

Community Data Report

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The three major areas of comparison include:

- **General Population Characteristics**
 - *Population*
 - *Median Age*
 - *Race*
- **Selected Social Characteristics**
 - *Households and Types of Households*
 - *School Enrollment and Level of Education Attainment*
- **Selected Economic Characteristics**
 - *Employment Status*
 - *Labor Force Characteristics and Types of Employment*
 - *Earnings and Other Sources of Income*
 - *Families and People Living Below the Poverty Level*

The 2011 Federal Poverty Guidelines have also been included as a source of reference.

1. Comparison of General Population Characteristics (Years)

General Population				
2010	2000		Percentage Change	
28,705	28,274		1.5%	
Population by Age (in years)				
Age Group	2010		2000	
	#	%	#	%
Under Five	1,631	5.7	1,537	5.4
5 to 19 Years	5,318	18.5	6,253	21.4
20 to 44 Years	7,349	25.6	8,655	30.6
45 to 64 Years	8,898	31.1	7,281	25.8
65 Years and Older	5,509	19.1	4,748	16.8
Median Age	45.1		40.4	
Race				
Race	2010		2000	
	#	%	#	%
White	27,225	94.8	27,098	95.8
Black/African American	172	0.6	206	0.7
American Indian/Alaska Native	289	1.0	220	0.8
Asian	132	0.5	78	0.3

Summary – There has been minimal population growth over the last ten (10) years in Mason County. The most significant change in the characteristics of the population is age. The percentage of people that are 20 to 44 years of age has decreased by 5% over the past ten years. Whereas, percentage of people that are 45 to 64 years of age has increased by 5.3%

2. **Household and Family Characteristics (2007-2011 American Community Survey – Five Year Estimates)**

General Household and Family Characteristics			
Total Households	12,312		
Average Household Size	2.29		
Average Family Size	2.77		
Households (percentage of Total Households)			
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percentage</i>
Family Households	8,317		67.6
Non-Family Households	3,995		32.4
Types of Households and With Own Children Under 18 Years			
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percentage</i>
			<i>Number With Own Children Under 18 Years of Age</i>
Married-Couple Family	6,794	55.2	2,250
Male Householder	316	2.6	129
Female Householder	1,207	9.8	836
Grandparents			
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percentage</i>
Grandparents Living With Own Grandchildren Under 18 Years	424		
Grandparents Who Are Responsible For Own Grandchildren Under 18	186		43.9%

Summary – 69.3% of female householders have children under 18 years of age, which is significantly higher when compared to married-couple family and male householder, 33.1% and 40.8% respectively.

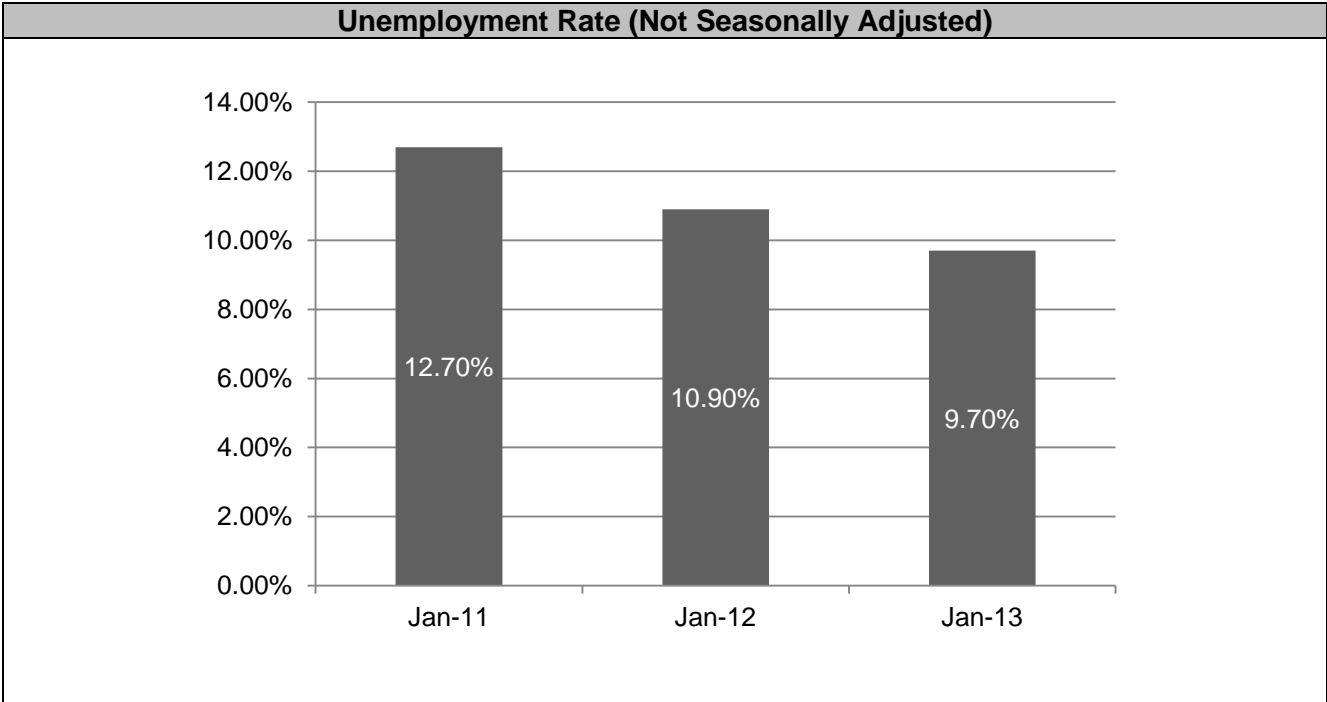
3. **Educational Characteristics (2007-2011 American Community Survey – Five Year Estimates)**

School Enrollment		
Population 3 Years and Over Enrolled In School	6,422	
Type of Enrollment (Percentage of Total Enrollment)		
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Nursery School/ Preschool	340	5.3
Kindergarten	357	5.6
Elementary School (Grades 1 - 8)	2,779	43.3
High School (Grades 9 -12)	1,617	25.2
College or Graduate School	1,329	20.7
High School Graduation (2011)		
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Graduating On-Time	309	76.9
Not Graduating On-Time	93	23.1
Dropouts	51	12.7
Educational Attainment		
Population 25 Years and Over	20,330	
Level of Educational Attainment (Percentage of Population 25 Years and Over)		
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Less Than 9 th Grade	733	3.6
9 th to 12 th Grade (No diploma)	1,667	8.3
High School Graduate (Includes Equivalency)	7,044	34.6
Some College (No Degree)	5,116	25.2
Associate Degree	1,782	8.8
Bachelor Degree, Graduate or Professional Degree	3,968	19.5
Percentage of Graduates		
<i>Type</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	
High School Graduate or Higher	88.1	
Bachelor Degree or Higher	19.5	

Summary – The percentage of individuals 25 years of age or older pursuing their education beyond high school has increased since 2000 census by approximately 6.3% (53.5% compared to 47.2%).

4. **Labor Force (2007-2011 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates)**

Employment Status		
Population 16 Years and Over	23,317	
Characteristics of Labor Force (Population 16 Years and Over)		
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Civilian Labor Force Employed	12,496	53.6
Civilian Labor Force Unemployed	1,476	6.3
Armed Forces	9	0.0
Not In Labor Force	9,336	40.0
Class of Civilian Labor Force Employed		
<i>Class</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Private Wage and Salary Workers	9,656	77.3
Government Workers	1,806	14.5
Self-Employed In Own Non-Corporate Business	986	7.9
Unpaid Family Worker	48	0.4
Type of Industry Employment (Percentage of Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over)		
<i>Industry</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	417	3.3
Construction	713	5.7
Manufacturing	2,290	18.3
Wholesale Trade	249	2.0
Retail Trade	1,748	14.0
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	476	3.8
Information	232	1.9
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	605	4.8
Professional, scientific, and management and administrative and waste management services	461	3.7
Educational services and health care and social assistance	2,815	22.5
Arts, entertainment and recreation and accommodation and food service	1,260	10.2
Other services, except public administration	564	4.5
Public administration	646	5.2



Summary –While the characteristics and class of the worker remains the same when compared to 2000, the types of employment have changed. When comparing the types of employment to the 2000 census, there was approximately a 4% decrease in the number of people employed in the manufacturing sector and a 2.3% decrease in the number of people employed in construction. The largest increase in employment was in arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodations and food services followed by retail (2% and 1.9% respectively) when compared to the 2000 census.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the unemployment for Mason County has decreased by 3% over the past three years.

5. **Economic Health of Individuals and Families**

Household Earnings (In 2011 Inflation Adjusted Dollars)		
Total Households	12,312	
Median Household Income	\$40,683	
Levels of Household Income		
<i>Income</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Less than \$10,000	1,100	8.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	711	5.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,871	15.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,683	13.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,940	15.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,275	18.5
\$75,000 to 99,999	1,299	10.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,057	8.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	247	2.0
\$200,000 or more	129	1.0
Other Sources of Income (Percentage of Total Households)		
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Social Security	4,817	39.1
Retirement	2,968	24.1
Supplemental Security	431	3.5
Cash Public Assistance	271	2.2
Food Stamps/SNAP Benefits <i>(In the past 12 months)</i>	1,931	15.7
Types of Households		
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Median Income</i>
Family Household	8,317	\$50,128
Non-Family Household	3,995	\$23,158

Percentage of Families Whose Income In The Past 12 Months Is Below The Poverty Levels	
Type of Family	Percentage
All Families	11.7
With Related Children under 18 years	22.3
With Related Children under 5 years only	39.9
Married Couple Families	5.8
With Related Children under 18 years	9.9
With Related Children under 5 years only	18.5
Families with Female Householder (<i>no husband present</i>)	44.7
With Related Children under 18 years	58.4
With Related Children under 5 years only	89.3
Percentage of People Whose Income In The Past 12 Months Is Below The Poverty Levels	
Type Of Person	Percentage
All People	16.6
Under 18 years	24.8
18 years and over	14.3
18 to 64 years	15.9
65 years	8.9

6. **2011 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines (48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia)**

% of Gross Yearly Income							
Family Size	25%	50%	75%	100%	133%	175%	200%
1	\$2,723	\$ 5,445	\$ 8,168	\$10,890	\$14,484	\$19,058	\$21,780
2	\$3,678	\$ 7,355	\$11,033	\$14,710	\$19,564	\$25,743	\$29,420
3	\$4,633	\$ 9,265	\$13,898	\$18,530	\$24,645	\$32,428	\$37,060
4	\$5,588	\$11,175	\$16,763	\$18,104	\$29,726	\$39,113	\$44,700

Note – The threshold to be considered financially stable is 200% of poverty. This means that a family of one would need to work 40 hours per week at \$10.50 per hour.

**Data obtained from American Fact Finders and Foundation for Health Coverage Education*

7. **Living Wage Calculation for Mason County Michigan**

Hourly Wages	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	1 Adult 3 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children	2 Adults 3 Children
Living Wage	\$7.50	\$17.22	\$21.24	\$26.28	\$12.39	\$15.52	\$16.94	\$19.78
Poverty Wage	\$5.21	\$7.00	\$8.80	\$10.60	\$7.00	\$8.80	\$10.60	\$12.40
Minimum Wage	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40

* Amounts with two adults and children assumes there is no child care expense.

Definitions

Civilian population - All U.S. residents not in the active-duty military.

Family income - This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over related to the householder.

Family household (Family) - A family includes a householder and one or more people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. All people in a household who are related to the householder are regarded as members of his or her family. A family household may contain people not related to the householder, but those people are not included as part of the householder's family. Thus, the number of family households is equal to the number of families, but family households may include more members than do families. Not all households contain families since a household may comprise a group of unrelated people or one person living alone.

Family size - Refers to the number of people in a family.

Household population - All U.S. residents who live in housing units such as single family homes, townhouses, apartments, and mobile homes.

Household type - Households are classified by type according to the sex of the householder and the presence of relatives. Examples include: married-couple family; male householder, no wife present; female householder, no husband present.

Household income - This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not.

Household size - The total number of people living in a housing unit.

Median - This measure represents the middle value (if n is odd) or the average of the two middle values (if n is even) in an ordered list of data values. The median divides the total frequency distribution into two equal parts: one-half of the cases fall below the median and one-half of the cases exceed the median.

Mean - This measure represents an arithmetic average of a set of numbers. It is derived by dividing the sum of a group of numerical items by the total number of items in that group. For example, mean family income is obtained by dividing the total of all income reported by people 15 years and over in families by the total number of families.

Not in labor force - Not in labor force includes all people 16 years old and over who are not classified as members of the labor force. This category consists mainly of students, housewives, retired workers, seasonal workers interviewed in an off season who were not looking for work, institutionalized people, and people doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours during the reference week).