

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE

A Guide to Living in Brighton, Michigan

Small-town charm with big-city access. A lively, walkable downtown wrapped around a scenic Mill Pond, thousands of acres of lakes and trails minutes away, top-rated schools, and an easy commute to nearby cities via I96 and US-23. Whether you're relocating or just curious, this guide is your insider's introduction.



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REAL ESTATE

The Brighton Housing Market

Brighton is a strong, active seller's market. The numbers below come from **Realcomp MLS** and represent 2026 year-to-date real local sales.

\$405K

Median Sale Price

2026 year-to-date

100.7%

Of List Price

Buyers meeting or beating asking

40

Days on Market

Average time to close

Inventory is very low - well under one month's supply. The city core tends to run more affordable, while lakefront and newer construction command higher prices.

For Buyers

Get pre-approved and be ready to move on the right home.

For Sellers

Well-prepared, well-priced homes are commanding at or above asking.

Ask us for a personalized market breakdown for your specific neighborhood or price range.

SCHOOLS

Top-Rated Schools

Brighton Area Schools

The **#1-rated district in Livingston County**, ranking in Michigan's top 5% (Niche 4.29/5).

- Serving ~5,800 students PK-12, with math proficiency ~64% and reading ~69%-both well above state averages.
- **Brighton High School** (Home of the Bulldogs) offers AP courses with an ~83% graduation rate.
- Top-rated schools include **Hornung, Hawkins, Spencer Road Elementary**, and **Scranton Middle School**.





OUTDOORS

Recreation and Lakes

Surrounding Brighton:

50k

Acres of parks

123

Miles of Trails

180+

Lakes

Brighton Recreation Area: ~4,900 acres, 9 lakes, swim beach, disc golf, 5 campgrounds, and 35 miles of trails

Island Lake Recreation Area: ~4,000 acres on the Huron River, 20+ miles of trails, kayaking, and spring-fed Spring Mill Pond

Downtown Mill Pond: Paved waterfront promenade, playground, and amphitheater in the heart of town

Mt. Brighton: Skiing and snowboarding in winter



LOCAL LIFE

Events and Lifestyle

Signature Annual Events

- **A Taste of Brighton:** Free downtown food festival, July 10–11
- **Smokin' Rock-N-Blues Festival:** BBQ + live music on Main Street, Sept 11–12
- **Stars Hollow:** Immersive fictional fall town, Sept 26–27
- **Brighton Street Art Fair:** Late August
- **Live at Millpond Park:** Summer concert series at The AMP
- **Holiday Glow & Christmas Market:** Main Street lights up, Nov 21–22

Season by Season

- **Spring:** Mill Pond strolls, farmers market, trails greening up
- **Summer:** Beach days, kayaking, downtown concerts, festival season
- **Fall:** Color tours, cider season, Smokin' Rock-N-Blues
- **Winter:** Skiing at Mt. Brighton, Holiday Glow, cozy downtown nights



DINING & SHOPPING

Restaurants & Retail

Dining

- **Fine dining:** The Reserve, Ciao Amici's, and Stillwater Grill
- **American spots:** Brighton Bar & Grill, Label Kitchen + Bar, Bourbons, and Single Barrel Social
- **Global favorites:** La Marsa, Sushi Zen, El Arbol, and AG's Indian
- **Coffee and sweets:** Brighton Coffeehouse, Marv's Bakery, M Street Baking Co.

Boutiques & Shopping

- **Adult + kids clothing/gifts:** Brass + Oak, Coast on Main & Beverly Rae, Rosy's Boutique
- **Bookstore/Gift Shops:** 2 Dandelions Bookstore, Wood 'N Things & Catching Fireflies
- **Outdoor apparel:** Town To Trail Outfitters

This guide is just the surface of what Brighton has to offer. Whether you're a year out from moving or ready now, reach out for a personalized neighborhood tour, a home valuation, or an honest market conversation.

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