north of Muskegon City and Muskegon Lake and to the south of Bear Lake. It lies in the southwestern portion of Muskegon County. Like most of the cities and villages in the area, the lumber boom was responsible for the formation of the city. It was originally named Reedsville after the first settler, Archibald Reed, but was later re-named North Muskegon in 1881 when it was deemed a village. City status came in 1891.



The 2010 census population was 3,786 with a peak seasonal population of 3,899. 1,580 commuted and 727 residents were school-aged. The city had a total of 1,834 housing units, 213 of which were vacant. Of those 213, 49 were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Critical Facilities include the city's Police and Fire Departments, the Department of Public Works, City Hall, and Muskegon Area District Library Walker Branch. No major employers were identified within the city. Infrastructure in the city includes Michigan Highway M-120, Michigan Shore railroad, and a power transmission line. Major geographic features consist of Muskegon Lake, Bear Lake, Muskegon River, and dense residential and light commercial areas.

Norton Shores City

Norton Shores is located just to the south of Muskegon around Mona Lake, along Lake Michigan. The city, which was once Norton Township and before that Lake Harbor during the lumber boom, sits in the southwest portion of Muskegon County and is bordered by Ottawa County to the south, Lake Michigan to the west and Fruitport Township to the east. It was named in honor of Colonel Amos Norton a Canadian Patriot implicated in the rebellion of 1837. It was chartered as a city in 1968.



Norton Shores had a 2020 total population of 25,030 and a peak seasonal population of 25,185. 10,477 commuted and 4,561 residents were school-aged. The total number of housing units in the city was 10,939, of which 962 were vacant. Of those 962 vacant, 252 were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Critical facilities include the city's Police Department, three fire stations, a public works yard, a community medical facility, City Hall, and Muskegon Area District Library Norton Shores Branch. Major employers include Meijer Incorporated, and Knoll, GE Aviation and Structural Concepts each employing over 400 people. Major infrastructure in the city includes two highways, Michigan Shore railroad, two prominent bridges over Mona Lake, the Muskegon Heights water filtration plant, a dam at Little Black Lake, Muskegon County Airport, and the United States Coast Guard Air Facility. Lake Michigan's shoreline and coastal sand dunes are major geographic features in the area. Others include Mona Lake, 10-12 other small lakes and ponds, 8-10 creeks, and dense residential and significant commercial and industrial areas.

Roosevelt Park City

Roosevelt Park, a one square mile suburb community, was formed in 1946 and named after President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was one of the many residential suburbs in the nation that were formed shortly after WWII. It is surrounded by the cities of Muskegon and Norton Shores.



The total population in 2020 was 4,172, with a peak seasonal population of 4,192. 2,989 commute to

work and 918 residents were school-aged. The total number of housing units in the city was 1,741, of which 87 were vacant. Of those 87 vacant, 10 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Critical facilities in Roosevelt Park include the city's Police Department and City Hall. The city's two major employers are CWC Castings Division of Textron Inc. and Michigan Spring & Stamping. Critical infrastructure consists of the Michigan Shore railroad. Major geographic features include dense residential and moderate commercial areas.

Whitehall City

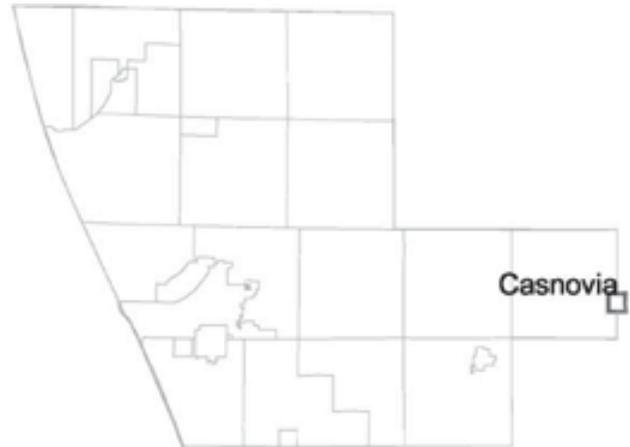
The city of Whitehall is located in northern Muskegon County just southeast of the city of Montague. It is bordered by Whitehall Township to the east and Fruitland Township to the south. The city is named for its location at the edge of White Lake. The recorded history for Whitehall began around 1859 when Charles Mears, a lumber tycoon, and Giles B. Slocum platted the land. Originally named Mears, the area benefited from its strategic location for floating and distributing lumber. It grew into a village in 1867 and then into a city in 1942.



Whitehall's total population in 2010 was 2,706, with a seasonal peak population of 2,790. 1,190 commuted and 522 residents were school-aged. Whitehall had 1,288 total housing units, 135 of the total housing units were vacant and, of those vacant, 38 were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Critical facilities in the city include police and fire departments, four community medical facilities, City Hall, and the White Lake Community Library. Major employers include Howmet Corporation and Hilite International. Vital or critical infrastructure includes US-31 Business Route, US-31 Business Route bridge over White River, City of Whitehall Water and Sewer, and Mill Pond Dam. Major geographic features in the area include White Lake, 6-8 small lakes and ponds, 6-8 small creeks, and dense residential and light commercial areas.

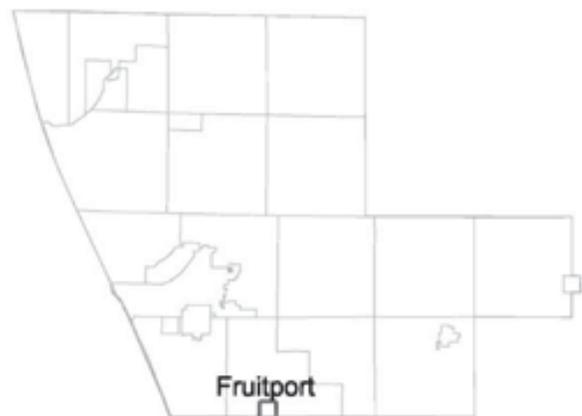
Casnovia Village

Casnovia Village is located in the eastern most portion of Muskegon County in Casnovia Township. Half of the village is in Kent County (Tyrone Township). The settlement was founded by tavern keeper Lot Fulkerson in 1850 and became a village in 1875. The name Casnovia means “new home” and comes from the Latin root words of casa meaning “home” and nova meaning “new”. The village of Casnovia had a 2010 total population of 319, with a peak seasonal population of the same amount. 184 commuted to work and 63 residents were school-aged. There were 131 total housing units, 10 of which were vacant, and none used for seasonal recreational or occasional use. The village’s only critical facility is the village hall and there are no major employers or critical infrastructure. There are 1-2 small creeks.



Fruitport Village

The Village of Fruitport is located on the southern border of Fruitport Township in the extreme southern portion of Muskegon County. It is at the end of the north branch of Spring Lake and is bordered by Ottawa County to the south. The town was originally founded by Edward Crow in 1868 and named Crowville. The town was incorporated into a village in 1891. The current name comes from the fact that it is a port, and that the area is fertile fruit growing land. The total population in 2010 for the village was 1,093, and the peak seasonal population was 1,110. 464 commuted and 211 residents were school-aged. There were 476 total housing units, 36 of which were vacant. Of those vacant, 7 were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The village DPW building, and Muskegon Area District Library Fruitport Branch are the only two critical facilities and there is no major infrastructure. Major geographic features include Spring Lake and 2-4 small creeks.



Lakewood Club Village

Lakewood Club is located in the northwest portion of Dalton Township in the northern tier of Muskegon County. The Village originated in 1912 as a resort association founded by the Mayo brothers. It was popular enough by 1914 that a seasonal post office was set up. The post office became permanent in the 1940's when the area became residential. Official village status came in 1967. In 2010, the total population was 1,291, with a peak seasonal population of 1,339. 646 commuted and 303 residents were school-aged. The village is home to 507 total housing units, 49 of which are vacant. Of those that are vacant, 17 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The lone critical facility is the village hall, and the power transmission line is the only critical infrastructure. Major geographic features include moderately dense residential usage and Fox Lake.



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Ravenna Village

Ravenna village is located in Ravenna Township in the southeastern portion of Muskegon County. Like many other towns in the area, Ravenna was settled when the first sawmill was built (1844). In spite of the fact that E.B. Bostwick built it, the town was named after the Ohio hometown of the surveyor who platted the land in 1882. Ravenna was incorporated into a village in 1922. The total population in 2010 was 1,219, with a peak seasonal population of 1,222. 478 commuted and 292 residents were school-aged. There were 476 total housing units, of which 22 are vacant. Of the 22 vacant, 1 is for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. There is neither a police precinct nor a fire station in the Village of Ravenna and the only critical facilities are the village hall and Muskegon Area District Library Ravenna Branch. B-35 is the only major road and also the only identified critical infrastructure in the village. The major geographic feature in the village is Crockery Creek.



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Blue Lake Township

Blue Lake Township is located in the northern portion of Muskegon County. It is bordered by Dalton Township to the south, Oceana County to the north, Whitehall and Montague townships to the west, and Holton Township to the east. The first supervisor of the township was Austin P. Ware who settled in the area in 1864. The township was incorporated in 1865 and is named after Big Blue Lake which is its largest lake. First settlers were mostly lumbermen, but as lumbering died out many turned to farming.



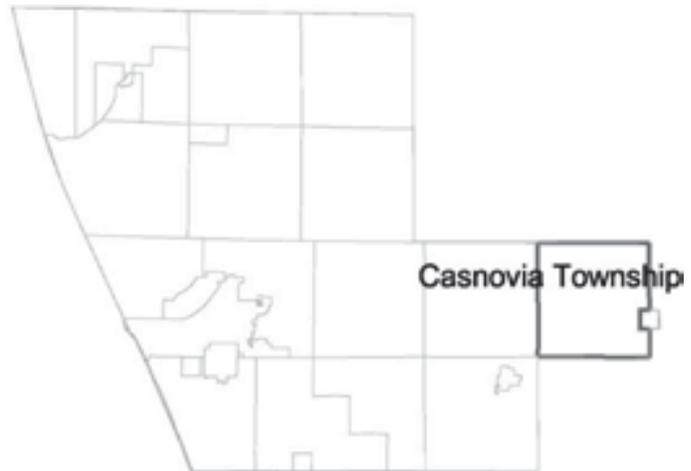
The total population in 2020 for the township was 2,399, with a seasonal peak population of 2,716. 1,045 commuted and 1100 residents were school-aged. There were 991 total housing units, 180 of which were vacant. Of those vacant housing units, 109 were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The township has no police precinct but does have its two fire stations and a township hall. Critical facilities in the township include county roads B- 23and B-86, two dams, and a natural gas pipeline. Scattered rural housing, dense forest, Big Blue Lake, Wolverine Lake, White River, 50-60 small lakes and ponds, and 20-25 small creeks are among the major geographic features in the township.

Blue Lake Township is home to several traditional and fine arts youth camps. Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is housed on 1,600 acres in the Manistee National Forest The Camp hosts sessions for youth and adults and has an international exchange program. The Camp has diverse programs in music, art, dance, and drama while offering hundreds of performances during its Summer Arts Festival and on its' public radio station.

YMCA Camp Pandalouan is located near Muskegon, Michigan, on over 150 acres of mature oak-pine forest, adjacent to the Manistee National Forest and the White River. on the shores of Big Blue Lake. The Camp hosts summer camps, seasonal events, weekend camps, school programs, and group retreats.

Casnovia Township

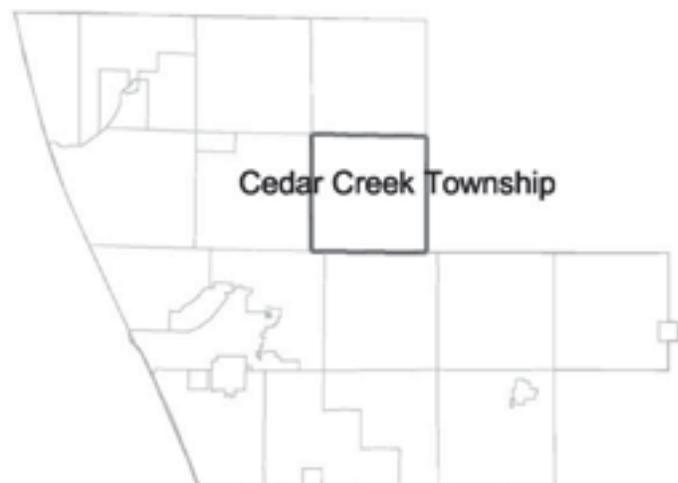
Casnovia is Muskegon County's eastern-most township and is bordered by Muskegon County to the north, Ottawa County to the south and east, and Moorland Township (Muskegon County) to the west. Settlers are believed to have arrived as early as 1848 but the township was not organized until 1852. The first township meeting was held April 4, 1853. The Township is primarily a farming community with acres of cherries, peaches, and apple trees as well as many fields of corn, wheat, soybeans, and hay.



According to the 2020 census the population was 2,793 including the Village of Casnovia and had a peak seasonal population of 2,843. 1,322 commuted and 1175 residents were school-aged. The township has 1,042 total housing units, 124 of which are vacant. Of those 124 vacant housing units, 13 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The township fire department and the township hall are the only critical facilities identified. Critical infrastructure includes two state highways (M-46 and M-37), one county road (B- 35), and a power transmission line. Major geographic features in the township consist of scattered rural housing and moderate residential areas, moderate forest, moderate farmland, Half Moon Lake which is adjacent to the township park and Moore County Park. There are 14-16 small lakes and ponds, and 20-25 small creeks.

Cedar Creek Township

Cedar Creek Township lies on the eastern side of Muskegon County and is bordered by Muskegon County to the east, Holton Township to the north, Dalton Township to the west, and Egleston Township to the south. It was incorporated in 1861. According to the 2010 census, the total population was 3,186, with a peak seasonal population of 3,403. 1,572 commuted to work and 166 residents were school-aged. There were 1,445 total housing units, 200 of



which were vacant. Of those 200 vacant, 83 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Critical facilities in the township include the DNR Muskegon Field Office and the township hall. State highway M-120 runs through the township, along with county-designated B-31 and Michigan Shore railroad. There is also a power transmission line and a natural gas pipeline. Major geographic features include scattered rural housing, dense forest, Muskegon River, Hornungs Duck Lake, 26-30 small lakes and ponds, and 12-16 small creeks.

The Township is a combination of agricultural and rural development nestled around the Manistee National Forest. Within our township, amenities include hiking, biking, or horseback riding on the scenic groomed trails of the Manistee National Forest. The Cedar Creek Motorsport Trail provides access to 22 miles of groomed motor-cross trails. The Muskegon river has boat launches available to launch your kayak or canoe so you can enjoy a day of floating or fishing and Cedar Creek itself is a designated trout stream.

Dalton Township

Dalton Township, incorporated in 1859, is located in the northern portion of Muskegon County and is bordered by Blue Lake Township to the North, Muskegon Township to the south, Cedar Creek Township to the east, and Fruitland Township to the west. B.F. Dow is considered to have been the first permanent settler in the area, Dow established a fruit farm on his property. A. Clug established the first sawmill at Dalton Station in 1866. In 1874 the Chicago and West Michigan Railroad established Califf Station depot in the township.



The total population in 2020 was 9,494 with a peak seasonal population of 9,714. Approximately 2,374 were school-aged. There were 3,748 total housing units, of which 380 were vacant. Of those vacant 150 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Critical facilities in the township include the fire department, a maintenance and grounds yard, the township hall, Muskegon Area District Library Dalton Branch, and a Muskegon County Road Commission branch. Traversing the township are US-31, M-120, B-23, Michigan Shore railroad, a power transmission line, and a natural gas pipeline. Major geographic features include scattered housing, moderate residential areas, moderate forests, Twin Lake, North Lake, Middle Lake, West Lake, Goose Egg Lake, 24-26 small lakes and ponds, and 8-10 small creeks. There are four local

municipal parks, one county park, two municipal and one private cemetery, one bike trail and one horse trail.

Egelston Township

Egelston Township sits in the southern tier of Muskegon County and is bordered by five townships: Cedar Creek and Bridgeton (Muskegon County) to the north, Sullivan to the south, Moorland to the east, and Muskegon to the west. It was incorporated in 1859. The 2020 census population was 11,128 with a peak seasonal population of approximately 13,000. 4,028 commuted and 4,140 residents were school-aged. The township had 4,198 total housing units, of which 394 are vacant. Of those vacant, 37 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Over ¼ of the housing supply is comprised of mobile homes.



Critical facilities include the police and fire departments, the township hall, Muskegon Area District Library Egelston Branch, and Muskegon County Road Commission. Infrastructure in the township includes M-46 and B-31, Muskegon County Wastewater Management-Metro Site, Egelston Township Sewer and Maintenance, a power transmission line, a natural gas pipeline, and Muskegon Wastewater Lagoon Dam. Dense forests, sewage lagoons, Wolf Lake, Muskegon River, 5-7 small lakes and ponds, and 8-10 small creeks are among Egelston Township's major geographic features.

Fruitland Township

Fruitland Township, the county's largest township by size, partially contains Michigan's Adventure Amusement Park on its east side and abuts Lake Michigan on its west side. It is bounded by White Lake, Whitehall City and Whitehall Township to the north, Laketon Township to the south, and Lakewood Club Village and Dalton

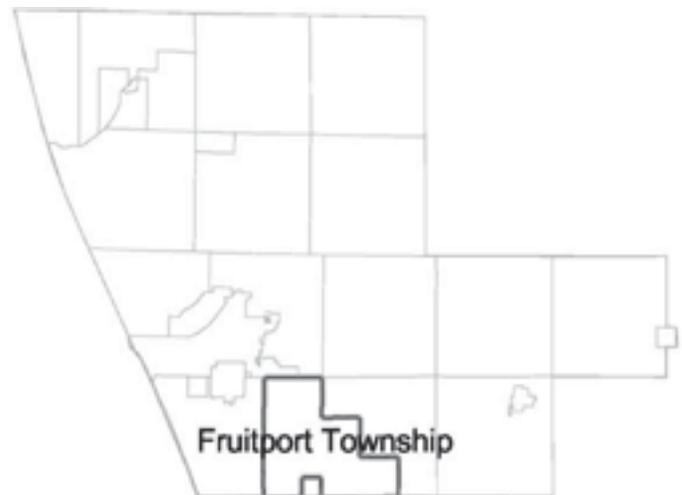


Township to the east. The earliest recorded history indicates that a French-Canadian trader, Joseph LaFramboise, established a trading post at the mouth of Duck Lake in 1790-1800. The township was officially organized by the Muskegon County Board of Supervisors in 1869 and was named for its successful culture of fruits of all kinds.

According to the 2020 Census, there was a total population of 5,793 with a peak seasonal population of 6,554. 2,209 commuted and 1,179 residents were school-aged. The township had 2,592 total housing units, 495 of which were vacant. Of those vacant, 383 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The township hall is the only critical facility in the township. Critical infrastructure includes US-31 and a power transmission line. Scattered housing and moderate residential areas, moderate forests, the Lake Michigan Shoreline, White Lake, Duck Lake, 10-12 small lakes and ponds, and 8-10 small creeks make up the major geographical features of the township.

Fruitport Charter Township

Fruitport Charter Township is located in the southern portion of Muskegon County and is bordered by Sullivan Township to the east, Muskegon City and Muskegon Township to the north, Ottawa County to the south, and the City of Norton Shores to the west. The first settler arrived in 1836. Captain Edward Craw raised peaches and attracted other settlers to the area. Originally the area was named Crawville. In 1867 the area separated from Norton Township and was incorporated as Fruitport Township in 1869. During a bitterly cold winter around 1874-1875, the extreme temperatures killed nearly all the peach trees.



In 2020, the township had a total population of 13,598, with a peak seasonal population of 14,575. 6,249 commuted and 5,239 residents were school-aged. The total number of housing units was 5,366, 409 of which are vacant. Of those vacant, 51 are seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The township has its own police and fire departments. The township hall is also a critical facility in the township. Critical infrastructure includes I-96, US-31, B-72, B-31, and the Fruitport Township water and sewer departments along with a natural gas pipeline. Scattered housing and moderate residential areas, moderate forests, Spring Lake, 8-10 small lakes and ponds, and 10-12 small creeks make up the major geographic features in Fruitport Township.

Holton Township

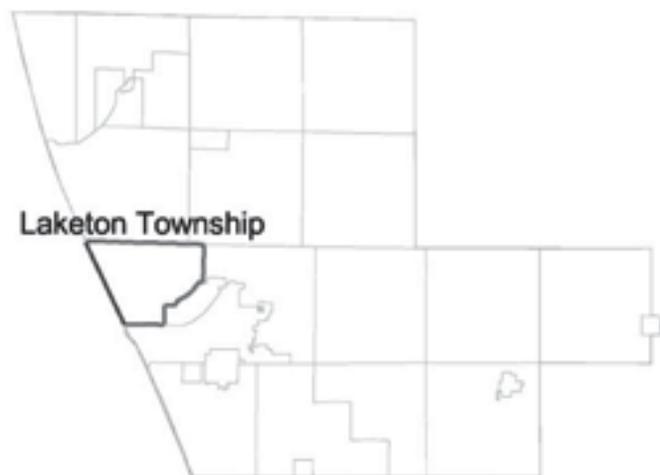
Holton Township is located in the northeastern corner of Muskegon County. It is bordered by Oceana County to the north, Dalton Township to the south, Muskegon County to the east, and Blue Lake Township to the west. Originally an Indian Reservation, it was organized into a township in 1871. In 1871 Settlers Blodgett & Byrne purchased large areas of land which they platted and sold. They erected a mercantile and sawmill which was taken down in 1881. Subsequently, a blacksmith shop, grocer, meat market, a wagonmaker, and a boot and shoemaker shop were established by other settlers. A saloon, jeweler, drug store, livery, photographer, and barber shop soon followed.



In the year 2020, the total population was 2,515, with a peak seasonal population of 2,636 with 998 of those residents school aged. There were 1,088 total housing units, 157 of which were vacant. Of those vacant, 48 were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The fire department, township hall, and Muskegon Area District Library Holton Branch make up the important or critical facilities in the township. M-120, B-86, B-31, Michigan Shore railroad, and a power transmission line are all listed as vital or critical infrastructure. Major geographic features in the township include scattered rural housing with moderate residential areas, dense forest, Deer Lake, 14-16 small lakes and ponds, and 10-12 small creeks.

Laketon Township

Laketon Township is located along the shores of Lake Michigan, Muskegon Lake, and Bear Lake, and is bordered by Fruitland Township to the north, Muskegon and North Muskegon to the south, and Muskegon Township to the east. "In the early days, Laketon Township was very rural in nature. Transportation consisted of boats in the summer and sleds or foot travel in the winter to get across the lakes. As more people arrived they began to create paths through



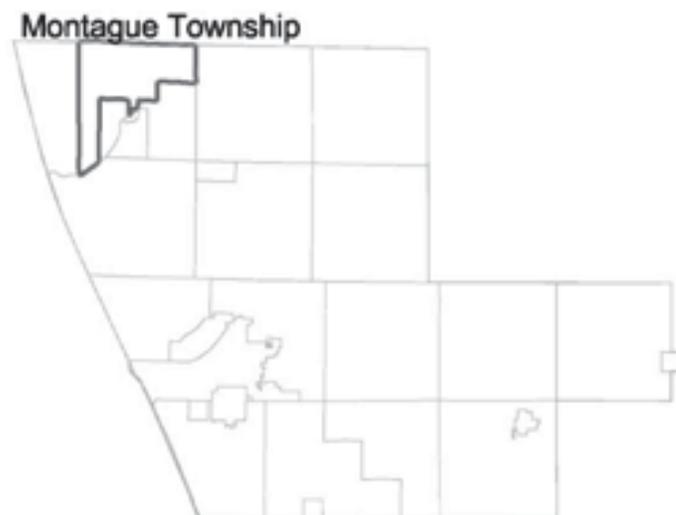
the woods. Territorial legislation required all able-bodied males, except clergymen, ages 21-50 to help work on the roads for a minimum of 2 days and up to a maximum of 50 days per year. The dirt and gravel paths in 1900 led to over 100 miles of roadway covered with either concrete or macadem (a pavement of layers of compacted small stones usually bound with tar or asphalt). In the 1920's this was used to provide good roadways for the growing number of automobiles.” <http://laketon.org/General-Township-Info/History>

The township, organized in 1865 had a 2020 census population of 7,683 with a peak seasonal population of 7,707. Approximately 1,540 residents are school aged. There are 3,259 total housing units, 286 of which are vacant. Of those 286 vacant units, 81 are used for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The township has three community shelters and a township hall listed as critical facilities but has no vital or critical infrastructure. Major geographic features consist of scattered housing and moderate residential areas, moderate forest, Lake Michigan shoreline, coastal sand dunes, Muskegon Lake, Bear Lake, 8-10 small lakes and ponds, and 6-8 small creeks.

Montague Township

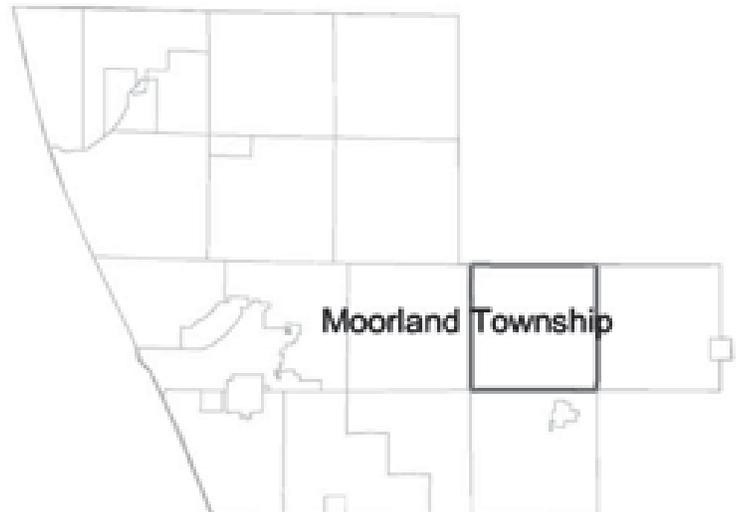
Montague Township is located in the northwest portion of Muskegon County and was incorporated in 1874. It is bordered by Oceana County to the north; White Lake, Whitehall Township, and the cities of Whitehall and Montague to the south; Blue Lake Township to the east; and White River Township to the west.

The 2020 census recorded 1,555 as the total population, 576 are school aged, and the area peak seasonal population of 1,683. There are 691 total housing units, 35 of which are vacant. Of those vacant, 25 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The only identified important or critical facility is the township hall. Vital or critical infrastructure includes US-31, US-31 Business Route, Old US-31, B-15, and B-86. Other critical infrastructure consists of a power transmission line, Ottiger Field Airport, and a natural gas pipeline. Scattered rural housing and moderate residential areas, moderate forest and farmland, White Lake, White River, 6-8 small lakes and ponds, and 14-16 small creeks are all major geographic features in the township. The Township also has four parks: Montague Township park, Clear Springs Nature Preserve, Henderson Road Nature Center and the Hart-Montague Rail Trail.



Moorland Township

Moorland Township sits in the southeast portion of Muskegon County. It is bordered by Ravenna Township to the south, Casnovia Township to the east, and Egelston Township to the west, and Muskegon County to the north. Settlers arrived in the area as early as 1857 and the township was organized in 1860 when the first officers were elected.



According to the 2020 census, the total population was 1,627, with a peak seasonal population of 1,583. The township has 619 total housing units, of which 44 are vacant. Of those 44 vacant, 3 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. The fire department and the township hall are the two identified critical facilities in Moorland Township. Vital infrastructure includes roads M-46, B-35, Muskegon County Solid Waste Management, a power transmission line, and a natural gas pipeline. Major geographic features in the area include scattered rural housing, moderate forest, moderate farmland, a sewage Lagoon, 3-5 small lakes and ponds, and 10-12 small creeks.

Muskegon Charter Township

Muskegon Charter Township is located near the center of Muskegon County. It is bordered by Dalton and Cedar Creek townships to the north; the cities of Muskegon and North Muskegon and Laketon Township to the west; Fruitport Township to the south; and Egelston Township to the east. In 1837, Muskegon Township was organized as a subdivision of Ottawa County. One of the earliest settlers, Henry Pennoyer, was elected as the first Township Supervisor in 1838.

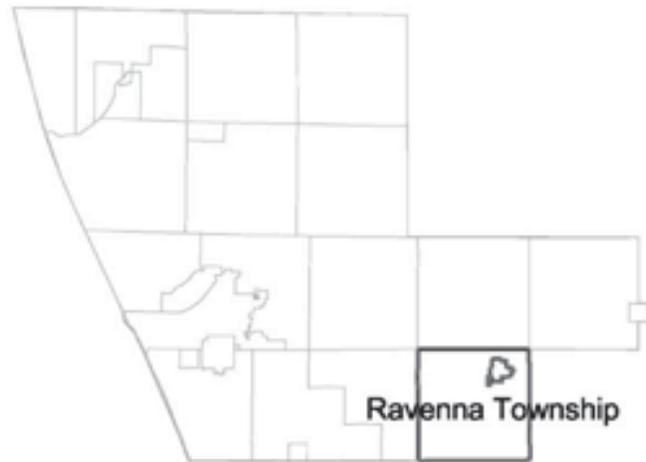


In 2020, Muskegon Township's total population was 17,596 with a peak seasonal population of 17,886. There are 7,385 total housing units, of which 311 are vacant. Of those 311 vacant, 18 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Muskegon Township has one police precinct, two

fire stations, and one public works yard. It also has eight community shelters, a community medical facility, a township hall, and the Muskegon Area District Library Muskegon Township Branch. The Township is home to MCC-Muskegon Community College, and Baker College and has 6 public parks. Among its vital or critical infrastructure are US-31, M-120, M-46, Michigan Shore railroad, two bridges along US-31, a power transmission line, and Northside Airport. Major geographic features include scattered housing and moderate residential areas, moderate forest areas, Muskegon River, 4-6 small lakes and ponds, and 8- 10 small creeks.

Ravenna Township

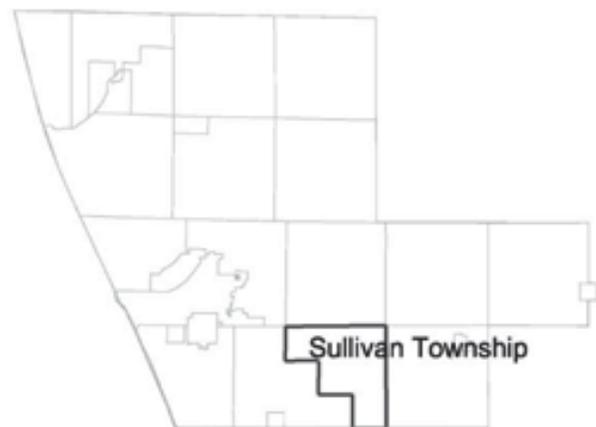
Ravenna Township lies in the southeastern-most portion of Muskegon County. It is bordered by Moorland Township to the north, Ottawa County to the south and east, and Sullivan Township to the west. E.B Bostwick was the first to locate land in the township in 1844. The township was organized in 1849 when the first town meeting was held.



The 2020 census population is 2,952, including the Village, with a peak seasonal population of 2,989. There are 1,108 total housing units in the township, 73 of which are vacant. Of those vacant, 8 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Important or critical facilities include the fire station, one community shelter, and the township hall. Roads B-72, B-35, and a power transmission line are the listed vital or critical infrastructure in the township. Major geographic features in the area are scattered rural housing, moderate forest, moderate farmland, Crockery Creek, 1-3 small lakes and ponds, and 14-16 small creeks.

Sullivan Township

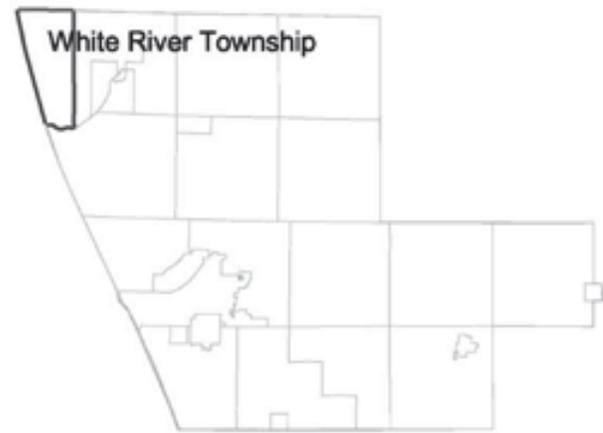
Sullivan Township is located in the southern portion of Muskegon County and was incorporated in 1891. It is bordered by Ottawa County to the south, Egelston Township to the north, Ravenna Township to the east, and Fruitport Township to the west. The 2010 census gives a total population of 2,441, with a peak seasonal population of 2,454. There are 978 total housing units in the township, of which 46 are vacant. Of those vacant, only one is for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.



The township hall is the only listed critical facility in the township. Critical infrastructure includes roads B-72, B-31, and a power transmission line. Major geographic features in the area include scattered rural housing, moderate forest area, 4-6 small lakes and ponds, and 6- 8 small creeks.

White River Township

White River Township is located in the northwestern corner of Muskegon County. Lake Michigan borders it to the west, Oceana County to the north, White Lake to the south, and Montague Township to the east. It is difficult to get an accurate history of the township because all records were burned in 1859 to make a fresh start, one free of debt, but the date of incorporation (1848) is known. The 2010 census shows a total population for White River Township of 1,335, with a peak seasonal population of 2,195. There are 907 total housing units, of which 383 are vacant. Of those vacant, 340 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Critical facilities in the township include one community medical facility and the township hall. Vital infrastructure includes county road B-15, and a power transmission line. Major geographic features consist of scattered rural housing, moderate forests, moderate farmland, the Lake Michigan shoreline, White Lake, 6-8 small lakes and ponds, and 10-12 small creeks.

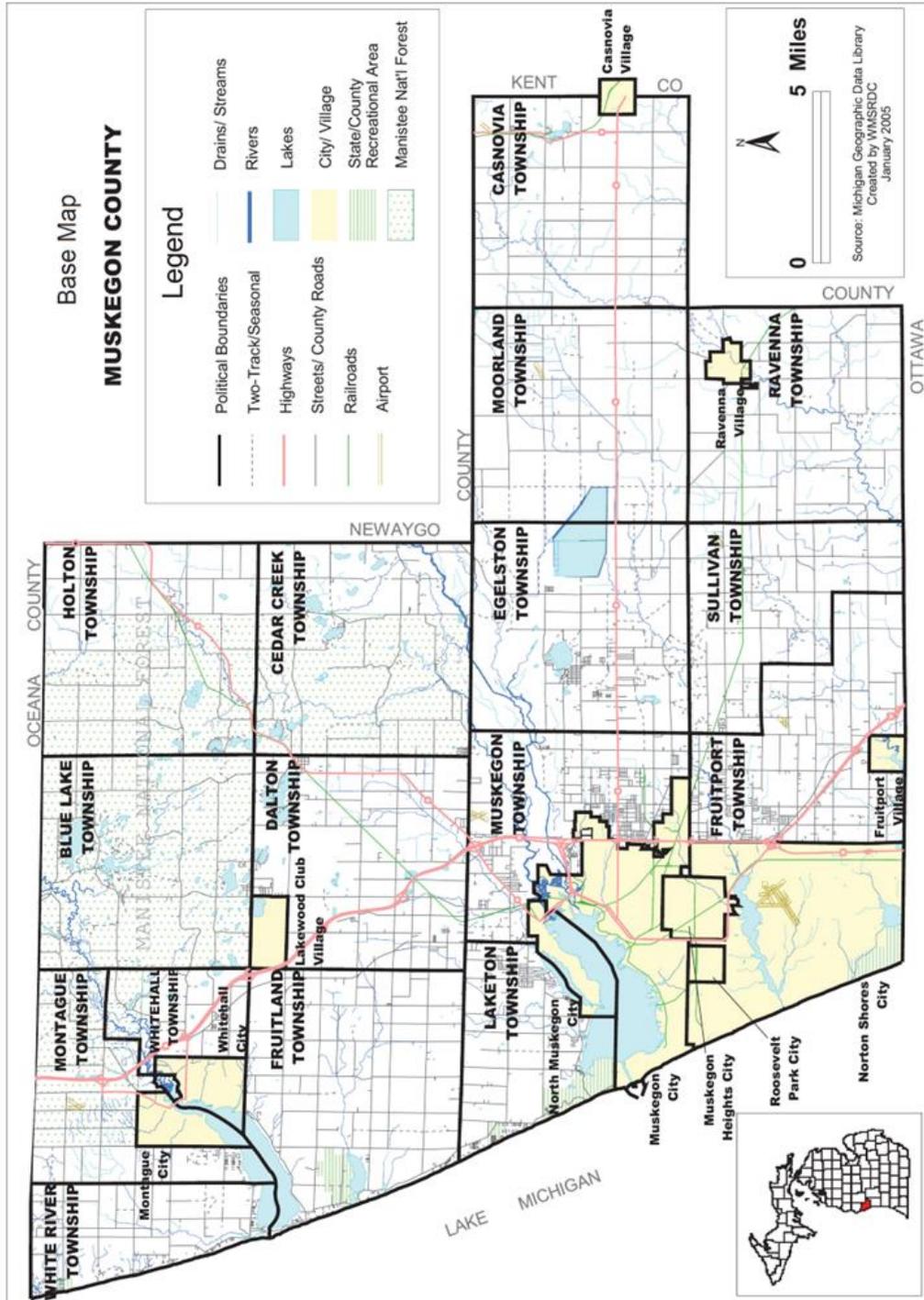


Whitehall Township

Whitehall Township is located in the northwest portion of Muskegon County and is bordered by the City of Whitehall to the west, Montague Township to the north, Fruitland Township to the south, and Blue Lake Township to the east. It was formed in 1874 when Oceana Township was split into two separate townships: Montague to the north and Whitehall to the south. According to the 2010 census, Whitehall Township's total population was 1,739, with a peak seasonal population of 1,787. There are 723 total housing units in the township, 50 of those are vacant. Of those 50 vacant, 19 are for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Over ¼ of the housing supply is comprised of mobile homes. Critical facilities include the township hall and Muskegon County



Road Commission Garage. Highway U.S. 31, its bridge over White River, a power transmission line, and the Silver Creek Pond Dam are among vital or critical infrastructure. Major geographic features in the township include scattered housing and moderate residential areas, moderate forests, White River, 4-6 small lakes and ponds, and 2-4 small creeks.



Distance to Major Cities

Muskegon County is situated at the Western end of the Greater Grand Rapids metropolitan area and is a short distance to several regional economic hubs such as:



Grand Rapids	40 miles or 64 km
Lansing	100 miles or 160 km
Traverse City	131 miles or 211 km
Chicago	180 miles or 289 km
Detroit	190 miles or 305 km
Indianapolis	260 miles or 418 km
Milwaukee	277 Miles or 446 km
Cleveland	310 miles or 498 km

Climate and Weather Patterns

Muskegon County has a quasi-marine or continental climate. Because the county borders Lake Michigan and prevailing winds are westerly, much of the time air reaching the county has passed over a large amount of water, making for a quasi-marine climate. When the wind changes, however, and is coming from the east or southeast, the air moves over a large amount of land and the climate becomes continental. Because of the prevailing westerly winds, the influence of the lake is strong. Winters are milder, summers are cooler, and snowfall is greater than it would be if the lake were not there.

The influence of Lake Michigan on temperature is shown by the higher maximum and minimum temperatures in January at Muskegon as compared to those at Grand Rapids in Kent County. Grand Rapids is used for comparison because there is no weather station in the eastern part of Muskegon County and because the climate in Grand Rapids is considered representative of the eastern part of Muskegon. The highest temperature ever recorded, according to the Michigan State Climatologist's Office, at Muskegon was 98 degrees in June 1995 and the lowest was -14 degrees in November 1950. At Grand Rapids, the highest temperature of record was 102 degrees in June 1953 and the lowest was -22 degrees in January 1951. Also, temperatures in April and May are lower at Muskegon. The latest freezing temperature ever recorded at Muskegon was on

May 20 and at Grand Rapids was on May 27. In fall, the average date of the first 32-degree temperature is October 19 at Muskegon and October 6 at Grand Rapids.

The influence of Lake Michigan on precipitation is shown by the higher precipitation measurements. Average total precipitation per year is 33.42 inches in Muskegon and 38.18 in Grand Rapids. The average number of days with snow cover per year is 80 in Muskegon and 74 in Grand Rapids. Average annual snowfall in Muskegon County is about 91.94 inches, as compared to about 74.40 inches in Grand Rapids.

The 2014 National Climate Assessment reports in the next few decades the Midwest can expect to see an increasing scope, frequency, and intensity of weather-related disasters. This includes more weather extremes such as temperature (heat and cold), heavy downpours, and flooding that will affect infrastructure, health, agriculture, forestry, transportation, air and water quality, and more. Climate change will tend to amplify existing risks climate poses to people, ecosystems, and infrastructure.

Within Michigan, the frequency and intensity of heat waves are projected to increase by mid-century. Temperatures above 95°F are associated with negative human health impacts and suppressed agricultural yields. These conditions also increase humidity, degrade air quality, and reduce water quality which will increase public health risks.

The frequency of days with very heavy precipitation (the wettest 2% of days) is also projected to increase. Extreme rainfall events and flooding have already increased during the last century. These trends are expected to continue, causing erosion, declining water quality, and negative impacts on transportation, agriculture, human health, and infrastructure.

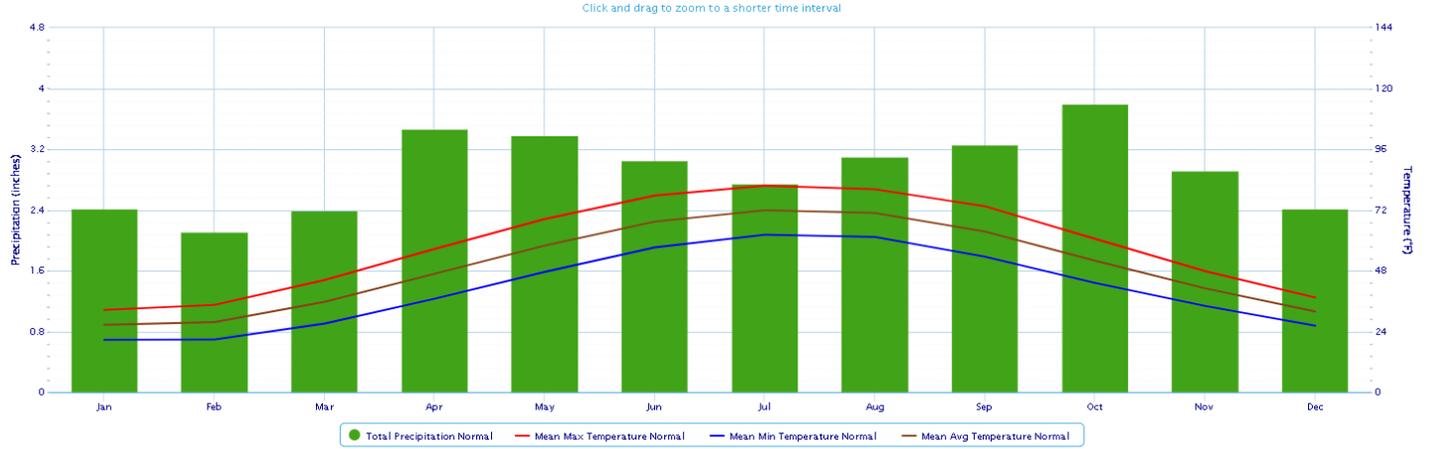
Much of the region's fisheries, recreation, tourism, and commerce depend on the Great Lakes and expansive northern forests. Longer growing seasons and rising carbon dioxide levels are projected to increase yields of some crops, though those benefits will be progressively offset by extreme weather events. Extreme weather events will influence future crop yields more than changes in average temperature or annual precipitation. High temperatures during early spring, for example, can decimate fruit crop production when early heat causes premature plant budding that exposes flowers to later cold injury, as happened in 2002, and again in 2012, to Michigan's \$60 million tart cherry crop. Springtime cold air outbreaks are projected to continue to occur throughout this century. Though adaptation options can reduce some of the detrimental effects, in the long term, the combined stresses associated with climate change are expected to decrease agricultural productivity.

*Table 1: Record Monthly Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit for Muskegon, Michigan
Source: US National Weather Service Office, Grand Rapids, Michigan*

Period of record 1896-06-01 to 2023-01-30

Month	Record High	Date	Previous Record	Record Low	Date	Previous Record
January	63°F	01-25-1950	59°F 01-24-1950	-21°F	1-12-1912	
February	67°F	02-11-1999	58°F 02-21-1930	-30°F	2-11-1899	
March	82°F	03-20-2012 03-21-2012	77°F 03-27-1967	-11°F	3-16-1897	
April	86°F	04-29-1970	85°F 04-27-1899	1°F	04-07-1982	9°F 04-01-1923
May	96°F	05-29-2018	93°F 05-29-1930	22°F	05-10-1974 05-11-1972	
June	98°F	06-20-1995	94°F 06-11-1956 06-24-1901	31°F	06-11-1972	34°F 06-04-1945 06-08-1949
July	99°F	07-07-2012 07-30-1913		39°F	07-2-2001	40°F 07-11-1945
August	99°F	08-03-1964	96°F 08-24-1947	36°F	8-16-1979	40°F 08-15-1929
September	95°F	09-1-1953 09-06-1954	94°F 09-02-1913 09-03-1953	27°F	09-27-1989 09-28-1991	28°F 09-25-1947 09-26-1947
October	86°F	10-15-1899		19°F	10-29-1905	
November	76°F	11-2-1961 11-20-1930	74°F 11-19-1930 11-01-1935	-14°F	11-25-1950	-8°F 11-24-1950
December	66°F	12-03-2012	64°F 12-02-1982	-15°F	12-31-1976	-11°F 12-30-1976

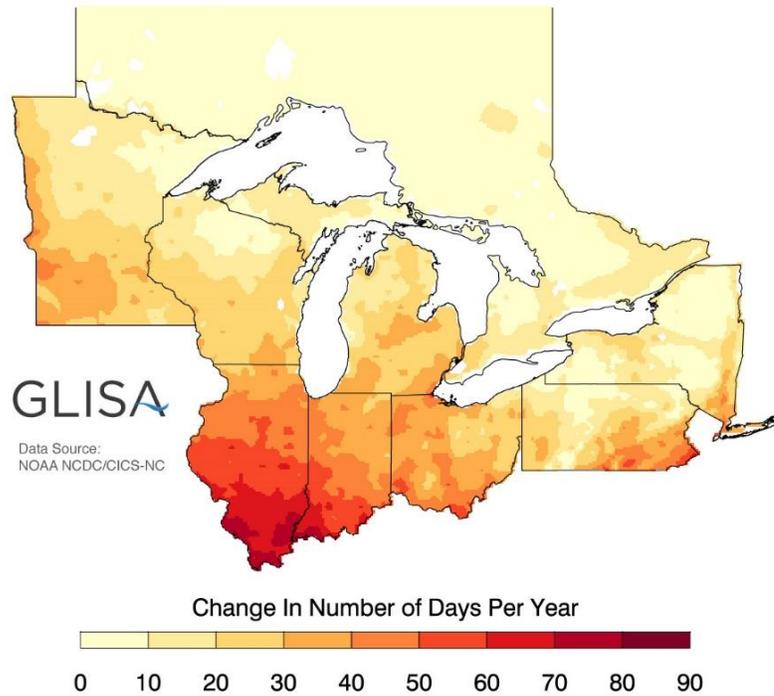
Monthly Climate Normals (1991-2020) – Muskegon Area, MI (ThreadEx)



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Month	Total Precipitation Normal (inches)	Mean Max Temperature Normal (°F)	Mean Min Temperature Normal (°F)	Mean Avg Temperature Normal (°F)
January	2.42	32.5	20.7	26.6
February	2.11	34.5	20.8	27.7
March	2.40	44.3	27.1	35.7
April	3.47	56.6	36.9	46.8
May	3.38	68.4	47.5	57.9
June	3.05	77.7	57.2	67.4
July	2.75	81.6	62.2	71.9
August	3.10	80.2	61.3	70.8
September	3.26	73.4	53.5	63.5
October	3.80	60.6	43.2	51.9
November	2.92	47.8	34.1	41.0
December	2.42	37.4	26.3	31.9
Annual	35.08	57.9	40.9	49.4

Projected Change in Number of Days Over 90°F Period: 2041-2070 | Higher Emissions: A2



*Table 2: Record Monthly Precipitation in Inches for Muskegon, Michigan
Source: US National Weather Service Office, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Period of record 1896-06-01 to 2023-01-30*

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
7.72	5.3	6.59	8.05	9.59	8.18	7.11
1897	1908	1976	1909	2004	1921	1902

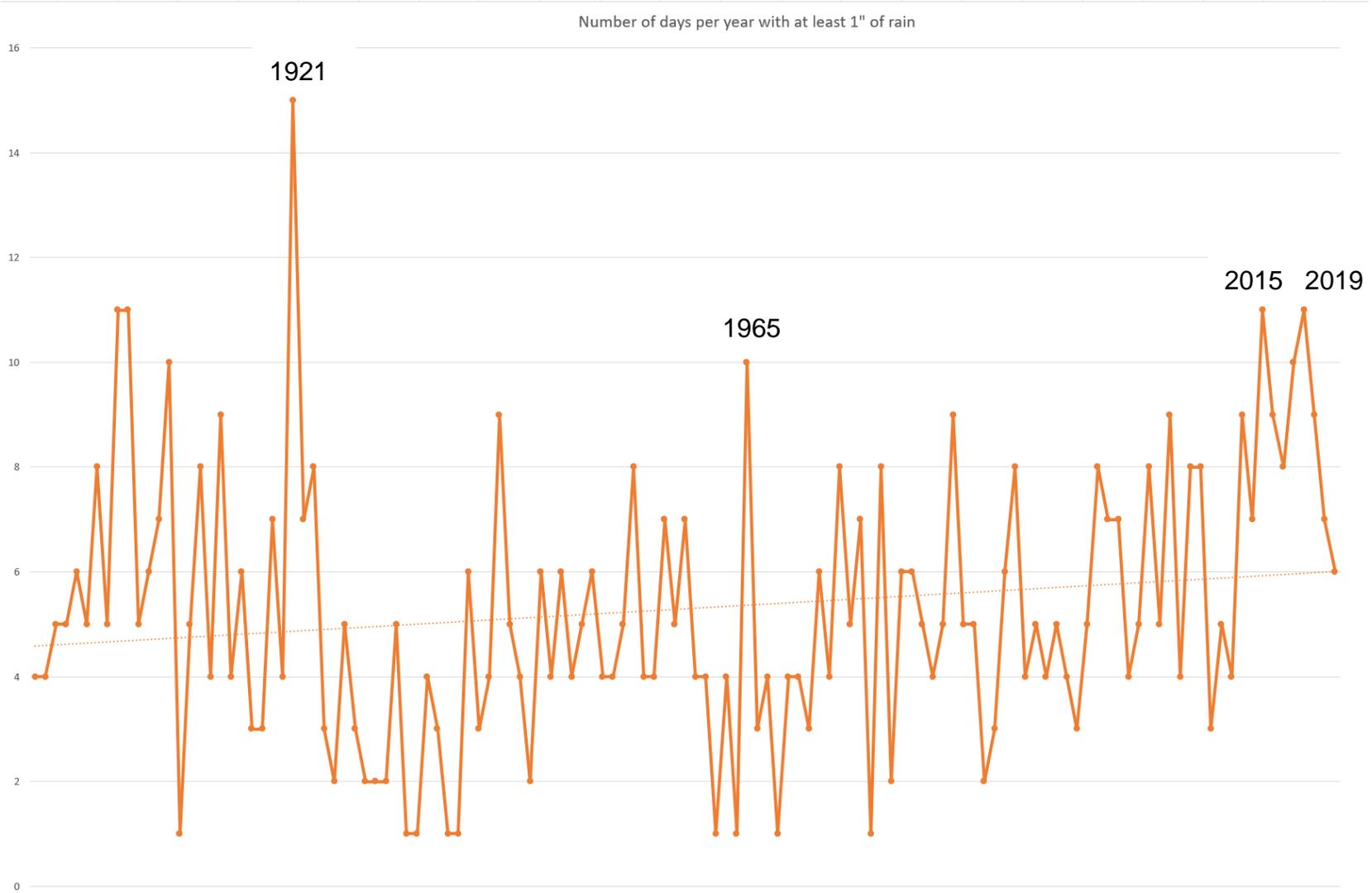
AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
9.88	13.55	9.25	6.77	6.99	47.97
1975	1986	2017	2005	2008	2019

*Table 3: Record Daily Precipitation in Inches for Muskegon, Michigan
Source: US National Weather Service Office, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Period of record 1896-06-01 to 2023-01-30*

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
4.90	2.12	2.92	2.66	4.01	5.08
01/03/1897	02/22/1922	03/13/2006	04/11/2001	05/22/1904	06/27/1921

JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
3.75	4.29	4.33	3.21	2.12	2.58
07/04/1901	08/13/2011	09/11/1986	10/03/1954	11/05/1990	12/02/1982

The following demonstrates the frequency of days with at least 1" of rain, broken down by calendar year, starting in 1896. Data is from the US National Weather Service Office in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Since 1896, the average number of days with at least an inch of rain or more is 5 days. However, the average over the last 20 years is 7 days per year of at least an inch of rain (or equivalent snow). This data shows an upward/increasing trend with time, on the order of 2 to 3 extra yearly occurrences over the 20 year duration.



*Table 4: Average Depth of Snow Cover in Inches for Muskegon, Michigan
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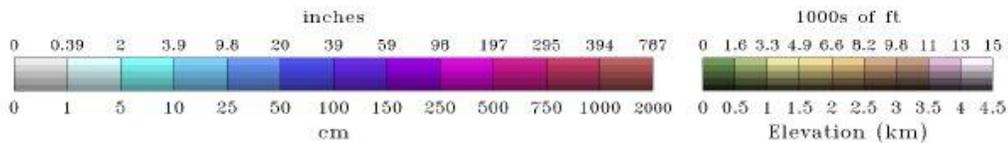
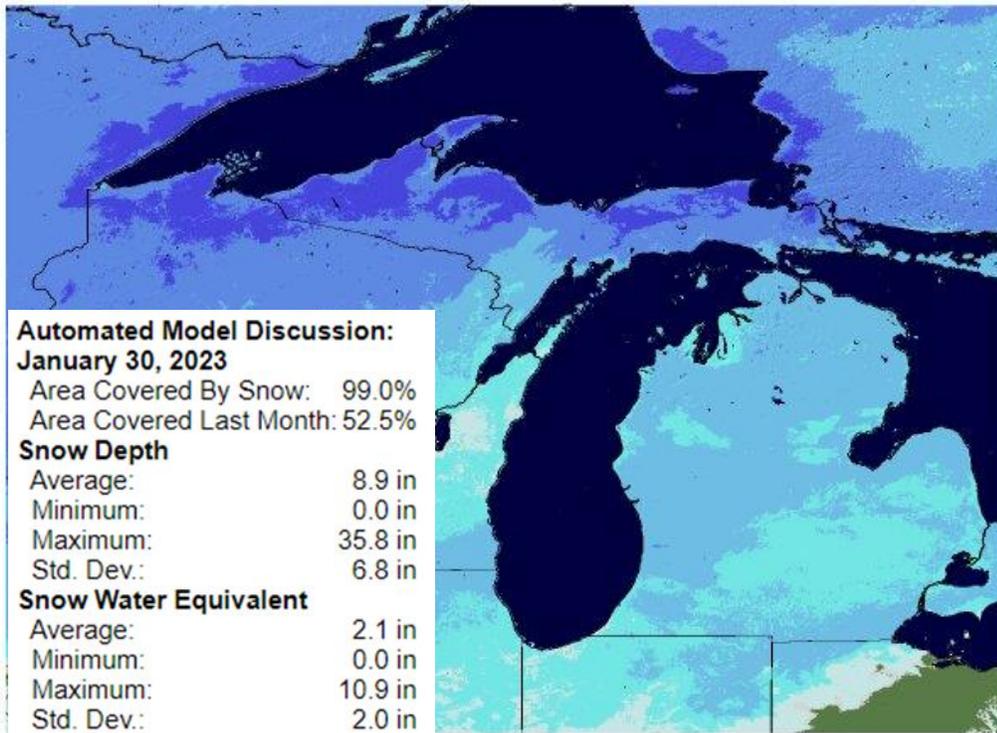
Period of record 1896-06-01 to 2023-01-30

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mean	5.5	6.1	1.6	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	2.6
Max	22 1979	22.4 1959	12.3 2014	3 1923	0.1 1902	0 2022	0 2022	0 2022	0 2022	0.1 1917	4.3 1930	13.6 1963
Min	0 1939	0 1939	0 2021	0 2022	0 2022	0 2022	0 2022	0 2022	0 2022	0 2022	0 2020	0 1938



Snow Depth

2023-01-30 06 UTC



Source: Interactive Snow Information <http://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov>

Geography and Land Use Patterns

Topography, Soils, and Other Geographical Features

Understanding the local environment and land use patterns help identify changes that can have significant repercussions for people, the economy, and the environment. Some changes have natural causes, such as volcanic eruptions or drought, while other changes on the land, such as resource extraction, agricultural practices, and urban growth, are human-induced processes. There are other types of changes that are a combination of natural and human-induced factors; for example, landslides and floods are fundamentally natural processes that are often intensified or accelerated by human land use practices. In order to understand Muskegon County's topography, soils, and other graphical features, it is important to understand the history behind Michigan and the glacial activity.

The physiography of Muskegon County is mostly a result of the Wisconsin, or latest, glacial period. The glacial ice that once covered the state melted about 8 to 12 thousand years ago. As this ice melted, a covering of raw soil materials was left on the surface of the county. This glacial deposit ranges from about 150 feet to more than 400 feet in thickness.

The present surface of the county ranges from nearly level to rolling and hilly. Along the shore of Lake Michigan is a belt of strongly rolling sand dunes. These dunes are post-glacial in origin but are now generally stationary. After vegetation covers these dunes, a soil profile begins to develop. For several miles inland, smaller dunes are scattered throughout the poorly drained areas of the lake plain.

A wide plain with little relief lies east of the dunes. Rolling to hilly areas are toward the eastern side of the county and in the extreme northwestern part. Parts of the central plain are somewhat broken by stream channels and lake basins. Post-glacial sand dunes dominate the area. Most of the county ranges from 600 to about 800 feet above sea level but a small area in Casnovia Township is more than 800 feet above sea level.

The central plain of Muskegon County is a part of the bed of glacial Lake Chicago. The deposits in this lakebed are sandy, underlain by clayey deposits in many areas. Another broad, gently undulating lake plain is in the northeastern part of the county. This plain is mainly in Holton Township, but it extends into the western part of Newaygo County. The soil material of this lake plain is finer textured than that of the plain in the central part of the county.

The principal morainic areas of the county are most of Casnovia Township; a smaller area north of the valley of the Muskegon River; and an area that begins at a point north of Whitehall and extends for several miles south and east of that town.

Physical Land Features

The bedrock in Muskegon County consists of edges of bowl-like formations that fill the Michigan Basin. Marshall Sandstone underlies the entire County. The Michigan Formation overlies the Michigan

Sandstone in the eastern half of the County. This formation is primarily limestone, gypsum, and dolomite interceded with shale and sandstone. To the east, Bayport Limestone and Parma Sandstone progressively overlie these rocks. In the central part of the County and in some areas in the eastern half, red beds overlie the Michigan, Saginaw, and Grand River Formations. They consist mainly of sandstone, shale, clay and minor beds of limestone and gypsum. Overlying the rock formations is a mall of glacial drift, which was deposited after the Wisconsinian Glaciation. The glacial drift ranges from 200 to 800 feet in thickness. It is coarse gravel to fine lacustrine clay. Many of the soils in the County formed in the drift.

Elevation

The highest elevation is 974 feet above sea level in Casnovia Township west of Half Moon Lake. The lowest elevation in the county is approximately 571 feet at the Lake Michigan Shoreline and along the Muskegon River basin.

Native Vegetation

As with many Michigan communities, Muskegon County was originally covered with a dense forest of deciduous trees. As the county was cleared for farming and development, or the trees removed for timber, the area's forests were replaced by farm fields, open field areas, orchards and smaller forests containing both deciduous and coniferous trees.

Soils Associations

A soil association is an area of land that has a distinctive proportional pattern of soils. Each association consists of one or more major soils and some minor soils and each association has a distinctive pattern of soils, relief, and drainages. The general soil map can be used to compare the suitability of large areas for general land uses. Areas of suitability can be identified on the map as well as soils that are not suitable. Because of the small scale, the map is not suitable for selecting a site for a road or building or other structure; however, more detailed maps are available for specific areas for planning purposes. There are eight general soil associations identified for the Muskegon County area as follows:

1. Rubicon-Crosswell-Deer Park Association: Nearly level to steep, well drained and moderately well drained, sandy soils on outwash plains, beach ridges, and dunes
2. Rubicon-Au Gres-Roscommon Association: Gently sloping, well-drained and poorly drained, sandy soils on outwash plains and uplands.
3. Au Gres-Roscommon-Granby Association: Nearly level and slightly depressional, poorly drained, sandy soils on outwash plains, uplands, and lake plains
4. Nester-Ubly-Sums Association: Gently sloping to hilly, well drained, moderately well drained, and poorly drained, loamy soils on lake plains and uplands
5. Belding-Allendale-Rubicon Loamy Substratum-Montcalm Association: Nearly level and gently sloping, poorly drained, and well drained loamy and sandy soils on lake plains

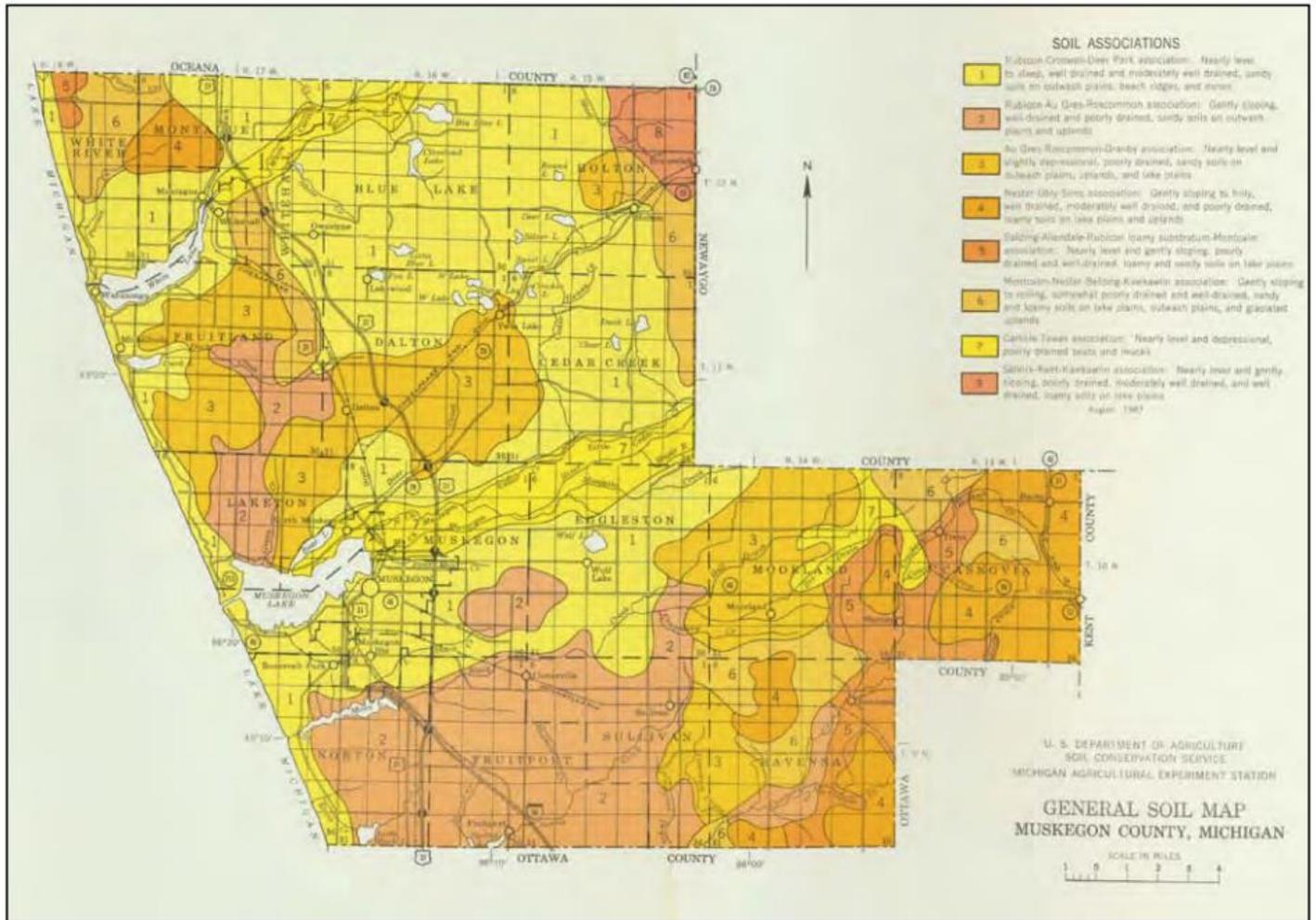
6. Montcalm-Nester-Belding-Kawkawlin Association: Gently sloping to rolling, somewhat poorly drained and well-drained, sandy and loamy soils on lake plains, outwash plains, and glaciated uplands
7. Carlisle-Tawas Association: Nearly level and depressional, poorly drained peats and mucks
8. Selkirk-Kent-Kawkawlin Association: Nearly level and gently sloping, poorly drained, moderately well drained, and well drained loamy soils on lake plains.

The following table outlines the different soil types and best land uses for those soil types based off the Muskegon County Soil Survey Report published in 1968 as developed by the US Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

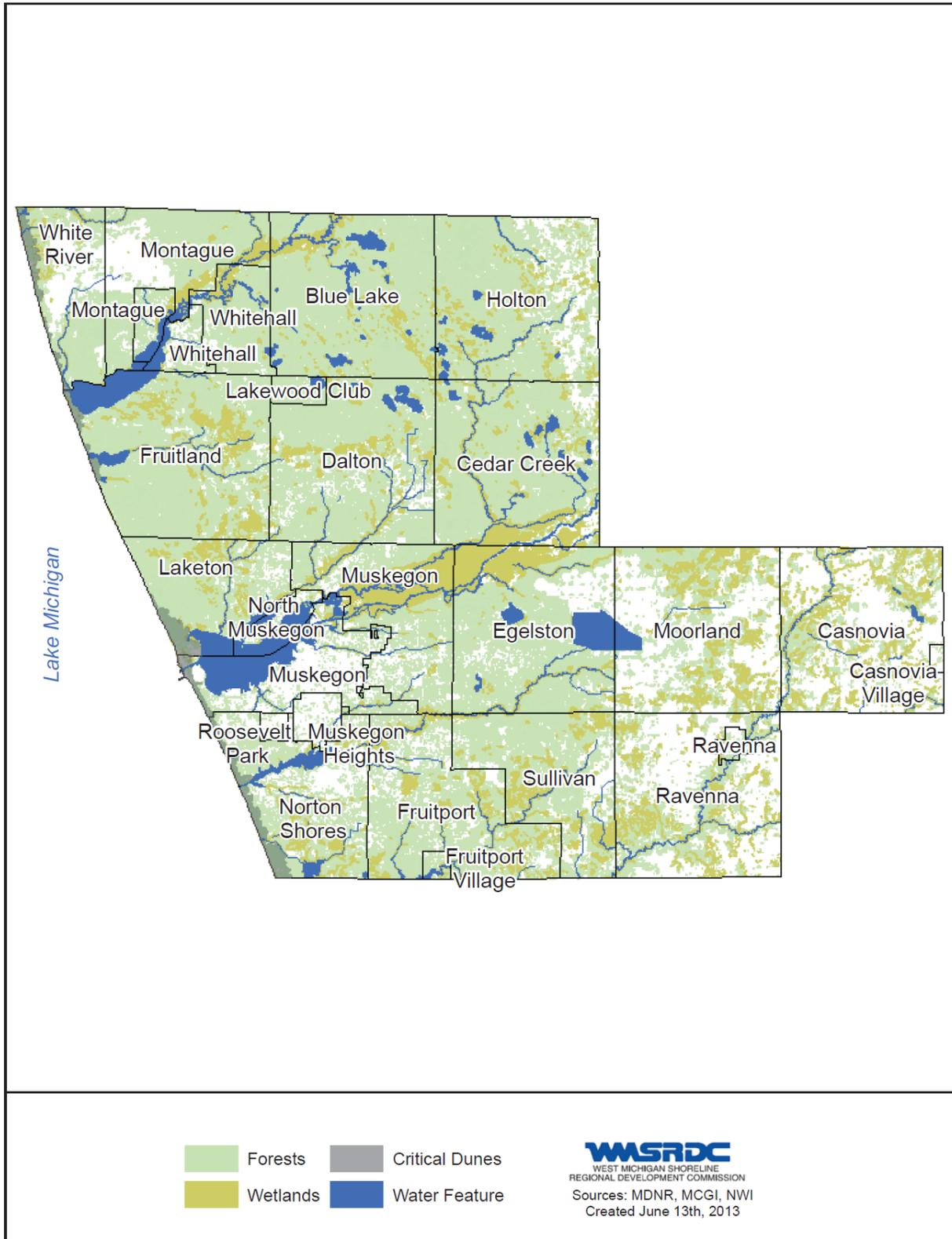
Soil Types Best Suited For Land Uses

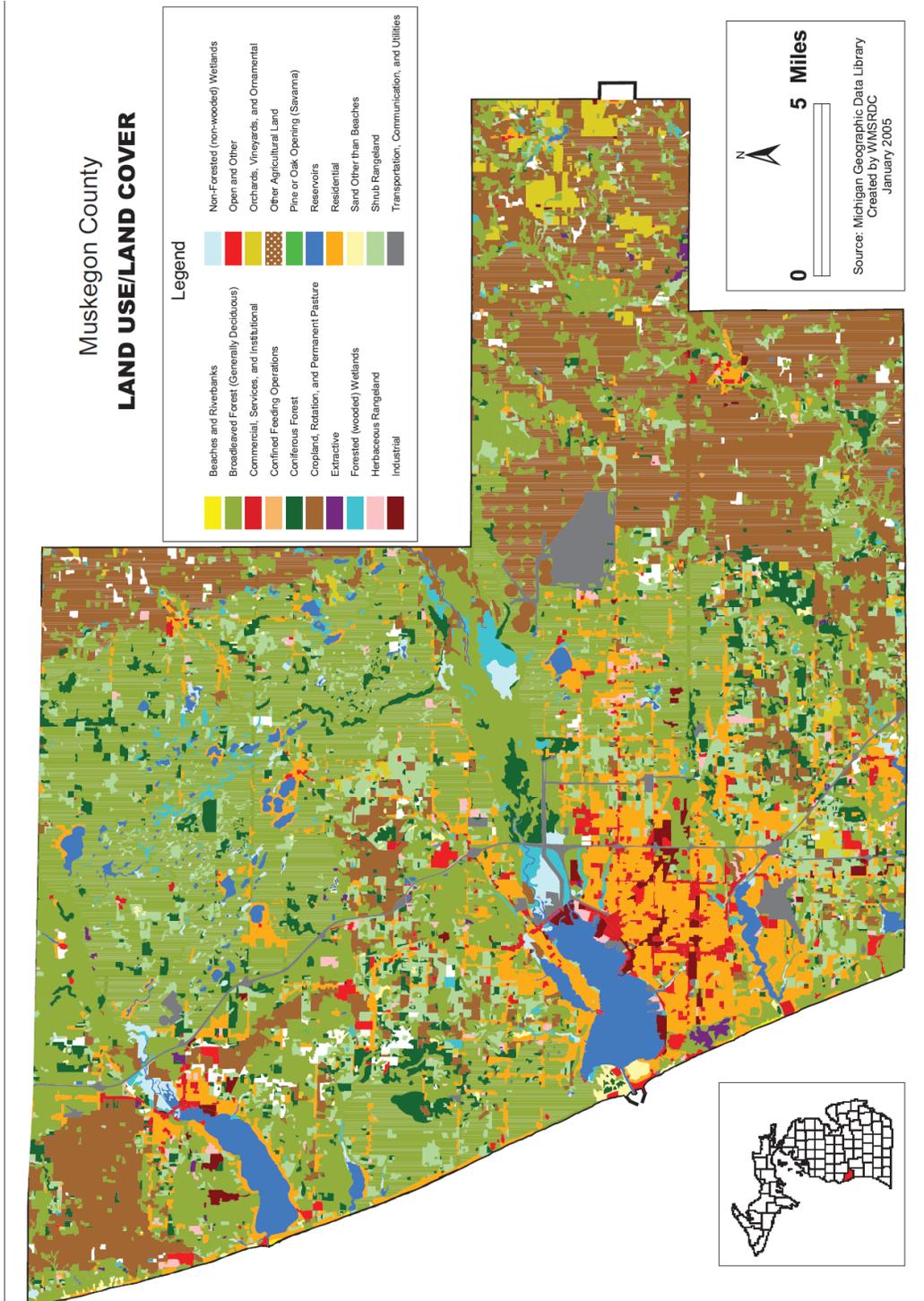
General Soil Associations	Recreational and Community Development	Farming	Orchards	Woodland	Open Areas	Wetlands
1	Good	No	No	Good		
2	Good	Poor	No	Good		
3	Poor	Poor	No	Good	Best	High Water Table
4	Poor	Good	Good	Good		
5	Poor	General	No	Good		Wet Soils
6	Poor	General	No	Good		
7	Poor	Specialized	No	No		Yes
8	Good	Good	No	Poor		

GENERAL SOILS MAP



MUSKEGON COUNTY Natural Features





This information, which was compiled by the USGS, is a part of the National Land Cover Dataset and was based on satellite imagery taken in 1992. Although this information is nearly 20 years old, it paints an accurate picture of the distribution of development, natural vegetation, and agriculture found within Muskegon County.

Muskegon County Land Cover in Acres				
<i>land cover categories</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>land cover subcategories</i>	<i>countywide acreage</i>	<i>%</i>
Water	3.90%	open water	13,147.54	3.90%
Developed	9.51%	low intensity residential	22,981.84	6.81%
		high intensity residential	4,570.66	1.36%
		commerce/industry/transport	4,531.52	1.34%
Barren	0.53%	bare rock/sand/clay	1,357.28	0.40%
		quarries/strip mines/gravel pits	415.43	0.12%
Vegetated; Natural Forest Upland	46.12%	deciduous forest	84,597.22	25.08%
		evergreen forest	37,907.87	11.24%
		mixed forest	33,067.22	9.80%
Shrubland	0.06%	Shrubland	186.37	0.06%
Non-natural Woody	0.13%	orchards/vineyards/other	433.67	0.13%
Herbaceous Upland	7.99%	grasslands/herbaceous	26940.47	7.99%
Herbaceous Planted/ Cultivated	24.70%	pasture/hay	35,479.54	10.52%
		row crops	42,494.32	12.60%
		small grains	1,428.22	0.42%
		urban/recreational grasses	3,929.05	1.16%
Wetland	7.07%	woody wetlands	18,427.19	5.46%
		emergent herbaceous wetlands	5,420.21	1.61%

Estimates based on USGS National Land Cover Dataset, 1992.

Current Land Use

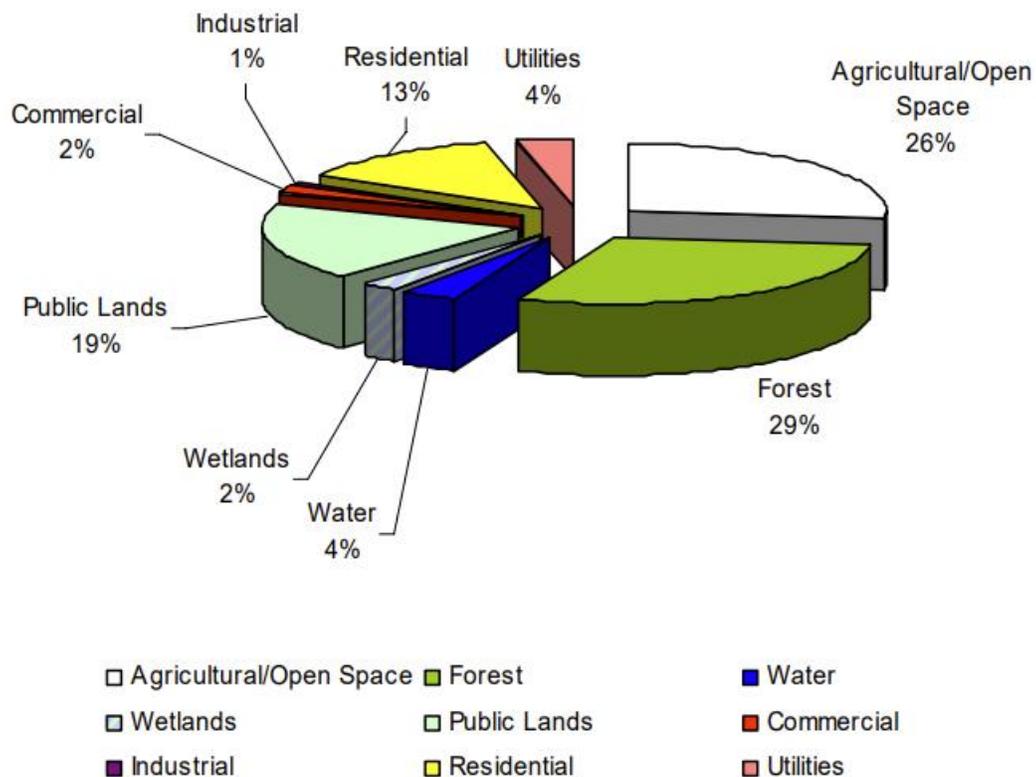
The Muskegon County landscape varies greatly depending on the location. It ranges from highly urbanized, to rural, to natural areas such as shorelines, wetlands, and forests. There are twenty-seven jurisdictions in the county, all of which have planning and zoning authority. The county has a land area of 509 square miles, or 337,088 acres.

There are 337,088 acres of land in Muskegon County. Of that, nearly 162,200 acres or 48 percent is in forest land. An additional 27 percent is in agricultural or open space uses. Water accounts for 3.7 percent of the surface area and wetlands account for 2.2 percent. These combined uses are more than 80 percent of the land in the county. Nearly 30 percent of the land is in uses such as forest, water, and state and federal lands that are not likely to be developed.

The largest urban land use in Muskegon County is residential uses, occupying more than 43,000 acres, or 12.9 percent of the land area. Commercial uses account for nearly two percent of the land area and industrial uses account for another one percent. Utilities account for 3.7 percent, largely due to the amount of land at the wastewater treatment facility. Urban land uses in Muskegon County are concentrated near Muskegon Lake and Mona Lake, and near White Lake.

As of the 2020 US Census, the population density was 335 people per square mile. According to the Muskegon Area-wide Plan, the developed area of the county increased by 24 square miles, or 4.7 percent, between 1978 and 1998. While much of the new development occurred in the areas adjacent to existing urban areas, there was also significant new development that was decentralized in nature.

Land Use by Category



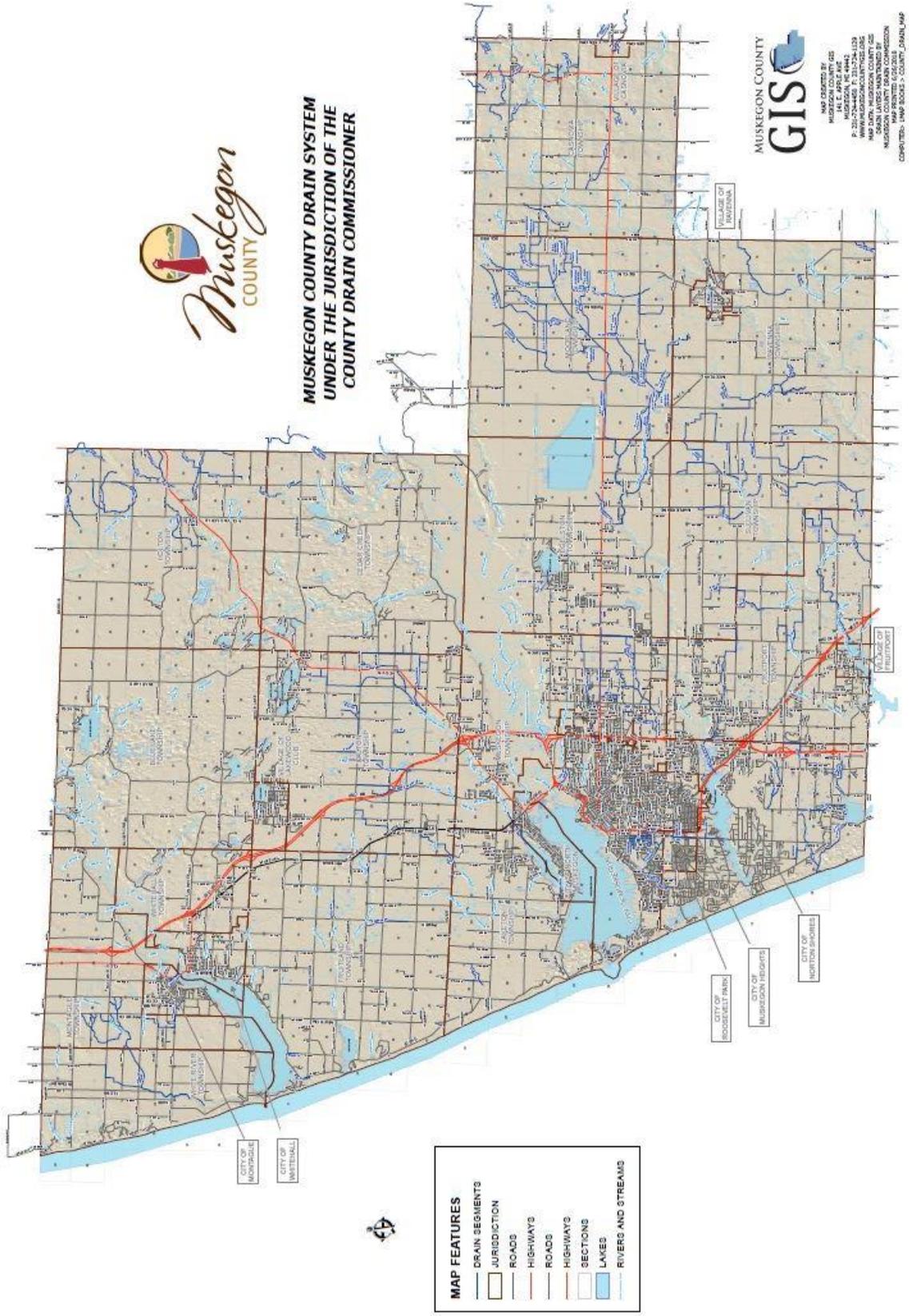
Water Resources

There are numerous inland lakes in Muskegon County. Water accounts for 3.7 percent of the surface area and wetlands account for 2.2 percent of surface area in Muskegon County. The five primary water systems that drain Muskegon County include Grand River, Lake Michigan, Mona Lake/Black Creek, Muskegon Lake/River, and White Lake/River. Crockery Creek and Spring Lake/Norris Creek, both tributaries of the Grand River, drain the southeastern and southern parts of the county. The Mona Lake basin, including Little Black and Black creeks, drains much of the southern half of the county. The Muskegon River bisects the county and empties into Muskegon Lake, an inlet of Lake Michigan. Its main tributary within the county is Cedar Creek, which drains large portions of Cedar Creek and Holton townships. The White River drains much of the northern portion of the county and empties into White Lake, another Lake Michigan inlet. In addition, much of the western area of the county drains directly into Lake Michigan, including the Lake Michigan Shoreline, Duck Lake/Creek, Flower Creek, and Little Black Lake.

The abundant water in the numerous lakes and streams is one of the greatest assets in Muskegon County. The three major lakes, inlets of Lake Michigan, are Muskegon Lake, Mona Lake, and White Lake. Many other lakes, mostly north of the Muskegon River, provide areas for homes, recreation, youth camps, and other recreational facilities. A 1962 inventory lists 262 lakes and ponds in the county covering 11,453 acres.

Muskegon County Rivers

- Muskegon River
- White River
- Carlton Creek
- Rio Grande Creek
- Skeel Creek
- Vincent Creek
- Crockery Creek
- Cedar Creek
- Indian Run
- Robinson Drain
- Brooks Creek
- Mosquito Creek
- Ball Creek
- North Branch Crockery Creek
- Ruddiman Creek
- Sand Creek

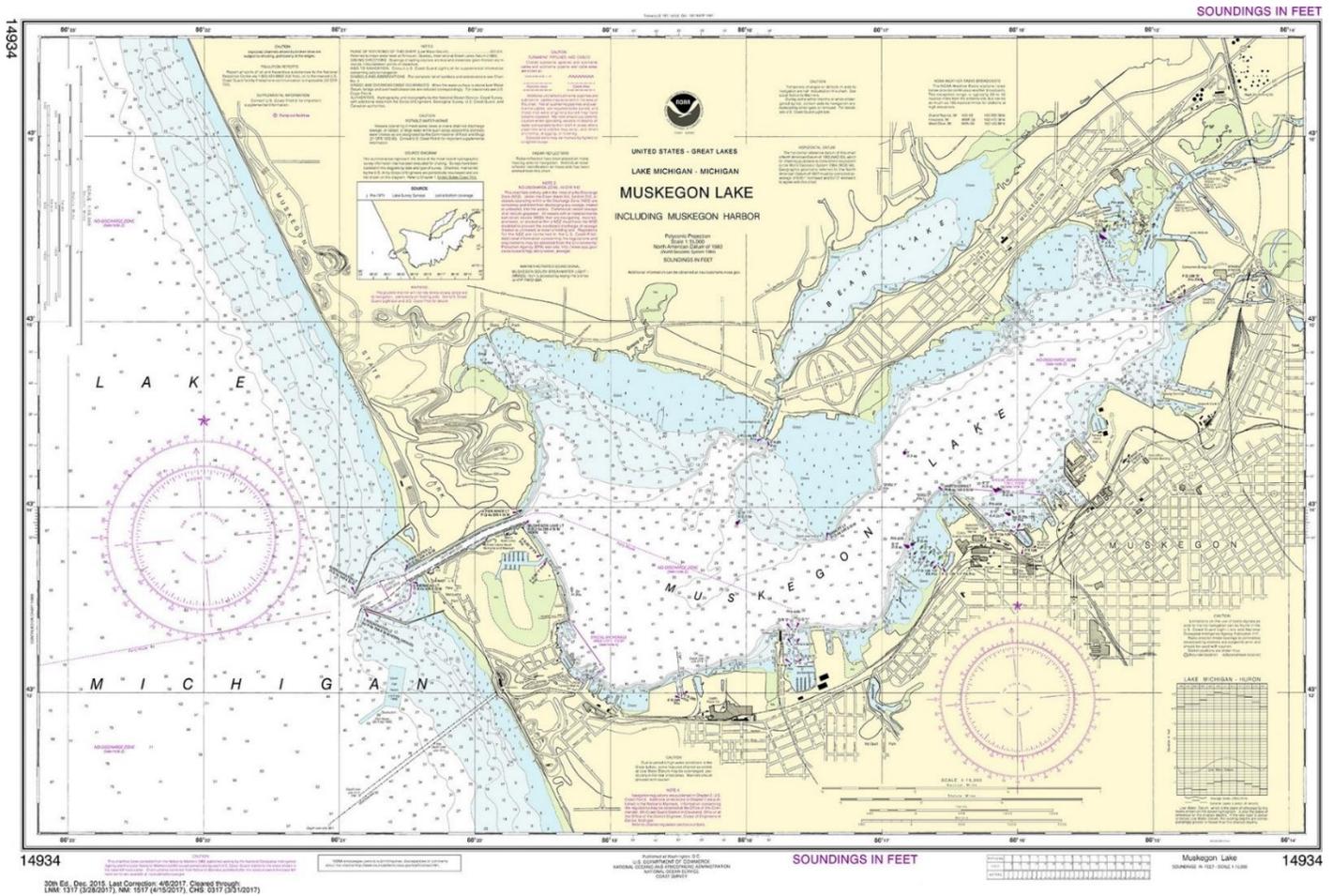


Muskegon County Lakes Over 100 Acres

Muskegon Lake	4,150 acres
White Lake	2,571 acres
County Sewage Pond	850 acres
County Sewage Pond	782 acres
Mona Lake	695 acres
Bear Lake	415 acres
Big Blue Lake	330 acres
Duck Lake	313 acres
Little Black Lake	223 acres
Wolf Lake	207 acres
Duck Lake	112 acres
Twin Lake (East)	112 acres
Little Blue Lake	102 acres



<https://lakeplace.com/lakefinder/mi/muskegon>



Forest Lands

There are 337,088 acres of land in Muskegon County. Of that, nearly 162,200 acres or forty-eight percent is in forest land (Muskegon County Comprehensive Plan). Of this a majority of the forest lands are private ownership, with almost all owned by small, non-industrial owners. A vast portion of the public ownership consists of the Huron - Manistee National Forest managed by the US Forest Service. The remaining public ownership consists of State, County, and Municipal ownership. Much of this land has been converted into park systems in order to protect the natural resources. The following data is from the various jurisdictions Parks and Recreation Plans.

*Table 5: Public Lands / Parks in Muskegon County over 15 acres
Source: Muskegon County GIS Parcel Data*

Park Name	Ownership	Acres
Huron-Manistee National Forest	United States Forest Service	8,508 acres (Approx)
Muskegon State Park	State of Michigan	1,223 Acres
Duck Lake State Park	State of Michigan	728 Acres
Muskegon State Game Area	State of Michigan	15,338 Acres
P.J. Hoffmaster State Park	State of Michigan	1,200 Acres
Blue Lake Park	County of Muskegon	25 Acres
Moore Park	County of Muskegon	36 Acres
Patterson Park	County of Muskegon	28 Acres
Pioneer Park	County of Muskegon	145 Acres
Twin Lake Park	County of Muskegon	15 Acres
Meinert Park	County of Muskegon	182 Acres
Dune Harbor Park	County of Muskegon	214 Acres
White River Flood Plain	City of Whitehall	200 Acres
Durham Park	Whitehall Township	22.74 Acres
Kruse Park	City of Muskegon	52.3 Acres
Smith-Ryerson Park	City of Muskegon	23 Acres
McGriff Park	City of Muskegon	92 Acres
Pere Marquette Beach Park	City of Muskegon	27.5 Acres
Seyferth Park	City of Muskegon	16 Acres
Fisherman's Landing Park	City of Muskegon	18.6 Acres
Veteran's Memorial Park	City of Muskegon	28 Acres
Green Acres Park	City of Muskegon	29.6 Acres
Mona Lake Park	City of Muskegon Heights	34 Acres
Little Black Creek Nature Park	City of Muskegon Heights	20 Acres
Russell Road Property	City of North Muskegon	35.3 Acres
Ross Park	City of Norton Shores	43 Acres
Lake Harbor Park	City of Norton Shores	189 Acres

Park Name	Ownership	Acres
Black Lake Park	City or Norton Shores	58 Acres
Hidden Cove Park	City of Norton Shores	20 Acres
Riverside Park	Muskegon Charter Township	30.7 Acres
Wesley Ave Park	Muskegon Charter Township	18 Acres
Green Creek Park	Laketon Township	40 Acres
Mullally Memorial Park	Laketon Township	40 Acres
Horton Park	Laketon Township	60.5 Acres
Lang Park	Laketon Township	20.7 Acres
Beegle Sports Park	Dalton Township	25 Acres
Equestrian Natural Area	Dalton Township	240 Acres
Fruitland Township Park	Fruitland Township	36 Acres
Holton Township Park	Holton Township	74 Acres
South Fruitport Park (Parr Park)	Fruitport Township	20 Acres
Pine Park	Fruitport Township	23 Acres
Sheringer Soccer Park	Fruitport Township	20 Acres
Clear Springs Nature Preserve	Montague Township	100 Acres
Henderson Road Nature Center	Montague Township	163 Acres
Montague Township Park	Montague Township	15 Acres

In addition to the public parks, within the public forest land, there are 14 well known trail systems utilized recreationally. These trail systems include:

Trail Name	Trail Length	Location
Dune Ridge Trail	4.6 Miles	Muskegon State Park
Muskegon Lakeshore Trail	12.0 Miles	Muskegon, Michigan
Homestead Trail	2.2 Miles	P.J. Hoffmaster State Park
Walk-a-Mile Trail	1.7 Miles	P.J. Hoffmaster State Park
Honeymoon Trail	1.1 Miles	P.J. Hoffmaster State Park
Homestead Trail and North Dunes Loop	3.2 Miles	P.J. Hoffmaster State Park
Dune Climb Stairway	4.1 Miles	P.J. Hoffmaster State Park
Lost Lake Trail	4.5 Miles	Muskegon State Park
Mosquito Creek the Faz Track	2.7 Miles	Muskegon, Michigan
Muskegon Winter Sports Complex Loop	2.5 Miles	Muskegon State Park
The Matrix Loop	4.9 Miles	Muskegon, Michigan
Lake Harbor Park Loop	2.6 Miles	Lake Harbor Park
Hearty Hiker Trail and Lost Lake Loop	3.6 Miles	Muskegon State Park
The Fax Track, The Matrix, and Saint's Loop	10.8 Miles	Muskegon, Michigan

<https://www.alltrails.com/us/michigan/muskegon/forest>

<https://www.visitmuskegon.org/things-to-do/outdoors/hiking-biking-trails/>

Agriculture

Agriculture began in Muskegon County in about 1845 by the early lumberjacks. As the land was cleared, farms were established but many of them were soon abandoned because the soils were sandy. Growing food for home use was the main concern of the first farmers. Agriculture was stimulated by the influx of settlers and by the building of roads and railroads. Farms increased in number and by 1870 there was a surplus of crops that could be sold outside the county.

According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, 63,182 acres or about 25% of land in the county was farmland, up 8% from the 2002 Census when 73,918 acres was used as farmland. 72.99% or 58,146.02 acres of farmland was cropland (includes five components: cropland harvested, crop failure, cultivated summer fallow, cropland used only for pasture, and idle cropland), 13.47% or 10,730.61 acres was woodland, and 13.55% or 10,794.34 acres was used for other uses (wetlands, rural residential land, or land generally of low value for agricultural purposes). Of the 58,146.02 acres used for cropland, 43,994 acres were used for corn for grain, forage (land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop), corn for silage, soybeans for beans, and wheat for grain.

Milk and dairy products; fruits, tree nuts, and berries; vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes; and grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas are also important parts of the agriculture in the county.

*Table 6: Change in Agriculture-Farmstead Land Use and Farm Size
Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture*

AGRICULTURE-FARMSTEAD LAND USE	2017	2012	2007	2002	1997	% Change
Total Number of Farms	476	923	951	902	787	-7%
Total Number of Acres	63,182	125,663	133,403	135,422	131,779	-15%
Total Cropland (Farms)	704	757	812	813	739	-4.7%
Total Cropland (Acres)	96,749	83,384	89,457	93,491	94,890	2.0%
Total Harvested Cropland (Farms)	620	670	649	689	663	-6.5%
Total Harvested Cropland (Acres)	86,982	76,076	74,516	72,732	74,140	17.3%
Total Grazing Land (Farms)	98	81	206	364	372	-73.7%
Total Grazing Land (Acres)	11,982	1,632	4,907	9,607	11,257	6.4%
Average Size of Farm in Acres	133	136	140	150	167	-8%

Historic Sites and Districts

According to the National Park Service, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources. To be considered eligible, a property must meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. This involves examining the property's age, integrity, and significance. The following are considered during evaluation:

- Is the property old enough to be considered historic (generally at least 50 years old)
- Does the property still look much the way it did in the past?
- Is the property associated with events, activities, or developments that were important in the past?
- Is the property associated with the lives of people who were important in the past?
- Is the property associated with significant architectural history, landscape history, or engineering achievements?
- Does the property have the potential to yield information through archeological investigation about our past?

Within Muskegon County there are a number of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and several historic sites in Muskegon County.

National Register of Historic Places in Muskegon County				
	Name on Register	Date Listed	Location	City or Town
1	Amazon hosiery mill	April 15, 1982 (#82002857)	530-550 W. Western Ave. 43°14'01"N 86°15'25"W	Muskegon
2	Central Fire Station	March 18, 1999 (#99000341)	75 W. Walton Ave. 43°14'04"N 86°14'44"W	
3	Charles H. Hackley House	July 8, 1970 (#70000282)	484 W. Webster Ave. 43°13'53"N 86°15'32"W	Muskegon
4	Horatio N. Hovey House	September 8, 1983 (#83000887)	318 Houston Ave. 43°13'53"N 86°15'05"W	Muskegon
5	Hume House	January 13, 1972 (#72000646)	472 W. Webster Ave. 43°13'53"N 86°15'32"W	Muskegon
6	John C. and Augusta (Covell) Lewis House	December 13, 2010 (#10001027)	324 S. Mears Ave. 43°24'25"N 86°20'52"W	Whitehall
7	Muskegon Historic District	September 27, 1972 (#72000647)	Bounded roughly by Clay, Muskegon, 2nd, and 6th Sts. 43°14'00"N 86°15'15"W	Muskegon
8	Muskegon South Breakwater Light	November 15, 2006 (#06001026)	At south breakwater end in Lake Michigan, 0.4 mi (0.64 km). SW of Muskegon Lake entry channel 43°13'26"N 86°20'48"W	Muskegon

9	Muskegon South Pierhead Light	February 14, 2006 (#06000036)	Southern pier of the Muskegon Lake entrance channel at Lake Michigan, 500 ft (150 m) from shore 43°13'36"N 86°20'29"W	Muskegon
10	Muskegon YMCA Building	August 11, 1982 (#82002858)	297 W. Clay Ave. 43°14'07"N 86°15'02"W	Muskegon
11	Navigational Structures at White Lake Harbor	May 26, 2000 (#00000535)	Southern end of Lau Rd. 43°22'31"N 86°25'34"W	Whitehall
12	Spring Creek Site	June 20, 1972 (#72001475)	Address restricted	Egelston Township
13	SS Clipper	December 8, 1983 (#83003570)	2098 Lakeshore Dr.[6] 43°13'18"N 86°17'45"W	Muskegon
14	U.S.S. Silversides	October 18, 1972 (#72000453)	Naval Reserve Center, Fulton and Bluff Sts. 43°13'39"N 86°20'19"W	Muskegon
15	Union Depot	December 7, 2000 (#00001489)	610 Western Ave. 43°13'59"N 86°15'28"W	Muskegon

List of Michigan State Historic Sites in Muskegon County

Name on Register	Date Listed	Location	City or Town
Bluffton Actors Colony	September	3428 Lakeshore Drive	Muskegon
Central United Methodist Church	May 18, 1989	1011 Second Street	Muskegon
Duquette-Carlson Market	January 27, 1983	585 Clay	Muskegon
Evergreen Cemetery	August 21, 1987	Bounded by Grand, Wood, Pine, and Irvin Streets	Muskegon
Ferry Memorial Church	August 21, 1987	8637 Old Channel Trail	Montague
Fruitland District No. 6 School	April 18, 1991	6227 South Shore Road	Whitehall
Hackley Public Library	February 15, 1990	316 West Webster	Muskegon
Hackley House	April 24, 1970	(see previous list)	
Hackley-Holt House	February 15, 1990	523 West Clay Avenue	Muskegon
Horatio N. Hovey house	July 20, 1982	(see previous list)	Muskegon
Hume House	August 13, 1971	(see previous list)	Muskegon
Jean Baptiste Trading Post (Info site sign)	August 3, 1979	310 Ruddiman Road	North Muskegon
Lakeside Info Site	August 18, 2004	1723 Lakeshore Drive	Muskegon
Lebanon Lutheran Church	February 10, 1983	1101 South Mears Avenue	Whitehall
Lumbering on White Lake (info site sign)	August 8, 2006	310 Thompson Street	Whitehall
Marsh Field	2003	1800 Peck St	Muskegon
Michigan Theatre Building	April 4, 1978	407 West Western Avenue	Muskegon
Mouth Cemetery	November 1, 1988	6666 Sunset Lane	Montague

Muskegon Historic District	October 29, 1971	Bounded roughly by Clay, Muskegon, 2nd, and 6th	Muskegon
Muskegon Log Booming Company (site sign)	August 23, 1956	44 Ottawa Street	Muskegon
Muskegon Women's Club	September 3, 1998	280 Webster Avenue	Muskegon
Muskegon State Park	July 26, 2009	462 North Scenic Drive	Muskegon
Old Indian Cemetery	June 13, 1961	351 Morris Avenue	Muskegon
Pinchtown (site sign)	April 11, 1991	1543 Lake Shore Drive	Muskegon
Lafayette G Ripley House	January 27, 1983	8543 Old Channel Trail	Montague
Staples and Covell Mill (site sign)	August 8, 2006	310 Thompson Street	Whitehall
Ruth Thompson (info sign)	September 23, 1993	City Hall, 405 East Colby Street	Whitehall
Torrent House	June 19, 1971	315 West Webster	Muskegon
Twin Lake Methodist Church	March 11, 2012	5940 Main Street	Twin Lake
Union Depot	May 17, 1978	610 Western Avenue	Muskegon
Whipple's Castle	February 22, 1974	495 North main	Casnovia
White Lake Yacht Club	August 8, 2006	6770 S. Shore Drive	Whitehall

Parks and Recreation

Muskegon County is County is blessed with many outdoor recreation opportunities, such as State and Federal forests, recreation opportunities provided by local units of government, privately owned recreation opportunities from both commercial providers and individual households and conservancy-owned natural areas. The following is a list of campgrounds in Muskegon County.

Name of Establishment	Address	City, State, Zip	Number of Sites
Blue Lake County Park	10701 Nichols Road	Holton, MI 49445	25
Camp Lor Ray (Mike Brenner)	5281 Russell Rd	Twin Lake, MI 49457	30
Crockery Creek RV Park	13812 Apple Ave	Ravenna, MI 49451	121 + cabins
Duck Creek RV Resort	1155 W. Riley Thompson Road	Muskegon, MI 49445	179
Fisherman's Landing	501 E Western Ave	Muskegon, MI 49442	105
Johnsons Trailer Resort	8191 Meinert Park Road	Montague, MI 49437	86
Lake Sch Nepp A Ho	390 East Tyler Road	Muskegon, MI 49445	100
Muskegon County Fairgrounds	6621 Heights Ravenna Rd	Fruitport, MI 49451	unk
Trailway Campground	4540 Dowling St	Montague, MI 49437	53
Maranatha	4759 Lake Harbor Road	Muskegon, MI 49441	unk
Muskegon Elks Campground #274	513 W. Pontaluna Rd.	Muskegon, MI 49444	unk
Muskegon KOA Campground	3500 North Strand	Muskegon, MI 49445	96+
Oak Knoll Family Campground	1522 Fruitvale Road	Holton, MI 49425	55

Meinert County Park/Pines Campground	1563 Scenic Drive	Muskegon, MI 49445	67
Pioneer County Park	1563 Scenic Drive	Muskegon, MI 49445	235
White River Campground	735 Fruitvale Road	Montague, MI 49437	498 + cabins
Wolf Lake Apartments and Resort	5451 Harding	Muskegon, MI 49442	85
Muskegon State Park	3560 Memorial Drive	N.Muskegon, MI 49445	138
P J Hoffmaster State Park	6585 Lake Harbor Road	Muskegon, MI 49441	290

For information on things to do in Muskegon County, Muskegon County Convention and Visitors Bureau <https://www.visitmuskegon.org/>. For camping and parks <https://muskegoncountyparks.org/>.

Muskegon County Campgrounds



Anticipated Land Use

The Muskegon County Comprehensive Plan serves as the primary policy guide for local officials considering development proposals, land divisions, capital improvements, and other matters related to land use and development; thus, it provides a stable and consistent basis for decision-making. The county does not enforce any county zoning ordinances leaving much of the land use decisions up to the individual townships and Cities. All 27 local units of government in Muskegon County have an active Land Use/Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance in place

Potential Land Use Conflicts and Known Hazards

Like most communities Muskegon County does have several unique situations that present hazards or land use conflicts. Several should be noted:

- The Cities within Muskegon County, Montague, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, North Muskegon, Norton Shores, Roosevelt Park, and Whitehall have industry located near retail and residential areas. Although the communities have not had recent significant instances where an unacceptable release of chemicals has occurred, there is a potential to affect a substantial number of residences should an unacceptable release occur.
- M-120, and M-46 are east-west transportation routes I-96 runs between US-31 in Muskegon through Grand Rapids to Detroit. US-31 is a major north-south transportation route that runs from Holland through Muskegon and north to Mackinaw City. In addition to privately operated vehicles, these roads are traveled by commercial truck traffic carrying many different types of hazardous materials.
- The CSX and Genesee & Wyoming Railroad lines run through Grand Haven (Ottawa County), through the heart of Muskegon County and North to Fremont (Newaygo County).
- Muskegon County has many water resources and flooding problems. The three major lakes, inlets of Lake Michigan, are Muskegon Lake, Mona Lake, and White Lake. Many other lakes, mostly north of the Muskegon River, provide areas for homes, recreation, youth camps, and other recreational facilities. Lakes and ponds in the county cover 11,453 acres. The City of Muskegon is also home to West Michigan's largest commercial deep-water port. Many portions of these areas have structures and critical infrastructure within the flood plains of these rivers.
- The eastern shore of Lake Michigan is one of the most agriculturally dense regions of the country. With agriculture playing a major role in Muskegon County, first responders to incidents on farms or food packing and processing facilities may not be aware of potential chemical hazards.

Public Infrastructure

Public infrastructure is addressed in greater detail under Key Community Facilities/Organizations.

Housing Stock

Muskegon County has a total of 74, 867 housing units. Owner-occupied units comprised 75%. The housing profile of the county is much different than that of the state. Compared to the state as a whole, the county has a slightly higher level of homeownership, however major differences should be noted in the percentage of mobile homes and trailers, the percentage of vacant, the age of the home, and home values. The higher percentage of mobile homes versus multiple family housing or apartments creates the potential for additional hazards due to mobile homes being more susceptible to certain types of weather damage related to wind damage from storms or damage from hail. Another important figure to take note of is the difference of vacant housing units between Muskegon County and the State. Muskegon County has approximately 10% of its available housing units vacant compared to Michigan's 14.6%. The following data is from the 2020 US Census converted by Census Reporter.

*Table 7, Housing Data, Muskegon County and the State of Michigan
Sources: Median Values and raw housing data taken from the 2020 U.S. Census*

HOUSING SUBJECT	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
Total Number of Housing Units	74,867	100%	4,590,528	100%
Occupied Housing Units	67,380	90%	3,872,508	88.0%
Owner-Occupied Housing	57,512	76%	2,793,342	72.2%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	18,717	25%	1,079,166	28.4%
Vacant Housing Units	7,487	10%	659,725	5.6%
Seasonal or Recreational Units	No data	No data	263,071	5.8%
Units in Structure				
1-unit detached	54,236	72.4%	2,988,818	70.6%
2 units or more	2,114	2.8%	146,414	3.9%
3 or 4 units	2,032	2.7%	118,067	2.8%
5 to 9 units	2,426	3.2%	169,946	4.0%
10 to 19 units	2,139	3.0%	144,848	3.4%
20 to 49 units	1,144	1.6%	237,482	5.2%
50 or more	2,528	3.6%	No data	No data
Mobile Home	5,653	7.7%	277,158	6.5%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	No data	No data	7,545	0.2%

Chart from [Censusreporter.org/profiles](https://censusreporter.org/profiles) raw data converted from the 2020 Census

Housing Data, Muskegon County and the State of Michigan
Units & Occupancy

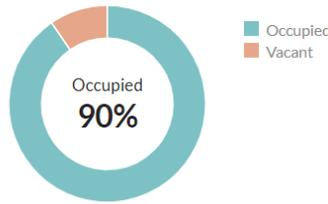
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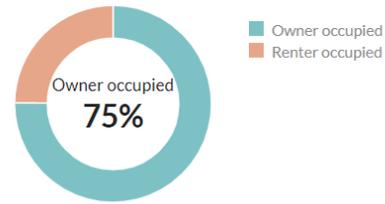
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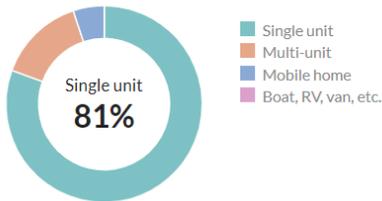
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Occupied vs. Vacant (Table B25002) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County			Michigan			United States		
Occupied	90.4%	±1.7%	67,707 ±1,344	88.3%	±0.2%	4,051,798 ±10,574	89.7%	±0.1%	127,544,730 ±97,632
Vacant	9.6%†	±1.8%	7,160 ±1,331	11.7%	±0.2%	538,586 ±10,625	10.3%	±0.1%	14,603,320 ±99,060

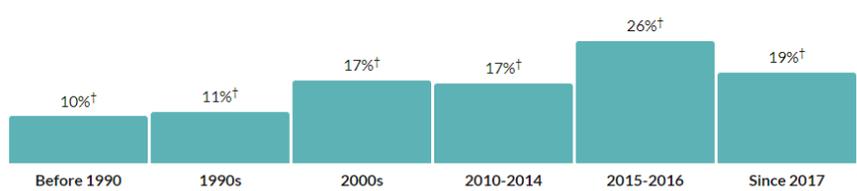
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Types of structure



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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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Types of structure (Table B25024) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County			Michigan			United States		
Single unit	80.6%	±2.3%	60,332 ±1,761.6	76.9%	±0.3%	3,529,539 ±15,455.3	68%	±0.1%	96,627,903 ±128,445.3
Multi-unit	14.3%†	±2.2%	10,726 ±1,644	17.9%	±0.3%	823,550 ±14,785.4	26.3%	±0.1%	37,345,466 ±112,752.1
Mobile home	5.1%†	±0.9%	3,809 ±689	5.1%	±0.1%	235,720 ±6,543	5.6%	±0%	8,008,783 ±51,597
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0%	±0%	0 ±181	0%†	±0%	1,575 ±605	0.1%	±0%	165,894 ±8,067

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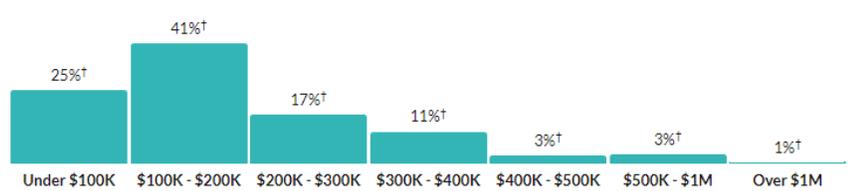
\$165,500

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about 80 percent of the amount in Michigan:
\$199,100

about three-fifths of the amount in United States:
\$281,400

Value of owner-occupied housing units



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Value of owner-occupied housing units (Table B25075) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County			Michigan			United States		
Under \$100K	24.9%†	±3.1%	12,684 ±1,642.7	20.2%	±0.4%	598,809 ±11,703.4	13.9%	±0.1%	11,604,129 ±59,366
\$100K - \$200K	40.9%†	±4.1%	20,798 ±2,224.6	30.1%	±0.4%	891,802 ±13,242.6	20%	±0.1%	16,705,771 ±68,694.1
\$200K - \$300K	16.8%†	±2.3%	8,535 ±1,220.8	23%	±0.4%	683,100 ±11,068.8	19.5%	±0.1%	16,283,130 ±73,915
\$300K - \$400K	11%†	±2.3%	5,574 ±1,162	12.6%	±0.3%	372,950 ±7,853	14.9%	±0.1%	12,419,326 ±58,191
\$400K - \$500K	2.7%†	±0.9%	1,376 ±459	6.5%	±0.2%	193,724 ±5,934	9.6%	±0.1%	8,036,844 ±48,498
\$500K - \$1M	3.1%†	±0.9%	1,593 ±461.2	6.5%	±0.2%	192,293 ±6,164.9	17%	±0.1%	14,149,578 ±60,705.5
Over \$1M	0.6%†	±0.4%	290 ±201	0.6%†	±0.1%	19,000 ±2,158	2.7%	±0%	2,272,758 ±25,636

Housing Data, City of Muskegon and Muskegon County

Units & Occupancy

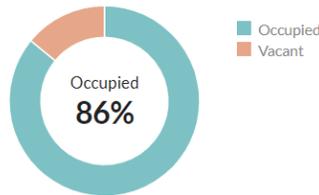
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Number of housing units

the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 74,447

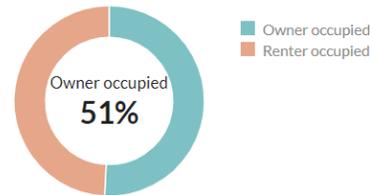
Michigan: 4,566,504

Occupied vs. Vacant



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Ownership of occupied units



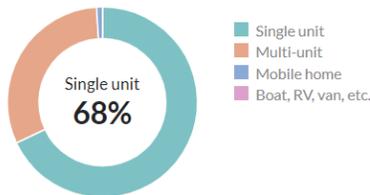
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Occupied vs. Vacant (Table B25002) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Occupied	85.9%	±2.3%	13,776	±608	88.8%	±0.9%	66,122	±684	87.1%	±0.2%	3,976,729	±8,287
Vacant	14.1%	±1.8%	2,255	±306	11.2%	±0.9%	8,325	±649	12.9%	±0.2%	589,775	±7,752

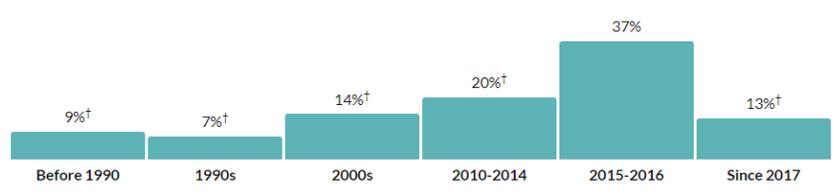
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Types of structure



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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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Types of structure (Table B25024) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Single unit	68%	±1.7%	10,896	±470.3	79.7%	±1.1%	59,352	±861.8	76.8%	±0.2%	3,506,070	±7,449
Multi-unit	31.1%	±3.2%	4,978	±534.5	13.2%	±0.9%	9,851	±702.1	18%	±0.2%	823,992	±6,998.7
Mobile home	1%	±0.6%	157	±91	7%	±0.6%	5,244	±480	5.2%	±0.1%	235,036	±3,566
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0%	±0%	0	±23	0%	±0%	0	±26	0%	±0%	1,406	±252

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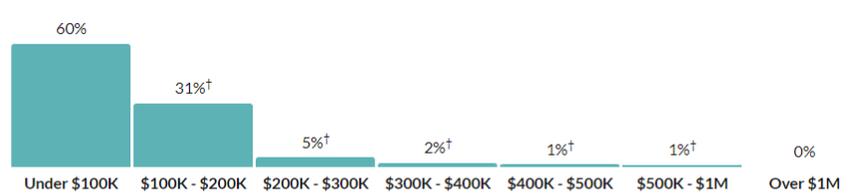
\$84,300

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about three-fifths of the amount in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: \$138,700

about half the amount in Michigan: \$172,100

Value of owner-occupied housing units



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Value of owner-occupied housing units (Table B25075) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Under \$100K	60.2%	±5%	4,212	±434.3	31.8%	±1.7%	16,154	±895	24.6%	±0.2%	707,432	±5,864.6
\$100K - \$200K	31.1%	±4.3%	2,175	±330.7	43.1%	±1.6%	21,889	±882.6	33.5%	±0.2%	961,608	±6,710.2
\$200K - \$300K	4.5%	±1.3%	316	±96	14.2%	±1.1%	7,198	±581.1	21%	±0.2%	602,204	±5,618
\$300K - \$400K	1.9%	±0.8%	135	±55	6.4%	±0.9%	3,232	±440	10.4%	±0.1%	298,236	±3,413
\$400K - \$500K	1.2%	±0.6%	87	±42	2%	±0.5%	989	±250	4.8%	±0.1%	138,614	±3,024
\$500K - \$1M	0.9%	±0.8%	64	±55.5	2%	±0.4%	1,018	±207	4.8%	±0.1%	136,250	±2,449
Over \$1M	0%	±0%	0	±23	0.5%	±0.2%	238	±109	0.5%	±0%	14,482	±780

Housing Data, Muskegon Heights and Muskegon County

Units & Occupancy

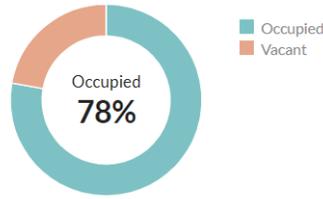
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Number of housing units

the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 74,447

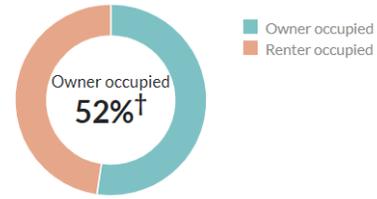
Michigan: 4,566,504

Occupied vs. Vacant



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Ownership of occupied units



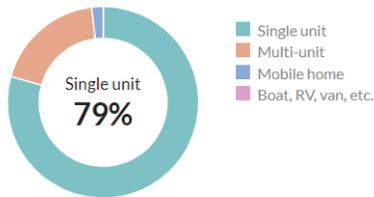
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Ownership of occupied units (Table B25003) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon Heights		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Owner occupied	52.3%†	±6.3%	1,867	±258	76.8%	±1%	50,803	±840	72.2%	±0.3%	2,870,693	±11,561
Renter occupied	47.7%†	±7.5%	1,700	±293	23.2%	±1.1%	15,319	±767	27.8%	±0.2%	1,106,036	±6,260

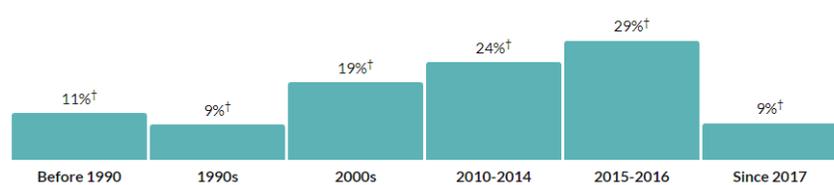
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Types of structure



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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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Types of structure (Table B25024) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon Heights		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Single unit	79.4%	±3.5%	3,636	±257.8	79.7%	±1.1%	59,352	±861.8	76.8%	±0.2%	3,506,070	±7,449
Multi-unit	18.7%†	±4.5%	858	±210.5	13.2%	±0.9%	9,851	±702.1	18%	±0.2%	823,992	±6,998.7
Mobile home	1.9%†	±1%	88	±46	7%	±0.6%	5,244	±480	5.2%	±0.1%	235,036	±3,566
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0%	±0%	0	±17	0%	±0%	0	±26	0%†	±0%	1,406	±252

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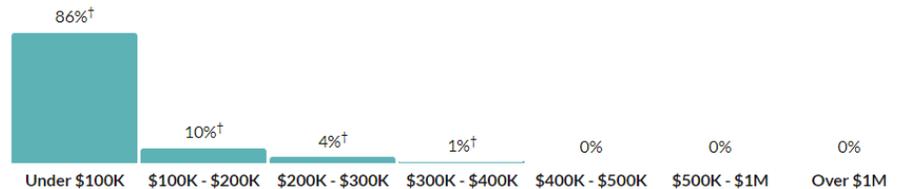
\$45,500

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about one-third of the amount in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: \$138,700

about one-quarter of the amount in Michigan: \$172,100

Value of owner-occupied housing units



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Value of owner-occupied housing units (Table B25075) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon Heights		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Under \$100K	85.7%†	±9.6%	1,599	±284.5	31.8%	±1.7%	16,154	±895	24.6%	±0.2%	707,432	±5,864.6
\$100K - \$200K	9.8%†	±4.4%	182	±85.8	43.1%	±1.6%	21,889	±882.6	33.5%	±0.2%	961,608	±6,710.2
\$200K - \$300K	3.8%†	±2.4%	71	±45.3	14.2%	±1.1%	7,198	±581.1	21%	±0.2%	602,204	±5,618
\$300K - \$400K	0.8%†	±1%	15	±19	6.4%†	±0.9%	3,232	±440	10.4%	±0.1%	298,236	±3,413
\$400K - \$500K	0%	±0%	0	±17	2%†	±0.5%	989	±250	4.8%	±0.1%	138,614	±3,024
\$500K - \$1M	0%	±0%	0	±24	2%†	±0.4%	1,018	±207	4.8%	±0.1%	136,250	±2,449
Over \$1M	0%	±0%	0	±17	0.5%†	±0.2%	238	±109	0.5%	±0%	14,482	±780

Housing Data, North Muskegon and Muskegon County

Units & Occupancy

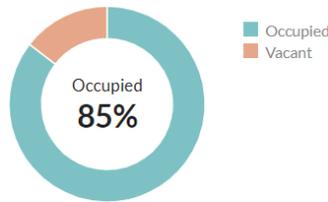
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Number of housing units

the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 74,447

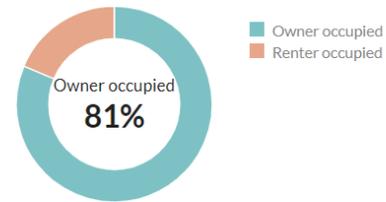
Michigan: 4,566,504

Occupied vs. Vacant



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Ownership of occupied units



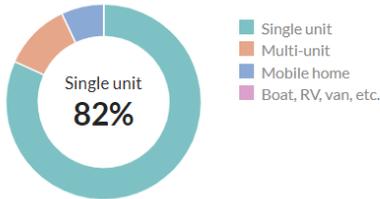
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Occupied vs. Vacant (Table B25002) [View table](#)

Column	North Muskegon		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Occupied	85.5%	±3.4%	1,619	±158	88.8%	±0.9%	66,122	±684	87.1%	±0.2%	3,976,729	±8,287
Vacant	14.5% [†]	±6%	275	±116	11.2%	±0.9%	8,325	±649	12.9%	±0.2%	589,775	±7,752

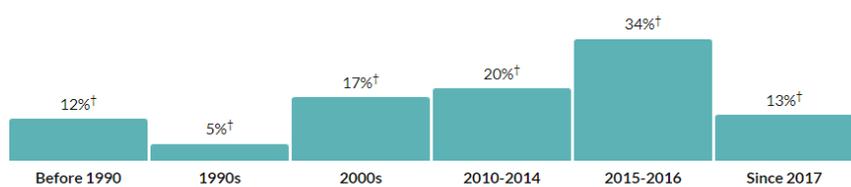
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Types of structure



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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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Types of structure (Table B25024) [View table](#)

Column	North Muskegon		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Single unit	81.8%	±6.5%	1,549	±185.3	79.7%	±1.1%	59,352	±861.8	76.8%	±0.2%	3,506,070	±7,449
Multi-unit	11.2% [†]	±4.4%	212	±86.1	13.2%	±0.9%	9,851	±702.1	18%	±0.2%	823,992	±6,998.7
Mobile home	7% [†]	±9.3%	133	±176	7%	±0.6%	5,244	±480	5.2%	±0.1%	235,036	±3,566
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0%	±0%	0	±11	0%	±0%	0	±26	0% [†]	±0%	1,406	±252

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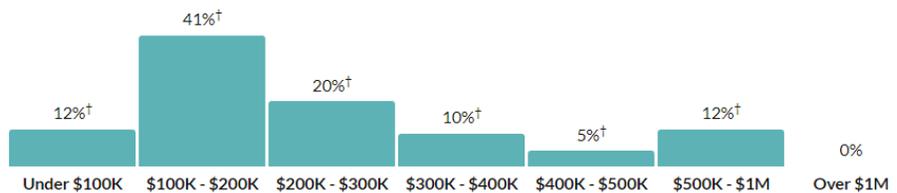
\$186,200

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about 1.3 times the amount in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: \$138,700

about 10 percent higher than the amount in Michigan: \$172,100

Value of owner-occupied housing units



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Value of owner-occupied housing units (Table B25075) [View table](#)

Column	North Muskegon		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Under \$100K	11.7% [†]	±6.5%	154	±88.3	31.8%	±1.7%	16,154	±895	24.6%	±0.2%	707,432	±5,864.6
\$100K - \$200K	41.1% [†]	±9.1%	541	±137.5	43.1%	±1.6%	21,889	±882.6	33.5%	±0.2%	961,608	±6,710.2
\$200K - \$300K	20.4% [†]	±6.9%	268	±96.4	14.2%	±1.1%	7,198	±581.1	21%	±0.2%	602,204	±5,618
\$300K - \$400K	10.4% [†]	±4.4%	137	±61	6.4% [†]	±0.9%	3,232	±440	10.4%	±0.1%	298,236	±3,413
\$400K - \$500K	4.9% [†]	±3%	64	±40	2% [†]	±0.5%	989	±250	4.8%	±0.1%	138,614	±3,024
\$500K - \$1M	11.6% [†]	±4.6%	153	±63.6	2% [†]	±0.4%	1,018	±207	4.8%	±0.1%	136,250	±2,449
Over \$1M	0%	±0%	0	±11	0.5% [†]	±0.2%	238	±109	0.5%	±0%	14,482	±780

Housing Data, Norton Shores and Muskegon County

Units & Occupancy

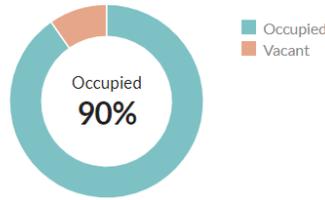
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Number of housing units

Muskegon County: 74,447

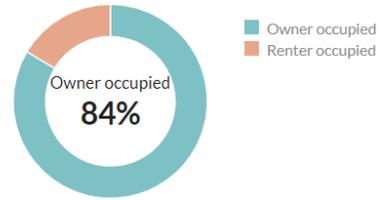
Michigan: 4,566,504

Occupied vs. Vacant



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Ownership of occupied units



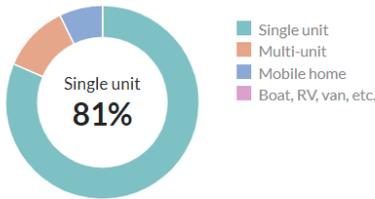
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Occupied vs. Vacant (Table B25002) [View table](#)

Column	Norton Shores			Muskegon County			Michigan		
Occupied	90.3%	±1.3%	9,551 ±340	88.8%	±0.9%	66,122 ±684	87.1%	±0.2%	3,976,729 ±8,287
Vacant	9.7% [†]	±2.3%	1,025 ±246	11.2%	±0.9%	8,325 ±649	12.9%	±0.2%	589,775 ±7,752

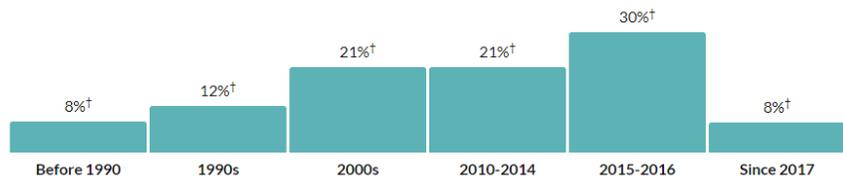
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Types of structure



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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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Types of structure (Table B25024) [View table](#)

Column	Norton Shores			Muskegon County			Michigan		
Single unit	81.5%	±2%	8,617 ±349.9	79.7%	±1.1%	59,352 ±861.8	76.8%	±0.2%	3,506,070 ±7,449
Multi-unit	11.3% [†]	±2%	1,195 ±219.5	13.2%	±0.9%	9,851 ±702.1	18%	±0.2%	823,992 ±6,998.7
Mobile home	7.2% [†]	±1.3%	764 ±140	7%	±0.6%	5,244 ±480	5.2%	±0.1%	235,036 ±3,566
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0%	±0%	0 ±20	0%	±0%	0 ±26	0% [†]	±0%	1,406 ±252

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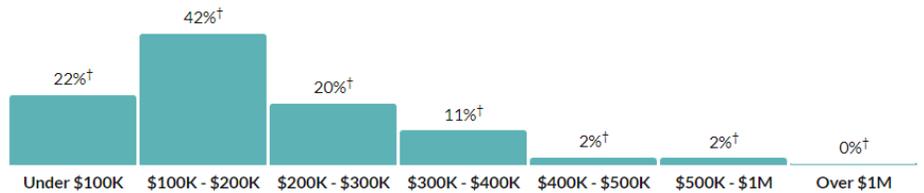
\$165,100

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about 20 percent higher than the amount in Muskegon County: \$138,700

a little less than the amount in Michigan: \$172,100

Value of owner-occupied housing units



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Value of owner-occupied housing units (Table B25075) [View table](#)

Column	Norton Shores			Muskegon County			Michigan		
Under \$100K	22.3% [†]	±3.2%	1,777 ±265.3	31.8%	±1.7%	16,154 ±895	24.6%	±0.2%	707,432 ±5,864.6
\$100K - \$200K	41.7% [†]	±5.1%	3,326 ±432.1	43.1%	±1.6%	21,889 ±882.6	33.5%	±0.2%	961,608 ±6,710.2
\$200K - \$300K	19.6% [†]	±3.3%	1,564 ±275.8	14.2%	±1.1%	7,198 ±581.1	21%	±0.2%	602,204 ±5,618
\$300K - \$400K	11% [†]	±2.5%	875 ±202	6.4% [†]	±0.9%	3,232 ±440	10.4%	±0.1%	298,236 ±3,413
\$400K - \$500K	2.4% [†]	±1.1%	190 ±86	2% [†]	±0.5%	989 ±250	4.8%	±0.1%	138,614 ±3,024
\$500K - \$1M	2.3% [†]	±1.2%	180 ±96.8	2% [†]	±0.4%	1,018 ±207	4.8%	±0.1%	136,250 ±2,449
Over \$1M	0.5% [†]	±0.3%	37 ±23	0.5% [†]	±0.2%	238 ±109	0.5%	±0%	14,482 ±780

Housing Data, Montague and Muskegon County

Units & Occupancy

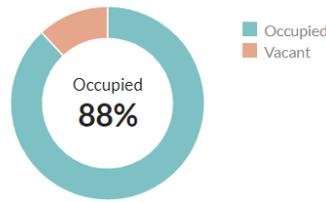
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Number of housing units

the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 74,447

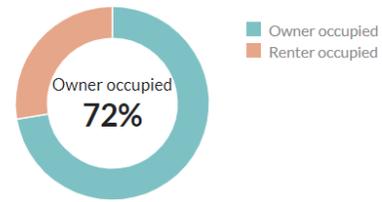
Michigan: 4,566,504

Occupied vs. Vacant



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Ownership of occupied units



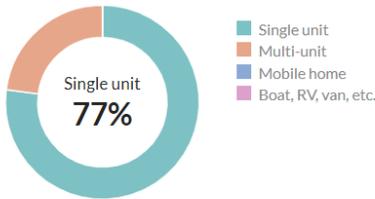
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Occupied vs. Vacant (Table B25002) [View table](#)

Column	Montague			Muskegon, MI Metro Area			Michigan		
Occupied	88.1%	±1.8%	1,006 ±99	88.8%	±0.9%	66,122 ±684	87.1%	±0.2%	3,976,729 ±8,287
Vacant	11.9% [†]	±5.6%	136 ±65	11.2%	±0.9%	8,325 ±649	12.9%	±0.2%	589,775 ±7,752

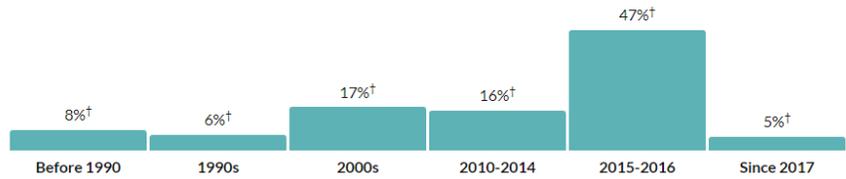
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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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Types of structure (Table B25024) [View table](#)

Column	Montague			Muskegon, MI Metro Area			Michigan		
Single unit	77.1%	±3.4%	880 ±93.3	79.7%	±1.1%	59,352 ±861.8	76.8%	±0.2%	3,506,070 ±7,449
Multi-unit	22.9% [†]	±7%	262 ±83.3	13.2%	±0.9%	9,851 ±702.1	18%	±0.2%	823,992 ±6,998.7
Mobile home	0%	±0%	0 ±11	7%	±0.6%	5,244 ±480	5.2%	±0.1%	235,036 ±3,566
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0%	±0%	0 ±11	0%	±0%	0 ±26	0% [†]	±0%	1,406 ±252

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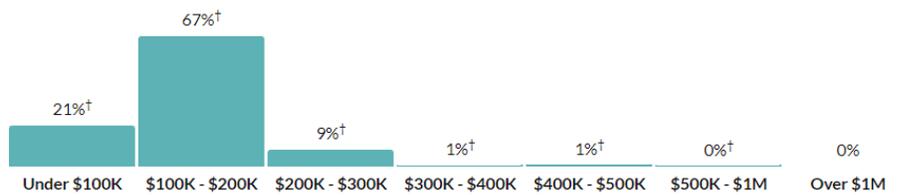
\$141,400

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about the same as the amount in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: \$138,700

about 80 percent of the amount in Michigan: \$172,100

Value of owner-occupied housing units



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Value of owner-occupied housing units (Table B25075) [View table](#)

Column	Montague			Muskegon, MI Metro Area			Michigan		
Under \$100K	21.2% [†]	±6.5%	154 ±51.3	31.8%	±1.7%	16,154 ±895	24.6%	±0.2%	707,432 ±5,864.6
\$100K - \$200K	66.6% [†]	±14.2%	485 ±121.1	43.1%	±1.6%	21,889 ±882.6	33.5%	±0.2%	961,608 ±6,710.2
\$200K - \$300K	8.7% [†]	±3.4%	63 ±26.2	14.2%	±1.1%	7,198 ±581.1	21%	±0.2%	602,204 ±5,618
\$300K - \$400K	0.6% [†]	±1%	4 ±7	6.4% [†]	±0.9%	3,232 ±440	10.4%	±0.1%	298,236 ±3,413
\$400K - \$500K	1% [†]	±1%	7 ±7	2% [†]	±0.5%	989 ±250	4.8%	±0.1%	138,614 ±3,024
\$500K - \$1M	0.4% [†]	±1.7%	3 ±12.1	2% [†]	±0.4%	1,018 ±207	4.8%	±0.1%	136,250 ±2,449
Over \$1M	0%	±0%	0 ±11	0.5% [†]	±0.2%	238 ±109	0.5%	±0%	14,482 ±780

Housing Data, Roosevelt Park and Muskegon County

Units & Occupancy

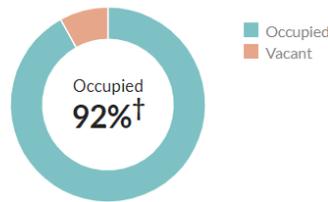
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Number of housing units

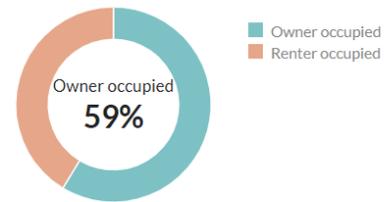
the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 74,447

Michigan: 4,566,504

Occupied vs. Vacant



Ownership of occupied units



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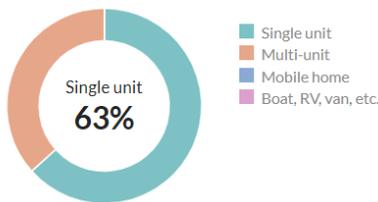
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Occupied vs. Vacant (Table B25002) [View table](#)

Column	Roosevelt Park			Muskegon, MI Metro Area			Michigan		
Occupied	91.9% [†]	±11.4%	1,846 ±148	88.8% ±0.9%	66,122 ±684	87.1% ±0.2%	3,976,729 ±8,287		
Vacant	8.1% [†]	±6.2%	162 ±125	11.2% ±0.9%	8,325 ±649	12.9% ±0.2%	589,775 ±7,752		

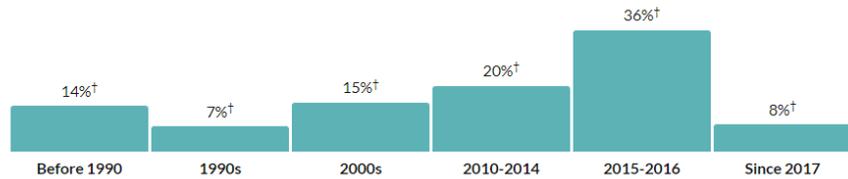
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Types of structure



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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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Types of structure (Table B25024) [View table](#)

Column	Roosevelt Park			Muskegon, MI Metro Area			Michigan		
Single unit	63.4% ±5.9%	1,272 ±168.3	79.7% ±1.1%	59,352 ±861.8	76.8% ±0.2%	3,506,070 ±7,449			
Multi-unit	36.7% [†] ±7.1%	736 ±159	13.2% ±0.9%	9,851 ±702.1	18% ±0.2%	823,992 ±6,998.7			
Mobile home	0% ±0%	0 ±11	7% ±0.6%	5,244 ±480	5.2% ±0.1%	235,036 ±3,566			
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0% ±0%	0 ±11	0% ±0%	0 ±26	0% [†] ±0%	1,406 ±252			

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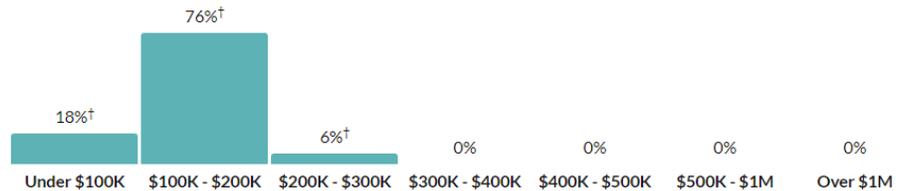
\$133,000

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

a little less than the amount in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: \$138,700

about three-quarters of the amount in Michigan: \$172,100

Value of owner-occupied housing units



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Value of owner-occupied housing units (Table B25075) [View table](#)

Column	Roosevelt Park			Muskegon, MI Metro Area			Michigan		
Under \$100K	17.7% [†] ±6.8%	192 ±76.4	31.8% ±1.7%	16,154 ±895	24.6% ±0.2%	707,432 ±5,864.6			
\$100K - \$200K	76.1% [†] ±14.7%	824 ±182.8	43.1% ±1.6%	21,889 ±882.6	33.5% ±0.2%	961,608 ±6,710.2			
\$200K - \$300K	6.2% [†] ±3.6%	67 ±39.6	14.2% ±1.1%	7,198 ±581.1	21% ±0.2%	602,204 ±5,618			
\$300K - \$400K	0% ±0%	0 ±11	6.4% [†] ±0.9%	3,232 ±440	10.4% ±0.1%	298,236 ±3,413			
\$400K - \$500K	0% ±0%	0 ±11	2% [†] ±0.5%	989 ±250	4.8% ±0.1%	138,614 ±3,024			
\$500K - \$1M	0% ±0%	0 ±15.6	2% [†] ±0.4%	1,018 ±207	4.8% ±0.1%	136,250 ±2,449			
Over \$1M	0% ±0%	0 ±11	0.5% [†] ±0.2%	238 ±109	0.5% ±0%	14,482 ±780			

Housing Data, Whitehall and Muskegon County

Units & Occupancy

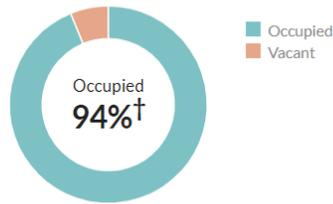
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Number of housing units

the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 74,447

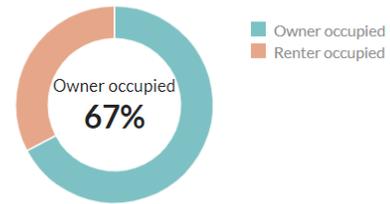
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Occupied vs. Vacant



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Ownership of occupied units



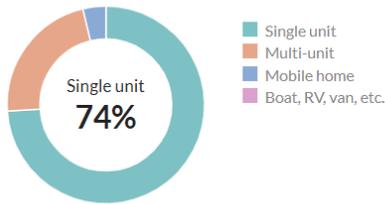
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Occupied vs. Vacant (Table B25002) [View table](#)

Column	Whitehall		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Occupied	93.8% [†]	±14.5%	1,057	±113	88.8%	±0.9%	66,122	±684	87.1%	±0.2%	3,976,729	±8,287
Vacant	6.2% [†]	±4.7%	70	±54	11.2%	±0.9%	8,325	±649	12.9%	±0.2%	589,775	±7,752

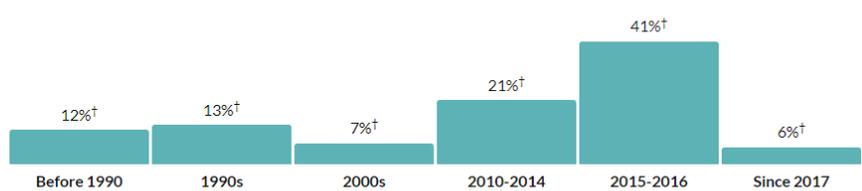
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Year moved in, by percentage of population



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Types of structure (Table B25024) [View table](#)

Column	Whitehall		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Single unit	74%	±6.9%	834	±121.6	79.7%	±1.1%	59,352	±861.8	76.8%	±0.2%	3,506,070	±7,449
Multi-unit	22.3% [†]	±5.7%	251	±69.7	13.2%	±0.9%	9,851	±702.1	18%	±0.2%	823,992	±6,998.7
Mobile home	3.7% [†]	±3.4%	42	±39	7%	±0.6%	5,244	±480	5.2%	±0.1%	235,036	±3,566
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0%	±0%	0	±11	0%	±0%	0	±26	0% [†]	±0%	1,406	±252

Value

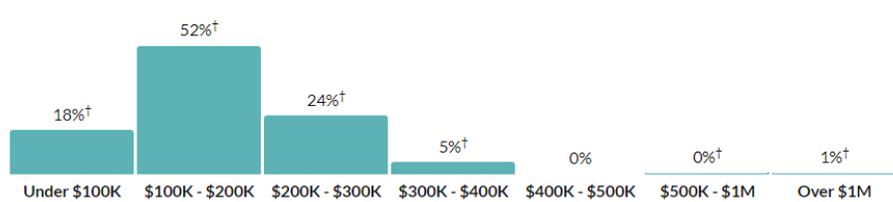
\$169,800

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about 25 percent higher than the amount in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: \$138,700

about the same as the amount in Michigan: \$172,100

Value of owner-occupied housing units



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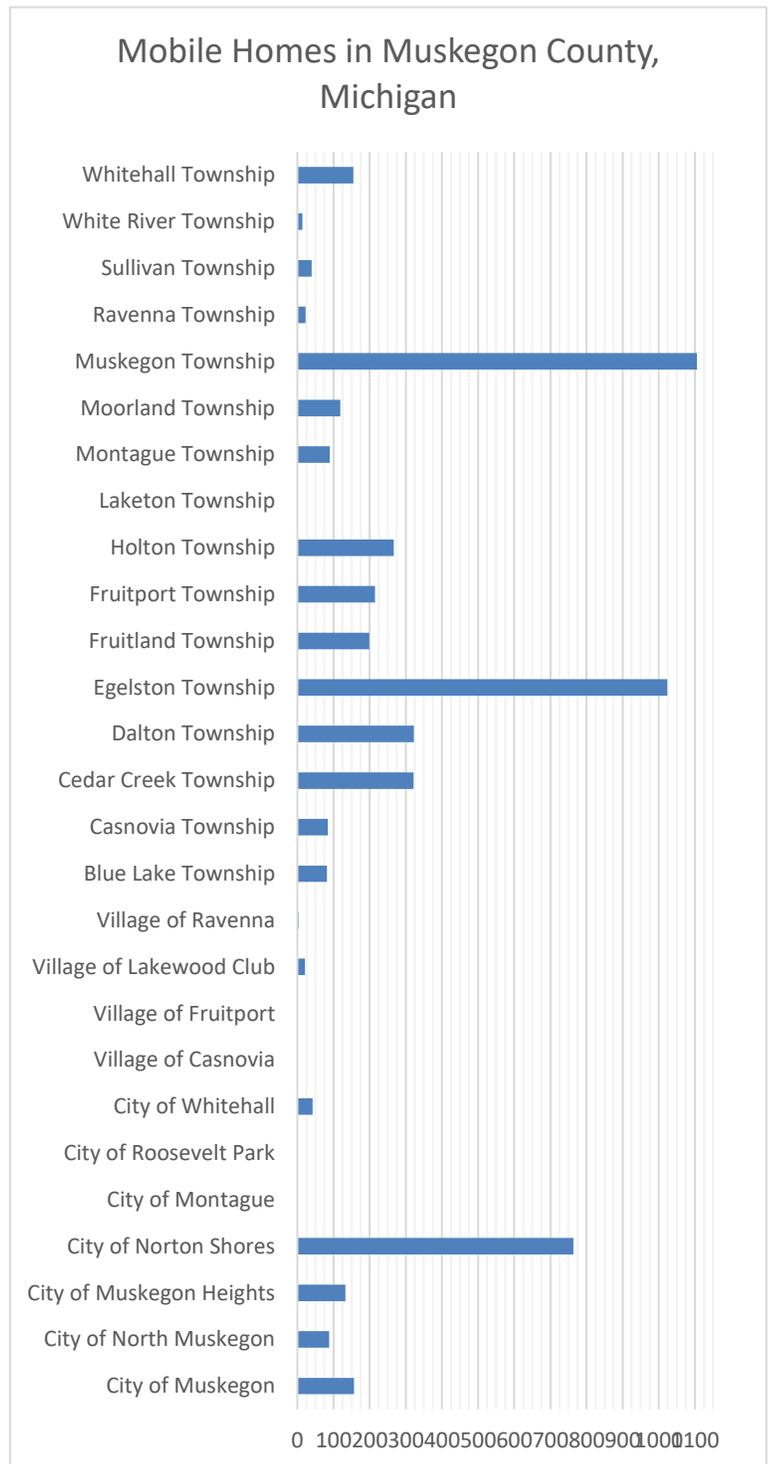
Value of owner-occupied housing units (Table B25075) [View table](#)

Column	Whitehall		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Under \$100K	18% [†]	±7.4%	128	±55.7	31.8%	±1.7%	16,154	±895	24.6%	±0.2%	707,432	±5,864.6
\$100K - \$200K	52.2% [†]	±13.9%	371	±112	43.1%	±1.6%	21,889	±882.6	33.5%	±0.2%	961,608	±6,710.2
\$200K - \$300K	23.9% [†]	±6.5%	170	±52.4	14.2%	±1.1%	7,198	±581.1	21%	±0.2%	602,204	±5,618
\$300K - \$400K	4.9% [†]	±2.7%	35	±20	6.4% [†]	±0.9%	3,232	±440	10.4%	±0.1%	298,236	±3,413
\$400K - \$500K	0%	±0%	0	±11	2% [†]	±0.5%	989	±250	4.8%	±0.1%	138,614	±3,024
\$500K - \$1M	0.4% [†]	±1.8%	3	±12.5	2% [†]	±0.4%	1,018	±207	4.8%	±0.1%	136,250	±2,449
Over \$1M	0.6% [†]	±1%	4	±7	0.5% [†]	±0.2%	238	±109	0.5%	±0%	14,482	±780

Table 8, Mobile Homes Distribution in Muskegon County

MUSKEGON COUNTY MOBILE HOMES DISTRIBUTION		
COMMUNITY	# Mobile Homes	% Mobile Homes
Muskegon County	5,269	100%
City of Muskegon	157	3.0%
City of North Muskegon	88	1.7%
City of Muskegon Heights	133	2.5%
City of Norton Shores	764	14.5%
City of Montague	0	0.0%
City of Roosevelt Park	0	0.0%
City of Whitehall	42	0.8%
Village of Casnovia	1	0.0%
Village of Fruitport	0	0.0%
Village of Lakewood Club	21	0.4%
Village of Ravenna	3	0.1%
Blue Lake Township	82	1.6%
Casnovia Township	84	1.6%
Cedar Creek Township	321	6.1%
Dalton Township	322	6.1%
Egelston Township	1,024	19.4%
Fruitland Township	199	3.8%
Fruitport Township	215	4.1%
Holton Township	267	5.1%
Laketon Township	0	0.0%
Montague Township	90	1.7%
Moorland Township	119	2.3%
Muskegon Township	1106	21.0%
Ravenna Township	23	0.4%
Sullivan Township	39	0.7%
White River Township	14	0.3%
Whitehall Township	155	2.9%

source: Census Reporter

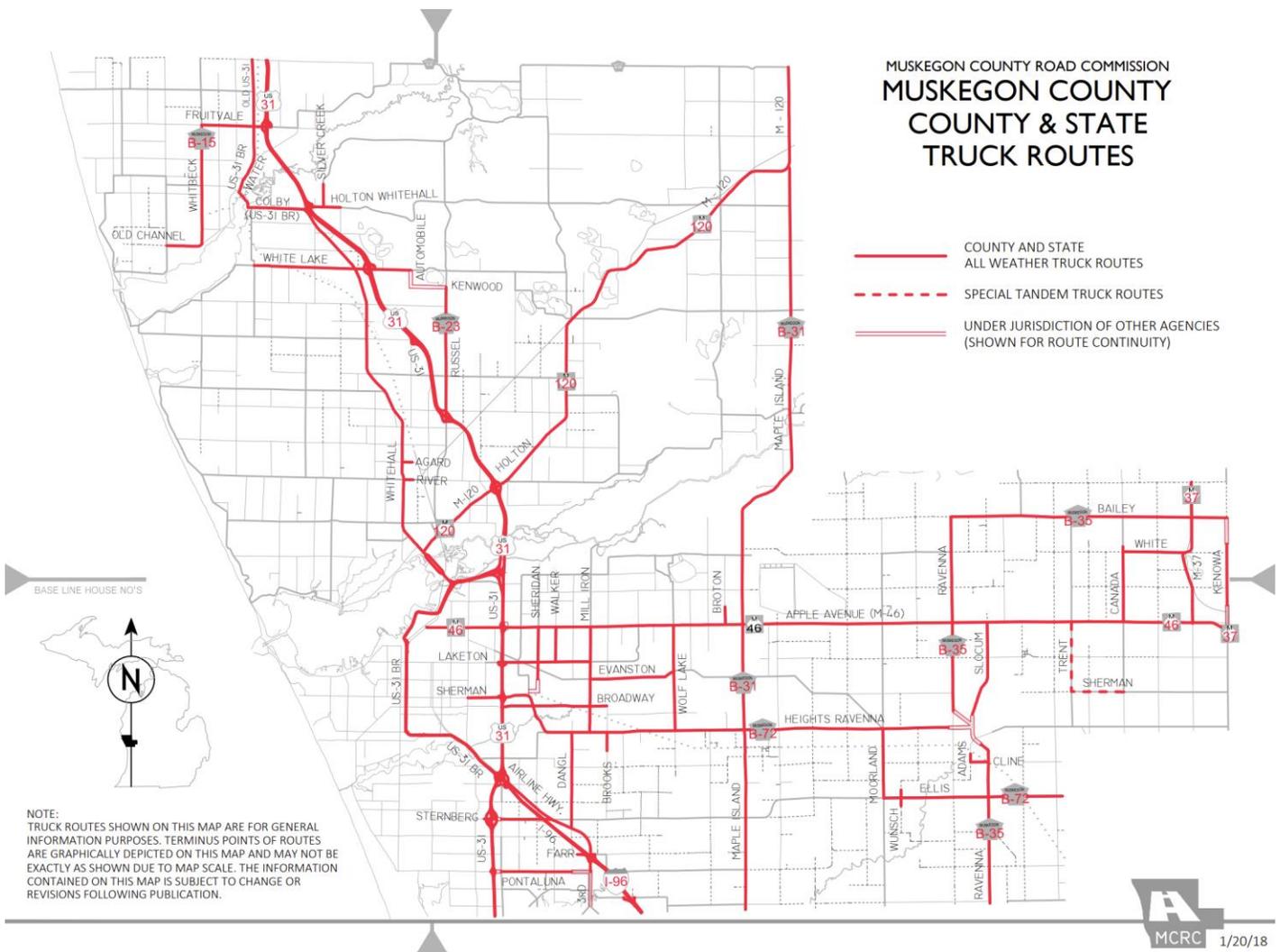


Transportation Network

Highways and Roads

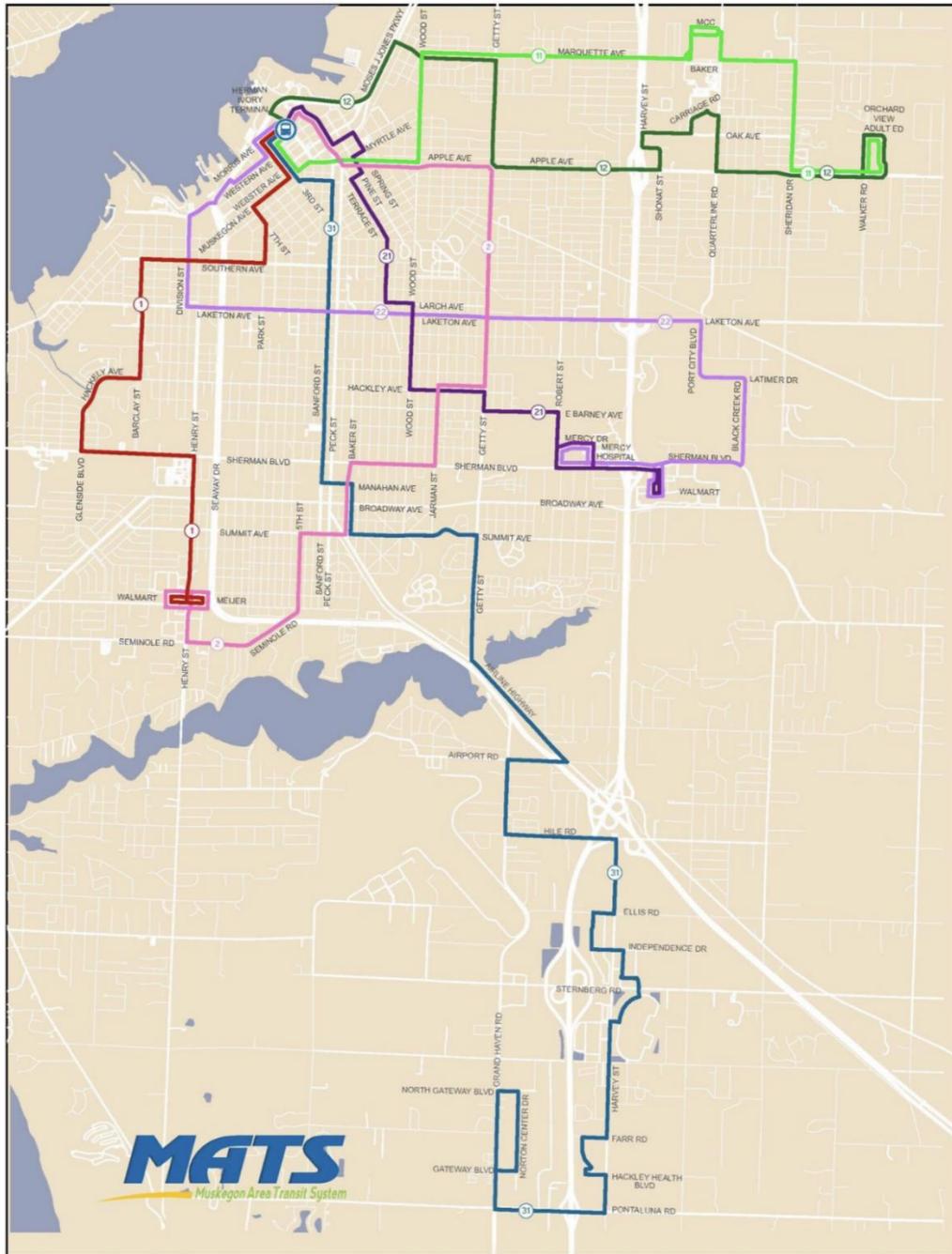
Several modes of transportation are available within Muskegon County, however movement into, out of, and within the county is primarily by private automobile. Muskegon County is serviced by eleven trunk lines that take advantage of easy access to major highways such as I-96, M-37, M46, M120, and US31 to reach destinations in Michigan and beyond. The Muskegon County Road Commission maintains local roads and bridges and contracts with MDOT for snow and debris removal on State roads. Roads include a mix of both paved and graveled surfaces.

Major local connectors or “Class A” roads include the following routes:



Local Transit Service

The Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS) is the primary provider of mass transportation in Muskegon County, Michigan. Service is provided from Monday through Friday along seven fixed routes in the Muskegon Metro area. Fixed routes 1, 2, 11, 12, 21, 22, and 31 continue to be serviced as of 2023. Connecting routes are also available with Harbor Transit to connect with Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg. MATS ADA Complementary Paratransit Service also provides pre-scheduled, curb-to-curb demand response service for those with an ADA certified disability. For ADA eligibility, passengers must apply each year.



Airports

Conveniently located 15 minutes from downtown Muskegon, the Muskegon County Airport provides space for major commercial airlines, executive charter services, and private hangars. United Express provides daily service to Chicago. Check out the flight schedule at the Muskegon County Airport's website! The airport has two runways: Runway 6/24 and runway 14/32. Both runways are asphalt/porous friction courses. Runway 6/24 is 6,501 ft by 150 ft at an elevation of 621.2 feet. Runway 14/32 is 6,100 ft by 150 ft at an elevation of 627.4 feet. Both runways are lighted by high intensity runway edge lights. 100 Low Lead Jet-A fuel is available at the airport as well as hangars and tie-downs for parking. Major airframe service and powerplant service is also available.

Airport Operational Statistics

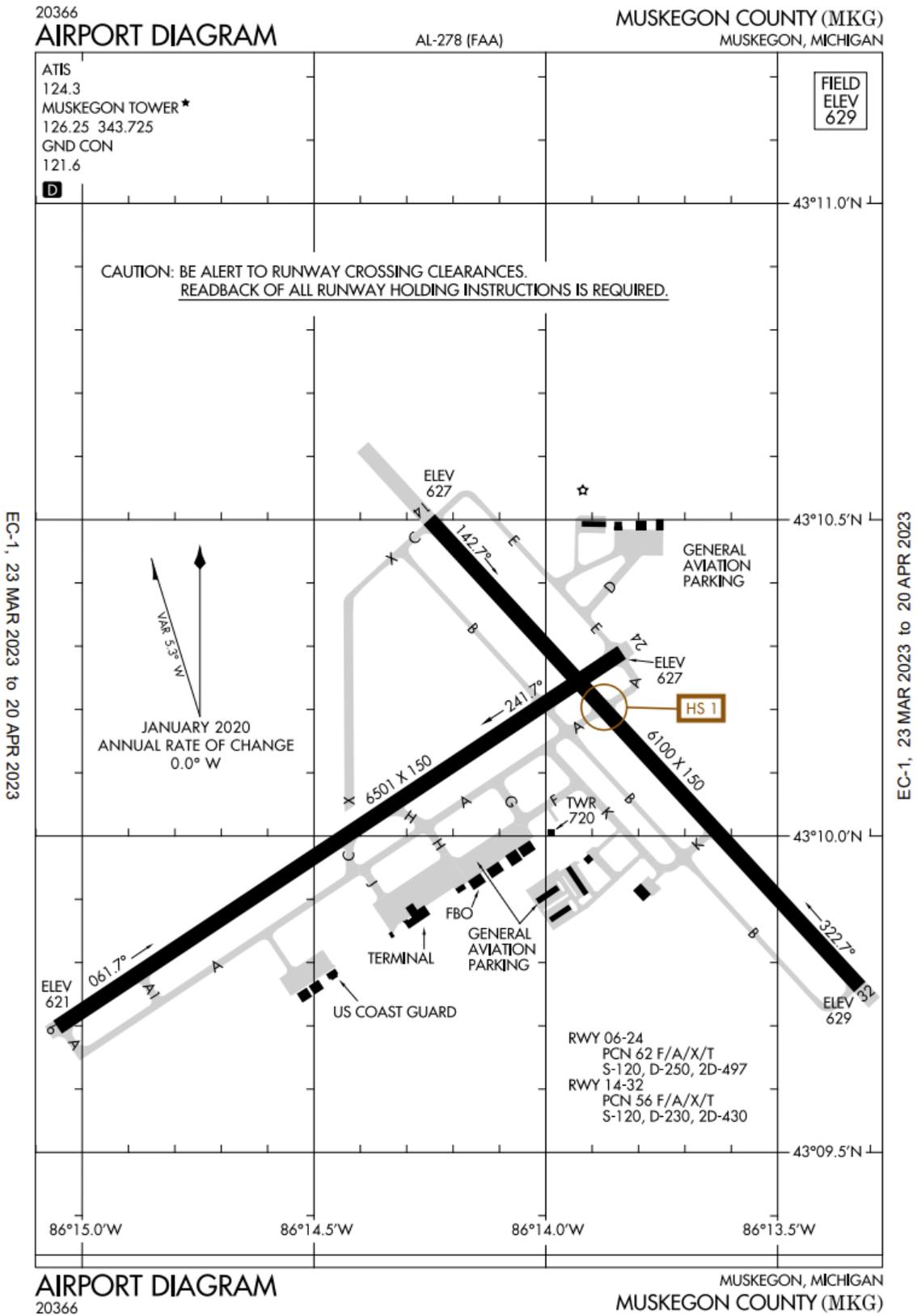
Aircraft based on the field: 81	Aircraft operations: avg 63/day *
Single engine airplanes: 57	70% transient general aviation
Multi engine airplanes: 16	14% commercial
Jet airplanes: 5	14% local general aviation
Helicopters: 2	1% military
Military aircraft: 1	<1% air taxi
	* for 12-month period ending 31 December 2021

Data obtained from airnav.com/airport/KMKG

In addition to Muskegon County Airport, there are six major airports that are located within two hours of Muskegon County.

Airport Name	Distance from County
Gerald R. Ford International Airport	45 Miles
Traverse City Cherry Capital Airport	75 Miles
MBS International Airport	83 Miles
Kalamazoo Battle Creek International Airport	98 Miles
Lansing Capital Region International Airport	85 Miles
Chicago O'Hare International Airport	122 Miles
Bishop (Flint) International Airport	152 Miles
Detroit Metropolitan International Airport	195 Miles

Muskegon County Airport, MKG



Rail Service and Water Ports

Muskegon County does not have a passenger rail service. The rail service in Muskegon County is provided by both CSX Transportation and the Michigan Shore Railroad. These rail lines are commercial transportation servicing the Port of Muskegon, to Fremont, Michigan in Newaygo County, and south towards Holland.

For passenger rail service, there are 22 Amtrak Stations in Michigan. The Grand Rapids, Holland, South Haven, and Benton Harbor stations are the closest connections to Muskegon County. Amtrak provides passenger rail connections to areas such as Detroit, Ann Arbor, Point Edward/Sarnia, and Chicago.

There are 6 water ports on Lake Michigan, one of which is located in Muskegon County. The Port of Muskegon offers five commercial docking facilities providing a variety of shipping, logistics support, storage, towing, and ship repair services for corporations. Convenient options are available to deliver and receive goods from the Port of Muskegon, and move those goods to market, nationally and internationally.

Muskegon Lake is the largest natural deep-water port in West Michigan. The Port of Muskegon handles over 1 million tons of freight, aggregate, coal and salt every year. In addition to the Port of Muskegon's commercial port facilities, 12 recreational marinas operate on Muskegon Lake and over 20 charter fishing operations call Muskegon Lake home. White Lake, about 7.5 nautical miles north of the Muskegon Lake Channel, has 8 recreational marinas and 12 charter fishing operators. A scenic cruise ship, the Aquastar, offers leisure and dinner cruises on Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan from its berth on Muskegon Lake. This beautiful freshwater harbor also hosts cruise ships, The Pearl Mist, Victory Cruise Lines, and Le Champlain.

Building on its tradition as a Port City, Muskegon County is also serviced by the Lake Express Ferry, a high-speed ship carrying passengers and vehicles across Lake Michigan from Milwaukee to Muskegon in just 2.5 hours, offering two runs every day during its May to October Season. To learn more about the Lake Express Ferry or to purchase tickets, visit the [Lake Express website](#).



Population Characteristics

Current and Historical Data

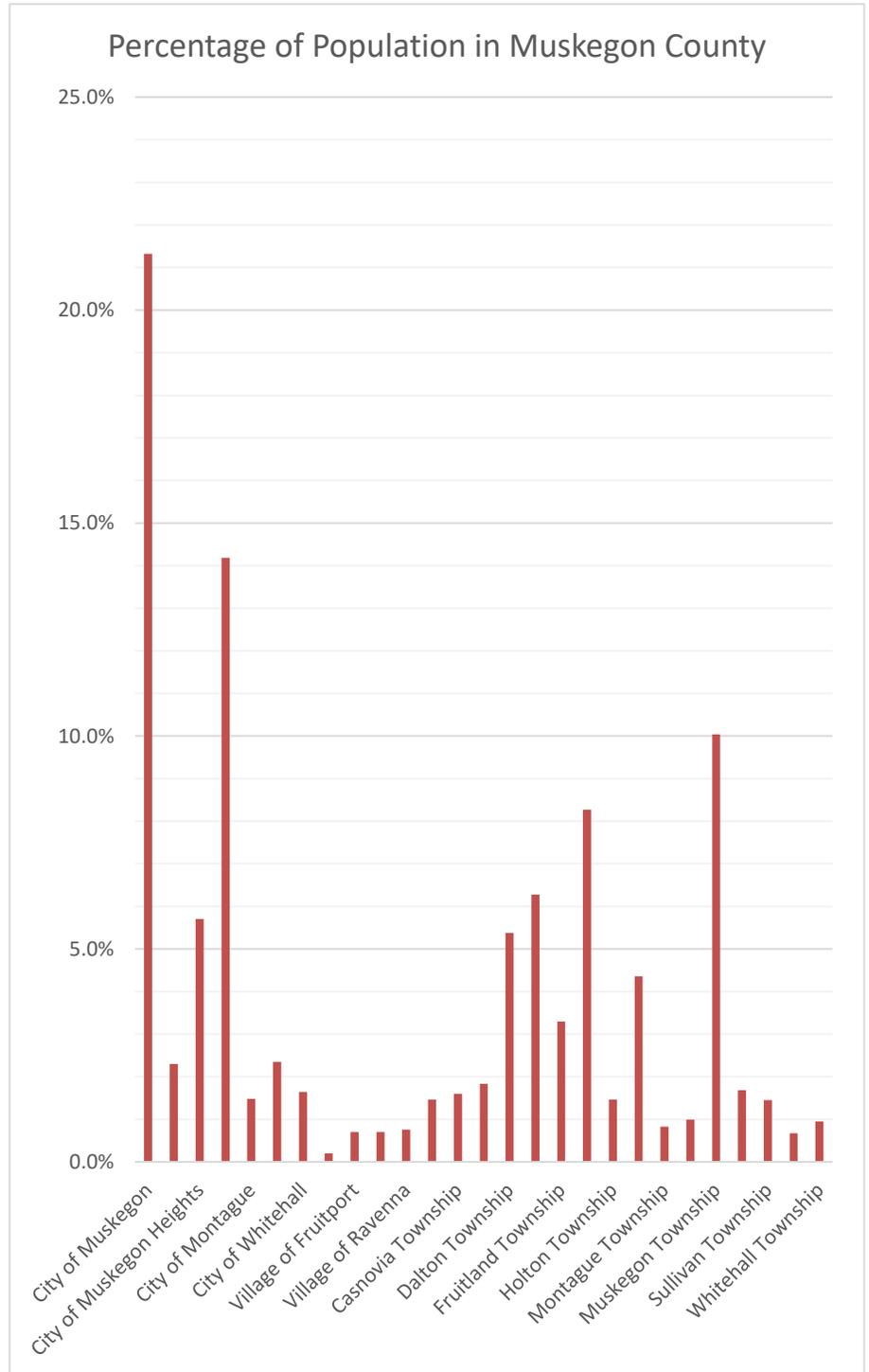
The 2020 census shows that since 1990 Muskegon County is currently growing at a comparable rate than the state average, however this has not always been true. From the 1920 through the 1950 Census, Muskegon County grew at a faster rate than the State. The population decline occurred during WWI and a time of disease, such as the Spanish Flu, Small Pox, and Consumption. Table 9, Past Population Comparison, Muskegon County and the State of Michigan 1810-2020 shows Muskegon County's population during each census, the percentage change in Muskegon County's population, and the percentage change in Michigan's population.

Table 9: Past Population Comparison, Muskegon County and the State of Michigan 1810-2020
Sources: Population figures and other raw data taken from U.S. Census Historical Data

YEAR	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	Population	Percentage Change	Population	Percentage Change
1810			4,762	
1820			8,896	46.47%
1830			31,639	71.88%
1840			212,267	85.09%
1850			397,654	46.62%
1860			749,113	46.92%
1870			1,184,059	36.73%
1880			1,036,937	-14.19%
1890			2,093,890	50.48%
1900	37,036	-7.40%	2,420,982	13.51%
1910	40,577	9.60%	2,810,173	13.85%
1920	62,362	53.70%	3,668,412	23.40%
1930	84,630	35.70%	4,842,325	24.24%
1940	94,501	10.45%	5,256,106	7.87%
1950	121,545	22.25%	6,371,766	17.51%
1960	149,943	18.94%	7,823,194	22.78%
1970	157,426	4.75%	8,875,083	13.45%
1980	157,589	0.10%	9,262,078	4.36%
1990	159,384	1.13%	9,295,297	0.36%
2000	170,484	6.51%	9,938,444	6.92%
2010	172,188	0.99%	9,883,640	-0.55%
2020	175,824	2.07%	10,077,331	1.92%
Estimate July 2021	176,511	0.39%	10,062,512	-0.15%

Table 10, Population Distribution in Muskegon County
Sources: Raw population data taken from the 2021 U.S. Census Population Estimates

MUSKEGON COUNTY POPULATION DISTRIBUTION		
COMMUNITY	Pop.	% of County
Muskegon County	176,511	100%
City of Muskegon	37,632	21.3%
City of North Muskegon	4,063	2.3%
City of Muskegon Heights	10,058	5.7%
City of Norton Shores	25,040	14.2%
City of Montague	2,607	1.5%
City of Roosevelt Park	4,142	2.3%
City of Whitehall	2,894	1.6%
Village of Casnovia	343	0.2%
Village of Fruitport	1,231	0.7%
Village of Lakewood Club	1,232	0.7%
Village of Ravenna	1,335	0.8%
Blue Lake Township	2,583	1.5%
Casnovia Township	2,817	1.6%
Cedar Creek Township	3,231	1.8%
Dalton Township	9,487	5.4%
Egelston Township	11,070	6.3%
Fruitland Township	5,816	3.3%
Fruitport Township	14,602	8.3%
Holton Township	2,585	1.5%
Laketon Township	7,686	4.4%
Montague Township	1,454	0.8%
Moorland Township	1,753	1.0%
Muskegon Township	17,718	10.0%
Ravenna Township	2,976	1.7%
Sullivan Township	2,558	1.4%
White River Township	1,188	0.7%
Whitehall Township	1,673	0.9%



source: Census Reporter

Projected Population

Based on data from “The Economic and Demographic Outlook for Michigan through 2050” prepared by the University of Michigan Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy for the Michigan Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Planning, it is projected Muskegon County will continue to grow at a slower rate than the statewide average through the year 2050.

Region/County	Population Change 2020-2050	Employment Change 2019 – 2050	Share of Population Age 65+ 2020 Census	Share of Population Age 65+ 2050 Forecast
Michigan	4.5%	6.2%	17.7%	22.4%
Muskegon County	1.2%	0.4%	17.6%	21.1%

Household Distribution

Household Distribution can influence a community’s needs since the distribution often identifies unique community traits. Muskegon County has several household characteristics that may influence hazard planning. The following graphics shows the County has a higher proportion of family households than Michigan. Within the overall category of family households, Muskegon County has a higher percentage of married couples than the state, a lower proportion of female householders with no spouse and lower percentage of male householders with no spouse comparison to Michigan as a whole.

Households

67,707

Number of households

Michigan: 4,051,798

United States: 127,544,730

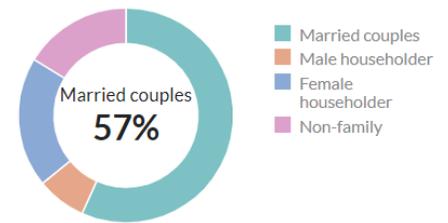
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Persons per household

a little higher than the figure in Michigan: 2.4

about the same as the figure in United States: 2.5

Population by household type



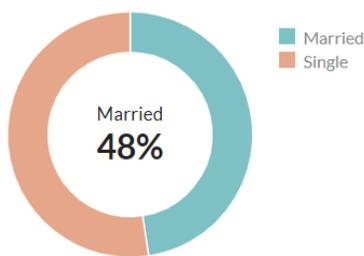
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Population by household type (Table B11002) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County		Michigan		United States							
Married couples	56.7%	±3.2%	96,933	±5,526	59.4%	±0.4%	5,843,466	±34,620	59.9%	±0.1%	194,254,000	±329,890
Male householder	7.4%†	±2.3%	12,705	±3,849	6.3%	±0.2%	620,161	±23,371	6.4%	±0.1%	20,792,710	±178,517
Female householder	19.6%†	±3%	33,526	±5,094	15.4%	±0.4%	1,516,371	±34,497	16.1%	±0.1%	52,269,764	±253,899
Non-family	16.3%	±1.6%	27,847	±2,707	18.9%	±0.2%	1,859,064	±23,698	17.5%	±0%	56,816,420	±135,260

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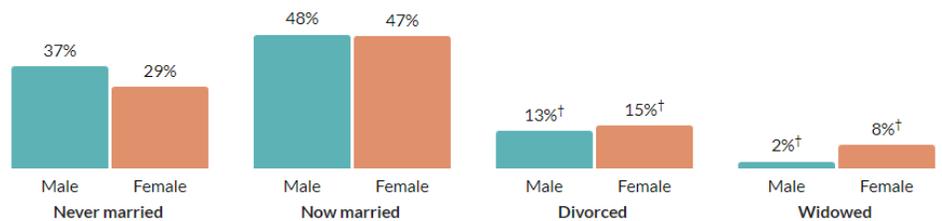
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Marital status, by sex



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Column	Muskegon County		Michigan		United States							
Married	47.6%	±2.1%	68,230	±3,028.2	48.9%	±0.3%	4,053,122	±21,403.7	49.7%	±0.1%	135,007,954	±161,355.3
Single	52.4%	±2.2%	75,194	±3,186.2	51.1%	±0.3%	4,234,065	±22,777.6	50.3%	±0.1%	136,392,243	±159,028.6

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Household Data, City of Muskegon and Muskegon County

Households

13,776

Number of households

Muskegon County: 66,122

Michigan: 3,976,729

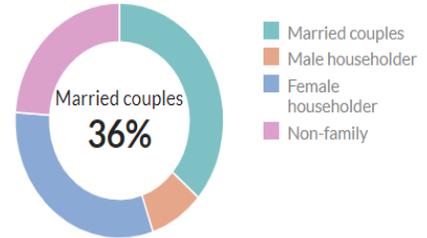
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Persons per household

about 90 percent of the figure in Muskegon County: 2.6

a little less than the figure in Michigan: 2.5

Population by household type



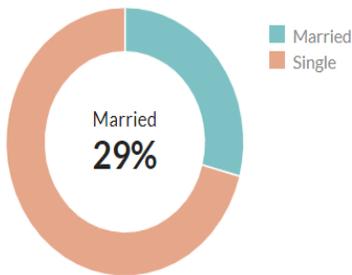
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Population by household type (Table B11002) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon		Muskegon County		Michigan							
Married couples	36.3%	±3.4%	11,816	±1,111	57.7%	±1.1%	97,801	±1,950	59.3%	±0.3%	5,833,416	±25,647
Male householder	8.5% [†]	±2%	2,750	±638	6.8% [†]	±0.9%	11,580	±1,467	6.4%	±0.1%	629,652	±13,145
Female householder	31.4%	±3.1%	10,202	±1,006	19.6%	±1%	33,282	±1,721	15.8%	±0.2%	1,559,326	±17,247
Non-family	23.9% [†]	±2.7%	7,766	±868	15.8%	±0.7%	26,762	±1,118	18.5%	±0.1%	1,822,918	±9,556

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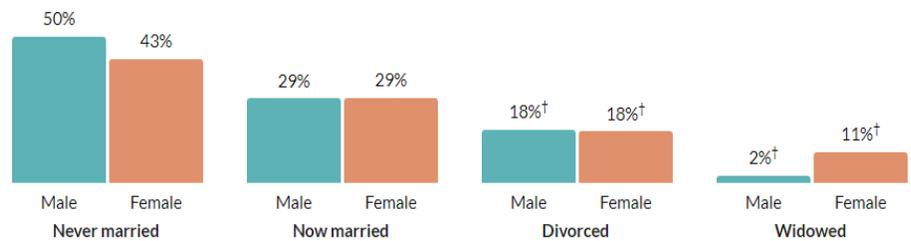
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Marital status, by sex



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Column	Muskegon		Muskegon County		Michigan							
Married	29.1%	±1.4%	8,868	±461.8	47.7%	±0.8%	67,813	±1,167.7	48.8%	±0.2%	4,036,203	±13,485.6
Single	70.9%	±2.4%	21,577	±863.2	52.3%	±0.9%	74,366	±1,341.6	51.2%	±0.2%	4,232,380	±13,667.3

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Household Data, City of Muskegon Heights and Muskegon County
Households

3,567

Number of households

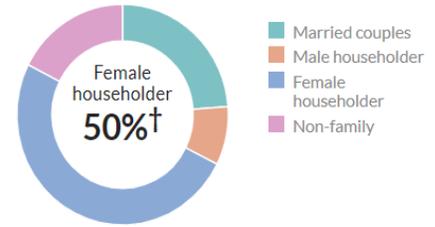
the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 66,122
Michigan: 3,976,729

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Persons per household

about 10 percent higher than the figure in the
Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 2.6
about 10 percent higher than the figure in
Michigan: 2.5

Population by household type



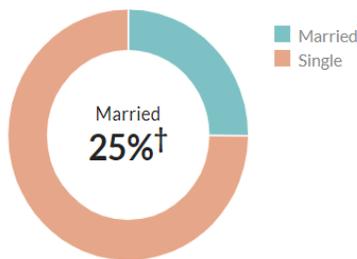
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Population by household type (Table B11002) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon Heights		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan	
Married couples	23.8% [†]	±5.7%	2,377	±566	57.7%	±1.1%
Male householder	8.6% [†]	±3.3%	856	±333	6.8% [†]	±0.9%
Female householder	50.1% [†]	±6%	4,993	±595	19.6%	±1%
Non-family	17.5% [†]	±3.8%	1,748	±376	15.8%	±0.7%

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Column	Muskegon Heights		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan	
Married	25.1% [†]	±3.3%	1,818	±249.4	47.7%	±0.8%
Single	74.9%	±6%	5,424	±496.8	52.3%	±0.9%

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Household Data, City of North Muskegon and Muskegon County

Households

1,619

Number of households

the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 66,122

Michigan: 3,976,729

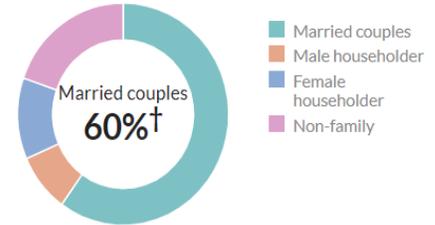
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Persons per household

a little less than the figure in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 2.6

about the same as the figure in Michigan: 2.5

Population by household type



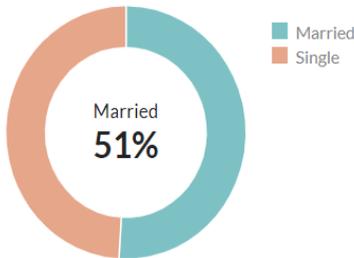
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Population by household type (Table B11002) [View table](#)

Column	North Muskegon		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Married couples	59.9% [†]	±7.7%	2,398	±311	57.7%	±1.1%	97,801	±1,950	59.3%	±0.3%	5,833,416	±25,647
Male householder	8.5% [†]	±7.1%	342	±284	6.8% [†]	±0.9%	11,580	±1,467	6.4%	±0.1%	629,652	±13,145
Female householder	11.8% [†]	±6.1%	474	±245	19.6%	±1%	33,282	±1,721	15.8%	±0.2%	1,559,326	±17,247
Non-family	19.7% [†]	±5.4%	789	±216	15.8%	±0.7%	26,762	±1,118	18.5%	±0.1%	1,822,918	±9,556

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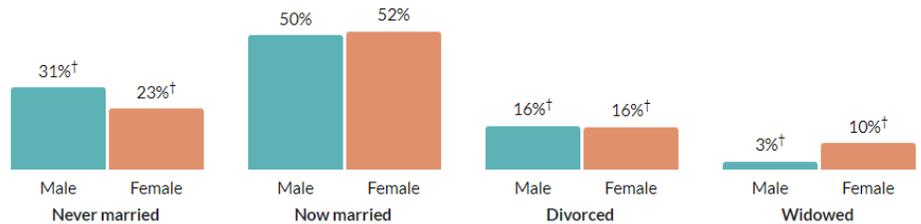
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Marital status, by sex



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Table B12001 [View table](#)

Column	North Muskegon		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Married	50.9%	±4.2%	1,725	±164.8	47.7%	±0.8%	67,813	±1,167.7	48.8%	±0.2%	4,036,203	±13,485.6
Single	49.1% [†]	±8.1%	1,663	±285.9	52.3%	±0.9%	74,366	±1,341.6	51.2%	±0.2%	4,232,380	±13,667.3

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Household Data, City of Norton Shores and Muskegon County

Households

9,551

Number of households

Muskegon County: 66,122

Michigan: 3,976,729

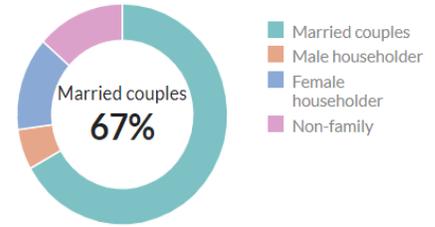
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Persons per household

about the same as the figure in Muskegon County: 2.6

a little higher than the figure in Michigan: 2.5

Population by household type



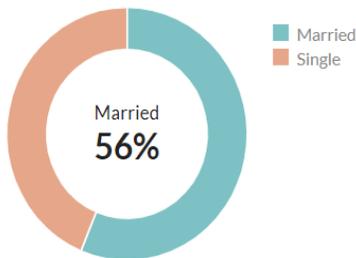
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Population by household type (Table B11002) [View table](#)

Column	Norton Shores		Muskegon County		Michigan							
Married couples	66.9%	±3.5%	16,652	±875	57.7%	±1.1%	97,801	±1,950	59.3%	±0.3%	5,833,416	±25,647
Male householder	5.9% [†]	±2.4%	1,469	±603	6.8% [†]	±0.9%	11,580	±1,467	6.4%	±0.1%	629,652	±13,145
Female householder	13.7% [†]	±2.6%	3,402	±638	19.6%	±1%	33,282	±1,721	15.8%	±0.2%	1,559,326	±17,247
Non-family	13.5% [†]	±1.6%	3,371	±406	15.8%	±0.7%	26,762	±1,118	18.5%	±0.1%	1,822,918	±9,556

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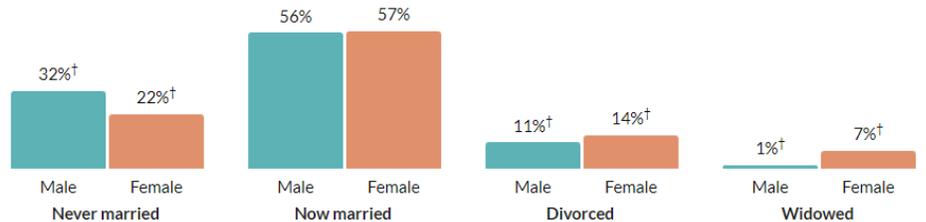
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Marital status, by sex



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Table B12001 [View table](#)

Column	Norton Shores		Muskegon County		Michigan							
Married	56.2%	±2%	11,302	±471.6	47.7%	±0.8%	67,813	±1,167.7	48.8%	±0.2%	4,036,203	±13,485.6
Single	43.8%	±3%	8,795	±625.8	52.3%	±0.9%	74,366	±1,341.6	51.2%	±0.2%	4,232,380	±13,667.3

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Household Data, City of Montague and Muskegon County

Households

1,006

Number of households

the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 66,122

Michigan: 3,976,729

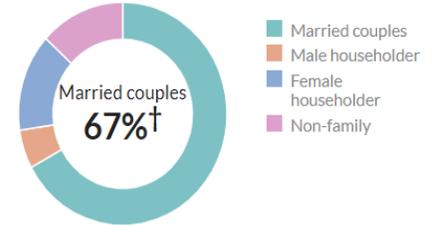
2.6

Persons per household

about the same as the figure in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 2.6

a little higher than the figure in Michigan: 2.5

Population by household type



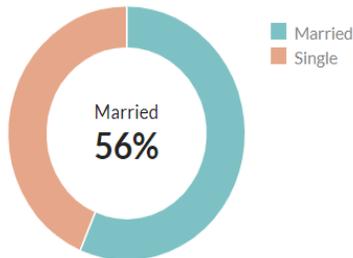
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Population by household type (Table B11002) [View table](#)

Column	Montague		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Married couples	67% [†]	±14.6%	1,737	±474	57.7%	±1.1%	97,801	±1,950	59.3%	±0.3%	5,833,416	±25,647
Male householder	5.6% [†]	±3.8%	145	±102	6.8% [†]	±0.9%	11,580	±1,467	6.4%	±0.1%	629,652	±13,145
Female householder	14.2% [†]	±4.5%	367	±131	19.6%	±1%	33,282	±1,721	15.8%	±0.2%	1,559,326	±17,247
Non-family	13.2% [†]	±2.5%	342	±86	15.8%	±0.7%	26,762	±1,118	18.5%	±0.1%	1,822,918	±9,556

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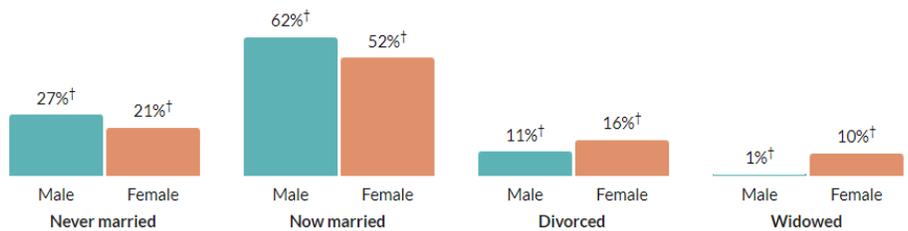
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Marital status, by sex



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Column	Montague		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Married	56.4%	±2.9%	1,063	±124.5	47.7%	±0.8%	67,813	±1,167.7	48.8%	±0.2%	4,036,203	±13,485.6
Single	43.6% [†]	±4.8%	821	±124.8	52.3%	±0.9%	74,366	±1,341.6	51.2%	±0.2%	4,232,380	±13,667.3

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Household Data, City of Roosevelt Park and Muskegon County

Households

1,846

Number of households

the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 66,122

Michigan: 3,976,729

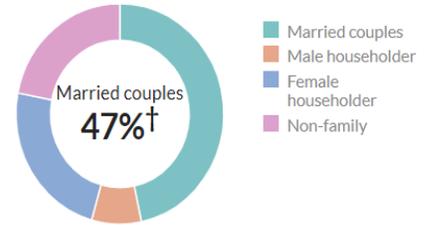
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Persons per household

about 90 percent of the figure in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 2.6

about 90 percent of the figure in Michigan: 2.5

Population by household type



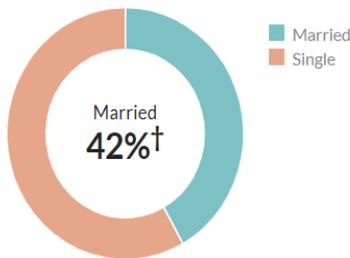
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Population by household type (Table B11002) [View table](#)

Column	Roosevelt Park		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan			
Married couples	46.7% [†]	±9.4%	1,917	±388	57.7% ±1.1%	97,801 ±1,950	59.3% ±0.3%	5,833,416 ±25,647
Male householder	7.7% [†]	±4.8%	317	±196	6.8% [†] ±0.9%	11,580 ±1,467	6.4% ±0.1%	629,652 ±13,145
Female householder	23.7% [†]	±7.1%	972	±291	19.6% ±1%	33,282 ±1,721	15.8% ±0.2%	1,559,326 ±17,247
Non-family	21.9% [†]	±5.6%	901	±228	15.8% ±0.7%	26,762 ±1,118	18.5% ±0.1%	1,822,918 ±9,556

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Marital status, by sex



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Column	Roosevelt Park		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan			
Married	41.9% [†]	±4.7%	1,493	±174.7	47.7% ±0.8%	67,813 ±1,167.7	48.8% ±0.2%	4,036,203 ±13,485.6
Single	58.1% [†]	±9.1%	2,070	±332.4	52.3% ±0.9%	74,366 ±1,341.6	51.2% ±0.2%	4,232,380 ±13,667.3

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Household Data, City of Whitehall and Muskegon County

Households

1,057

Number of households

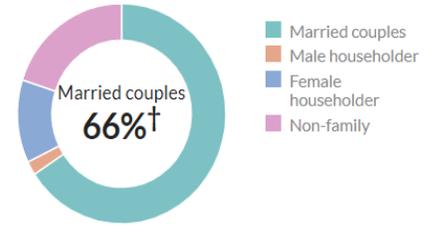
the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 66,122
Michigan: 3,976,729

2.6

Persons per household

about the same as the figure in the Muskegon, MI Metro Area: 2.6
a little higher than the figure in Michigan: 2.5

Population by household type



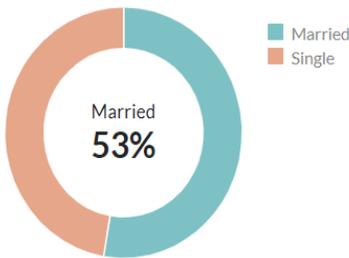
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Population by household type (Table B11002) [View table](#)

Column	Whitehall		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Married couples	65.8% [†]	±10.4%	1,808	±291	57.7%	±1.1%	97,801	±1,950	59.3%	±0.3%	5,833,416	±25,647
Male householder	2% [†]	±2.3%	56	±62	6.8% [†]	±0.9%	11,580	±1,467	6.4%	±0.1%	629,652	±13,145
Female householder	12.2% [†]	±6.7%	335	±185	19.6%	±1%	33,282	±1,721	15.8%	±0.2%	1,559,326	±17,247
Non-family	20% [†]	±8.2%	551	±225	15.8%	±0.7%	26,762	±1,118	18.5%	±0.1%	1,822,918	±9,556

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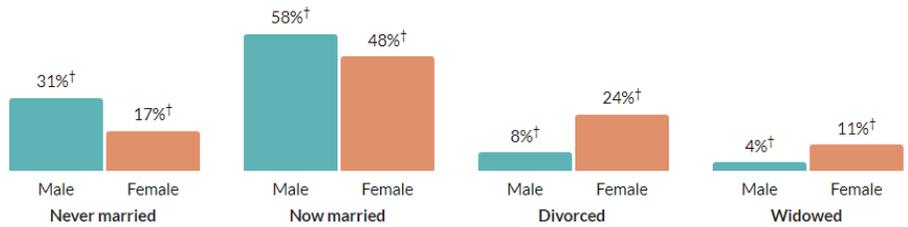
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Marital status, by sex



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Column	Whitehall		Muskegon, MI Metro Area		Michigan							
Married	52.7%	±4.9%	1,131	±140.8	47.7%	±0.8%	67,813	±1,167.7	48.8%	±0.2%	4,036,203	±13,485.6
Single	47.3% [†]	±8.6%	1,015	±201.6	52.3%	±0.9%	74,366	±1,341.6	51.2%	±0.2%	4,232,380	±13,667.3

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Age, Gender, Racial, Non-English Speaking, Special Needs, and Educational Data

In addition to population totals, U.S. Census data provides insight into other social characteristics of our country, state, and of Muskegon County’s residents. Tables 28 through 35 provide a quick snapshot of many of these characteristics. Once again, for comparison purposes, statistics for the State of Michigan are also included.

Age Distribution

Age distribution of a county can influence the types of facilities and programs within the county. Age distribution within Muskegon County closely mirrors that of the state as a whole. The median age for Muskegon County and the State of Michigan is 40. Overall, Muskegon County has very similar age population ranges as the State of Michigan and the United States. The largest difference is ages 20-29. A smaller percentage of citizens are in their twenties, 12.2%, compared to the State, 13.1%, and a larger percentage of citizens are over the age of eighty, 4.2%, compared to the State, 3.8%. These statistics are important in identifying the number of special needs populations or vulnerable facilities such as schools, nursing homes, and extended care facilities within the County. Special needs populations are an important consideration in disaster planning and response due to the need for additional support and assistance beyond standard care.

Age

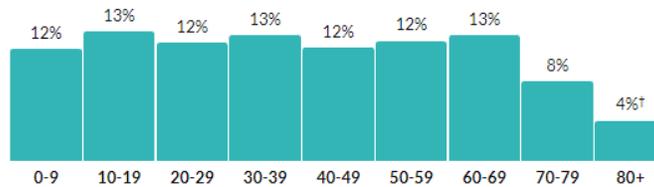
39.8

Median age

about the same as the figure in Michigan: 40.2

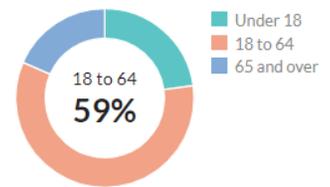
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Population by age range



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Population by age category



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Population by age range (Table B01001) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County		Michigan		United States							
0-9	11.7%	±0.9%	20,602	±1,513.1	11.3%	±0.1%	1,131,553	±10,506.8	11.7%	±0%	38,672,058	±73,096.7
10-19	13.4%	±1%	23,596	±1,692.9	12.8%	±0.1%	1,288,086	±11,682.4	13.2%	±0%	43,645,580	±83,716
20-29	12.2%	±0.9%	21,601	±1,561	13.1%	±0.1%	1,316,885	±12,386.4	13.1%	±0%	43,483,096	±84,740.9
30-39	13.1%	±0.8%	23,056	±1,316.4	12.6%	±0.1%	1,264,306	±9,888.8	13.7%	±0%	45,350,083	±75,738.2
40-49	11.8%	±0.7%	20,787	±1,290.1	11.8%	±0.1%	1,181,072	±9,373.1	12.4%	±0%	41,144,488	±71,588
50-59	12.5%	±0.7%	22,000	±1,171.9	13.2%	±0.1%	1,321,930	±9,088.7	12.7%	±0%	42,032,544	±62,242.5
60-69	13%	±1.1%	22,959	±1,946.5	13.3%	±0.1%	1,335,832	±13,703	12.1%	±0%	40,025,667	±89,747.2
70-79	8.2%	±0.7%	14,531	±1,198.6	8.2%	±0.1%	825,071	±9,287.3	7.6%	±0%	25,299,187	±58,986.1
80+	4.2%†	±0.6%	7,379	±1,000.9	3.8%	±0.1%	386,076	±7,586.9	3.7%	±0%	12,241,042	±48,452

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Gender Distribution

Most communities have a higher proportion of females since they have a longer life expectancy. According to the 2020 United States Census, In Michigan, females account for 50.5% of the population and males account for 49.5% of the population. In Muskegon County, females account for 50.6% of Muskegon County's population and males account to 49.4% of the population. Throughout Muskegon County, all cities have a higher female population, with the exception of the City of Muskegon which has a larger male population due to the County Jail.

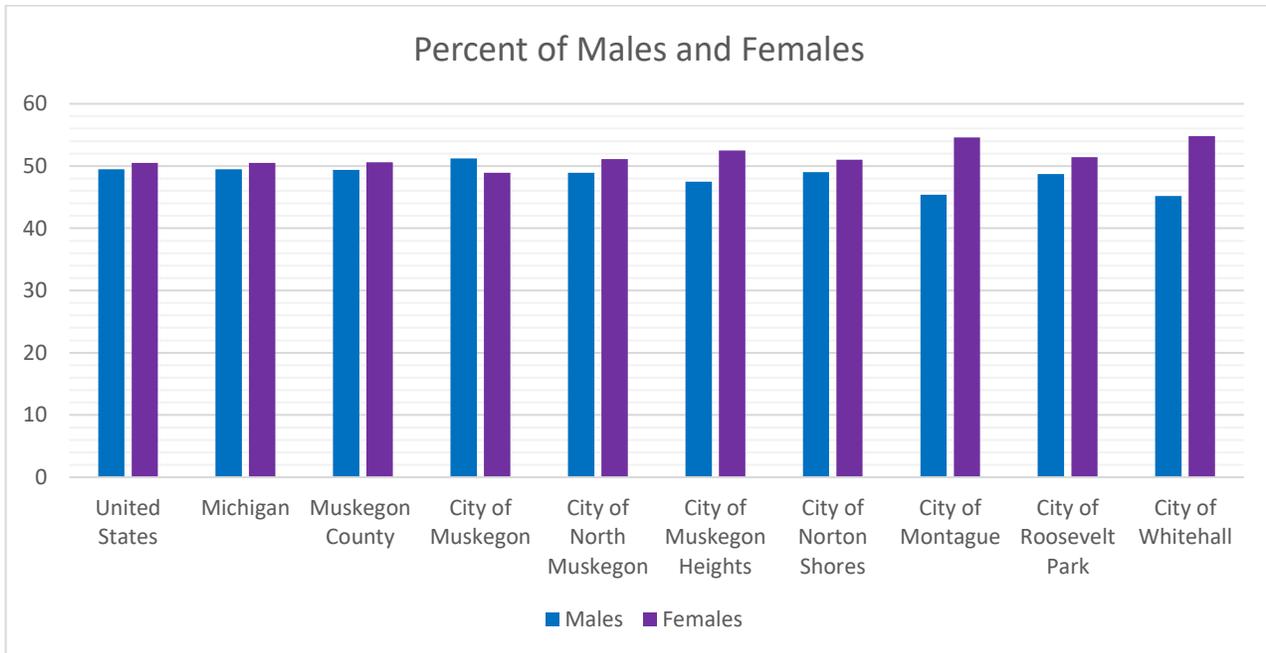


Table 11: Gender Distribution within Muskegon County and the State of Michigan
Source: 2020 U.S. Census, American Fact Finder

MUSKEGON COUNTY GENDER DISTRIBUTION				
COMMUNITY	# Males	% Total Population	# Females	% Total Population
United States	164,350,700	49.5	167,543,040	50.5
Michigan	4,983,325	49.5	5,079,187	50.5
Muskegon County	87,190	49.4	89,321	50.6
City of Muskegon	19,250	51.2	18,382	48.9
City of North Muskegon	1,986	48.9	2,077	51.1
City of Muskegon Heights	4,779	47.5	5,282	52.5
City of Norton Shores	12,263	49	12,777	51
City of Montague	1,184	45.4	1,423	54.6
City of Roosevelt Park	2,015	48.7	2,127	51.4
City of Whitehall	1,307	45.2	1,587	54.8

Racial Distribution

The racial distribution of Muskegon County is different than Michigan’s distribution. Overall, Muskegon County is more diverse than the state as a whole, with the exception of the Asian ethnicity. Muskegon County is predominantly a White Community, with a smaller percentage of Black, Hispanic, and Two+ ethnicities.

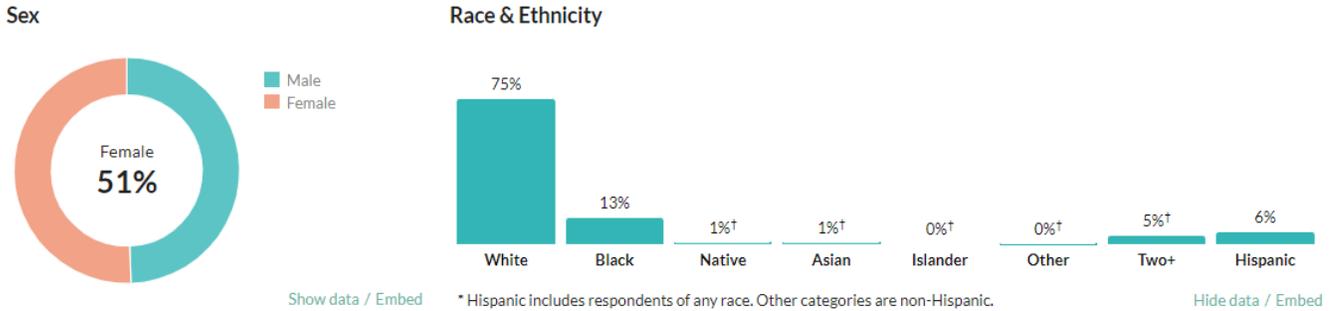


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Column	Muskegon County				Michigan				United States			
White	74.6%	±0.7%	131,714	±1,182	72.9%	±0.1%	7,322,792	±10,462	58.1%	±0%	192,753,890	±51,353
Black	13.3%	±0.7%	23,483	±1,155	13.2%	±0.1%	1,329,383	±10,103	11.8%	±0%	39,269,296	±75,127
Native	0.7%†	±0.3%	1,237	±558	0.3%	±0%	33,724	±2,697	0.5%	±0%	1,749,871	±19,372
Asian	0.5%†	±0.2%	923	±287	3.2%	±0.1%	320,300	±6,126	5.7%	±0%	18,889,050	±44,721
Islander	0%†	±0%	36	±62	0%†	±0%	2,249	±757	0.2%	±0%	558,717	±13,214
Other	0.2%†	±0.1%	266	±201	0.4%†	±0.1%	44,432	±5,481	0.6%	±0%	1,845,426	±41,715
Two+	4.5%†	±1%	7,979	±1,715	4.4%	±0.2%	438,215	±14,955	4.3%	±0%	14,298,433	±87,621
Hispanic	6.2%	±0%	10,873	±0	5.6%	±0%	559,716	±511	18.8%	±0%	62,529,064	±8,134

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Primary Language

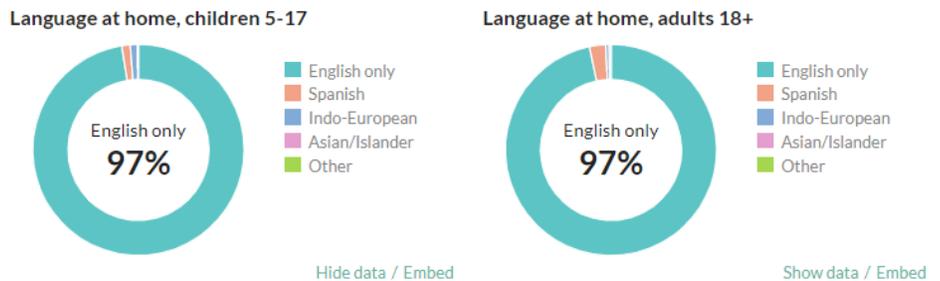
The primary language spoken at home is less diverse than Michigan as a whole. A higher percentage of Muskegon County households speak English at home compared to the State of Michigan.

Language

N/A

Persons with language other than English spoken at home

* ACS 2021 5-year data



Language at home, children 5-17 (Table B16007) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County				Michigan				United States			
English only	97.5%	±1.9%	29,239	±574	89.6%	±0.5%	1,438,442	±8,066	78.7%	±0.1%	43,122,756	±59,583
Spanish	1.3%†	±1.4%	389	±409	3.8%	±0.3%	60,298	±4,266	14.8%	±0.1%	8,118,810	±56,894
Indo-European	1.1%†	±1.4%	341	±405	2.2%†	±0.2%	35,681	±3,826	3%	±0.1%	1,662,388	±27,136
Asian/Islander	0%	±0%	0	±181	1.2%†	±0.2%	19,185	±2,607	2.3%	±0%	1,243,850	±18,976
Other	0.1%†	±0.2%	30	±50	3.3%†	±0.4%	52,352	±5,806	1.2%	±0.1%	666,229	±26,493

Language at home, adults 18+ (Table B16007) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County		Michigan		United States							
English only	96.7%	±0.7%	131,826	±1,060.1	90.2%	±0.2%	7,121,462	±15,360.3	78.3%	±0.1%	202,355,308	±144,991.6
Spanish	2.5% [†]	±0.8%	3,364	±1,068.6	2.8%	±0.1%	219,633	±7,837.3	12.8%	±0%	33,136,131	±91,241.9
Indo-European	0.5% [†]	±0.3%	703	±363.2	3.1%	±0.1%	242,083	±9,782.4	3.9%	±0%	10,140,516	±74,685.4
Asian/Islander	0.3% [†]	±0.2%	366	±223.2	1.8%	±0.1%	138,983	±6,174.4	3.7%	±0%	9,671,724	±54,463.1
Other	0% [†]	±0.1%	29	±187.3	2.2%	±0.1%	176,713	±9,737.6	1.2%	±0%	3,114,788	±48,256.8

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Physical Disabilities

Special needs populations or individuals with physical disabilities can require additional assistance in the event of certain emergencies such as power outages or severe weather. Disability data is collected during the annual Disability Statistics Compendium.

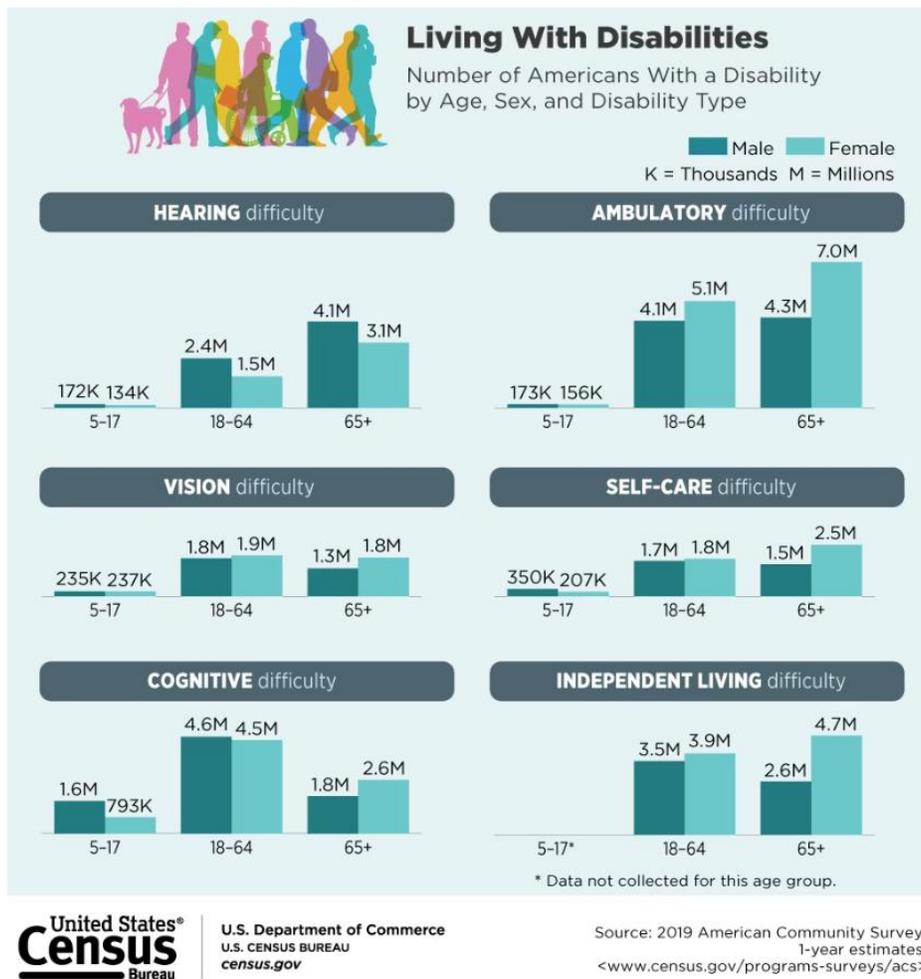
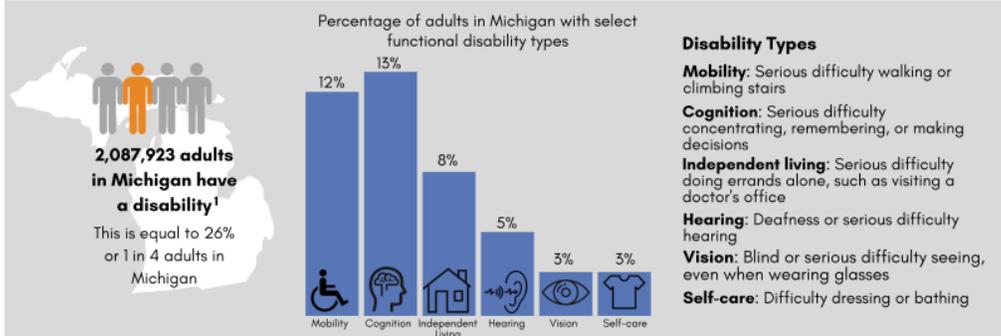
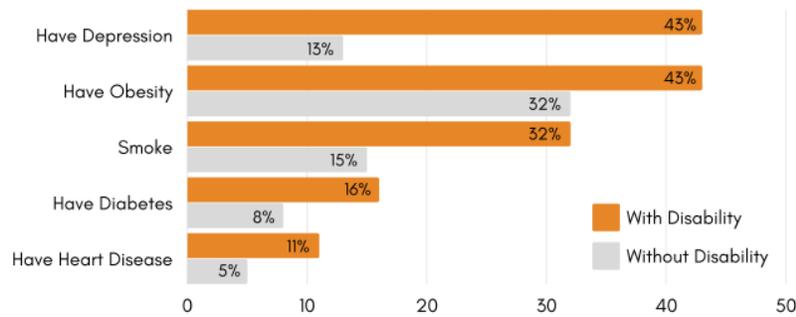


Table 12: Population with Physical Disabilities
 Source: 2019 State Report for Annual Disability Statistics Compendium

	Muskegon County			Michigan		
	Total	With a Disability	Percent	Total	With a Disability	Percent
Total civilian non-institutionalized Population	168,479	25,712	15.3%	9,855,966	1,401,370	14.2%

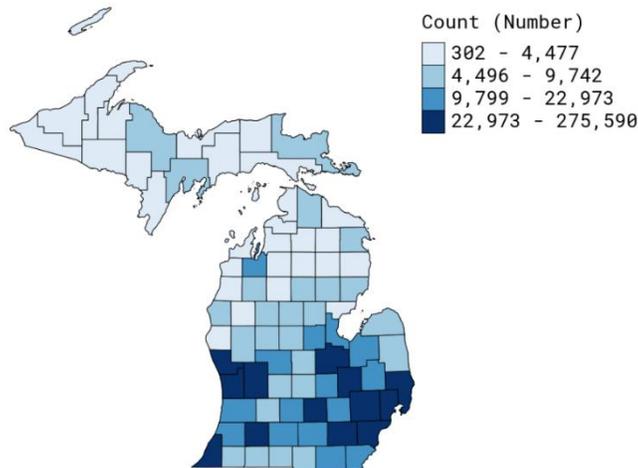


Adults with disabilities in **Michigan** experience health disparities and are more likely to...¹



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Count of People with Disabilities for Michigan, by County: 2019



Education

Educational attainment is important for several reasons, many of which lead to quality of life issues. Muskegon County has a slightly higher population in High School and individuals with some college as compared to the State of Michigan. However, Muskegon County has a much lower group of individuals who have obtained their bachelor’s degrees and attended Post-Grad school.

Educational attainment

92%

High school grad or higher

about the same as the rate in Michigan: 92%

a little higher than the rate in United States: 89.4%

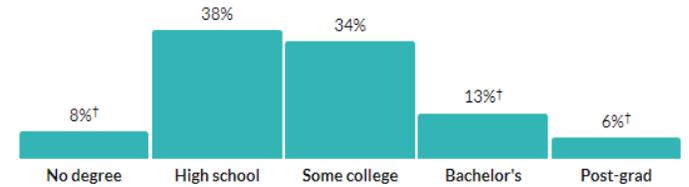
19.6%

Bachelor's degree or higher

about three-fifths of the rate in Michigan: 31.7%

about three-fifths of the rate in United States: 35%

Population by highest level of education



* Universe: Population 25 years and over

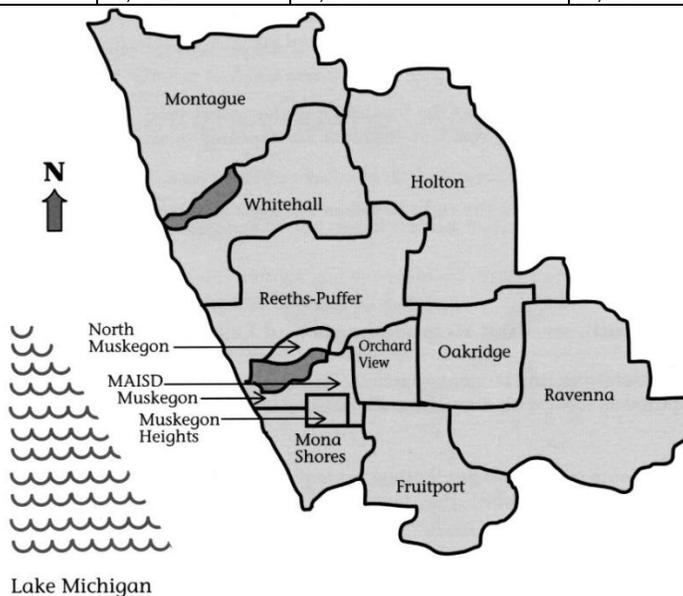
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Population by highest level of education (Table B15002) [View table](#)

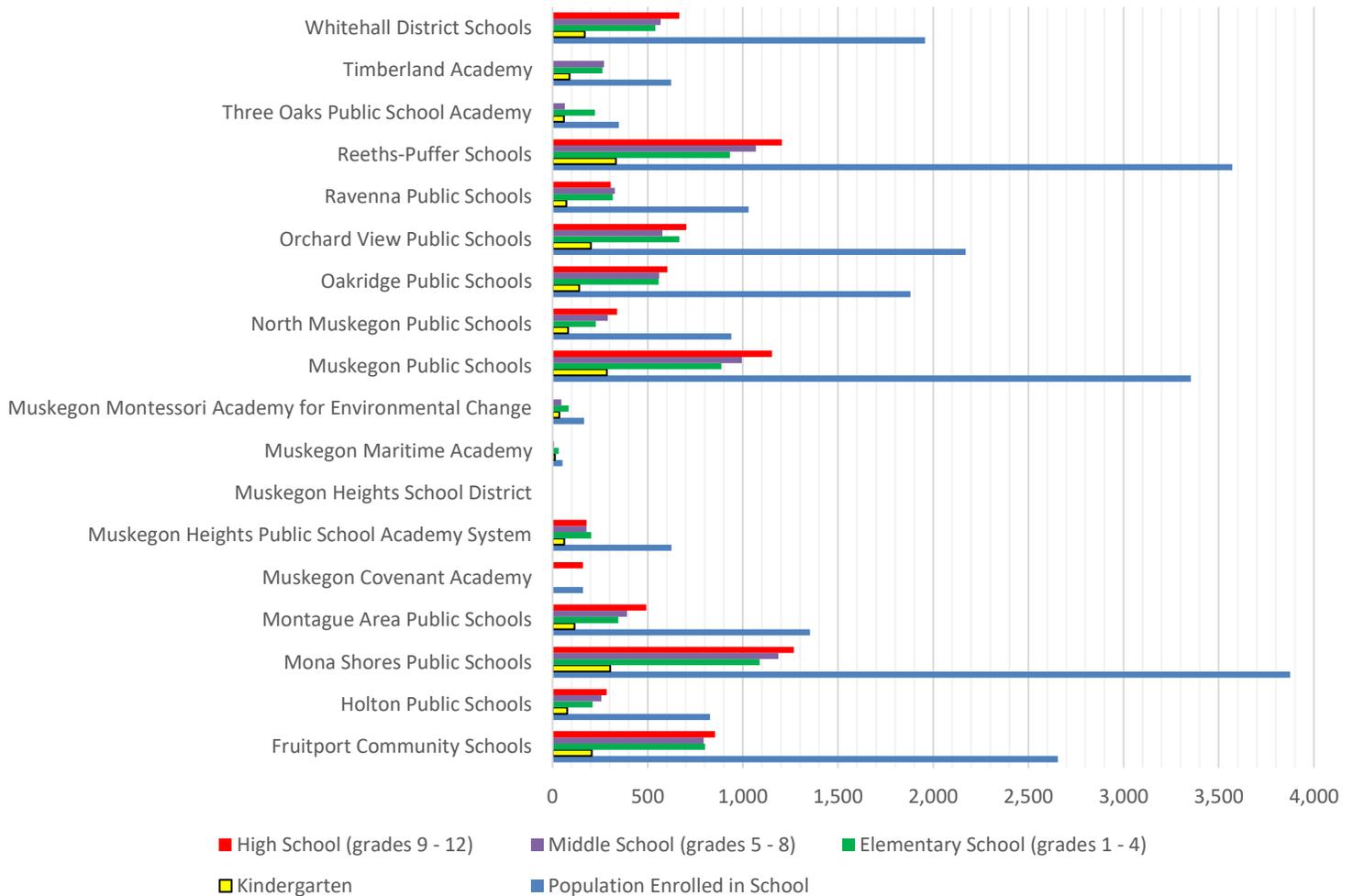
Column	Muskegon County			Michigan			United States		
No degree	8% [†]	±1.4%	9,661 ±1,638.2	8%	±0.2%	560,298 ±11,833.4	10.6%	±0%	24,272,481 ±96,015.4
High school	38%	±2.1%	46,073 ±2,517.8	28.7%	±0.2%	2,003,265 ±15,744.5	26.3%	±0.1%	59,996,344 ±138,160.2
Some college	34.4%	±2.6%	41,684 ±3,119	31.6%	±0.3%	2,200,162 ±21,985.5	28.1%	±0.1%	64,021,176 ±151,882.1
Bachelor's	13.4% [†]	±1.5%	16,215 ±1,821.2	19.2%	±0.2%	1,338,162 ±14,351.6	21.3%	±0.1%	48,482,060 ±131,798.1
Post-grad	6.3% [†]	±1%	7,593 ±1,167.8	12.5%	±0.2%	870,008 ±12,880.6	13.8%	±0%	31,421,403 ±102,466.5

Within Muskegon County there are 18 different active school districts registered with the State of Michigan Department of Education. Twelve of these districts are public schools, while six are private schools. Overall, there are a total of 25,590 students registered in K-12 schools for the 2022-2023 school year within Muskegon County.

	Population Enrolled in School	Kindergarten	Elementary School (grades 1 - 4)	Middle School (grades 5 - 8)	High School (grades 9 - 12)
Muskegon County	25,590	1,482	7,379	7,583	8,216



Muskegon County School Districts Enrollment 2022-2023 School Year



Source: MI School Data from the Michigan Department of Education 2022-2023 School Year

In addition to K-12 schools, Muskegon County also has two colleges actively serving the County as of the 2021-2022 academic year. Both schools offer undergraduate programs, and no schools offer graduate programs. The 2023 average tuition & fees of the schools in Muskegon County, Michigan is \$11,090 for Michigan residents and \$16,369 for out-of-state students.

One of the three colleges is Muskegon Community College (MCC), a public community college offering 49 associate degree programs and 33 certificate programs. The college's main campus is located on a 111-acre campus in Muskegon, with extension centers in Ottawa County. MCC was founded as Muskegon Junior College in 1926 and has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission since 1929. The community college district was created via the Michigan Constitution of 1963 along with an elected board of trustees and the college moved to its current campus location, an Alden B. Dow designed facility that opened to the public in 1967. In 1995,

the Stevenson Center for Higher Education opened; it comprised a consortium of Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, and Western Michigan University, designed to increase access to educational opportunities for Muskegon residents. In 2010 the Outdoor Learning Lab, a focal point of green technology and center for MCC's new Alternative and Renewable Energy certificate program, opened. Several new or expanded buildings were constructed or commissioned from 2014. Per the MI School Data, 5,375 students are enrolled in Baker College during the 2021-2022 school year.

The other college located in Muskegon County is Baker College, a private 4-year college situated on 63 wooded acres just minutes away from the shore of Lake Michigan. Students take classes in modern classrooms and labs equipped with the latest tools and technology professionals use on the job. With small class sizes, students benefit from individualized attention from instructors. The Baker College of Muskegon also features many quiet areas for students to study, a recreation center, an Academic Resource Center, a café, fitness center, and more. They also offer a variety of on-campus housing styles as an option for students who prefer not to commute to campus. Per the MI School Data, 6,127 students are enrolled in Baker College during the 2021-2022 school year across all of their campuses in Michigan.

The Culinary Institute of Michigan is a three-story facility for students in Baker College's culinary programs. This facility is located near their main campus. Culinary students also gain real-world, hands-on experience by running their restaurant, COURSES, and their on-site pastry and coffee shop, The Sweet Spot, both of which are open to the public.

There are also several vocational or technical schools within Muskegon County. Although these schools are mostly technical certificate programs and a non-degree granting school, some schools now offer online undergraduate degree programs. Ross Medical Education Center, located in Roosevelt Park, is a private college offering an online Associate of Applied Science Degrees. These programs include Medical Building Administrative Specialist, Medical Office Management, Medical Assistant, Dental Assistant, Nursing Assistant, and more. Nuvo College of Cosmetology, now a part of the Moored Beauty Schools, is located in Norton Shores. This is a private school to train students in the technical field of cosmetology.

Outside of Muskegon County, there are a variety of higher education programs available within a short driving distance.

University Name	Location	Type
Cornerstone University	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Private
Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant, Michigan	Public
Ferris State University	Big Rapids, Michigan	Public
Grand Valley State University	Allendale, Michigan	Public
Michigan State University	East Lansing, Michigan	Public
Western Michigan University	Kalamazoo, Michigan	Public
Davenport University	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Private

In addition, Muskegon County is also within two hours of eighteen Colleges and Community Colleges.

College Name	Location	Type
Alma College	Alma, Michigan	Private
Aquinas College	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Private
Calvin College	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Private
Hope College	Holland, Michigan	Private
Kalamazoo College	Kalamazoo, Michigan	Private
Baker College	Muskegon, Michigan	Private
Grace Bible College	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Private
Great Lakes Christian College	Lansing, Michigan	Private
Kuyper College	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Private
Grand Rapids Community College	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Public
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Kalamazoo, Michigan	Public
Kellogg Community College	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Public
Lansing Community College	Lansing, Michigan	Public
Mid-Michigan Community College	Harrison, Michigan	Public
Montcalm Community College	Sidney, Michigan	Public
North Western Community College	Traverse City, Michigan	Public
West Shore Community College	Ludington, Michigan	Public

Many of the Colleges and all of the Universities offer student housing in dorms and apartment complexes. Due to being at school for an extended period of time, many students often change their residency to the city when they are going to school, decreasing the population enrolled in College or Graduate School in areas that do not have large educational facilities with housing.

Economic Characteristics

Current and Projected Economic Activity

Data from the US Census Economic Characteristics, Census of Agriculture, and Muskegon County Economic Development office were used to describe Muskegon County's current and projected economy. Muskegon County is unique in that it has both an agricultural and manufacturing economic base, and employment in the county's retail sector is increasing.

Employment Sectors and Major Employers

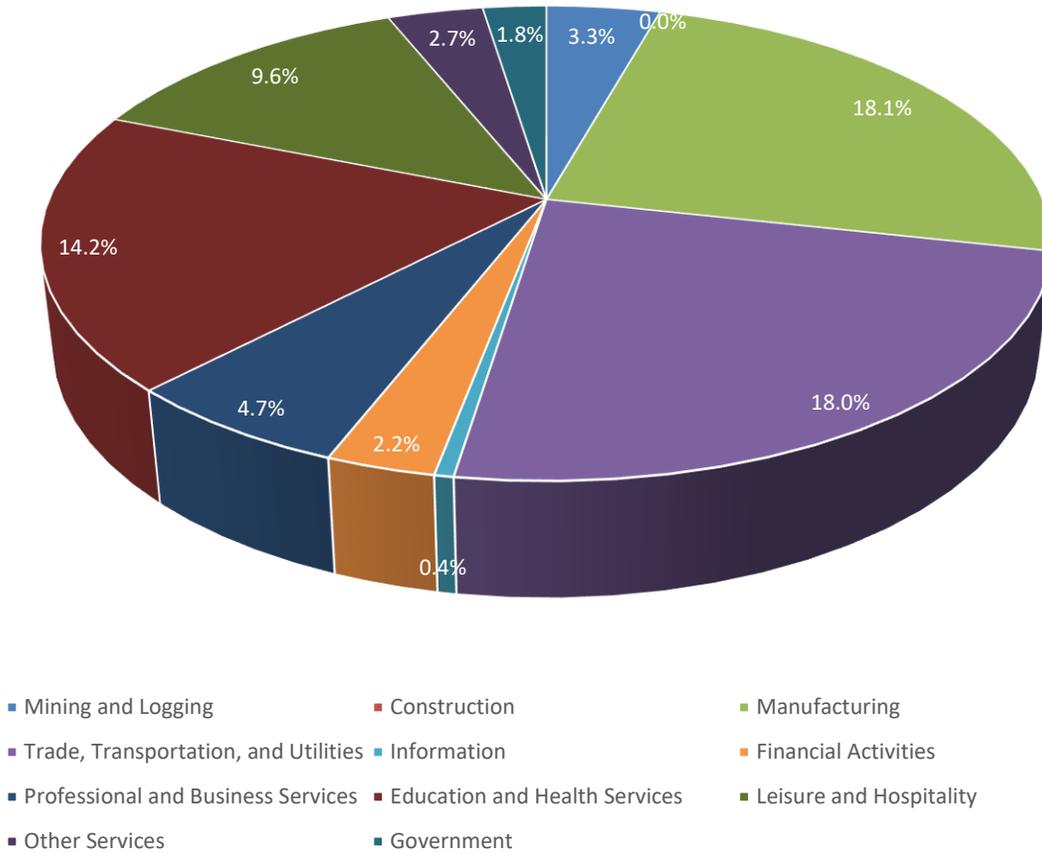
County Business Patterns, published by the U.S. Census Bureau, provide a snapshot view of the employment pattern within a community. As stated earlier, it is important to remember that County Business Patterns do not account for self-employed individuals, railroad employees, many governmental employees, and probably most important in Muskegon County's situation, agricultural production employees.

*Table 13: Employment Status in Muskegon County compared to the State of Michigan
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 2023*

EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	Estimated number employed	Percentage	Estimated number employed	Percentage
Civilian Labor Force population 16 years and over	76.8	100%	4,842.4	100%
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	72.8	94.8%	4,635.4	95.7%
Mining and Logging	2.5	3.3%	7.3	0.2%
Construction		0.0%	189.4	3.9%
Manufacturing	13.9	18.1%	610.1	12.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13.8	18.0%	811.1	16.7%
Information	0.3	0.4%	57.6	1.2%
Financial Activities	1.7	2.2%	228.2	4.7%
Professional and Business Services	3.6	4.7%	660.7	13.6%
Education and Health Services	10.9	14.2%	673.0	13.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.4	9.6%	415.1	8.6%
Other Services	2.1	2.7%	161.5	3.3%
Government	1.4	1.8%	602.4	12.4%
Total Non-Farm	63.5	82.7%	4,416.4	91.2%

Number of persons in Thousands

Muskegon County Employment by Industry



Talent

What are the largest job counts by occupation?

Office and Administrative support



11.56%
7,379

Production Workers



11.45%
7,308

Sales



11.2%
7,150

Executive, Managers, and Administrators



8.16%
5,209

Education, Training/Library



7.17%
4,573

According to the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Muskegon County has a total of 4,997 businesses. In 2022, the leading industries in Muskegon County were Manufacturing, Health Care, Social Services, Retail, and Education.



How many employees do businesses in Muskegon County have?



Major Employers

Muskegon County has limited major employers throughout the county. All major employers are located within the Cities of Fremont, Grant, Muskegon, and White Cloud. A majority of the employers within the county are under 100 employees.

*Table 14, Muskegon County Employers with Over 100 Employees
Source: Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce*

Company	Location	Approx # Of Employees	Product/Service
Adac Automotive	Muskegon	900	Automotive supplies / door handles
Aludyne	Montague	377	Aluminum Foundries
Bennett Pump	Spring Lake	150	Pump and Pumping Equipment
Betten Baker Chevrolet GMC Cadillac Buick	Muskegon	232	Automotive sales and services
Brunswick Bowling Products	Muskegon	150	Bowling manufacturer
Cannon-Muskegon Corporation	Muskegon	175	Nonferrous Sec Smelt/Refine/Alloying
Catholic Charities of West MI	Muskegon	229	Community and Social Service Org.
City of Muskegon	Muskegon	224	Government municipality
Cole's Quality Foods Inc	Muskegon	140	Bread, Commercial Bakeries
Eagle Alloy, INC	Muskegon	275	Primary Metal Manufacturing
EPI Breads	Norton Shores	260	Commercial Bakery
Family farm and Home	Muskegon	250	Retail Stores
Fruitport Community Schools	Fruitport	460	Schools
GE Aviation	Muskegon	666	Aircraft engine and engine parts
Goodwill Industries of West MI	Muskegon	194	Community and social service org.
Hackley Community Care	Muskegon Heights	230	Health and nutrition services
Hazekamp Premier Foods	Muskegon	190	Meat processing and distribution
HealthWest	Muskegon	400	Community and social services org.
Heart and Hands in Home Care	North Muskegon	120	Home Healthcare
HGA Support Services	Muskegon	104	Community and social services org.
Hilite International	Whitehall	287	Fluid power cylinder and actuator
Holton Public Schools	Holton	105	Schools
Howmet Aerospace Inc.	Whitehall	2,900	Primary Metal Manufacturing
Howmet Aerospace Inc., Research Center	Whitehall	164	Primary Metal Manufacturing
Howmet Aerospace Inc., Thermatech	Whitehall	162	Primary Metal Manufacturing
Howmet Aerospace Inc., Ti-Cast	Whitehall	186	Primary Metal Manufacturing
Howmet Aerospace Inc., Whitehall Casting, Plant 1 and 3	Whitehall	894	Primary Metal Manufacturing
Howmet Aerospace Inc., Whitehall Casting, Plant 10	Whitehall	518	Primary Metal Manufacturing
Johnston Boiler Co.	Ferrysburg	100	Miscellaneous Manufacturing
Kaydon Corporation	Norton Shores	130	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
La Colombe	Norton Shores	120	Coffee & draft latte manufacturer
Lakeside Surfaces Inc	Muskegon	140	Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing
Lowe's Home Improvement	Muskegon	190	Retail Stores
Mastertag	Montague	140	Electronic and precision equipment
McDonald's - Colby St	Whitehall	100	Fast Service Dining
Meijer - Muskegon Area	Muskegon	105	Grocery & Hardware
Meijer - North Muskegon	North Muskegon	105	Grocery & Hardware
Meijer - Norton Shores	Muskegon	105	Grocery & Hardware

Company	Location	Approx # Of Employees	Product/Service
Metal Arc, Inc.	Muskegon	130	Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing
MillerKnoll	Norton Shores	376	Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing
MOKA	Muskegon	280	Community & Social Service Organizations
Mona Shores Public Schools	Muskegon	520	Schools
Montague Area Public Schools	Montague	175	Schools
Motion Dynamics Corporation	Fruitport	245	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
Muskegon Area Intermediate School District	Muskegon	400	Schools
Muskegon Community College	Muskegon	209	Adult & Vocational Education
Muskegon County	Muskegon	1300	Municipalities
Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System	Muskegon Heights	139	Schools
Muskegon Public Schools	Muskegon	739	Schools
Muskegon Surgical Associates, PC	Muskegon	100	Physicians & Surgeons
Newkirk Electric Associates, Inc.	Muskegon	600	Plumbing & Electrical
Nichols, Division of Imperial Dade	Norton Shores	160	Distribution
Northern Boiler & Mechanical Contractors	Muskegon	100	Repair & Maintenance
Oakridge Public Schools	Muskegon	231	Schools
Orchard View Schools	Muskegon	330	Schools
Port City Group a division of PACE Industries	Muskegon	475	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
Prein & Newhof, Inc.	Norton Shores	150	Engineering
Quality Tool & Stamping Co., Inc.	Muskegon Heights	150	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
Ravenna Public Schools	Ravenna	130	Schools
Reeths-Puffer Schools	Muskegon	358	Schools
RENK America	Muskegon	307	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing
Republic Services	Muskegon	100	Waste Disposal & Recycling
SAF-HOLLAND, Inc.	Muskegon	185	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing
Sam's Club 6562	Muskegon	100	Grocery & Hardware
Sanctuary at McAuley	Muskegon	152	Assisted Living Centers & Nursing Homes
Scherdel Sales & Technology	Muskegon	155	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing
Shoreline Vision	Muskegon	134	Physicians & Surgeons
Structural Concepts	Norton Shores	530	Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing
Subway, Inc. - GNS Corporate Office	Norton Shores	100	Business Consultants
Sun Chemical	Muskegon	130	Chemical Manufacturing
Textron	Muskegon	330	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing
Tramec Sloan Fleet Engineers Division	Muskegon	150	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing
Trinity Health Muskegon	Muskegon	3,457	Hospitals & Urgent Care
Walmart - Henry Street	Muskegon	350	Grocery & Hardware
Webb Chemical Service Corp.	Muskegon Heights	103	Chemical Manufacturing
Wesco, Inc.	Muskegon	865	Gas & Convenience Stores
Whitehall District Schools	Whitehall	285	Schools

Table 15, Neighboring Jurisdictions Employers serving Muskegon County with Over 100 Employees

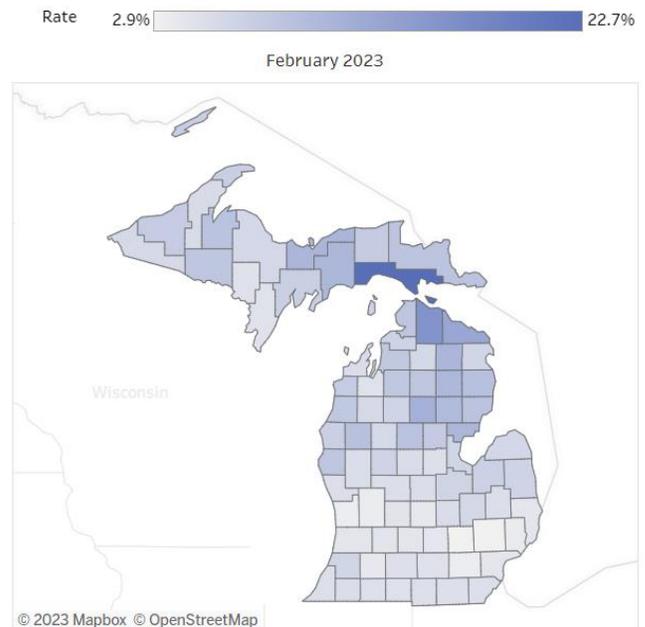
Source: Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

Company	Location	Approx # Of Employees	Product/Service
Allen Edwin Homes	Spring Lake, Ottawa Co	105	Metal Stamping
BDO USA, LLP	Grand Rapids, Kent Co	104	Financial Services
Bennett Pump	Spring Lake, Ottawa Co	150	Pump and Pumping Equipment
Corewell Health	Fremont, Newaygo Co.	16,039	Hospitals and Urgent Care
Custer Inc	Grand Rapids, Kent Co	100	Office equipment, furniture, and supplies
DISHER	Zeeland, Ottawa Co	120	Business consultants
EV Construction	Holland, Ottawa Co	132	Builders and Construction
Landscape Design Services, Inc.	Holland, Ottawa Co	110	Landscape and Lawn Care
Progressive AE	Grand Rapids, Kent Co	200	Architects
Rockford Construction	Grand Rapids, Kent Co	100	Developers
Shape Corporation	Grand Haven, Ottawa Co	1,700	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
Turning Leaf Behavioral Health Services, Inc. / New Leaf Management, LLC	Lansing	225	Assisted Living Centers & Nursing Homes
Wolverine Building Group	Grand Rapids, Kent Co	111	Developers
WOOD TV	Grand Rapids, Kent Co	133	Media

Unemployment Data

Muskegon County has historically experienced a slightly higher unemployment rate than the State of Michigan. These facts are illustrated in Table 16, Muskegon County Employment Statistics, 2002-2023.

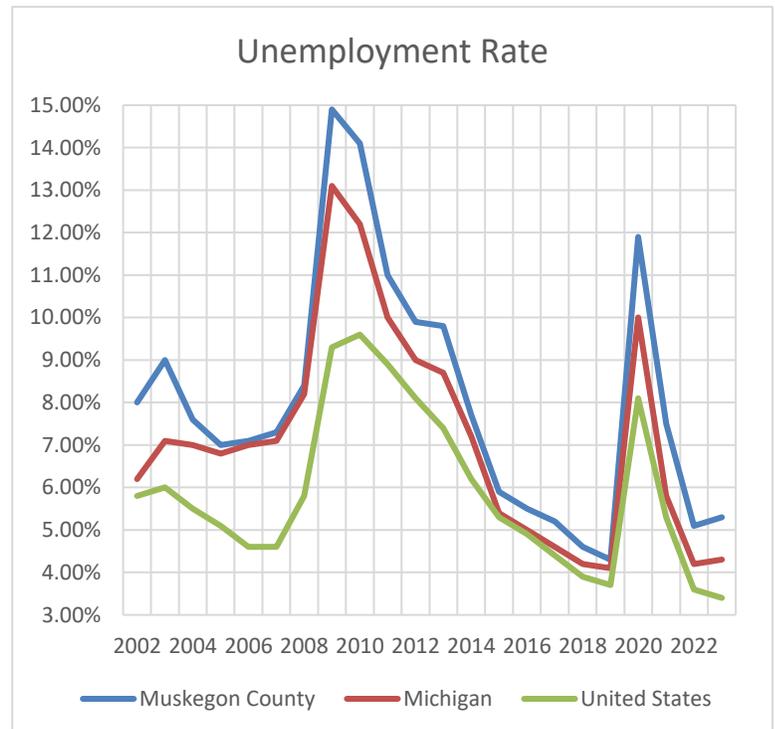
Jobless Rates by County



Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Michigan Center for Data and Analytics, Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

Table 16: Muskegon County Employment Statistics, Annual Jobless Rate 2002-2023
Sources: Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, Labor Market Information Data Explorer

Year	Muskegon County	MI	United States
2002	8.0%	6.2%	5.8%
2003	9.0%	7.1%	6.0%
2004	7.6%	7.0%	5.5%
2005	7.0%	6.8%	5.1%
2006	7.1%	7.0%	4.6%
2007	7.3%	7.1%	4.6%
2008	8.4%	8.2%	5.8%
2009	14.9%	13.1%	9.3%
2010	14.1%	12.2%	9.6%
2011	11.0%	10.0%	8.9%
2012	9.9%	9.0%	8.1%
2013	9.8%	8.7%	7.4%
2014	7.7%	7.2%	6.2%
2015	5.9%	5.4%	5.3%
2016	5.5%	5.0%	4.9%
2017	5.2%	4.6%	4.4%
2018	4.6%	4.2%	3.9%
2019	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%
2020	11.9%	10.0%	8.1%
2021	7.5%	5.8%	5.3%
2022	5.1%	4.2%	3.6%
2023	5.3%	4.3%	3.4%



Socio-Economic Levels

Socio-Economic statistics such as median household income, per capita income, and the number of individuals living below poverty level all indicate that Muskegon County closely resembles the State of Michigan. In 2021, Muskegon County’s Median Household Income was \$55,462, which is slightly lower than Michigan’s Median Household Income of \$63,498. The County also has a lower per capita income than the State. In addition, the county is about 10 percent higher than the persons below poverty line in Michigan. The percentage of residents below the poverty level in the County is 14.2% and the persons below the poverty line in Michigan’s is 13.1%.

Income

\$27,278

Per capita income

about three-quarters of the amount in Michigan: \$35,353

about two-thirds of the amount in United States: \$38,332

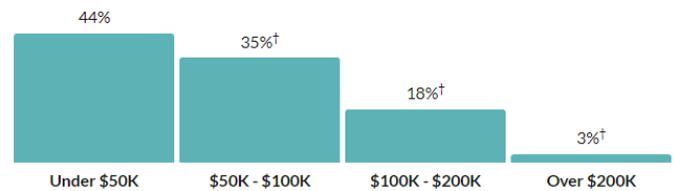
\$55,462

Median household income

about 90 percent of the amount in Michigan: \$63,498

about 80 percent of the amount in United States: \$69,717

Household income



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Household income (Table B19001) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County				Michigan				United States			
Under \$50K	43.6%	±3.9%	29,523	±2,684.2	39.6%	±0.5%	1,603,972	±20,207.2	36.5%	±0.1%	46,510,495	±128,378.1
\$50K - \$100K	35.4%†	±3.7%	23,974	±2,514.2	31.3%	±0.4%	1,268,969	±17,732.4	29.6%	±0.1%	37,720,152	±107,083.7
\$100K - \$200K	18.1%†	±2.2%	12,231	±1,505.7	22.4%	±0.3%	905,537	±12,995.8	24.2%	±0.1%	30,837,651	±97,102.1
Over \$200K	2.9%†	±1.1%	1,979	±709	6.8%	±0.2%	273,320	±6,137	9.8%	±0.1%	12,476,432	±60,207

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Poverty

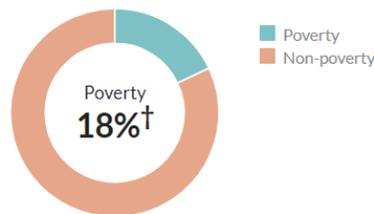
14.2%

Persons below poverty line

about 10 percent higher than the rate in Michigan: 13.1%

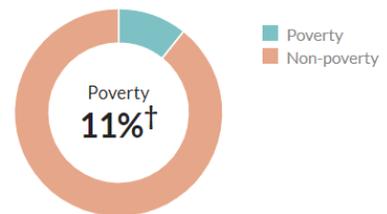
about 10 percent higher than the rate in United States: 12.8%

Children (Under 18)



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Seniors (65 and over)



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Seniors (65 and over) (Table B17001) [View table](#)

Column	Muskegon County				Michigan				United States			
Poverty	10.7%†	±2.6%	3,418	±824.8	9.3%	±0.3%	165,605	±5,449.5	10.3%	±0.1%	5,623,616	±38,389.1
Non-poverty	89.3%	±4.9%	28,399	±1,019.8	90.7%	±0.5%	1,621,690	±6,189.9	89.7%	±0.1%	49,118,178	±44,581.4

Chart from Censureporter.org/profiles raw data converted from the 2020 Census

Key Community Facilities and Organizations

Key Private and Non-Profit Service Organizations

In Muskegon County there are 182 registered non-profit organizations, many of which may prove to be beneficial in both the mitigation and recovery phases of disaster response. In addition, due to consolidation of services, some organizations serve a multi-county geographic area and are located outside of Muskegon County. Table 44, Key Private and Non-Profit Service Organizations Serving Muskegon County lists some of primary organizations benefiting the entire county.

Table 44, Key Private and Non-Profit Service Organizations Serving Muskegon County

Organization & Location	Primary Focus
<p>AgeWell Services 275 Clay Ave #100 Muskegon, MI 49440 Phone: 231.755.0434 1.800.442.6769 https://agewellservices.org/</p>	<p>AgeWell Services provides programs in Muskegon, Ottawa and Oceana counties. A 501 (c)(3) non-profit formerly known as Nutritional Services for Older Americans (NSOA) and Meals on Wheels. The agency began in 1973 and has expanded from a nutrition program to offer a complete array of wellness opportunities for older adults.</p>
<p>American Red Cross West Michigan Regional Office 3886 Broadmoor Ave SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 Phone: 616.456.8661 www.redcross.org/local/michigan.html</p>	<p>The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. It does this through services that are consistent with its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.</p>
<p>Child Abuse Council of Muskegon County 1781 Peck St Muskegon, MI 49441 231.728.6410 www.childabusecouncil.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Child Abuse Council of Muskegon County is to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect through education, child advocacy, and community collaboration.</p>
<p>Community Access Line of the Lakeshore (CALL) 2-1-1 PO Box 1101 Muskegon, MI 49443 Phone: 231.733.1155 www.call-211.org</p>	<p>Community Access Line of the Lakeshore's (CALL) is a nonprofit agency whose mission is to increase access to community resources through information and referral services. The 2-1-1 line is available 24/7/365 and connects people with local human services. CALL 2-1-1 also partners with local emergency management and state government to assist with emergency public information sharing needs.</p>
<p>Community Foundation for Muskegon County 425 W Western Ave STE 200, Muskegon, MI 49440 Phone: 231.722.4538 https://muskegonfoundation.org/</p>	<p>The Vision of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County is to be a leader in community philanthropy and build a vibrant community with opportunities for all. The Foundation is committed to promoting acceptance, inclusiveness, and cultural competence in its practices for governance and administration, community leadership, grantmaking, philanthropic services, and personnel and employment policies.</p>

<p>Convention and Visitors Bureau 610 W. Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440 Phone: 231.724.3100 https://www.visitmuskegon.org/</p>	<p>Visit Muskegon is the official destination marketing organization for Muskegon County, Michigan. Our mission is to increase tourism and tourism related economic development through marketing, destination development and group sales. Visit Muskegon is funded by Muskegon county-wide accommodation taxes, paid by visitors to our lodging establishments.</p>
<p>Disability Network West Michigan 27 E Clay Ave Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.722.0088 Website: https://disabilitynetworkwm.org/</p>	<p>Disability Network West Michigan provides independent living resources for people with disabilities in Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo, Lake, and Mason Counties. They also assist in facilitating workplace accessibility, transportation, eliminating barriers to employment and assisting with social security benefits.</p>
<p>Every Woman's Place 1221 W Laketon Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.759.7909 www.everywomansplace.org/</p>	<p>Every Woman's Place (EWP) is a dual service agency providing comprehensive services to all individuals impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking and stalking in Muskegon County, Michigan. EWP is for all victims/survivors, without exception with residential and non-residential services</p>
<p>Feeding America West Michigan Administration 1950 Waldorf St NW #10B Grand Rapids, MI 49544 Phone: 616.784.3250 www.feedwm.org</p>	<p>Feeding America West Michigan is a hunger-relief organization whose mission is to gather and distribute food to relieve hunger and increase food security in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. The organization serves residents through an expansive hunger-relief network consisting of hundreds of food pantries and meal programs across 40 counties.</p>
<p>The Hope Project 1516 Peck St Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.747.8555 https://www.hopeprojectusa.org/</p>	<p>The Hope Projects Vision is to end suffering from sex trafficking. Their mission is to support the healing of girls and women who have survived sex trafficking and prevent further cases through mentoring and education.</p>
<p>Kids Food Basket Muskegon 1537 Getty St Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.747.8575 Website: https://kidsfoodbasket.org/</p>	<p>Kids Food basket works collaboratively to meet the needs of every child and family we serve, we aim to pursue a hunger-free West Michigan in a way that promotes the experiences and passion of our local community.</p>
<p>Love Inc of Muskegon County 1051 Peck St Muskegon, MI 49440 Phone: 231.773.3448 https://loveincofmuskegon.com/</p>	<p>Love INC is a national ministry carried out by more than 9,000 churches in over 150 affiliates across the United States. Love INC reaches out to vulnerable community members living in poverty and provides tangible assistance, encouragement, and hope. Services include money management classes, resale store, food pantry, delivery truck, ramp ministry, and the Clearinghouse.</p>

<p>Mission for Area People 2500 Jefferson St Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.733.9672 https://www.missionforareapeople.org/</p>	<p>MAP is a nonprofit, faith-based agency dedicated since 1967 to serving the poor and underserved residents of Muskegon County through our healthy choice food pantry, Jefferson St. community garden, free clothing pantry, rent and utility assistance and the medical support fund. This agency helps neighbors in need; the low income, unemployed, homeless, and lower income working people of Muskegon County who have an emergency need.</p>
<p>Muskegon YMCA 1115 Third St Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.722.9622 www.muskegonymca.org</p>	<p>The Muskegon YMCA promotes youth development, healthy living and social responsibility through programs and activities addressing community health and wellness needs. The Y serves over 10,000 individuals annually through outreach programs at over 25 sites throughout Muskegon County.</p>
<p>Sacred Suds/ Community enCompass 1105 Terrace St., Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone 231.728.3117. http://www.communityencompass.org/</p>	<p>Projects include Bethany Housing, HARA – Muskegon County, Youth Empowerment project (YEP), C.A.T.C.H Camp, Muskegon Prescribes Food For Health (MPFH), McLaughlin Grows Urban Farm, Community Supported Agriculture, Compost Program, Sacred Suds, Christmas Store, and “I Am Neighbor”</p>
<p>Salvation Army 1221 Shonah St Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.773.3284 https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/Muskegon/</p>	<p>The Salvation Army is an international non-profit church-based organization that houses programs such as youth programs, missing persons, emergency disaster relief, adult rehabilitation, elderly services, utility assistance, and donations centers.</p>
<p>Senior Resources Tanglewood Park 560 Seminole Rd Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.733.3585 www.seniorresourceswmi.org</p>	<p>Senior resources is the Area Agency on Aging that supports independence, dignity, and well-being of older adults and adults with disabilities in Muskegon, Oceana and Ottawa counties to deliver services aimed to keep individuals in their own homes or a family member’s home as they age; provides care management services; and administers grant-based funds and the Muskegon County Senior Millage.</p>
<p>Step Up P.O. Box 1626 Muskegon, MI 49443 Phone: n/a Website: https://www.stepupmuskegon.org/home</p>	<p>Step Up was formally organized in May of 2015 after the founding board members learned of the significant number of youth in our community aging out of the foster care system. These youth, like other foster youth throughout Michigan, age out of their foster homes at age 18. Less than 50% of former foster youth maintain strong, supportive relationships with their foster families. When they age out, they are expected to live on their own.</p>
<p>Muskegon Rescue Mission 2735 E Apple Avenue Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.727.6090 https://muskegonmission.org/</p>	<p>Muskegon Rescue Mission is able to address the root cause of distress by relieving the immediate needs of our hurting neighbors, and offers the spiritual nourishment necessary to effect true and lasting change.</p>

<p>Muskegon YMCA 1115 Third St Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.722.9622 www.muskegonymca.org</p>	<p>The Muskegon YMCA promotes youth development, healthy living and social responsibility through programs and activities addressing community health and wellness needs. The Y serves over 10,000 individuals annually through outreach programs at over 25 sites throughout Muskegon County.</p>
<p>Pound Buddies 3279 E Laketon Ave Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.724.6500 www.poundbuddies.org</p>	<p>Pound Buddies is a nonprofit agency and Muskegon County's largest and only open admission shelter. They admit all dogs regardless of breed, age, health or disposition-not just dogs that are excellent candidates for adoption and is licensed to care for a limited number of cats Pound Buddies also provides all Animal Care and Control for Muskegon County..</p>
<p>United Way of the Lakeshore 31 E Clay Ave Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.722.3134 www.unitedwaylakeshore.org</p>	<p>United Way of the Lakeshore Through United Way, communities tackle tough challenges and work with private, public, and nonprofit partners to boost education, economic mobility, and health resources. United Way volunteers, donors and advocates to make a difference at the local level and serves as a "community safety net" for those in need.</p>

Public Safety Serving Muskegon County

Like most rural communities with limited resources, Muskegon County has adapted its public safety systems to meet local needs. The existing strength of local public safety has been a focus toward advancement of services provided to the public, resulting in progressive and advanced capabilities compared to jurisdictions of comparable size.

Emergency Management

The purpose of the Emergency Services Department is to direct the jurisdiction's efforts in the prevention of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from emergencies, disasters, and threats within the County of Muskegon with the goal of saving lives, preventing property damage, and minimizing damage to the environment. In January of 2007, Muskegon County Emergency Services began a dedicated, full-time emergency management program. Under direction of the Chairperson of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, the Emergency Services Department provides support to the jurisdiction's emergency services system by coordinating necessary planning, training, exercising, and resource management.

Muskegon County Emergency Management
1903 Marquette Ave,
Muskegon, MI 49442
Phone: 231.724.6341 Fax: 231.777.9940
<https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/204/Emergency-Management>

Central Dispatch

Muskegon County Central Dispatch is the central point of contact for all public warning and responder communications within Muskegon County. Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 proudly serves approximately 172,000 people of Muskegon County and coordinates emergency response among 15 Fire Agencies, 11 Police Agencies, and 2 Ambulance Services. Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 employs over 30 people.

Muskegon Central Dispatch 911

770 Terrace St,
Muskegon, MI 49440
Phone: 231.722.3524
Website:
<https://mcd911.net/about/>

Law Enforcement

Muskegon County is served entirely by both, the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police Post 61. Their efforts are supported by 9 municipal police departments.

Michigan State Police – Grand Rapids Post No. 61

2290 4 Mile Rd NW,
Grand Rapids, MI 49544
Phone: 616.866.4411 Fax: 616.866.4783
Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/msp/posts/sixth-district---west>

Muskegon County Sheriff Department

990 Terrace St,
Muskegon, MI 49442
Phone: 231.724.6351
<https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/1709/Sheriffs-Office>

Fruitport Police Department

5825 Airline Rd,
Fruitport, MI 49415
Phone: 231.865.8477 Fax: 231.865.2173
<https://www.cityoffremont.net/235/Police-Department>

City of Muskegon Police Department

933 Terrace St.,
Muskegon, MI 49440
Phone: 231.724.6903 Fax: 231.724.2043
<https://muskegon-mi.gov/city-services/public-safety-inspections/police/>

Muskegon Township Police Department

1990 E Apple Ave.,
Muskegon, MI 49442
Phone: 231.777.1666 Fax: 231.777.4912
<https://muskegontwpmi.gov/police-department/>

<p align="center">Muskegon Heights Police Department 2715 Baker St, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.733.8900 https://muskegonheights.us/police</p>
<p align="center">Montague Police Department 8778 Ferry St #1, Montague, MI 49437 Phone: 231.893.0810 Fax: 231.893.3903 https://cityofmontague.org/about/police-department/</p>
<p align="center">North Muskegon Police Department 1114 Ruddiman Dr., North Muskegon, MI 49445 Phone: 231.744.4313 Fax: https://www.northmuskegon.org/departments/police-dept/</p>
<p align="center">Norton Shores Police Department 4814 Henry St, Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.733.2691 Fax: 231.798.1968 https://nortonshores.org/police</p>
<p align="center">Roosevelt Park Police Department 900 Oakridge Rd, Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.755.3721 Fax: https://rooseveltpark.org/police/</p>
<p align="center">Whitehall Police Department 404 E Colby Street, Whitehall, MI 49461 Phone: 231.894.4048 Fax: 231.893.4708 https://cityofwhitehall.org/city-hall/police-department/</p>

Fire Services

Muskegon County is served by twelve Fire Departments as well as The Department of Natural Resources Muskegon office. Capabilities among departments are similar in provision of fire suppression and technical rescue capabilities. Due to limited manpower and equipment, all departments have an existing mutual aid system which is regularly utilized.

<p>Blue Lake Township Fire Department St 1 1491 Owasippe Rd, Twin lake MI 49457 Phone: 231.894.5926 https://www.facebook.com/BLTFD/</p>	<p>Muskegon Charter Township Fire Dept St 2 1699 N Getty St. Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231-744-4365 https://muskegontwp.org/fire-department</p>
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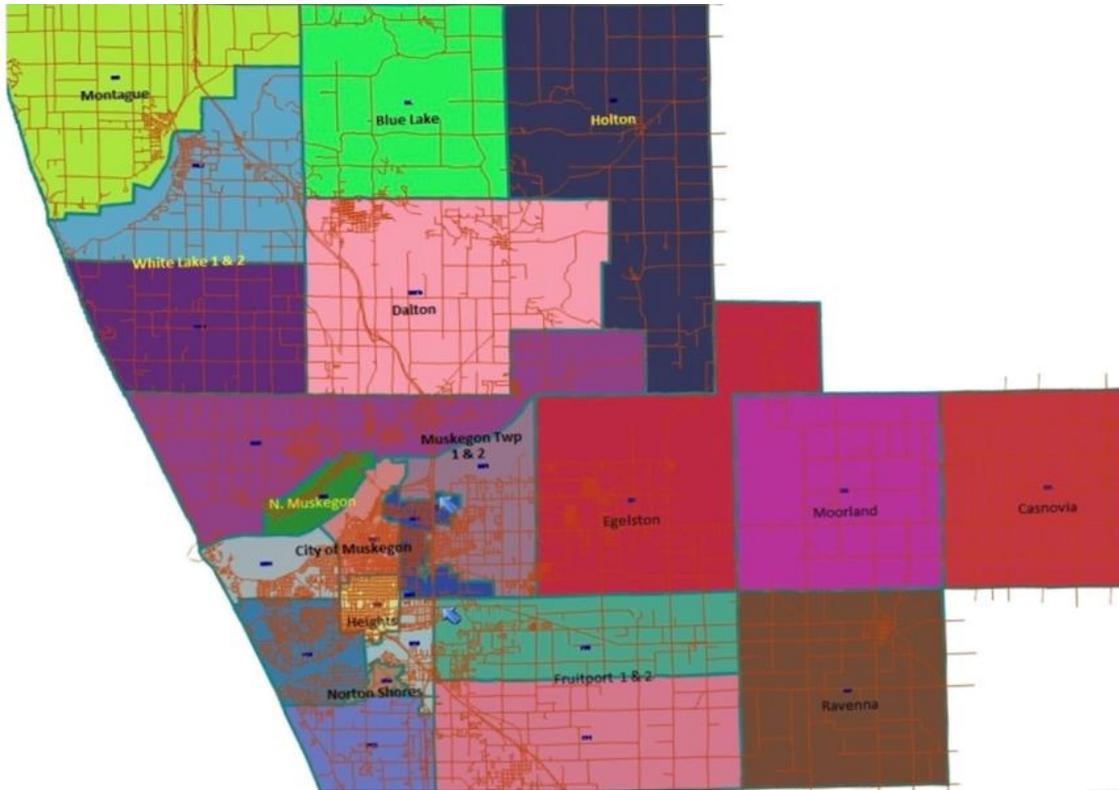
<p>Blue Lake Township Fire Department St 2 796 East White Lake Dr, Twin Lake MI 49457 Phone: 231.894.5926 https://www.facebook.com/BLTFD/</p>	<p>Muskegon Fire Department Central Station 770 Terrace St Muskegon, MI 49440 Phone: 231.724.6792 Fax: 231.724.6985 https://muskegon-mi.gov/city-services/public-safety-inspections/fire/</p>
<p>Casnovia Township Fire Department 17569 Bailey Rd, Bailey MI Phone: 231.332.6721 https://casnoviatownshipmi.gov/fire-department/</p>	<p>Muskegon Fire Department St 4 1836 Robinson St, Muskegon, MI 49441 231.724.4208 https://muskegon-mi.gov/city-services/public-safety-inspections/fire/</p>
<p>Dalton Township Fire Department 1650 E Riley-Thompson Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445 Phone: 231.332.6710 Township Fax: 231.766.2636 https://daltontownship.org/fire-department/</p>	<p>Muskegon Fire Department St 5 1477 Marquette Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442 231.724.4209 https://muskegon-mi.gov/city-services/public-safety-inspections/fire/</p>
<p>Egelston Township Fire Department 5380 E Apple Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.788.2254 www.egelstontwp.org/Departments/FireDepartment.aspx</p>	<p>Muskegon Heights Fire Department 2715 Baker St Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.733.2189 https://muskegonheights.us/fire-department/</p>
<p>Fruitport Township Fire Department St 1 3638 Black Creek Rd. Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.773.9312 https://fruitporttownship-mi.gov/stations-and-apparatus/</p>	<p>North Muskegon Fire Department 1102 Ruddiman Dr North Muskegon, MI 49445 Phone: 231-744-1766 https://cityofnorthmuskegon.com/departments/fire-dept/</p>
<p>Fruitport Township Fire Department St 2 5815 Airline Hwy Fruitport, MI 49415 Phone: 231.865.6106 https://fruitporttownship-mi.gov/stations-and-apparatus/</p>	<p>Norton Shores Fire Department Station 1 1577 Seminole Road., Norton Shores, MI 49441 Phone: 231.780.2885 Fax:231.747.7924 https://nortonshores.org/fire</p>
<p>Holton Township Fire Department 6590 Holton Whitehall Rd Holton MI 49425 Phone: 831.821.2168 https://holtontownship.com/departments/fire-department/</p>	<p>Norton Shores Fire Department Station 2 3920 Airline Rd., Norton Shores, MI 49444 Phone: 231.739.6597 Fax: 231.747.7924 https://nortonshores.org/fire</p>
<p>Michigan DNR Muskegon Office 7550 Messinger Rd, Twin lake, MI 49457 Phone: 231.788.5062</p>	<p>Norton Shores Fire Department Station 3 1100 E. Pontaluna Rd. Norton Shores, MI 49444 231.798.2255 Fax: 231.747.7924</p>

www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/forestry/fire	https://nortonshores.org/fire
Montague Fire District 5085 Wilcox St., Montague MI 49437 Phone: 231.893.3311 https://cityofmontague.org/about/fire-department/	Norton Shores Fire Department Station 4 Provides Muskegon County Airport Coverage 115 Sinclair Drive, Norton Shores, MI 49441 Phone: 231.798.2255 Fax: 231.747.7924 https://nortonshores.org/fire
Moorland Township Fire Department 12416 E Apple Ave, Ravenna, MI 49451 Phone: 231.853.2213 www.moorlandtwp.com/FireDepartment.aspx	Ravenna Area Fire Department 3763 Blackmer Rd., Ravenna, MI 49451 Phone: 231.853.6196 Fax: 231.853.5155 www.ravennatwp.com/fire-department/
Muskegon Charter Township Fire Dept St 1 1117 S Walker Rd. Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.773.4316 https://muskegontwp.org/fire-department	White Lake Fire Authority 1300 Delaney Dr., Whitehall, MI 49461 Phone: 231-893-6503 https://whitelakefireauthority.com/

Muskegon County Fire Departments Full Time and Part Paid Staffing

Fire Department	Full Time Staff	Paid On Call Staff
Blue Lake Township		x
Casnovia FD		x
Dalton Township FD	x	x
Egelston Township FD	x	x
Fruitport Area FD	x	x
Holton Township FD		x
Montague FD		x
Moorland FD		x
Muskegon FD	x	
Muskegon Charter Township FD	x	x
Muskegon Heights FD	x	
North Muskegon FD	x	x
Norton Shores FD	x	x
Ravenna Area FD		x
White Lake FD	x	x

Muskegon County Fire Departments Coverage Map

***Emergency Medical Services (EMS)***

Muskegon County is served by two private EMS services, Trinity Health EMS (Pro Med), and White Lake Ambulance.

<p>Trinity Health EMS 965 Fork St, Muskegon MI 49412 Phone: (231) 720-1804 https://www.promed.org/</p>
<p>White Lake Ambulance Authority Whitehall Township Station 8220 Whitehall Rd, Whitehall, MI 49461 Montague Fire District 5085 Wilcox St, Montague, MI 49437 Phone: (231) 894-4306 Fax: (231) 893-0249 https://whitelakeems.com/</p>

Health Care – Hospitals, Primary Care, Urgent Care

Muskegon County has one hospital, Trinity Health Muskegon Hospital. Built between 2016-2019, the hospital is an energy-efficient, green facility comprised of 10 stories featuring 267 rooms; a new Emergency Department; state-of-the-art surgical and procedural areas; and a host of modern amenities and technologies. The hospital provides a complete range of laboratory, medical and surgical services. Trinity Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty physician network that employs more than 500 physicians and advanced practice professionals in Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Muskegon and the Lakeshore.

Trinity Health Muskegon Hospital 1500 E Sherman Blvd, Muskegon MI 49444 Phone: 231.672.2000 www.trinityhealthmichigan.org/location/trinity-health-muskegon-hospital	
Trinity Health Medical Group Primary Care – Muskegon Campus 1223 Mercy Dr, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.672.3177	Trinity Health Medical Group Primary Care & Geriatrics, Sherman Pavilion 1150 E Sherman Blvd, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.672.6740
Trinity Health Medical Group Primary Care & Pediatrics, North Muskegon 2006 Holton Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445 Phone: 231.672.3333	Trinity Health Medical Group Family Medicine – Fruitport 3443 Farr Rd, Fruitport, MI 49415 Phone: 231.672.2900
Trinity Health Medical Group Primary Care, Norton Shores 3570 Henry St, Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.672.7000	Trinity Health Medical Group Primary Care – Lakes Village 6401 Prairie St, Norton Shores, MI 49444 Phone: 231.672.3177
Trinity Health Urgent Care Sherman 1670 E Sherman Blvd, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.672.3600	Trinity Health Urgent Care North Muskegon 2006 Holton Rd, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.672.3333

Corewell Health also serves the Muskegon County community. Corewell Health built a Spectrum Health Integrated Care Campus in North Muskegon in 2016. It is home to a range of coordinated health services from diagnostics to primary and specialty care. Corewell Health also has an Advance Primary Care practice in Muskegon for those who are 64 years-of-age and older.

Corewell Health Integrated Care Campus North Muskegon 2009 Holton Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445 Phone: 231.291.8300	Spectrum Health Medical Group, Advanced (64+) Primary Care, Muskegon 2558 Henry St, Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.291.8150
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Health Care – Pediatrics

Muskegon County has three independent pediatric practices that provide comprehensive care for children from birth to age 18. The hospital-associated primary care offices as well as the Federally Qualified Health Centers also offer pediatric care.

<p>Muskegon Pediatrics 888 Terrace St, Ste 101, Muskegon, MI 49440 Phone: 231.638.4120 www.muskegonpediatrics.com</p>	<p>Port City Pediatrics 1455 Farr Rd, Norton Shores, MI 49444 Phone: 231.739.8502 www.portcitypediatrics.com</p>
<p>Shoreline Pediatrics 2680 Vulcan St, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.777.2732 www.shorelinepeds.com</p>	

Health Care – Federally Qualified Health Centers

Muskegon County has two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). FQHCs qualify for funding under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS) and for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid. FQHCs serve an underserved area or population and provide healthcare services on a sliding fee scale.

Hackley Community Care Center is the larger of the two FQHCs in Muskegon County. Hackley Community Care (HCC) employs over 300 staff board-certified physicians and mid-level providers. Their health care providers specialize in primary medical services, OB and Women’s health, mental health, dental services, school-based health programs and pharmacy services.

<p>Hackley Community Care Center Medical Baker Site 2700 Baker St, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.737.1335 www.hackleycommunitycare.org</p>	<p>Hackley Community Care Center Medical Leahy Site 1675 Leahy St, Ste 103, Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.737.1335</p>
<p>Hackley Community Care Center Integrated Health Clinic Site (HealthWest) 376 E Apple Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.737.1335</p>	<p>Hackley Community Care Center OB/Women’s Health/Pediatrics Forest Site 172 E Forest Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.737.1335</p>
<p>Hackley Community Care Center Muskegon Teen Health Center Muskegon High School 80 W Southern Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441</p>	<p>Hackley Community Care Center Oakridge Teen Health Center Oakridge Middle School 251 S Wolf Lake Rd, Muskegon, MI 49442</p>

Phone: 231.733.6868	Phone: 231.733.6868
Hackley Community Care Center NowCare (Urgent Care) 1550 Clinton St, Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.737.1335	

Muskegon Family Care Center is the smaller of the two FQHCs in Muskegon County. Muskegon Family Care offers a full range of comprehensive primary care services, including immunizations, well-child care and family planning.

<p style="text-align: center;">Muskegon Family Care Center 2201 S Getty St, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.739.9315 www.mfc-health.org</p>
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Health Care – Tribal

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Health Services operates two health clinics in Muskegon County. Services include family medicine, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, a foot and ankle clinic as well as behavioral health. All direct care services are available to Tribal Members, descendants, or a member of any Federally Recognized Tribe. The service area includes Manistee, Mason, Wexford, Lake, Oceana, Newaygo, Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa.

<p style="text-align: center;">Little River Health Center Harvey 4905 S Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444 Phone: 231.398.6601 www.lrboi-nsn.gov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Little River Health Center Ellis 1478 E Ellis Rd, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: 231.398.6601 www.lrboi-nsn.gov</p>
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Health Care – Veterans

The Veteran's Affairs (VA) Battle Creek Health Center operates a satellite clinic in Muskegon County. The outpatient facility offers primary care and specialty health services, including mental health services, treatment for hearing loss (audiology), nutritional counseling, palliative care, laboratory services, treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and more. A new facility is under construction and expected to open in Spring 2024.

<p style="text-align: center;">Muskegon VA Clinic 5000 Hakes Dr, Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: 231.798.4445 www.va.gov/battle-creek-health-care/locations/muskegon-va-clinic/</p>

Road Commission and Department of Public Works

Muskegon County Road Commission services all state and county roads within Muskegon County. All municipal Department of Public Works services only municipal roads and infrastructure.

Muskegon County Road Commission 7700 E Apple Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.788.2381 Fax: 231.788.5793 http://www.muskegoncountyroads.org/	
Muskegon Department of Public Works 1350 E Keating Ave, Muskegon MI 49442 Phone: 231.724.4100 https://muskegon-mi.gov/city-services/public-works/	City of Norton Shores Public Works 1174 E Mt Garfield Rd, Norton Shores, MI 49441 Phone: 231.799.6804 Fax: https://nortonshores.org/public-works
Muskegon Heights Public Works 3124 Wood St, Muskegon Heights MI 49444 Phone: 231.332.6762 Fax: https://muskegonheights.us/public-works/	Montague Department of Public Works 4976 Bowen Street, Montague, MI 49437 Phone 231.893.2235 https://cityofmontague.org/about/department-of-public-works/
North Muskegon Heights Public Works 2681 Celery Ln, Muskegon MI 49445 Phone: 231.744.3022 https://www.northmuskegon.org/departments/public-works/	Roosevelt Park DPW 900 Oak Ridge Rd, Roosevelt Park, MI 49441 Phone: 231.755.3721 https://rooseveltpark.org/city-hall/public-works/
Whitehall Department of Public Works 2055 Warner St, Whitehall, MI 49461 Phone: 231.894.4157 Fax: 231.894.6937 https://cityofwhitehall.org/city-hall/public-works-department/	

Government Offices and Facilities

Government facilities provide services to the public, such as the distribution of Public Information and the continuity of governmental operations including supporting the Incident Command System and key decision making processes. There are seven cities, sixteen township governments and four villages within Muskegon County. There are also six unincorporated communities. They include Bailey, Brunswick, Holton, Twin lake, Wabaningo, and Wolf lake.

County of Muskegon

1903 Marquette Ave
Muskegon, MI 49442
Phone: 231.724.6520

<https://co.muskegon.mi.us/27/County-Government>

Cities**City of Montague**

8778 Ferry St.,
Montague, MI 49437
Phone: 231.893.1155 Fax: 231.894.9955
www.cityofmontague.org

City of Muskegon Heights

2724 Peck St,
Muskegon Heights, MI 49444
Phone: 231.733.8999
www.cityofmuskegonheights.org

City of Muskegon

933 Terrace St
Muskegon MI 49440
Phone: 231.724.6705 Fax: 231.724.4178
<https://muskegon-mi.gov/>

City of North Muskegon

1502 Ruddiman Dr.,
Muskegon, MI 49445
Phone: 231.744.1621 Fax: 231.744.0367
www.cityofnorthmuskegon.com

City of Norton Shores

4814 Henry St,
Norton Shores, MI 49441
Phone: 231.798.4391 Fax: 231.798.7103
www.nortonshores.org

City of Roosevelt Park

900 Oak Ridge Rd,
Muskegon, MI 49441
Phone: 231.755.1442 Fax: 231.755.1442
www.rooseveltpark.org

City of Whitehall

405 E Colby St,
Whitehall, MI 49461
Phone: 231.894.4048 Fax: 231.893.4708
www.cityofwhitehall.org

Townships**Blue Lake Township**

1491 Owasippe Rd,
Twin Lake, MI 49457
Phone: 231.894.6335 Fax: 231.893.3511
www.bluelaketownship.org

Casnovia Township

245 S. Canada Rd,
Casnovia MI 49318
Phone 616.675.4064 Fax: 616.675.5611
<https://casnoviatownshipmi.gov/>

Cedar Creek Township

6556 Sweeter Rd,
Twin Lake, MI 49457
Phone: 231.821.0014 Fax: 231.821.2725
www.cedarcreektownship.org

Dalton Township

1616 E. Riley Thompson Rd,
Muskegon, MI 49445
Phone: 231.766.3043 Fax: 231.766.2636
www.daltontownship.org

Egelston Township

5428 E. Apple Ave.,
Muskegon, MI 49442
Phone: 231.788.2308 Fax: 231.788.5248
www.egelstontwp.org

Fruitport Township

5865 Airline Rd,
Fruitport, MI 49415
Phone: 231.865.3151 Fax: 231.865.3118
www.fruitporttownship-mi.gov

<p>Fruitland Township 4545 Nestrom Rd, Whitehall, MI 49461 Phone: 231.766.3208 Fax: 231.766.3027 www.fruitlandtwp.org</p>	<p>Holton Township 6511 Holton Whitehall Rd, Holton, MI 49425 Phone: 231.821.2168 Fax: 231.821.2293 www.holtontownship.com</p>
<p>Laketon Township 2735 W Giles Rd., Muskegon, MI 49445 Phone: 231.744.2454 Fax: 231.744.2506 www.laketon.org</p>	<p>Montague Township 8915 Whitbeck Road, Montague, MI 49437 Phone: 231.894.4414 Fax: 231.894.1901 www.montaguetownship.com</p>
<p>Moorland Township 12416 E. Apple Ave, Ravenna, MI 49451 Phone: 231.853.2015 Fax: 231.853.5013 www.moorlandtwp.com</p>	<p>Muskegon Charter Township 1990 Apple Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: 231.777.2555 Fax: 231.777.4912 www.muskegontwp.org</p>
<p>Ravenna Township 3770 Blackmer Road, Ravenna, MI 49451 Phone: 231.853.6205 Fax: 231.853.5155 www.ravennatwp.com</p>	<p>Sullivan Township 8138 Hts Ravenna Rd, Ravenna, MI 49451 Phone: 231.853.6900 Fax: 231.853.8702 www.sullivantownship.com</p>
<p>White River Township 7386 Post Road, Montague, MI 49437 Phone: 231.894.9216 Fax: 231.894.1906 https://whiterivertwp.com/</p>	<p>Whitehall Township 7644 Durham Rd, Whitehall, MI 49461 Phone: 231.893.2095 Fax: 231.894.6660 www.whitehalltwp.org</p>
Villages	
<p>Village of Casnovia 141 N. Main St, Casnovia, MI 49318 Phone: 616.675.4780 Fax: 616.675.4780 www.casnoviavillage.org</p>	<p>Village of Fruitport 45 N Second St, Fruitport, MI 49415 Phone: 231.865.3577 Fax: 231.865.6789 www.villageoffruitport.com</p>
<p>Village of Lakewood Club 6681 Automobile Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457 Phone: 231.894.9008 Fax: 231.893.8217 www.villageoflakewoodclub.org</p>	<p>Village of Ravenna 12090 Crockery Creek Dr, Ravenna, MI 49451 Phone 231.853.2360 Fax: 231.853.6443 https://ravennami.com/</p>
Unincorporated Communities	
<p>Bailey Bailey is an unincorporated community on M-37 in the northeast corner of the township at. The zip code is 49303</p>	<p>Brunswick Brunswick is a small unincorporated community in section 13 of the township of Holton. The zip code is 49425</p>
<p>Holton Holton is a small community about 15 miles northeast of Muskegon at the corner of Holton Township. The zip code is 49425</p>	<p>Twin Lake The Twin Lake Census Designated Place – CDP includes the area surrounding Twin Lakes, North Lake, and West Lake. The zip code is 49457</p>

Wabaningo

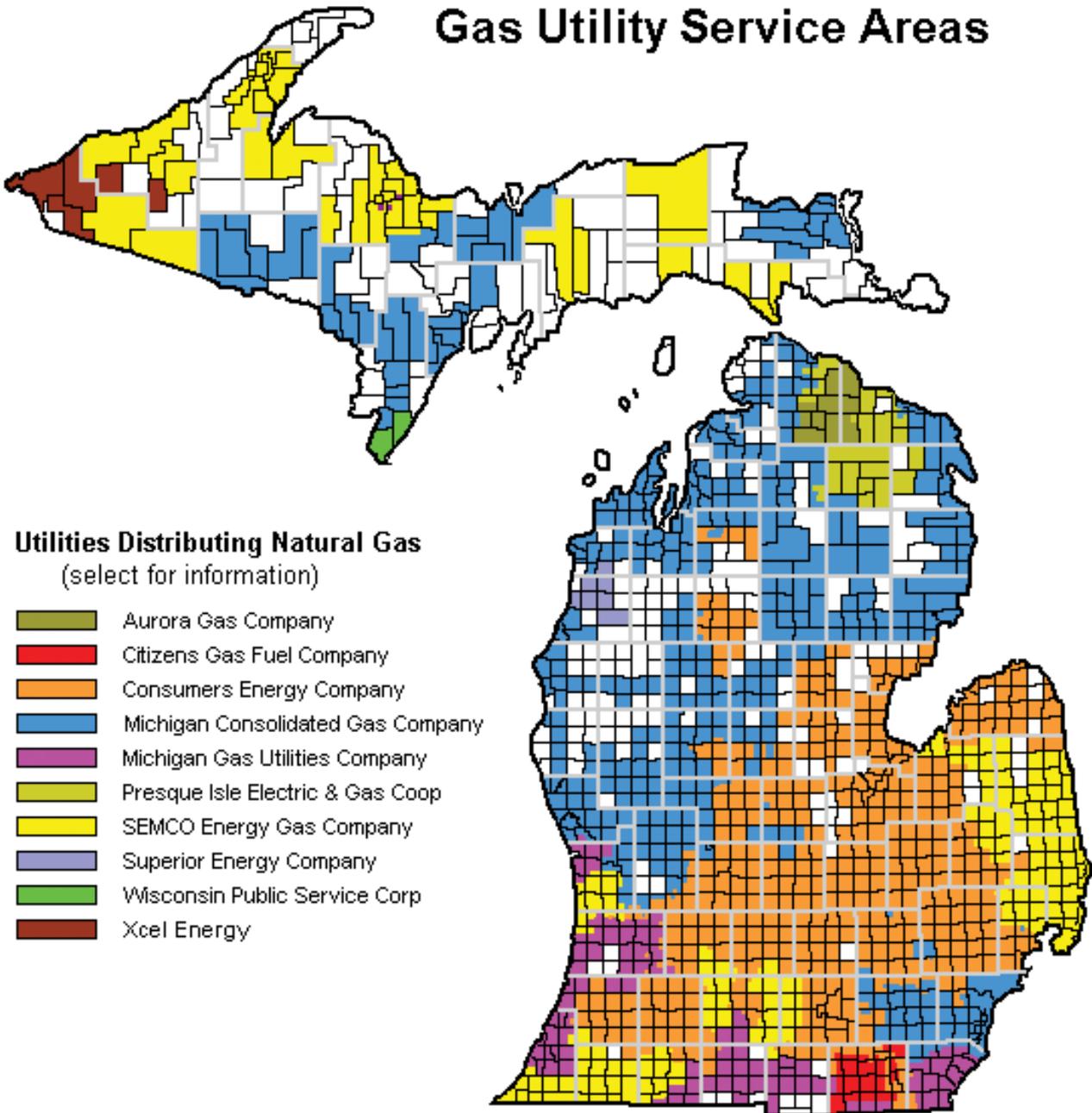
Wabaningo is a small community where The White Lake flows through a short navigation channel into Lake Michigan. The zip code is 49463

Wolf Lake

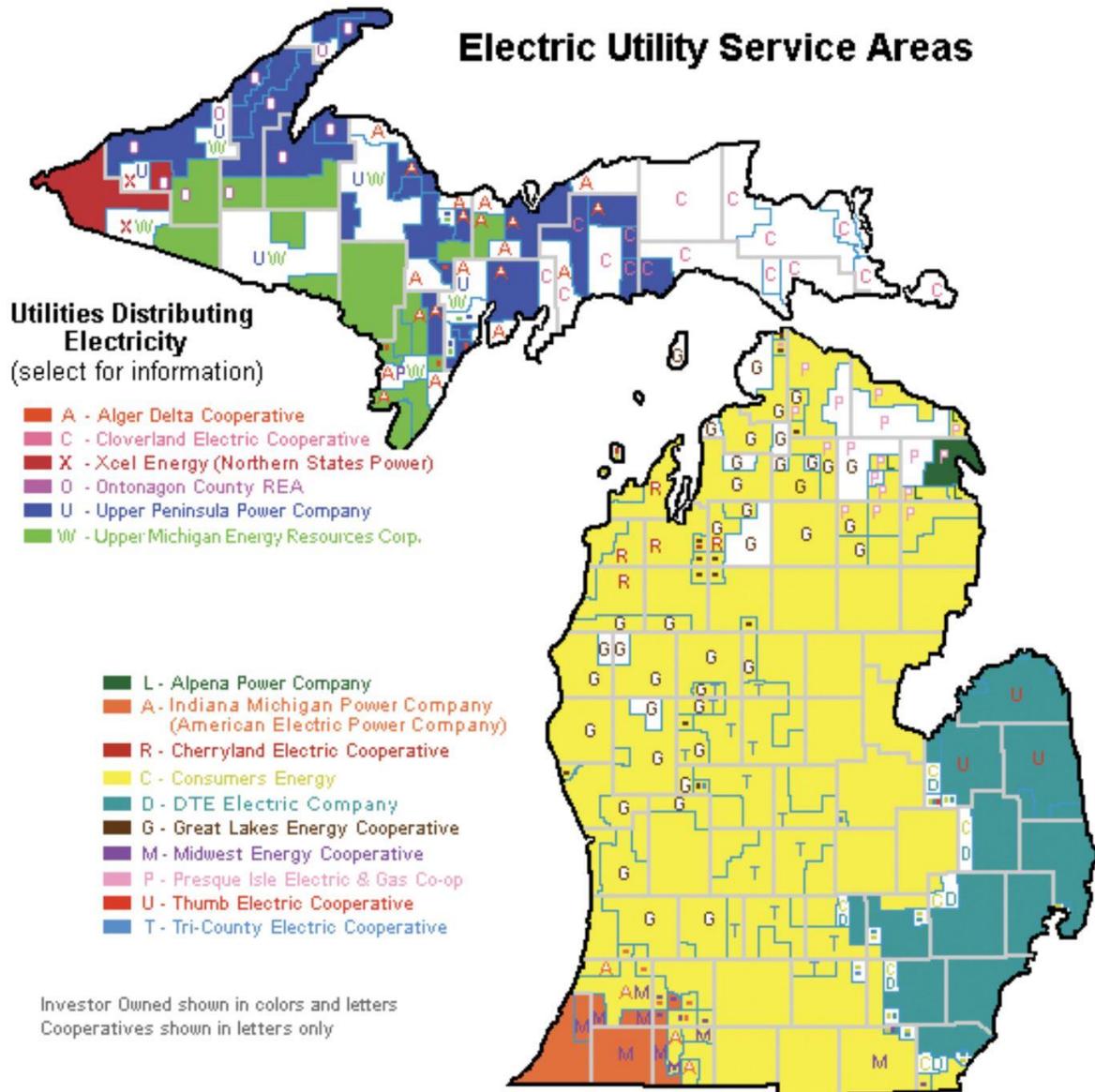
Is located in Egelston Township. This Census Designated Place – CDP includes the entire shore line of Wolf Lake and a bit south.

Utilities for Muskegon County

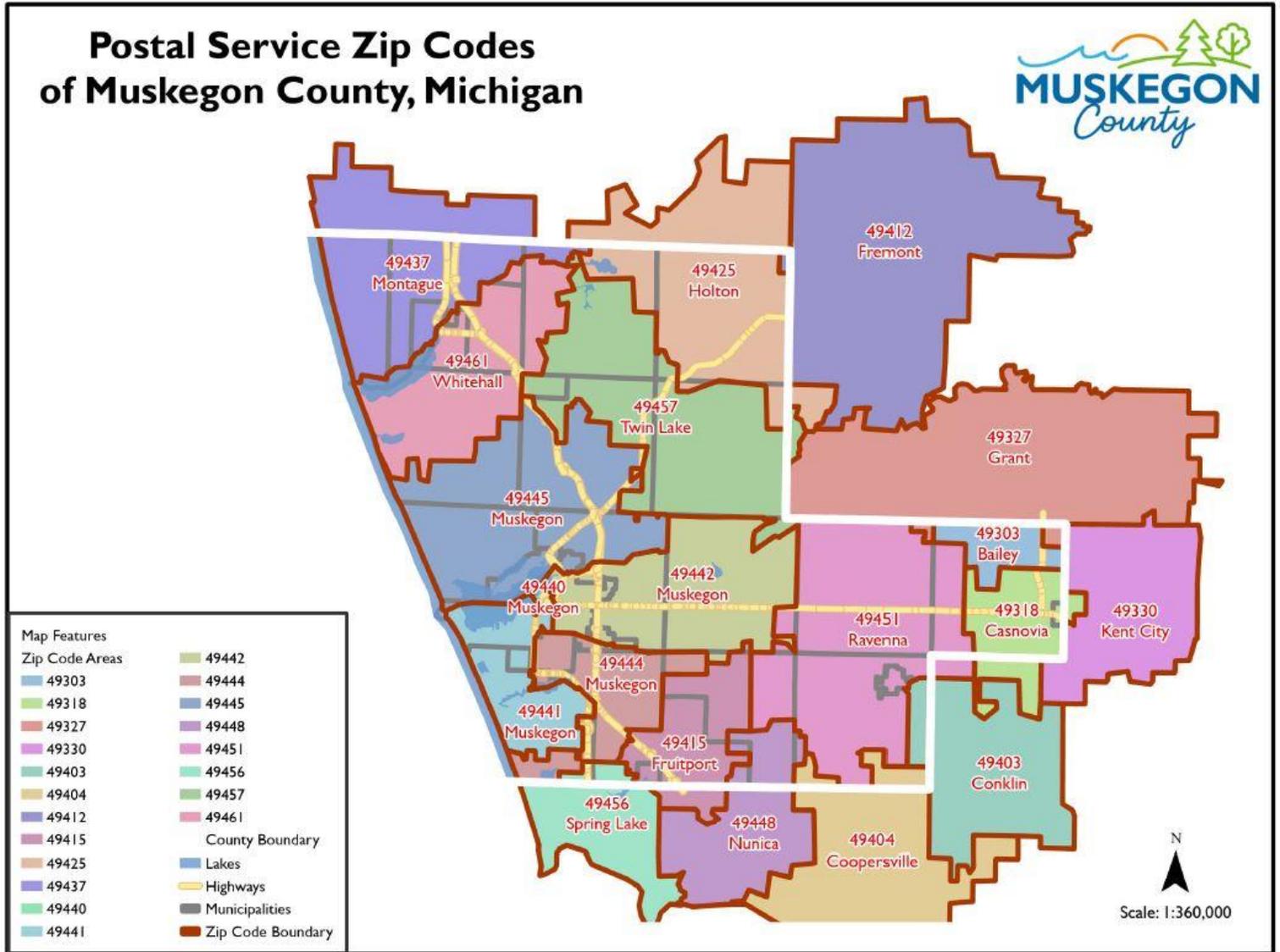
Gas Utility Service Areas



Electric Company Service Area for Muskegon County



Zip Codes for Muskegon County



Media Resources Serving Muskegon County

TELEVISION STATIONS	
<p>WWZM TV 13 (ABC Affiliate) 643 3 Mile Rd NW Walker, MI 49544 Phone: 616.785.1313 http://www.wzzm13.com</p>	<p>WOOD TV 8 (NBC Affiliate) Phone: 616.456.8888 Fax: 616.771.9676 https://www.woodtv.com/</p>
<p>WWMT TV 3 (CBS Affiliate) 590 W Maple St, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 Phone: (269) 388-9339 www.wwmt.com</p>	<p>FOX 17 WXMI (FOX Affiliate) 3117 Plaza Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 Phone: 616.364.1717 www.foxonline.com</p>
<p>Muskegon Public TV Channel 96 1374 W Norton Ave, Muskegon, Michigan, 49441 (Comcast, ROKU, and Fire TV) Phone: (231) 343-7755 www.channel96muskegon.com</p>	<p>WGVU Public Radio and Television 301 Fulton Street West Grand Rapids, MI 49504 Phone: 231.331.6666 https://www.wgvu.org/</p>
RADIO STATIONS	
<p>iHeart Media – Grand Rapids 93.7, 96.1, 101.3, 101.7, 104.5, 105.7, 106.9, 1230, 1300 77 Monroe Ctr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Phone: (616) 459-1919 www.iheartmedia.com</p>	<p>Townsquare Media in Grand Rapids 95.7, 97.9, 98.7, 100.5, 104.9 37 Ottawa Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Phone: (616) 451-4800 www.townsquaremedia.com</p>
<p>iHeart Media – Muskegon 107.9, 1090 3565 Green St, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: (616) 459-1919 www.iheartmedia.com</p>	<p>West Michigan Community Help Network 103.7 1877 Peck St, Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: (231) 727-5007 www.1037thebeat.com</p>
<p>Grand Haven Radio 92.1, 93.1, 94.9, 1370 One South Harbor Dr, Grand Haven, MI 49417 Phone: (616) 842-8110 www.wghn.com</p>	<p>Cumulus Media – Muskegon 92.5, 97.5, 98.3, 100.1 3375 Merriam St, Muskegon Heights, MI 49444 Phone: (231) 796-7000 www.cumulusmedia.com</p>
<p>Cornerstone University 91.3 3181 Bradford St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 Phone: (616) 942-1500</p>	<p>Cumulus Media – Grand Rapids 94.5, 96.9, 105.3, 106.1, 107.3 60 Monroe Ctr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503</p>

www.wcsg.org	Phone: (616) 774-8461 www.cumulusmedia.com
Blue Lake Public Radio WBLU 88.9 GR, WBLV 90.3 Muskegon 300 E Crystal Lake Rd, Twin Lake MI 49457 800.221.3796 https://bluelake.org/radio/	Shoreline Broadcasting 100.9 950 W Norton Ave, Ste 300, Muskegon, MI 49441 Phone: (231) 737-9337 www.muskegonradio.com
Real Gold Radio 98.9 (Oldies) P.O. Box 123, Whitehall, MI 49461 Phone: 231-981-5389 Fax: 231.981.5389	
NEWSPAPERS	
MLIVE Media Group/Muskegon Chronicle 169 Monroe Ave NW Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Phone: 800.878.1400 www.mlive.com/muskegon	White Lake Beacon 432 E Spring St Whitehall, MI 49461 Phone: (231) 894-5356 www.shorelinemedia.net/white_lake_beacon
Fruitport Area News/Paper and Digital 4491 East Pontaluna Rd, Fruitport MI 49415 231.865.3134 http://www.fruitportareanews.com/	Muskegon Tribune PO Box 4183, Muskegon, MI 49444 Phone: (231) 724-0927 www.muskegontribune.com
Ravenna Independent 500 S Ravenna Rd, Ravenna, MI 49451 Phone: (231) 853-2065 www.ravennaindependent.com	

Special Events

Throughout the United States, there are festivals, concerts, fairs, sporting events, and many other large and small events that gather or have the potential to gather large crowds. Communities often use these festivals and special events as a way of generating large income and promoting themselves to potential visitors. In Muskegon County, here are some of the special events that occur in each community annually. To see the current event lineup as well as other things to see and do in the county go here: <https://www.visitmuskegon.org/events/>

Table 46 Primary special events occurring in Muskegon County.

Muskegon County Festivals and Events	Month Approximate Date
Snowfest	February
West Michigan Ironman Football	March-May
Muskegon Museum of Art "Free Thursdays"	Recurring on Thursdays
St Patrick's Day Parade	March
Montague Farmers Market	May-October
Muskegon Farmers market Summer Season	May-November
Fruitport Old Fashioned Days	May
Blessing of the Boats	May
Southern Soul Blues festival – Frauenthal Center	May
Annual Pine Street Market	May
Greater Muskegon Memorial Day Parade (Twin Lake)	May
Muskegon Heights Farmers Market	June-October
Parties in the Park/Hackley Park	June-August
Muskegon Clippers Baseball Season starts	June
Taste of White Lake	June
Annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show/ Muskegon County Fairgrounds	June
Carnival at Mart Dock	June
Muskegon CareAffaire and Run for Wings 5k benefitting Wings of Mercy	June
West Michigan Juneteenth Celebration	June
Muskegon Pride Festival	June
Muskegon County Community Picnic (Fruitport)	June
32 nd Annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show (Fairgrounds)	June
Black Business Expo (VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center)	June
Spring into Summer Craft and Vendor Show	June
Trinity Health Seaway Run and Expo	June
Muskegon Township Parks and Rec vendor and Craft Show	June
Muskegon Heights Festival at Rowan Park	June
44 th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival (Whitehall)	June

Taste of Muskegon	June
Lakeshore Art Festival	July
White Lake 4 th of July Parade & Fireworks	July 4th
Egelston Wolf Lake Festival	July
Muskegon Bike Time	July
Ravenna Dog Daze/Cruise Night	July
Rebel Road	July
Cruz'n Classic Car Show Montague/Whitehall	July
Holton Days	July
Muskegon County Youth Fair	July
Muskegon Heights Festival in the Park	July
Muskegon County Youth Fair	July
Burning Foot Beer Festival	August
Great Lakes Surf festival	August
Unity Christian Music Festival	August
Northside Summer Spectacular	August
Norton Shores Arts and Drafts Festival	August
Roosevelt Park Day	August
Shoreline Jazz festival	August
Labor Day Parades	September
Michigan Irish Music Festival at Heritage Landing	September
Muskegon County Latino Festival	September
Muskegon Polish Festival	September
Muskegon Lumber jacks Hockey	September-April
Depot to Depot	October
Montague Pumpkin Fest	October
Muskegon Farmer's Market Winter Season	December-April
Muskegon Risers Soccer	December-March
White Lake Christmas Parade	December

For more information on recurring and other events go to www.visitmuskegon.org