

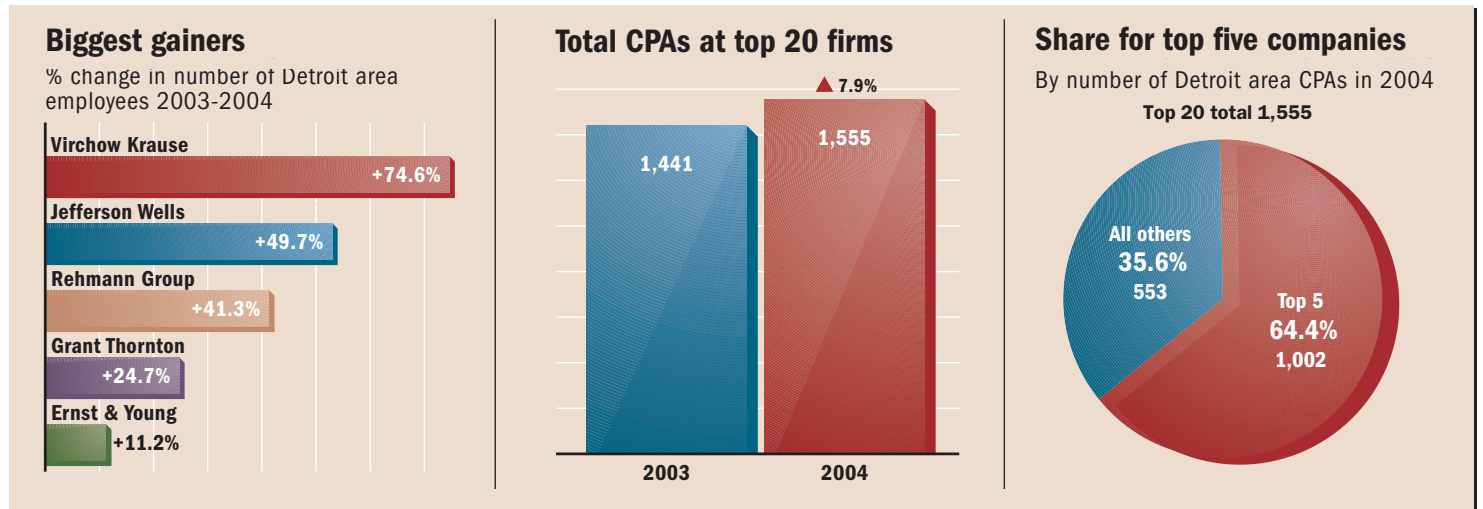
Spotlight on: Accounting firms

Several accounting firms reported significant jumps in local employment over the course of the last year. Large firms that do a significant amount of audit work for publicly traded companies reported hiring in response to the increase in work brought about by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

"Our biggest growth has been in the audit practice," said Paul Wolber, managing partner at Grant Thornton L.L.P. in Southfield. "It's because of Sarbanes-Oxley."

The firms need auditors, information-technology professionals and internal controls experts, Wolber said.

Other firms, such as The Rehmann Group in Troy and Virchow Krause & Co. L.L.P. in Bingham Farms, reported significant increases due to mergers that they completed during the past 16 months (see story, Page 11).



CRAIN'S LIST: LARGEST ACCOUNTING FIRMS Ranked by number of employees

Rank	Name address phone, Web site managing partner	Number of employees Detroit area Jan. '05	Number of employees Detroit area Jan. '04	Number of employees in Michigan Jan '05	Number of employees in Michigan Jan. '04	Number of practice personnel engaged in audit/ accounting	Number of practice personnel engaged in taxes	Number of practice personnel engaged in consulting	Number of practice personnel engaged in other	Number of CPAs Detroit area Jan. '05	Number of CPAs Detroit area Jan. '04
1.	Deloitte & Touche L.L.P. 600 Renaissance Center, Suite 900, Detroit 48243 (313) 396-3000; www.us.deloitte.com Thomas Dekar	908	880	1,024	970	338	228	220	182	270	234
2.	Plante & Moran P.L.L.C. 27400 Northwestern Highway, Southfield 48037-0307 (248) 352-2500; www.plantemoran.com William Hemann	767	775	1,045	1,047	247	87	142	291	279	298
3.	PricewaterhouseCoopers L.L.P. 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit 48243 (313) 394-6000; www.pwcglobal.com Mark Mendola	744	747	814	815	398	201	NA	145	204	201
4.	Ernst & Young L.L.P. 500 Woodward Ave., Suite 1700, Detroit 48226 (313) 628-7100; www.ey.com Jeff Bergeron	407	366	501	465	251	84	NA	72	149	90
5.	KPMG L.L.P. 150 W. Jefferson Ave., Suite 1200, Detroit 48226 (313) 983-0200; www.us.kpmg.com H. Jeffrey Dobbs	345	325	NA	NA	240	50	NA	55	100	94
6.	UHY Advisors-Michigan Inc. ① 26200 American Drive, Suite 500, Southfield 48034-6173 (248) 355-1040; www.uhy-us.com Anthony Frabotta	233	223	233	223	94	74	33	32	96	97
7.	Doeren Mayhew 755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 2300, Troy 48084 (248) 244-3000; www.doeren.com Mark Crawford	212	206	212	206	89	32	15	46	78	75
8.	Jefferson Wells International 4000 Town Center, Suite 725, Southfield 48075 (248) 350-3006; www.jeffersonwells.com Mark Bealin	169	84	NA	89	149	15	0	5	25	20
9.	Grant Thornton L.L.P. 27777 Franklin Road, Suite 800, Southfield 48034 (248) 262-1950; www.grantthornton.com Paul Wolber	106	85	106	85	54	31	10	11	45	43
9.	The Rehmann Group 5750 New King St., Suite 100, Troy 48098 (248) 952-2676; www.rehmann.com William Holtman, Philip Bahr and Robert Gigliotti	106	75	424	375	103	79	88	154	49	35
11.	Virchow Krause & Co. L.L.P. 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 100, Bingham Farms 48025 (248) 540-6600; www.virchowkrause.com Barry Allen	103	59	103	59	46	30	10	17	47	26
12.	BDO Seidman L.L.P. 755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1900, Troy 48084 (248) 362-2100; www.bdo.com Michael Collins and John Lucas	82	78	296	317	31	44	NA	7	33	33
13.	Gordon Advisors P.C. 1301 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 200, Troy 48098-6319 (248) 952-0200; www.gordoncpa.com Paul Riva	61	57	61	57	24	15	9	13	31	26
14.	Godfrey Hammel, Danneels & Co. P.C. 21420 Greater Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores 48080 (586) 772-8100; www.ghd.com Ronald Tank	59	57	59	57	17	19	13	10	29	27
15.	Kleiman Carney & Greenbaum 31500 Northwestern Highway, Suite 250, Farmington Hills 48334 (248) 851-9444 Robert Kleiman	57	59	57	59	21	26	5	5	45	45
16.	Clayton & McKervey P.C. 27777 Franklin Road, Suite 1200, Southfield 48034 (248) 358-0920; www.claytonmckervey.com Donald Clayton	52	48	52	48	27	8	6	11	21	21
17.	Boyes, Wright, Pittman & Co. P.L.L.C. 28552 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills 48334 (248) 855-8100; www.bwpco.com David Wright	49	48	49	48	19	8	7	16	23	23
18.	MSW Group P.L.C. 39300 W. 12 Mile, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331-2989 (248) 536-6200; www.mswplc.com Steve Maltzman	40	31	40	NA	18	20	21	5	17	14
19.	Alan C. Young & Associates P.C. 2990 W. Grand Blvd., Suite 310, Detroit 48202 (313) 873-7500; www.alancyoung.com Alan Young	34	39	34	39	20	2	3	2	4	7
20.	MRPR Group 30100 Telegraph, Suite 268, Bingham Farms 48025 (248) 642-2002; www.mrpr.com James Mathews	21	23	21	23	9	8	NA	NA	10	11

The number of employees encompasses those in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties. This list of accounting firms is an approximate compilation. It is not a complete listing but the most comprehensive available. Unless otherwise noted the information was provided by the companies. NA = not available.

① UHY Advisors changed its name from Follmer Rudzewicz Advisors Inc. in April 2004.

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