



FACT SHEET

Intellectual Property and the Michigan Economy

Michigan's Innovators: Patent and Intellectual Property Statistics

- Michigan inventors were awarded 4,123 patents in 2004; 4,220 patents were issued to Michigan inventors in 2003.
- 22 percent of the utility patents—or patents granted for improvements to or invention of new and useful processes, machines, products or compositions of matter—awarded to Michigan residents in 2004 were awarded to small businesses. Nationwide, about 31 percent of utility patents in 2004 were awarded to small businesses.
- Through July 12, 2,091 patents had been issued to Michigan inventors in 2005.
- 2,312 patents have been issued to inventors in Detroit since 1976.

The Michigan Economy: Facts and Figures

- More than one-fourth (25.4 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Michigan depend on exports for their jobs. (2001 data are the latest available). Nationwide, 20% of U.S. manufacturing jobs are export-dependant.
- Export-supported jobs account for an estimated 9.5 percent of Michigan's total private-sector employment (almost one of every 10 jobs).
- 87% of the companies exporting goods from Michigan in 2002 (a total of 10,573 firms) were small- and medium-sized firms. Small- and medium-sized firms generated nearly one-sixth (16.3 percent) of Michigan's total exports of merchandise in 2002. (latest data available).
- Michigan exported \$35.6 billion of merchandise throughout the world in 2004, placing Michigan fourth among the states in this category. From 2000 to 2004, merchandise exports from Michigan increased \$1.8 billion, the 14th largest dollar growth in exports among the 50 states

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