

Moving to Michigan Chart

Who?	When?	Why?	Where did they settle?
French	1600s mid 1800s	To work in fur trade and lumbering	Saginaw, Bay City
People of African de- scent	1840s 1900s	Looking for freedom, looking for a better life	Metro Detroit area, Michigan cities
Germans	1830s	Food and government problems in Germany	Ann Arbor, Saginaw River Valley
British	1600s 1800s	Fur trade, farming, mining	Many areas of Michigan including the UP
Irish	1840s	Famine in Ireland	Detroit, Irish Hills
Poles	After Civil War	Better jobs and farmland	Towns like Posen, Detroit
Dutch	1840s	Looking for religious free- dom	Western part of the state in cities like Grand Rapids
Swedish	After Civil War	To work in mines and lum- ber camps	The Upper Peninsula
Finnish	1860s	To work in mines and lat- er factories	UP, Detroit
Italians	1860s	To work in mines and lat- er factories	UP, Detroit
Hispanics	1900s	To pick crops, to work in factories	Detroit, Pontiac
Chinese	1870s 1990s	Anti-Chinese feelings in the western part of U.S.	Detroit
Japanese	1950s 1990s	After WWII, came to work in car part companies	Oakland County
Arabs	Late 1900s	Conflict where they lived	Dearborn, Southfield