

KEY FACTS OF MICHIGAN

AREA

58,110 square miles of land, 1,305 square miles of inland water, and 38,575 square miles of Great Lakes water area; there are 10,083 inland lakes of more than 5 acres in surface area and 3,288 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. Combined water and land area makes it the 10th largest state in the Union.

ELEVATION

Highest point in the state is Mt. Arvon in Baraga County, 1,981 feet above sea level; lowest point is along the Lake Erie shoreline, 572 feet above sea level.

HISTORY

First permanent French settlement by Father Jacques Marquette at Sault Ste. Marie, 1668; French forces surrendered Detroit to British at close of French and Indian War, 1760; became part of the Northwest Territory, 1787; became Michigan Territory, 1805; admitted into the Union as the twenty-sixth state, 1837.

NICKNAME

The Wolverine State.

POPULATION

9,883,640—ranks eighth among the 50 states.

STATE CAPITAL

Detroit served as the state capital until 1847, when it was permanently moved by the Legislature to Lansing.

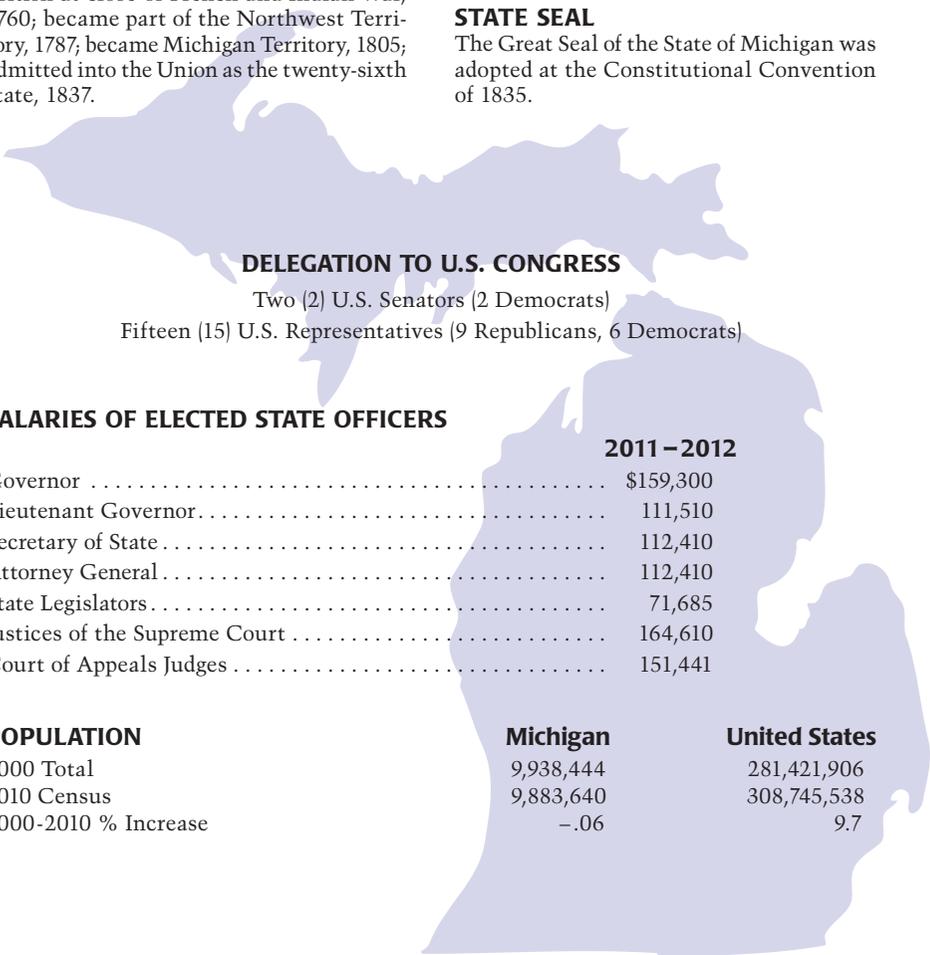
STATE MOTTO

Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice

(If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you.)

STATE SEAL

The Great Seal of the State of Michigan was adopted at the Constitutional Convention of 1835.



DELEGATION TO U.S. CONGRESS

Two (2) U.S. Senators (2 Democrats)
Fifteen (15) U.S. Representatives (9 Republicans, 6 Democrats)

SALARIES OF ELECTED STATE OFFICERS

	2011–2012
Governor	\$159,300
Lieutenant Governor.....	111,510
Secretary of State.....	112,410
Attorney General.....	112,410
State Legislators.....	71,685
Justices of the Supreme Court.....	164,610
Court of Appeals Judges.....	151,441

POPULATION

	Michigan	United States
2000 Total	9,938,444	281,421,906
2010 Census	9,883,640	308,745,538
2000-2010 % Increase	-.06	9.7