

## Rochester & Rochester Hills

People have been attracted to the cities of Rochester and Rochester Hills because of its rolling, wooded hills and natural water resources such as the Clinton River and its tributary creeks. Community planning efforts in the 1960s anticipated the city's eventual popularity as a place to live. Rochester Hills today is a thriving, young, 75% residential community conveniently situated near large employment centers.

Restaurants and shopping can be found in the central business district of downtown Rochester and the “Village of Rochester Hills” on Adams Road. The “Village” is an outdoor mall with major chain stores.

With the M-59 freeway passing through Rochester Hills, I-75 close by and the area well connected by other major thoroughfares, residents have no problem commuting to any section of the Detroit metropolitan area.

Oakland University, based in Rochester Hills, is the only public university in Oakland County. Oakland's cultural enterprises include Meadow Brook Hall, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Meadow Brook Theatre, and the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

### A D D E N D U M

**Area:** Rochester: 3.8 square miles; Rochester Hills: 32.2 square miles.

**Economic Base:** Rochester is primarily residential with retail/office. Rochester Hills is residential with office, automotive future technology; home of “Automation Alley” and high-tech research and development.

**Government:** Rochester – City Manager and Council; Rochester Hills – Mayor and Council.

**Housing:** Rochester – \$291,000; Rochester Hills – \$268,250

**Income:** \$112,000

**Library:** Rochester Hills Public Library, (248) 656-2900, [www.rhpl.org](http://www.rhpl.org).

**Local Newspaper:** *Rochester Eccentric*, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

**Location:** Northeast of Detroit with easy access to I-75 and M-59.

**Medical Services:** Crittenton Hospital, William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, North Oakland Medical and St. Joseph Mercy in Pontiac (see *Health Care*).

**Parks & Recreation:** Rochester has 7 parks, Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, Paint Creek Trail, Clinton River Trail, Stony Creek, Rochester Hills Museum and Van Hoosen Farm, Older Persons Commission. Rochester Hills has 14 community parks including Bloomer Park with a velodrome (fastest one in the country, only one in Michigan), plus Stony Creek Metropark, Paint Creek Trail.

**Population:** Rochester – 11,927; Rochester Hills – 69,666

**Post Offices:** 511 Olde Towne Road, Rochester 48308; 2632 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills 48307; 1495 N. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills 48307; 800-ASK-USPS.

**Protection:** Full time police, volunteer and full-time firefighters, Oakland County Sheriff Department.

**Schools:** Rochester Community Schools, Avondale Schools (see *Public School chart*).

**Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value):** Rochester – Rochester homestead 35.5169, non-homestead 52.5169. Rochester Hills – Avondale homestead 34.1868, non-homestead 50.8665; Rochester homestead 30.4476, non-homestead 48.4476.

**Transportation:** Mini-bus transportation for seniors, (248) 652-4780, [www.opcseniorcenter.org](http://www.opcseniorcenter.org).

**Utilities:** Consumers Energy (gas), DTE Energy (electric), AT&T (phone), Comcast (cable/ internet), Wide Open West (cable/internet), City of Detroit water and sewer, some areas have municipal well water.

#### City of Rochester

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#### City of Rochester Hills

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(248) 656-4600 • [www.rochesterhills.org](http://www.rochesterhills.org)

#### Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

71 Walnut, Suite 110 • Rochester 48307 • (248) 651-6700



Kresge Library, Oakland University, Rochester

## Oakland Township

Oakland Township strives to stay beyond the reach of congestion and overcrowding, maintaining a rural setting. However, everything one would want in the way of culture, recreation and shopping is nearby.

Paint Creek Trail follows its namesake through hills, fields, woodlands, and marshes. It has been hard-surfaced for jogging and biking. The trail connects the Village of Lake Orion with the City of Rochester.

Driving the back roads of Oakland Township one can imagine being in rural New England. The topography of this area is well elevated providing some striking views of treed hills and valleys. Quietly, developers are discovering this community.

### A D D E N D U M

**Area:** 36 square miles.

**Economic Base:** Primarily residential with light industry.

**Government:** Charter Township with Supervisor and Board of Trustees.

**Housing:** \$427,000 **Income:** \$120,000

**Library:** Rochester Public Library, [www.rhpl.org](http://www.rhpl.org); Orion Township Library, [www.orion.lib.mi.us](http://www.orion.lib.mi.us).

**Local Newspaper:** *Rochester Eccentric*, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com); *Lake Orion Eccentric*, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

**Location:** Northeast of Detroit, easy access to I-75 and M-59.

**Medical:** Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, North Oakland Medical and St. Joseph Mercy in Pontiac (see *Health Care*).

**Parks & Recreation:** 713 acres of parklands, miles of trails, nature parks, environmental areas, historic farmstead and multi lake access. Seniors may join the Older Persons Commission in Rochester, (248) 656-1403.

**Population:** 16,171

**Post Offices:** 1495 N. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills 48307; 511 Olde Towne Road, Rochester 48308; 58757 Van Dyke Road, Washington 48094; 800-ASK-USPS.

**Protection:** Oakland Township Fire Department, Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

**Schools:** Rochester Community Schools, Lake Orion School District, Romeo Community Schools (see *Public School Chart*).

**Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value):** Lake Orion homestead 29.1188, non-homestead 47.1188; Rochester homestead 26.8078, non-homestead 44.8078; Romeo homestead 25.5380, non-homestead 43.5380.

**Transportation:** Mini-bus transportation for seniors, (248) 652-4780, [www.opcseniorcenter.org](http://www.opcseniorcenter.org).

**Utilities:** Consumers Energy (gas), DTE Energy (electric), AT&T (phone), Comcast (cable/ internet), community or individual wells and septic.

#### Charter Township of Oakland

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#### Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

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#### Chamber of Commerce Romeo-Washington

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(586) 752-4436 • [www.rwchamber.com](http://www.rwchamber.com)