

<b>Southwest Michigan (Berrien, Cass, Van Buren Counties) General Demographics 2000 Census</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total population</b>	<b>289,820</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	142,116	49.036%
Female	147,704	50.964%
<b>RACE</b>	<b>289,820</b>	<b>100</b>
White	236,846	81.722%
Black or African American	33,007	11.389%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1816	0.627%
Asian	2,353	0.812%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	11,755	4.056%
Some other race	4,043	1.395%
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
<b>Total households</b>	<b>111,227</b>	<b>100</b>
Average household size	2.57	(X)
Average family size	3.03	(X)
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>131,304</b>	<b>100</b>
Occupied housing units	111,227	84.710%
Vacant housing units	20,077	15.290%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	12,147	9.251%
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.866667	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	7.566667	(X)
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>111,227</b>	<b>100</b>
Owner-occupied housing units	84,310	75.800%
Renter-occupied housing units	26,917	24.200%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.606667	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.433333	(X)
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>189,896</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than 9th grade	11,322	5.962%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	25,003	13.167%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	64,474	33.952%
Some college, no degree	43,125	22.710%
Associate degree	13,901	7.320%
Bachelor's degree	20,487	10.789%
Graduate or professional degree	11,584	6.100%
Percent high school graduate or higher	80.4	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	15.33333	(X)

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<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>		
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>222,294</b>	<b>100</b>
In labor force	145,028	65.242%
Civilian labor force	144,955	65.209%
Employed	136,970	61.617%
Unemployed	7,985	3.592%
Percent of civilian labor force	5.433333	(X)
Armed Forces	73	0.033%
Not in labor force	77,266	34.758%
<b>Employed civilian population 16 years and over</b>		
<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>136,970</b>	<b>100</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	37,077	27.069%
Service occupations	20,298	14.819%
Sales and office occupations	31,939	23.318%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1721	1.256%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	13,777	10.058%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	32,158	23.478%
<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>111,302</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than \$10,000	10,408	9.351%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7,951	7.144%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	15,782	14.179%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	15,367	13.807%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	19,591	17.602%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	22,763	20.452%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10,521	9.453%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	6,095	5.476%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1388	1.247%
\$200,000 or more	1436	1.290%
Median household income (dollars)	39,732	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19101.33	(X)

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