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City of Detroit

Detroit is America's 11th largest city (916,952 population) and sits along the shores of the Detroit River one of the main shipping channels in the Great Lakes. In fact, more international commerce passes through the Detroit Windsor Gateway than the United States trades with China.

Located north of Windsor, Ontario, it is the only major U.S. city that looks south to Canada. It was founded on July 24, 1701 by the Frenchman Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac. The current mayor is Kenneth V. Cockrel Jr.

Detroit, also known as: Motown, Hockeytown or the D, is the automotive capital of the world. It also is known for its rich history in music, including: Motown, Jazz, Electric Music. It hosts a number of music festivals each year, attracting people from all over the world. Detroit also is known as one of the best Sports Towns in America, with a variety of professional and collegiate teams. Detroit has played host to a number of major events including: The Super Bowl, MLB All Star Game, the NCAA Final Four, Red Bull Air Races and the North American International Auto Show.

Detroit is located in Southeastern Michigan, which 4,467,592 people, making it the nation's eleventh-largest.

Metro Detroit suburbs are among the more affluent in the U.S. in contrast to lower incomes found within the city limits.

For the 2000 Census, median household income in the city was $29,526, and the median income for a family was $33,853. However, a 2007 report shows the city of Detroit's median household income at $34,512, a 12% increase over the Census estimate.

There is a wide age distribution in the city, with 31.1% under the age of 18, 9.7% from 18 to 24, 29.5% from 25 to 44, 19.3% from 45 to 64, and 10.4% who are 65 years of age or older. The median age was 31 years.

The Detroit-Windsor area, a critical commercial link straddling the Canada-U.S. border, has a total population of about 5,700,000. For more information call (313) 224-9277 TTY: 311

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