

<b>Van Buren County General Demographics 2000 Census</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total population</b>	<b>76,263</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
Male	37,843	49.6
Female	38,420	50.4
<b>RACE</b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>76,263</b>	<b>100</b>
White	64,466	84.531%
Black or African American	4,001	5.246%
American Indian and Alaska Native	705	0.924%
Asian	229	0.300%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5,634	7.388%
Some other race	1,228	1.610%
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
<b>Total households</b>	<b>27,982</b>	<b>100</b>
Average household size	2.66	(X)
Average family size	3.1	(X)
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>33,975</b>	<b>100</b>
Occupied housing units	27,982	82.4
Vacant housing units	5,993	17.6
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	3,857	11.4
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	2.1	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	8	(X)
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>27,982</b>	<b>100</b>
Owner-occupied housing units	22,266	79.6
Renter-occupied housing units	5,716	20.4
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.71	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.46	(X)
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>48,920</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than 9th grade	3,519	7.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6,815	13.9
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	17,570	35.9
Some college, no degree	10,912	22.3
Associate degree	3,101	6.3
Bachelor's degree	4,721	9.7
Graduate or professional degree	2,282	4.7
Percent high school graduate or higher	78.9	(X)
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	14.3	(X)

<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>		
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>57,485</b>	<b>100</b>
In labor force	37,847	65.8
Civilian labor force	37,834	65.8
Employed	35,625	62
Unemployed	2,209	3.8
Percent of civilian labor force	5.8	(X)
Armed Forces	13	0
Not in labor force	19,638	34.2
<b>Employed civilian population 16 years and over</b>		
<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>35,625</b>	<b>100</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	9,049	25.4
Service occupations	5,363	15.1
Sales and office occupations	7,714	21.7
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	685	1.9
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	4,048	11.4
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	8,766	24.6
<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>28,038</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than \$10,000	2,403	8.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,772	6.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4,068	14.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4,088	14.6
\$35,000 to \$49,999	5,029	17.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	6,069	21.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,758	9.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,435	5.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	210	0.7
\$200,000 or more	206	0.7
Median household income (dollars)	39,365	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	17,878	(X)

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