

**Jackson County, Michigan**  
**Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2006-2008**  
**2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**  
**American Community Survey**

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the [official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties](#).

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

**HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES:** In 2006-2008 there were 60,000 households in Jackson County. The average household size was 2.5 people.

Families made up 68 percent of the households in Jackson County. This figure includes both married-couple families (53 percent) and other families (16 percent). Nonfamily households made up 32 percent of all households in Jackson County. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

**NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE:** Two percent of the people living in Jackson County in 2006-2008 were foreign born. Ninety-eight percent was native, including 82 percent who were born in Michigan.

Among people at least five years old living in Jackson County in 2006-2008, 4 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 45 percent spoke Spanish and 55 percent spoke some other language; 28 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

**GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY:** In 2006-2008, 84 percent of the people at least one year old living in Jackson County were living in the same residence one year earlier; 10 percent had moved during the past year from another residence in the same county, 5 percent from another county in the same state, 1 percent from another state, and less than 0.5 percent from abroad.

**EDUCATION:** In 2006-2008, 88 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 17 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Twelve percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Jackson County was 41,000 in 2006-2008. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 4,400 and elementary or high school enrollment was 27,000 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 9,500.

**DISABILITY:** Data for this section cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small. Displaying the data would risk disclosing information for individuals.

**INDUSTRIES:** In 2006-2008, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in Jackson County were Educational services, and health care, and social assistance, 23 percent, and Manufacturing, 18 percent.

**OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER:** Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 29 percent; Sales and office occupations, 26 percent; Service occupations, 18 percent; Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 18 percent; and Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 9 percent. Eighty-one percent of the people employed were Private wage and salary workers; 13 percent was Federal, state, or local government workers; and 6 percent was Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.

**TRAVEL TO WORK:** Eighty-five percent of Jackson County workers drove to work alone in 2006-2008, 9 percent carpooled, 1 percent took public transportation, and 3 percent used other means. The remaining 3 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 23.1 minutes to get to work.

**INCOME:** The median income of households in Jackson County was \$46,493. Seventy-six percent of the households received earnings and 21 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Thirty-one percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$15,704. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

**POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS:** In 2006-2008, 14 percent of people were in poverty. Nineteen percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 8 percent of people 65 years old and over. Eleven percent of all families and 34 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

**POPULATION OF Jackson County:** In 2006-2008, Jackson County had a total population of 162,000 - 79,000 (49 percent) females and 83,000 (51 percent) males. The median age was 38.3 years. Twenty-four percent of the population was under 18 years and 13 percent was 65 years and older.

For people reporting one race alone, 88 percent was White; 8 percent was Black or African American; less than 0.5 percent was American Indian and Alaska Native; 1 percent was Asian; less than 0.5 percent was Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 1 percent was Some other race. Two percent reported Two or more races. Three percent of the people in Jackson County was Hispanic. Eighty-seven percent of the people in Jackson County was White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS:** In 2006-2008, Jackson County had a total of 68,000 housing units, 11 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 77 percent was in single-unit structures, 16 percent was in multi-unit structures, and 7 percent was mobile homes. Twenty-three percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

**OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS:** In 2006-2008, Jackson County had 60,000 occupied housing units - 46,000 (76 percent) owner occupied and 14,000 (24 percent) renter occupied. Four percent of the households did not have telephone service and 7 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi Vehicle households were not rare. Forty-one percent had two vehicles and another 21 percent had three or more.

**HOUSING COSTS:** The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,256, nonmortgaged owners \$391, and renters \$688. Thirty-three percent of owners with mortgages, 11 percent of owners without mortgages, and 54 percent of renters in Jackson County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program produces the [official population estimates for the nation, states, counties and places, and the official estimates of housing units for states and counties](#). The population and housing characteristics included above are derived from the American Community Survey.

Notes:

- Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Percentages are based on unrounded numbers.