

Michiana (Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, LaPorte, St. Joe and Elkhart Counties) General Demographics 2000 Census		
Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	848,276	100
Gender		
Male	417,636	49.234%
Female	430,640	50.766%
RACE	848,276	100
White	696,487	82.106%
Black or African American	84,136	9.918%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,591	0.423%
Asian	8,089	0.954%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	44,014	5.189%
Other	11,959	1.410%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	319,174	100
Average household size	2.575	(X)
Average family size	3.06	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	353,729	100
Occupied housing units	319,174	90.231%
Vacant housing units	34,555	9.769%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	14,813	4.188%
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.766667	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	7.5	(X)
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	319,174	100
Owner-occupied housing units	235,134	73.670%
Renter-occupied housing units	84,040	26.330%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.641667	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.381667	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	542,587	100
Less than 9th grade	32,300	5.953%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	74,965	13.816%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	190,397	35.091%
Some college, no degree	113,136	20.851%
Associate degree	32,659	6.019%
Bachelor's degree	62,259	11.474%
Graduate or professional degree	36,871	6.795%
Some College or More	435,322	80.231%
Percent high school graduate or higher	79.98333	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	16.51667	(X)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	649,023	100
In labor force	430,187	66.282%
Civilian labor force	429,986	66.251%
Employed	408,704	62.972%
Unemployed	21,282	3.279%
Percent of civilian labor force	4.966667	(X)
Armed Forces	201	0.031%
Not in labor force	218,836	33.718%
Employed civilian population 16 years and over		
OCCUPATION	408,704	100
Management, professional, and related occupations	112,641	27.561%
Service occupations	57,074	13.965%
Sales and office occupations	100,742	24.649%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	2481	0.607%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	38,000	9.298%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	97,766	23.921%
INCOME IN 1999		
Households	319,141	100
Less than \$10,000	25,500	7.990%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	20,347	6.376%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	44,682	14.001%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	44,088	13.815%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	57,667	18.069%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	69,000	21.621%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	31,094	9.743%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	18,054	5.657%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,267	1.337%
\$200,000 or more	4,442	1.392%
Median household income (dollars)	40,921	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19370.5	(X)

As part of the Southwestern Alliance, the Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance is an active partner working with local businesses, government, organizations, and individuals to promote and support the retention and expansion of existing businesses, to attract new businesses, and to encourage the diversification of the economic base in southwestern Michigan.

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