Michigan Immigration & Population Brief 2026

6 of 83 counties grew as international migration gains outweighed other losses. **33** still shrank despite international gains.

Michigan gained 27,922 residents, with net international migration of 30,706 and other components totaling -2,784. Six counties show the same category A pattern. Wayne County is a local example; its figures describe the county, not Detroit alone.

County in category A	Population change	Net international migration	Other changes combined
Berrien County	+50	+358	-308
Houghton County	+139	+193	-54
Kalamazoo County	+673	+910	-237
Oakland County	+5,788	+7,688	-1,900
Washtenaw County	+1,258	+3,150	-1,892
Wayne County	+3,504	+8,004	-4,500

How to read the finding

Population change = net international migration + other components. Other components combine births minus deaths, domestic migration and the residual. The table lists all category A counties in this state, alphabetically. Values are estimates for July 2024–June 2025. Small differences may change in a future vintage.

Interpretation and limits

Local context is needed to explain why a county recorded these population changes. This table does not measure immigration status, employment or economic impact and does not predict population without immigration. County figures describe cities only where their geographic boundaries match.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, CO-EST2025-ALLDATA. HLG calculations. Annual components: July 2024–June 2025. Accessed October 11, 2026.

Source documentation: Census field definitions • methodology. Full state county file and chart are included in the atlas package.

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