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## *A portrait of* **Chippewa County**



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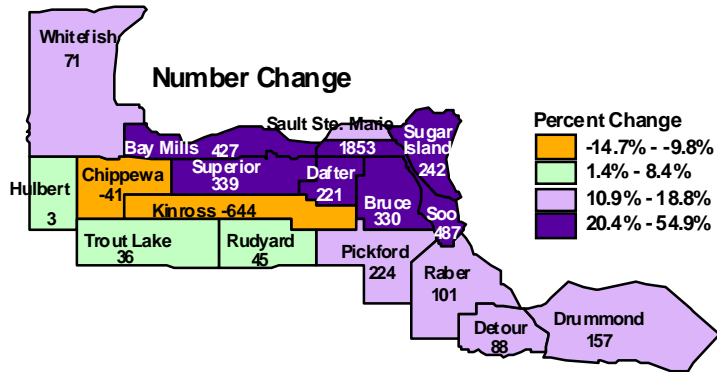
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# Population

## Chippewa County

Change from 1990 to 2000

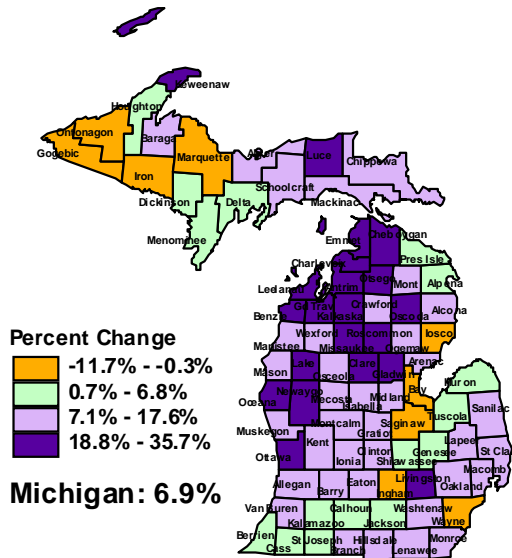


Chippewa County had 38,543 people in 2000, ranking as the 42nd most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 3,939 persons, or 11.4% since 1990.

Sugar Island Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 54.9 percent. Sault Ste. Marie showed the largest number gain of 1,853 people.

There were 394 live births in Chippewa in 1998, of which 57 were to mothers age 19 and under, 294 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 42 to mothers age 35 and over.

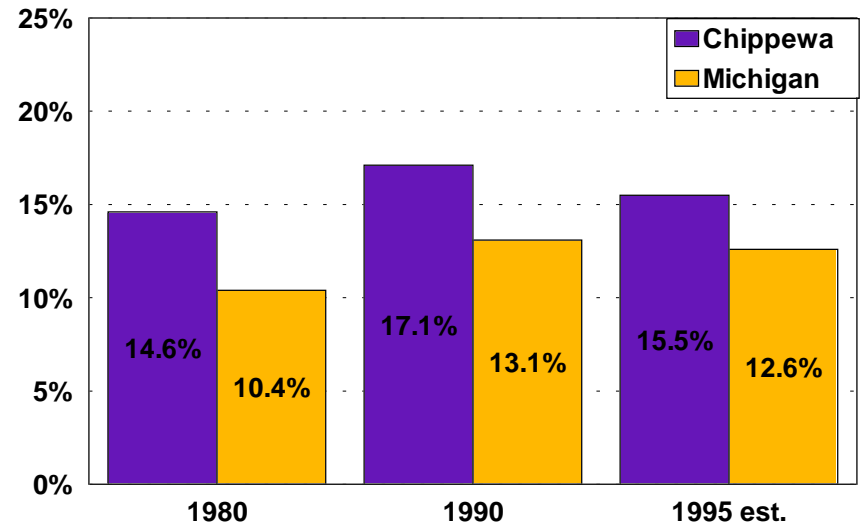
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

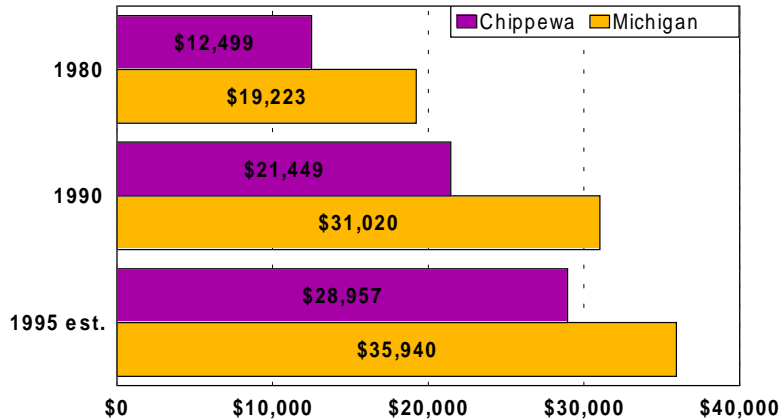
- In 1995, 5,034 persons in Chippewa County were below the poverty line, virtually no change from 5,035 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Chippewa County ranked 41st among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 21st on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 1,773 kids (ages 0-17) in Chippewa County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 1,666 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 14.9 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 18.8 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Chippewa County experienced an increase in real median income of 15.8 percent, from \$25,010 to \$28,957. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Chippewa County ranked 57th 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 Chippewa County in 1998 was \$17,008, compared to \$14,896 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 14.2 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Chippewa County</b>	<b>57.3%</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

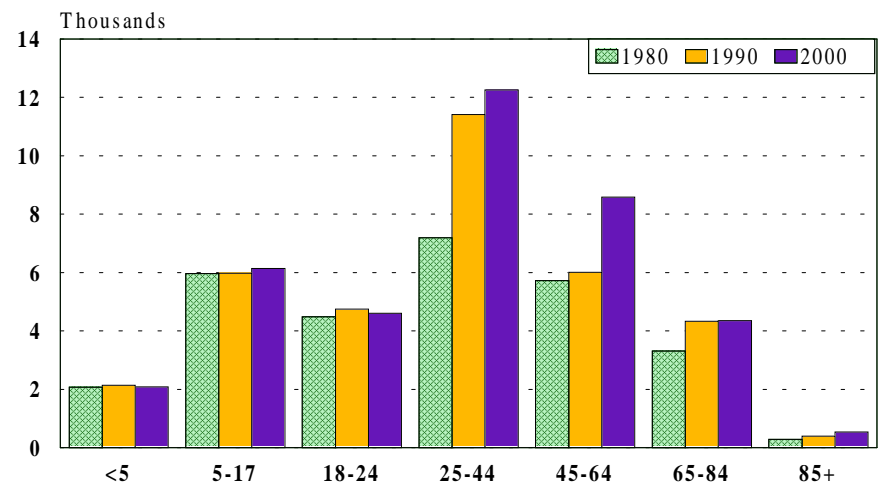
# Age

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

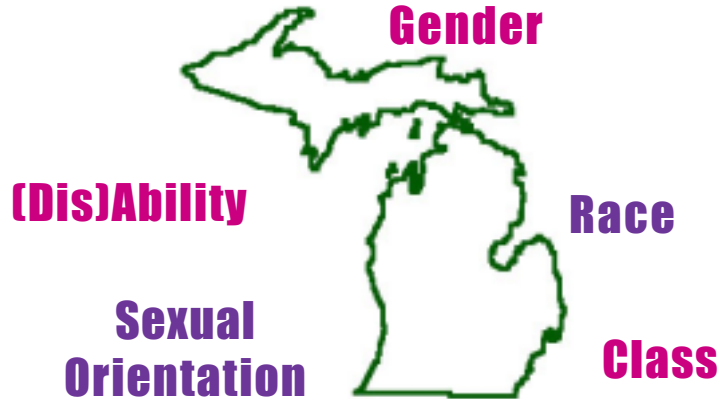
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Chippewa</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>36.2</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- Of the 38,543 people who lived in Chippewa in 2000, 66.0 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 34.0 percent included 5.4 percent children under the age of 5, 15.9 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 12.7 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 2,579 or 42.9 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 555 or 12.8 percent since 1990. One in eight Chippewa residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Chippewa County



# Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Chippewa County's population included 21,450 males and 17,093 females, or 55.7 percent and 44.3 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 13,474 households living in Chippewa County in 2000, 9,965 or 74.0 percent owned their own home and 3,509 or 26.0 percent rented. For Michigan, the rate of home ownership was 71.0 percent and those renting 29.0 percent.
- 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

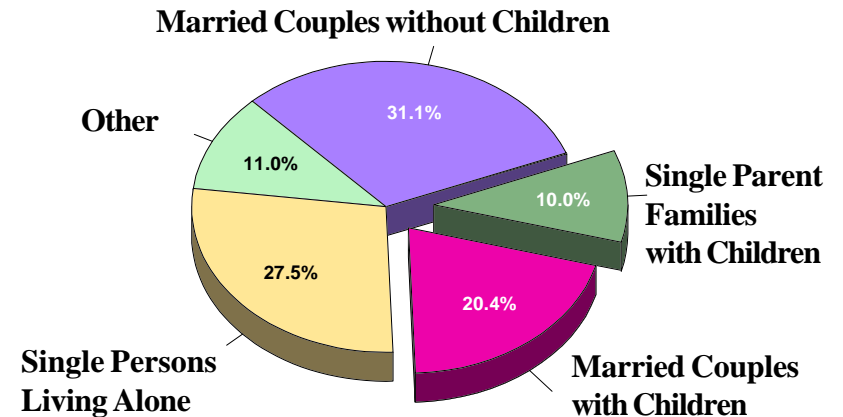
	Chippewa County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	28,987	75.2	78.6
Black*	2,088	5.4	14.1
American Indian*	5,041	13.1	0.5
Asian*	174	0.5	1.8
Other*	35	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	1,619	4.2	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	599	1.6	3.3

\* Not Hispanic

# Households & Families

- There were 279 marriages in Chippewa County during 1998, down from 1990 when 331 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 Chippewa County in 1990 was 7.7 when 134 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.0 when 132 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, 1,632 children in Chippewa County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 20.2 percent of all children in Chippewa. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

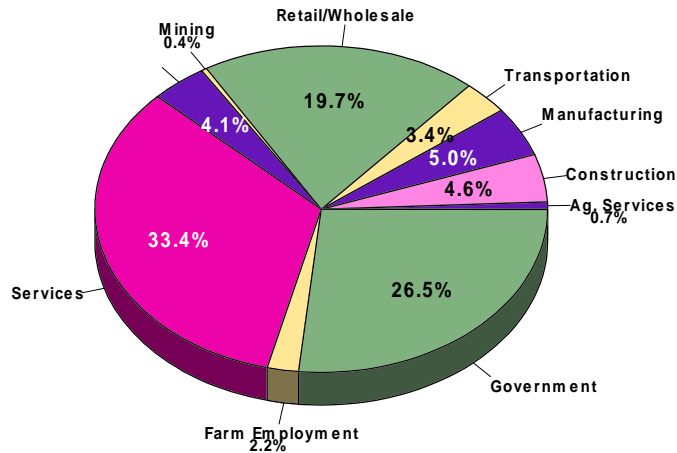
## Types of Households in Chippewa County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

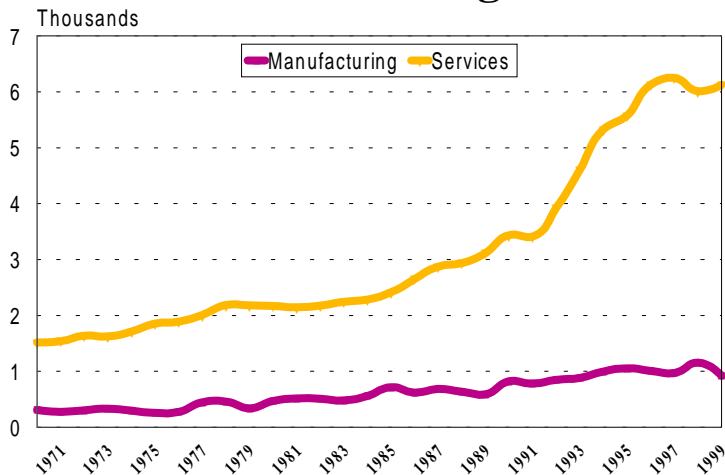
# Employment

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Chippewa County



- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Chippewa from 14,466 in 1990 to 18,334 in 1999, a 26.7 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 33.4% of all employment in 1999, leading Government by 6.9 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 78.2 percent since 1990.

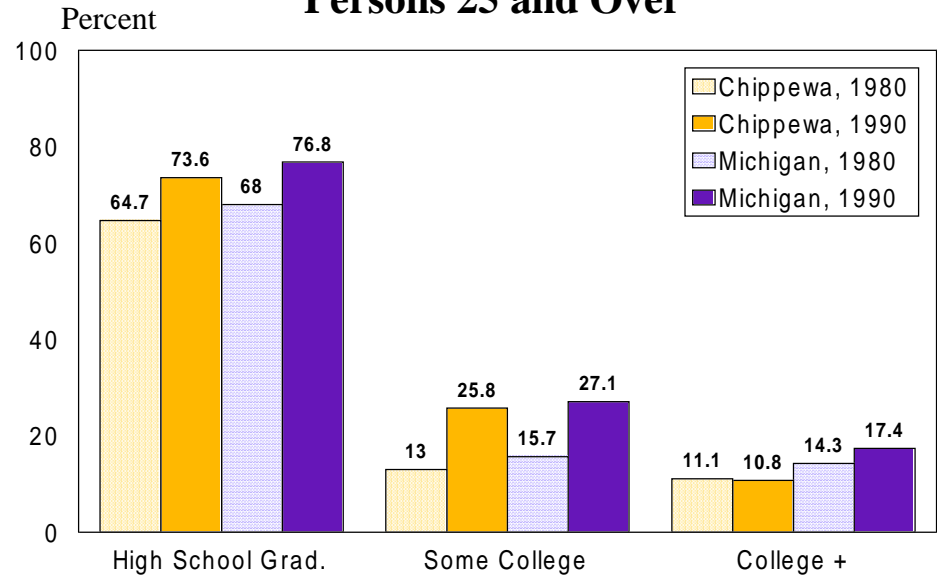
## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



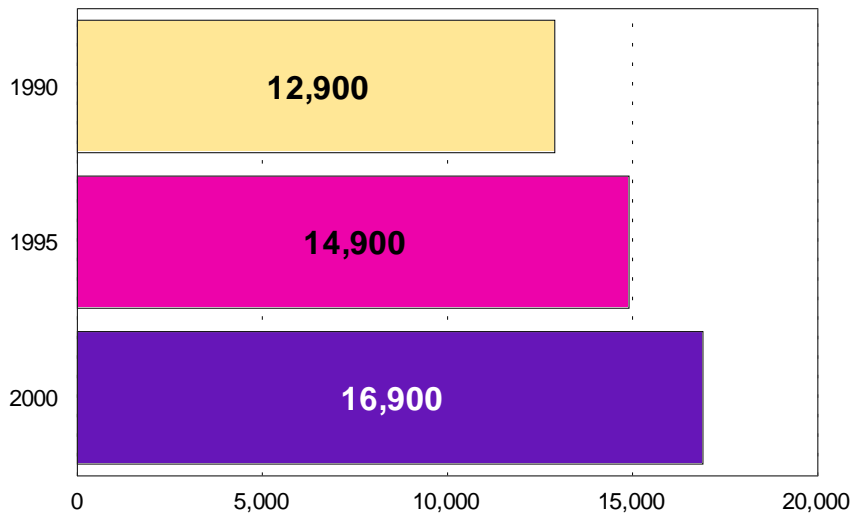
# Education

- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.9 percentage points in Chippewa 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.
- Chippewa 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 Chippewa County the rate was 10.8 percent. Chippewa ranks 47 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 55 students dropped out of high school in Chippewa County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.5 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 91 students dropped out (5.8 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



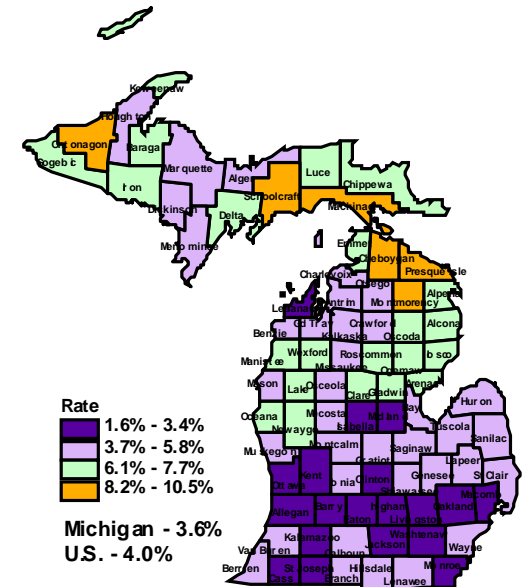
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Chippewa County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Chippewa's labor force has grown from 14,600 in 1990 to 18,150 in 2000.
- In 1990, 88.4 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 93.1 percent employed.
- 57.9 percent of Chippewa's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 53.4 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 nearly 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.
- Chippewa County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 7.0 percent, compared to 7.2 percent in 1999 and 11.7 percent in 1990. 1,250 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 1,700 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

