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# *A portrait of* **Bay County**



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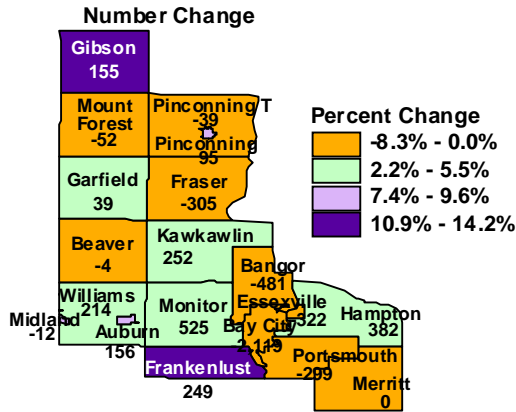
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# Population

## Bay County

Change from 1990 to 2000

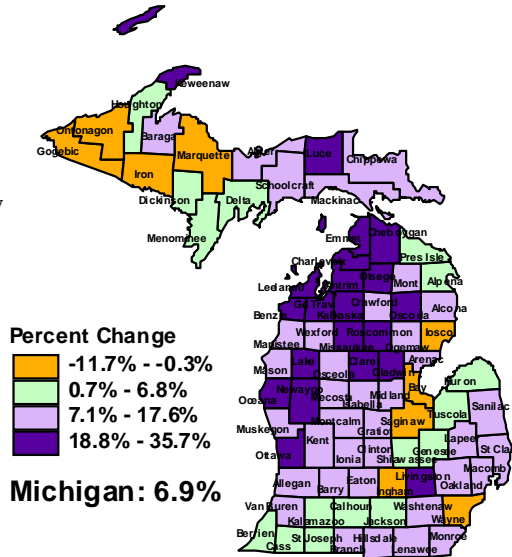


Bay County had 110,157 people in 2000, ranking as the 18th most populous county in Michigan. The population decreased by 1,566 persons, or 1.4 % since 1990.

Gibson Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 14.2 percent. Monitor Township showed the largest number gain of 525 people.

There were 1,338 live births in Bay in 1998, of which 183 were to mothers age 19 and under, 986 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 169 to mothers age 35 and over.

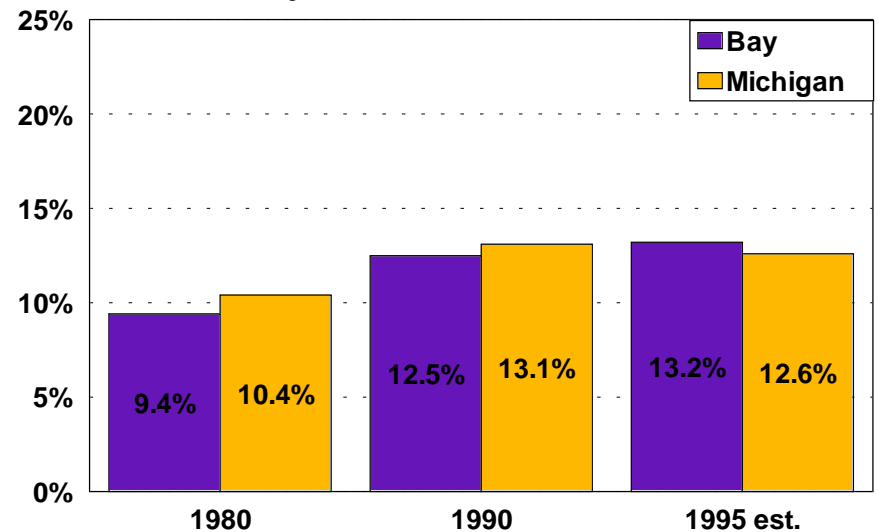
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

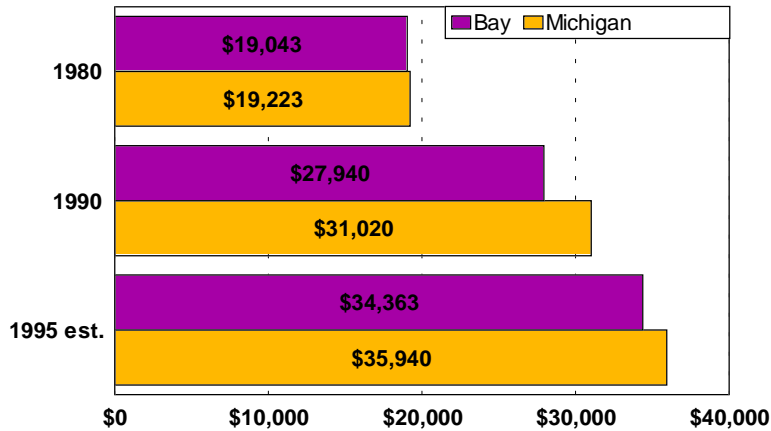
- In 1995, 14,724 persons in Bay County were below the poverty line, increasing from 13,840 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Bay County ranked 15th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 41st on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 5,938 kids (ages 0-17) in Bay County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 5,091 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 10.7 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 14.2 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Bay County experienced an increase in real median income of 5.5 percent, from \$32,579 to \$34,363. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Bay County ranked 30th in 1995 in median household income.
- Michigan leads most other Mid-West states in median household income at \$38,127 (1996 est.) ranking 4th among the 12 states in the region. Nationally, we rank in the top third. The U.S. median income was \$35,492.
- Per Capita income in Bay County in 1998 was \$24,458, compared to \$21,224 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 15.2 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Bay County</b>	<b>45.6%</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

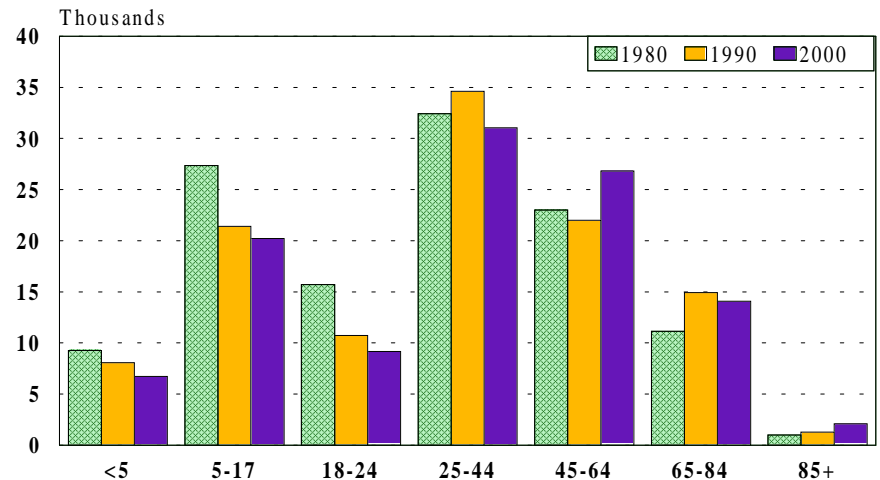
# Age

## The Median age of Bay residents continues to go up:

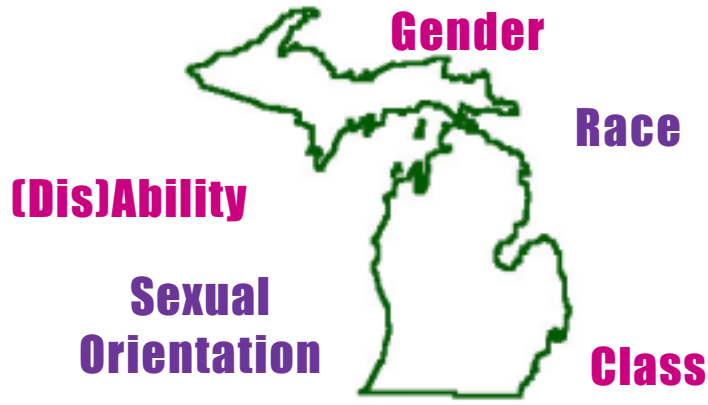
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Bay</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>38.4</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- Of the 110,157 people who lived in Bay in 2000, 60.9 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 39.1 percent included 6.1 percent children under the age of 5, 18.4 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 14.7 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 4,824 or 21.9 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 1,245 or 8.3 percent since 1990. One in seven Bay residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Bay County



# Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Bay County's population included 53,517 males and 56,640 females, or 48.6 percent and 51.4 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 43,930 households living in Bay County in 2000, 34,837 or 79.3 percent owned their own home and 9,093 or 20.7 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

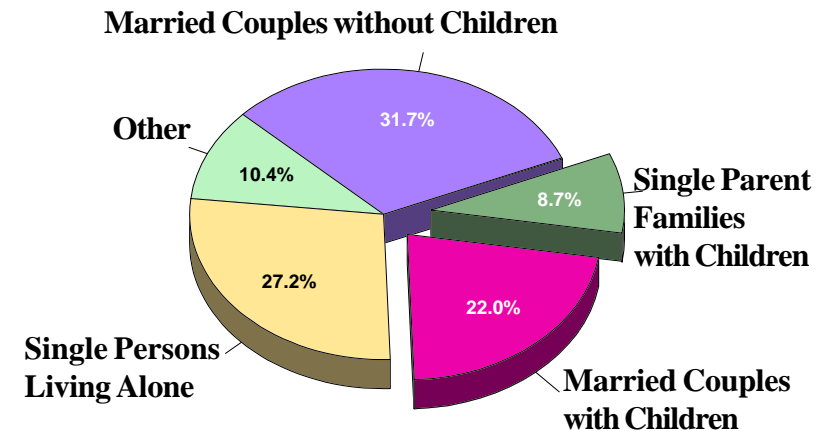
	Bay County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	102,119	92.7	78.6
Black*	1,343	1.2	14.1
American Indian*	512	0.5	0.5
Asian*	522	0.5	1.8
Others*	62	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	1,291	1.2	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	4,308	3.9	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

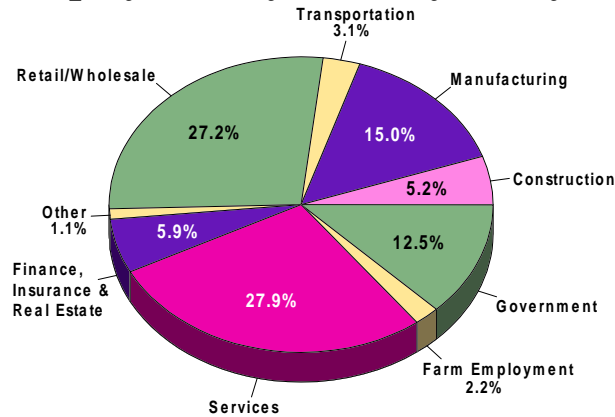
- There were 750 marriages in Bay County during 1998, down from 1990 when 968 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid '70s, to age 28 for males and 26 for females in 1998.
- 65.1 percent of all marriages in Michigan in 1998 were first marriages, down from 66.8 percent a decade earlier.
- The divorce rate in Bay County in 1990 was 7.6 when 425 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 8.6 when 473 marriages ended in divorce.
- In 1998, 37,210 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.
- In 1990, 5,638 children in Bay County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 19.2 percent of all children in Bay. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

## Types of Households in Bay County



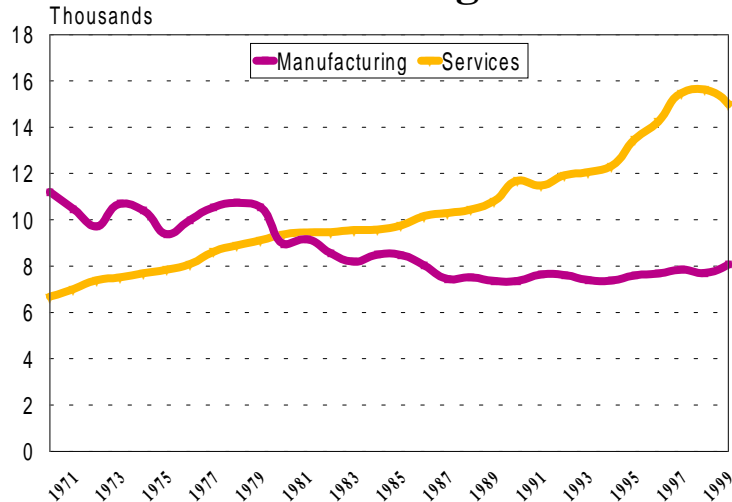
2000 Census of Population and Housing

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Bay County



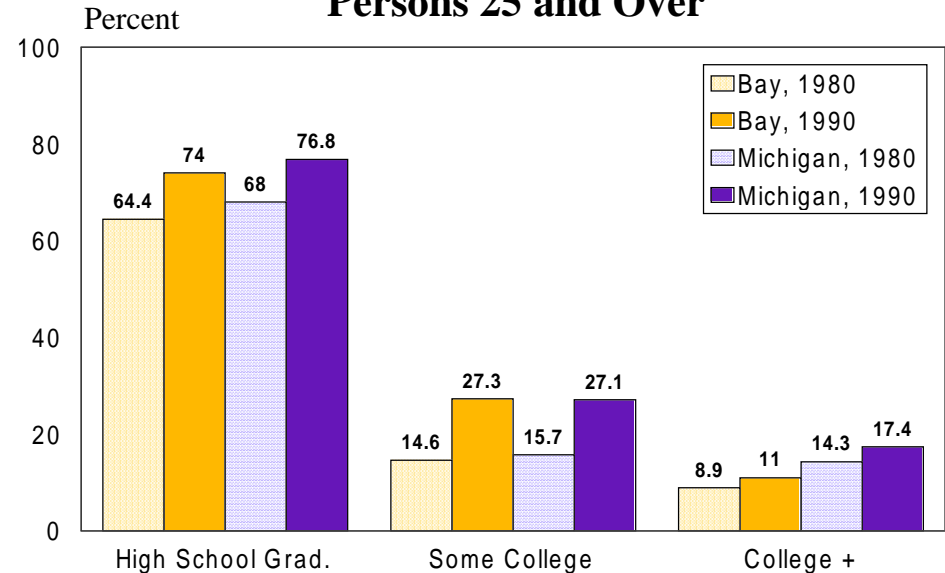
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Bay from 46,278 in 1990 to 53,698 in 1999, a 16.0 percent increase.
- .. The Services industry accounted for 27.9% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 0.7 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 28.2 percent since 1990.

## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

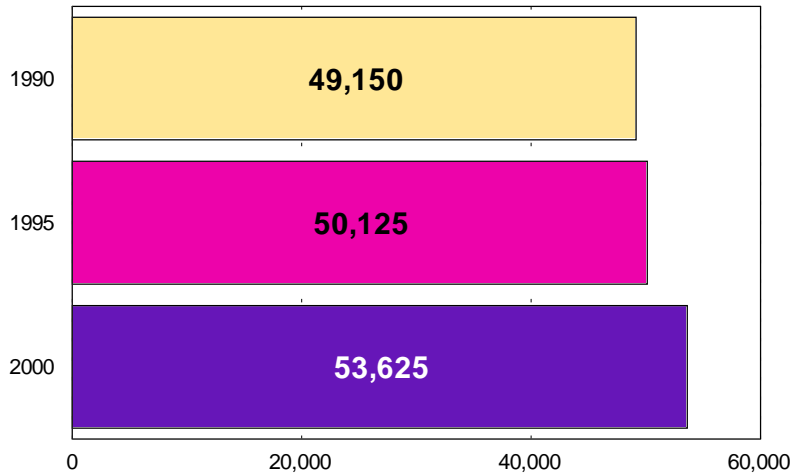


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 9.6 percentage points in Bay County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Bay County lags behind Michigan for those persons age 25 and over with a college degree. In 1990, 17.4 percent in Michigan had a college degree; in Bay County the rate was 11.0 percent. Bay ranks 43 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 239 students dropped out of high school in Bay County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 4.6 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 324 students dropped out (5.8 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



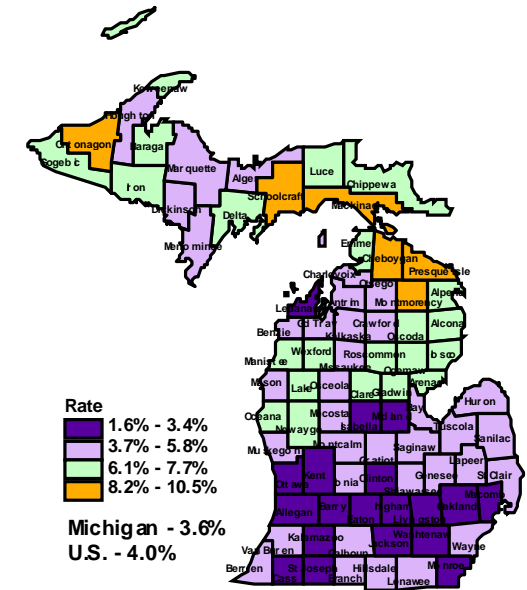
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Bay County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Bay's labor force has grown from 53,575 in 1990 to 55,950 in 2000.
- In 1990, 91.7 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 95.8 percent employed.
- 64.7 percent of Bay's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 62.6 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-two percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 16 percentage points higher than in 1980. Nearly six out of ten women with children under age six were in the work force in 1990, compared to four out of ten in 1980.

## 2000 Unemployment Rate

- Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2000, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- Bay County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 4.2 percent, compared to 4.8 percent in 1999 and 8.2 percent in 1990. 2,350 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 4,400 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 - 2000

