

COMMUNITY PROFILE

INGHAM COUNTY

Economic development strengthens a community's economy and raises living standards by creating jobs, supporting businesses and services, and attracting investments. Local economic development efforts can create vibrant neighborhoods, increase tax revenues, and enhance regional stability.

INGHAM COUNTY POPULATION

Ingham County comprised 60% of the region's population in 2023 and accounted for 42% of its growth from 2010 to 2023. Growth has been sluggish and is projected to remain slow through 2050. Continued declines in the school-age population and a growing concentration among older age groups may signal a need for policy shifts.

TOTAL POPULATION
in 2023



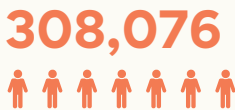
SCHOOL AGE
5-19 YEARS OLD



WORKING AGE
20-44 YEARS OLD



PROJECTED POPULATION
in 2050



WORKING AGE
45-64 YEARS OLD



SENIOR
65+ YEARS OLD



● 2023 ● 2050

HISTORICAL CHANGE 2010-2023



+1%
TOTAL CHANGE
+0.1% annualized



SCHOOL AGE
5-19 YEARS OLD
-7%
-1% annualized



WORKING AGE
20-44 YEARS OLD
+7%
+0.5% annualized



SENIOR
65+ YEARS OLD
+45%
+3% annualized



WORKING AGE
45-64 YEARS OLD
-16%
-1% annualized

PROJECTED CHANGE 2025-2050



+5%
TOTAL CHANGE
+0.2% annualized



SCHOOL AGE
5-19 YEARS OLD
-14%
-0.6% annualized



WORKING AGE
20-44 YEARS OLD
-4%
-0.2% annualized



SENIOR
65+ YEARS OLD
+37%
+1% annualized



WORKING AGE
45-64 YEARS OLD
+22%
+0.8% annualized

TRI-COUNTY, STATE, AND NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS

508,182
TRI-COUNTY POPULATION
in 2050



+5%
TOTAL CHANGE
2025-2050



9.9 M
MICHIGAN POPULATION
in 2050



-2%
TOTAL CHANGE
2025-2050



360.6 M
U.S. POPULATION
in 2050



+7%
TOTAL CHANGE
2025-2050

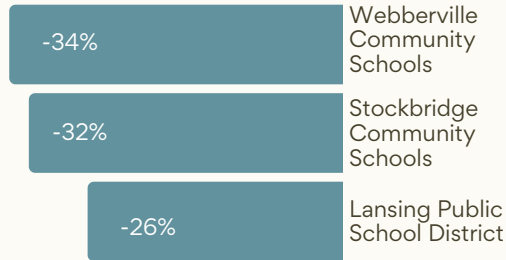
K-12 EDUCATION

School quality and enrollment directly impact local economies by influencing where families choose to live and invest. Strong schools attract and retain residents, support property values, and develop a skilled workforce that drives economic growth.

41,536
TOTAL ENROLLMENT
in 2024-2025

-7%
TOTAL CHANGE
2010-2024
-0.5% annualized

TOP THREE DISTRICTS IN DECLINE 2010-2024



EMPLOYMENT

Ingham County's labor market has improved since 2010, and its labor force is projected to continue growing through 2028.

153,009
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
in 2023

↑ 157,800
PROJECTED CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
in 2028

65%
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE
in 2023

6%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
in 2023

HOUSING

Ingham County's available housing supply is trending downward, which may continue to exert upward pressure on housing costs. Despite this trend, housing cost burdens have improved across the county.

126,694
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS
in 2023

+4%
TOTAL CHANGE
2010-2023

3% AVAILABILITY RATE

→ 5% A 5% availability rate supports housing mobility and minimizes upward pressure on home prices.

\$1,429
MEDIAN MONTHLY MORTGAGE COST
in 2023

18%
SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS PAYING 35%+ OF INCOME FOR MORTGAGE
in 2023

Households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing are considered cost burdened.

\$1,055
MEDIAN GROSS RENT
in 2023

44%
SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS PAYING 35%+ OF INCOME FOR RENT
in 2023

\$190,900
MEDIAN HOME VALUE
in 2023

+56%
TOTAL CHANGE
2010-2023 **+3%** annualized

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

6,160
TOTAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS
in 2023

↓ -1%
BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT CHANGE
2010-2023

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$62,998
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
in 2023

↑ +46%
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME CHANGE
2010-2023

REFERENCES



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