

Howard Township General Demographics 2000 Census		
Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	6,309	100
Gender		
Male	3,185	50.5
Female	3,124	49.5
RACE	6,309	100
White	5,922	93.9
Black or African American	234	3.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	26	0.4
Asian	11	0.2
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	61	1
Other	55	0.9
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Average household size	2.55	(X)
Average family size	2.92	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	2,663	100
Occupied housing units	2,472	92.8
Vacant housing units	191	7.2
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	78	2.9
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	0.8	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	10.8	(X)
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	2,472	100
Owner-occupied housing units	2,225	90
Renter-occupied housing units	247	10
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.57	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.34	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	4,470	100
Less than 9th grade	223	5
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	645	14.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,803	40.3
Some college, no degree	921	20.6
Associate degree	391	8.7
Bachelor's degree	252	5.6
Graduate or professional degree	235	5.3
Percent high school graduate or higher	80.6	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	10.9	(X)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	5,030	100
In labor force	3,314	65.9
Civilian labor force	3,314	65.9
Employed	3,199	63.6
Unemployed	115	2.3
Percent of civilian labor force	3.5	(X)
Armed Forces	0	0
Not in labor force	1,716	34.1
Employed civilian population 16 years and over		
OCCUPATION	3,199	100
Management, professional, and related occupations	753	23.5
Service occupations	427	13.3
Sales and office occupations	764	23.9
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	2	0.1
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	412	12.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	841	26.3
INCOME IN 1999		
Households	2,492	100
Less than \$10,000	154	6.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	119	4.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	408	16.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	319	12.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	516	20.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	550	22.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	279	11.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	111	4.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	14	0.6
\$200,000 or more	22	0.9
Median household income (dollars)	41,477	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19,429	(X)

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