

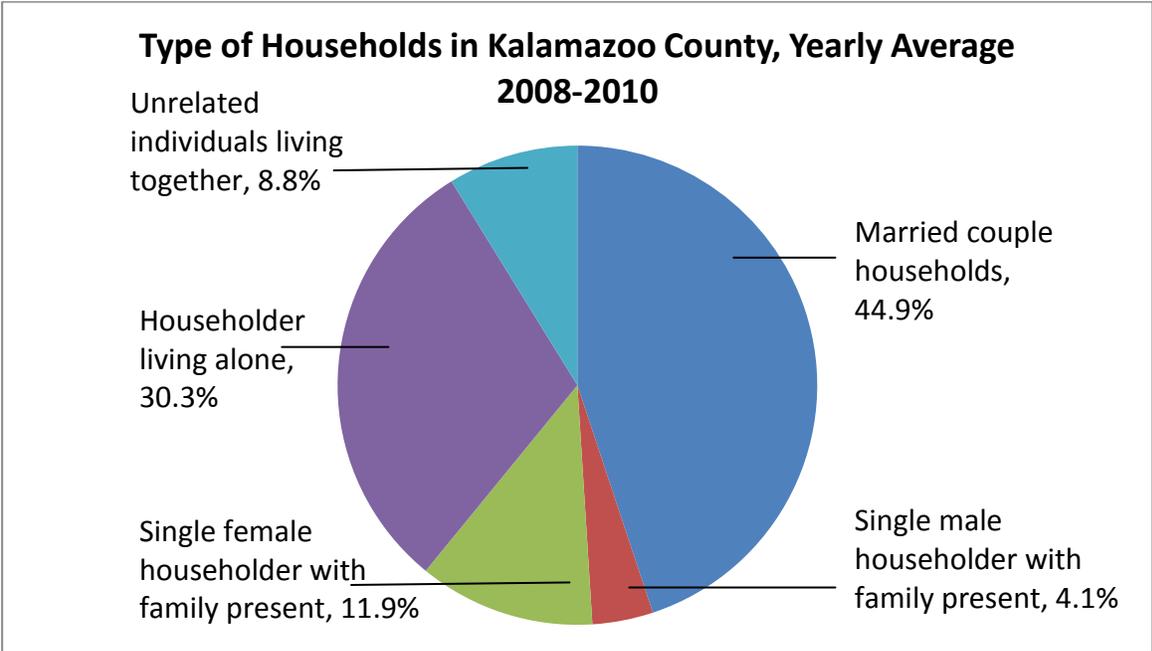
1.6 Household Members

1.6.1 Family Types

For the purposes of U.S. Census statistics, a household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence. In analyses of census data, households are characterized by the relationship structure of residents (in relation to the householder), or family and non-family households. A family includes a householder and one or more people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Family households include married couple households, single female headed households with related individuals living in the household, and single male headed households with related individuals living in the household. Non-family households include one-person households and households where more than one person lives but no one is related by birth, marriage or adoption (this includes unmarried partner households as well as roommates).

In Kalamazoo County, married couple households comprised the greatest proportion (44.9%) of households on average per year from 2008-2010; this was lower than the percentage of households in Michigan and in the United States that were married couple households (49.3% and 49.1%, respectively).

The proportion of one-person households in Kalamazoo County (at 30.3%) was slightly higher than the proportion in the state (28.3%) and the nation (27.4%). The proportion of households headed by a single male or female living with other related individuals was also similar for the county (16.0%), the state (17.0%) and nation (17.4%).



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates, 2008-2010, B11001

**Distribution of Type of Household in
Kalamazoo County, Michigan and the United States, Yearly Average 2008-2010**

Type of Household	United States		Michigan		Kalamazoo County		
	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	
Total Households	114,596,927	--	3,815,248	--	99,465	--	
Married-couple family	56,319,371	49.1%	1,880,792	49.3%	44,624	44.9%	
More than one related individual, no spouse present	Male Householder	5,286,720	4.6%	163,204	4.3%	4,100	4.1%
	Female Householder	14,656,884	12.8%	483,969	12.7%	11,896	11.9%
Householder living alone	31,361,108	27.4%	1,080,640	28.3%	30,100	30.3%	
Householder not living alone	6,972,844	6.1%	206,643	5.4%	8,745	8.8%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates, 2008-2010, B11001

The table above reflects yearly averages for Kalamazoo County, Michigan and the United States from 2008 to 2010, generated by the American Community Survey. Yearly averages on the city and township level were not available for the 2008 to 2010 period, but were available from 2006-2010. This data is presented in the table on the following page.

**Distribution of Type of Household by
Cites and Townships in Kalamazoo County, 2006-2010**

City or Township	Total Households	Married-couple family		More than one related person, no spouse present				Householder Living Alone		Householder not living alone	
				Male householder		Female householder					
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alamo Township	1,381	1,016	73.6%	26	1.9%	52	3.8%	208	15.1%	79	5.7%
Brady Township	1,593	1,080	67.8%	28	1.8%	176	11.0%	212	13.3%	97	6.1%
Charleston Township	751	451	60.1%	48	6.4%	61	8.1%	157	20.9%	34	4.5%
Climax Township	858	533	62.1%	47	5.5%	52	6.1%	193	22.5%	33	3.8%
Comstock Charter Township	6,000	2,943	49.0%	371	6.2%	590	9.8%	1,721	28.7%	375	6.3%
Cooper Charter Township	3,852	2,162	56.1%	236	6.1%	437	11.3%	805	20.9%	212	5.5%
Galesburg City	779	362	46.5%	22	2.8%	153	19.6%	201	25.8%	41	5.3%
Kalamazoo City	29,047	7,876	27.1%	1,433	4.9%	4,087	14.1%	10,845	37.3%	4,806	16.5%
Kalamazoo Charter Township	9,853	3,652	37.1%	490	5.0%	1,289	13.1%	3,540	35.9%	882	9.0%
Oshtemo Charter Township	9,492	3,830	40.3%	214	2.3%	960	10.1%	3,305	34.8%	1,183	12.5%
Parchment City	878	351	40.0%	27	3.1%	127	14.5%	328	37.4%	45	5.1%
Pavilion Township	2,232	1,335	59.8%	148	6.6%	256	11.5%	417	18.7%	76	3.4%
Portage City	18,911	9,951	52.6%	542	2.9%	1,710	9.0%	5,612	29.7%	1,096	5.8%
Prairie Ronde Township	819	635	77.5%	4	0.5%	46	5.6%	104	12.7%	30	3.7%
Richland Township	2,837	1,763	62.1%	27	1.0%	319	11.2%	564	19.9%	164	5.8%
Ross Township	1,928	1,242	64.4%	66	3.4%	74	3.8%	442	22.9%	104	5.4%
Schoolcraft Township	3,138	1,799	57.3%	140	4.5%	312	9.9%	758	24.2%	129	4.1%
Texas Charter Township	4,584	3,387	73.9%	140	3.1%	499	10.9%	451	9.8%	107	2.3%
Wakeshma Township	523	360	68.8%	17	3.3%	32	6.1%	96	18.4%	18	3.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, 2006-2010, B11001

1.6.2 Children

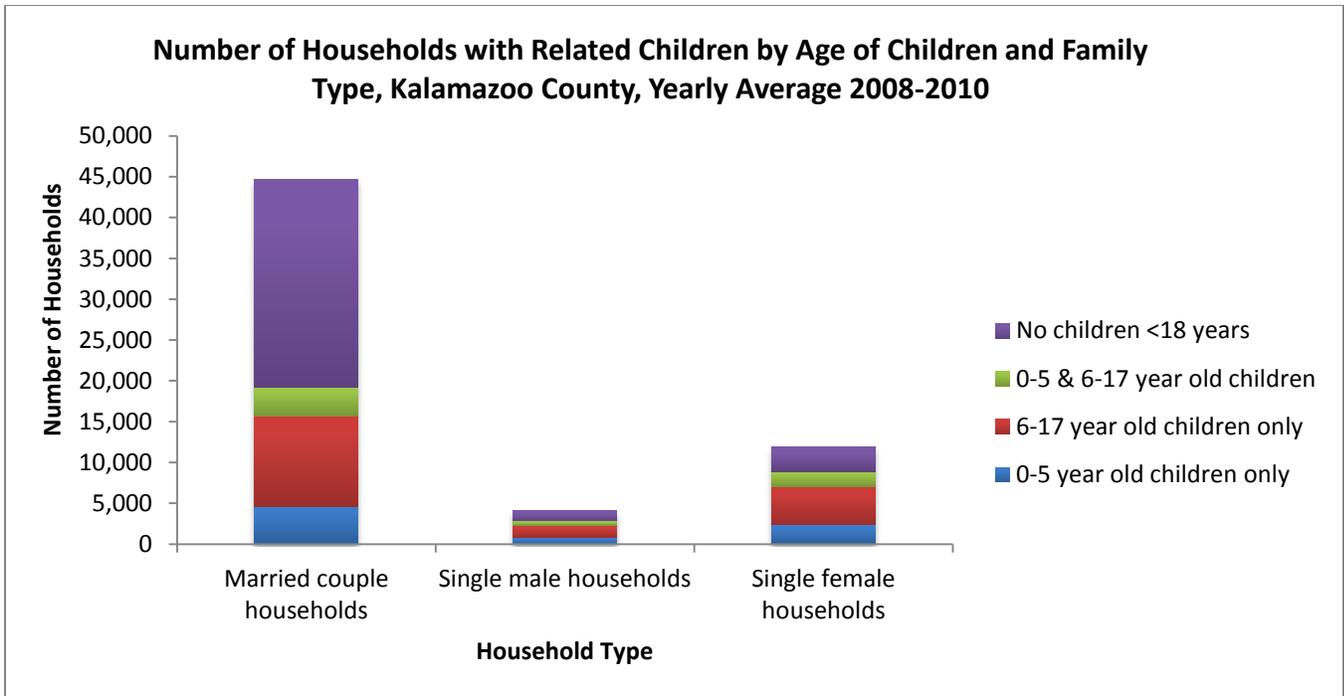
Among family households in Kalamazoo County from 2008 to 2010, 74.9% of single female headed households and 69.2% of single male headed households included related children under age 18. By census tabulation, family households only include households where a group of two or more people reside together and are related by birth, marriage or adoption. A smaller percentage of married couple households included children under the age of 18 (43.1%), but this is likely because married couples are counted as a family whether or not children or other related individuals are present, whereas single male or female headed households are only considered family households if another related individual (often a child) resides in the household.

In Kalamazoo County from 2008 to 2010, 14.7% of family households were headed by a single female and included children under 18 years old; 4.7% of family households were headed by a single male and included children under 18 years old. Married family households with children under 18 years old comprised 31.7% of family households in Kalamazoo County during this time period.

**Family Type by Presence and Age of Related Children Under 18 Years
in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, and the United States, 2008-2010**

Type of Family	Age of Related Children	United States		Michigan		Kalamazoo County	
		Number	Percent of Family Type Households	Number	Percent of Family Type Households	Number	Percent of Family Type Households
Married couple households	0-5 year old children only	5,819,112	10.3%	170,756	9.1%	4,655	10.4%
	6-17 year old children only	13,625,803	24.2%	452,214	24.0%	11,031	24.7%
	0-5 & 6-17 year old children	5,579,504	9.9%	166,693	8.9%	3,536	7.9%
	No children <18 years	31,294,952	55.6%	1,091,129	58.0%	25,402	56.9%
Single male family households no spouse present	0-5 year old children only	832,064	15.7%	25,091	15.4%	798	19.5%
	6-17 year old children only	1,677,626	31.7%	55,183	33.8%	1,521	37.1%
	0-5 & 6-17 year old children	479,761	9.1%	12,440	7.6%	520	12.7%
	No children <18 years	2,297,269	43.5%	70,490	43.2%	1,261	30.8%
Single female family households no spouse present	0-5 year old children only	2,122,315	14.5%	69,851	14.4%	2,378	20.0%
	6-17 year old children only	5,726,920	39.1%	192,085	39.7%	4,691	39.4%
	0-5 & 6-17 year old children	2,019,506	13.8%	63,482	13.1%	1,841	15.5%
	No children <18 years	4,788,143	32.7%	158,551	32.8%	2,986	25.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates, 2008-2010, B11004



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates, 2008-2010, B11004

1.6.3 Grandparents

Of the population age 30 years and older in Kalamazoo County from 2008-2010, 0.9% lived with their grandchildren and were their grandchildren's primary caregiver. The percentage of adults (age 30 years and older) who were responsible for their grandchildren was slightly lower in Kalamazoo County than in Michigan (1.2%) or the United States (1.5%) estimated on average per year from 2008-2010. Note that these proportions include all adults age 30 years and older in households, whether or not the adult had a grandchild; if analyses were limited to adults who had grandchildren, the proportions who lived with their grandchildren and who were responsible for their grandchildren would be higher.

Among grandparents who were primary caregivers for their grandchildren, a high percentage had been responsible for the grandchildren for five or more years (39.3% of grandparent caregivers in Kalamazoo County, 31.5% in Michigan, and 36.5% in the United States).

Grandparents Primarily Responsible for Their Grandchildren in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, and the United States, 2008-2010

Responsibility and Time Period	United States		Michigan		Kalamazoo County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Among 30+ population, adults who are grandparents, living with grandchildren and are primarily responsible for grandchildren under 18 years	2,722,112	1.5%	72,512	1.2%	1,192	0.9%
Length of time responsible						
Less than 6 months	321,963	0.2%	10,178	0.2%	128	0.1%
6 to 11 months	297,827	0.2%	8,448	0.1%	93	0.1%
1 or 2 years	660,207	0.4%	18,957	0.3%	298	0.2%
3 or 4 years	448,113	0.2%	12,052	0.2%	205	0.1%
5 years or more	994,002	0.5%	22,877	0.4%	468	0.3%
Among 30+ population, adults not responsible for grandchildren	178,376,523	98.5%	5,892,301	98.8%	135,580	99.1%
Total adults 30+ in households	181,098,635	100.0%	5,964,813	100.0%	136,772	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates, 2008-2010, B10050

1.6.4 Seniors

Most of the seniors aged 65 years and older in Kalamazoo County per year from 2008-2010 lived in households (96.5%); the rest of seniors were classified by the U.S. Census as living in group quarters. There are two types of group quarters: institutional (for example, correctional facilities, nursing homes, juvenile homes and mental hospitals) and non-institutional (for example, college dormitories, military barracks, group homes, assisted-living, missions, and shelters).

Among Kalamazoo County seniors, most (65.1%) lived in households with family, and a smaller percentage (2.8%) lived in households with other unrelated individuals (this includes those living with partners but unmarried, if no other related individuals were present in the household). Almost a third of seniors in Kalamazoo County (28.9%) lived in households alone.

**Living Situation Among Seniors Age 65+ Years,
Kalamazoo County, Michigan and the United States, Yearly Average 2008-2010**

Living Situation	United States		Michigan		Kalamazoo County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population 65+	39,601,701	100.0%	1,342,202	100.0%	30,310	100.0%
Living in households	38,015,426	96.0%	1,291,525	96.2%	29,251	96.5%
<i>In family households</i>	26,152,389	66.0%	876,055	65.3%	19,730	65.1%
<i>Living alone</i>	10,796,427	27.3%	382,750	28.5%	8,771	28.9%
<i>Not living alone but not with relatives</i>	1,066,610	2.7%	32,720	2.4%	750	2.5%
In group quarters	1,586,275	4.0%	50,677	3.8%	1,059	3.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates, 2008-2010, B09017

**Living Situation Among Seniors Age 65+ Years,
Kalamazoo Cities and Townships Yearly Average 2006-2010**

City or Township	Total 65+	Living in Households								In Group Quarters	
		Total living in households		Living in Family Households		Living alone		Not living alone but not living with relatives			
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alamo Township	566	510	90.1%	421	74.4%	70	12.4%	19	3.4%	56	9.9%
Brady Township	651	651	100.0%	505	77.6%	96	14.7%	50	7.7%	0	0.0%
Charleston Township	266	266	100.0%	181	68.0%	76	28.6%	9	3.4%	0	0.0%
Climax Township	325	325	100.0%	200	61.5%	122	37.5%	3	0.9%	0	0.0%
Comstock Charter Township	1,835	1,812	98.7%	1,263	68.8%	474	25.8%	75	4.1%	23	1.3%
Cooper Charter Township	1,415	1,356	95.8%	1,083	76.5%	255	18.0%	18	1.3%	59	4.2%
Galesburg City	162	162	100.0%	101	62.3%	61	37.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Kalamazoo City	6,575	6,183	94.0%	3,170	48.2%	2,798	42.6%	215	3.3%	392	6.0%
Kalamazoo Charter Township	3,254	3,101	95.3%	1,756	54.0%	1,184	36.4%	161	4.9%	153	4.7%
Oshtemo Charter Township	3,206	2,986	93.1%	2,027	63.2%	927	28.9%	32	1.0%	220	6.9%
Parchment City	220	220	100.0%	158	71.8%	50	22.7%	12	5.5%	0	0.0%
Pavilion Township	674	674	100.0%	508	75.4%	138	20.5%	28	4.2%	0	0.0%
Portage City	6,012	5,853	97.4%	4,229	70.3%	1,518	25.2%	106	1.8%	159	2.6%
Prairie Ronde Township	182	182	100.0%	136	74.7%	43	23.6%	3	1.6%	0	0.0%
Richland Township	879	879	100.0%	680	77.4%	181	20.6%	18	2.0%	0	0.0%
Ross Township	889	889	100.0%	698	78.5%	161	18.1%	30	3.4%	0	0.0%
Schoolcraft Township	1,058	1,058	100.0%	775	73.3%	283	26.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Texas Charter Township	1,275	1,275	100.0%	1,017	79.8%	207	16.2%	51	4.0%	0	0.0%
Wakeshma Township	164	164	100.0%	122	74.4%	36	22.0%	6	3.7%	0	0.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, 2006-2010, B09017

1.6.5 Sub-families

The US Census Bureau defines a sub-family as a married couple (with or without children) or a single parent with one or more never-married children under the age of 18, residing with and related to the householder, but not including the householder or the householder's spouse. When grown children move back to the parental home *with their own children or spouse*, they are considered a subfamily. (An unmarried person living with a householder to whom they are related is not considered a sub-family unless they have a child under the age of 18 living with them as well. Alternately, families living in a household *that are not related to the householder* are not considered a sub-family in U.S. Census tabulations.) A household may include more than one sub-family.

In Kalamazoo County, 1.6% (1,616) of all households included one or more sub-families on average per year from 2008-2010. The proportion of households with sub-families in Michigan and in the United States overall was slightly higher; 2.4% of households in Michigan and 3.2% of households in the United States included sub-families.

In Kalamazoo County, the majority of sub-families living with a relative are single mothers and their children (58.9% of sub-families). In Michigan, a slightly higher proportion of sub-families were comprised of single mothers and their children (61.2%). In the United States, a slightly smaller proportion of sub-families were comprised of single mothers and their children (56.5%).

**Composition of Subfamilies, Kalamazoo County,
Michigan and the United States, Yearly Average 2008-2010**

	United States		Michigan		Kalamazoo County	
	Number	% of all sub-families	Number	% of all sub-families	Number	% of all sub-families
Total number of households	114,596,927	--	3,815,248	--	99,456	--
Total number of subfamilies:	3,655,376	100.0%	92,761	100.0%	1,616	100.0%
Married-couple subfamilies:	1,121,995	30.7%	22,671	24.4%	451	27.9%
<i>With own children under 18 years</i>	463,164	12.7%	9,916	10.7%	190	11.8%
<i>No own children under 18 years</i>	658,831	18.0%	12,755	13.8%	261	16.2%
Mother-child subfamily:	2,066,967	56.5%	56,782	61.2%	952	58.9%
Father-child subfamily:	466,414	12.8%	13,308	14.3%	213	13.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates, 2008-2010, B11013