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Section Summary

Southwest Michigan continues to recover from the state and national recessions of the early 21st century. Proprietorships continue to steadily increase in each of the three counties. However, property values have not fully recovered and have seen declines over the past year.

As most high-employment sectors continue to recoup jobs lost during the recession, employment for the tri-county remains at an underwhelming 0.8 percent over the past two years. Manufacturing and hospitality, in particular, have seen strong gains since 2011, while the construction industry continues to lose jobs, and agriculture has seen drops due to the 2012 drought.


-  **The tri-county region's aging population demographic is reflective of the overall state of Michigan. As a result, significant industries like agriculture, manufacturing and healthcare the need to develop worker pipeline strategies in order to fill positions that will be vacated by baby boomers over the coming years.**

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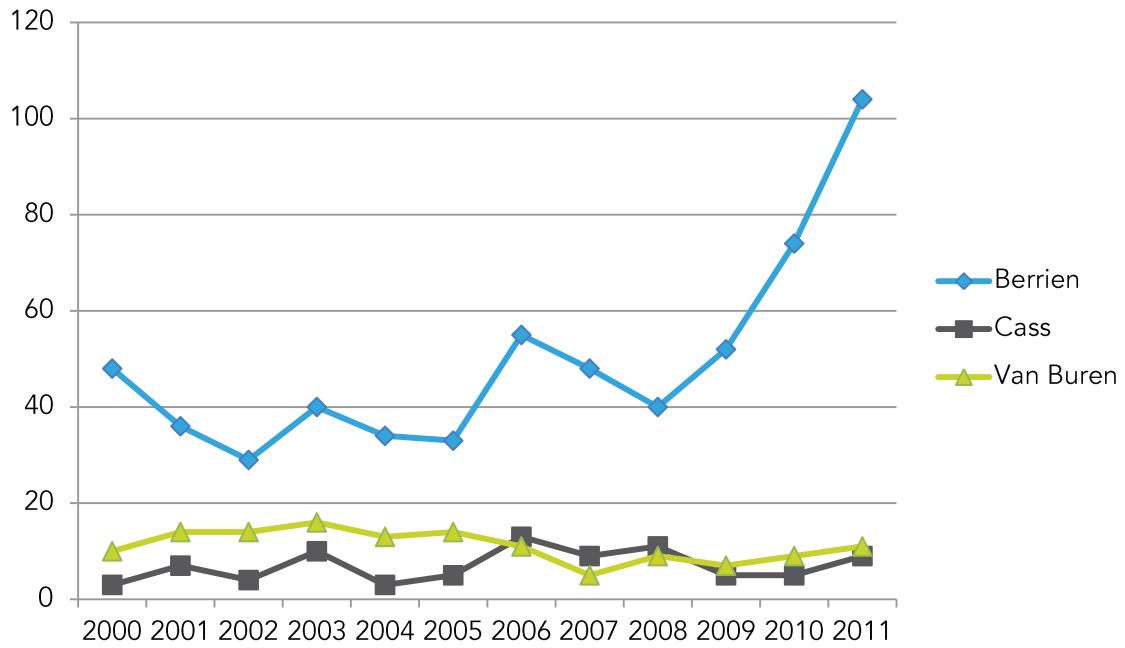
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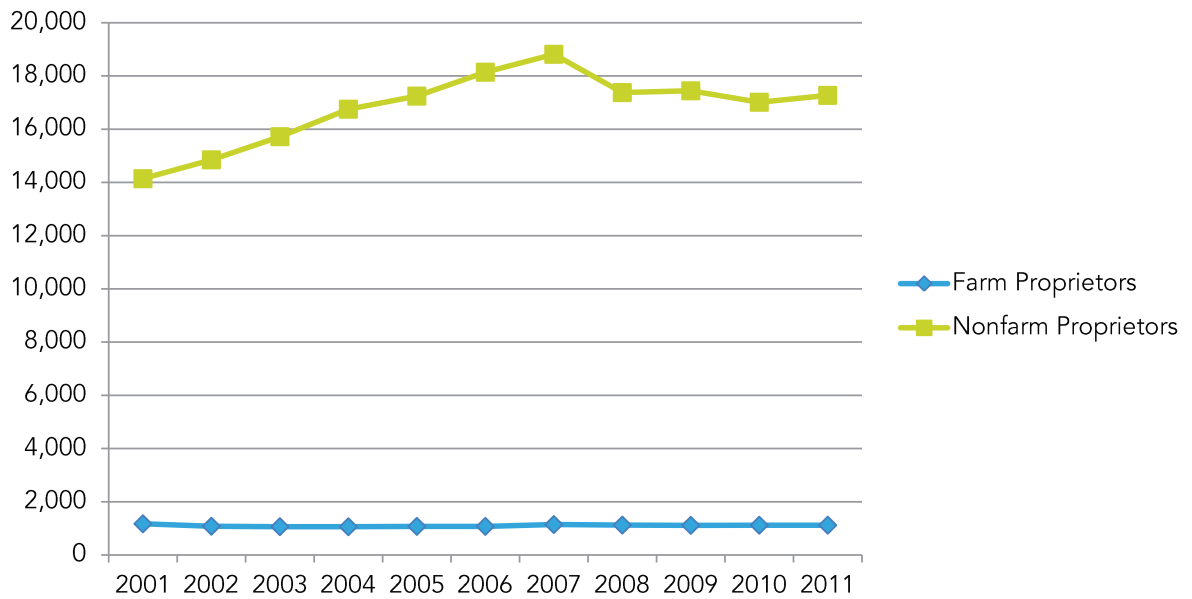


Year	Berrien County	Cass County	Van Buren County
2000	48	3	10
2001	36	7	14
2002	29	4	14
2003	40	10	16
2004	34	3	13
2005	33	5	14
2006	55	13	11
2007	48	9	5
2008	40	11	9
2009	52	5	7
2010	74	5	9
2011	104	9	11

Source: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office



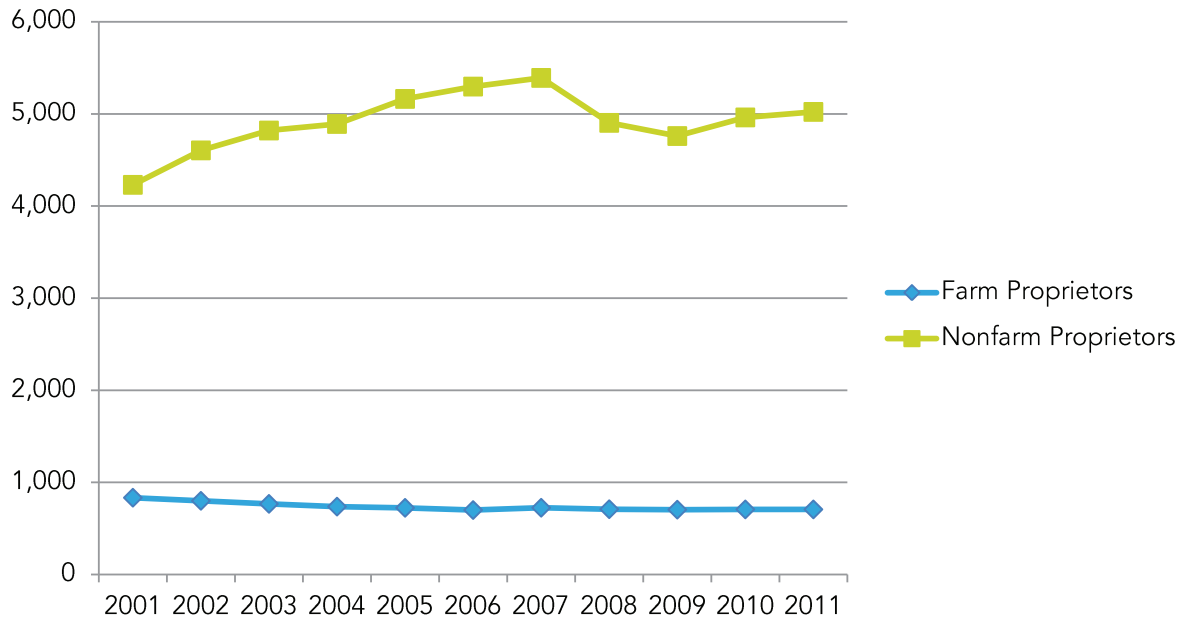
Berrien Proprietors



Year	Farm Proprietors Employment	Nonfarm Proprietors Employment	Total Proprietor Employment
2001	1,172	14,141	15,313
2002	1,081	14,849	15,930
2003	1,064	15,719	16,783
2004	1,061	16,752	17,813
2005	1,075	17,244	18,319
2006	1,075	18,143	19,218
2007	1,145	18,815	19,960
2008	1,124	17,376	18,500
2009	1,115	17,444	18,559
2010	1,120	17,014	18,134
2011	1,121	17,212	18,333

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Cass Proprietors

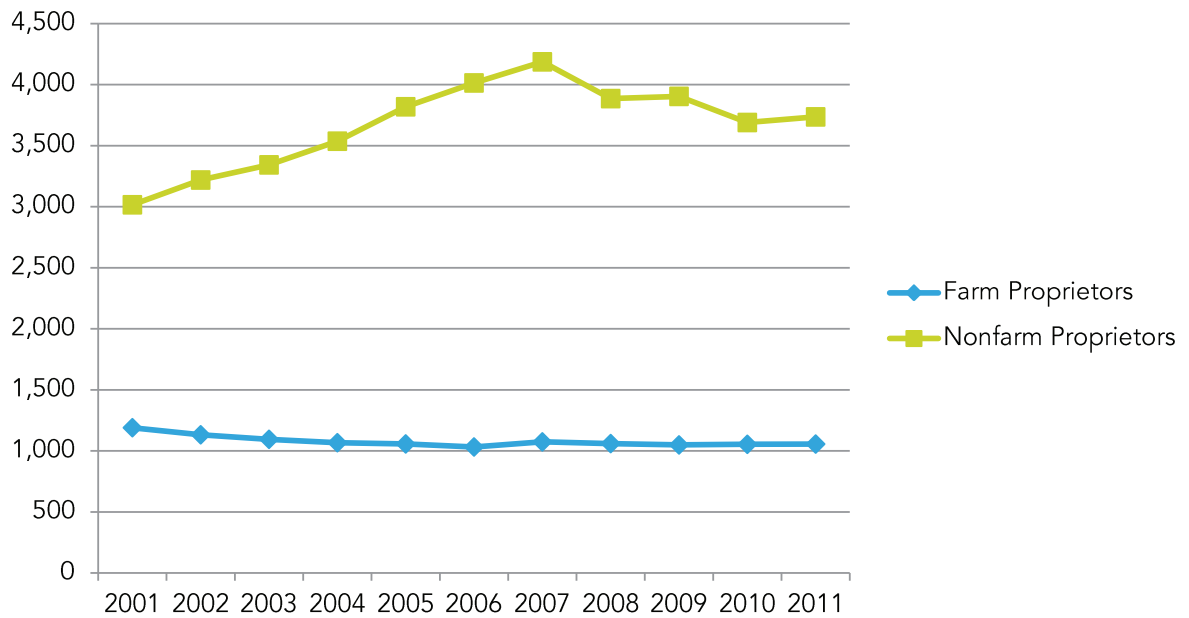


Year	Farm Proprietors Employment	Nonfarm Proprietors Employment	Total Proprietor Employment
2001	834	4,230	5,064
2002	800	4,604	5,404
2003	767	4,820	5,587
2004	737	4,891	5,628
2005	724	5,163	5,887
2006	700	5,297	5,997
2007	725	5,391	6,116
2008	709	4,903	5,612
2009	704	4,760	5,464
2010	707	4,962	5,669
2011	707	5,022	5,729

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



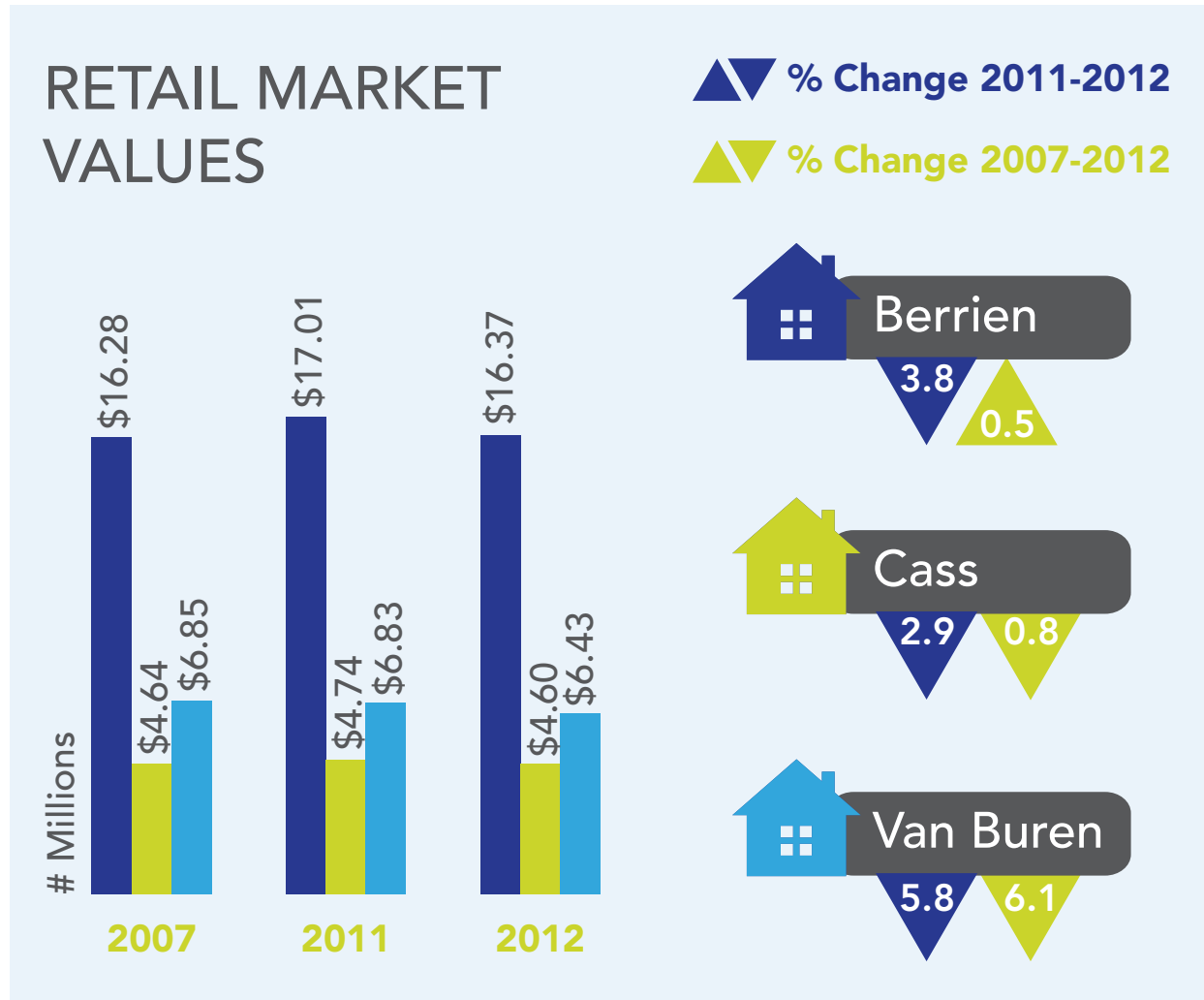
Van Buren Proprietors



Year	Farm Proprietors Employment	Nonfarm Proprietors Employment	Total Proprietor Employment
2001	1,190	3,016	4,206
2002	1,132	3,219	4,351
2003	1,095	3,343	4,438
2004	1,067	3,537	4,604
2005	1,057	3,819	4,876
2006	1,032	4,014	5,046
2007	1,074	4,187	5,261
2008	1,060	3,886	4,946
2009	1,049	3,904	4,953
2010	1,054	3,690	4,744
2011	1,056	3,736	4,792

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Property Values



County	2007 Real Market Value	2011 Real Market Value	2012 Real Market Value	% Change 2007-2012	% Change 2011-2012
Berrien	\$16,283,380,952	\$17,010,913,728	\$16,366,306,418	0.5%	-3.8%
Cass	\$4,637,983,820	\$4,737,191,896	\$4,600,227,654	-0.8%	-2.9%
Van Buren	\$6,849,036,954	\$6,831,936,012	\$6,434,131,298	-6.1%	-5.8%

Source: Bridge Magazine

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