

INTRODUCTION

- A **Southwest Michigan** is defined as Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties.
- B In all **Census data** series for which it is available, 100% data is used. Sample data is based on the “Long Form” sent to approximately one in every six households. Sample data includes income, poverty, detailed housing data, educational attainment, labor force data, occupation and industry.
- C **Village data** is included in the township(s) where located except as noted. The following villages are located within two townships and data is split accordingly: Berrien Springs (Oronoko and Berrien), Eau Claire (Berrien and Pipestone) and Paw Paw (Paw Paw and Antwerp) . These villages are listed under the first township identified.
- D **Cities in More Than One County:** When a city lies in more than one county, its figures are listed under the county with the majority of the city’s territory and population even though the population is drawn from two counties. If you should require population data specific to one county for one of these cities, contact Southwestern Michigan Commission.
 - 1 **Niles** lies predominantly in Berrien County, however, beginning in the 1990 Census, Niles also had residents in Cass County. Note that population totals for Niles include five Cass County residents for the 2000 Census and two Cass County residents in the 1990 Census.
 - 2 **South Haven** lies predominantly in Van Buren County, however, beginning in the 2000 Census, South Haven includes residents in Allegan County. Note that population totals for South Haven include eight Allegan County residents in the 2000 Census.
- E **Dollar amounts** are not adjusted for inflation in tables showing time series unless otherwise indicated.
- F For **building permit data** from the U.S. Census Bureau’s Construction Statistics Division, estimates with imputations are used where fewer than twelve months were reported for a year.
- G **Data chosen** reflects the most commonly requested geographic level, generally county or minor civil division. The Southwestern Michigan Commission can provide parallel information for all geographic levels available (e.g., Census block, block group, or tract).
- H A wealth of data is available on the web. You will find data and links to many of the most frequently used data sources at Southwestern Michigan Commission’s web site www.swmpc.org.
- I Permission is granted to copy individual pages for your own use.

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