



# Mercer County



## HOUSING FACT SHEET

POPULATION	2000	2010	10 YEAR CHANGE
Total Population	16,957	16,434	-3.1%
<i>Percent Immigrant (Foreign Born)</i>	0.6%	0.7%	16.0%
Total Households	6,624	6,862	3.6%
<i>Total Family Households</i>	4,914	5,152	4.6%
<i>Total Non-Family Households</i>	1,710	1,710	0.0%
Percent of Families In Poverty	5.8%	8.2%	41.4%

RACE + ETHNICITY	2000	2010	10 YEAR CHANGE
White	16,680	16,153	-3.2%
Black or African American	50	47	-6.0%
Asian	29	52	79.3%
Multi-Racial	116	122	5.2%
Other	82	60	-26.8%
Latino (of Any Race)	216	307	42.1%

INCOME*	2000	2010	10 YEAR CHANGE
Median Household Income	\$51,783	\$50,909	-1.7%
Households Earning < \$25,000	1,448	1,323	-8.6%
<i>As a Percent of All Households</i>	22.0%	19.3%	-12.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.2%	10.5%

HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME LEVEL*	2000	2010	10 YEAR CHANGE
Less Than \$25,000	1,448	1,323	-8.6%
\$25,000-\$49,999	2,109	2,072	-1.7%
\$50,000-\$74,999	1,760	1,404	-20.2%
\$75,000 or More	1,274	2,063	62.0%

HOUSING UNITS	2000	2010	10 YEAR CHANGE
Total Housing Units	7,109	7,358	3.5%
Total Occupied Housing Units	6,624	6,734	1.7%
<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	5,277	5,420	2.7%
<i>Renter-Occupied</i>	1,347	1,314	-2.4%

RENTAL HOUSING COSTS*	2000	2010	10 YEAR CHANGE
Median Monthly Gross Rent	\$496	\$582	17.2%
<i>Renters Paying Less Than \$750/mo</i>	761	866	13.8%
<i>Renters Paying \$750 to \$999/mo</i>	206	243	18.0%
<i>Renters Paying \$1000 to \$1,499/mo</i>	3	75	2,245.5%
<i>Renters Paying \$1,500 or More/mo</i>	13	30	137.5%
Paying Over 30% of Income in Rent	20.4%	32.0%	56.8%

OWNER HOUSING COSTS*	2000	2010	10 YEAR CHANGE
Median Monthly Owner Cost	\$961	\$1,057	9.98%
<i>Owners Paying Less Than \$ 1,000/mo</i>	1,409	1,457	3.4%
<i>Owners Paying \$1,000 to \$1,499/mo</i>	742	1,069	44.0%
<i>Owners Paying \$1,500 to \$1999/mo</i>	167	364	118.0%
<i>Owners Paying \$2,000 or More/mo</i>	59	299	407.4%
Paying Over 30% of Income for Mortgage	21.3%	24.1%	13.3%

### COST BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME LEVEL

INCOME LEVEL	RENTERS		OWNERS	
	2000	2010	2000	2010
Less than \$19,999	-	80.1%	51.7%	66.4%
\$20,000-\$49,999	-	17.1%	15.6%	28.0%
\$50,000-\$74,999	-	0.0%	3.6%	13.7%
\$75,000 or More	-	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%

UNITS BY BUILDING TYPE	2000	2010	10 YEAR CHANGE
Single Family / 1 Unit	6,278	6,433	2.5%
Units in Buildings with 2-4 Units	225	309	37.3%
Units in Buildings with 5-9 Units	104	119	14.4%
Units in Buildings with 10-19 Units	35	56	60.0%
Units in Buildings with 20 or More Units	63	117	85.7%
Units in Mobile Homes, RVs, Boats, etc.	404	328	-18.8%

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS*	2010	2013
Authorized Housing Choice Vouchers	35	35
Total Voucher Payments to Owners	\$67,702	\$70,947

The Chicago Rehab Network is grateful to the Chicago Community Trust for its support of this research. Data come primarily from Nathalie P. Voorhees Center (UIC) analysis of 2000 and 2010 Censuses. Housing Choice Voucher data come from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. If no HCVs are listed, the county has no specific allocation, but may access a limited number of vouchers available statewide through DCEO. \* Indicates that values have been adjusted for inflation to 2010 constant dollars. For more information, contact CRN at [Elizabeth@chicagorehab.org](mailto:Elizabeth@chicagorehab.org) or 312.663.3936.