

GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, USA

Demographics, Workforce, Transportation, and Site Availability



Located in the middle of Michigan's lower peninsula, Gratiot County is a perfect blend of Michigan's commercial and industrial elements of the south and the rural and recreational features of the north. The County boasts a diversified economy with a strong presence from agriculture, manufacturing, and alternative energy. The community is also fortunate to have excellent healthcare systems and impressive educational opportunities. Finally, the area is rich with recreational opportunities including the Pine River, multiple county parks, non-motorized trails, and community events.

DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION*

Gratiot County	41,319
Alma (City)	9,108
St. Louis (City)	7,261
Ithaca (City)	2,827
Breckenridge (Village)	1,210
Ashley (Village)	494
Wheeler (Township)	2,725
Fulton (Township)	2,533
Pine River (Township)	2,152
Other Townships	13,009

*American Community Survey 2013 - 2017, 5-year estimates

GRATIOT COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS*

Total Population	41,319
GENDER	
Male	21,937
Female	19,382
AGE	
Under 15	6,788
15-19	3,033
20-54	19,503
55 and over	11,995
EDUCATION	
Percent high school graduate or higher	89.9%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	14.7%

*American Community Survey 2013 - 2017, 5-year estimates

GRATIOT COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS*

INCOME	
Total Households	14,736
Median Household Income	\$42,256
Mean Household Income	\$56,136
Poverty Rate	20.5%
RACE	
White	37,711
Black or African American	2,388
Asian	142
American Indian & Alaska Native	180
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	14
Other	114
Two or More Races	770

*American Community Survey 2013 - 2017, 5-year estimates

WORKFORCE

Major economic sectors in Gratiot County include agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare, and education. Vocational education opportunities to support these industries are plentiful in Gratiot; Alma High School offers a recently updated career and technical educational center, the Merrill Institute of Welding is located in Alma, and three community colleges are in the region. Additionally, the area is home to Alma College and is in close proximity to seven universities.

2018 ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT*

Labor Force	17,766
Employed	16,934
Unemployed	832
Jobless Rate	4.7%

*Data from Michigan Labor Market Information: www.milmi.org

ANNUAL JOBLESS RATE*

2018	4.7%
2017	5.5%
2015	5.7%
2010	11.8%
2005	8.3%

*Data from Michigan Labor Market Information: www.milmi.org

TOP 10 GRATIOT COUNTY EMPLOYEES*

MidMichigan Medical Center-Gratiot (Healthcare-Alma)	495
Central Michigan Correctional Facility (St. Louis)	495
Masonic Pathways (Healthcare-Alma)	426
International Automotive Components (Manuf.-Alma)	398
St. Louis Correctional Facility (Bethany Township)	387
Avalon & Tahoe Mfg., Inc. (Manuf.-Alma)	372
Alma College (Higher Education-Alma)	330
Alma Public Schools	235.5
Gratiot-Isabella RESD (Education-Ithaca)	204
Hutchinson Aerospace & Industry (Manuf.-Ithaca)	178

*Data from GGDI-Conducted Survey in Summer 2018

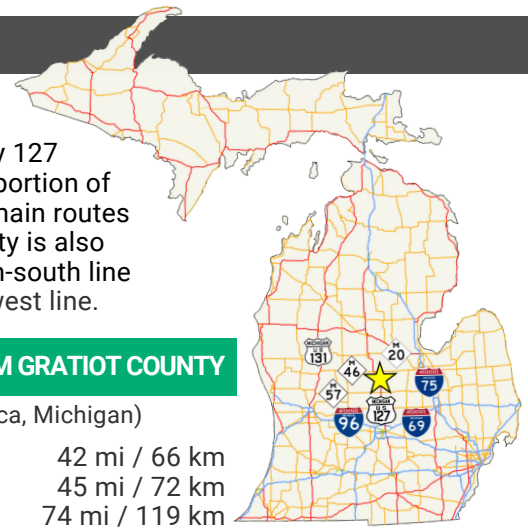
2018 COMMUTING LABOR FORCE*

30 Mile Radius (30-45 minutes)	134,128
60 Mile Radius (60-75 minutes)	1,143,525

*Data from GIS / Zoom Prospecter

TRANSPORTATION

Gratiot County is centrally located in Michigan's lower peninsula, making it an accessible location for any industry. The County is centered along the U.S. Highway 127 north and south corridor. Michigan Highway 46 runs east and west in the northern portion of Gratiot, while Michigan Highway 57 does the same in the southern portion. These main routes allow Gratiot to be accessed from many major highways and interstates. The County is also accessible by rail; Great Lakes Central Railroad, a regional railroad, provides a north-south line through Gratiot, and Mid-Michigan Railroad, a short line railroad, provides an east-west line.



MAJOR ROUTES TO/FROM GRATIOT COUNTY

(Approximate distance from Ithaca, Michigan)

US Highway 127	In County
Michigan Highway 46	In County
Michigan Highway 57	In County
Michigan Highway 20	26 mi / 42 km
US Highway 131	53 mi / 85 km
Interstate 75	44 mi / 71 km
Interstate 96	45 mi / 72 km
Interstate 69	39 mi / 63 km

MAJOR DESTINATIONS TO/FROM GRATIOT COUNTY

(Approximate distance from Ithaca, Michigan)

Saginaw, Michigan	42 mi / 66 km
Lansing, Michigan	45 mi / 72 km
Grand Rapids, Michigan	74 mi / 119 km
Detroit, Michigan	130 mi / 216 km
Windsor, Ontario	134 mi / 216 km
Chicago, Illinois	261 mi / 420 km
Cleveland, Ohio	272 mi / 438 km
Indianapolis, Indiana	293 mi / 472 km
Toronto, Ontario	332 mi / 534 km

MAJOR AIRPORTS TO/FROM GRATIOT COUNTY

(Approximate distance from Ithaca, Michigan)

Gratiot Community Airport (Alma)	In County
MBS International (Saginaw)	43 mi / 69 km
Capital City Airport (Lansing)	46 mi / 74 km

RAILROADS IN GRATIOT COUNTY

(All routes connect to major national and international markets)

Great Lakes Central Railroad (Regional)
Mid-Michigan Railroad (Shortline-G&W)

PORTS NEAR GRATIOT COUNTY

(Approximate distance from Ithaca, Michigan)

Bay City (marine) 55 mi / 88.5 km
Lansing* (air) 46 mi / 74 km

*Gratiot County is a member of Foreign Trade Zone #275 (Lansing)

SITE AVAILABILITY

Gratiot County is home to five Michigan Certified Business Parks, for a total of 482 industrial park acres. Properties within the Parks are typically government-owned and have readily available municipal services and aesthetically pleasing features. The Parks have high-quality standards and offer the components necessary for success. Available properties in each industrial park are listed in the chart below.

Additional industrial and commercial properties are available. For a complete listing of available properties, please visit www.greatlakesbaysites.com

PARK	AVAILABLE LOTS	BUILDING / SITE	AVAILABLE
Alma Industrial Park	1 - 8.01 acres	Sites & Buildings	6,000
Breckenridge Industrial, Technology, and Agribusiness Park	2.11 - 106 acres	Sites	n/a
Ithaca Industrial Park	2 - 12 acres	Sites & Buildings	18,000 & 84,000
St. Louis Woodside Industrial Centre	2.07 - 6.77 acres	Sites	n/a
South Ithaca Industrial Park	3.37 - 39 acres	Sites	n/a

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