

A SNAPSHOT OF **BERRIEN** **COUNTY**





About the Data

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Fast Facts

Population 156,290 people

Median age 41.2 years

Percent of people in poverty 16.4%

Median household income \$43,633

Median home value \$129,300

Top three economic sectors:

Manufacturing 23.9%

Educational services, health care and social assistance 19.9%

Retail 14.5%

Acres in:

Farmland 156,418 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

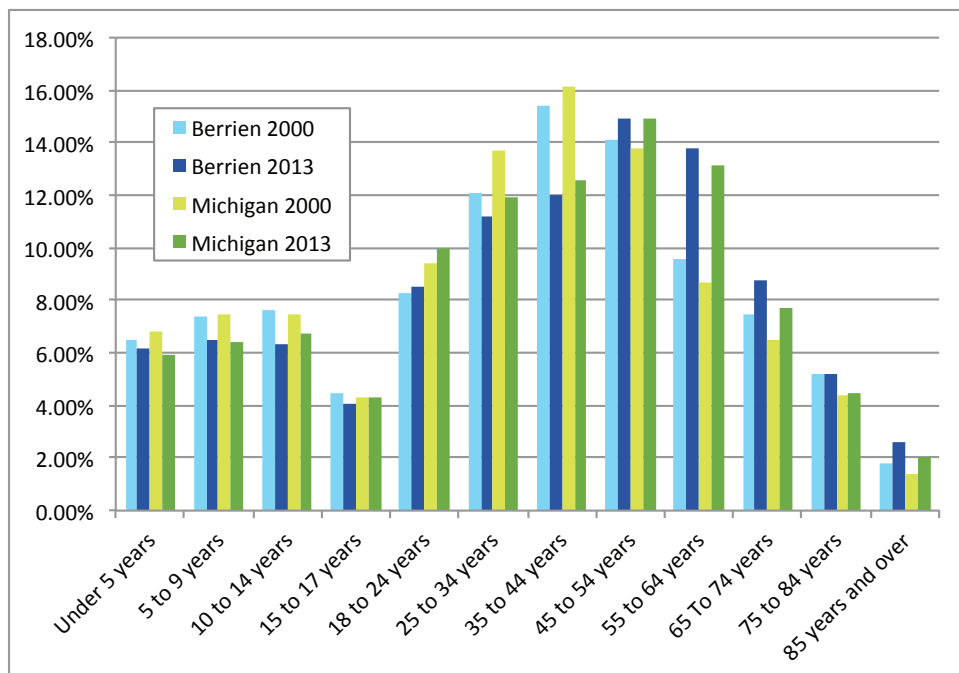
Year	Berrien County Population	Michigan Population
2000	162,453	9,938,444
2013	156,290	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Berrien Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	284.5 / 571	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	275.3 / 567.75	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Berrien County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	48.5%	51.5%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	48.8%	51.3%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	Berrien County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	78.1%	75.8%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	15.8%	15.0%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	1.1%	1.7%	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%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.4%	2.3%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	3%	4.7%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Berrien County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$38,567	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$43,633	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Berrien County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$19,952	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$24,013	\$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

- » **Berrien Poverty Rate:** 16.4% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Berrien County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	18.4%	26.4%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	81.7%	73.6%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	11.2%	16.3%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	88.9%	83.7%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	9.0%	9.1%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	91.0%	90.9%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

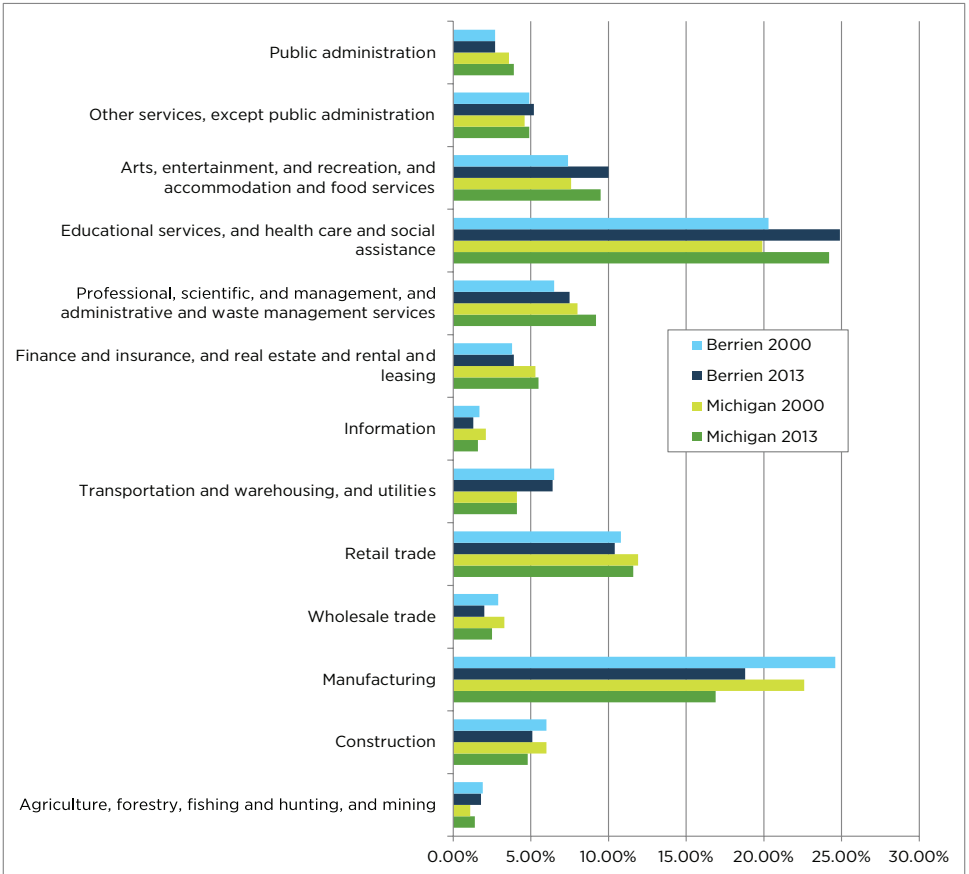
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Berrien County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	125,198		7,630,645	
In labor force	81,078	64.8	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	47	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	81,031	64.7%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	76,557	61.2%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	4,474	3.6%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	44,120	35.2%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Berrien County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	124,450		7,865,350	
In labor force	76,199	61.2%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	35	0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	76,164	61.2%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	66,923	53.8%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	9,241	7.4%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	48,251	38.8%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Berrien 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	Berrien County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	92.3%	91.9%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.6%	0.5%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	2.9%	2.6%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	3.3%	3.9%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Berrien County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	156,418 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	1,063 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	147 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	60.7 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$161,542,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

- » Fruits, tree nuts, and berries
- » Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas
- » Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	Berrien County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	73,445	76,769	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

	Berrien County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5

Household Type

Household Type	Berrien County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	68.2%	66.0%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	51.2%	49.2%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	17.0%	16.8%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.7%	3.6%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	13.2%	13.2%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	31.8%	34.0%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	14.4%	15.5%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	17.5%	18.6%	17.0%	18.4%

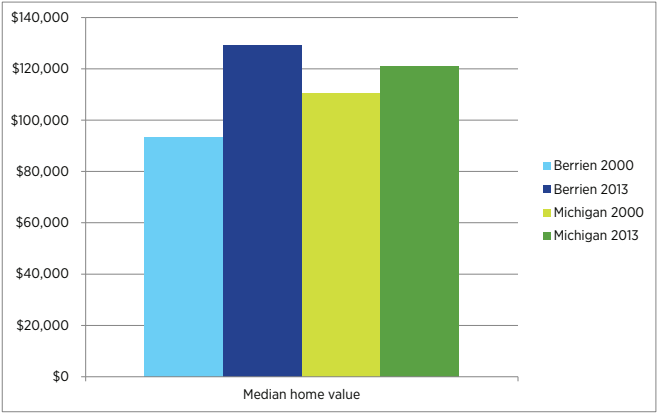
Marriages & Divorces

	Berrien County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	1,128	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	501	31,687

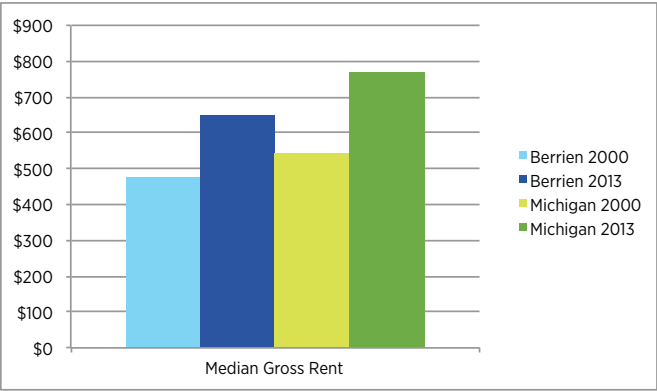


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Stucture Built

	Berrien County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1960	1964	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Berrien County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	43,554	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Berrien County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	354	24,143
Cancer	354	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	97	5,547
Stroke	110	4,365
Accidents	75	4,194
Alzheimer's	74	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	71	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	40	1,892
Kidney disease	31	1,665
Suicide	18	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

Causes of Death (3)	Berrien County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Accidents	9	213
Assault (homicide)	2	90
Suicide	1	88
Cancer	1	56
Congenital malformations	-	42

Obesity & Diabetes

	Berrien County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	32%	32%
Diabetic (4)	10%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Berrien County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	1,896	113,732
Teen births (3)*	180	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	46%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

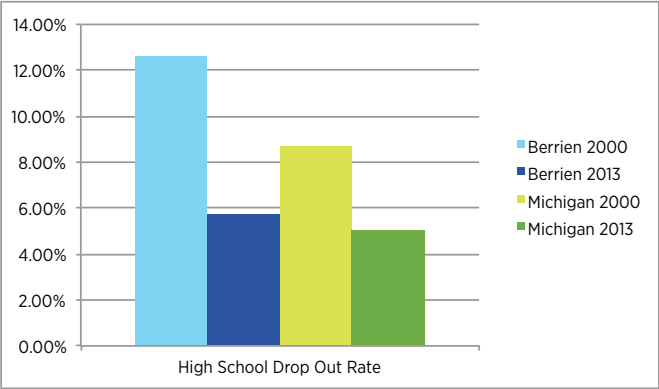
Health Insurance

	Berrien County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	12.9%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	87.1%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	37.4%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	64.1%	69.3%

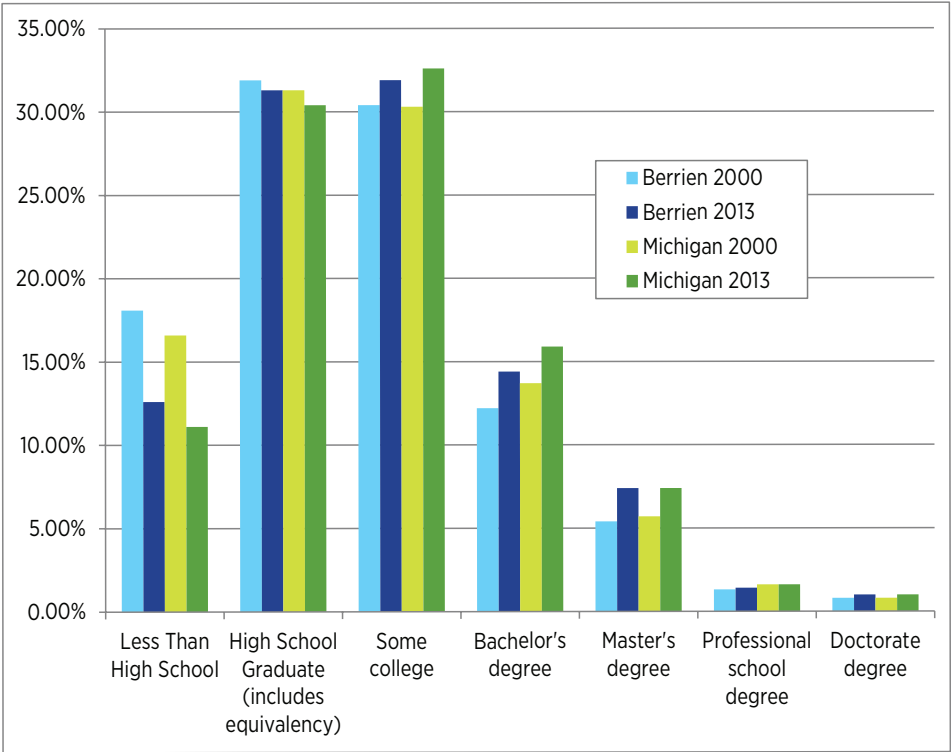
EDUCATION



High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Berrien County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 23.2% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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