

A SNAPSHOT OF **BENZIE** **COUNTY**





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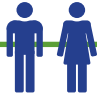
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Fast Facts

Population	17,474 people
Median age	47.4 years
Percent of people in poverty	11.1%
Median household income	\$47,366
Median home value	\$149,700
Top three economic sectors:	
Educational services, health care and social assistance	24.7%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, and accommodation and food services	13.1%
Retail	12.4%
Acres in:	
Farmland	20,646 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

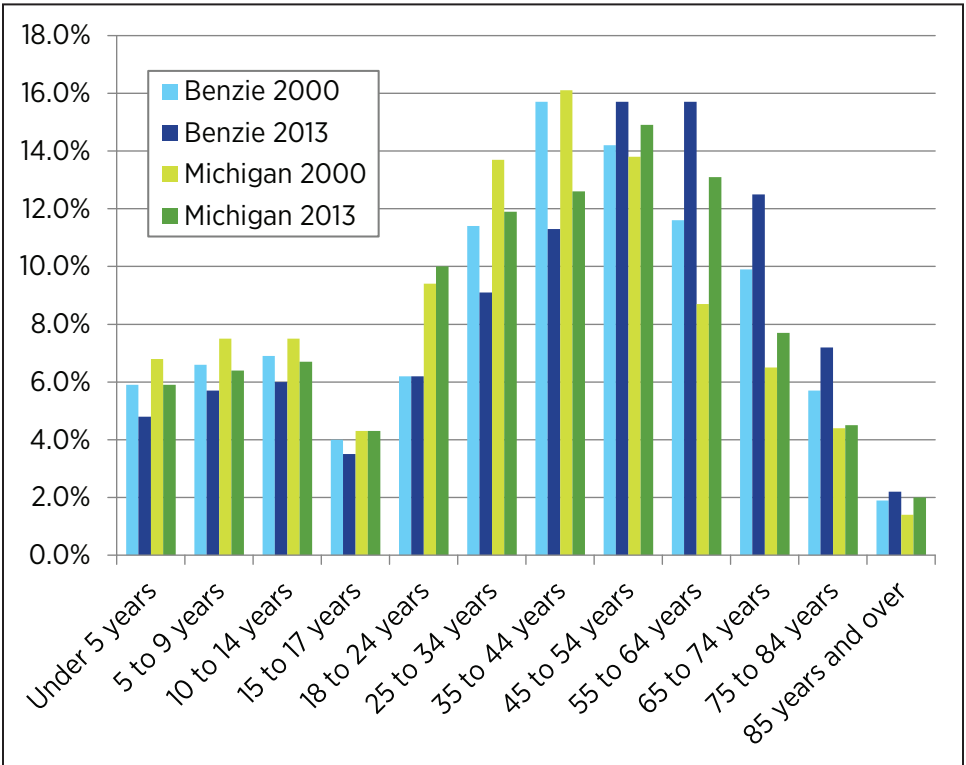
Year	Benzie County Population	Michigan Population
2000	15,998	9,938,444
2013	17,474	9,883,640

» The population in Benzie has increased from 2000 to 2013, while overall Michigan saw a decrease in total population.

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Benzie Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	49.8 / 321.31	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	54.7 / 319.70	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Benzie County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	49.5%	50.5%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	49.9%	50.2%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	Benzie County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	95.5%	94.7%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	0.3%	0.5%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.6%	1.1%	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%	0.0%
Some other race alone	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.1%	1.6%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	1.5%	1.9%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Benzie County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$37,350	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation adjusted dollars	\$47,366	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Benzie County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$18,524	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation adjusted dollars	\$24,831	\$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

» Benzie Poverty Rate: % (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Benzie County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	9.1%	19.4%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	90.9%	80.6%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	6.7%	14.0%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	93.3%	86.0%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	5.2%	5.9%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	94.8%	94.1%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

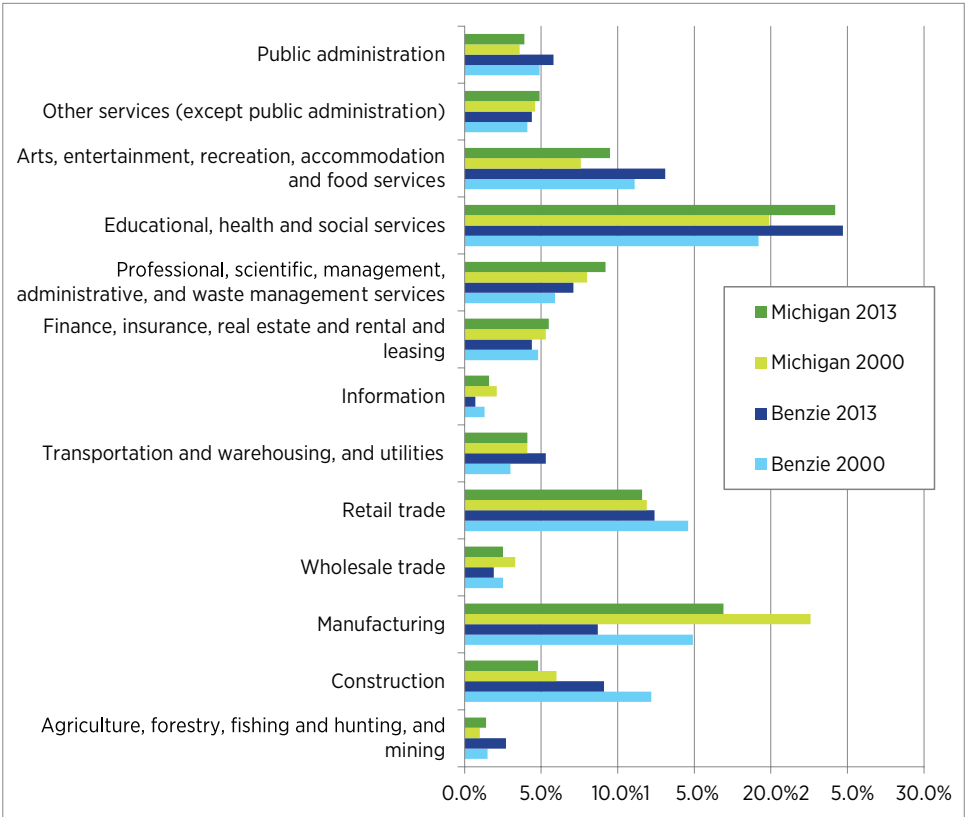
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Benzie County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	12,704		7,630,645	
In labor force	7,744	61.0%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	8	0.1%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	7,736	60.9%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	7,257	57.1%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	479	3.8%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	4,960	39.0%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Benzie County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	14,406		7,865,350	
In labor force	8,651	60.1%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	9	0.1%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	8,642	60.0%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	7,700	53.5%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	942	6.5%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	5,755	40.0%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Benzie 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	Benzie County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	91.3%	89.0%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.6%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	2.9%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	4.3%	6.5%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Benzie County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	20,646 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	62,734	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	181	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	114	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	60.9	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$6,396,000	\$8,678,050,000

Benzie top three areas of agriculture production (by volume of sales) (1):

- » Fruits, tree nuts, and berries
- » Other animals and other animal products
- » Cattle and calves

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	Benzie County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	10,312	12,205	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

	Benzie County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.5

Household Type

Household Type	Benzie County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	70.7%	67.4%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	59.2%	52.8%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	11.5%	14.6%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.8%	4.8%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	7.7%	9.9%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	29.3%	32.6%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	14.1%	15.1%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	15.2%	17.5%	17.0%	18.4%

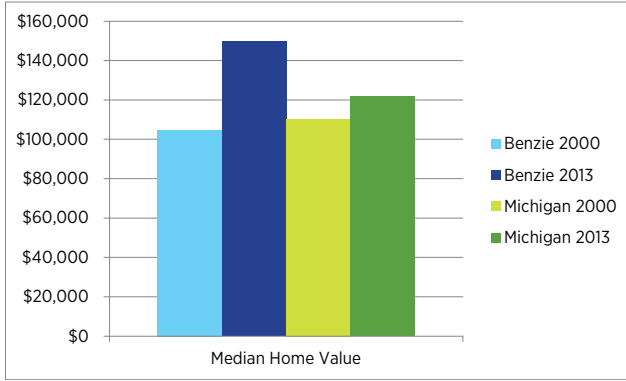
Marriages & Divorces

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

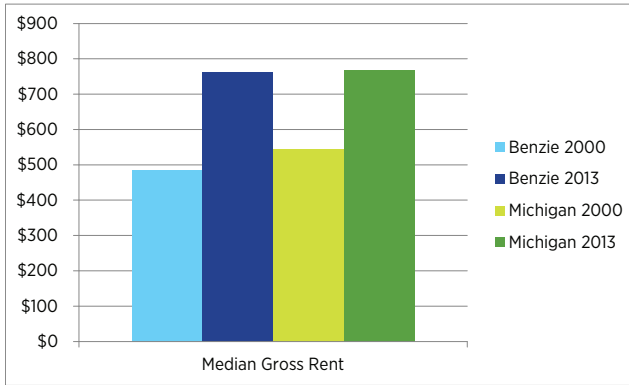


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	Benzie County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1973	1985	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Benzie County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	6,445	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

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

Obesity & Diabetes

	Benzie County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	30%	32%
Diabetic (4)	11%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Benzie County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	59	113,732
Teen births (3)*	8	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	49%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

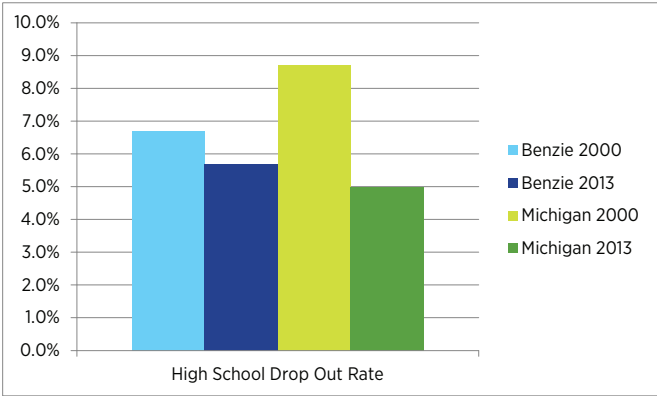
Health Insurance

	Benzie County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	13.8%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	86.2%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	38.9%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	68.6%	69.3%

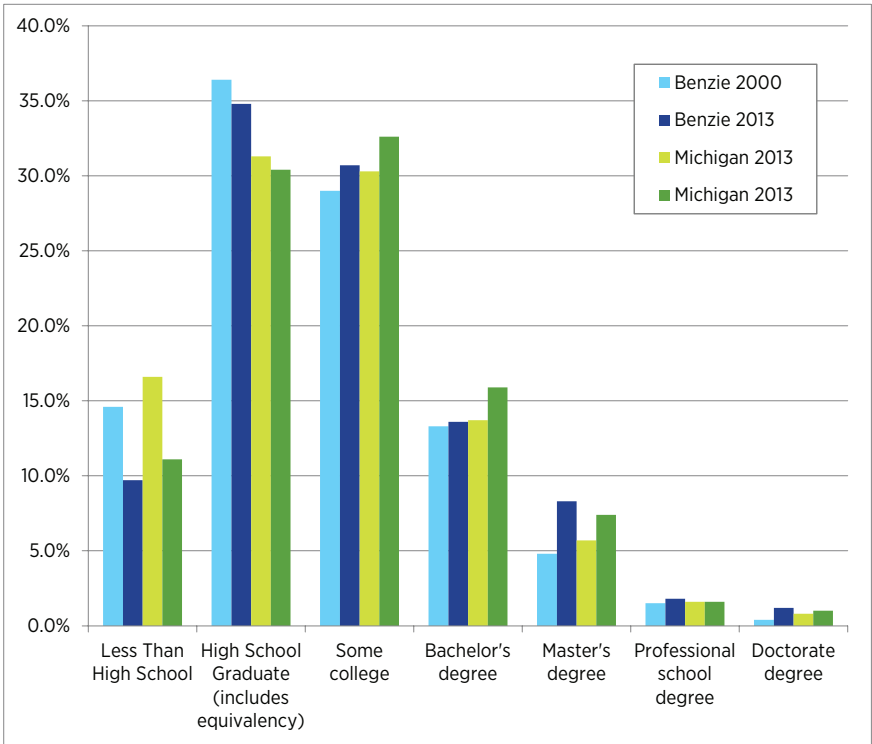


EDUCATION

High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Benzie County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 13.6% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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