

A SNAPSHOT OF MUSKEGON COUNTY





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Fast Facts

Population	171,153 people
Median age	38.8 years
Percent of people in poverty	18%
Median household income	\$40,979
Median home value	\$100,900
Top three economic sectors:	
Manufacturing	21.4%
Educational services, health care and social assistance	20.2%
Retail	12.7%
Acres in:	
Farmland	74,246 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

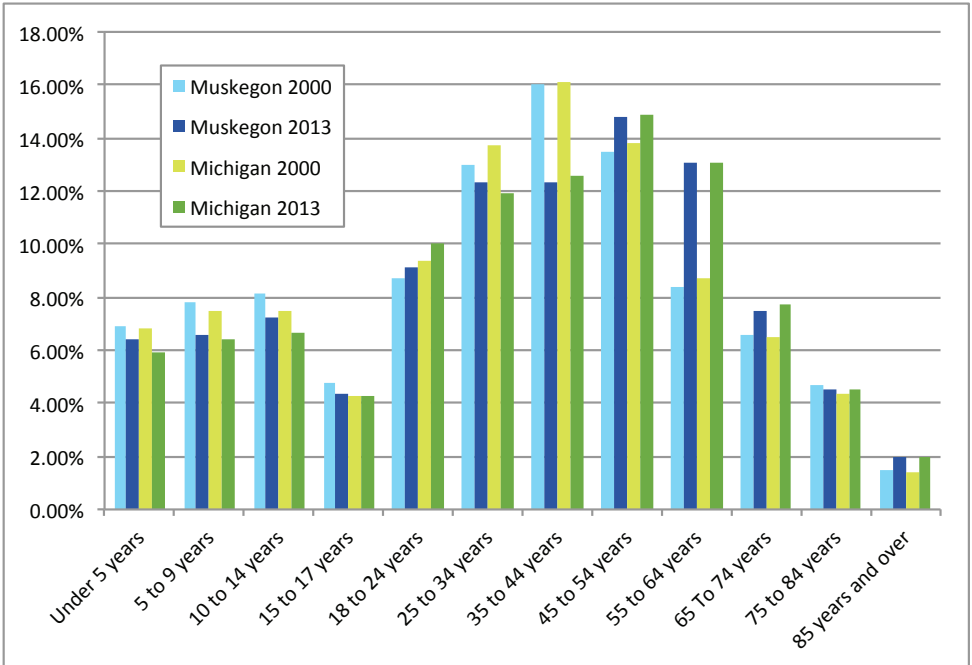
Year	Muskegon County Population	Michigan Population
2000	170,200	9,938,444
2013	171,153	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Muskegon Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	334.3 / 509.12	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	342.8 / 499.25	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	49.6%	50.4%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	49.5%	50.5%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	79.5%	77.3%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	14.1%	13.7%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.4%	0.6%	1.8%	2.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0%	0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race alone	0.1%	0%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.6%	2.9%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	3.5%	4.9%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Muskegon County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$38,008	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$40,979	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Muskegon County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$17,967	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$20,621	\$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

» Muskegon Poverty Rate: 18% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	16.4%	29.0%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	83.6%	71.0%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	9.8%	18.9%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	90.2%	81.2%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	8.2%	8.7%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	91.9%	91.3%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

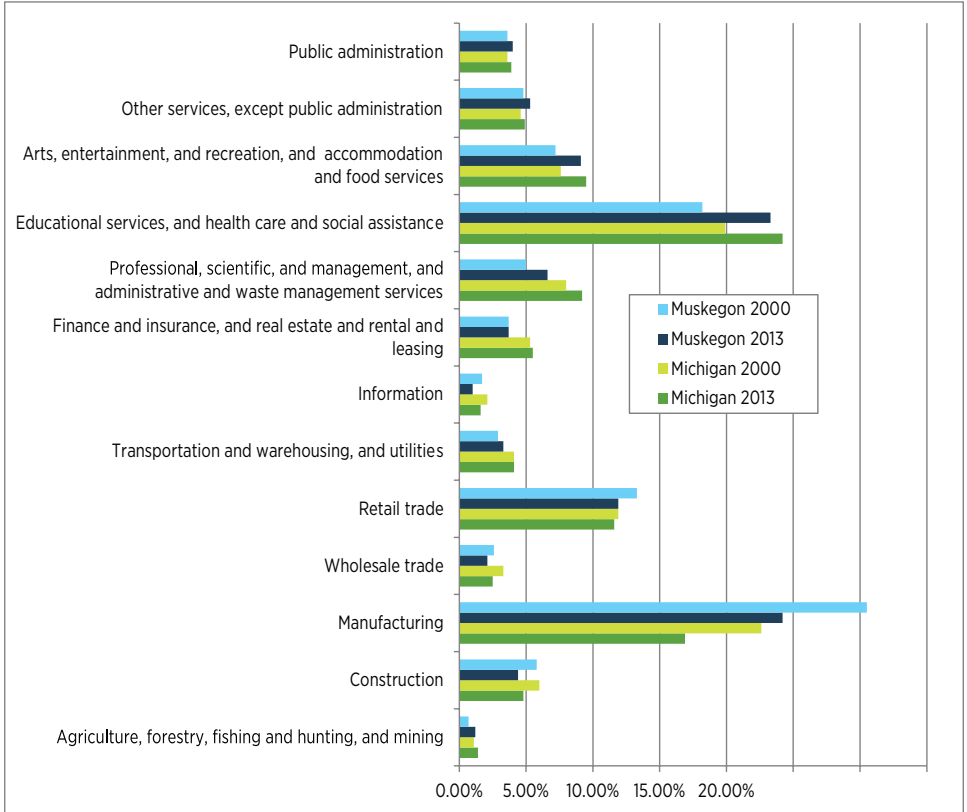
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	128,751		7,630,645	
In labor force	81,221	63.1%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	37	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	81,184	63.1%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	76,788	59.6%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	4,396	3.4%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	47,530	36.9%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	134,178		7,865,350	
In labor force	80,262	59.8%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	110	0.1%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	80,152	59.7%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	67,639	50.4%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	12,513	9.3%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	53,916	40.2%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Muskegon 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	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	94.4%	93.6%	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%	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	1.4%	1.3%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	2.7%	3.7%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Muskegon County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	74,246 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	514 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	144 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	57 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$76,000,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

- » Milk and other dairy products from cows
- » Fruits, tree nuts, and berries
- » Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	68,556	73,345	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

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

Household Type

Household Type	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	70%	68.8%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	51.6%	48.2%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	18.3%	20.5%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	4.4%	5.3%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	13.9%	15.2%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	30.1%	31.2%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	13.4%	14.1%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	16.6%	17.2%	17.0%	18.4%

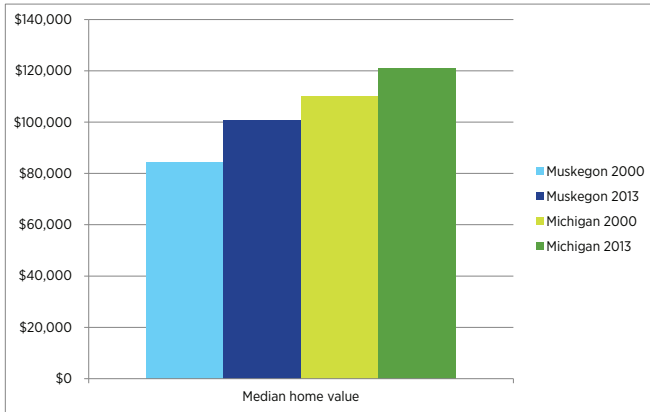
Marriages & Divorces

	Muskegon County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	1,073	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	752	31,687

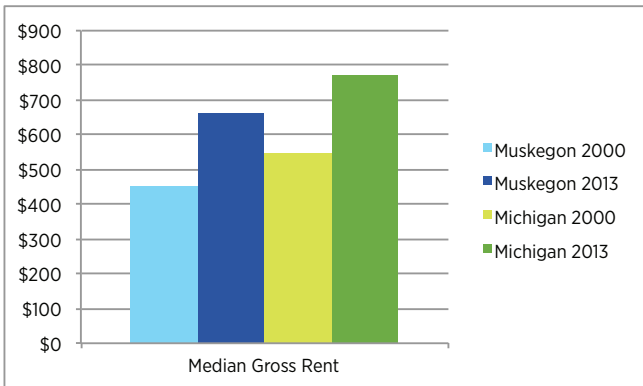


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	Muskegon County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1962	1966	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Muskegon County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	48,390	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Muskegon County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	381	24,143
Cancer	381	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	120	5,547
Stroke	97	4,365
Accidents	86	4,194
Alzheimer's	68	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	59	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	30	1,892
Kidney disease	29	1,665
Suicide	20	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

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

Obesity & Diabetes

	Muskegon County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	34%	32%
Diabetic (4)	10%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Muskegon County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	2,132	113,732
Teen births (3)*	227	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	51%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

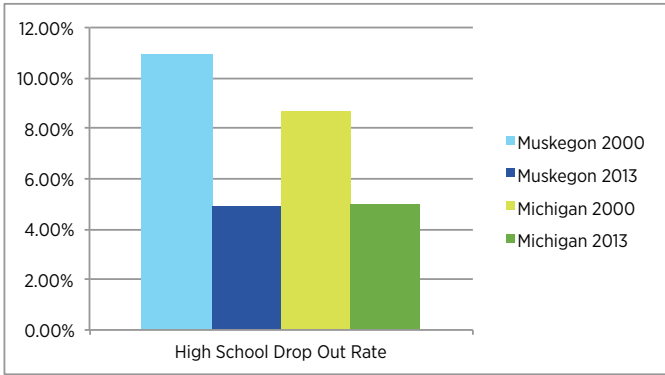
Health Insurance

	Muskegon County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	11.0%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	89.0%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	40.2%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	62.9%	69.3%

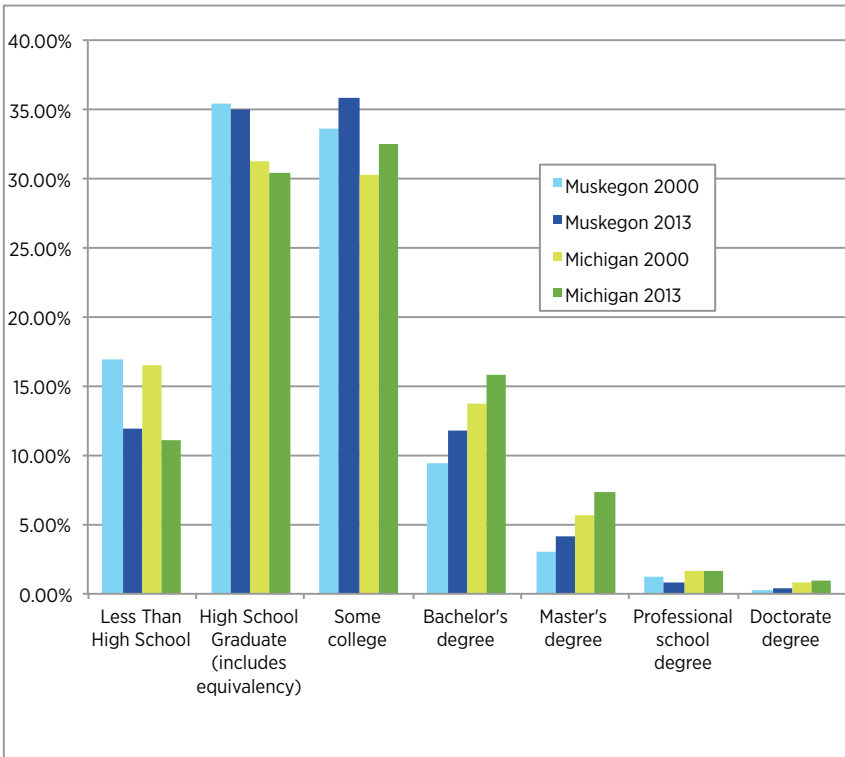


EDUCATION

High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Muskegon County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 16.8% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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