

			\$27,600	\$5,600	\$22,000	80%
			\$52,800	\$12,800	\$40,000	76%
			\$4,206,000	\$3,942,100	\$678,500	15%
			\$1,400	\$60,700	\$63,700	20%
			\$765,700	\$1,502,900	-\$737,200	-96%
			\$1,654,021	\$1,140,552	\$504,469	30%

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## American Community Survey Highlights for Southeast Michigan, 2010

Last month Census Bureau released single year 2010 estimates based on its annual American Community Survey. These new estimates are based on Census 2010 population totals and provide detailed social, demographic, economic, and housing related data for communities with population of 65,000 or more persons. In addition, 2010 single year ACS information covers the first full calendar year after the December 2007-June 2009 recession.

Following are some of the key findings for Southeast Michigan region.

### Income\*

The real median household income in the region in 2010 was \$49,126, a 21.4% decline from the 2000 median. The region had a higher percentage decline compared to the State (-20.5%) and the Nation (-8.9%)

Among counties, Washtenaw county had the smallest decline (-14.1%) and Macomb County had the largest (-24.6%)

Regional per capita income in 2010 was \$25,780, a drop of 16.6% from the 2000 value of \$30,972 (adjusted to 2010 dollars).

### Poverty

Region's poverty rate in 2010 was 16.3%, up from 10.6% in 2000, a 5.7 percent point increase. There were about 753,400 people in poverty in 2010, 249,800 more than the 2000 number of 503,600.

In 2010, the family poverty rate and the number of families in poverty were 19.1 percent and 109,900, respectively, up from 11.5 percent and 76,000 in 2000.

The poverty rate increased for children younger than 18 - from 14.6 percent in 2000 to 23.0 percent in 2010, largest increase among all age groups. However, it was not statistically different for people 65 and older (9.0 percent).

The poverty rate among counties range from a low of 7.3% (Livingston County) to 23.7% (Wayne County) in 2010.

## **Employment**

While overall labor force participation rate decreased from 64.8% in 2000 to 63.4 % in 2010, older workers are returning to work or continuing to work past the retirement age. Labor force participation rate for workers ages 65 or older rose to 13.3% in 2010 compared to 11.8% in 2000.

Number of people looking for jobs rose from 135,900 in 2000 to 385,300 in 2010, with a resulting unemployment rate of 16.3% in 2010, compared to 5.7% in 2000.

Among counties, Washtenaw County had the lowest unemployment rate in the region (10.2%) and Wayne County, the highest (21.5%).

## **Education**

The level of education has risen in Southeast Michigan over the last decade. In 2000, 82.9 % of people ages 25 or older had at least a high school diploma, in 2010 this number rose to 88.5%. Similarly 28.8% of people in the above age group had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2010, compared to 24.7% in 2000.

In 2010, 10.3 percent of people aged 15 or older were enrolled in college or graduate school, up from 8.3 percent in 2000.

Three counties in the region, Livingston, Oakland, and Washtenaw, had more than one fourth of their adults aged 25 or older with a bachelor's degree. In Washtenaw County, 50.4 percent of those aged 25 or older had at least a bachelor's degree in 2010.

## **Housing\***

Real median housing value fell from \$158,980 to \$129,100 (2010 dollars), a drop of 18.8 percent or \$29,880, between 2000 and 2010. However, median gross rent in the region increased by 11.6 percent (from \$714 to \$797) during the same time period.

While every county in the region witnessed a decline in median housing value, Monroe County had the smallest decline of 3.4 percent or \$5,113 and the Wayne County experienced the largest drop (\$26,391 or 22.8%).

## **Accessing the Data**

Additional data, including data by each county and for communities with population 65,000 or more can be accessed [here](#). In addition, SEMCOG's [Community Profiles](#) provide direct links to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey profiles.

\* All monetary values are in 2010 dollars.