



Welcome to Michigan, heart of the Midwest! Henry Ford and other industrialists saw in this state the opportunity to pioneer an automobile industry that, until that point in history, didn't exist. The world has never been the same. Michigan also has a rich musical history. Its biggest city – Detroit, known locally as Motown – is the birthplace of both Techno and “The Motown Sound.” This illustrious past continues today through world-class educational institutions like the University of Michigan, which has graduated Nobel laureates, Rhodes Scholars, Pulitzer Prize winners, and more.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Full of history and culture – the birthplace of the automobile industry!
- Detroit offers world-class restaurants, museums, and more
- Surrounded by four of the five Great Lakes – which contain 21% of the world's fresh water!
- Great for outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, and boating
- Home to “the U.P.” – a beautiful peninsula filled with waterfalls, coastline, and forests

FACTS

- Capital: Lansing
- Size: 96,716 square miles (250,493 sq. km)
- Population: 9.92 million
- Time zone: Eastern (UTC -5) in most of state
- State flower: Apple Blossom
- Famous residents: Henry Ford, Stevie Wonder



WHAT STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY:

“What I really like is the openness of the American people, it really improved my social skills interacting with people here. I learned more here and feel like I am going back to Germany even more mature than I already was.”

Miguel, Germany

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