

A SNAPSHOT OF VAN BUREN COUNTY





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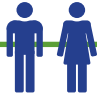
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Fast Facts

Population	75,897 people
Median age	40.3 years
Percent of people in poverty	15.8%
Median household income	\$45,129
Median home value	\$118,700
Top three economic sectors:	
Educational services, health care and social assistance	21.9%
Manufacturing	18.3%
Retail	11.0%
Acres in:	
Farmland	175,121 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

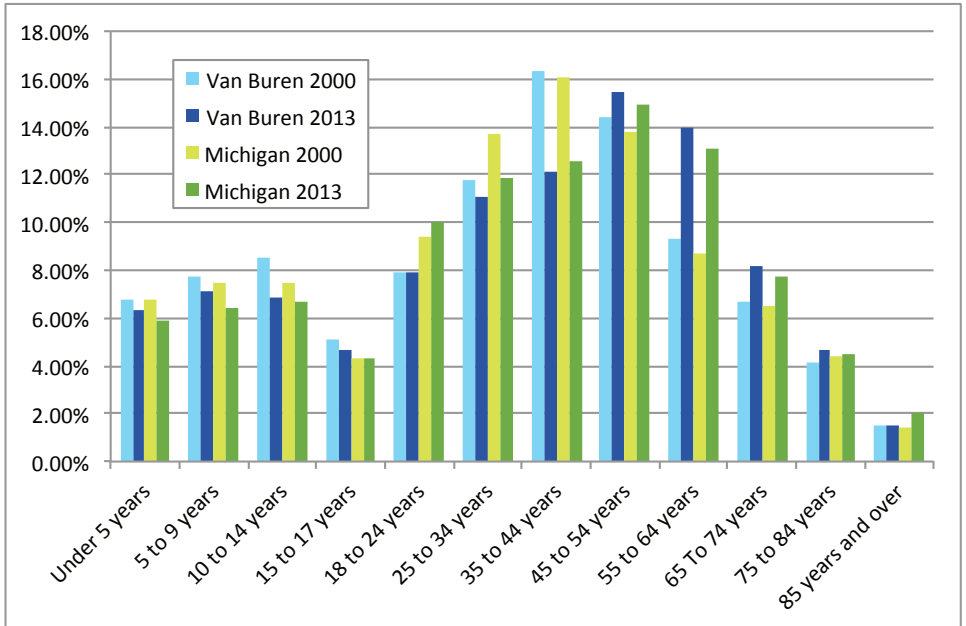
Year	Van Buren County Population	Michigan Population
2000	76,263	9,938,444
2013	75,897	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Van Buren Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	124.8 / 610.86	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	124.9 / 607.47	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Van Buren 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

	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	84.5%	82.2%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	5.2%	3.9%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.3%	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%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.7%	1.9%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	7.4%	10.4%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Van Buren County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$39,365	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$45,129	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Van Buren County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$17,878	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$21,732	\$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

» **Van Buren Poverty Rate:** 15.8% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	13.8%	27.9%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	86.2%	72.1%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	10.0%	18.0%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	90.0%	82.0%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	10.9%	10.3%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	89.1%	89.7%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

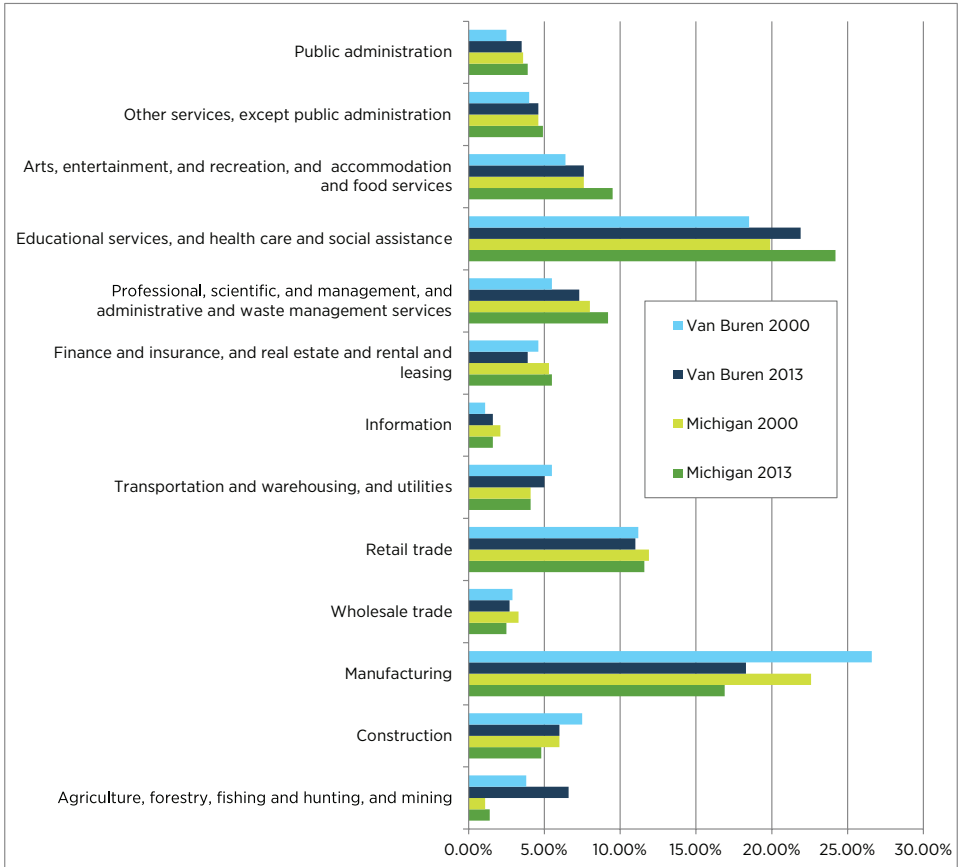
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	57,485		7,630,645	
In labor force	37,847	65.8%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	13	0.0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	37,834	65.8%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	35,625	62%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	2,209	3.8%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	19,638	34.2%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	59,458		7,865,350	
In labor force	36,096	60.7%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	21	0.0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	36,075	60.7%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	32,211	54.2%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	3,864	6.5%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	23,362	39.3%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Van Buren 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	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	94.6%	92.9%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.2%	0.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	1.9%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.5%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	2.5%	3.6%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Van Buren County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	175,121 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	1,113 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	157 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	58.7 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$194,665,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

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

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	33,975	36,711	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5

Household Type

Household Type	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	72.6%	69.7%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	56.7%	53.4%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	15.9%	16.3%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	4.7%	4.7%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	11.2%	11.7%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	27.4%	30.3%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	13.4%	14.4%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	14.0%	15.9%	17.0%	18.4%

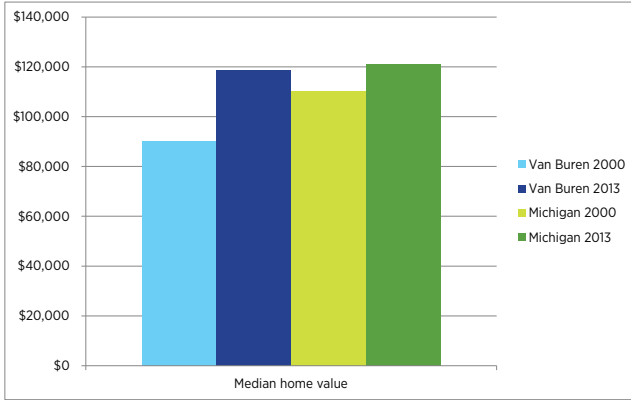
Marriages & Divorces

	Van Buren County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	496	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	281	31,687

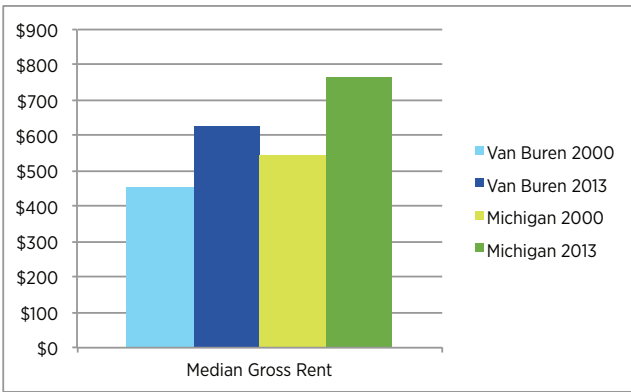


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	Van Buren County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1969	1975	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Van Buren County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	22,139	2,757,062

HEALTH & MORTALITY



Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Van Buren County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	173	24,143
Cancer	177	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	55	5,547
Stroke	30	4,365
Accidents	42	4,194
Alzheimer's	17	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	17	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	19	1,892
Kidney disease	20	1,665
Suicide	6	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

Causes of Death (3)	Van Buren County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Accidents	5	213
Assault (homicide)	-	90
Suicide	2	88
Cancer	2	56
Congenital malformations	1	42

Obesity & Diabetes

	Van Buren County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	30%	32%
Diabetic (4)	10%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Van Buren County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	906	113,732
Teen births (3)*	85	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	45%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

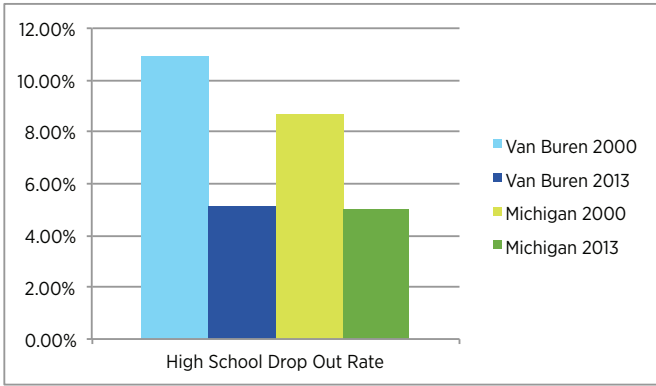
Health Insurance

	Van Buren County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	14.8%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	85.2%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	36.1%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	62.6%	69.3%

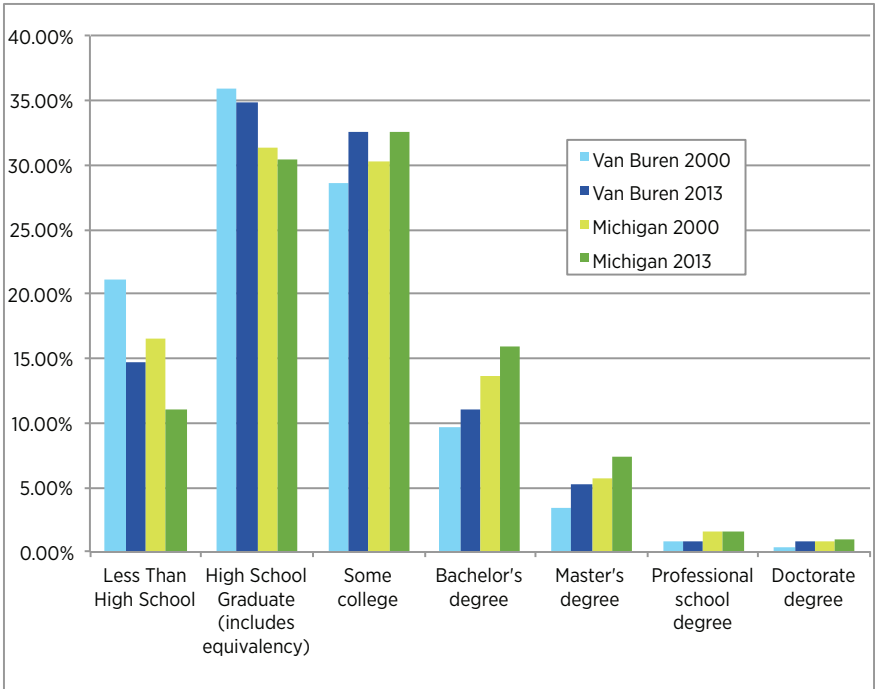


EDUCATION

High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Van Buren County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 17.2% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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