

CRAIN'S LIST

Metro Detroit's oldest businesses

Listed by year founded

Company Address, city, zip	Year founded	CEO	Business description	Other historical information
Ameritex Service Group 7043 E. Palmer, Detroit 48211	1888	Stuart Wish	Uniform rental and linen supply service	NA
Cadillac Coffee Co. 1801 Michael St., Madison Hgts 48071	1888	Guy Gehlert	Coffee roasting and distribution	First coffee roaster in Michigan; original roasting plant at site of Cobo Center today; continuous family ownership
Detroit Cornice & Slate Co. Inc. 1315 Academy, Ferndale 48220	1888	Doneen Hesse	Roofing and sheet metal contractor	Restored the Kresge Foundation headquarters and replaced the limestone roof on the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House
Iron Mountain Records Management 2937 General Motors Blvd. East, Detroit 48202	1888	Robert Eckert	Record storage and management	Started as a moving and storage firm; largest record management company in Michigan
C. M. Smillie & Co. 1200 Woodward Hgts. Blvd., Ferndale 48220	1889	Scott Smillie	Engineers and manufacturers of fluid power products that integrate with resistance welding products	NA
Clark Hill P.L.C. 500 Woodward Ave., Suite 3500, Detroit 48226	1890	Douglas Rasmussen	Law firm	Helped draft Michigan's workers compensation laws; specialized in automaker clients during shakeout in the early 20th century
Roma Cafe Inc. 3401 Riopelle, Detroit 48207	1890	Janet Sossi Belcoure	Italian restaurant	Oldest restaurant in Detroit; still in original location
BBDO Detroit 26261 Evergreen Road, Suite 300, Southfield 48076	1891	J. Thomas Clark	Advertising agency	Co-founder Bruce Barton named both General Motors and General Electric
Salasnek Fisheries L.L.C. 12301 Conant, Detroit 48212	1891	Jordan Salasnek	Wholesale distributor of fish and seafood	Fourth generation family ownership
Dittrich Furs 7373 Third Ave., Detroit 48202	1893	Harold Dittrich	Retail furs	Fifth generation family ownership; tied with Henry the Hatter as the oldest retailer in the city of Detroit
Dobson-McOmber Agency Inc. 301 N. Main St., Ann Arbor 48104	1893	Stephen Dobson	Insurance agency	NA
Edwards Brothers Inc. 2500 S. State St., Ann Arbor 48104	1893	Martin Edwards	Journal and book manufacturing	4th generation ownership; profit sharing dates to 1945; one of the first publishers to go digital
Henry The Hatter Inc. 1307 Broadway, Detroit 48226	1893	Paul Wasserman	Men's hats - retail	Tied with Dittrich Furs as the oldest retailer in the city of Detroit
Lachman & Co. 20955 Telegraph Road, Southfield 48034-4240	1893	Carrie Lachman Lenchner	Custom awards, crystal silver, plaques, trophies, jewelry	Started as a jeweler; developed corporate gifts and awards; fourth generation family ownership
McCabe Funeral Homes Inc. 31950 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington 48334	1893	Kevin McCabe	Funeral home	NA
Standard Federal Bank 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy 48084	1893	Scott Heitmann	Full-service banking	NA

This list of oldest companies is an compilation of the oldest companies in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties, headquartered in the Detroit area. It is not a complete listing but the most comprehensive available. Not included are nonprofit organizations. Unless otherwise noted, information was provided by the companies. NA = Not available.