

# A SNAPSHOT OF **MONROE** **COUNTY**





## About the Data

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**Fast Facts**

**Population** ..... 151408 people

**Median age** ..... 41 years

**Percent of people in poverty** ..... 9%

**Median household income** ..... \$53,972

**Median home value** ..... \$139,100

**Top three economic sectors:**

Manufacturing ..... 21.8%

Educational services, and health care and  
social assistance ..... 21.4%

Retail ..... 12.2%

**Acres in:**

Farmland ..... 214,506 acres



## GENERAL POPULATION

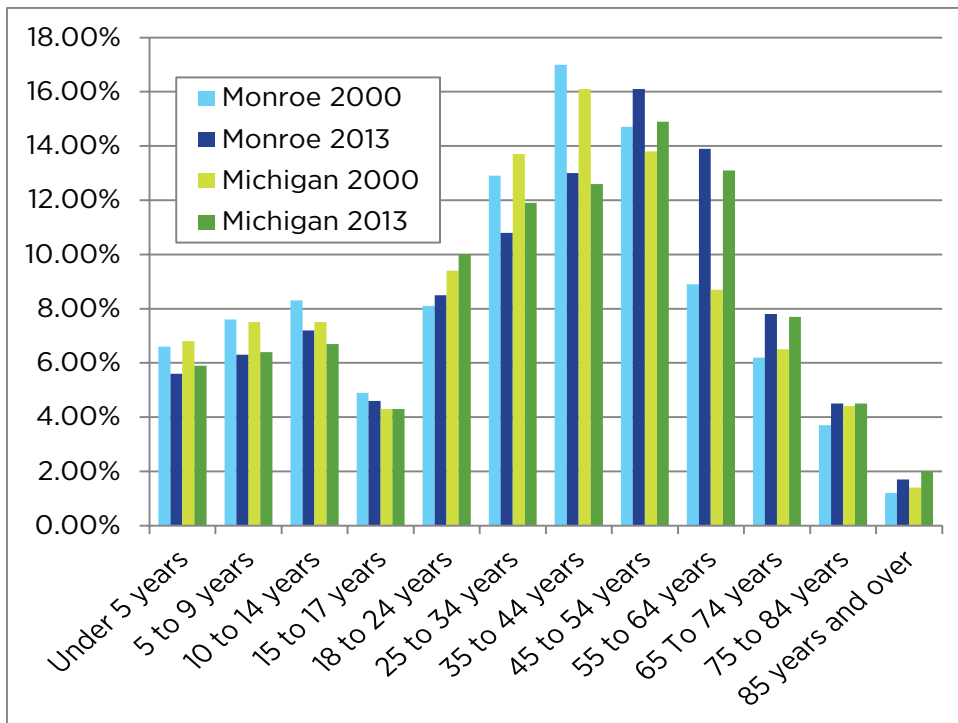
Year	Monroe County Population	Michigan Population
2000	145,945	9,938,444
2013	151,408	9,883,640

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

## Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Monroe Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	264.8 / 551.1	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	275.6 / 549.39	174.9 / 56,538.90

## Age Distribution



## General Population, Continued

### Gender

Year	Monroe County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	49.6%	50.4%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	49.3%	50.7%	49.1%	50.9%

### Race & Ethnicity

	Monroe County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	94.1%	92.3%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	1.8%	2.2%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.5%	0.6%	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	1.1%	1.3%	1.6%	2.1%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	2.1%	3.2%	3.3%	4.5%



## ECONOMY

### Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Monroe County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$51,743	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$53,972	\$48,411

### Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Monroe County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$22,458	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$25,939	\$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

» **Monroe Poverty Rate:** 9.0% (6)  
**Michigan Poverty Rate:** 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Monroe County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Children under age 18:</b>				
Living in poverty	8.5%	17.7%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	91.5%	82.3%	86.1%	76.4%
<b>Age 18 to 64:</b>				
Living in poverty	6.1%	11.4%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	93.9%	88.6%	90.4%	83.8%
<b>Age 65 and over:</b>				
Living in poverty	8.3%	6.7%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	91.7%	93.3%	91.8%	91.8%

## Economy, Continued

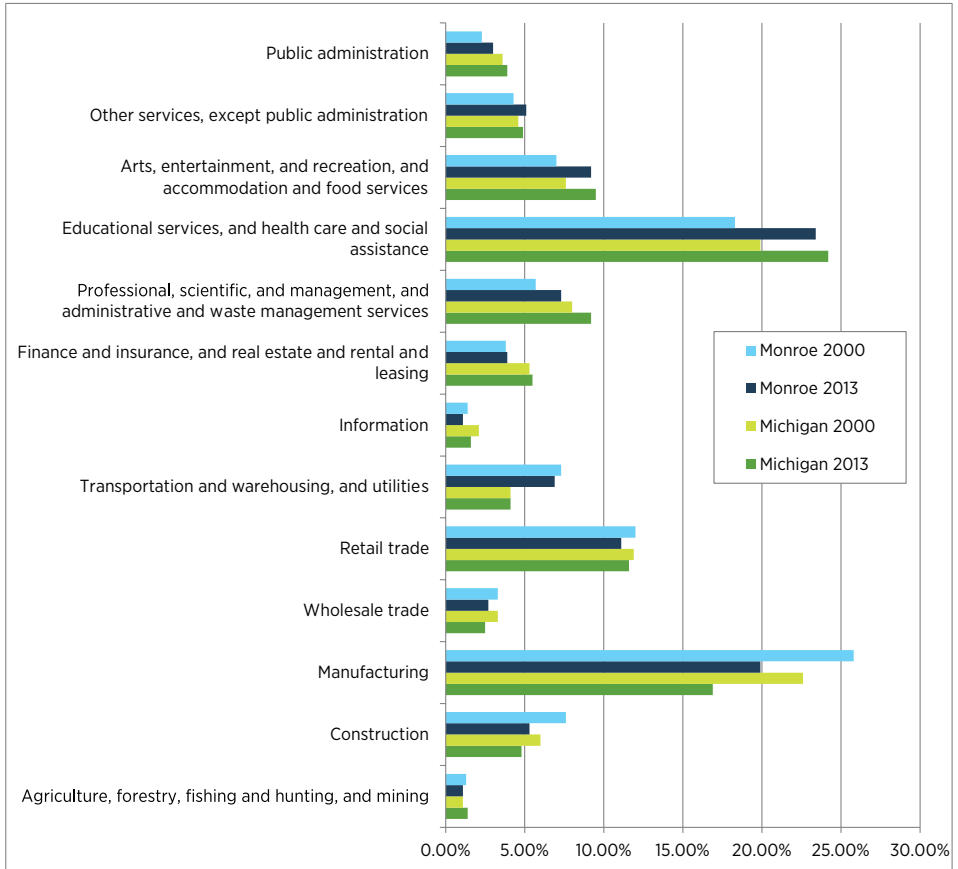
### Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Monroe County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	110,933		7,630,645	
In labor force	72,941	65.8%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	45	0.0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	72,896	65.7%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	70,344	63.4%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	2,552	2.3%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	37,992	34.3%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Monroe County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	120,246		7,865,350	
In labor force	75,262	62.6%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	39	0.0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	75,223	62.6%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	66,627	55.4%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	8,596	7.2%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	44,984	37.4%	3,001,336	38.2%

## Economy, Continued

### Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Monroe 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	Monroe County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	96.3%	94.1%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.4%	1.0%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	1.0%	1.1%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	1.8%	2.9%	2.8%	3.6%



## AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Monroe County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	214,506 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	1,144 fams	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	188 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	56.5 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$173,896,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

- » Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas
- » Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod
- » Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes

## FAMILIES &amp; HOUSEHOLDS



## Housing Units

	Monroe County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	56,471	63,089	4,234,279	4,529,311

## Average Household Size

	Monroe County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5

## Household Type

Household Type	Monroe County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Family households:</b>	74.3%	70.2%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	60%	54.9%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	14.3%	15.3%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	4.2%	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	10.1%	11%	12.4%	12.8%
<b>Nonfamily households:</b>	25.7%	29.9%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	12.5%	15.2%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	13.2%	14.6%	17.0%	18.4%

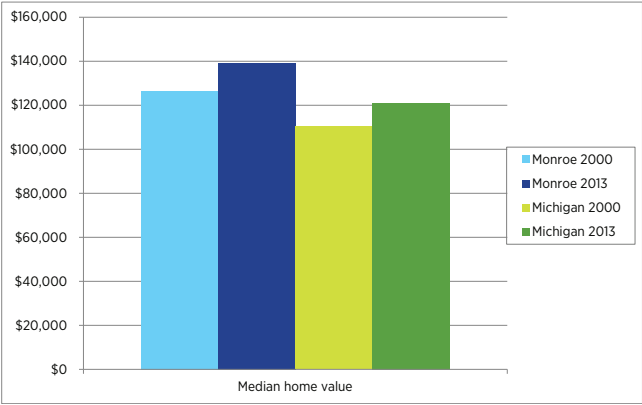
## Marriages &amp; Divorces

	Monroe County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	678	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	635	31,687

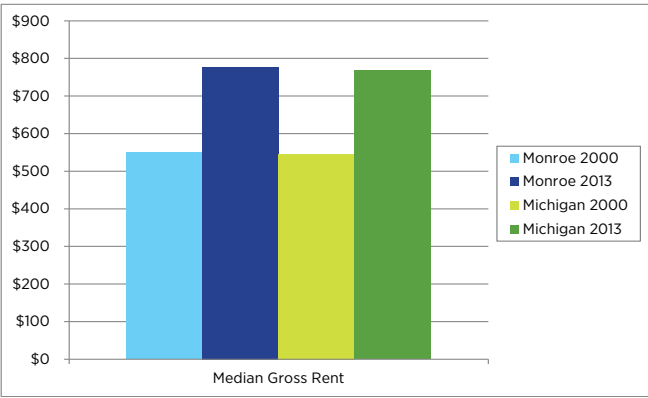


## HOUSING

### Median Home Value



### Median Rent in Dollars per Month



### Median Year Structure Built

	Monroe County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1966	1972	1965	1969

### Type of Ownership

	Monroe County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	46,471	2,757,062



## HEALTH & MORTALITY

### Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Monroe County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	352	24,143
Cancer	373	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	86	5,547
Stroke	67	4,365
Accidents	83	4,194
Alzheimer's	36	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	49	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	13	1,892
Kidney disease	24	1,665
Suicide	18	1,296

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

Causes of Death (3)	Monroe County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Accidents	5	213
Assault (homicide)	1	90
Suicide	-	88
Cancer	1	56
Congenital malformations	-	42

### Obesity & Diabetes

	Monroe County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	35%	32%
Diabetic (4)	11%	10%

## Health and Mortality, Continued

### Children

	Monroe County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	1,520	113,732
Teen births (3)*	102	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	30%	41%

\* Age of mother between 10–19.

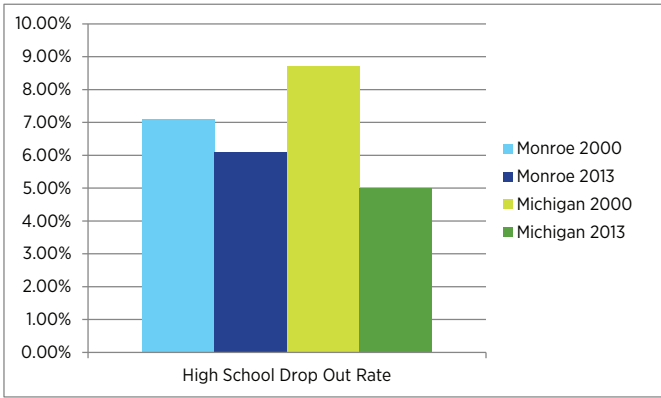
### Health Insurance

	Monroe County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	9.0%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	91.0%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	30.3%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	75.8%	69.3%

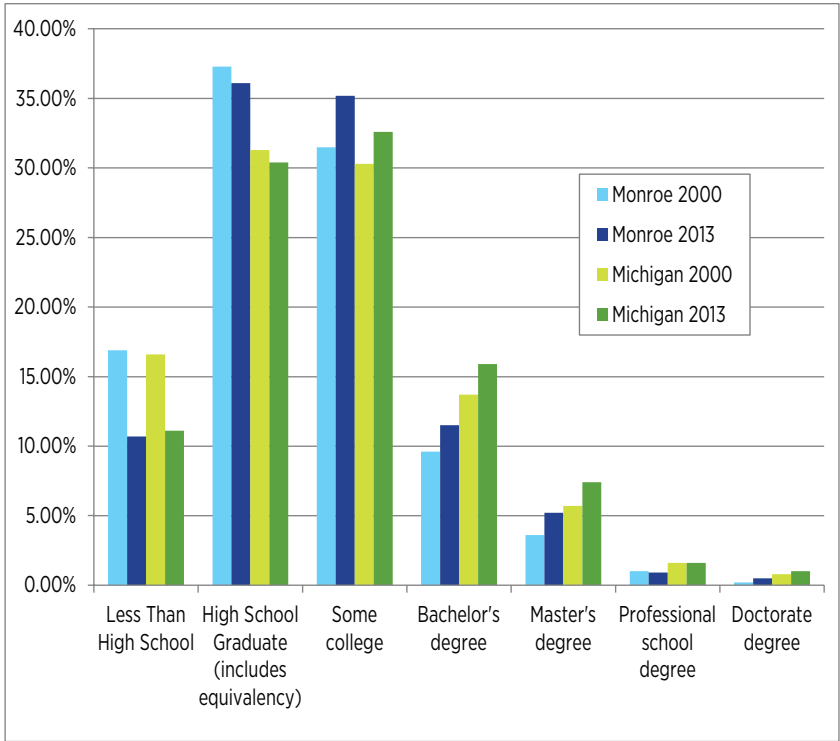


EDUCATION

High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Monroe County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 17.6% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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