

Social Equity Indicator: Home Ownership

Why: Home ownership enhances the financial security of families and the stability of a community. Homeowners are likely to be more involved in their neighborhoods, communities, and schools.

What: The percentages reported here are the percent of homes occupied by owners among all occupied homes. A housing unit is owner occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for.

Where: U.S. Census Bureau. Owner-occupied units calculated as percent of all occupied units. <http://www.census.gov/>

Home Ownership								
Geography	2000		2005		2006		2007	
	%	Index Score	%	Index Score	%	Index Score	%	Index Score
Muskegon County	77.7%	4.7	82.1%	5.0	79.3%	4.9	77.1%	4.6
Kent County	70.3%	3.8	72.2%	4.0	72.1%	4.0	72.0%	4.0
Ottawa County	80.7%	5.0	81.2%	5.0	85.2%	5.0	79.1%	4.9
West MI Average	76.2%	4.5	78.5%	4.8	78.9%	4.9	76.1%	4.5
Bay County	79.3%	4.9	80.0%	5.0	80.4%	5.0	79.7%	5.0
Genesee County	73.2%	4.2	72.6%	4.1	72.4%	4.1	73.8%	4.2
Saginaw County	73.8%	4.2	76.3%	4.5	75.9%	4.5	74.6%	4.3
East MI Average	75.4%	4.4	76.3%	4.5	76.2%	4.5	76.0%	4.5
Michigan	73.8%	4.2	74.7%	4.3	75.2%	4.4	74.8%	4.4
U.S.	66.2%	3.3	66.9%	3.4	67.3%	3.4	67.2%	3.4

Index Scores

Rubric: The levels are based on the quintile distribution of the rankings of home ownership rates among all U.S. states in 2000.

Scale: A simple scale of declining rates of approximately 8.0 percent based on the range of lowest to highest percentages in the state rankings.

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Level	Index	Home Ownership
Thriving	5	80.0%
Advancing	4	72.0%
Sustainable	3	64.0%
Needs Improvement	2	56.0%
Failing	1	48.0%

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