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There are 247,137 living WMU alumni worldwide.*
About 73 percent of all WMU alumni (180,188) live in the United States.

The largest populations of WMU alumni outside the United States are in Malaysia (over 1,600), India (892), Japan (619), Canada (471), China (400) and Thailand (464). Of the 180,188 alumni who live in the U.S., about 141,751 live in Michigan and the four surrounding states. This includes Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

There are 126,416 WMU alumni in Michigan, 51 percent of all WMU alumni live in Michigan. More than 91 percent of Michigan's WMU alumni live in the Lower Peninsula, south of a line extending from Muskegon County in the west to St. Clair County in the east.

*Verifiable, living alumni, includes both those who earned degrees at Western Michigan University and some former students who did not earn degrees. The WMU definition for “non-graduate alumni” has varied over the years. The alumni population is continually changing. Within one year of this report, actual alumni counts may vary by plus or minus 20 percent of the figures presented here. Population relationships and ratios are less likely to vary significantly.
23,113 alumni live in a four-county area of West, Central Michigan.

More than 47,600 alumni live in a nine-county area of Southwest Michigan.

30 percent of all WMU alumni (70,777 alumni) live in the 13 counties of West Michigan.

More than 29,500 alumni live in a four-county area of Southeast Michigan.

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