

## Spotlight on Your County

### MECOSTA COUNTY

#### Population/Race/Health Insurance

##### TOTAL POPULATION: 43,259

- Under age 5: **2,080 (4.8%)**
- Age 65+: **7,236 (16.7%)**
- Median age: **36**

##### NO HEALTH INSURANCE

- Total: **3,799 (8.8%)**
- Children: **486 (5.9%)**

##### RACE/ETHNICITY

- White: **39,622 (91.6%)**
- African-American: **1,122 (2.6%)**
- Hispanic or Latino: **895 (2.1%)**
- Asian: **359 (0.8%)**
- American Indian/Alaska Native: **205 (0.5%)**

##### Median Wage by Gender



**\$33,573**



**\$40,034**

Female-to-Male Earnings Ratio: **83.9%**

#### Poverty

Families with children



**23.6%**

Children under age 18



**27.4%**

Single parent (female) family



**51.2%**

POVERTY RATE: **22.6%**



#### Educational Attainment Ages 25 and Older

Less than ninth grade	<b>804</b>	<b>3%</b>
Ninth to twelfth grade, no diploma	<b>2,027</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
High school diploma or GED	<b>9,312</b>	<b>35.2%</b>
Some college, no degree	<b>6,128</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
Associate degree	<b>2,595</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree	<b>3,459</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
Graduate or professional degree	<b>2,157</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

#### LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (AGE 5+)

**450**

**1.1%**



Housing	Median household income	<b>\$41,827</b>	
	Median rent	<b>\$631</b>	
	Number of occupied rental units	<b>3,563</b>	
	Units in which rent is 35%+ of income	<b>1,685</b>	<b>47.3%</b>

Source: American Community Survey Data Profiles (2012-2016 5-Year Estimates)

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