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Section Summary

The populations of Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties have seen declines over the past decade due to stagnation in the state and national economies. This decline is projected to continue in Berrien County as a result of an aging population and low birth rates. Cass and Van Buren counties are projected to see growth mainly due to urban sprawl from South Bend/Elkhart and Kalamazoo, respectively.



This will have several implications on workforce availability and demonstrates the need for strategic worker pipeline activities across the tri-county region.

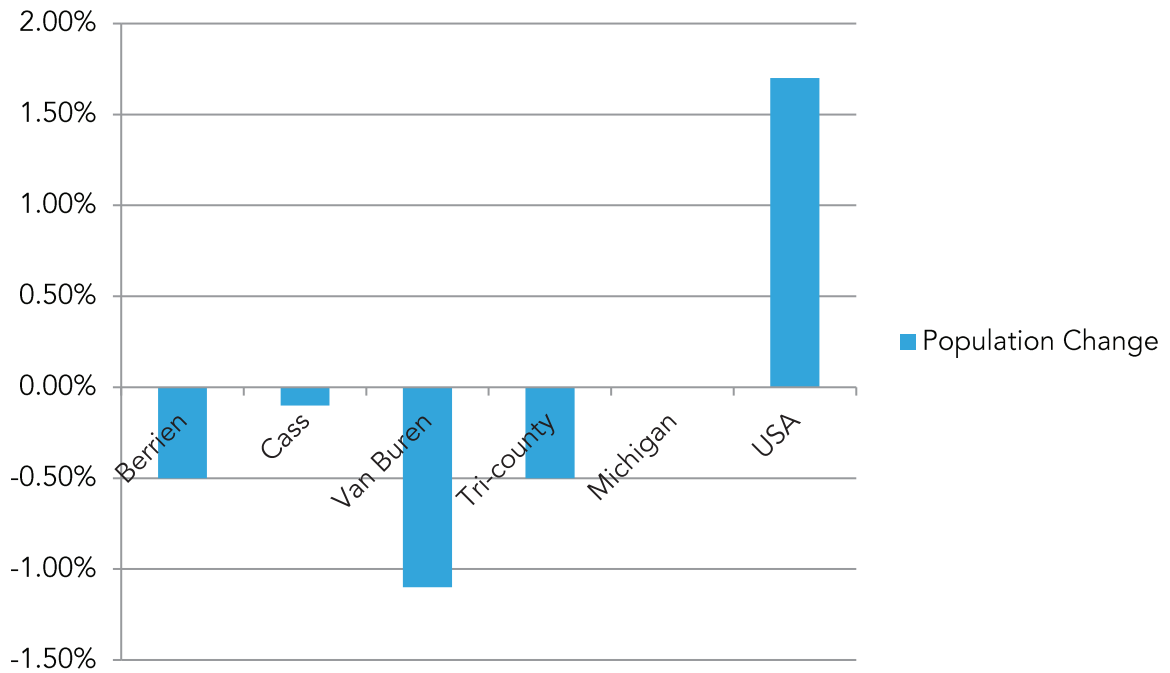
Unemployment continues to decline in all three counties as each recovers from the prolonged effects of the state and national recession.

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Population Change, 2010-2012

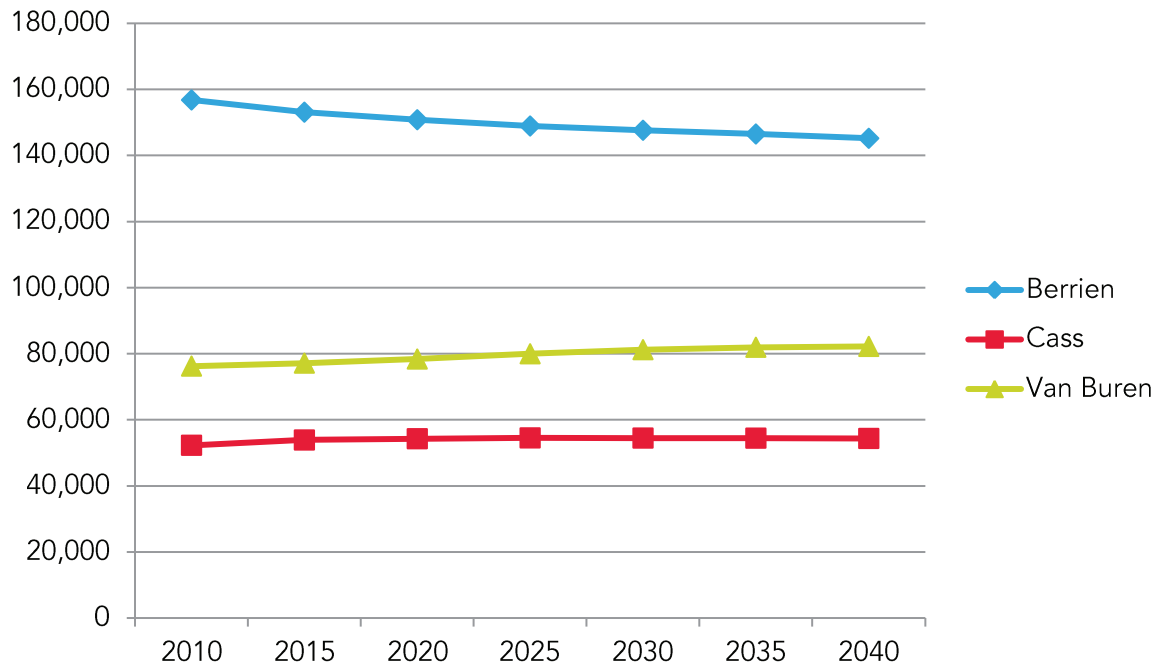


Population

Entity	2010 Census	2012 Estimate	Change
Berrien County	156,813	156,067	-0.5%
Cass County	52,293	52,242	-0.1%
Van Buren County	76,258	75,454	-1.1%
Tri-county	285,364	283,763	-0.5%
Michigan	9,883,640	9,883,360	0.0%
United States	308,745,538	313,914,040	1.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Selected Age Groups by Sex for the United States, Counties, and Puerto Rican Commonwealth and Municipalities: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012

Population Projections, 2010-2040

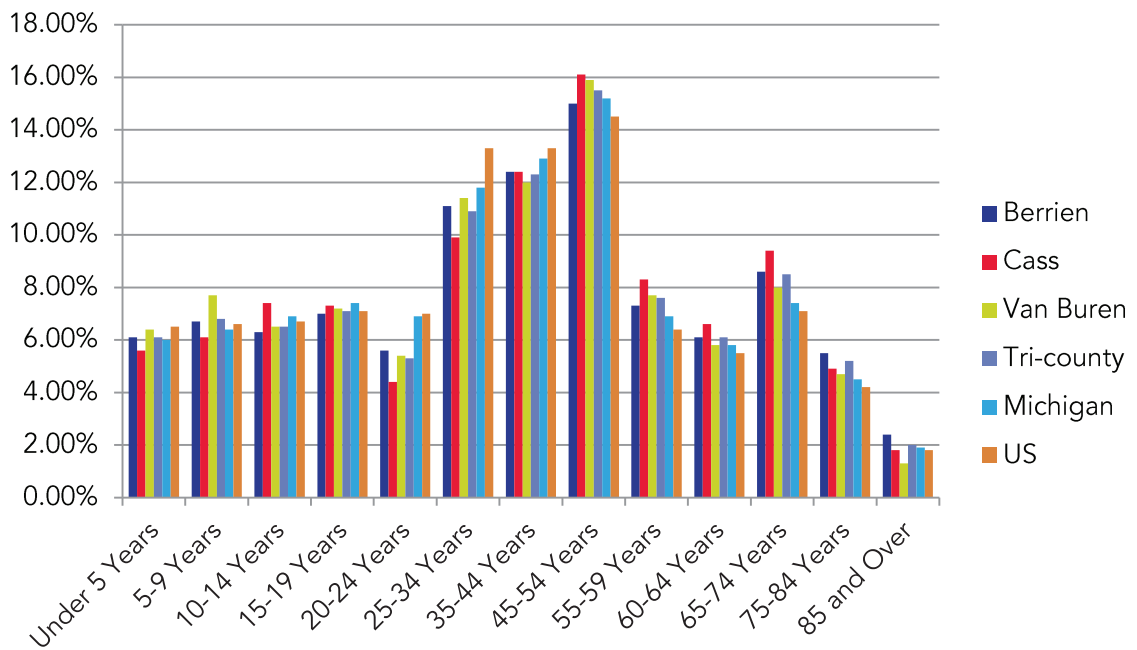


	Year						
	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Berrien	156,813	153,110	150,821	148,923	147,633	146,517	145,206
Cass	52,293	53,896	54,279	54,527	54,478	54,449	54,362
Van Buren	76,258	77,163	78,401	79,991	81,228	81,961	82,218
Tri-county	285,364	284,169	283,501	283,441	283,339	282,927	281,786
Michigan	9,883,408	9,892,659	9,888,324	9,906,690	9,924,123	9,926,780	9,906,615
United States	308,745,538	321,363,000	333,896,000	346,407,000	358,471,000	369,662,000	380,016,000

Source: Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget; U.S. Census Bureau 2012 National Population Projections



Age Demographics, 2011



Age	Berrien County	Cass County	Van Buren County	Tri-county	Michigan	United States
Under 5 years	9,636	2,948	4,854	17,438	592,002	20,153,302
5-9 years	10,491	3,167	5,866	19,524	631,707	20,330,929
10-14 years	9,864	3,842	4,933	18,639	677,472	20,674,598
15-19 years	10,993	3,820	5,526	20,339	735,393	21,996,593
20-24 years	8,834	2,284	4,116	15,234	677,482	21,727,353
25-34 years	17,374	5,142	8,725	31,241	1,167,118	41,140,692
35-44 years	19,392	6,468	9,145	35,005	1,275,626	41,133,976
45-54 years	23,599	8,381	12,161	44,141	1,501,831	44,830,605
55-59 years	11,434	4,339	5,893	21,666	685,823	19,680,965
60-64 years	9,602	3,458	4,413	17,473	573,912	17,072,816
65-74 years	13,418	4,882	6,079	24,379	728,567	21,859,086
75-84 years	8,599	2,537	3,613	14,749	447,167	13,105,684
85 years and over	3,694	919	979	5,592	190,873	5,524,645

Source: 2011 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

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