



County of Berrien Michigan Performance Dashboard

Local Unit Name: County of Berrien Michigan
Local Unit Code: 110000

Fiscal Stability	2013	2014	Trend	Performance
Real & Personal Property Taxable Values (Billions of \$)	\$7.015	\$7.264	↑ 3.5%	Positive
Annual General Fund expenditures per capita	\$328	\$340	↑ 3.6%	Negative
Fund Balance as % of annual General Fund expenditures	33.9%	32.9%	↓ -2.9%	Negative
Unfunded pension & OPEB liability, as a % of annual General Fund revenue	152.4%	149.9%	↓ -1.6%	Positive
Bond Rating (Standard and Poor's)	AA	AA	N/A	Neutral
Debt burden per capita (1)	\$236	\$177	↓ -24.9%	Positive
Debt as % of State Equalized Property Value	0.4%	0.3%	↓ -27.6%	Positive
Ratio of pensioners to employees	0.81	0.82	↑ 2.0%	Negative
Full time equivalent employees per thousand residents	4.1	4.2	↑ 2.3%	Negative

Economic Strength	2013	2014	Trend	Performance
Population	155,321	155,233	→ -0.1%	Neutral
Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)	9.0%	6.7%	↓ -25.6%	Positive
Gross domestic product (GDP) growth (4)	-2.3%	4.5%	↓ -295.7%	Positive
Annual income per capita (4)	37,452	38,589	↑ 3.0%	Positive
Poverty rate (4)	17.4%	17.5%	→ 0.6%	Neutral
% of community age 25+ with Bachelor's degree or higher	24.9%	26.9%	↑ 8.2%	Positive

Public Safety	2013	2014	Trend	Performance
Percent of General Fund expenditures committed to public safety	30.4%	31.1%	↑ 2.3%	Positive
Violent crimes per thousand (2)	0.6	0.5	↓ -8.7%	Positive
Property crimes per thousand (2)	4.1	3.6	↓ -12.6%	Positive
Traffic injuries or fatalities	1,119	1,064	↓ -4.9%	Positive

Quality of Life	2013	2014	Trend	Performance
Percent of General Fund expenditures committed to arts, culture and recreation (3)	0.2%	0.0%	↓ -100.0%	Negative
Feet of dedicated multi-use trails and park paths per thousand residents	305.9	306.1	→ 0.1%	Neutral
Feet of publicly owned Lake Michigan frontage per thousand residents	24.1	24.2	→ 0.1%	Neutral
Feet of publicly owned St. Joseph River frontage per thousand residents	28.0	28.0	→ 0.1%	Neutral
Acres of parks per thousand residents	3.2	3.2	→ 0.1%	Neutral

Notes:

- (1) Primary Government Funds Only excluding compensated absences and component units
- (2) 2013 information not available, used 2012 for comparisons.
- (3) Arts, culture, and recreation supported by PA-90 Parks Millage special revenue fund.
- (4) Based on last available information 2013 and 2012.