

A SNAPSHOT OF WEXFORD COUNTY





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Fast Facts

Population	32,690 people
Median age	41.4 years
Percent of people in poverty	17.3%
Median household income	\$40,965
Median home value	\$100,100
Top three economic sectors:	
Manufacturing	21.6%
Educational services, health care and social assistance	20.7%
Retail	13.4%
Acres in:	
Farmland	40,333 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

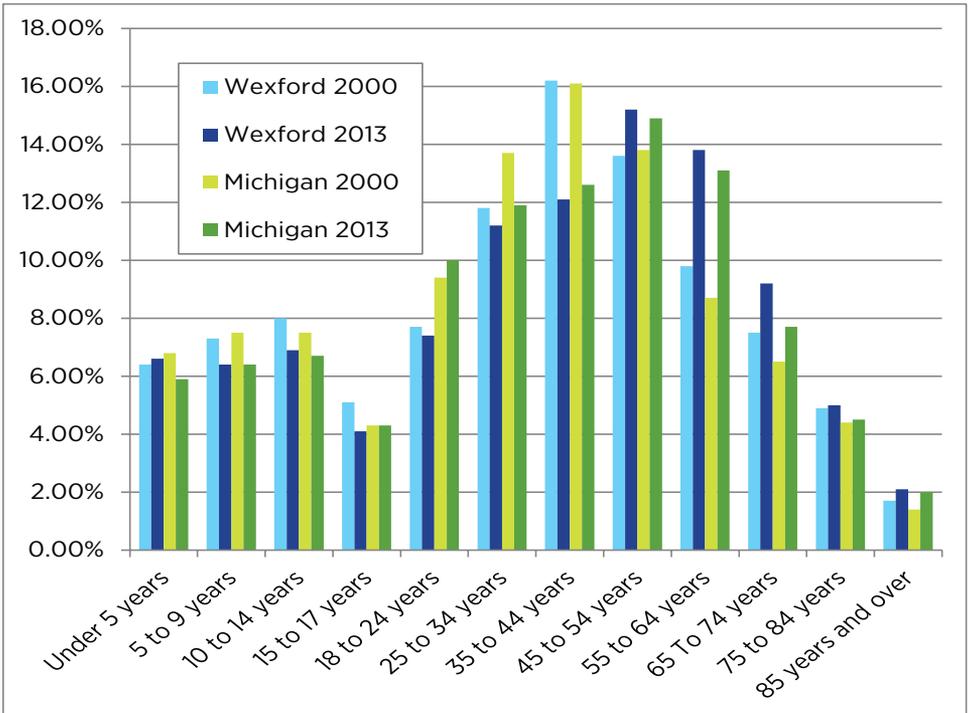
Year	Wexford County Population	Michigan Population
2000	30,484	9,938,444
2013	32,690	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Wexford Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	53.9 / 565.49	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	57.9 / 565	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Wexford County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	49.5%	50.5%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	49.7%	50.3%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	Wexford County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	96.7%	95.3%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	0.2%	0.4%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.4%	0.4%	1.8%	2.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0%	0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race alone	0%	0%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1%	1.4%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	1%	1.6%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Wexford County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$35,363	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$40,965	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Wexford County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$17,144	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$20,573	\$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

» **Wexford Poverty Rate:** 17.3% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Wexford County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	12.3%	27.9%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	87.7%	72.1%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	9.8%	17.8%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	90.2%	82.2%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	8.5%	7.9%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	91.5%	92.1%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

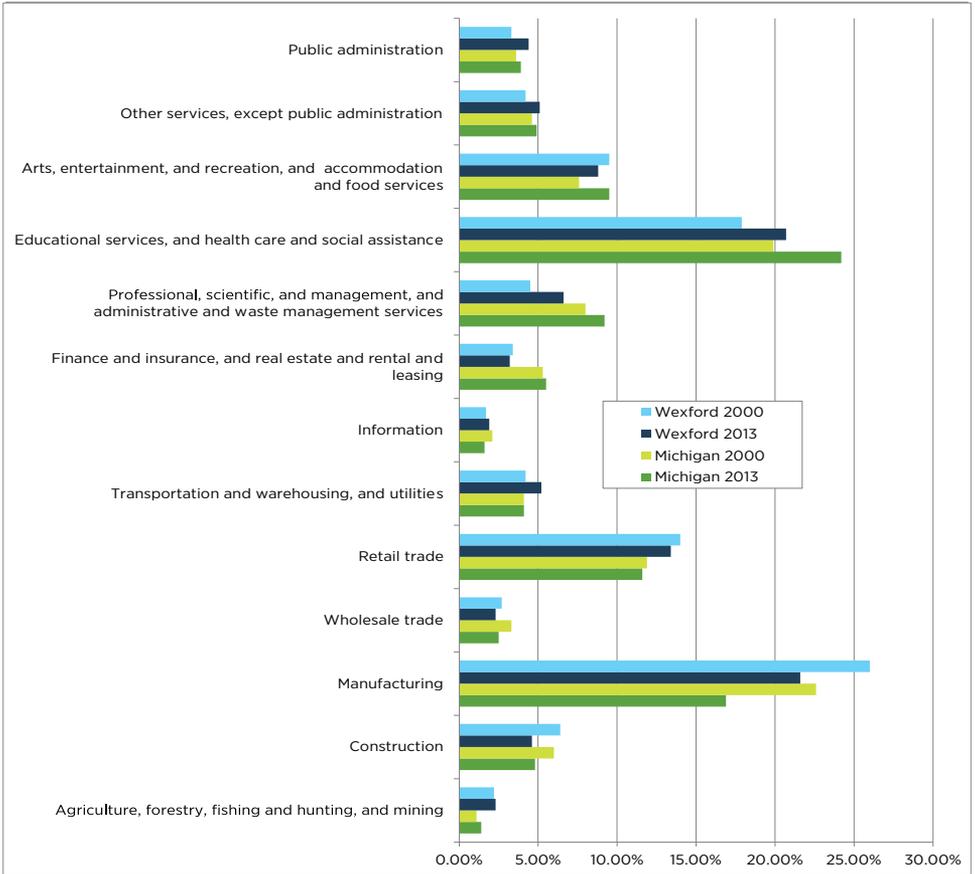
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Wexford County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	23,381		7,630,645	
In labor force	14,960	64%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	1	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	14,959	64%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	13,924	59.6%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	1,035	4.4%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	8,421	36%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Wexford County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	25,701		7,865,350	
In labor force	15,087	58.7%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	9	0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	15,078	58.7%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	12,970	50.5%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	2,108	8.2%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	10,614	41.3%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Wexford 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	Wexford County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	92.3%	91.8%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.4%	0.1%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	2.6%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	3.7%	4.5%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Wexford County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	40,333 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	54,113 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	357 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	113 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	57.8 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$9,676,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

- » Cattle and calves
- » Milk and other dairy products from cows
- » Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	Wexford County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	14,872	16,668	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

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

Household Type

Household Type	Wexford County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	70.9%	68.9%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	56.2%	53.1%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	14.7%	15.8%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	4.5%	5.5%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	10.3%	10.3%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	29.1%	31.1%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	13.7%	15.4%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	15.4%	15.7%	17.0%	18.4%

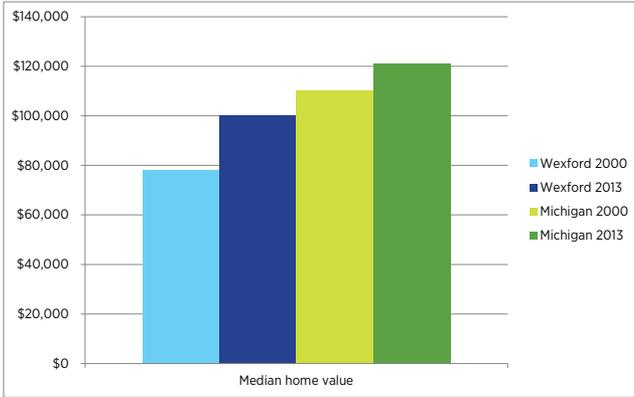
Marriages & Divorces

	Wexford County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	222	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	156	31,687

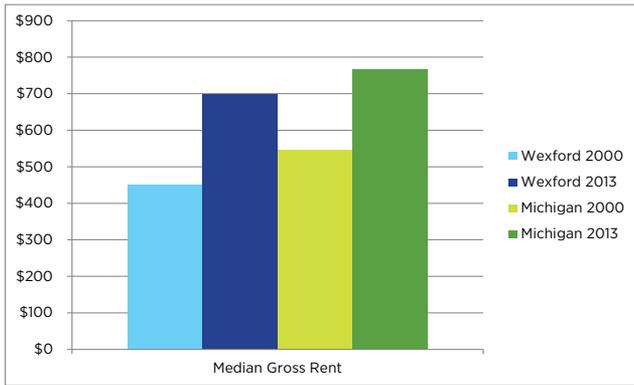


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	Wexford County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1972	1976	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Wexford County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	9,581	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Wexford County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	83	24,143
Cancer	95	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	30	5,547
Stroke	18	4,365
Accidents	19	4,194
Alzheimer's	18	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	13	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	4	1,892
Kidney disease	7	1,665
Suicide	4	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

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

Obesity & Diabetes

	Wexford County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	33%	32%
Diabetic (4)	9%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Wexford County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	431	113,732
Teen births (3)*	44	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	51%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

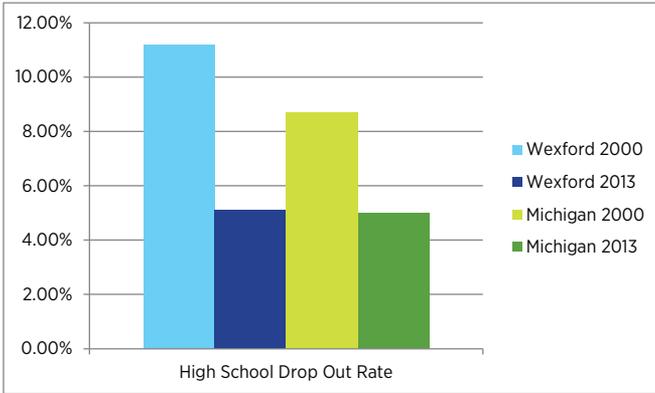
Health Insurance

	Wexford County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	13.6%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	86.4%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	39.9%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	62.9%	69.3%

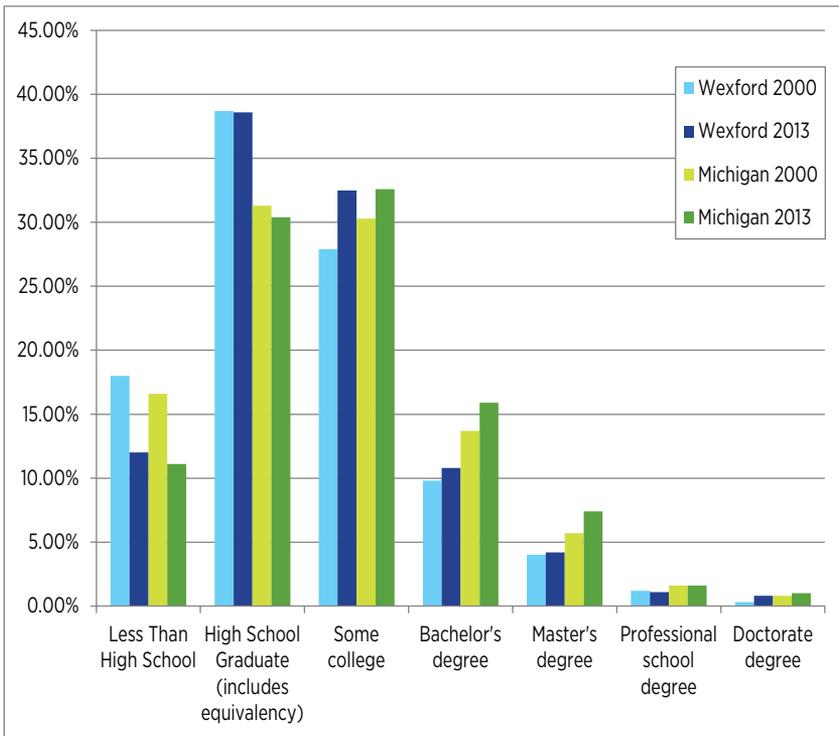


EDUCATION

High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Wexford County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 16.1% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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