

# A SNAPSHOT OF **LUCE** **COUNTY**





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## Fast Facts

**Population** ..... 6,550 people

**Median age** ..... 43.4 years

**Percent of people in poverty** ..... 17.4%

**Median household income** ..... \$39,469

**Median home value** ..... \$79,400

**Top three economic sectors:**

Educational services, health care and social assistance.....21%

Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accomodation  
and food services.....17.8%

Retail .....12%

**Acres in:**

Farmland..... 11,599 acres



## GENERAL POPULATION

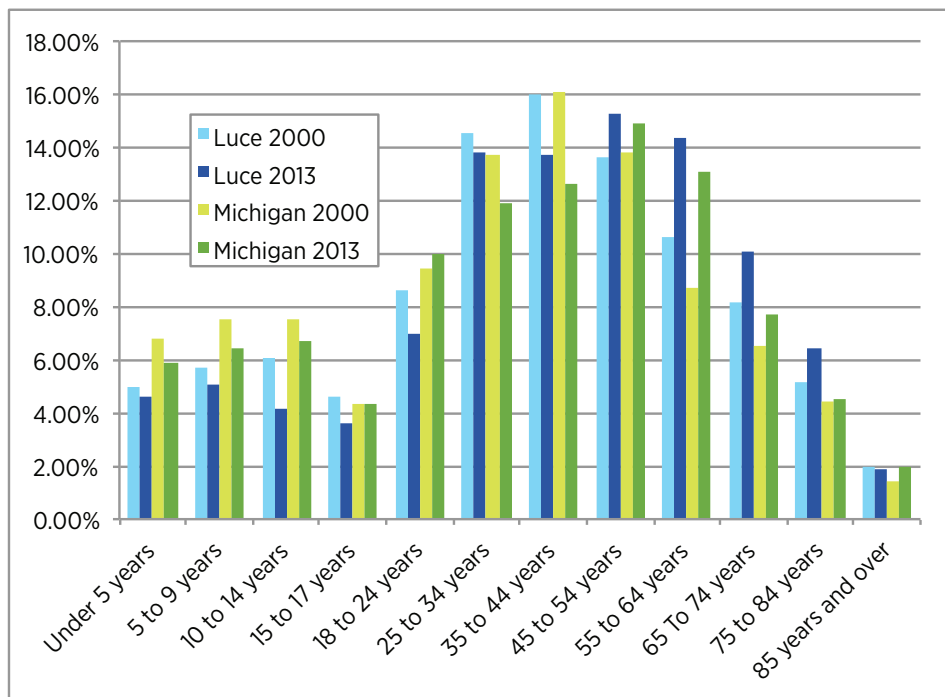
Year	Luce County Population	Michigan Population
2000	7,024	9,938,444
2013	6,550	9,883,640

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

## Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Luce Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	7.8 / 903.08	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	7.3 / 899.08	174.9 / 56,538.90

## Age Distribution



## General Population, Continued

### Gender

Year	Luce County		Michigan	
	% Male	% Female	% Male	% Female
2000	55.5%	44.5%	49.0%	51.0%
2013	57.8%	42.2%	49.1%	50.9%

### Race & Ethnicity

	Luce County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	82.4%	79.7%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	7.2%	9.7%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	5.4%	5.2%	0.5%	0.5%
Asian alone	0.3%	0.3%	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	2.9%	2.2%	1.6%	2.1%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	1.8%	2.9%	3.3%	4.5%



## ECONOMY

### Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Luce County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$32,031	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$39,469	\$48,411

### Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Luce County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$16,828	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$18,768	\$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

» Luce Poverty Rate: 17.4% (6)  
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Luce County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Children under age 18:</b>				
Living in poverty	21.7%	36.6%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	78.3%	63.4%	86.1%	76.4%
<b>Age 18 to 64:</b>				
Living in poverty	13.9%	15.4%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	86.1%	84.6%	90.4%	83.8%
<b>Age 65 and over:</b>				
Living in poverty	8.4%	10.1%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	91.6%	89.9%	91.8%	91.8%

## Economy, Continued

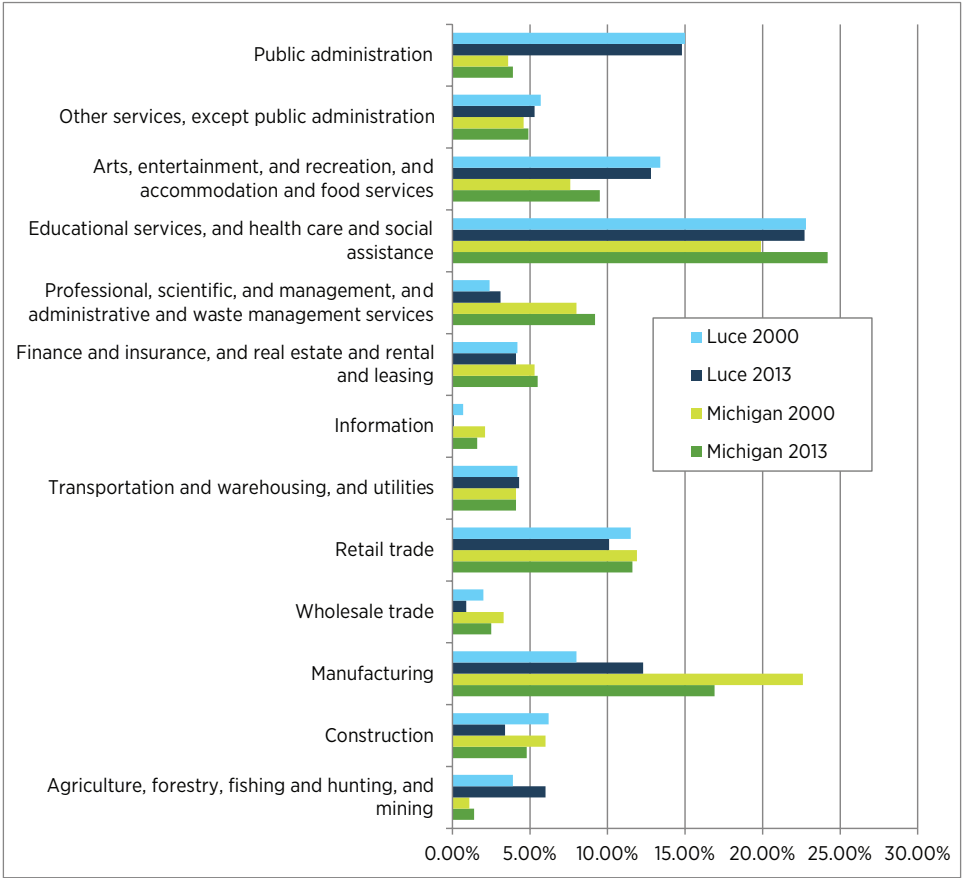
### Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Luce County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	5,745		7,630,645	
In labor force	2,601	45.3%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	0	0%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	2,601	45.3%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	2,375	41.3%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	226	3.9%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	3,144	54.7%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Luce County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	5,546		7,865,350	
In labor force	2,489	44.9%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	0	0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	2,489	44.9%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	2,193	39.5%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	296	5.3%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	3,057	55.1%	3,001,336	38.2%

Economy, Continued

Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing increased and the educational, health and social services sector decreased in Luce County.



## Economy, Continued

### Means of Transportation to Work (Age 16 Years and Over)

Means of Transportation to Work	Luce County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	88.8%	91%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.2%	0%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0%	0%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0%	0%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	3.8%	4.6%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	6.3%	3.7%	2.8%	3.6%



## AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Luce County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	11,599 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	287,266 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	43 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	270 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	57.3 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$3,615,000	\$8,678,050,000

Luce top three areas of agriculture production (by volume of sales) (2):

- » Cattle and calves
- » Other animals and other animal products
- » Fruits, tree nuts, and berries

## FAMILIES &amp; HOUSEHOLDS



## Housing Units

	Luce County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	4,008	4,333	4,234,279	4,529,311

## Average Household Size

	Luce County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Average Household Size	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.5

## Household Type

Household Type	Luce County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Family households:</b>	70.1%	64%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	57.9%	47.8%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	12.3%	16.1%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.8%	5.5%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	8.5%	10.6%	12.4%	12.8%
<b>Nonfamily households:</b>	29.9%	36.1%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	13.4%	16.4%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	16.4%	19.7%	17.0%	18.4%

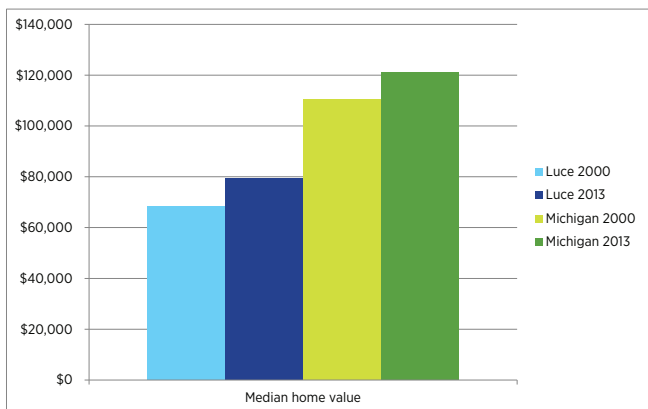
## Marriages &amp; Divorces

	Luce County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	39	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	20	31,687

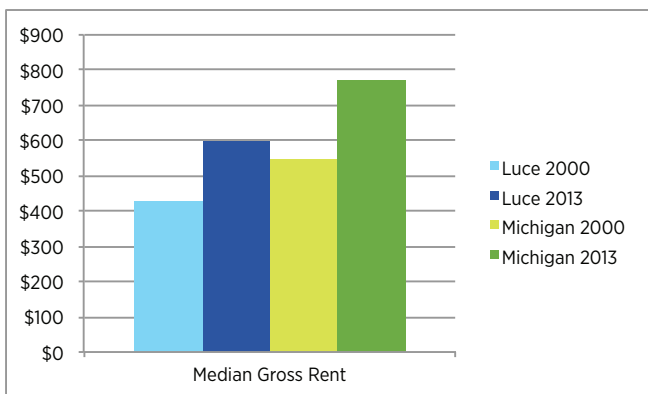


## HOUSING

### Median Home Value



### Median Rent in Dollars per Month



### Median Year Structure Built

	Luce County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1967	1973	1965	1969

### Type of Ownership

	Luce County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	1823	2,757,062



## HEALTH & MORTALITY

### Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Luce County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	18	24,143
Cancer	12	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	3	5,547
Stroke	7	4,365
Accidents	2	4,194
Alzheimer's	4	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	2	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	1	1,892
Kidney disease	0	1,665
Suicide	1	1,296

### Leading Causes of Death – Children Ages 1-19

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

### Obesity & Diabetes

	Luce County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	31%	32%
Diabetic (4)	10%	10%

## Health and Mortality, Continued

### Children

	Luce County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	43	113,732
Teen births (3)*	3	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	44%	41%

\* Age of mother between 10–19.

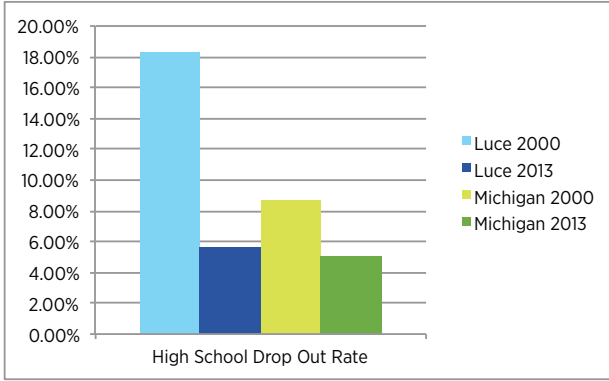
### Health Insurance

	Luce County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	11.9%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	88.1%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	46.8%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	59.1%	69.3%

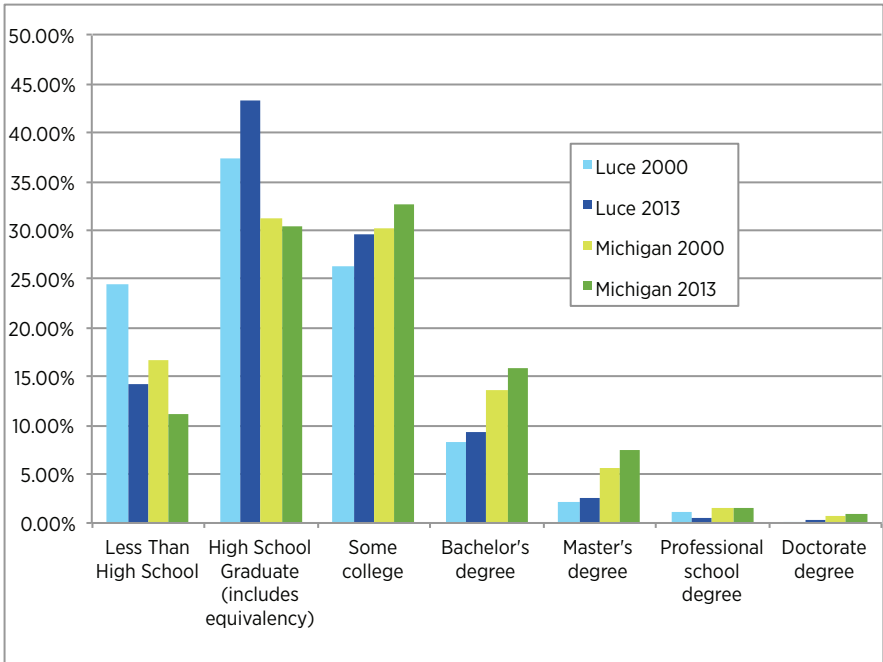
## EDUCATION



### High School Dropout Rate



### Education Attainment



- » The percentage of Luce County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 12.4% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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