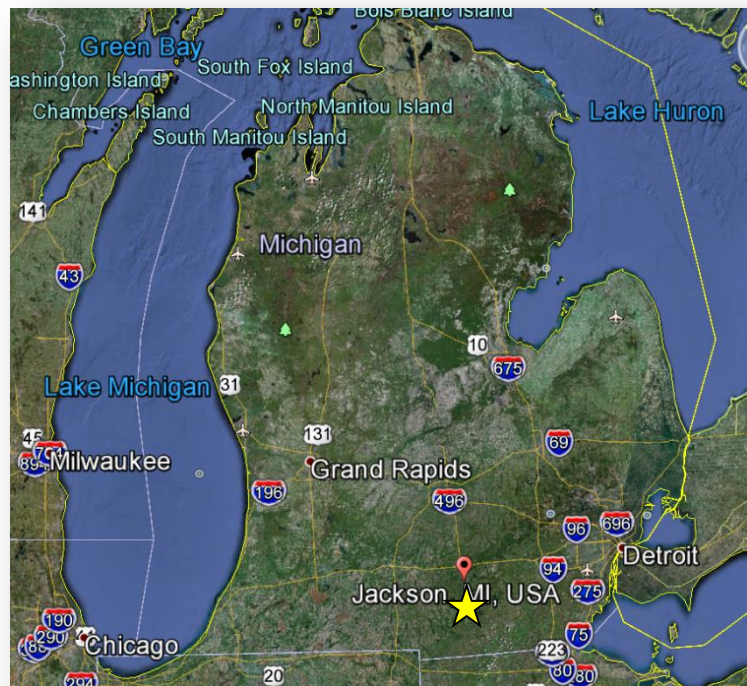


# About Jackson County

The estimated population as of July 1, 2018 is 158,823 residents in Jackson County spread over more than 700 square miles. The people of Jackson County enjoy the association of a small town, but the amenities of a place much larger than it feels. Jackson County is located at the cross roads of State Highway 127 and Interstate 94 only half an hour from Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Battle Creek and just over an hour from Detroit.

Residents and visitors enjoy thousands of acres of open space, 188 lakes, over 500 holes of golf, a county airport, and many other amenities. The county hosts many special events including the Rose Festival, Hot Air Jubilee, Race Week, Shakespeare Festival, and the NASCAR and Sprint Cup Series.

Within the county are 19 townships, 7 villages, and the City of Jackson. The County is home to Spring Arbor University, Jackson College, and a branch of Baker College.



## Jackson County, Michigan

The Jackson County Government provides a wide range of services, which includes law enforcement, a court system, health department, services for the aging, veteran's services, and much more. The County is governed by a board of nine county commissioners. Five other elected officials preside over specific services including the Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, and County Treasurer. Both the Circuit and District Court are presided over by a Chief Judge. Four other judges are elected in the Circuit Court and 3 more elected judges serve in the District Court.

## **Other Demographic Information**

The largest employers in Jackson County are Henry Ford Allegiance Health System, Consumers Energy, Michigan Department of Corrections, Great Lakes Home & Health, Michigan Automotive Compressor (MACI) and local government. The largest tax payers in the County are Consumers Energy, Enbridge, Michigan Electric Transmission, Ramco Jackson LTD, and MACI. Median Household income in the most recent American Community Survey was \$49,715. Per capita income was \$38,069.

## **Jackson County's Mission, Vision, and Values are as follows:**

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Jackson County government, in cooperation with the community and local government units, strives through a planned process to deliver quality services that address public needs.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Responsible, innovative, transparent, and caring County governments, equitable serving a safe, diverse, welcoming, and prosperous community.

### **CORE VALUES:**

#### **QUALITY**

We strive to do good work, to get it right the first time.

#### **INTEGRITY**

People with integrity do the right thing when on one's looking.

#### **COMMUNITY**

We are all in it together working to improve Jackson County, the place we live, work, play, and raise our children.

#### **TEAMWORK**

The interconnected society we live in requires us to work together to solve community problems.

#### **EFFICIENCY**

Our goal is to derive a good value for the citizen's tax dollar.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

We will prudently and openly manage tax dollars to the standard expected by the people.

### Jackson County Strategic Plan

In 2019, Jackson County Commissioners approved the new strategic plan for Jackson County, Jackson County 2025, mission, vision, values, key performance areas and initiatives to advance success. This plan will be implemented January, 2020. Below are the Key Performance Areas:

**Healthy Community** – Assuring equitable access to high-quality health, human, and social service supports in our community

**Transportation and Community Connectedness** – Keeping our community safely in motion with a modern, appropriate, multi-modal, well-maintained transportation and infrastructure network.

**Thriving Regional Economy** – Jackson County has a skilled and educated workforce, is attractive to diverse industries, and helps businesses prosper.

**Safe and Desirable** – A safe community is a result of public safety professionals working in partnership with the people they serve. By working together with mutual respect, we make Jackson County a safe place to live, work, and play.

**Trusted Government** – Jackson County government respects personal liberties and is fiscally responsible with trusted, high-performing employees providing essential services with transparency, efficiency, and in collaboration with other units of government and stakeholders.

**Quality of Life Essentials** – Jackson County is a place where everyone has access to parks, waterways, recreation, and cultural opportunities, making us an attractive community for residents, visitors, and businesses.

**Governing Body**

The Governing Body for Jackson County government is the Board of Commissioners. As of January 1, 2013 the Board of Commissioners consists of nine (9) Commissioners elected by district. The Board of Commissioners holds the fiduciary authority needed to operate the County Government. The work is accomplished through professional administrators and elected officers.

