



Mercer County

HOUSING FACT SHEET

POPULATION	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Total Population	16,434	15,693	-4.51%
Total Households	6,862	6,624	-3.47%
Total Family Households	5,152	4,499	-12.67%
Total Non-Family Households	1,710	2,125	24.27%
Percent of Residents In Poverty	8.20%	11.40%	39.01%
Percent Immigrant (Foreign Born)	0.72%	1.22%	69.51%

RACE+ETHNICITY	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
White	16,153	15,222	-5.76%
Black or African American	47	94	100.34%
Asian	52	63	20.72%
Multi-Racial	122	204	67.22%
Latino (of Any Race)	307	361	17.57%
Other	60	110	83.09%

INCOME*	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Median Household Income	\$50,909	\$50,262	-1.27%
Households Earning >\$25,000	1,323	1,133	-14.38%
As a Percent of All Households	19.28%	17.10%	-11.31%
Unemployment Rate	4.20%	5.50%	30.95%

HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME LEVEL*	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Less Than \$25,000	1,323	1,133	-14.38%
\$25,000-\$49,999	2,072	1,669	-19.44%
\$50,000-\$74,999	1,404	1,570	11.82%
\$75,000 or More	2,063	2,246	8.85%

HOUSING UNITS	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Total Housing Units	7,358	7,420	0.84%
Total Occupied Housing Units	6,734	6,624	-1.63%
Owner-Occupied	5,420	5,157	-4.85%
Renter-Occupied	1,314	1,467	11.64%

COST BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME LEVEL

INCOME LEVEL	RENTERS			OWNERS		
	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Less than \$19,999	80.11%	71.35%	-10.93%	66.37%	50.84%	-23.41%
\$20,000-\$49,999	17.11%	31.02%	81.27%	27.97%	22.43%	-19.78%
\$50,000-\$74,999	0.00%	0.00%	-	13.73%	5.37%	-60.87%
\$75,000 or More	0.00%	0.00%	-	2.05%	1.86%	-9.35%

RENTAL HOUSING COSTS*	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Median Monthly Gross Rent	\$582	\$561	-3.53%
Renters Paying Less Than \$750/mo	866	794	-8.31%
Renters Paying \$750 to \$999/mo	243	308	26.75%
Renters Paying \$1000 to \$1,499/mo	75	119	58.67%
Renters Paying \$1,500 or More/mo	30	43	43.33%
Paying Over 30% of Income in Rent	31.96%	30.47%	-4.66%

HOUSING COSTS FOR OWNERS WITH A MORTGAGE*	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Median Monthly Owner Cost	\$1,057	\$929	-12.13%
Owners Paying Less Than \$1,000/mo	1,457	1,287	-11.67%
Owners Paying \$1,000 to \$1,499/mo	1,069	978	-8.51%
Owners Paying \$1,500 to \$1,999/mo	364	515	41.48%
Owners Paying \$2,000 or More/mo	299	208	-30.43%
Paying Over 30% of Income for Mortgage	24.12%	16.73%	-30.62%

UNITS BY BUILDING SIZE	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Single Family / 1 Unit	6,433	6,496	0.98%
2 to 4 Units	309	229	-25.89%
5 to 9 Units	119	163	36.97%
10 to 19 Units	56	74	32.14%
20 or More Units	117	157	34.19%

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS	2010	2018	8 YEAR CHANGE
Housing Choice Vouchers	35	21	-39.52%
Housing Assistance Payment	67,702	6,570	-90.30%

HOUSING UNIT PRODUCTION	8 YEAR CHANGE
Net Change in Housing Units from 2000 to 2009	447
As a Percentage of all Housing Units	6.08%
Net Change in Housing Units from 2010 to 2018	96
As a Percentage of all Housing Units	1.29%



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