

# CITY OF DEARBORN

## A Hearty Dearborn Welcome!

Dearborn offers an inviting, comfortable and historic destination for newcomers and visitors from around the world. We are “home” to 100,000 residents who benefit from exceptional City services that are second-to-none and who live in closely knit neighborhoods with beautiful, tree-lined streets. People of many different backgrounds enjoy the opportunity to live, work, and celebrate in harmony.

Internationally recognized as the birthplace of Henry Ford, Dearborn is where auto and steel manufacturing, green beltways, fields of sunflowers and wildlife dwell side by side. We are a REGIONAL center for employment, health care services, higher education, shopping and transportation along with outstanding cultural, environmental and visitor attractions.

## Highlights

### Where We Live

Designated as a “Cool City” by the State of Michigan in 2006, Dearborn gives the feeling of a small town with all of the amenities of “big city” living within its 24.5 square miles. Dearborn has been named a “Tree City USA” for 19 consecutive years.

### Neighborhoods

Well constructed bungalows, historic homes with authentic craftsmanship, urban townhouses, condominiums and senior complexes as well as million dollar estates are intertwined among Dearborn’s peaceful and well maintained neighborhoods.

There are 43 neighborhood playgrounds in Dearborn, covering 275 acres.

The City of Dearborn is noteworthy for the number of apartment towers it maintains for seniors to provide affordable living and easy access to a variety of services.

### City Services

City law mandates a premium staffing level of police officers and fire fighters, reflecting an outstanding commitment to public safety.

Dearborn’s Fire Department has one of the country’s best response times (less than four minutes) for fire and EMS emergencies, providing 100% Advance Life Support response to all medical emergencies.

Provided within Dearborn’s moderate tax rate is curbside collection of trash, recyclables and waste, well maintained streets that are regularly cleared of ice and snow, an annual Household Hazardous Waste Day, and autumn leaf collection from every neighborhood street.



West Village Commons

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**Fairlane Town Center**

Dearborn's Health Department offers citizens a full range of preventive health services, regularly scheduled clinics for general immunizations for school children, well baby clinics and tuberculosis testing, in addition to flu and pneumonia clinics.

Dearborn's Public Library system, includes the landmark Henry Ford Centennial Library, and four facilities located throughout the City with more than 600 programs available to patrons of all ages and a commendable offering of online resources and databases.

### Major Medical Facilities

Dearborn and its surrounding communities are well served by nationally-acclaimed medical facilities including Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane and Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center.

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center is the only southeast Michigan hospital to be named as one of the nation's Top 100 Cardiovascular Hospitals for seven of the past eight years.

### Schools

Approximately 18,000 students attend 33 Dearborn Public Schools that are accredited by the North Central Commission on Accreditation. Magnet programs are available to students in math and science, technology, culinary arts, medicine, multimedia production and others.

In 2007, more than \$5 million in scholarships were awarded Dearborn Public School students to attend colleges and universities nationwide.

There are also eight private and four charter schools within Dearborn.

### Institutions of Higher Education

Dearborn is very much a "college"



University of Michigan-Dearborn

town with a number of satellite schools, Davenport University and two major institutions of higher education:

**Henry Ford Community College** (HFCC) serves more than 25,000 students annually, offering more than 100 university transfer and associate degree career programs. HFCC is a leader in providing highly-trained health-care professionals, including the largest registered nurse program in Michigan.

**University of Michigan-Dearborn** has a population of more than 8,500 students enrolled in a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The University of Michigan-Dearborn is ranked in the top 5 best master's level universities in the Midwest (America's Best Colleges 2008, U.S.News & World Report). The campus also includes several acres of prime natural resources and the Henry Ford Estate.

### Churches and Community Organizations

Within Dearborn are 54 churches, 5 mosques, 13 service clubs and other organizations including the Dearborn Community Arts Council, Dearborn Symphony Orchestra and the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS).

The Dearborn Symphony was awarded "Outstanding Community Orchestra 2007" by the Detroit Music Awards.

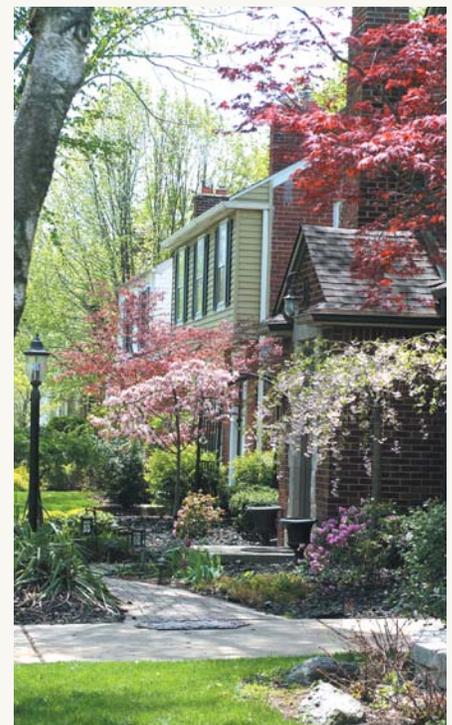
### Shopping

Dearborn annually attracts an estimated 10 million regional shoppers to Fairlane Town Center which offers

one of the largest indoor shopping experiences in Michigan. In addition, Dearborn has regional outdoor shopping centers and three vibrant downtown business districts with a variety of specialty shops, restaurants and exciting new residential and business developments.

### Transportation

Dearborn is ideally located within metropolitan Detroit with easy access to major freeways (I-94, I-96, I-75, US-12, US-24, M-39, M-153), AMTRAK passenger rail, SMART bus routes, and Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Willow Run Airport and Detroit City Airport.



## Where We Work

Dearborn is a regional employment center. It is the home of



Ford Motor Company, which helped put the “world on wheels;” headquarters of AAA

Michigan; the international headquarters of Carhartt, known for its premium workwear; Eppinger Manufacturing, the maker of famous Dardevle fishing lures; Dearborn Sausage, a company appreciated for its delicious products; Al Wissam, a maker of designer fashions; nationally famous Arab pastry shops and 4,000 other small to large businesses, many of which have provided a variety of services and products for more than 50 years.

Ford Motor Company’s Rouge Plant has the largest green roof in the world, with 454,000 square feet covered with sedum and other plants. In addition to major automotive manufacturing, Dearborn is an industrial center for steel processing with recent major investments of more than \$600 million by Severstal Steel.

Because Dearborn is a major southeastern Michigan employment and educational center, the City’s daytime population swells to more than 150,000 people.

The Dearborn Chamber of Commerce and American Arab Chamber of Commerce serve local and regional businesses with a variety of programs and membership

opportunities. Also serving businesses are the East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority and the West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority.



**Dearborn Ford Rouge Plant**

## Where We Play

Dearborn is home to Michigan’s leading tourist attraction, The Henry Ford, recognized as the nation’s largest indoor-outdoor American history museum entertainment complex. It includes Greenfield Village, the IMAX Theater and the Ford Rouge Factory Tours, attracting nearly 1.6 million visitors each year.

In addition, Dearborn is alive with more than 100 special events, Michigan’s largest and oldest Memorial Day parade, major cultural and recreation centers, a wide variety of gourmet and ethnic restaurants, and trendy nightspots.

### Parks and Recreation

Dearborn has eight outdoor pools, 43 public parks, a two-rink Dearborn Ice

Skating Center (DISC), a public golf course, numerous walking and bike paths, picnic shelters, athletic fields and courts, and modern playscapes. The City also owns Camp Dearborn, a family camp located on more than 626 acres of rolling hills, trees and lakes in Milford, Michigan.

The Rouge River Gateway Corridor that runs through Dearborn is one of the most important natural and cultural assets of southeast Michigan.

### The Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

This is the largest municipally owned facility of its kind with a better-than-Broadway 1,200 seat theater, two indoor pools, a fitness area, climbing wall and the Padzieski Art Gallery and more.



**The Ford Community & Performing Arts Center**



**Dunworth Pool**



**The Henry Ford**

# Dearborn Fast Facts

## Demographics

Size	24.5 square miles
Population Estimate	99,089
Median Age	35.8
Average Family Size	3.6
Number of Households	35,589
Housing Value Range	\$50,000 to \$1 million plus
Home Ownership	74.8%
Median Family Income	\$58,897

## Community Organizations (Selection)

Churches	54
Mosques	5
Service Clubs	13
Dearborn Community Arts Council	
Dearborn Symphony Orchestra	
Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)	
Neighborhood Associations	35

## Educational Institutions

Dearborn Public Schools	33
Private Schools	8
Charter Schools	4
University of Michigan-Dearborn	
Henry Ford Community College	
Davenport University	
Spring Arbor College (Satellite)	
Central Michigan University (Satellite)	
University of Phoenix (Satellite)	

## Major Employers

Ford Motor Company  
 Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center  
 Dearborn Public Schools  
 Severstal Steel  
 AAA Michigan  
 Carhartt

## Major Visitor Attractions

The Henry Ford  
 Henry Ford Museum, IMAX Theater  
 Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tours  
 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center  
 Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane  
 Dearborn Historical Museum  
 Arab American National Museum  
 Automotive Hall of Fame



City Hall

## Major Events

Homecoming  
 Arab International Festival  
 Memorial Day Parade

## Major Medical Facilities

Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane  
 Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center

## Major Hotels and Recreational Facilities

Dearborn Inn  
 Hyatt Regency  
 Ritz Carlton  
 Dearborn Hills Golf Course (public)  
 Dearborn Country Club (private)  
 Tournament Players Club (private)  
 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center  
 Dearborn Ice Skating Center (two indoor ice rinks)  
 Outdoor City Swimming Pools 8  
 Public Parks 43  
 City Tennis Courts 19

## Major Shopping Centers

Fairlane Town Center (200+ stores)  
 East Dearborn Shopping Area  
 Warren Avenue Business & Shopping District  
 West Dearborn Business District  
 Shops at Fairlane Meadows and Fairlane North  
 Westborn Mall

## Transportation

Access to major freeways: I-94, I-96, I-75,  
 US-12, US-24, M-39, M-153  
 AMTRAK Passenger Rail  
 SMART Public Bus Transit  
 Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport  
 Willow Run Airport  
 Detroit City Airport

Data Sources: U.S. Census Reports 2006, U.S. Department of Labor, SEMCOG 2007, Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, City of Dearborn: Department of Public Information, Economic & Community Development, Recreation, Police and Fire Departments.



## Dearborn City Government

Dearborn was founded in 1786 and incorporated as a city in 1929. It includes an elected mayor, seven member City Council, City Clerk, and three District Judges.

Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr.

### Dearborn City Council

Thomas P. Tafelski, President	Mark Shooshanian
Nancy Hubbard, President Pro Tem	Robert A. Abraham
Douglas B. Thomas	George T. Darany
Suzanne Sareini	

For more information about the City of Dearborn, please call the Department of Public Information, at 313.943.2285 or visit [www.cityofdearborn.org](http://www.cityofdearborn.org).