

A SNAPSHOT OF **ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**





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Fast Facts

Population 61,111 people

Median age 38.8 years

Percent of people in poverty 17.6%

Median household income \$44,051

Median home value \$108,900

Top three economic sectors:

Manufacturing 34.2%

Educational services, health care and social assistance 17.2%

Retail 10.7%

Acres in:

Farmland 221,745 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

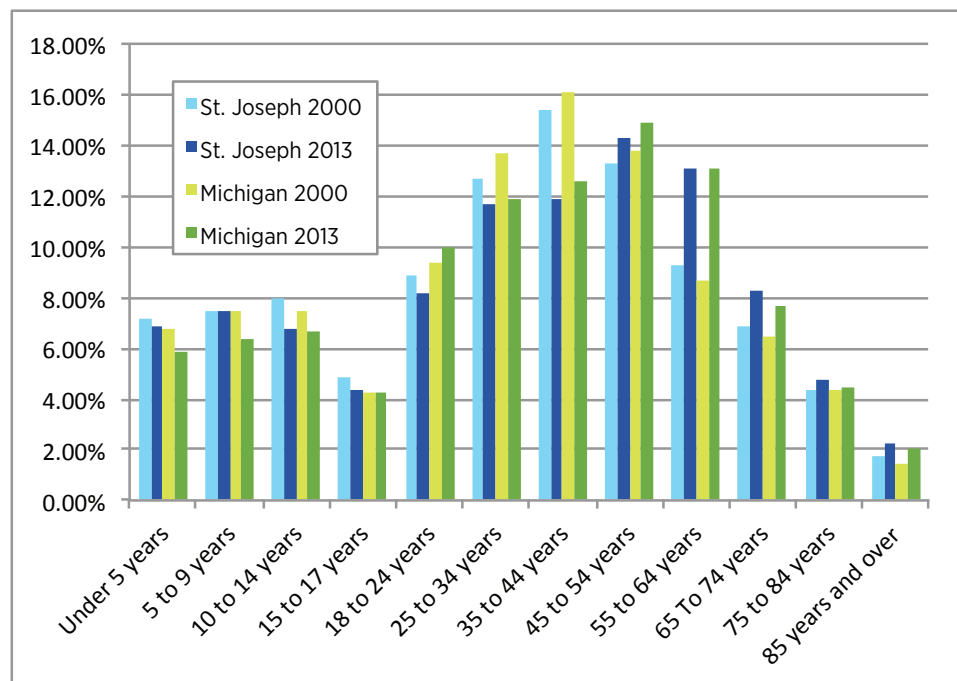
Year	St. Joseph County Population	Michigan Population
2000	62,422	9,938,444
2013	61,111	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	St. Joseph Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	123.9 / 503.72	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	122.1 / 500.59	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	49.4%	50.6%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	49.6%	50.4%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	91.3%	87.8%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	2.5%	2.7%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.6%	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%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.2%	1.8%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	4%	6.8%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	St. Joseph County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$40,355	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$44,051	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	St. Joseph County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$18,247	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$20,570	\$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

» St. Joseph Poverty Rate: 17.6% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	16.3%	25.9%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	83.7%	74.1%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	9.9%	15.9%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	90.1%	84.1%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	6.9%	10.6%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	93.1%	89.4%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

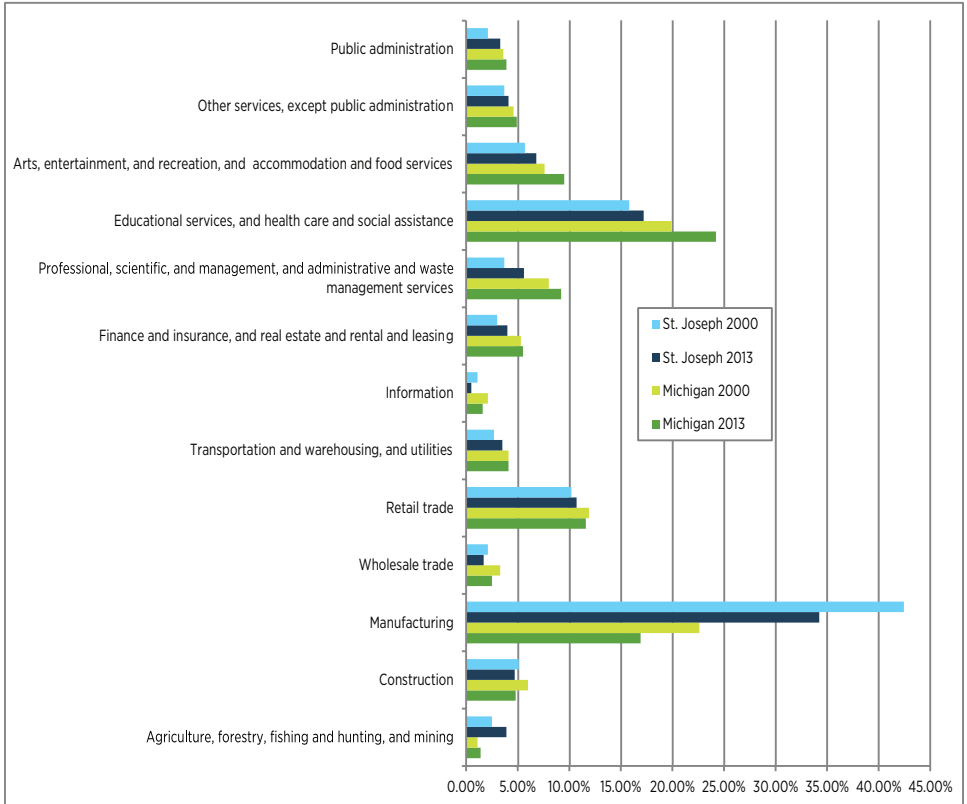
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	47,426		7,630,645	
In labor force	31,290	66	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	21	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	31,269	65.9%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	29,816	62.9%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	1,453	3.1%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	16,136	34%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	47,220		7,865,350	
In labor force	28,212	59.8%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	48	0.1%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	28,164	59.6%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	24,204	51.3%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	3,960	8.4%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	19,008	40.3%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in St. Joseph 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	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	92.3%	92.4%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.3%	0.2%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.6%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	2.4%	2.9%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	3.8%	3.0%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	St. Joseph County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	221,745 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	967 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	229 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	52.4 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$238,053,000	\$8,678,050,000

St. Joseph top three areas of agriculture production (by volume of sales) (2):

- » Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas
- » Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes
- » Milk and other dairy products from cows

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	26,503	27,698	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5

Household Type

Household Type	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	71.0%	70.1%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	55.9%	54.4%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	15.2%	15.7%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	10.4%	11.0%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	29.0%	29.9%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	13.7%	14.3%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	15.3%	15.6%	17.0%	18.4%

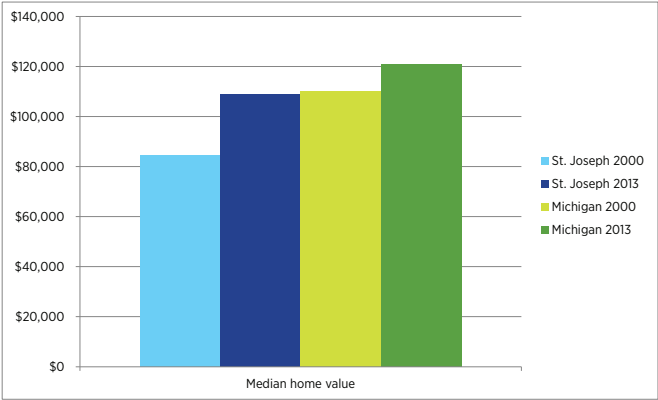
Marriages & Divorces

	St. Joseph County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	450	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	267	31,687

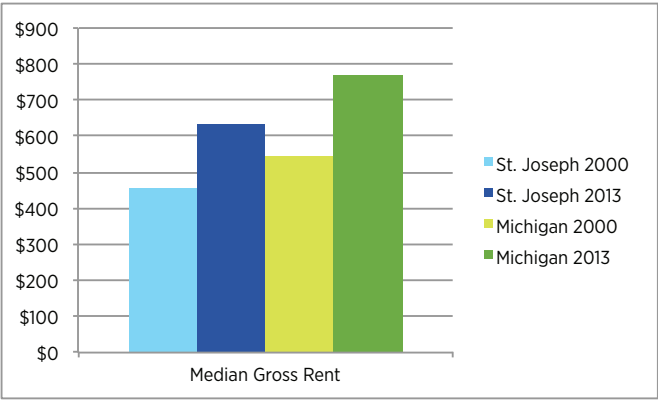


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	St. Joseph County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1962	1972	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	St. Joseph County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	17,052	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	St. Joseph County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	186	24,143
Cancer	139	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	48	5,547
Stroke	29	4,365
Accidents	30	4,194
Alzheimer's	16	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	29	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	12	1,892
Kidney disease	9	1,665
Suicide	8	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

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

Obesity & Diabetes

	St. Joseph County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	32%	32%
Diabetic (4)	10%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	St. Joseph County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	860	113,732
Teen births (3)*	97	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	51%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

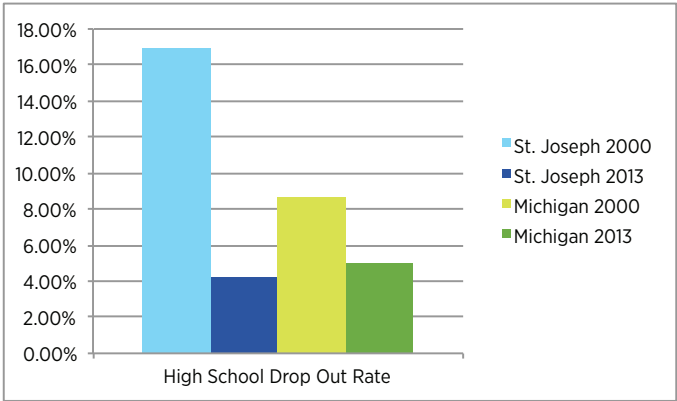
Health Insurance

	St. Joseph County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	13.2%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	86.8%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	35.7%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	65.1%	69.3%

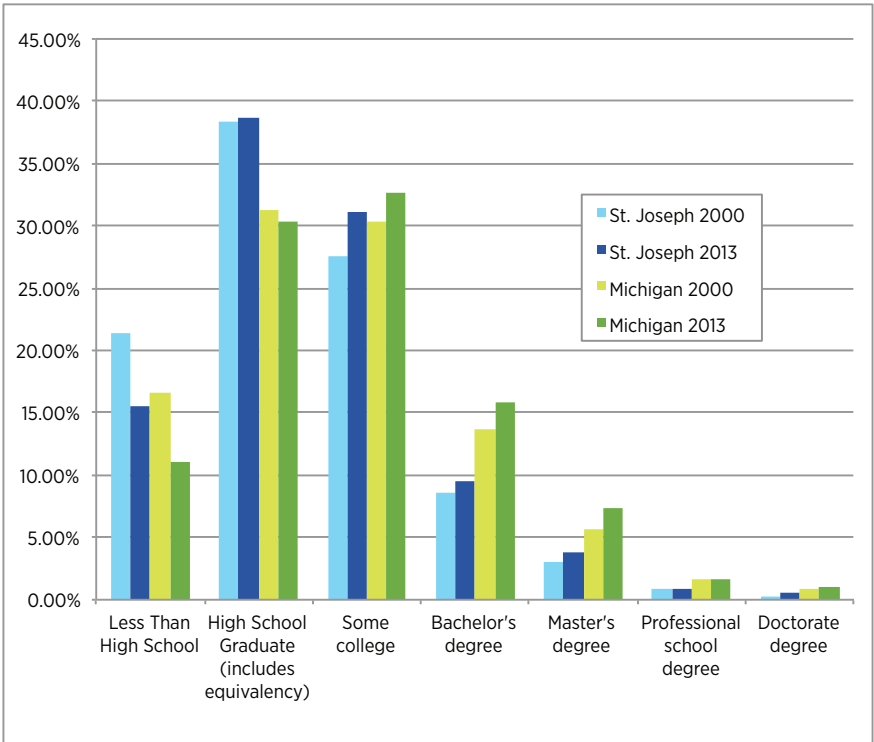
EDUCATION



High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of St. Joseph County residents with a bachelor’s degree or more is 14.1% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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