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## Introduction

The Michigan Almanac provides a consolidated source of data and commentary as a window into the characteristics and operations of the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus. This document includes sections on student admissions and enrollment, costs of attendance, student achievement, faculty and staff statistics, diversity indicators for all parts of the campus community, teaching and learning activities, research and technology transfer, budget, development, space, sustainability, and academic rankings.

The Almanac has been prepared with several different audiences in mind. Members of the University administration, faculty, and staff who manage or monitor any of the institution's programs should find this a useful source of information. Others who have interests in U-M – the state's legislators and government officials in Lansing and Washington, prospective and current students and their families, donors, other higher education institutions, and the media – will also find information of value in this document.

Through the Almanac, the University aims to present a balanced and factual picture of all facets of the institution. The U-M applauds its successes, but also strives to be objective about areas that need improvement. The data has been collected from public sources, and, when possible, from readily accessible reports, so that the charts and tables in the Almanac can be replicated.

The U-M Health System is not presented in Almanac data and charts, except in rare instances. The University's Flint and Dearborn campuses are also excluded from this document.

When relevant, the Almanac compares the U-M to its peer institutions, sometimes as individual universities or as groups of universities with similar characteristics. The membership of these peer comparison groups is listed in Appendix A.

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