

Elkhart County General Demographics 2000 Census		
Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	182,791	100
Gender		
Male	90,848	49.7
Female	91,943	50.3
RACE		
	182,791	100
White	152,421	83.385%
Black or African American	9,551	5.225%
American Indian and Alaska Native	495	0.271%
Asian	1,681	0.920%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	16,300	8.917%
Other	2,343	1.282%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	66,154	100
Average household size	2.72	(X)
Average family size	3.18	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	69,791	100
Occupied housing units	66,154	94.8
Vacant housing units	3,637	5.2
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	370	0.5
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.7	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	6.7	(X)
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	66,154	100
Owner-occupied housing units	47,769	72.2
Renter-occupied housing units	18,385	27.8
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.81	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.49	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	112,908	100
Less than 9th grade	9,521	8.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	17,870	15.8
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	41,788	37
Some college, no degree	21,144	18.7
Associate degree	5,076	4.5
Bachelor's degree	11,246	10
Graduate or professional degree	6,263	5.5
Percent high school graduate or higher	75.7	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	15.5	(X)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	135,426	100
In labor force	96,532	71.3
Civilian labor force	96,511	71.3
Employed	93,074	68.7
Unemployed	3,437	2.5
Percent of civilian labor force	3.6	(X)
Armed Forces	21	0
Not in labor force	38,894	28.7
Employed civilian population 16 years and over		
OCCUPATION	93,074	100
Management, professional, and related occupations	22,121	23.8
Service occupations	10,226	11
Sales and office occupations	21,822	23.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	383	0.4
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	8,082	8.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	30,440	32.7
INCOME IN 1999		
Households	66,124	100
Less than \$10,000	3,807	5.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,434	5.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8,517	12.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8,997	13.6
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12,812	19.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	15,990	24.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	6,608	10
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,728	5.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,104	1.7
\$200,000 or more	1,127	1.7
Median household income (dollars)	44,478	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	20,250	(X)

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