

# A SNAPSHOT OF **HILLSDALE COUNTY**





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**Fast Facts**

**Population** ..... 46,463 people

**Median age** ..... 41.2 years

**Percent of people in poverty** ..... 15.6%

**Median household income** ..... \$41,759

**Median home value** ..... \$103,700

**Top three economic sectors:**

Educational services, health care and social assistance..... 39.9%

Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services ..... 12.2%

Retail ..... 10.4%

**Acres in:**

Farmland..... 262,363 acres



## GENERAL POPULATION

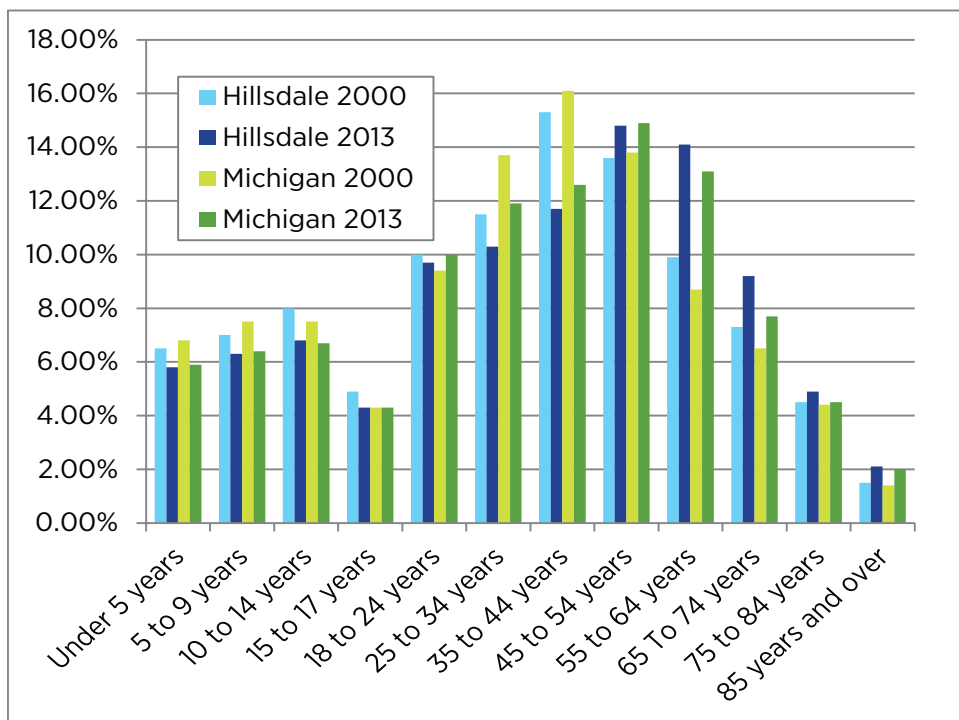
Year	Hillsdale County Population	Michigan Population
2000	46,527	9,938,444
2013	46,463	9,883,640

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

## Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Hillsdale Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	77.7 / 598.84	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	77.7 / 598.13	174.9 / 56,538.90

## Age Distribution



## General Population, Continued

### Gender

Year	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	49.8%	50.2%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	49.7%	50.3%	49.1%	50.9%

### Race & Ethnicity

	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	96.8%	95.7%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	0.4%	0.5%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.3%	0.4%	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	0.8%	1.0%	1.6%	2.1%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	1.2%	1.9%	3.3%	4.5%



## ECONOMY

### Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Hillsdale County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$40,396	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$41,759	\$48,411

### Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Hillsdale County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$18,255	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$20,379	\$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

» Hillsdale Poverty Rate: 15.6% (6)  
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Children under age 18:</b>				
Living in poverty	10.0%	31.5%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	90.0%	68.5%	86.1%	76.4%
<b>Age 18 to 64:</b>				
Living in poverty	7.3%	18.7%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	92.7%	81.3%	90.4%	83.8%
<b>Age 65 and over:</b>				
Living in poverty	8.6%	6.8%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	91.4%	93.2%	91.8%	91.8%

## Economy, Continued

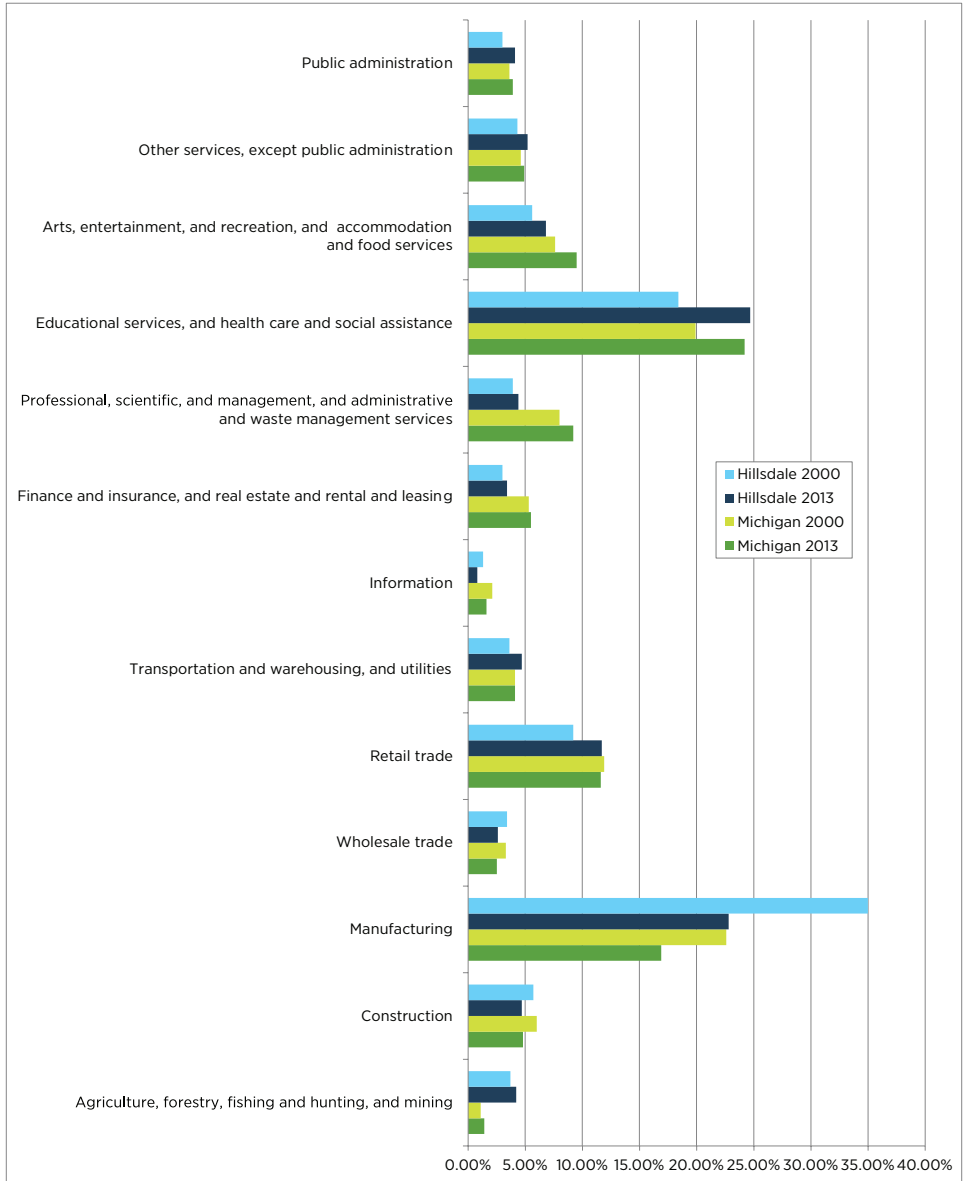
### Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	35,801		7,630,645	
In labor force	23,265	65.0%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	3	0.0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	23,262	65.0%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	22,023	61.5%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	1,239	3.5%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	12,536	35.0%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	37,086		7,865,350	
In labor force	21,461	57.9%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	0	0.0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	21,461	57.9%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	18,682	50.4%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	2,779	7.5%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	15,625	42.1%	3,001,336	38.2%

## Economy, Continued

### Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Hillsdale 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	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	91.1%	89.3%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.2%	0.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	3.6%	4.1%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	4.3%	5.0%	2.8%	3.6%



## AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Hillsdale County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	262,363 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	1,530 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	171 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	59.5 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$161,533,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

- » Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas
- » Milk and other dairy products from cows
- » Hogs and pigs

## FAMILIES &amp; HOUSEHOLDS



## Housing Units

	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	20,189	21,686	4,234,279	4,529,311

## Average Household Size

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

## Household Type

Household Type	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Family households:</b>	72.4%	70.2%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	60.0%	56.6%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	12.4%	13.6%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	8.4%	9.8%	12.4%	12.8%
<b>Nonfamily households:</b>	27.6%	29.8%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	13.4%	14.5%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	14.2%	15.3%	17.0%	18.4%

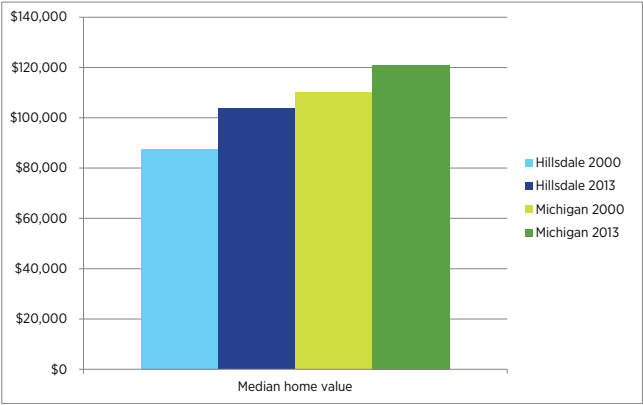
## Marriages &amp; Divorces

	Hillsdale County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	331	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	248	31,687

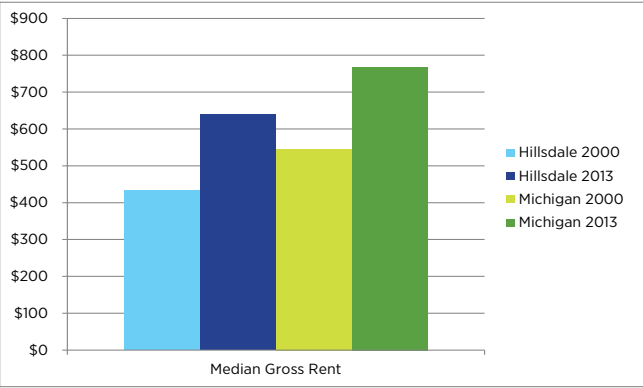


## HOUSING

### Median Home Value



### Median Rent in Dollars per Month



### Median Year Structure Built

	Hillsdale County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1962	1970	1965	1969

### Type of Ownership

	Hillsdale County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	14,109	2,757,062



## HEALTH & MORTALITY

### Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Hillsdale County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	120	24,143
Cancer	117	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	38	5,547
Stroke	27	4,365
Accidents	21	4,194
Alzheimer's	11	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	4	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	16	1,892
Kidney disease	10	1,665
Suicide	4	1,296

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

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

### Obesity & Diabetes

	Hillsdale County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	28%	32%
Diabetic (4)	10%	10%

## Health and Mortality, Continued

### Children

	Hillsdale County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	580	113,732
Teen births (3)*	54	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	43%	41%

\* Age of mother between 10–19.

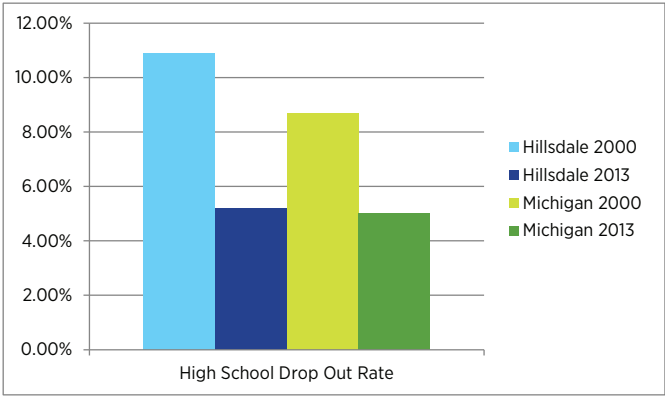
### Health Insurance

	Hillsdale County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	14.7%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	85.4%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	37.1%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	63.9%	69.3%

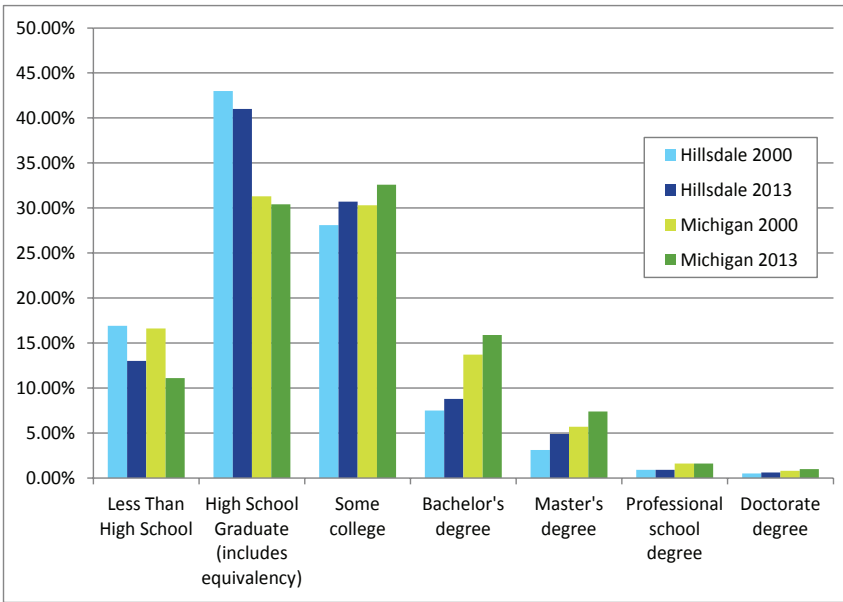
EDUCATION



High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Hillsdale County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 14.6% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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