

Arcada Township Community Profile

Arcada Township located near the center of Gratiot County and contains two cities within its 32.7 square mile borders. The City of Alma is along its northern border and the City of Ithaca is near the southeast corner. School Districts are also shared between the Alma and Ithaca. Main Corridors within the township are Business Route 127, State Road, as well as Washington Road. Unique features of the township include Bailey Cemetery, multiple developed residential sub-divisions, along with many businesses. Gratiot Community Airport also calls Arcada Township home.

Early history of Arcada Township tells us that the first election was held at the house of Lucius C. Knapp on April 2, 1855. A total of 38 votes were cast and the decision was made to elect Francis Nelson the Supervisor, Lemuel C. Cole the Clerk, and Lafayette Church the Treasurer. Other notable positions filled were for Highway Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, School Inspectors, Overseers of the Poor, and Constables.

As to the 2000 Census, Arcada Township has over 1,700 residents with 495 families living in over 650 households. The median income for an Arcada Township household is \$44,097, median family income is \$50,161, and per capita income is \$20,781. The people of the township have careers ranging from Family Farming and small business owners to Doctors and Lawyers as it seems everyone from all walks of life have a place within Arcada Township. Diversity and understanding as well as respect for individual rights are what keep a community strong.