

**Government Structure**

**Support Services**

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**2006 Tax Rates**

School District	Homestead	Non Homestead
Clarkston	\$29.64	\$47.64
Lake Orion	\$30.13	\$48.13
Waterford	\$26.31	\$44.31

Source: www.oakgov.com /equal; rates per \$1000 State Equalized Value and published in December of each tax year

**Private Schools / Colleges**

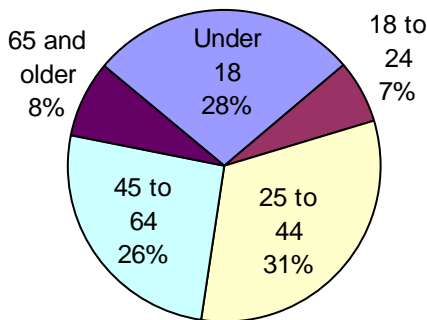
**Private Schools**

Clarkston Christian, Everest Academy, Planet Kids

**Colleges and Universities**

Lawrence Technological University- Oakland Tech Center

**Population by Age**



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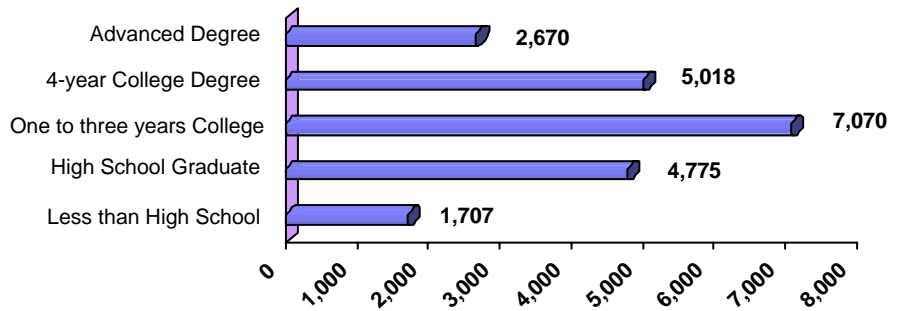
Independence Township can be characterized as a growing residential community situated in a rural atmosphere. Surrounded by thousands of acres of rolling hills, lakes, woodlands, farms, quiet country roads and marshes, the area is a rustic hideaway. Located along the I-75 corridor between Pontiac and Flint, containing headwaters for the Clinton River, the Township of Independence has proven to be a very desirable place to live. Shopping centers and professional services have sprung up along the main thoroughfares to provide all the local conveniences. Condos, apartments and single-family homes sit along side old farm houses, some having been converted into country estates. Large farms exist though few are functional any longer. Listed in the Michigan National Features Inventory are the extant buildings of the old Henry Ford farm used for testing tractors. Independence Oaks County Park, DTE outdoor music theatre, the Pine Knob ski area and an extensive public recreation program provide recreational opportunities.

**Public School Enrollment**

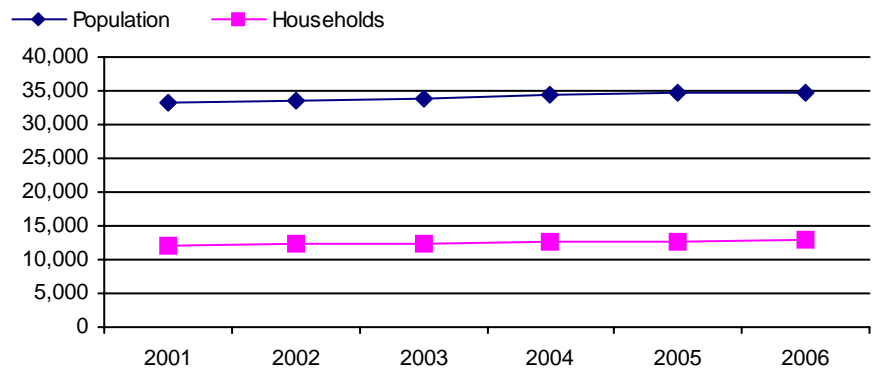
Does not include public school academies

Community	School District	Year	Enrollment
Independence Twp	Clarkston	2006	8134
Independence Twp	Lake Orion	2006	7856
Independence Twp	Waterford	2006	11548

**Educational Attainment of People Over 25 Years of Age**



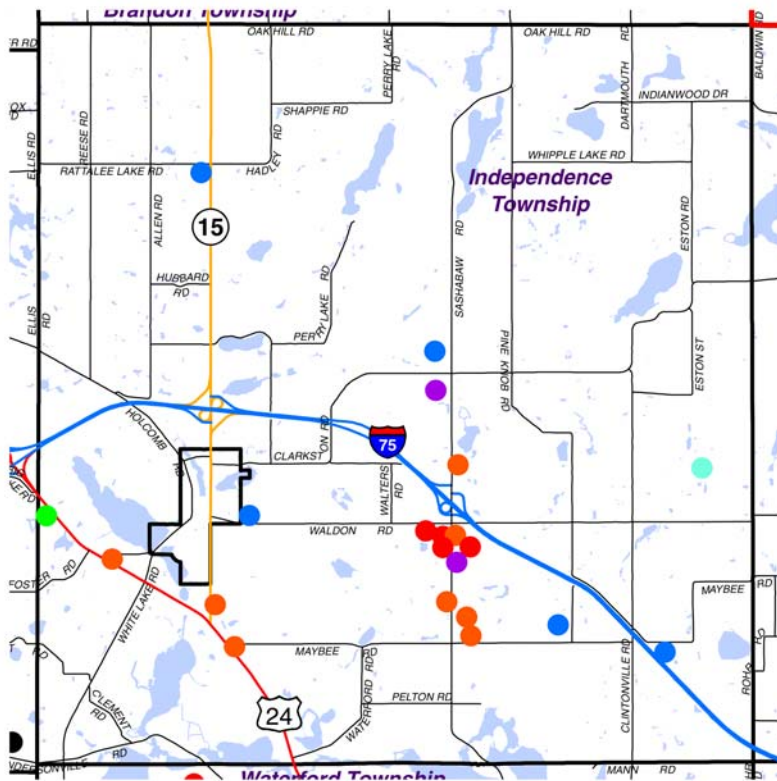
**Population and Household Growth**



Source: SEMCOG

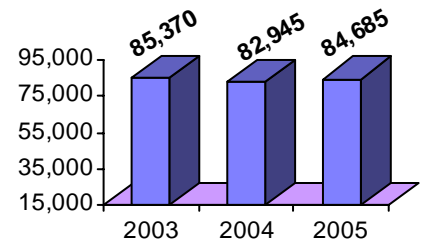
## Local New Development Activity

## Quality of Life



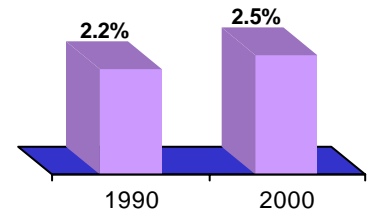
- Mixed-Use
- Office Bldg.
- Trans./Utility
- Medical Facility
- Institutional Facility
- Retail/Commercial Bldg.
- Residential/Commercial
- Leisure Activity/Accommodations
- Industrial/Warehouse/Hi-Tech

### Median Household Income

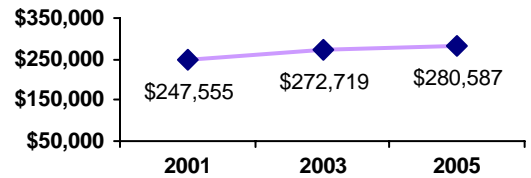


Source: Claritas

### Poverty as a percent of Total Population



### Average Housing Costs



Values based on number of homes sold  
Source: O.C. Equalization

## Top Employers

Rank	CompanyName	Industry
1	Clarkston School District	Primary education
2	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Entertainment venue
3	Pontiac Coil Inc	Coil windings, electronic
4	Recticel Interiors North America	Automotive supplies and parts
5	Kroger	Supermarkets, chain
6	Oscar W Larson Co	Service station equipment
7	Deer Lake Athletic Club	Eating places
8	Farmer Jack 395	Supermarkets
9	Mt. Zion Church	Books, religious
10	Mesquite Creek Steakhouse	Family restaurants

### Manufactured Housing

Year	# of Parks	# of Units
2000	2	610
2003	2	610
2005	2	610

Source: SEMCOG

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