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Population

Barry County

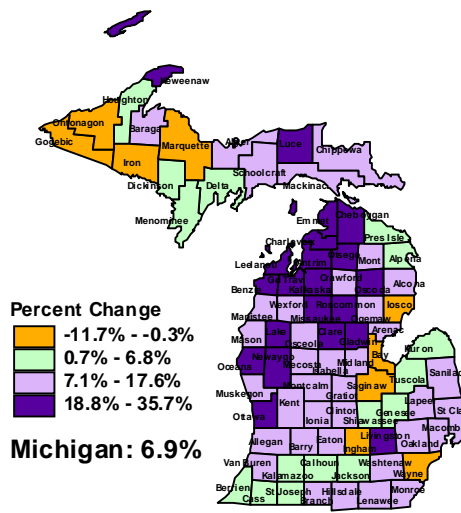
Population Change from 1990 to 2000
Number Change

Thornapple 1,459	Irving 777	Carlton 264	Woodland 104
Yankee Springs 1,242	Rutland 849	Hastings 100	Castleton 96
Orangeville 441	Hope 290	Baltimore 144	Maple Grove 73
Prairieville -234	Barry 299	Johnstown 135	Assyria 113

Percent Change

- 6.9%
- 2.8% - 6.3%
- 8.3% - 15.3%
- 27.9% - 41.7%

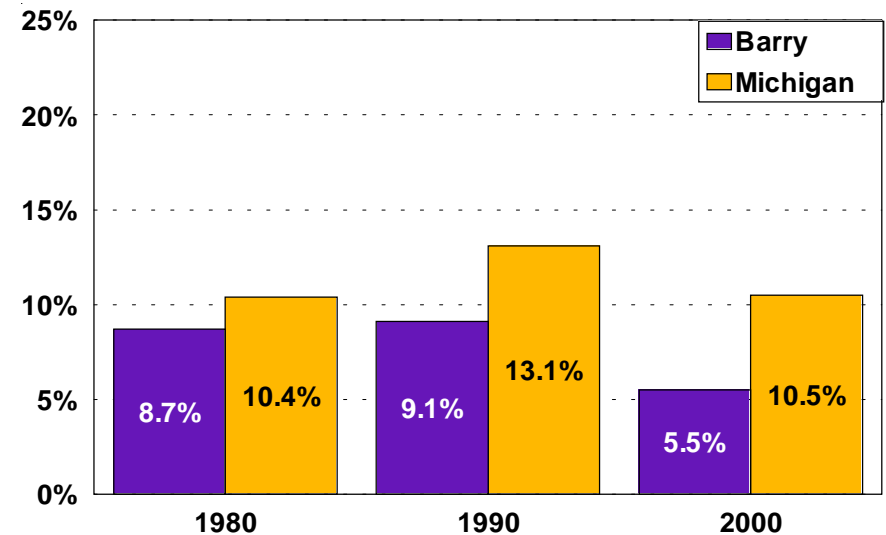
- ◆ Barry County had 56,755 people in 2000, ranking as the 34th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 6,698 persons, or 13.4% since 1990.
- ◆ Yankee Springs Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 41.7 percent. Thornapple Township showed the largest number gain of 1,459 people.
- ◆ There were 716 live births in Barry in 2000, of which 59 were to mothers age 19 and under, 582 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 75 to mothers age 35 and over.
- ◆ Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

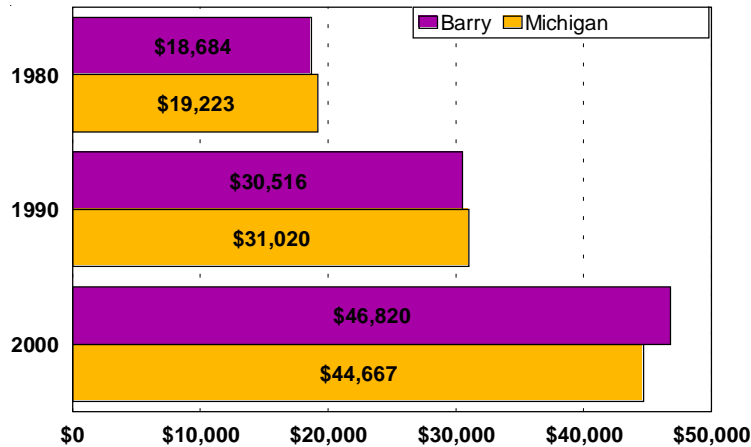
- ◆ In 2000, 3,089 persons in Barry County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 4,455 persons in 1990.
- ◆ The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,603. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- ◆ Though poverty rates for most groups were down in 2000 compared to 1990, female-headed families with related children still experienced very high rates. In Barry County, 60 female-headed families with children under age 5 were below poverty, a rate of 30.7 percent.
- ◆ Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 998 kids (ages 0-17) in Barry County were below the poverty level in 2000. This represents one child in fifteen. In 1990, 1,610 kids were poor.
- ◆ The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 2000 was 5.9 percent. This was down from the previous two decades when the rate was 8.7 percent (1990) and 10.3 percent (1980).

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- ◆ Between 1990 and 2000, households in Barry County experienced an increase in real median income of 18.2 percent, from \$39,606 to \$46,820. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- ◆ Compared to other Michigan counties, Barry County ranked 11th in 2000 in median household income.
- ◆ Michigan leads most other Mid-West states in median household income at \$44,467 ranking 3rd among the 12 states in the region. Nationally, we rank in the top third. The U.S. median income was \$41,994.
- ◆ PerCapita income in Barry County in 1998 was \$24,650, compared to \$19,889 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 23.9 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution in 2000

	\$0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000+
Barry	21.5%	32.5%	24.5%	21.6%
Michigan	26.5%	28.9%	20.6%	24.1%

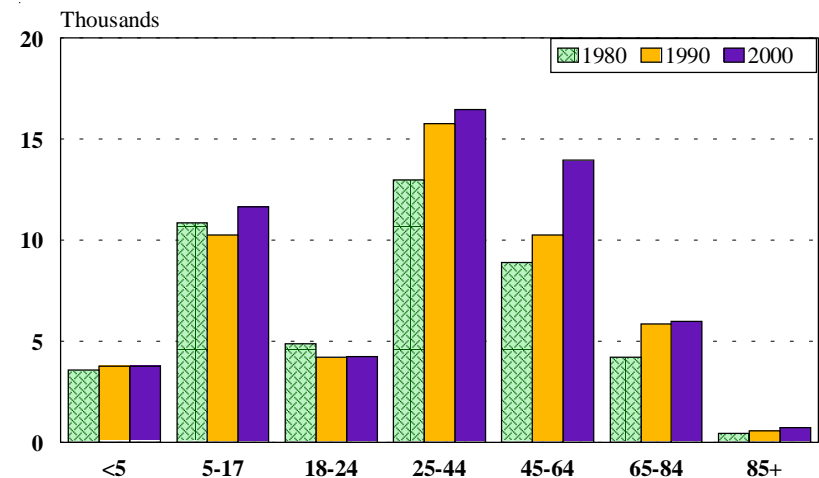
Age

The median age of Barry residents continues to go up:

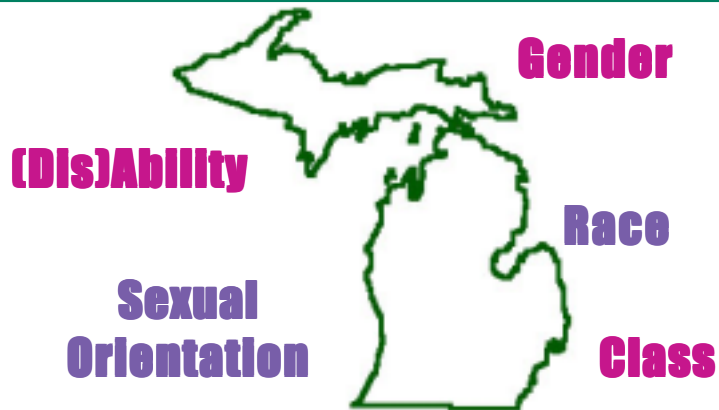
	1980	1990	2000
Barry	30.0	33.8	36.9
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- ◆ Of the 56,755 people who lived in Barry in 2000, 61.0 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 39.0 percent included 6.6 percent children under the age of 5, 20.5 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 11.8 percent over the age of 65.
- ◆ The fastest growing age group is the 45 to 64 year-olds, which includes the oldest of the “baby boomers.” This group grew by 3,706 or 36.2 percent since 1990.
- ◆ “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 859 or 14.7 percent since 1990. One in eight Barry residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Barry County



Multiculturalism



- ◆ In 2000, Barry County's population included 28,334 males and 28,421 females, or 49.9 percent and 50.1 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- ◆ Of the 21,035 households living in Barry County in 2000, 18,048 or 85.8 percent owned their own home and 2,987 or 14.2 percent rented. For Michigan, the rate of home ownership was 73.8 percent and 26.2 percent rented.
- ◆ Six to ten percent of the U.S. population are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered persons according to the *Cultural Diversity Sourcebook*.
- ◆ One out of five Michigan citizens, approximately two million people, experience a disability according to the Michigan Centers for Independent Living.

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin: 2000

	Barry County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	54,795	96.5	78.6
Black*	137	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	241	0.4	0.5
Asian*	151	0.3	1.8
Other*	51	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	549	1.0	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	831	1.5	3.3

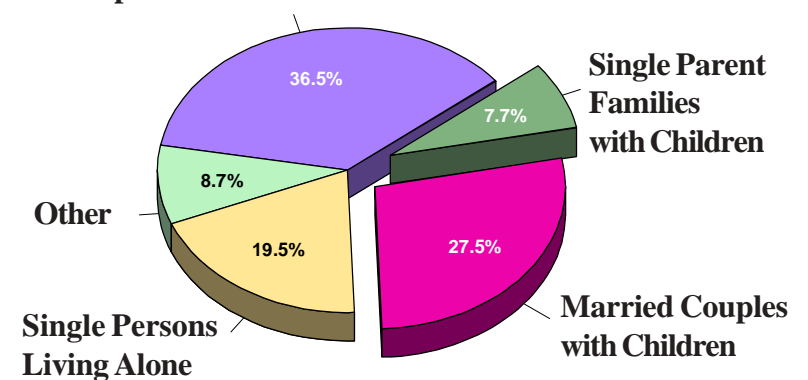
* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

- ◆ There were 21,035 households in Barry County in 2000 with an average size of 2.7 persons and 15,994 families with an average family size of 3.1 persons.
- ◆ There were 457 marriages in Barry County during 2000, up from 1990 when 408 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- ◆ The divorce rate in Barry County in 1990 was 9.7 when 242 divorces occurred. In 2000, the rate was 10.9 when 298 marriages ended in divorce.
- ◆ In 2000, 36,922 Michigan children were impacted by divorce of their parents. These numbers have declined since 1976 when Michigan reached a peak of 49,555 children involved in divorce.
- ◆ 372 grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in Barry County in 2000, representing 50.2 percent of all grandparents living with their own grandchildren.
- ◆ In 2000, 2,703 children in Barry County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 18.0 percent of all children in Barry. In Michigan, 25.1 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

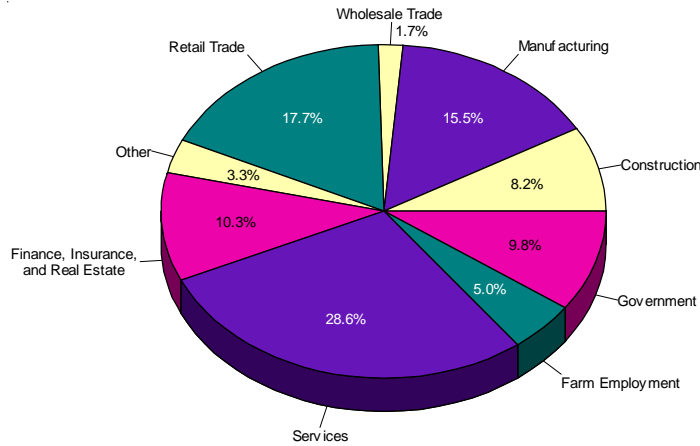
Types of Households in Barry County

Married Couples without Children



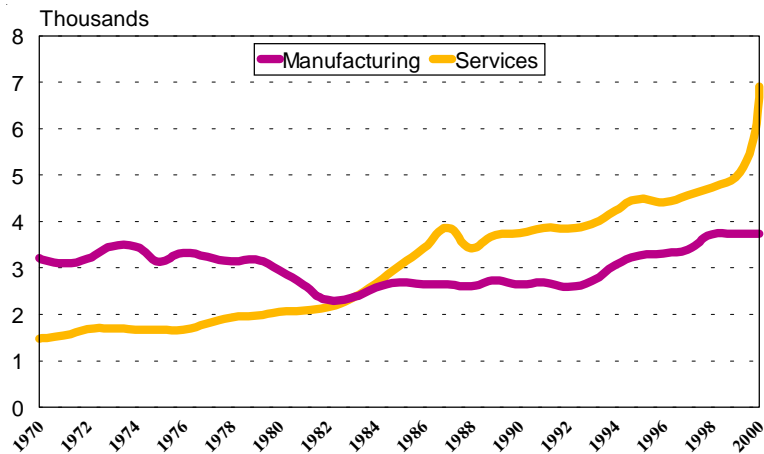
2000 Census of Population and Housing

2000 Employment by Industry in Barry County



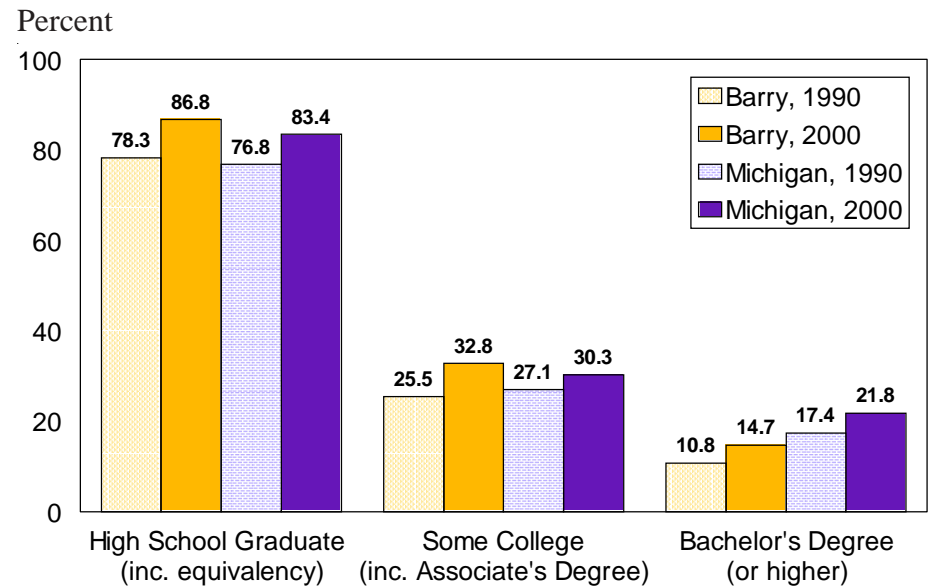
- ◆ The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Barry from 14,477 in 1990 to 24,191 in 2000, a 67.1 percent increase.
- ◆ The services industry saw the largest number gain since 1990, adding 3,164 jobs. The finance, insurance, and real estate industry had the largest percentage increase at 136.2 percent, adding 1,441 jobs.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



- ◆ High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1990 to 2000 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.5 percentage points in Barry County and 6.6 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- ◆ Barry County lags behind Michigan for those persons age 25 and over with a college degree. In 2000, 21.8 percent in Michigan had a college degree; in Barry County the rate was 14.7 percent. Barry ranks 39th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- ◆ 254 teenagers age 16 to 19 in Barry County were not enrolled in school and not high school graduates for a rate of 8.1 percent. This compares with a Michigan rate of 8.7 percent and a national rate of 9.8 percent.

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



Where Barry County Residents Work

Barry County residents who worked in their own county:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	10,973	9,257	8,824
Percent	40.8	41.9	51.4

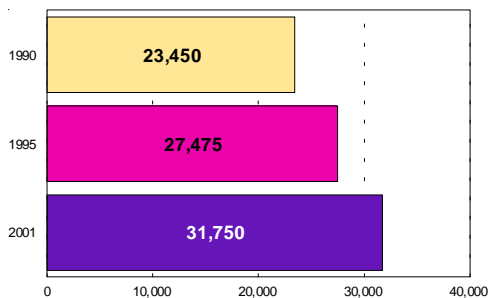
Barry County residents who worked outside their own county, but in Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	15,786	12,720	8,246
Percent	58.6	57.6	48.1

Barry County residents who worked outside Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	162	104	85
Percent	0.6	0.5	0.5

- ◆ 75.6 percent of all Barry County women with school age children were in the labor force in 2000, over 3 percentage points higher than in 1990. 66.1 percent of women with children under the age of six were working in 2000, compared to 61.4 percent in 1990.
- ◆ The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Barry's labor force has grown from 25,075 in 1990 to 34,025 in 2000.
- ◆ 78.9 percent of Barry's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 66.8 percent in 1990.

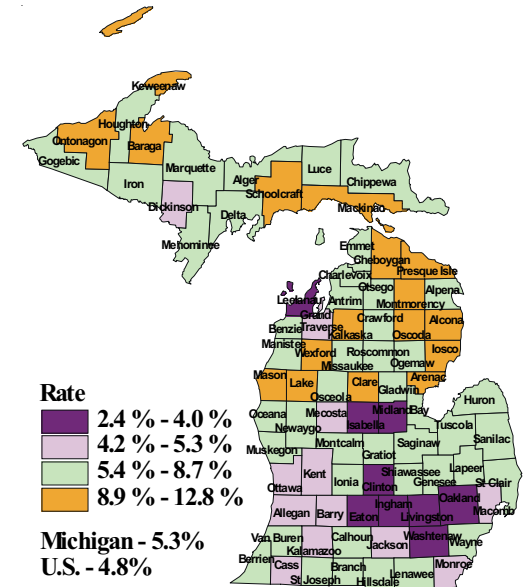


Total Number of Barry County Persons Employed

- ◆ In 1990, 93.5 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 96.9 percent employed.

2001 Unemployment Rate

- ◆ Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2001, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- ◆ Barry County's annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 4.3 percent, compared to 3.1 percent in 2000 and 6.4 percent in 1990. 1,425 people were unemployed in 2001, compared to 1,600 in 1990.
- ◆ Michigan experienced high unemployment rates during the early '90s. In 1994 for the first time Michigan's rate was lower than the U.S. rate.



Unemployment Rate: 1980 - 2001

