

SOCIAL and ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

RACE: The 2020 Census showed Lake Township to have a comparatively homogeneous racial composition, with 96.3% of the township population being white, nearly equal to that of the county as a whole (94.9%) and noticeably higher than the state (73.9%). The township's homogeneity is typical of rural Michigan communities as compared to larger urban areas. (See Table C-2).

TABLE C-2
Race Profile Comparison, 2020 (By Percent)

Source: 2020 U.S. Census

RACE	LAKE TOWNSHIP	HURON COUNTY	STATE of MICHIGAN
White Only	96.3	94.9	73.9
Black/African American Only	0.0	0.3	13.7
American Indian, Alaska Native Only	0.6	0.3	0.6
Asian Only	0.2	0.5	3.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Only	0.0	0.0	0.0
Some Other Single Race Only	0.4	0.9	2.2
Two or More Races	2.3	3.1	6.3

AGE: Lake Township's overall age composition in 2020, and for decades, has been quite different than that of the county and state. The township's age profile is heavily skewed toward the older age groups. This is due most particularly to the abundance of retired persons in the community and this group of residents continually growing as more and more baby-boomers exit the labor market. The comparative lack of nearby employment opportunities discourages many young persons and families settling in the township and the county as a whole. The 8.7% of the township's population less than 18 years of age in 2020 was less than half that of the county and state. Conversely, the 47.3% of the township's population of 65 years of age or greater in 2020 was almost twice that of the county and almost three times that of the state. See Figure C-2 and Table C-3.

TABLE C-3
Age Profile Comparison (By Percent, except where noted)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey

AGE	LAKE TOWNSHIP	HURON COUNTY	STATE of MICHIGAN
Under 5 yrs.	2.0	4.9	5.7
5 – 14 yrs.	5.3	10.9	12.
15 - 24 yrs.	4.8	10.3	13.5
25 - 34 yrs.	4.7	9.5	12.9
35 – 44 yrs.	7.5	9.4	11.7
45 - 54 yrs.	11.4	12.7	13.0
55 - 64 yrs.	16.9	17.0	14.0
65 - 74	20.7	14.2	10.1
75 - 84	18.9	7.8	4.8
85 yrs. or more	7.7	3.4	2.2
Under 18 yrs.	8.7	19.2	21.7
65 yrs. and over	47.3	25.3	17.2
Median Age	62.2 yrs.	49.3 yrs.	39.8 yrs.