

# EAST LANSING

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small-town charm*

## A VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

- Downtown East Lansing offers a mix of restaurants, shops, galleries, visitor accommodations, offices, living spaces, public art and outdoor plazas.
- The downtown is walking distance from several neighborhoods and MSU's beautiful campus.



## COST OF LIVING

- The Lansing-East Lansing region was recently ranked #2 in NerdWallet's list of the Most Affordable Medium-Sized Metros for Homeownership.
- East Lansing's cost of living is comparable to other local communities with these added benefits: weekly rubbish collection/curbside recycling, Simple Recycling, free leaf and holiday waste pickup days, street maintenance, family events and programs, an active seniors' program, a community center with affordable fitness passes/class rates, a wonderful local library and more. Residents also enjoy affordable water/sewer rates and electric service as well as no city income tax.

## A UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

As the proud home of Michigan State University, East Lansing offers the unique perks of a college setting:

- Big Ten sports
- the Wharton Center for Performing Arts, featuring dance, music and Broadway tour stops and the Lansing Symphony
- major national acts at the Breslin Center
- lifelong educational opportunities
- exhibitions and events at the world-renowned Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum and MSU Museum
- College of Music recitals
- on-campus leisure activities
- a community rich with diversity
- beautiful outdoor gardens



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# WHY CHOOSE TO LIVE IN EAST LANSING?

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## GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- The East Lansing Public Schools (ELPS) include five elementary schools, one middle school and one high school.
- Approximately 3,500 students are currently enrolled and the student-teacher ratio is 21:1.
- East Lansing High School is recognized as a Silver Medal school by U.S. News & World Report and is ranked 17th in the state. Every year, a number of ELHS students are recognized as National Merit Scholar finalists.
- A total of 64 countries and 70 languages are represented at ELPS. As a result, students are offered a culturally rich educational experience.
- ELPS offers all levels of athletic competition, including 26 varsity sports. The Trojans annually compete for conference and state championships.
- ELPS also offers band, orchestra, theater, art, choir, world languages and a variety of clubs.
- Schools are nestled in neighborhoods, making walking to school easy.



## GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

- East Lansing has more than 20 close-knit neighborhoods, each with its own unique character.
- East Lansing offers diverse housing choices - from charming historic homes dating back to the early 1900's to newly constructed residences.
- Many neighborhoods have active neighborhood associations that host meetings, picnics, concerts, ice cream socials and other special events.
- East Lansing has been recognized nationally as the 2nd happiest and 8th most walkable small U.S. city.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outdoor recreation is abundant in East Lansing! There are:

- 25 community parks, an Aquatic Center, softball & soccer complexes, an off-leash dog park and more.
- The 4.5-mile Northern Tier Trail connects many of the recreational areas and is great for running, walking, biking and enjoying wildlife.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

The City of East Lansing offers more than 50 arts and cultural events each year, the majority of which are FREE. Events include:

- the nationally-ranked East Lansing Art Festival
- the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival
- the Great Lakes Folk Festival
- the East Lansing Film Festival
- a farmer's market
- outdoor movies in a park setting
- downtown summer concerts
- children's concerts & youth theater
- a Play in the Park children's entertainment series
- open mic nights
- a winter festival
- the Mid-Winter Singing Festival and more!

