With significant policy changes and the economic improvement during the past five years, Michigan is among the most attractive places in the world for employers in the digital media industry. Home to one of the most talented, diverse and abundant workforces in the country.

Michigan ranks 4th in the nation in the number of workers employed in the architectural, engineering and related services industry. This is twice the national average.

Employment in Michigan’s specialized design services industry is expected to grow 14% by 2022.

Technology companies like LinkedIn, Twitter, Microsoft and Amazon have all recently invested in Michigan, citing the state’s thriving digital economy, history of innovation and talented workforce.

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MHICAGAN’S thriving digital media industry

Michigan ranks 2nd among Midwestern states for the number of jobs in the digital media industry with approximately 445,000 jobs. That number is projected to grow by more than 35,000 jobs by 2022.

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Detroit is ranked No. 3 nationally for cities rapidly attracting millennial job seekers and as “hotbed” for tech jobs. Together, Wayne and Oakland counties account for more than 212,000 digital media jobs.

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Michigan's digital media industry groupings

Computer Systems Design and Related Services
Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services
Other Information Services

Independent Artists, Writers, and Performers
Newspaper, Periodical, Book, and Directory Publishers
Specialized Design Services
Radio and Television Broadcasting

Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services
Other professional, scientific and technical services
Scientific Research and Development Services

Motion Picture and Video Industry
Sound Recording Industry
Software Publishers

Other Telecommunications
Satellite Telecommunications
Wired Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)
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Michigan's growing economy is creating job opportunities in the digital media industry. From web developers to interior designers to animators to sound engineers and more, Michigan's digital media occupations are projected to grow for years to come.

The average earnings for those employed in digital-media related industries in Michigan is nearly $89,000.

Michigan ranks 2nd in the number of workers employed in the commercial and industrial designer occupation and is more than three times the national average.

In 2017 there are more than 189,000 digital media jobs in Michigan, which are projected to grow by 7% by 2022.

Nearly 50,000 digital media jobs in Michigan are in Oakland County.

The number of computer and information research scientists is expected to grow by 21% by 2022.

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Architectural and Civil Drafters
Surveying and Mapping Technicians

Audio and Video Equipment Technicians
Sound Engineering Technicians

Camera Operators, Television, Video, and Motion Picture
Cartographers and Photogrammetrists
Photographers
Photographic Process Workers and Processing Machine Operators

Computer and Information Research Scientists
Computer and Information Systems Managers
Computer Network Architects
Computer Network Support Specialists
Computer Occupations, All Other
Computer Programmers
Computer Systems Analysts
Computer User Support Specialists
Web Developers
Network and Computer Systems Administrators
Database Administrators
Desktop Publishers

Film and Video Editors
Motion Picture Projectionists
Multimedia Arts and Animators

Graphic Designers
Interior Designers
Commercial and Industrial Designers

Information Security Analysts
Software Developers, Applications
Software Developers, Systems Software

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