



BERRIEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Berrien County Health Statistics Brief

2020 American Community Survey Demographic Trends

	Berrien County	Largest Cities in Berrien Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
2021 Estimated Population	153,101	8,982	11,876	7,745
Population change (2010)	-1.6%	-9.3%	3.3%	-6.1%

Age and Sex 2020

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
Persons under 18 years	21.6%	27.0%	21.7%	15.4%
Persons 65 + years	20.8%	12.0%	15.7%	21.3%
Female	50.7%	53.8%	52.4%	50.6%

Race 2020

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
White alone	79.9%	12.8%	81.2%	85.6%
Black alone	14.4%	85.1%	12.1%	4.2%
Asian alone	2.1%	0.0%	0.3%	5.0%

Housing 2016-2020

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
Households	63,136	4,427	4,743	4,084
Owner-occupied housing units	71.2%	36.3%	51.3%	61.9%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	\$157,500	\$59,000	\$86,000	\$205,600
Avg persons per household (2016-2020)	2.38	2.19	2.31	1.94
Median gross rent	\$757	\$661	\$685	\$757
Median household income	\$52,500	\$21,947	\$38,415	\$60,379
Person in Poverty	15.1%	44.9%	23.2%	8.6%

Transportation 2020 (Workers 16 and older)

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
No access to a vehicle	2.7%	13.3%	3.2%	3.5%

Education 2016-2020 by persons age > 25 years

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
High school graduate or higher	90.5%	76.9%	89.2%	95.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.6%	7.4%	12.9%	51.4%

2020 Poverty Estimates

Proportion of poverty level	Proportion of Berrien County residents	Proportion of Michigan residents
under 50%	7.33%	6.18%
under 125%	21.11%	17.80%
under 150%	25.94%	21.82%
under 185%	32.35%	27.94%

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

Berrien County Natality

	2017	2018	2019	2020
# of Live Births	1,728	1,669	1,605	1,517
Low Birth Weight Rate*	71.2	83.9	83.5	83.7
Teen Pregnancy Rate**	30.5	34.2	37.1	33.4

Low Birth Weight rate—rates per 1,000 lived births

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

	2015-17	2016-18	2017-19	2018-20
Infant Death Rate	5.2±2.4	6.7±2.2	7.4±2.4	8.4±2.6
Black	7.4±4.8	13.3±6.5	15.5±6.9	17.1±7.4
White	4.4±2.2	4.9±2.3	4.5±2.3	5.3±2.5

Abortions (2020)

Woman's Age (years)	<20	20-24	25-29	30-39	40+
Number of Abortions	15	52	44	45	4

2020 Sexually Transmitted Disease rate per 100,000 population

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Chlamydia Rate				
Berrien	562.7	630.6	562.6	511.1
Michigan	511.9	512.8	504.4	448.9
Gonorrhea Rate				
Berrien	184.8	248.5	197.5	265.3
Michigan	154.7	169.3	182.9	234.4

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

2020 Leading Causes of Death by Age Adjusted Mortality Rate per 100,000 population

	Berrien rate	Michigan rate	USA rate
All Causes of Death	856.6	913.8	869.7
1. Heart Disease	225.8	206.0	168.2
2. Cancer	141.4	158.8	144.1
3. Stroke	59.0	44.8	38.8
4. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	44.6	42.4	36.4
5. Unintentional Injury	45.8	56.2	57.6

2020 Berrien County Leading Hospital Diagnoses Rate per 100,000 population

	Berrien No.	Berrien Rate	Michigan Rate
All Hospitalizations	17,425	918.5	1,076.1
Heart Disease	1,821	96.0	112.7
Septicemia	1,668	87.9	75.3
Neonates (<7 Days)	1,591	83.9	104.8
Maternal Deliveries	1,462	77.1	97.4
Covid-19	375	19.8	34.4

Source: Division for Vital Records & Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services; Population Estimate (latest update 9/2021), National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Census Populations With Bridged Race Categories

Berrien County Other/Miscellaneous data

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Suicides	23	26	21	21
Lyme Disease Cases	27	29	34	60
Homicides	8	6	5	8