

A SNAPSHOT OF **GRATIOT COUNTY**





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Fast Facts

Population	42,148 people
Median age	38.5 years
Percent of people in poverty	17.3%
Median household income	\$40,359
Median home value	\$86,600
Top three economic sectors:	
Educational services, health care and social assistance	24.7%
Manufacturing	22.8%
Retail	11.7%
Acres in:	
Farmland	289,376 acres



GENERAL POPULATION

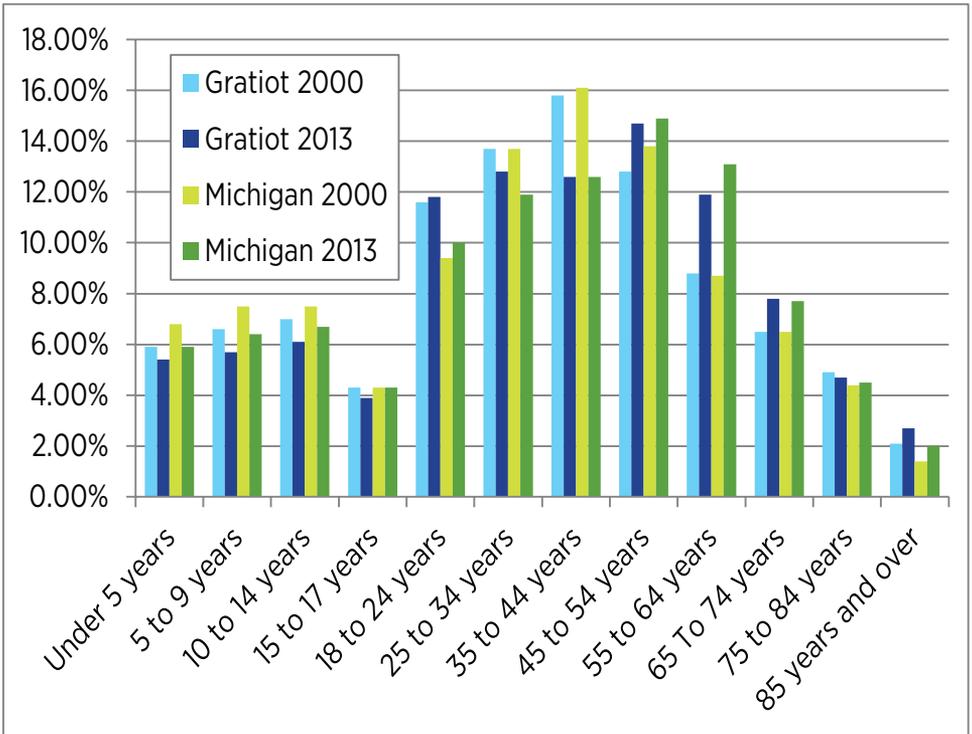
Year	Gratiot County Population	Michigan Population
2000	42,285	9,938,444
2013	42,148	9,883,640

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

Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Gratiot Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	74.2 / 570.13	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	74.1 / 568.46	174.9 / 56,538.90

Age Distribution



General Population, Continued

Gender

Year	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	52%	48%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	52.9%	47.1%	49.1%	50.9%

Race & Ethnicity

	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	89.9%	87.3%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	3.7%	5.4%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.3%	0.4%	1.8%	2.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0%	0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race alone	0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.1%	1.1%	1.6%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	4.4%	5.4%	3.3%	4.5%



ECONOMY

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Gratiot County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$37,262	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$40,359	\$48,411

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Gratiot County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$17,118	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$18,836	\$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

» Gratiot Poverty Rate: 17.3% (6)
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Children under age 18:				
Living in poverty	12.3%	28.7%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	87.7%	71.3%	86.1%	76.4%
Age 18 to 64:				
Living in poverty	9.6%	18%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	90.4%	82%	90.4%	83.8%
Age 65 and over:				
Living in poverty	9.2%	9.3%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	90.8%	90.7%	91.8%	91.8%

Economy, Continued

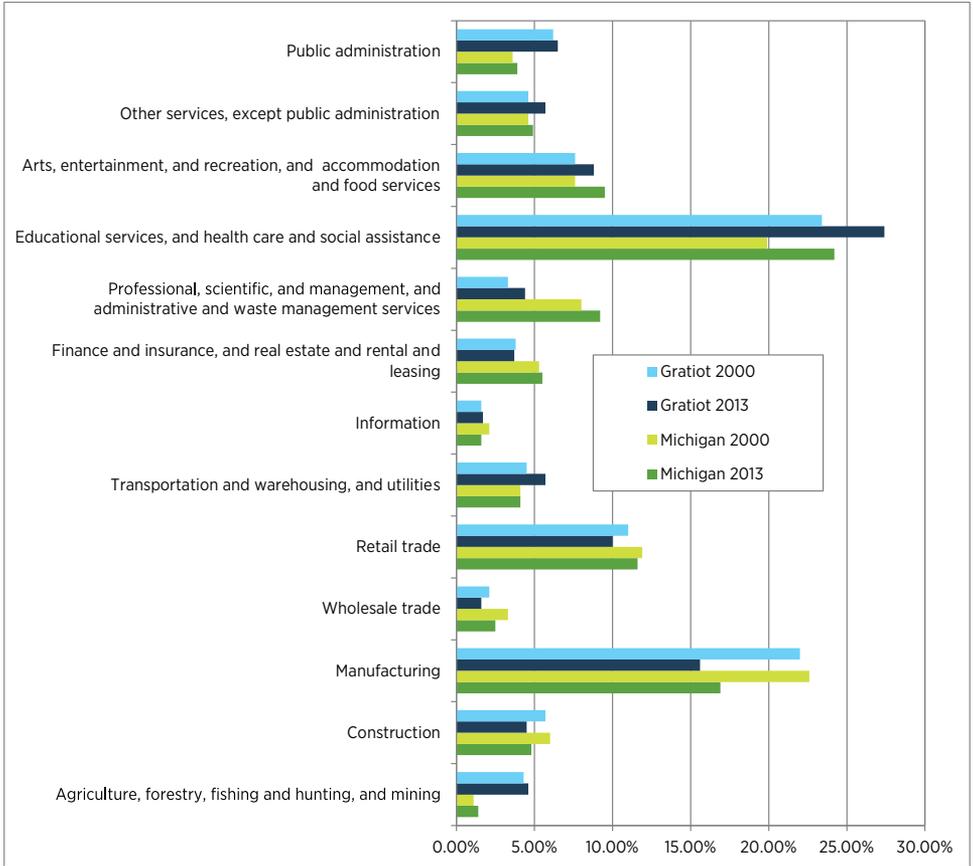
Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	33,445		7,630,645	
In labor force	18,893	56.5%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	11	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	18,882	56.5%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	17,806	53.2%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	1,076	3.2%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	14,552	43.5%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	34384		7,865,350	
In labor force	18,343	53.4%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	13	0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	18,330	53.3%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	16,097	46.8%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	2,233	6.5%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	16,041	46.7%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Gratiot 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	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	90.8%	89.5%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.1%	0.1%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	4.0%	3.6%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	4.1%	5.6%	2.8%	3.6%



AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Gratiot County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	289,376 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	878 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	330 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	55.1 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$345,033,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

- » Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas
- » Milk and other dairy products from cows
- » Cattle and calves

FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



Housing Units

	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	15,516	16,268	4,234,279	4,529,311

Average Household Size

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

Household Type

Household Type	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Family households:	71.7%	68.7%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	57.6%	53.4%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	14.1%	15.3%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.9%	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	10.2%	10.9%	12.4%	12.8%
Nonfamily households:	28.3%	31.3%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	12.1%	13.8%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	16.2%	17.5%	17.0%	18.4%

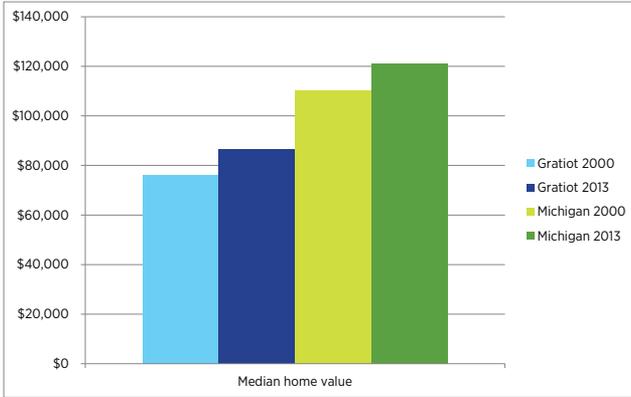
Marriages & Divorces

	Gratiot County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	231	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	106	31,687

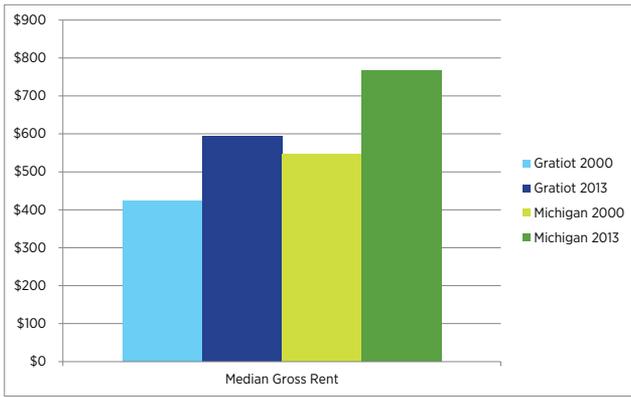


HOUSING

Median Home Value



Median Rent in Dollars per Month



Median Year Structure Built

	Gratiot County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1960	1961	1965	1969

Type of Ownership

	Gratiot County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	11,252	2,757,062



HEALTH & MORTALITY

Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Gratiot County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	136	24,143
Cancer	81	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	28	5,547
Stroke	24	4,365
Accidents	14	4,194
Alzheimer's	9	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	12	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	8	1,892
Kidney disease	7	1,665
Suicide	4	1,296

Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

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

Obesity & Diabetes

	Gratiot County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	37%	32%
Diabetic (4)	9%	10%

Health and Mortality, Continued

Children

	Gratiot County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	401	113,732
Teen births (3)*	36	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	42%	41%

* Age of mother between 10–19.

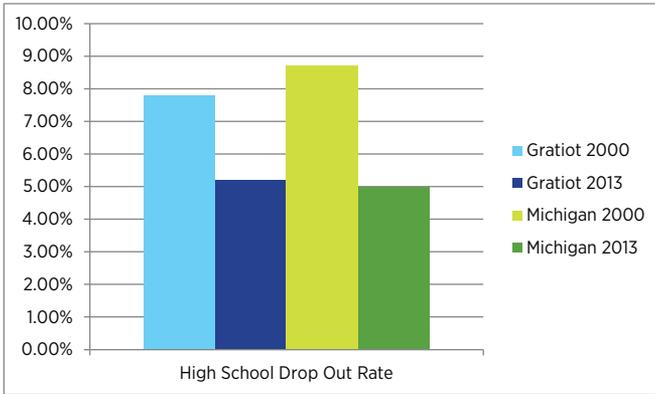
Health Insurance

	Gratiot County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	12.4%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	87.6%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	37%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	66.3%	69.3%

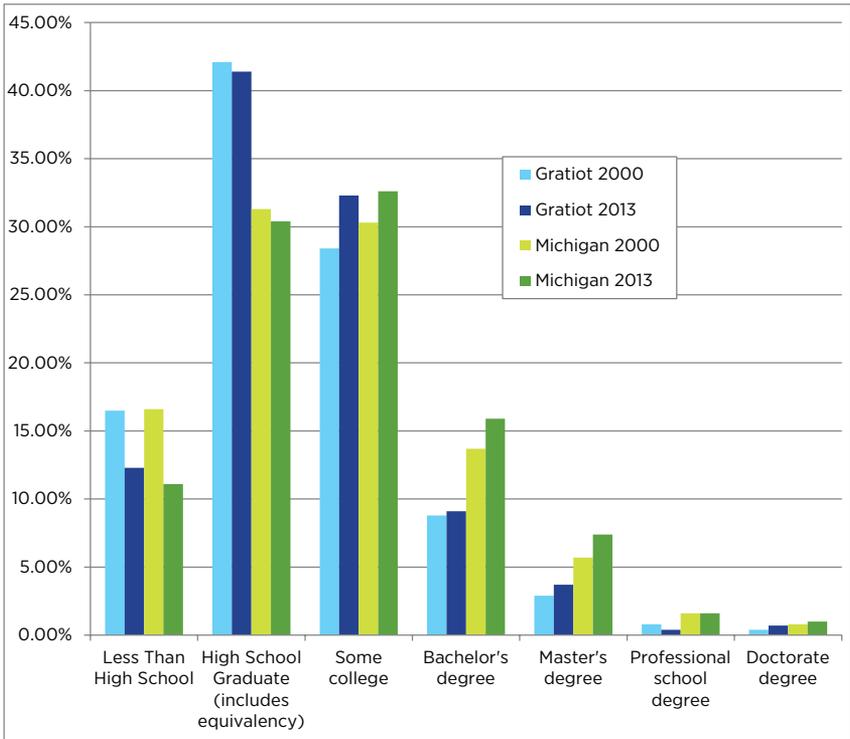


EDUCATION

High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Gratiot County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 13.2% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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