

# A SNAPSHOT OF **MASON COUNTY**





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## Fast Facts

**Population** ..... 28,648 people

**Median age** ..... 45.5 years

**Percent of people in poverty** ..... 15.2%

**Median household income** ..... \$41,136

**Median home value** ..... \$117,000

**Top three economic sectors:**

Educational services, health care and social assistance..... 23.5%

Manufacturing ..... 18.9%

Retail ..... 12.6%

**Acres in:**

Farmland..... 79,048 acres



## GENERAL POPULATION

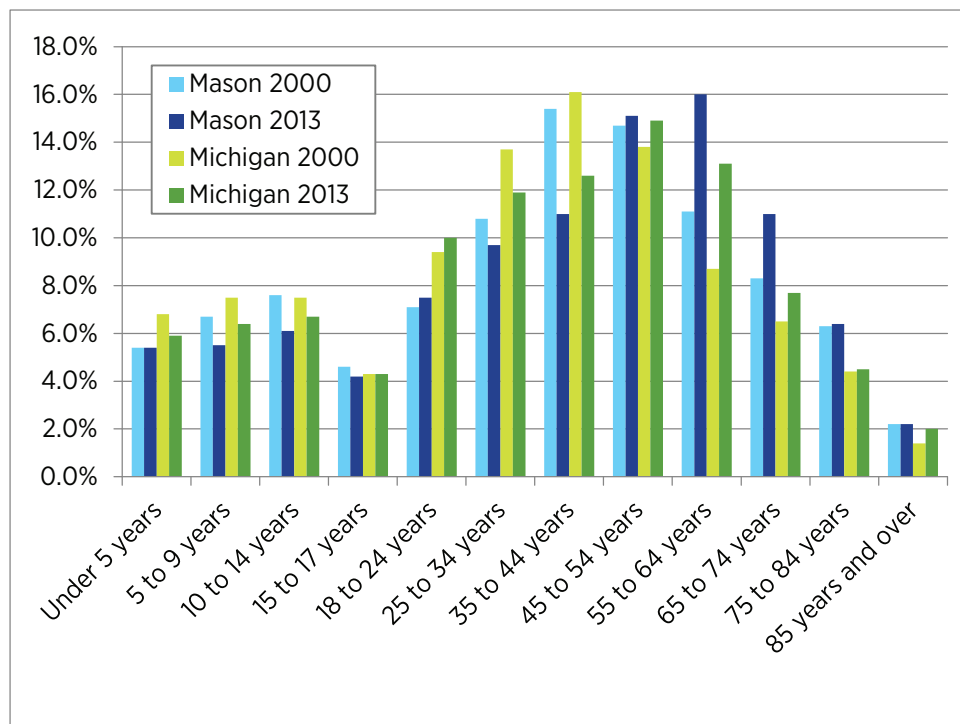
Year	Mason County Population	Michigan Population
2000	28,274	9,938,444
2013	28,648	9,883,640

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

## Population Density (per sq. mile)

Year	Mason Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)	Michigan Population Density (per sq. mile) / Area (Land)
2000	57.1 / 495.17	175.0 / 56,803.82
2013	57.9 / 495.07	174.9 / 56,538.90

## Age Distribution



## General Population, Continued

### Gender

Year	Mason 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

	Mason County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
White alone	94%	92.4%	78.6%	76.3%
Black or African American alone	0.7%	0.7%	14.1%	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.8%	1.0%	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%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.1%	1.2%	1.6%	2.1%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	3.0%	4.1%	3.3%	4.5%



## ECONOMY

### Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Mason County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$34,704	\$44,667
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$41,136	\$48,411

### Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Mason County	Michigan
In 1999 dollars	\$17,713	\$22,168
In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars	\$23,183	\$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

» Mason Poverty Rate: 15.2% (6)  
Michigan Poverty Rate: 14.8% (6)

Poverty Status	Mason County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Children under age 18:</b>				
Living in poverty	17.1%	27.1%	13.9%	23.6%
Not living in poverty	82.9%	72.9%	86.1%	76.4%
<b>Age 18 to 64:</b>				
Living in poverty	9.7%	15.4%	9.6%	16.2%
Not living in poverty	90.3%	84.6%	90.4%	83.8%
<b>Age 65 and over:</b>				
Living in poverty	7.0%	6.8%	8.2%	8.2%
Not living in poverty	93.0%	93.2%	91.8%	91.8%

## Economy, Continued

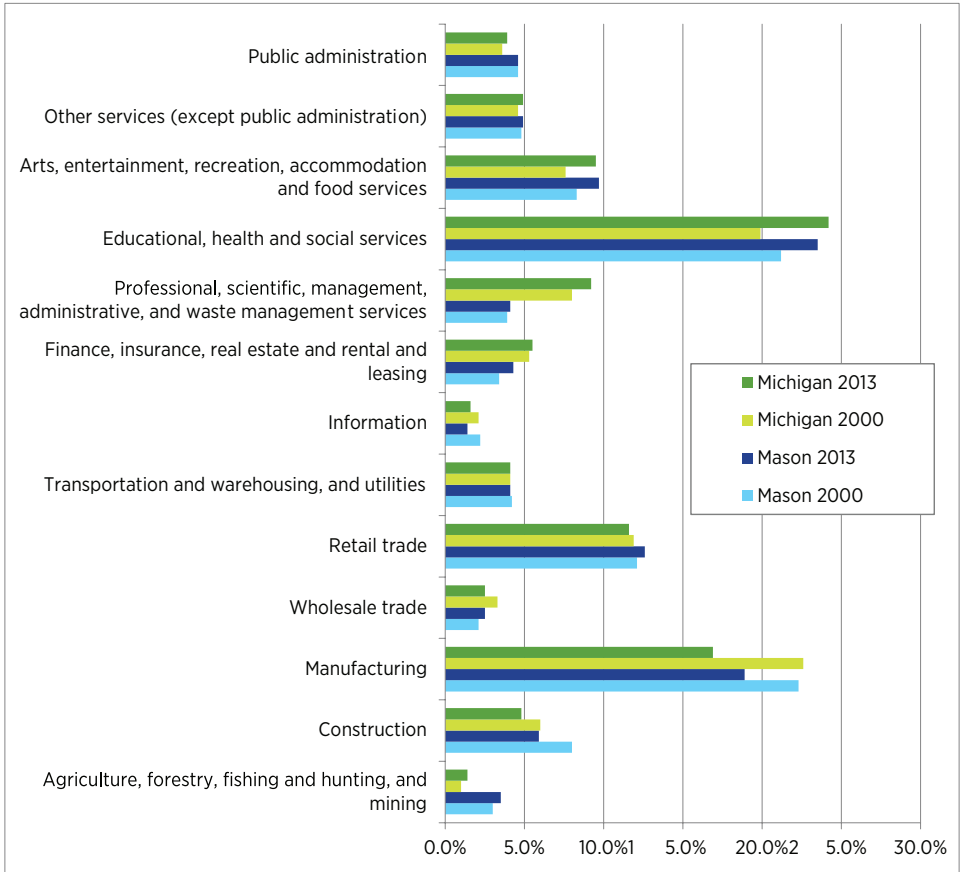
### Labor Force

Employment Status for Total Population 16 Years and Over (2000)	Mason County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	22,278		7,630,645	
In labor force	13,677	61.4%	4,926,463	64.6%
In armed forces	36	0.2%	4,010	0.1%
Civilian:	13,641	61.2%	4,922,453	64.5%
• Employed	12,646	56.8%	4,637,461	60.8%
• Unemployed	995	4.5%	284,992	3.7%
Not in labor force	8,601	38.6%	2,704,182	35.4%

Employment Status For Total Population 16 Years And Over (2013)	Mason County		Michigan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over:	23,303		7,865,350	
In labor force	13,967	59.9%	4,864,014	61.8%
In armed forces	9	0.0%	4,597	0.1%
Civilian:	13,958	59.9%	4,859,417	61.8%
• Employed	12,346	53.0%	4,242,948	53.9%
• Unemployed	1,612	6.9%	616,469	7.8%
Not in labor force	9,336	40.1%	3,001,336	38.2%

## Economy, Continued

### Industry



» From 2000 to 2013, manufacturing decreased and the educational, health and social services sector increased in Mason 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	Mason County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Car, truck, or van	91.1%	91.3%	92.9%	91.6%
Public transportation	0.9%	0.8%	1.4%	1.4%
Motorcycle	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.5%
Walked	2.6%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%
Other means	0.5%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%
Worked at home	4.6%	4.3%	2.8%	3.6%



## AGRICULTURE

Highlights	Mason County	Michigan
Acres in ag production (2)	79,048 acres	9,948,564 acres
Acres of state forest (5)	0 acres	3,907,504 acres
Number of farms (2)	440 farms	52,194 farms
Average size of farm (2)	180 acres	191 acres
Average age of principal operator of farm (2)	59.2 years	57.6 years
Farm gate sales (2)	\$52,881,000	\$8,678,050,000

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

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

## FAMILIES & HOUSEHOLDS



### Housing Units

	Mason County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Housing Units	16,063	17,241	4,234,279	4,529,311

### Average Household Size

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

### Household Type

Household Type	Mason County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
<b>Family households:</b>	69.1%	66.8%	68.0%	65.7%
• Married couple family	56.4%	52.9%	51.5%	48.5%
• Other family	12.7%	13.9%	16.5%	17.2%
- Male householder, no wife present	3.5%	3.7%	4.1%	4.4%
- Female householder, no husband present	9.2%	10.2%	12.4%	12.8%
<b>Nonfamily households:</b>	30.9%	33.2%	32.0%	34.3%
• Male householder	14.2%	15.3%	15.0%	16.0%
• Female householder	16.7%	17.9%	17.0%	18.4%

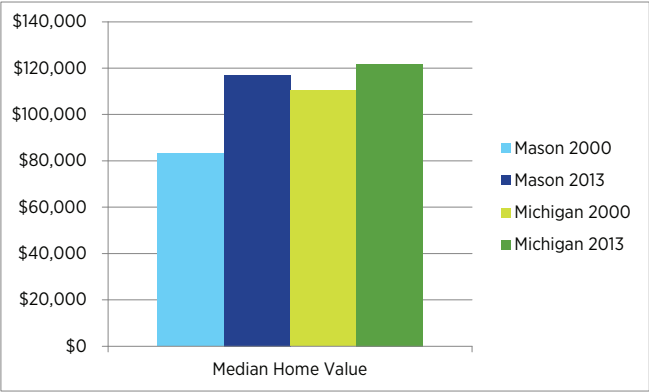
### Marriages & Divorces

	Mason County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Marriages filed (3)	204	55,396
Divorces and annulments granted (3)	111	31,687

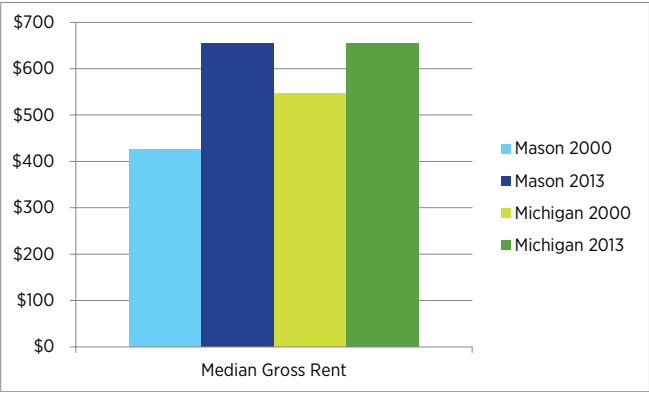


# HOUSING

## Median Home Value



## Median Rent in Dollars per Month



## Median Year Structure Built

	Mason County		Michigan	
	2000	2013	2000	2013
Median year structure built	1967	1971	1965	1969

## Type of Ownership

	Mason County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Owner-occupied housing units	9,242	2,757,062



## HEALTH & MORTALITY

### Leading Causes of Death – Adults

Causes of Death (3)	Mason County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Heart disease	94	24,143
Cancer	85	20,395
Chronic lower respiratory disease	23	5,547
Stroke	17	4,365
Accidents	16	4,194
Alzheimer's	9	3,228
Diabetes mellitus	9	2,821
Pneumonia/flu	12	1,892
Kidney disease	5	1,665
Suicide	6	1,296

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

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

### Obesity & Diabetes

	Mason County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Obesity (4)	30%	32%
Diabetic (4)	11%	10%

## Health and Mortality, Continued

### Children

	Mason County	Michigan
	2013	2013
Live births (3)	270	113,732
Teen births (3)*	17	7,944
Children eligible for free lunch (4)	46%	41%

\* Age of mother between 10–19.

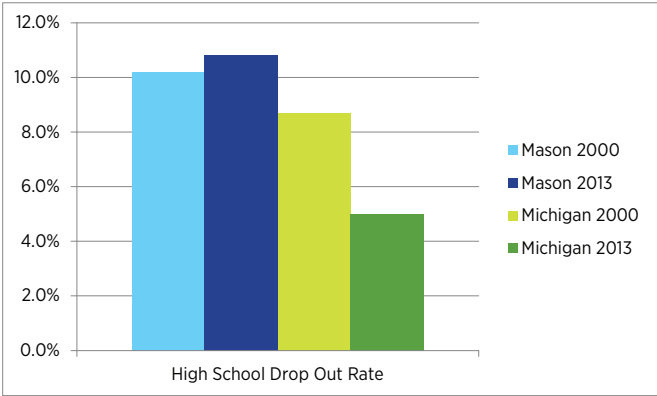
### Health Insurance

	Mason County	Michigan
	2013	2013
No health insurance coverage	13.6%	11.6%
With health insurance coverage:	86.4%	88.4%
• Public Health Coverage	40.4%	33.3%
• Private Health Insurance	64.8%	69.3%

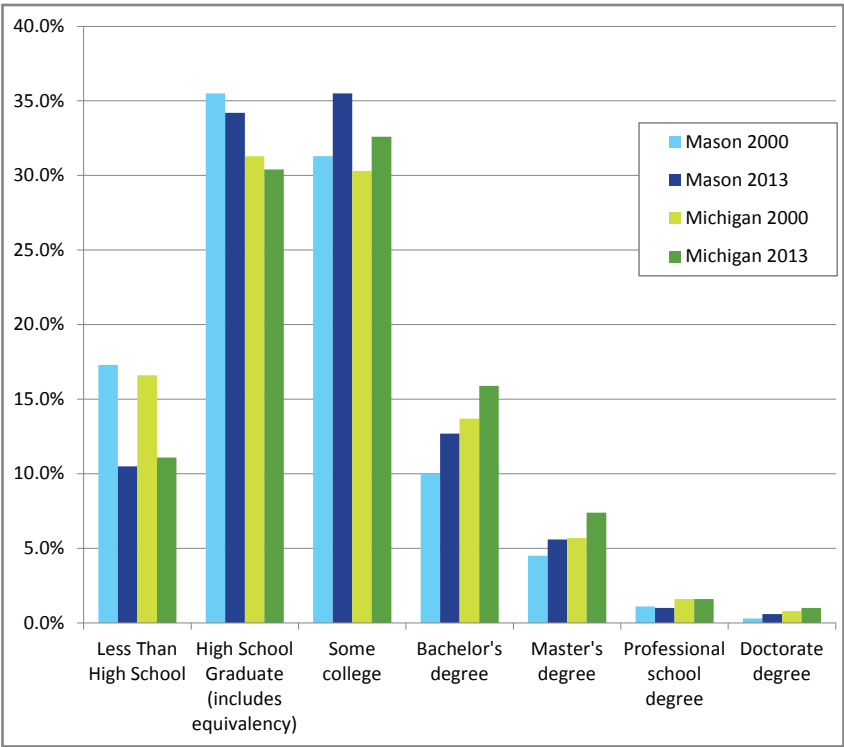
EDUCATION



High School Dropout Rate



Education Attainment



» The percentage of Mason County residents with a bachelor's degree or more is 19.8% compared to Michigan residents with 25.9%



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