

A SNAPSHOT OF **ALGER** **COUNTY**





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Fast Facts

Population 9,497 people

Median age 48.1 years

Percent of people in poverty 12.3%

Median household income \$37,586

Median home value \$117,100

Top three economic sectors:

Manufacturing 24.9%

Educational services, health care and social assistance 18.6%

Retail 10.6%

Acres in:

Farmland 17,781 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

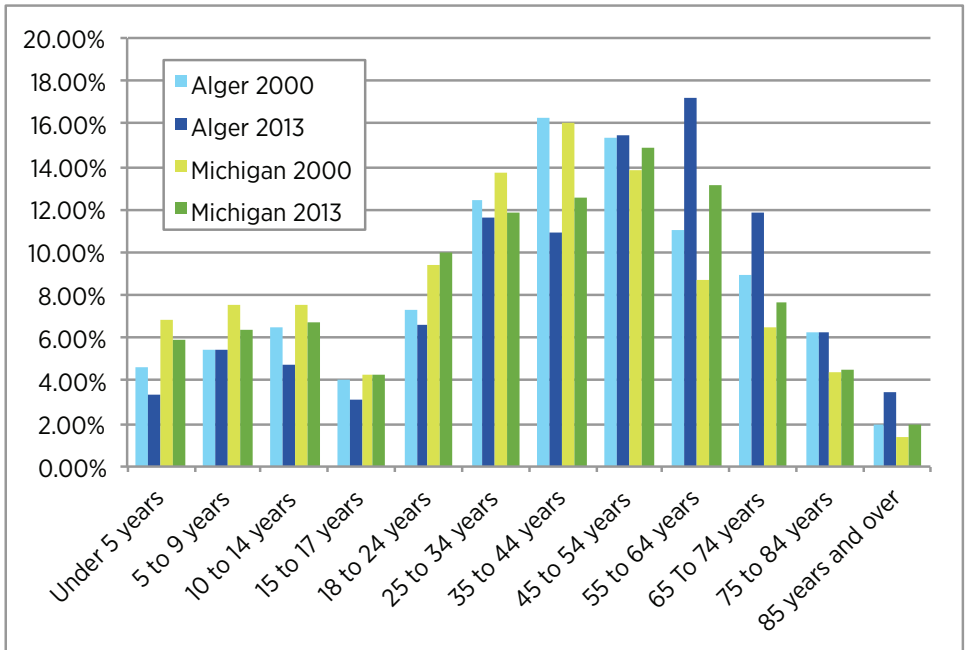
Year	Alger County Population	Michigan Population
2000	9,862	9,938,444
2013	9,497	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Alger Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	10.7 / 917.83	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	10.4 / 915.07	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Alger County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	53.8%	46.2%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	54.7%	45.3%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	Alger County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	87.5%	85.6%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	6.0%	7.1%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	3.1%	3.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.3%	0.3%	1.8%	2.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0%	0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race alone	0.1%	0%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.9%	2.5%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	1.0%	1.2%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Alger County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$35,892	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$37,586	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Alger County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$18,210	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$19,717	\$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

» **Alger Poverty Rate:** 12.3% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Alger County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	13.4%	16.3%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	86.6%	83.7%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	9.8%	16.2%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	90.2%	83.8%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	8.1%	10.2%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	91.9%	89.8%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

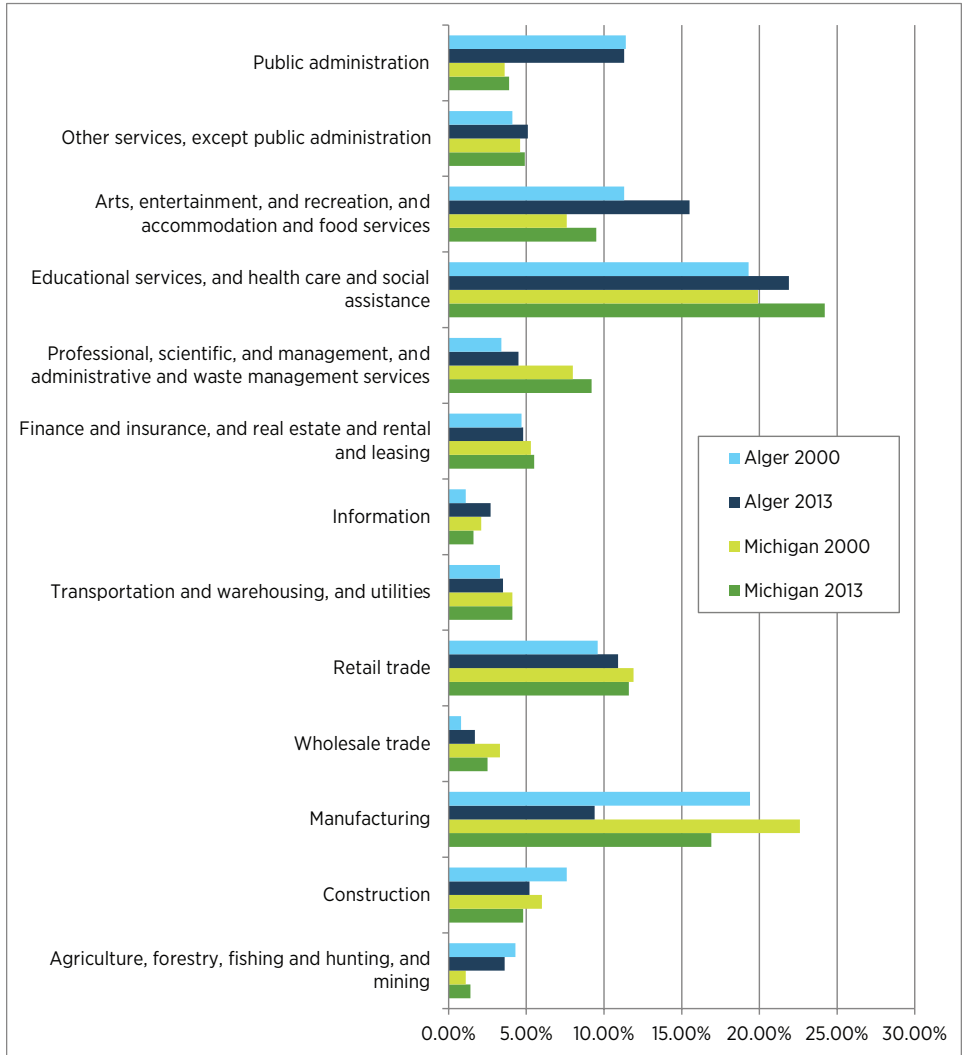
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Alger County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	8,102		7,630,645	
In labor force	4,136	51.1%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	3	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	4,133	51%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	3,776	46.6%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	357	4.4%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	3,966	49%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Alger County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	8,120		7,865,350	
In labor force	3,478	42.8%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	0	0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	3,478	42.8%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	3,011	37.1%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	467	5.8%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	4,642	57.2%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Alger 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	Alger County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	88%	82.3%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	1%	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	6%	7.4%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.7%	1.1%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	4.2%	7.6%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Alger County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	17,781 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	94,526 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	93 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	191 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	54 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$3,025,000	\$8,678,050,000

Alger 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

	Alger County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	5,964	6,574	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

	Alger County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.5

Household Type

Household Type	Alger County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	68.4%	62.3%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	57%	50.5%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	11.4%	11.8%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.8%	5.2%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	7.6%	6.6%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	31.7%	37.7%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	16.1%	18%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	15.6%	19.7%	17.0%	18.4%

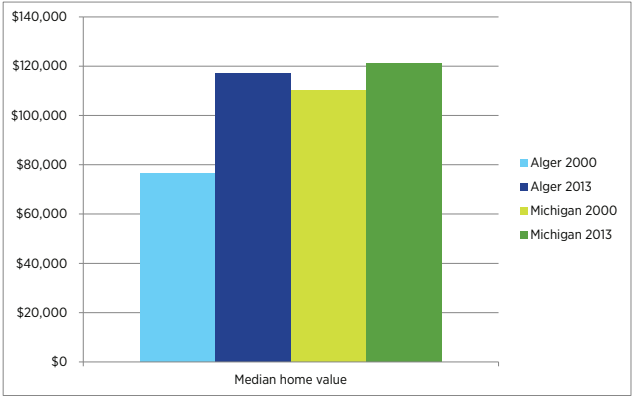
Marriages & Divorces

	Alger County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	49	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	37	31,687

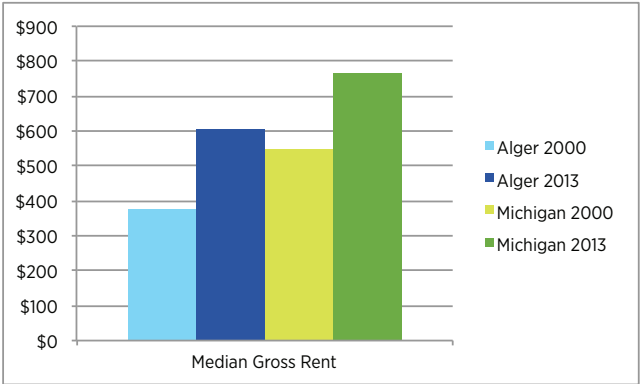


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	Alger County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1968	1972	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Alger County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	3,061	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Alger County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	28	24,143
Cancer	20	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	9	5,547
Stroke	1	4,365
Accidents	9	4,194
Alzheimer's	1	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	2	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	3	1,892
Kidney disease	3	1,665
Suicide	-	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

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

Obesity & Diabetes

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

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Alger County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	71	113,732
Teen births (3)*	5	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	37%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

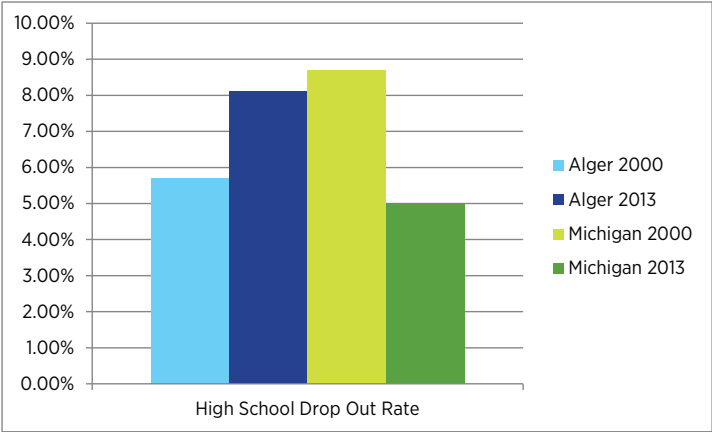
Health Insurance

	Alger County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	13.2%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	86.8%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	43.0%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	66.7%	69.3%

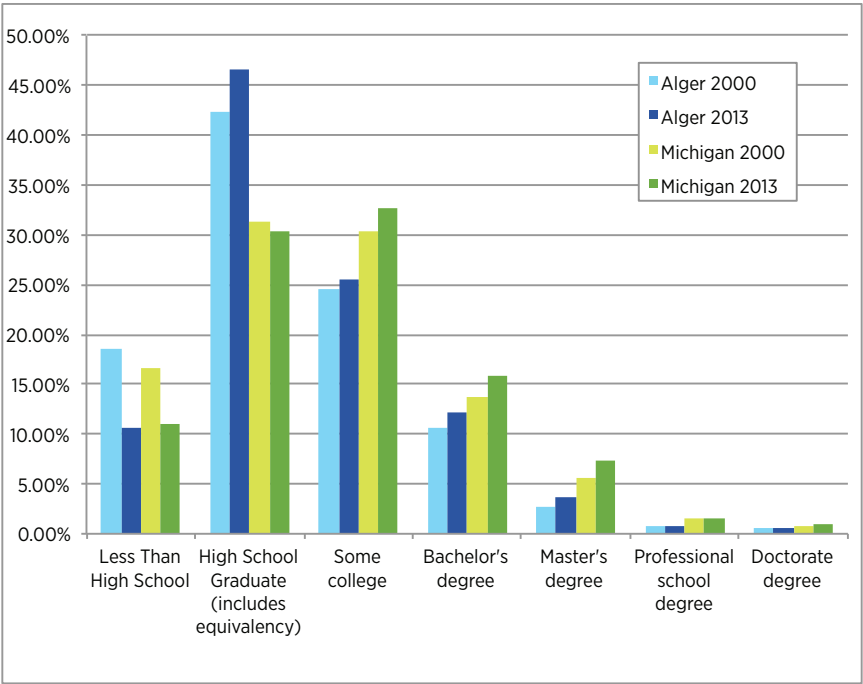
EDUCATION



High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Alger County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 16.6% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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