

A SNAPSHOT OF OTTAWA COUNTY



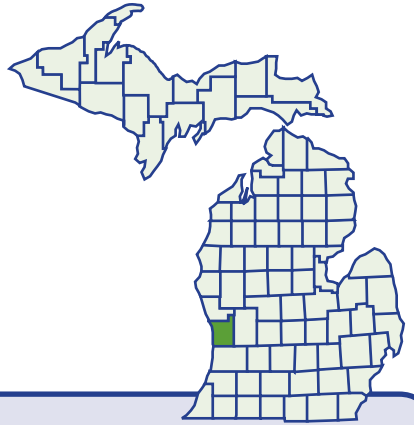


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Fast Facts

Population	267,017 people
Median age	34.6 years
Percent of people in poverty	8.7%
Median household income	\$56,453
Median home value	\$153,200
Top three economic sectors:	
Manufacturing	23.4%
Educational services, health care and social assistance	22.2%
Retail	10.9%
Acres in:	
Farmland	186,154 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

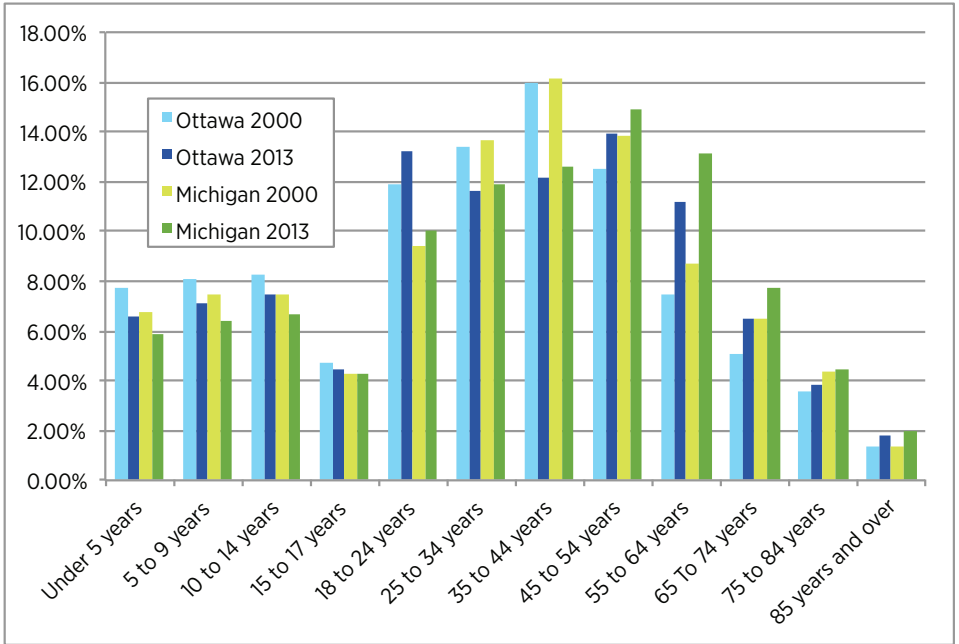
Year	Ottawa County Population	Michigan Population
2000	238,314	9,938,444
2013	267,017	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Ottawa Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	421.3 / 565.65	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	473.9 / 563.47	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	49.2%	50.8%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	49.1%	50.9%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	88.6%	85.4%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	1.0%	1.2%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	2.1%	2.8%	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	1.0%	1.4%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	7.0%	8.9%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Ottawa County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$52,347	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$56,453	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Ottawa County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$21,676	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$25,371	\$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

» **Ottawa Poverty Rate:** 8.7% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	5.1%	13.0%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	94.9%	87.0%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	5.8%	11.7%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	94.2%	88.3%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	4.9%	5.1%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	95.1%	95.0%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

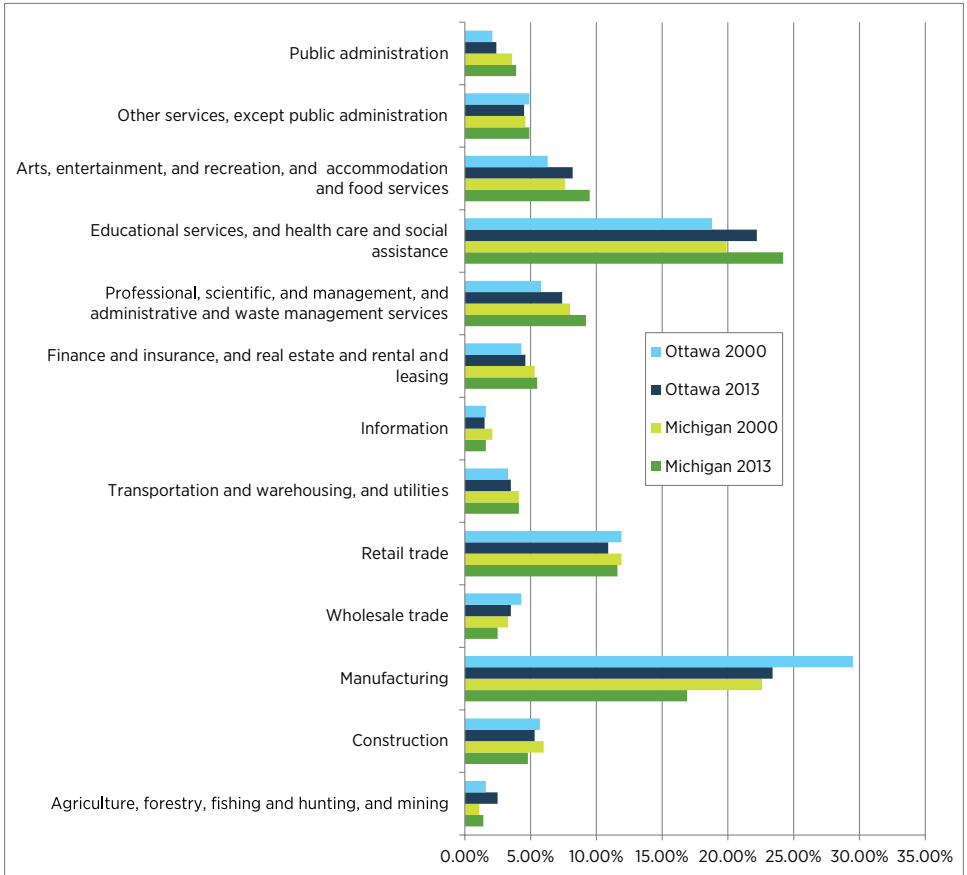
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	177,134		7,630,645	
In labor force	128,356	72.5%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	73	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	128,283	72.4%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	123,168	69.5%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	5,115	2.9%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	48,778	27.5%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	206,260		7,865,350	
In labor force	140,244	68%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	104	0.1%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	140,140	67.9%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	128,356	62.2%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	11,784	5.7%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	66,016	32%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Ottawa 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	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	93.1%	91.9%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.5%	1.0%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	2.6%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	3.1%	3.5%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Ottawa County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	186,154 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	1,363 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	137 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	55.7 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$534,404,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

- » Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod
- » Poultry and eggs
- » Fruits, tree nuts, and berries

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	86,856	102,783	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5

Household Type

Household Type	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	75.1%	73.9%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	64.6%	61.8%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	10.6%	12.1%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.1%	3.5%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	7.5%	8.6%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	24.9%	26.1%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	11.3%	11.6%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	13.5%	14.5%	17.0%	18.4%

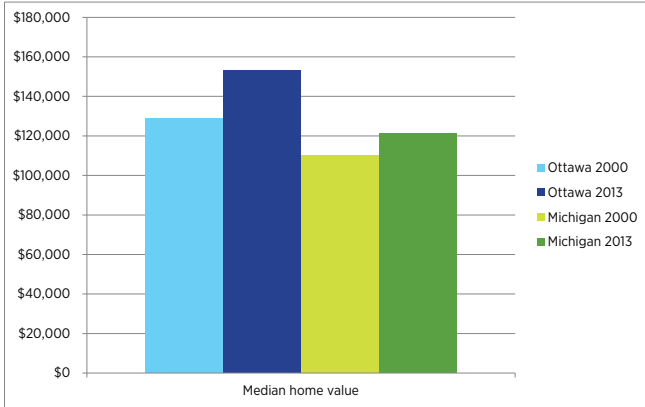
Marriages & Divorces

	Ottawa County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	1,810	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	913	31,687

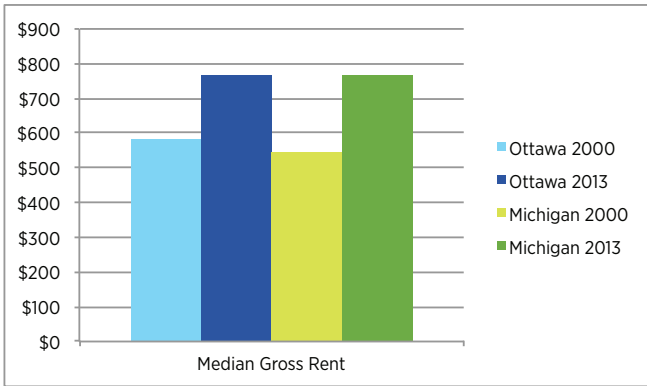


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	Ottawa County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1977	1982	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Ottawa County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	73,902	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Ottawa County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	368	24,143
Cancer	390	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	88	5,547
Stroke	103	4,365
Accidents	75	4,194
Alzheimer's	96	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	32	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	54	1,892
Kidney disease	33	1,665
Suicide	23	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

Causes of Death (3)	Ottawa County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Accidents	4	213
Assault (homicide)	2	90
Suicide	1	88
Cancer	3	56
Congenital malformations	1	42

Obesity & Diabetes

	Ottawa County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	25%	32%
Diabetic (4)	8%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Ottawa County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	3,377	113,732
Teen births (3)*	167	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	29%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

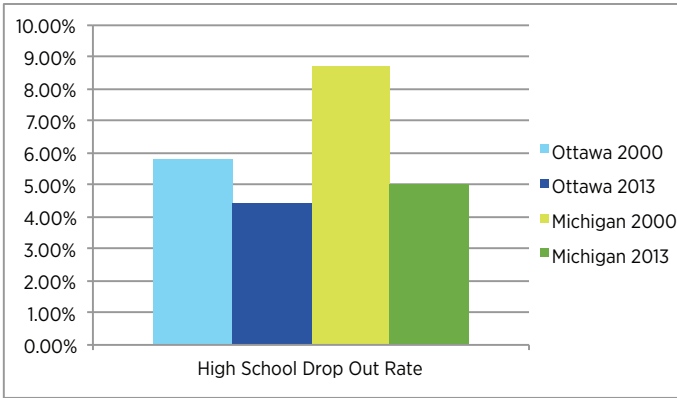
Health Insurance

	Ottawa County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	8.3%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	91.7%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	24.2%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	79.8%	69.3%

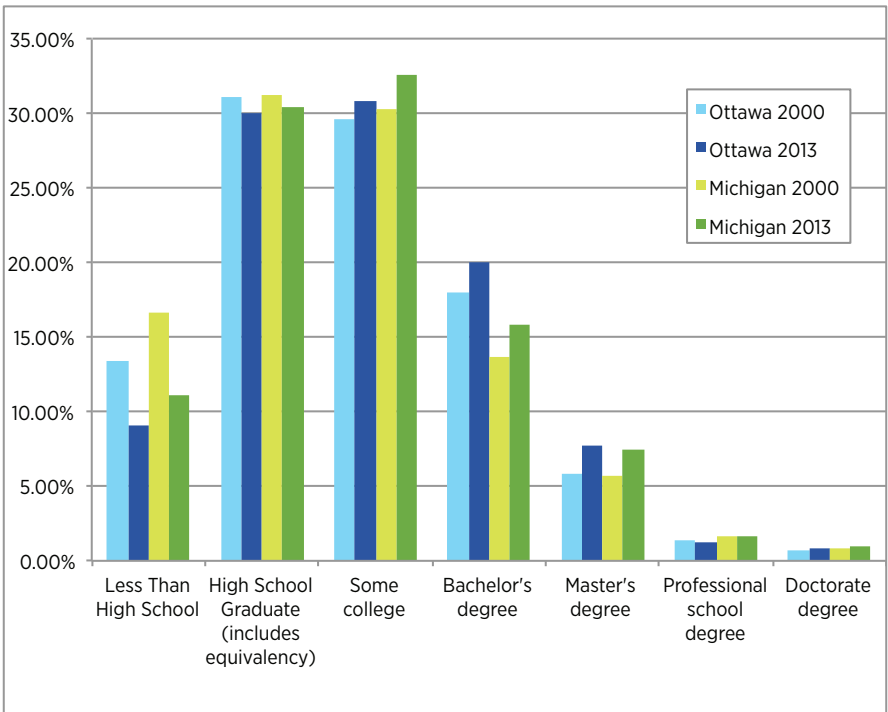


EDUCATION

High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Ottawa County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 29.1% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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