

A SNAPSHOT OF HOUGHTON COUNTY





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Fast Facts

Population 36,494 people

Median age 33.1 years

Percent of people in poverty 22.3%

Median household income \$35,430

Median home value \$88,400

Top three economic sectors:

Educational services, health care and social assistance 21.5%

Manufacturing 19.5%

Retail 11.2%

Acres in:

Farmland 27,194 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

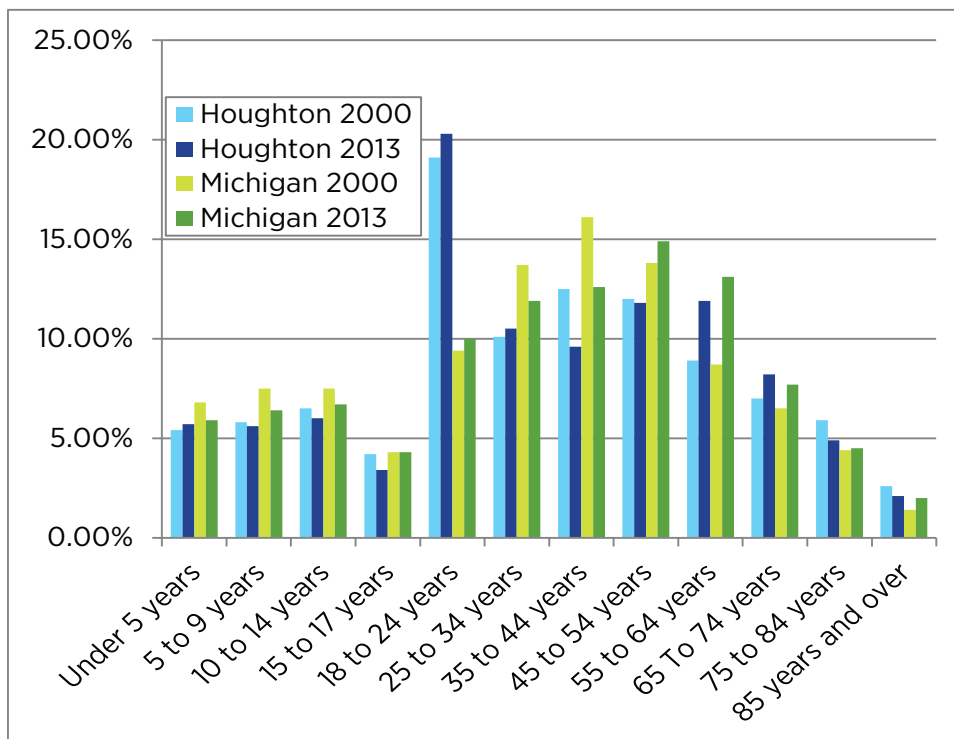
Year	Houghton County Population	Michigan Population
2000	36,016	9,938,444
2013	36,494	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Houghton Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	35.6 / 1011.72	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	36.2 / 1009.1	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Houghton County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	53.2%	46.8%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	54.3%	45.7%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	Houghton County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	95.1%	93.2%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	0.9%	0.7%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	1.8%	2.9%	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	0.9%	1.2%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	0.7%	1.3%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Houghton County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$28,817	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$35,430	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Houghton County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$15,078	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$19,783	\$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

» Houghton Poverty Rate: 22.3% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Houghton County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	16.4%	20.1%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	83.6%	79.9%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	17.9%	27.1%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	82.1%	72.9%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	13.4%	10.0%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	86.6%	90.0%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

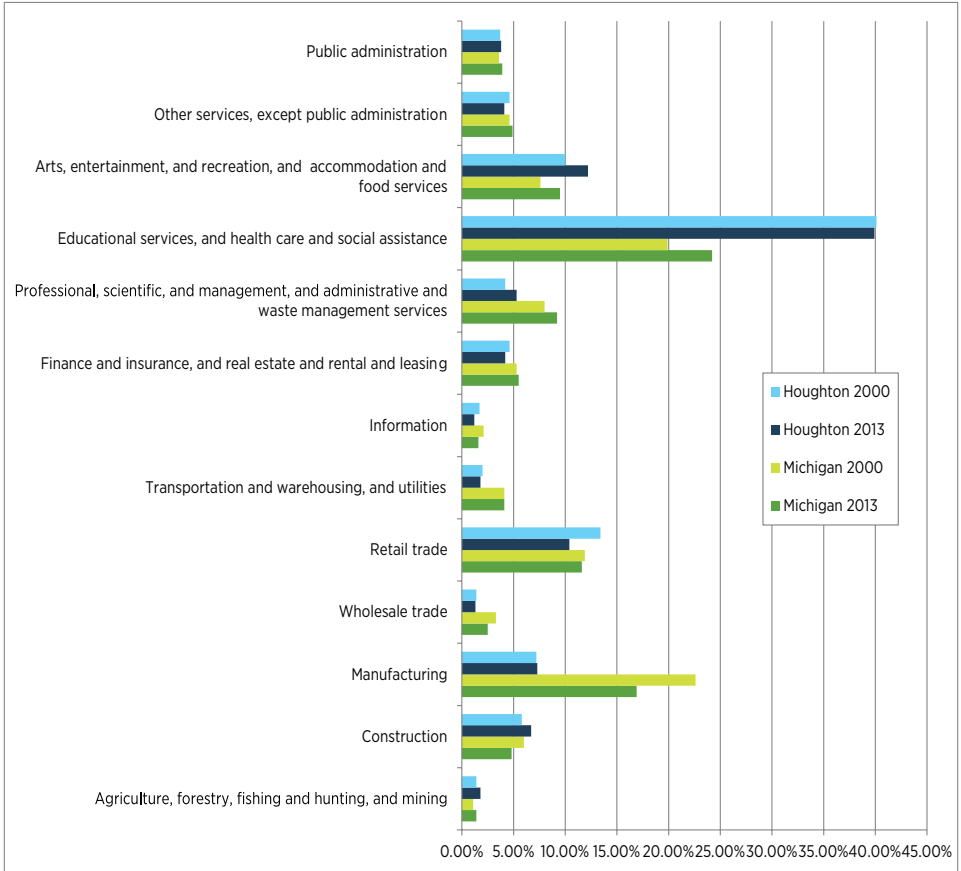
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Houghton County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	29,160		7,630,645	
In labor force	16,570	56.8%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	47	0.2%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	16,523	56.7%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	15,219	52.2%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	1,304	4.5%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	12,590	43.2%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Houghton County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	29,767		7,865,350	
In labor force	17,061	57.3%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	21	0.1%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	17,040	57.2%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	15,466	52.0%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	1,574	5.3%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	12,706	42.7%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing increased and the educational, health and social services sector decreased in Houghton County.

Economy, Continued

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

Means of Transportation to Work	Houghton County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	83.6%	83.4%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.8%	0.6%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.5%	1.6%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	10.9%	9.6%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	3.8%	4.4%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Houghton County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	27,194 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	44,366 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	177 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	154 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	57.5 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$4,014,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

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

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	Houghton County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	17,748	18,608	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

	Houghton County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.5

Household Type

Household Type	Houghton County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	59.0%	58.1%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	47.5%	45.8%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	11.5%	12.3%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.5%	4.2%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	8.0%	8.1%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	41.0%	41.9%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	21.7%	22.7%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	19.2%	19.2%	17.0%	18.4%

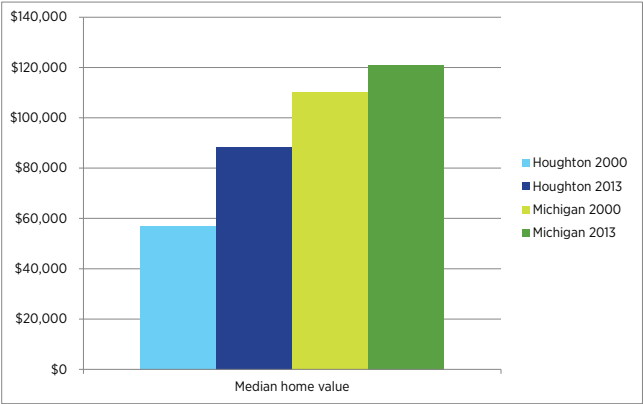
Marriages & Divorces

	Houghton County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	193	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	82	31,687

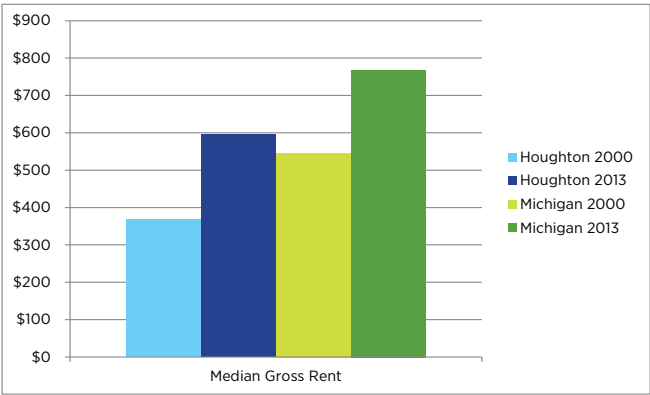


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	Houghton County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1942	1947	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Houghton County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	9,767	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Houghton County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	102	24,143
Cancer	69	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	20	5,547
Stroke	15	4,365
Accidents	24	4,194
Alzheimer's	28	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	12	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	5	1,892
Kidney disease	3	1,665
Suicide	3	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

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

Obesity & Diabetes

	Houghton County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	26%	32%
Diabetic (4)	9%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Houghton County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	369	113,732
Teen births (3)*	11	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	35%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

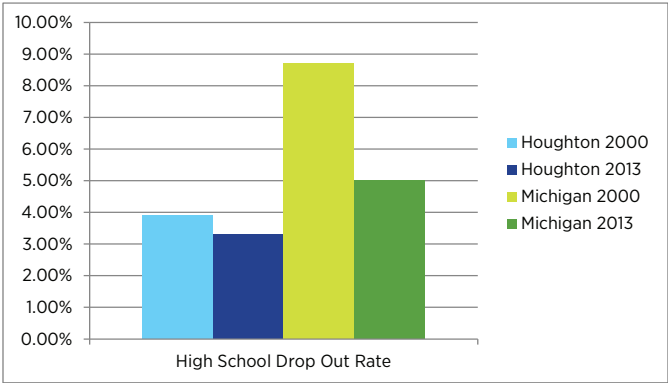
Health Insurance

	Houghton County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	10.7%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	89.3%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	31.9%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	72.3%	69.3%

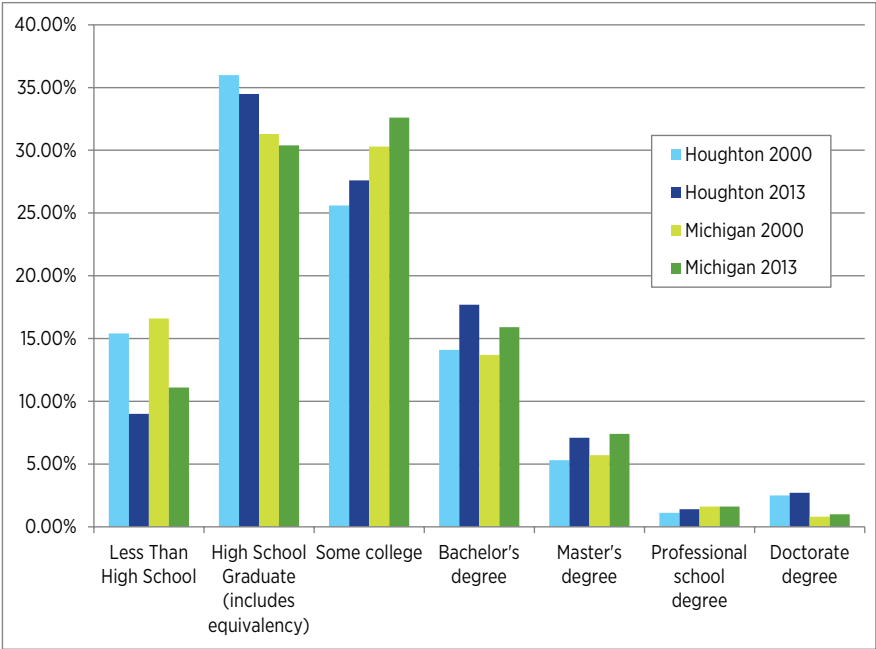
EDUCATION



High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Houghton County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 26.2% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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