From full-service, large-scale managed IT solutions to custom software, online, and app development, the region’s industry can build solutions from the ground up. Whether it’s a pure digital solution or developing integrated technology products, our tech companies have the knowledge and resources to make it happen.

247
NEW & RETAINED JOBS
(2018-2020, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY)

$6.5M
NEW INVESTMENT
(2018-2020, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY)

Michigan businesses rank 4th in the nation for their commitment to funding research & development, spending $18.8B

Workforce of 85,000+
in software & tech focused industries across Michigan

Michigan has the highest concentration of engineers in the nation

AVERAGE EARNINGS PER JOB
GREATER GRAND RAPIDS REGION $86,492
NATIONAL $128,857

TOP OCCUPATIONS
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers 3,289
Computer User Support Specialists 2,574
Computer and Information Systems Managers 1,183
Computer Systems Analysts 1,176
Network and Computer Systems Administrators 1,025

COST OF LIVING COMPARISON

Grand Rapids
Chicago 120.0
New York 126.8
San Francisco 196.6

17 colleges & universities with IT programs
80,000+ students

DATA SOURCE: EMSI

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN GREATER GRAND RAPIDS
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TOTAL NUMBER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ESTABLISHMENTS IN WEST MICHIGAN
1,122

INDUSTRY GROWTH
(2018 - 2020, BY JOBS)

PROJECTED JOB GROWTH:
(2016 - 2026)

NATIONAL 4.0%
GREATER GRAND RAPIDS 3.4%

18.3%

LEADING MOBILITY:
Largest number of V2I deployment in the U.S.
(500+ MILES V2I ROADWAY)

Corporate Tax: 6%
Sales Tax: 6%
Personal income tax 4.25%

#13 for state business tax climate

10,000+ STEM Grads Awarded Annually

1,610
Information Technology Degrees Completed in 2019

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GRAND RAPIDS - KENTWOOD MSA

GRAND RAPIDS

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Top 10 Metros for Millennials - Grand Rapids, New York Times

1,610

6 Airlines
29 Major Market Destinations
120 Daily Nonstop Flights

GRAND RAPIDS
FORD International Airport

GRAND RAPIDS

#7

Daily Nonstop Flights

10,000+

TOP 10 METROS FOR MILLENNIALS - GRAND RAPIDS, NEW YORK TIMES