



# BERRIEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## Berrien County Health Statistics Brief

### 2017 American Community Survey Demographic Trends

	Berrien County	Largest Cities in Berrien		
		Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph

2017 Estimated Population	154,259	9,860	11,208	8,363
Population change (2010-2017)	-1.6%	0.0%	-3.4%	-1.7%

### Age and Sex 2017

Persons under 18 years	22.0%	31.1%	26.7%	14.4%
Persons 65 + years	19.3%	9.3%	16.4%	18.9%
Female	51.0%	53.0%	53.0%	47.5%

### Race 2017

White alone	79.7%	9.9%	84.5%	86.6%
Black alone	15.1%	85.3%	9.8%	5.5%
Asian alone	2.0%	0.2%	1.0%	3.6%

### Housing 2012-16

Households	62,282	3,973	4,653	4,085
Owner-occupied housing units	69.9%	32.2%	54.0%	56.7%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	\$137,000	\$49,200	\$76,300	\$164,000
Avg persons per household (2012-16)	2.41	2.48	2.40	1.93
Median gross rent	\$689	\$577	\$613	\$724
Median household income	\$45,980	\$18,962	\$30,963	\$55,854
Person in Poverty	16.7%	49.2%	30.6%	8.8%

### Transportation 2016 (Workers 16 and older)

No access to a vehicle	1,894	501	105	73
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### Education 2012-16 by persons age > 25 years

High school graduate or higher	89.1%	71.3%	82.6%	95.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.8%	6.5%	12.9%	46.1%

### 2017 Poverty Estimates

Proportion of poverty level	Proportion of Berrien County residents	Proportion of Michigan residents
under 50%	8.3%	6.2%
under 100%	17.9%	14.2%
under 125%	23.7%	18.6%
under 150%	29.0%	24.5%

All estimates from the US Census Bureau are based on the proportion of people who have had their poverty status determined

### Berrien County Natality

	2013	2014	2015	2016
# of Live Births	1,865	1,864	1,730	1,692
% of Live Births With Low Birth Weight	7.6%	8.8%	8.0%	7.4%
Teen Pregnancy Rate*	49.8	37.4	39.7	35.7

Teen Pregnancy rate— Births per 1,000 female age 15-19 years.

\*Estimated pregnancies are the sum of live births, induced abortions and estimated miscarriages.

### Berrien County Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births

	2011-13	2012-14	2013-15	2014-16
Infant Death Rate	8.3	7.8	6.9	6.4
Black	17.3	16.5	13.3	10.4
White	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.1

### Abortions (2017)

Woman's Age (years)	<20	20-24	25-29	30-34	30-39	40+
Number of Abortions	11	51	54	28	14	4

### 2017 Sexually Transmitted Disease rate per 100,000 population

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Chlamydia Rate				
Berrien	510	539	529	557
Michigan	457	485	495	499
Gonorrhea Rate				
Berrien	69	130	176	182
Michigan	98	108	131	148

See the [Communicable disease annual report](#) for more detailed STD reports

### 2016 Leading Causes of Death by Age Adjusted Mortality Rate per 100,000 population

	Berrien rate	Michigan rate	USA rate
All Causes of Death	834.9	787.8	728.8
1. Heart Disease	224.1	200.8	165.5
2. Cancer	172.7	167.1	155.8
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	49.7	44.7	40.6
4. Unintentional Injuries	51.0	50.8	47.4
5. Stroke	63.0	39.1	37.3

### 2016 Berrien County Leading Hospital Discharges Rate per 100,000 population

	Discharge	Rate	%
All Hospitalizations	18,615	1,203.8	100.0%
Newborns/Neonates	1,723	111.4	9.3%
Females with deliveries	1,671	108.1	9.0%
Heart Disease	1,493	96.6	8.0%
Injury and poisoning	1,479	95.6	7.9%
Septicemia	1,405	90.9	7.5%

Source: Division for Vital Records & Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services; Population Estimate (latest update 9/2014), National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Census Populations With Bridged Race Categories

### Other/Miscellaneous data

Severe Psychological distress (K6)	8.7%	Source: 2014 Berrien BRFSS
At least 1 fruit per day	45.3%	
At least 1 vegetable per day	24.8%	
Average number of Suicides (2013-2017)	24/year	Medical Examiner
Age Adjusted Mortality Rate per 100,000 (2012-2016)	891.58	MDHHS Vital Statistics
Average Life Expectancy 2013-2016	76.8 years	