

MACOMB COUNTY TOURISM PROFILE

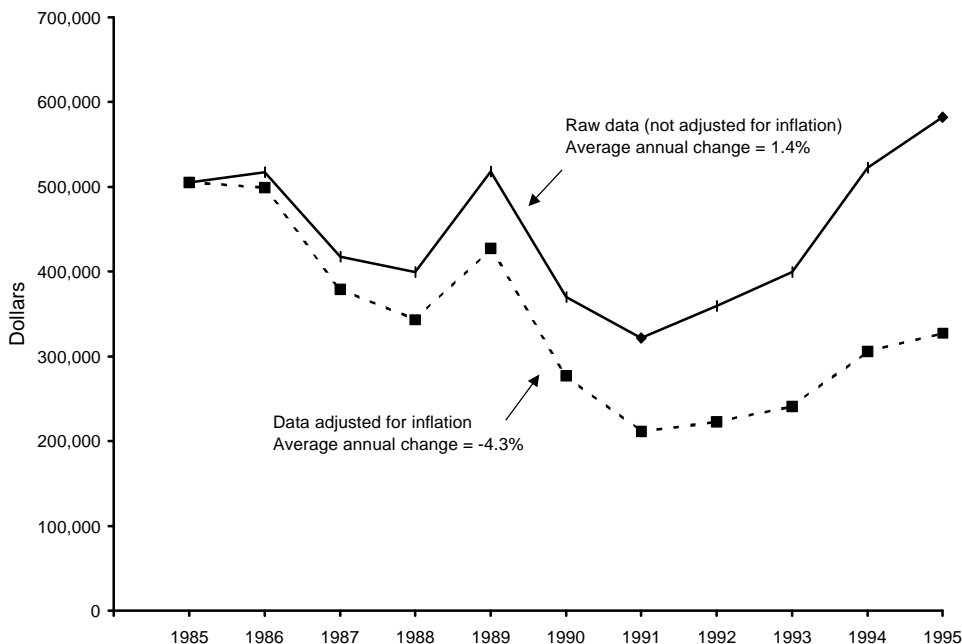
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MSU Extension has prepared this profile to help developers, tourism professionals, public officials, and others make informed decisions regarding the travel and tourism industry in Macomb County. All statistics pertain to Macomb County unless otherwise noted, and are the most current available. Further assistance is available from the Travel, Tourism, and Recreation Resource Center at Michigan State University (517/353-0793) or the MSU Extension office in Macomb County (810/469-5180).



TRENDS IN STATE OF MICHIGAN LODGING USE TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MACOMB COUNTY



NOTE: The lodging use tax is a state tax on the rental of a guest-room or cabin. To ensure comparability of statistics over the entire 10-year period shown, tax collections after May 1, 1994, when the tax rate increased from 4% to 6%, were adjusted so that they equaled what they would have been at the 4% rate. The comparable statewide average annual change figures are 6.3% in the case of raw data and 0.4% in the case of adjusted data.

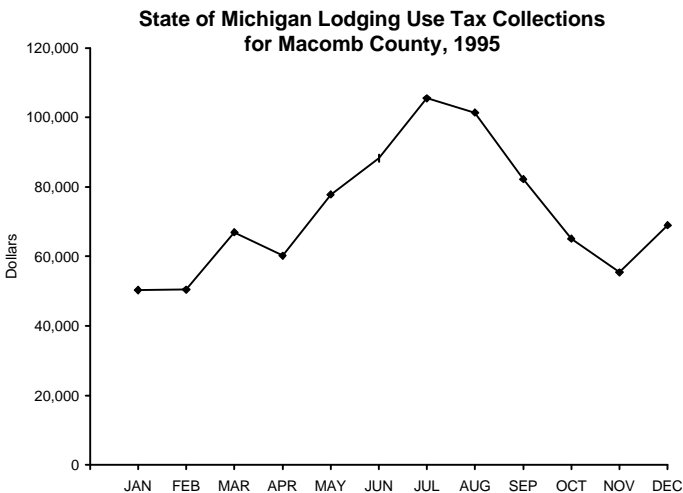
SOURCE: Michigan Department of Treasury, Systems Division.

ESTIMATED MARKET SHARE, TRIP VOLUME, AND EXPENDITURES BY TOURISTS IN MACOMB AND NEIGHBORING COUNTIES, 1996

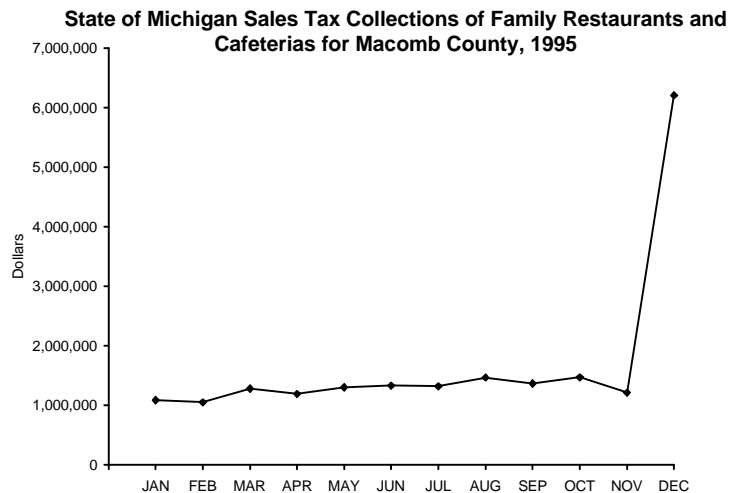
<u>COUNTY OF MAIN DESTINATION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MARKET SHARE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED NO. PLEASURE TRIP-NIGHTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED DIRECT EXPENDITURES</u>
Lapeer	0.4%	354,600	\$19,264,000
Macomb	0.8%	751,800	\$40,841,000
Oakland	4.2%	3,919,000	\$212,908,000
Saint Clair	1.3%	1,204,200	\$65,420,000
Wayne	8.6%	8,103,500	\$440,245,000

NOTE: Estimates are based on results from a telephone survey being conducted by the Travel, Tourism, and Recreation Resource Center at Michigan State University. "Pleasure trips" are overnight or day trips to places at least 50 miles from respondents' homes that were made for enjoyment, including vacations, weekend getaways, shopping trips, and trips to visit friends and relatives. The study region consists of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Ontario. "Market share" is the percentage of pleasure trips to Michigan that originated from this region and had a given county as its main destination. Estimated pleasure trip-nights are the product of these percentages and a survey-based estimate of 93.8 million pleasure trip-nights in Michigan in 1996. Direct expenditures are the product of these percentages and a survey-based estimate of \$5.1 billion in direct pleasure trip expenditures in Michigan in 1996. Estimates do not include pleasure trip-nights or expenditures of travelers who resided outside the study region or who merely passed through a county. Estimates are preliminary and subject to revision as additional data become available. They should be used judiciously since they are in some cases based on small samples for a given county.

SEASONALITY IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY



SOURCE: Michigan Department of Treasury.



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INDICATOR OF TRAVEL ACTIVITY FOR MACOMB COUNTY

Unadjusted (6%) State of Michigan lodging use tax collections (1995) \$872,934

RECREATION AND TRAVEL RESOURCES

NATURAL RESOURCES

No. land acres in county (1989)	308,736
No. water acres in county (1989)	192
Total no. acres in county (1989)	308,928
No. acres of public recreation land (1990)	
National parks/lakeshores	0
National wildlife refuges	0
National forests	0
State parks and recreation areas	1,971
State boating and fishing sites	36
State game/wildlife areas	119
State forests	0
Other areas	6,124
Total	8,250
No. acres of publicly or privately owned forest land (1994)	61,400
Total no. acres of designated state or federal wilderness (1990) ...	0
Average no. inches of snowfall (1981/82-1990/91)	38.1
No. miles of Great Lake shoreline	27
Total no. miles of rivers and streams	296
No. miles of state or federal wild/scenic/natural river (1990)	0
No. inland lakes > 50 acres in size	2
Combined acres of natural or artificial lakes and ponds (1991)	1,664
Total no. acres of legislatively protected sand dunes (1989)	0
Natural heritage site: Stony Creek Metropark-bird watching area	

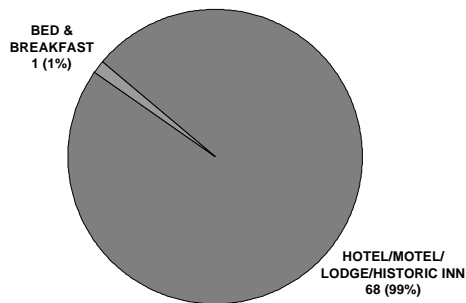
RECREATION AND TRAVEL FACILITIES

No. public access sites (1990)	6
No. recreational harbors on the Great Lakes (1990)	2
No. Great Lake marinas (1994)	75
No. Great Lake marina slips (1994)	8,472
No. licensed charter boats (1996)	31
No. 9-hole golf courses (1995)	12
No. 18-hole golf courses (1995)	35
No. agricultural markets/wineries/u-picks (1993)	54
No. miles of designated scenic highway (1990)	0
No. owned second homes (1990)	527
No. licensed food service establishments (1995)	
Table service	810
Fast food	793
Cafeteria	308
Bar only	53
Other	675
Total	2,639
No. boat liveryes (1990)	10
No. watercraft for rent (1990)	186
No. miles of state-funded snowmobile trail (1990)	0.0
No. miles of hiking/skiing/mtn. biking trail (1994)	12.9
No. miles of designated off-road vehicle trail (1992)	0
No. museums (1990)	7
No. historical attractions open to the public (1990)	1
No. miles of interstate highway (1990)	32.9

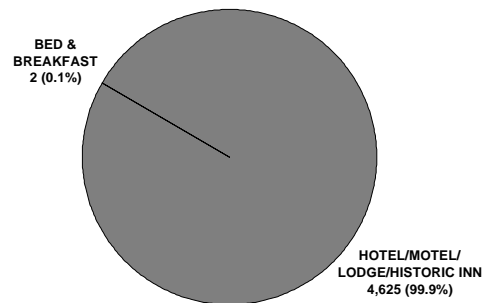
PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

Forty-seven public golf courses; fresh water boating capital of the world, with more registered pleasure boats than any other county in the United States; recreational harbor facilities at St. Clair Shores Metro Beach and Clinton River on Lake St. Clair; 6,500 acres of parkland including two Huron Metroparks; proximity to metropolitan/urban lifestyle.

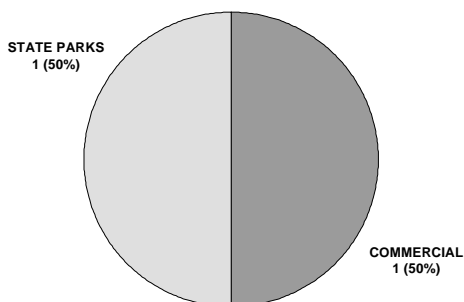
NO. COMMERCIAL LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, 1990



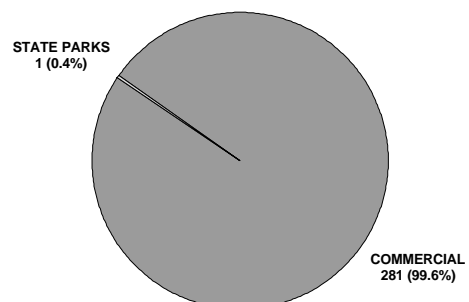
NO. GUEST-ROOMS IN COMMERCIAL LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, 1990



NO. CAMPGROUNDS, 1990



NO. CAMPSITES, 1990



RANK IN RELATION TO OTHER MICHIGAN COUNTIES

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Date of Data</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>County's Rank</u>	<u>Range of Ranks Statewide</u>
Estimated population	1995	733,607	3	1-83
Total no. units in commercial lodging establishments	1990	4,627	4	1-82
No. natural heritage sites	1990	1	6	1-7
No. museums	1990	7	7	1-14
No. licensed charter boats	1996	31	7	1-22
No. historical attractions open to the public	1990	1	8	1-9
No. lifts or tows at downhill ski areas	1990	0	20	1-20
No. Great Lake marina slips per 1,000 residents	1994	11.61	23	1-41
No. miles of Great Lake shoreline	n.d.	26.5	31	1-38
No. miles of designated scenic highway	1990	0.0	35	1-35
Estimated direct pleasure trip expenditures	1996	\$40,841,000	37	1-83
No. miles of designated off-road vehicle trail	1992	0.0	38	1-38
No. miles of state or federal wild/scenic/natural river	1990	0.0	39	1-39
No. agricultural markets/wineries/u-picks per 1,000 residents	1993	0.07	44	1-48
No. miles of state-funded snowmobile trail	1990	0.0	47	1-47
Total no. miles of rivers and streams	1944	296	49	1-77
No. eating and drinking places per 1,000 residents	1995	3.60	55	1-74
Total no. public golf course holes per 1,000 residents	1995	1.01	57	1-74
No. acres of public recreation land	1990	8,250	65	1-83
No. miles of designated hiking/skiing/mtn. biking trail	1994	12.99	66	1-79
Average no. inches of snowfall (1981/82-1990/91)	Avg.	38.1	69	1-82
No. licensed rental watercraft per 1,000 residents	1990	0.26	70	1-76
Combined area of natural or artificial lakes and ponds	1991	1,664	72	1-83
No. owned second homes	1990	527	72	1-83
No. public access sites	1990	6	73	1-83
No. acres of publicly or privately owned forest land	1994	61,400	74	1-82
No. designated campsites	1990	282	76	1-81

NOTE: This table is intended to provide an indication of the county's competitive advantages and disadvantages. Many types of tourism facilities are patronized by local residents as well as tourists. The number of such facilities in a given county is therefore a function of the county's population as well as its popularity as a tourist destination. To provide a meaningful indication of popularity in such cases, counts of facilities are presented as number of facilities per 1,000 residents. "Natural heritage sites" are scenic vistas, unique geological features, significant wildlife observation areas, or major waterfalls. Range of ranks statewide is not always 1-83 due to ties.

SOURCES OF STATISTICS IN THIS PUBLICATION

U.S. Bureau of the Census; Michigan Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Public Health, Transportation, and Treasury; Travel, Tourism, and Recreation Resource Center at Michigan State University.

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

- Anchor Bay Chamber of Commerce: 34475 23 Mile Road, P.O. Box 22, New Baltimore, MI 48047.
- Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce: 58 Southbound Gratiot, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043.
- Eastpointe Chamber of Commerce: P.O. Box 24, Eastpointe, MI 48021.
- Metro East Chamber of Commerce: 27601 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2053.
- Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau: 100 Renaissance Center, Suite 1950, Detroit, MI 48243-1056. (313) 259-4333. Fax: (313) 259-7583. E-mail: rbinford@visitdetroit.com Web site: <http://www.visitdetroit.com>
- Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce: P.O. Box 323, Richmond, MI 48062-0323.
- Romeo/Washington Chamber of Commerce: P.O. Box 175, Romeo, MI 48065-0175.
- Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce: 12900 Hall Road, Suite 110, Sterling Heights, MI 48313-1149.
- Warren, Center Line, Sterling Heights Chamber of Commerce: 30500 Van Dyke, Suite 118, Warren, MI 48093.
- Travel Michigan: P.O. Box 30226, Lansing, MI 48909. (517) 373-0670. Web site: <http://www.Michigan.org/>
- Travel, Tourism, and Recreation Resource Center, Michigan State University: 172 Natural Resources Building, East Lansing, MI 48824-1222. Phone: (517) 353-0793. Fax: (517) 432-2296. E-mail: dholecek@pilot.msu.edu Web site: <http://www.tourism.msu.edu/>



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