



City of Ann Arbor

Facts

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- ❑ Mayor John Hieftje (2000 – present)
- ❑ Ann Arbor City Council consists of 11 City Council members (five wards, two members each) plus the mayor
- ❑ Founded in 1824, city charter in 1851
- ❑ 27.7 square miles
- ❑ 114,000 citizens
- ❑ 157 parks, 2,088.37 acres of park land, including:
 - ❑ 4 city pools
 - ❑ 2 city golf courses
 - ❑ 1 city ice rink (regulation-size), 1 outdoor seasonal ice rink
 - ❑ 2 city canoe liveries
 - ❑ The Ann Arbor Farmers Market
- ❑ More than 24 miles of on-road bike lanes and 60 miles of park bicycle paths
- ❑ A² is a recycling pioneer: In 1998, the U.S. EPA recognized Ann Arbor as one of the top 20 waste-reduction communities in North America for achieving a 50 percent diversion rate through recycling and composting. In 2010, the city expanded into a single-stream recycling operation and joined with RecycleBank, with the goal of increasing waste diversion to over 60 percent.
- ❑ Ann Arbor is home to:
 - ❑ 1,090 species of plants, including 19 species state-listed as endangered, threatened or special concern in Michigan
 - ❑ 105 species of summer resident birds (86 of which breed here), including seven state-listed species
 - ❑ 75 species of butterflies, including one state-listed
 - ❑ 10 species of frogs and toads, including one state-listed
 - ❑ Eight species of turtles, including one state-listed
 - ❑ Eight species of snakes, including one state-listed.
- ❑ Honors and distinctions (see more online, www.a2gov.org/news):
 - ❑ Tree City USA (*Arbor Day Foundation*)
 - ❑ Bike-friendly City (*Bicycling Magazine*)
 - ❑ Best Places to Live and Best Small Cities (*CNN/Money Magazine*)
 - ❑ Top College Sports Town and Most Livable City (*Forbes*)
 - ❑ Best Cities For Families (*Parenting Magazine*)
- ❑ Ann Arbor Public School District is the eighth largest school district in Michigan, with 16,458 students enrolled in 34 schools, preschool through high school and adult education.
- ❑ Five colleges and universities are located in Ann Arbor, including the University of Michigan, also the city's largest employer.
- ❑ Industry icons call Ann Arbor home, such as Google, Domino's Pizza, Borders Group and Zingerman's.
- ❑ City of Ann Arbor Mission Statement: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of our resources while valuing an open environment that fosters fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.
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