

Berrien County General Demographics Census 2000		
Subject	Number	Percent
Total Population	162,453	100
Gender		
Male	78,738	48.5
Female	83,715	51.5
RACE	162,453	100
White	126,798	78.052%
Black or African American	25,879	15.930%
American Indian and Alaska Native	691	0.425%
Asian	1,849	1.138%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	4,888	3.009%
Other	2,348	1.445%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	63,569	100
Average household size	2.49	(X)
Average family size	3.01	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	73,445	100
Occupied housing units	63,569	86.6
Vacant housing units	9,876	13.4
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	5,259	7.2
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.9	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	8.1	(X)
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	63,569	100
Owner-occupied housing units	45,938	72.3
Renter-occupied housing units	17,631	27.7
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.54	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.35	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	106,690	100
Less than 9th grade	6,065	5.7
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	13,219	12.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	33,998	31.9
Some college, no degree	24,234	22.7
Associate degree	8,244	7.7
Bachelor's degree	13,031	12.2
Graduate or professional degree	7,899	7.4
Percent high school graduate or higher	81.9	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	19.6	(X)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	125,198	100
In labor force	81,078	64.8
Civilian labor force	81,031	64.7
Employed	76,557	61.1
Unemployed	4,474	3.6
Percent of civilian labor force	5.5	(X)
Armed Forces	47	0
Not in labor force	44,120	35.2
Employed civilian population 16 years and over		
OCCUPATION	76,557	100
Management, professional, and related occupations	22,415	29.3
Service occupations	11,734	15.3
Sales and office occupations	18,432	24.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	794	1
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	6,843	8.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	16,339	21.3
INCOME IN 1999		
Households	63,644	100
Less than \$10,000	6,469	10.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4,982	7.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8,995	14.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8,614	13.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	10,772	16.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	12,421	19.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	5,825	9.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,635	5.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	933	1.5
\$200,000 or more	998	1.6
Median household income (dollars)	38,567	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19,952	(X)

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