



BERRIEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Berrien County Health Statistics Brief

2021 American Community Survey Demographic Trends

	Berrien County	Largest Cities in Berrien Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
2021 Estimated Population	154,263	9,171	11,929	7,868
Population change (2010)	-1.6%	-8.5%	2.9%	-5.9%

Age and Sex 2021

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
Persons under 18 years	21.9%	26.8%	21.5%	15.1%
Persons 65 + years	19.8%	9.0%	17.0%	22.1%
Female	50.7%	55.1%	52.0%	50.7%

Race 2021

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
White alone	77.5%	10.9%	77.5%	85.3%
Black alone	14.1%	87.3%	13.2%	4.6%
Asian alone	1.6%	0.0%	0.2%	3.8%

Housing 2017-2021

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
Households	63,403	4,041	5,065	3,946
Owner-occupied housing units	71.9%	34.3%	58.3%	62.0%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	\$165,000	\$61,000	\$86,800	\$212,600
Avg persons per household (2017-2021)	2.47	2.26	2.52	2.18
Median gross rent	\$806	\$737	\$719	\$886
Median household income	\$55,893	\$24,549	\$41,306	\$62,156
Person in Poverty	16.1%	43.6%	22.2%	7.1%

Transportation 2021 (Workers 16 and older)

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
No access to a vehicle	2.9%	15.3%	4.5%	2.6%

Education 2017-2021 by persons age > 25 years

	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	Niles	Saint Joseph
High school graduate or higher	90.8%	77.5%	89.1%	95.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.0%	8.1%	17.1%	51.1%

2021 Poverty Estimates

Proportion of poverty level	Proportion of Berrien County residents	Proportion of Michigan residents
under 50%	6.74%	6.03%
under 125%	20.64%	17.24%
under 150%	25.90%	21.26%
under 185%	32.07%	27.23%

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

Berrien County Natality

	2018	2019	2020	2021
# of Live Births	1,669	1,605	1,517	1,569
Low Birth Weight Rate*	83.9	83.5	83.7	80.3
Teen Pregnancy Rate**	34.2	37.1	33.4	25.2

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

	2016-18	2017-19	2018-20	2019-21
Infant Death Rate	6.7±2.2	7.4±2.4	8.4±2.6	7.2±2.4
Black	13.3±6.5	15.5±6.9	17.1±7.4	17.3±7.7
White	4.9±2.3	4.5±2.3	5.3±2.5	3.8±2.1

Abortions (2021)

Woman's Age (years)	<20	20-24	25-29	30-39	40+
Number of Abortions	19	41	30	55	5

2021 Sexually Transmitted Disease rate per 100,000 population

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Chlamydia Rate				
Berrien	622	546	499	582
Michigan	521	509	453	469
Gonorrhea Rate				
Berrien	244	193	259	338
Michigan	172	184	236	224

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

2021 Leading Causes of Death by Age Adjusted Mortality Rate per 100,000 population

	Berrien rate	Michigan rate	USA rate
All Causes of Death	931.3	943.0	835.4
1. Heart Disease	209.9	209.5	168.2
2. Cancer	163.1	160.2	144.1
3. COVID-19	90.6	106.9	91.5
4. Unintentional Injury	59.7	61.8	57.6
5. Stroke	74.8	46.1	38.8

2021 Berrien County Leading Hospital Diagnoses Rate per 100,000 population

	Berrien No.	Berrien Rate	Michigan Rate
All Hospitalizations	14,660	957.5	1,076.1
Heart Disease	1,465	95.7	118.6
Septicemia	1,470	96.0	71.8
Neonates (<7 Days)	1,376	89.9	104.4
Maternal Deliveries	1,294	84.5	97.3
Covid-19	538	35.1	59.8

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Suicides	26	21	21	10
Lyme Disease Cases	29	34	60	34
Homicides	6	8	8	13