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A monthly newsletter from the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce

Auto-Insurance Reform is Here

As of Thursday, July 2, the new auto insurance reform law will allow drivers to choose from up to six options for PIP coverage, three that will be available to all motorists, with additional options available depending on one's health coverage.

Since 1973, all Michigan automobile insurance policies have had to provide unlimited PIP benefits as part of their No-Fault automobile insurance policy. Several states in the United States have No-Fault requirements, but Michigan was the only state that has required PIP coverage for unlimited medical benefits for the lifetime of an individual whose injuries were a result of an auto accident.

As a result of this requirement, auto insurance costs rose drastically through the years. Michigan is currently ranked 4th in the nation for most expensive auto insurance, and 4th in the nation for percentage of uninsured drivers.

Consult your auto-insurance provider to learn more about the insurance changes, or to review your policy.

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You're Invited! Chamber Summer Swing Tickets On Sale Now!

The Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the new and improved Greater Niles Chamber Summer Swing, a revival of the Chamber's Golf Classic, to be held on Monday, August 17. Mark your calendars for this new event featuring a day out on the beautiful Orchard Hills Country Club golf course, with delicious food and drink and a unique opportunity to connect with fellow business professionals and community leaders from across the greater Niles area.

Register today by visiting www.GreaterNilesChamber.com/Golf.

[More | Register](#)



Construction Continues on Post Office Apartments & New Downtown Commercial Space

Construction continues on the new Post Office Apartments, in downtown Niles, at 322 E Main Street. The project is scheduled for completion in September of 2020 and will feature approximately 3,000 square feet of commercial space for lease.

General Capital Group is now discussing leasing options with interested parties. For more information, contact Jeff Brown at jeff@generalcapitalgroup.com.

[More Information](#)



Southwest Michigan Safe, Sign the Pledge to Reopen Safely

The Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to partner with and support our friends at the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce, in the Southwest Michigan Safe campaign.

The Southwest Michigan Safe campaign seeks to encourage public, private, and nonprofit entities throughout Southwest Michigan to voluntarily pledge to uphold a basic set of health and safety recommendations. Entities that take the pledge are entitled to Southwest Michigan Safe window decals and other visual reinforcement that signifies their commitment to protecting public health. In addition to keeping people safe, the chamber hopes the campaign will increase consumer confidence across the area.

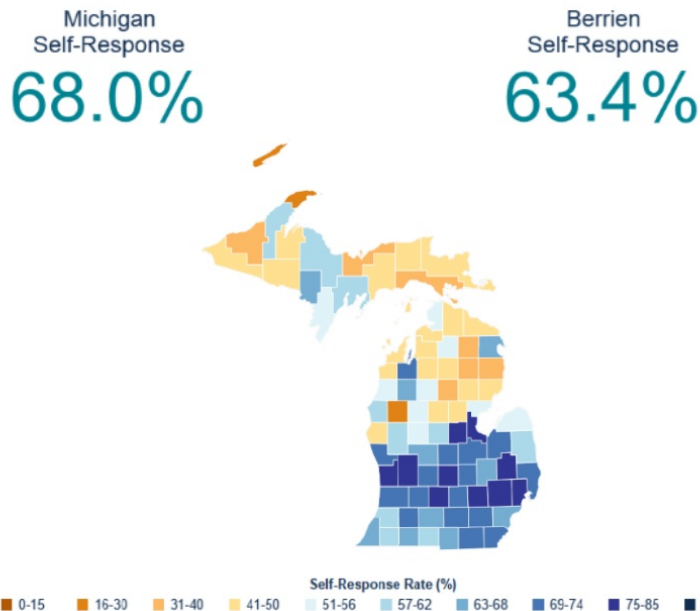
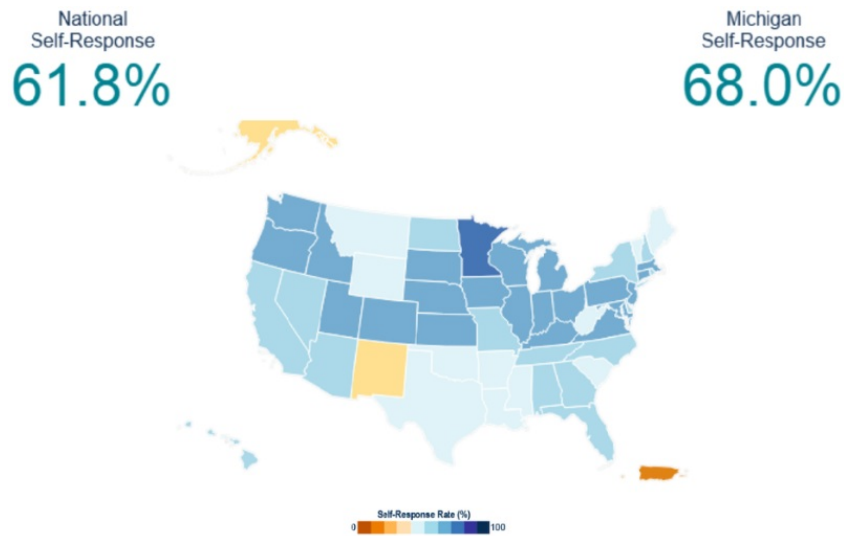
#BeCountedBerrien, Census 2020 Updates

Michigan was the first state in the nation to match its 2010 census self-response rate of 67.7%, and is currently tied for third in the nation with Iowa, for overall self-responses. Michigan's total response rate as of June 29 was 68%, with Berrien County, holding a response rate of about 63.4%.

Getting an accurate count for our community is vital, as the information gathered is used to allocate federal funds for integral programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, education funding for special education, Head Start, and free/reduced school lunches, funding for roads and bridges, and much more.

Support your community by participating in the 2020 census, and talking about the Census with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Help spread the word to #BeCountedBerrien!

One may complete the census online by visiting 2020census.gov or over the phone by calling (844) 330-2020.



(All data and graphics are courtesy of 2020census.gov)

Welcome our New Members!

Please give a warm welcome to the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce's newest members.

Union Coffee House & Cafe is located in the heart of downtown Buchanan, at the corner of Front & Main Street. The cafe opened in 2010 and has been serving high quality food and beverages ever since, featuring specialty coffee and original recipe menu items created in-house. [Learn more.](#)

Veni's Sweet Shop's chocolatiers began their passion for crafting chocolate and candy formulas at the turn of the 19th century. These European traditions were brought to the city of Niles, where Veni's Sweet Shop has been a local landmark ever since. [Learn more.](#)

Swirlyz: With rotating flavors of refreshing frozen yogurt like red velvet and pistachio — and dozens of toppings to choose from, this make-your-own frozen yogurt sundae bar offers the perfect finale to Niles' downtown dining experience. [Learn more.](#)

Gabrizio Italian Café & Bakery: Located on N. 3rd St. inside The Grand LV in downtown Niles, Gabrizio Italian Cafe and Bakery offers a wide array of delectable Italian desserts, coffee, tea and more! Gabrizio also offers sandwiches, salads, and gluten free and vegan options! [Learn more.](#)

Pure Rituals is an Aveda Concept salon located in the heart of downtown Buchanan, that offers an array of hair and additional beauty services. Pure Rituals strives to provide the ultimate guest experience in a proficient and artistic atmosphere. [Learn more.](#)

DPM Events is a production company providing DJ, photo booth, audio/visual, live sound, and lighting services for weddings, corporate events, school events, and live sound events. Since 1995, DPM Events has been providing the best service and cutting edge event technology, all the while providing the absolute best value to customers. [Learn more.](#)

Picker's Paradise: Open 7 days a week, this antique mall has a wide variety of reasonably priced collectibles. If you're looking for home-furnishings, Picker's Paradise will have the perfect items to fit your needs. [Learn more.](#)

COVID-19 Quick Links

[Business Guidance on the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(GNCO\)](#)

[Berrien Reopens](#)

[Southwest Michigan Safe](#)

[SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus \(SBA\)](#)

[Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers \(CDC\)](#)

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