

Community Action 2018 Community Needs Update

April 2018

As part of the ROMA process Community Action uses community assessment data to guide planning, implementation, measurement of results and evaluation of program activities on a continual basis. Every three years a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment (CNA) is performed which includes an annual set of environmental scans in the four counties served by the organization: Barry, Branch, Calhoun, and St. Joseph. These community assessments included a variety of county health rankings, homeless and housing studies, and aging reports while also accessing the latest census data, "Kids Count" data, crime reports, poverty statistics and other published information relevant to the mission of Community Action: "Dedicated to helping people achieve and maintain independence." In addition, the agency includes communitywide survey and annual customer service survey information in capturing qualitative data from our customers and the communities we serve.

Each year in between the comprehensive CNA agency staff collect and analyze comparative data, in order to measure service outcomes and plan for program changes as needed. Staff collects updated data from sources used in the 3-year report along with any new community scans or published information.

Population Change

Population change within the report area from 2000-2016 is shown below. During the period, total population estimates for the report area declined by -1.46 percent, decreasing from 302,949 persons in 2000 to 298,533 persons in 2016.

Report Area	Total Population, 2016 ACS	Total Population, 2000 Census	Population Change from 2000-2016 Census/ACS	Percent Change from 2000-2016 Census/ACS
Report Area	298,533	302,949	-4,416	-1.46%
Barry County, MI	59,316	56,755	2,561	4.51%
Branch County, MI	43,603	45,787	-2,184	-4.77%
Calhoun County, MI	134,691	137,985	-3,294	-2.39%
St. Joseph County, MI	60,923	62,422	-1,499	-2.4%
Michigan	9,909,600	9,938,444	-28,844	-0.29%
United States	318,558,162	281,421,906	37,136,256	13.2%

Note: This indicator is compared with the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2012-16. Source geography: County

Economic and Educational Statistics for Barry, Branch, Calhoun, St. Joseph, and Michigan

2016 Community Needs Assessment Data

Report Area	% Pop. in poverty ^a	% Hispanic /Latino in poverty ^a	% Black in poverty ^a	13 mon unemploy. rate ^b	Owner Occupied Homes 2014 ^c	Median hshld. income ^c	Per capita income ^c	% free/red.d lunch Eligible ^d	Percent Uninsured ^e
Barry	11.22%	8.49%	16.75%	3.5%	68.8%	\$53,730	\$25,264	42.76%	8.8%
Branch	18.18%	52.78%	68.98%	4.4%	60.0%	\$42,538	\$20,823	57.5%	11.4%
Calhoun	17.22%	29.07%	34.48%	4.2%	60.7%	\$43,199	\$23,202	56.11%	9.9%
St. Joseph	17.83%	37.7%	41.82%	3.6%	62.3%	\$44,145	\$21,122	58.82%	11.70%
Michigan	16.9%	28.12%	34.73%	4.5%	60.4%	\$49,087	\$26,143	48.29%	8.37%

a. Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2010-14. Source geography: Tract;

b. Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2016 - May. Source geography: County;

c. Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2010-14. Source geography: County;

d. Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data. 2013-14. Source geography: Address;

e. Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates. 2014. Source geography: County.

Current Data

Report Area	% Pop. in poverty ^a	% Hispanic /Latino in poverty ^a	% Black in poverty ^a	13 mon unemploy. rate ^b	Owner Occupied Homes 2014 ^c	Median hshld. income ^c	Per capita income ^c	% free/red.d lunch Eligible ^d	Percent Uninsured ^e
Barry	8.4	10.61%	42.40%	4.80%	68.55%	\$60,818	\$25,909	40.56%	6.20%
Branch	16.8	36.10%	67.24%	4.90%	60.03%	\$48,321	\$21,383	56.70%	7.80%
Calhoun	16.8	25.96%	32.97%	5.60%	60.91%	\$46,423	\$23,812	52.44%	7.40%
St. Joseph	14.9	32.77%	35.44%	4.10%	61.61%	\$48,271	\$22,182	55.43%	8.70%
Michigan	14.6	25.85%	33.08%	5.20%	60.11%	\$57,617	\$27,549	46.17%	5.96%

a. Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2014-16. Source geography: Tract;

b. Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2018 - Feb. Source geography: County;

c. Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2014-16. Source geography: County;

d. Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data. 2016-17. Source geography: Address;

e. Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates. 2016. Source geography: County.

Data Related to Early Childhood Education and Background Statistics

2016 Community Needs Assessment Data

Report Area	% of children3-4 in preschool in 2010 ^a	% of children3-4 in preschool in 2014 ^a	Children Ages 0-4 in poverty ^c	% No high school diploma ^c	% bach.'s, grad. and prof. degree ^c
Barry County	36.4%	44.2%	19.6%	8.55%	18.6%
Branch County	38.9%	40.2%	29.4%	12.96%	13.2%
Calhoun County	41.4%	45.6%	29.6%	10.81%	19.6%
St. Joseph County	30.5%	31.0%	33.3%	15.31%	15.0%
Michigan state	47.1%	47.3%	28.0%	10.73%	26.5%

a. Data Source: Kids Count.

b. Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2010-14. Source geography: County

Current Data

Report Area	% of children3-4 in preschool in 2015 ^a	% of children3-4 in preschool in 2016 ^a	Children Ages 0-4 in poverty ^c	% No high school diploma ^c	% bach.'s, grad. and prof. degree ^c
Barry County	41.0%	43.3%	16.4%	8.31%	18.9%
Branch County	39.0%	36.7%	37.5%	11.94%	13.7%
Calhoun County	46.4%	42.1%	28.2%	9.43%	20.7%
St. Joseph County	33.1%	38.5%	34.7%	14 %	15.4%
Michigan state	47.4%	47.3%	26.5%	10.12%	27.4%

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Housing Age in Barry, Branch, Calhoun, St. Joseph, and Michigan

Housing age statistics are an important indicator in assessing the need for weatherization and home rehab services.

2016 Community Needs Assessment Data

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (from 2014)
Barry County, MI	27,046	1972	41
Branch County, MI	20,682	1971	42
Calhoun County, MI	60,832	1960	53
St. Joseph County, MI	27,700	1972	41
Michigan	4,532,719	1969	44

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2010-14. Source geography: County

Current Data

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (from 2014)
Barry County, MI	27,071	1973	41
Branch County, MI	20,625	1971	43
Calhoun County, MI	60,667	1960	54
St. Joseph County, MI	27,638	1971	43
Michigan	4,544,920	1970	44

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2012-16. Source geography: County

Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-4

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-4 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, an average of 28.6% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is greater than the national average of 24.9 percent.

2016 Community Needs Assessment Data

Report Area	Ages 0-4 Total Population	Ages 0-4 In Poverty	Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate
Report Area	18,101	5,179	28.6%
Barry County, MI	3,230	634	19.6%
Branch County, MI	2,751	809	29.4%
Calhoun County, MI	8,193	2,429	29.6%
St. Joseph County, MI	3,927	1,307	33.3%
Michigan	568,410	159,407	28%
United States	19,665,142	4,892,716	24.9%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2010-14. Source geography: County

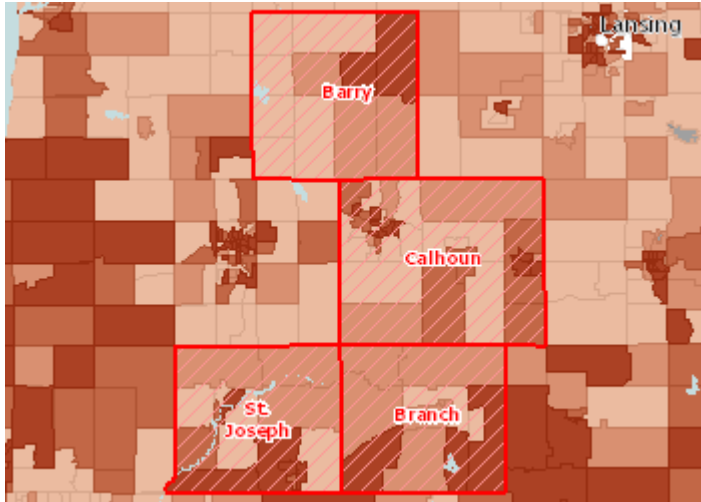
Current Data

Report Area	Ages 0-4 Total Population	Ages 0-4 In Poverty	Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate
Report Area	17,641	5,095	28.9%
Barry County, MI	3,166	520	16.4%
Branch County, MI	2,535	950	37.5%
Calhoun County, MI	7,975	2,248	28.2%
St. Joseph County, MI	3,965	1,377	34.7%
Michigan	562,462	149,211	26.5%
United States	19,554,400	4,614,933	23.6%

Note: This indicator is compared with the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#). 2012-16. Source geography: County

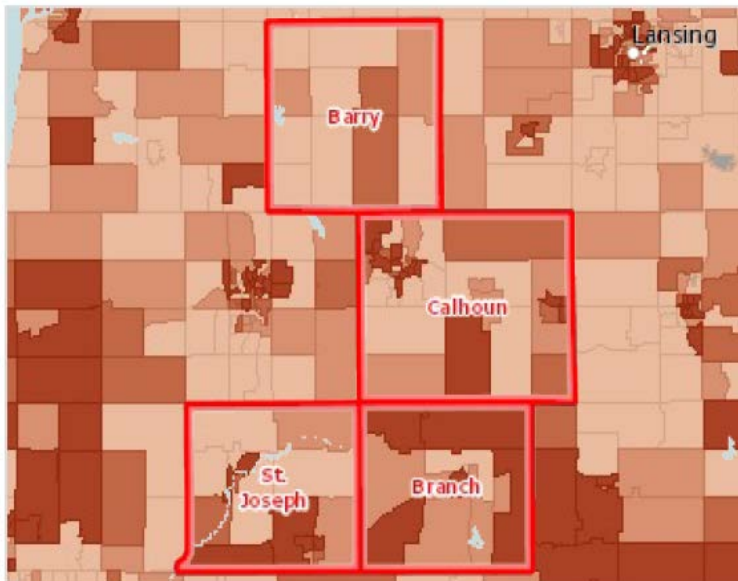
2016 Community Needs Assessment Data



Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-4), Percent by Tract, ACS 2010-14

- Over 37.0%
- 27.1 - 37.0%
- 17.1 - 27.0%
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- No Population Age 0-4 Reported
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- Report Area

Current Data



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Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 – 4

2016 Community Needs Assessment Data

Report Area	Total Hispanic / Latino	Total Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Hispanic / Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Report Area	718	4,461	43.23%	27.14%
Barry County, MI	40	594	25.32%	19.34%
Branch County, MI	172	637	76.11%	25.23%
Calhoun County, MI	178	2,251	26.18%	29.96%
St. Joseph County, MI	328	979	54.94%	29.4%
Michigan	18,997	140,410	38.74%	27.03%
United States	1,780,728	3,111,988	35.36%	21.27%

Current Data

Report Area	Total Hispanic / Latino	Total Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Hispanic / Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Report Area	631	4,464	40.11%	27.78%
Barry County, MI	35	485	24.48%	16.04%
Branch County, MI	139	811	65.88%	34.9%
Calhoun County, MI	212	2,036	32.82%	27.78%
St. Joseph County, MI	245	1,132	42.76%	33.37%
Michigan	17,757	131,454	37.26%	25.53%
United States	1,683,545	2,931,388	33.36%	20.21%

Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent: Age 0 – 4

2016 Community Needs Assessment Data

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Area	23.87%	65.29%	14.29%	11.48%	no data	25.77%	30.11%
Barry County, MI	19.82%	0%	no data	no data	no data	0%	4.29%
Branch County, MI	25.44%	48.15%	0%	no data	no data	no data	15.31%
Calhoun County, MI	23.23%	66.6%	23.53%	13.64%	no data	14.67%	37.63%
St. Joseph County, MI	27.89%	71.13%	no data	0%	no data	52%	17.15%
Michigan	19.44%	56.35%	37.06%	12.88%	30%	37.71%	36.12%
United States	15.19%	44.2%	41.19%	12.36%	30.28%	38.76%	25.7%

Current Data

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Area	24.91%	53.59%	13.79%	29.96%	0%	30.91%	33.52%
Barry County, MI	16.36%	100%	0%	no data	no data	0%	3.75%
Branch County, MI	35.82%	100%	0%	no data	no data	100%	3.7%
Calhoun County, MI	21.29%	49.31%	25%	32.65%	no data	16%	39.29%
St. Joseph County, MI	31.6%	69.59%	no data	0%	0%	33.68%	36.8%
Michigan	18.23%	53.63%	38.46%	14.72%	56.25%	38.49%	34.11%
United States	14.39%	42.19%	40.15%	12.1%	28.49%	36.8%	23.78%

Children Ages 0-5 In Special Education

Year(s): 5 selected | Data Type: All

Location	Data Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Barry	Number	161	160	168	173	137
	Percent	3.8%	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%	3.6%
Branch	Number	146	113	111	106	92
	Percent	4.1%	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%
Calhoun	Number	376	359	360	385	382
	Percent	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%	3.9%
Saint Joseph	Number	178	162	175	175	191
	Percent	3.5%	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	4.0%

Definitions: The number of children ages 0-5 who are in Special Education. The percent is based on the population ages 0-5. **Data Source:** Michigan Department of Education

Data is the most current available.