

# A SNAPSHOT OF **ALCONA** **COUNTY**





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## Fast Facts

**Population** .....10,785 people

**Median age** ..... 55.8 years

**Percent of people in poverty** ..... 14.6%

**Median household income** ..... \$37,189

**Median home value**.....\$102,800

**Top three economic sectors:**

Educational services, health care and social assistance..... 21.9%

Arts, entertainment, and recreation and accomodation  
and food services..... 15.5%

Public administration ..... 11.3%

**Acres in:**

Farmland.....38,309 acres



## GENERAL POPULATION

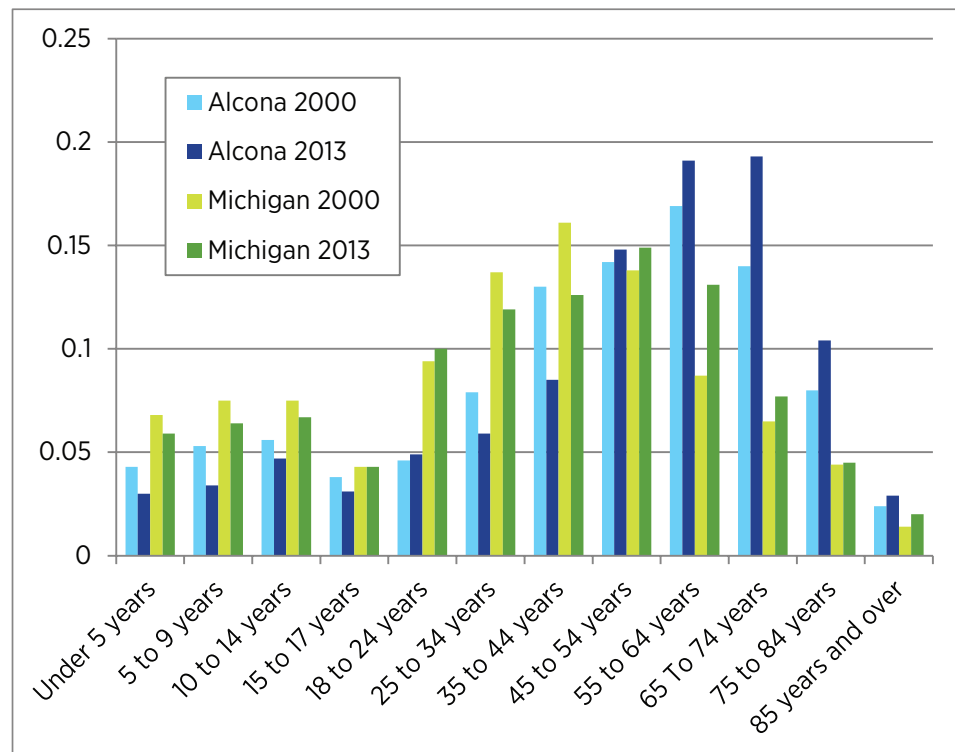
Year	Alcona County Population	Michigan Population
2000	11,719	9,938,444
2013	10,785	9,883,640

» The population in Alcona has decreased from 2000 to 2013. Overall, Michigan saw a decrease in total population.

## Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Alcona Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	17.4 / 674.5	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	16 / 674.59	174.9 / 56,538.90

## Age Distribution



## General Population, Continued

### Gender

Year	Alcona County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	50.6%	49.5%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	50.5%	49.5%	49.1%	50.9%

### Race & Ethnicity

	Alcona County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	97.4%	96.8%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	0.2%	0.1%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.2%	0.2%	1.8%	2.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0%	0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race alone	0%	0%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	0.9%	1.2%	1.6%	2.1%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	0.7%	1.2%	3.3%	4.5%



## ECONOMY

### Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Alcona County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$31,362	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$37,189	\$48,411

### Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Alcona County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$17,653	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$22,719	\$25,681

» Per capita income is the average per-person income and is derived by dividing all the sources of income in an area by the total population.

### Poverty

» Alcona Poverty Rate: 14.6% (6)  
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Alcona County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Children under age 18:</b>				
Living in poverty	18.1%	22.8%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	81.9%	77.2%	86.1%	76.4%
<b>Age 18 to 64:</b>				
Living in poverty	12.3%	17.4%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	87.7%	82.6%	90.4%	83.8%
<b>Age 65 and over:</b>				
Living in poverty	9.0%	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	91.0%	91.8%	91.8%	91.8%

## Economy, Continued

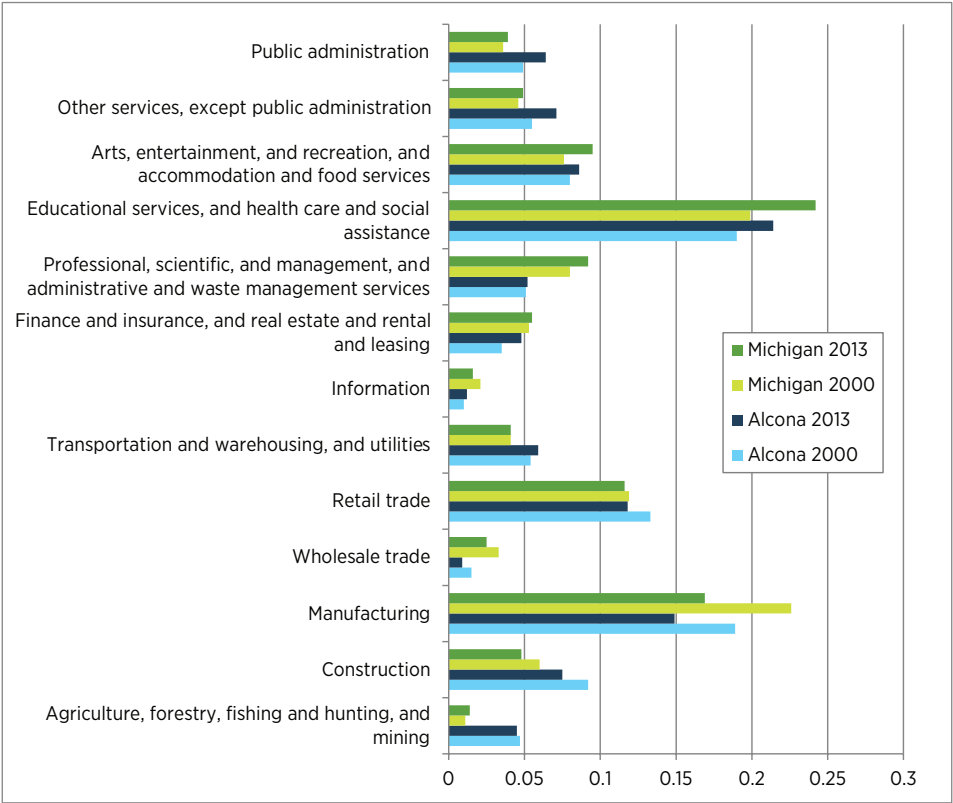
### Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Alcona County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	9,768		7,630,645	
In labor force	4,332	44.4%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	3	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	4,329	44.3%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	3,898	39.9%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	431	4.4%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	5,436	55.7%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Alcona County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	9,475		7,865,350	
In labor force	3,855	40.7%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	0	0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	3,855	40.7%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	3,297	34.8%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	558	5.9%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	5,620	59.3%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Alcona County. The same trend occurred for Michigan during that time.



## Economy, Continued

### Means of Transportation to Work (Age 16 Years and Over)

Means of Transportation to Work	Alcona County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	90.4%	88.1%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.1%	0.2%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	1.8%	3.1%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	6.9%	7.1%	2.8%	3.6%



## AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Alcona County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	38,309 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	7,161 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	235 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	163 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	60 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$11,399,000	\$8,678,050,000

Alcona top three areas of agriculture production (by volume of sales) (2):

- » Milk and other dairy products from cows
- » Cattle and calves
- » Other crops and hay

## FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



### Housing Units

	Alcona County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	10,584	11,036	4,234,279	4,529,311

### Average Household Size

	Alcona County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.5

### Household Type

Household Type	Alcona County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Family households:</b>	69.5%	65.6%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	60.1%	56.1%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	9.4%	9.5%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.6%	2.9%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	5.8%	6.5%	12.4%	12.8%
<b>Nonfamily households:</b>	30.5%	34.4%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	15.4%	17.7%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	15.1%	16.8%	17.0%	18.4%

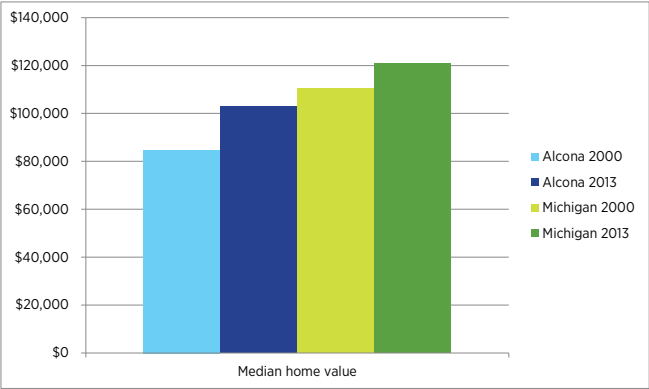
### Marriages & Divorces

	Alcona County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	53	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	27	31,687

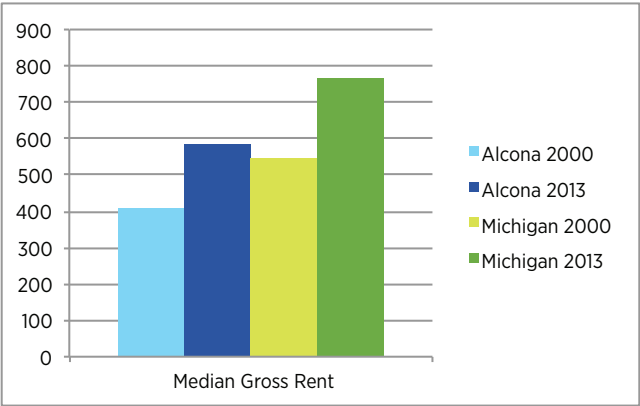


## HOUSING

### Median Home Value



### Median Rent in Dollars per Month



### Median Year Structure Built

	Alcona County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1970	1973	1965	1969

### Type of Ownership

	Alcona County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	4,367	2,757,062



## HEALTH & MORTALITY

### Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Alcona County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	52	24,143
Cancer	36	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	15	5,547
Stroke	12	4,365
Accidents	5	4,194
Alzheimer's	4	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	1	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	3	1,892
Kidney disease	3	1,665
Suicide	7	1,296

### Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

Causes of Death (3)	Alcona County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Accidents	-	213
Assault (homicide)	-	90
Suicide	-	88
Cancer	-	56
Congenital malformations	-	42

### Obesity & Diabetes

	Alcona County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	30%	32%
Diabetic (4)	13%	10%

## Health and Mortality, Continued

### Children

	Alcona County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	59	113,732
Teen births (3)*	5	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	44%	41%

\* Age of mother between 10–19.

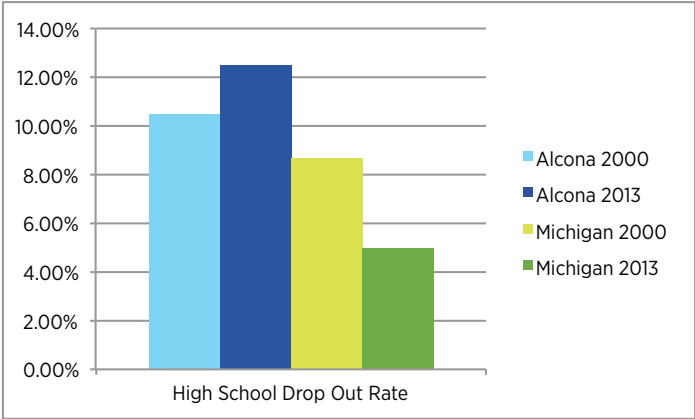
### Health Insurance

	Alcona County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	12.5%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	87.5%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	53.0%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	66.7%	69.3%

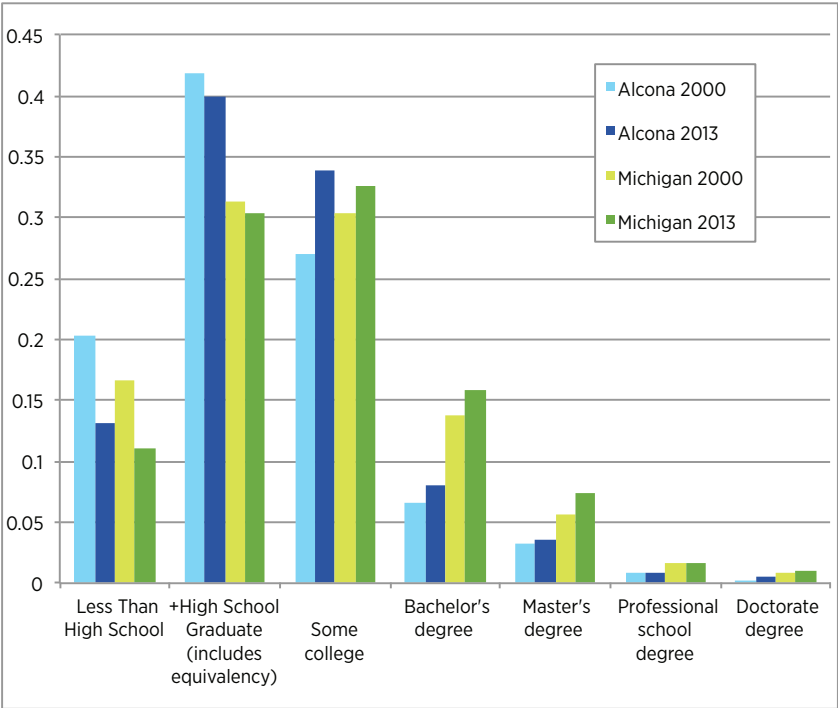
EDUCATION



High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Alcona County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 12.6% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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