

# Moving to Greater Lansing, Michigan

Everything You  
Need to Know

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## **WHY WE WROTE THIS GUIDE**

Lansing, Michigan is not only Michigan's state capital, but also one of the Great Lakes State's best places to live. It's central location almost in the middle of the lower peninsula makes it a prime location for travel throughout the state, while the state government, manufacturing businesses, hospitals, insurance businesses, and many other businesses provide ample employment opportunities.

Home ownership opportunities in Greater Lansing are also widespread and diverse. We made this guide to help prospective homeowners get an accurate picture of the most popular communities in Greater Lansing, so you'll know right where to start your search!

## LANSING, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Lansing itself is the center of the Greater Lansing area, both geographically and socially. With a population of about 116,000 people, Lansing has many big city attractions, but hasn't lost its sense of community. Several smaller urban areas are situated within the city limits, and each area has its own unique charm.



**House Type**  
Urban



**Median Household Income**  
\$40,160



**Median Home Price**  
\$85,300



**Crime**  
41 violent & property crimes  
per 1,000 people

## WHERE TO LIVE IN LANSING, MICHIGAN

### Downtown

Located roughly between Saginaw Road and Interstate 496, the downtown area is home to several state government buildings, statewide professional organizations, Cooley Law School, Cooley Law School Stadium (also known as the Lumnus Stadium for the minor league baseball team), Sparrow Hospital, and much more. Greater Lansing residents often visit the downtown area for events like the Silver Bells festival in winter or Common Ground Music Festival in summer, and enjoy many cozy spots for dining, drinks, and entertainment year-round.

### Old Town

This recently revitalized district is located north of downtown and south of the Capital City Regional Airport. Known for its blend of classic and modern, many small, but well-known small businesses and festivals support this thriving district. Focused on art, good food, Michigan-made products and strong community ties, Old Town is a colorful and beloved district within Lansing.

### REO Town

Located south of downtown, REO Town is following Old Town's example while adding their own history and personality. Named for the automobile pioneer Ransom Eli Olds, REO Town embraces its roots in the auto industry, and General Motors is the area's biggest employer still today. Residents enjoy exciting festivals, cozy craft beer and coffee locations, thrift and antique shops, and restaurants.

## EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

The home of the Michigan State University Spartans, this Greater Lansing community is best known for its educational achievement, university athletics, and cultural offerings. Residents and university students alike can enjoy dozens of diverse restaurants, campus activities, like Broadway shows at the Wharton Center or an MSU football game. There is no shortage of activity or diversity in East Lansing.



**House Type**  
Suburban



**Median Household Income**  
\$35,828



**Median Home Price**  
\$176,500



**Crime**  
30 violent & property crimes  
per 1,000 people

## WHERE TO LIVE IN EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

### **Whitehills**

Located north of East Lansing's downtown, between Saginaw, Lake Lansing, Abbott and Hagadorn roads, Whitehills is an upscale community with newly renovated and classic homes. Whitehills is in an overlay district, meaning that new rental licenses are difficult to get, so there are few students in this area unless they live with their families.

### **Glencairn**

Located on the westside of East Lansing, Glencairn is also within an overlay district, so it caters to homeowners and not renters. Located between the exciting East Lansing downtown area, full of exceptional shops, restaurants, the university, and the Frandor shopping center, Glencairn's location is hard to beat.

### **Abbott Parkside and Hawk Nest**

These two communities are located on the northernmost edge of East Lansing, and they are comprised of newly constructed homes. Located farther from the university than most other communities, this location is ideal for those who want to enjoy East Lansing while still enjoy relative peace and quiet. Many of these homes are brand new and include the latest amenities.

## WEST LANSING, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

On the west side, Greater Lansing extends into Delta Township and Waverly. These two areas form the western border of Greater Lansing, and combine urban, suburban and rural. This transition from urban Lansing to the rural outskirts makes it easy for residents to find a quiet lifestyle without leaving the amenities of the city.



### House Type

Urban & Suburban



### Median Household Income

\$54,208



### Median Home Price

\$169,900



### Crime

N/A

## WHERE TO LIVE IN WEST LANSING, MICHIGAN

### **Waverly**

Waverly is an unincorporated community within Delta Township, and makes up one of the busier areas within the township. Intersected by Saginaw Road and bordered by I-496, Waverly is similar to Lansing, with the West Lansing Mall, a variety of big box stores, smaller shops, restaurants, and other businesses giving the area an urban feel.

### **Delta Township**

Moving to the edges of Delta Township, near either stretch of the Grand River, the neighborhoods become more suburban, with a variety of classic and new homes of all sizes. The west edge of Delta Township is more rural, starting the sprawl of mostly forest, corn and bean fields that surround much of Greater Lansing.

## OKEMOS, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Located east of Lansing, Okemos is an suburban community within Meridian Township. Okemos is best known as a commuter suburb, with residents working at the university, state government and hospitals. Okemos is also known for its top-notch schools, which rank among the best in the state.



**House Type**  
Suburban



**Median Household Income**  
\$74,591



**Median Home Price**  
\$245,700



**Crime**  
22 violent & property crimes  
per 1,000 people

## DEWITT, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

DeWitt, Michigan is located on the north side of Greater Lansing between highway 127 and interstate 69. With a mix of suburban and rural properties, DeWitt is a quiet and scenic community that gives residents access to great amenities while giving them peace and quiet. DeWitt has a well-developed sense of community, with strong school and local business support.



**House Type**  
Suburban



**Median Household Income**  
\$87,230



**Median Home Price**  
\$184,100



**Crime**  
6 violent & property crimes  
per 1,000 people

## WILLIAMSTON, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

On the eastern edge of Greater Lansing, past East Lansing and Okemos, is the upscale and quaint community of Williamston. With convenient access to interstate 96 on the south edge of Williamston, the community is popular among commuters to Okemos, East Lansing and Lansing.



**House Type**  
Suburban



**Median Household Income**  
\$57,647



**Median Home Price**  
\$194,200



**Crime**  
6 violent & property crimes  
per 1,000 people

## HASLETT, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Haslett occupies the northeastern corner of Greater Lansing, north of Okemos and east of East Lansing. Lake Lansing, in the center of the community, is the ideal location to enjoy a fun afternoon. Visitors and residents can kayak, boat, fish, swim and more in the scenic lake.



**House Type**  
Suburban



**Median Household Income**  
\$59,338



**Median Home Price**  
\$177,700



**Crime**  
28 violent & property crimes  
per 1,000 people

## GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Grand Ledge is a quiet, close-knit community on the western edge of Greater Lansing. With a vibrant downtown area and beautiful riverfront parks overlooking The Ledges, Grand Ledge is an attractive and scenic town for residents looking for a smaller, cozier town with a more laid-back lifestyle.



**House Type**  
Suburban



**Median Household Income**  
\$79,587



**Median Home Price**  
\$145,700



**Crime**  
17 violent & property crimes  
per 1,000 people

# Buy a Home in Your Dream Greater Lansing Neighborhood

If you've found your ideal Greater Lansing community, contact us today to get connected with an expert local Realtor®. The Greater Lansing real estate market is active and changing, and we can help you find the perfect home and get the transaction closed.

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