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United States

United States
except for Hawaii and Alaska

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Mexico

Atlantic Ocean

Gulf of Mexico

Tropic of Cancer

Cuba

Mexico



Michigan
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Miles
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Populations

- U.S.A. -- 284,796,887 (2001)
- Michigan State -- 9,990,817 (2001)
- Genesee County -- 439,117 (2001)
- City of Flint -- 140,761 (??)

About Flint

- The approximate number of families is 58,724.
- The amount of land area in Flint is 87.631 sq. kilometers.
- The distance from Flint to Washington DC is 463 miles.
- The distance to the Michigan state capital is 50 miles.

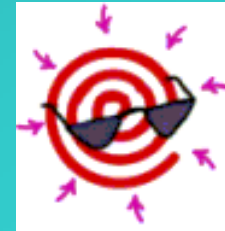


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FLINT**

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Flint Cultural Center



School Districts

- Federal/national concern (with relatively small amount of financial funding)
- State funded and regulated, but locally controlled
- No federal or national standard to speak of but a state standard.
- Even the state funds the school system, the state superintendent does not control the school districts.



School District

- Govern by the local school board
 - 9 elected members
 - Qualifications: 18 year old & local resident
- The teachers' unions
 - play a big part in shaping the legislation in every state (e.g., teachers certification requirements, tenure rights etc.)

Urban Schools

- An euphemism for “social poverty”
- Poverty is the real problem
 - Poverty brings hardship, crime (violence),
 - Low self-esteem, low expectations, and ignorance.
 - President L. Johnson tried to eliminate poverty with the "Great Society"

Flint Community Schools

- 42 schools from K-12, plus adult education
- 21,000 students
- 3,500 full time employees
- Operating budget is 250M U.S. dollars



GASC Technology Center

- A Vocational Technology High School
 - Approx. 35 high schools from 21 school districts in the County
- 10 Platforms (Departments)
- Approximately 2,400 students
 - 11th and 12th grade students
- Heterogeneous environment

Platforms

- Business Development and Leadership
- Emerging Technology
- Environmental Sciences
- Health Science & Medicine
- Hospitality & Food Services
- Manufacturing & Engineering Sciences
- Personal Services
- Propulsion Technology
- Structural Technology
- Visual Communications

Michigan Career and Employability Skills



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Advisory Boards

- Representatives of businesses
- Community leaders
- Time and Funds
 - Scholarships and equipments