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## *A portrait of* **Clinton County**



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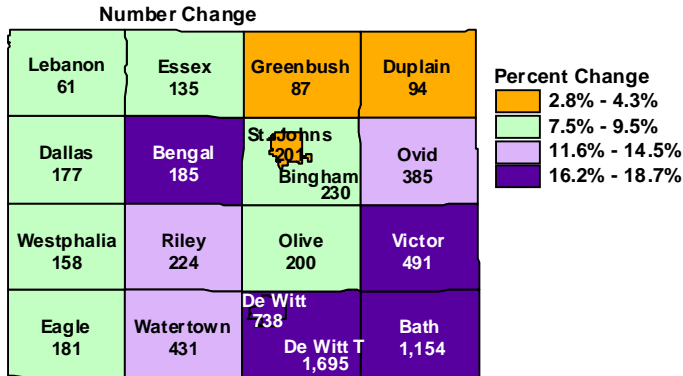
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# Population

## Clinton County

Change from 1990 to 2000

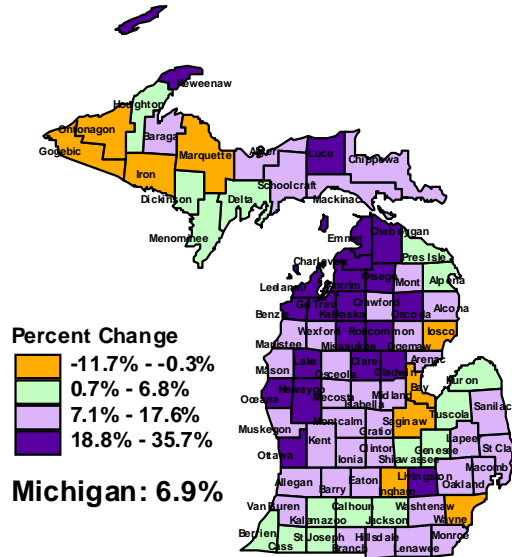


Clinton County had 64,753 people in 2000, ranking as the 27th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 6,870 persons, or 11.9% since 1990.

Bengal Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 18.7 percent. DeWitt Township showed the largest number gain of 1,695 people.

There were 804 live births in Clinton in 1998, of which 51 were to mothers age 19 and under, 644 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 109 to mothers age 35 and over.

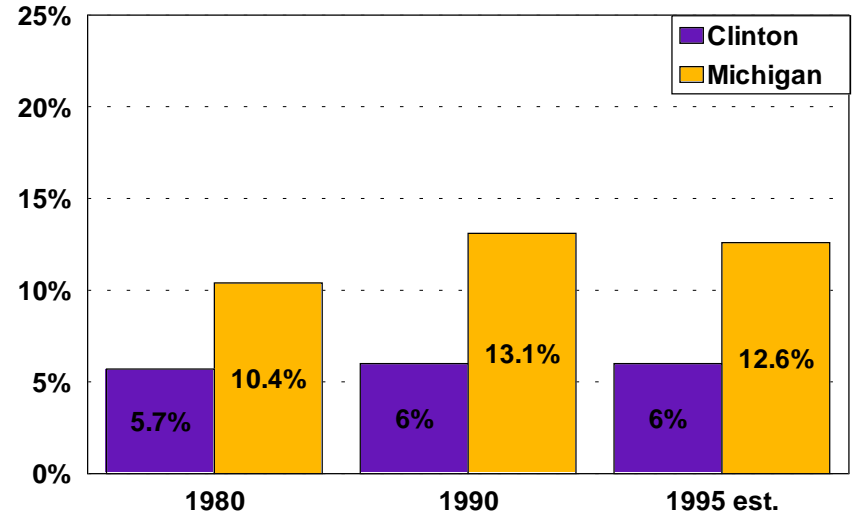
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

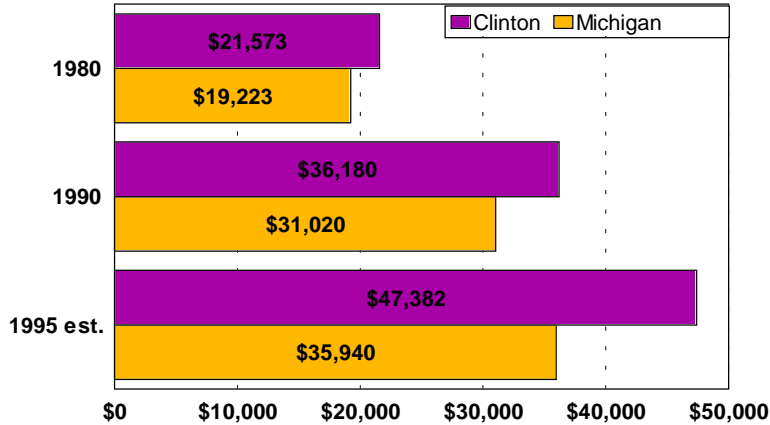
- In 1995, 3,785 persons in Clinton County were below the poverty line, increasing from 3,458 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Clinton County ranked 53rd among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 81st on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 1,497 kids (ages 0-17) in Clinton County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in twelve. In 1990, 1,214 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 9.0 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 12.2 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Clinton County experienced an increase in real median income of 12.3 percent, from \$42,187 to \$47,382. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Clinton County ranked 4th 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 Clinton County in 1998 was \$24,310, compared to \$20,583 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), an 18.1 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Clinton County</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>39.0%</b>	<b>29.8%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

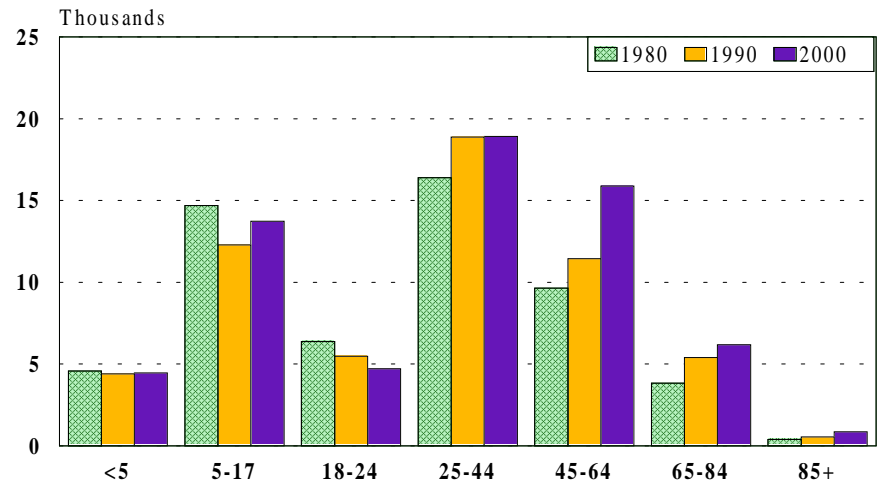
# Age

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

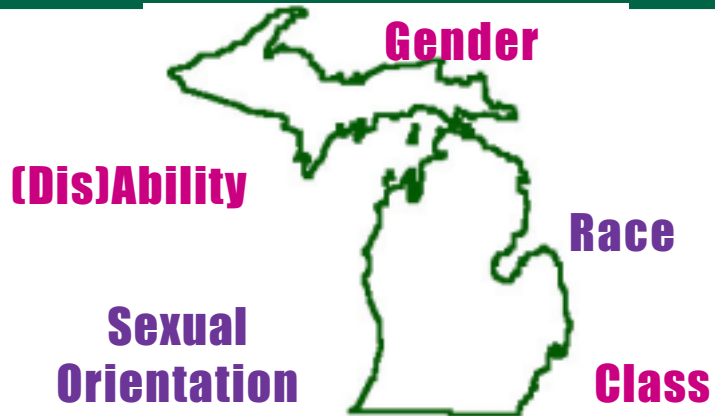
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Clinton</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>36.7</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- Of the 64,753 people who lived in Clinton in 2000, 61.0 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 39.0 percent included 6.9 percent children under the age of 5, 21.2 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 10.9 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 4,440 or 38.8 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 1,023 or 19.0 percent since 1990. One in ten Clinton residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Clinton County



# Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Clinton County's population included 32,194 males and 32,559 females, or 49.7 percent and 50.3 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 23,653 households living in Clinton County in 2000, 20,173 or 85.3 percent owned their own home and 3,480 or 14.7 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

	Clinton County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	61,416	94.8	78.6
Black*	401	0.6	14.1
American Indian*	262	0.4	0.5
Asian*	333	0.5	1.8
Other*	59	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	594	0.9	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	1,688	2.6	3.3

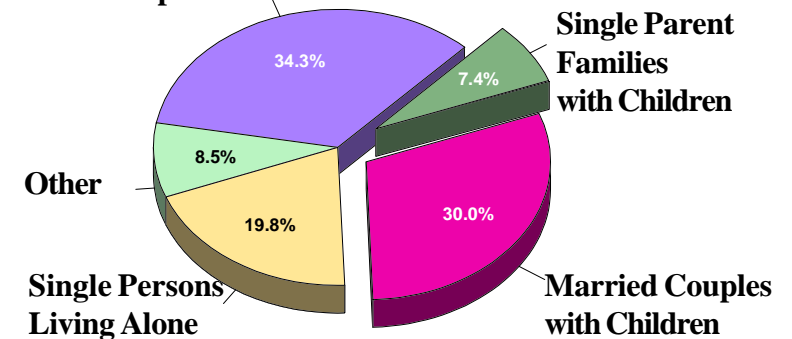
\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

- There were 404 marriages in Clinton County during 1998, down from 1990 when 495 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 Clinton County in 1990 was 8.3 when 242 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.6 when 241 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, 2,120 children in Clinton County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 12.7 percent of all children in Clinton. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

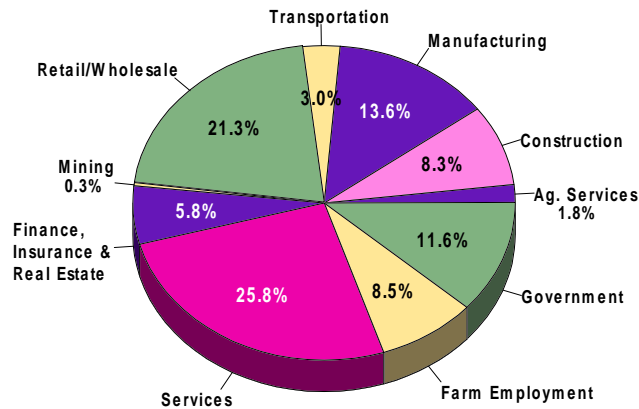
## Types of Households in Clinton County

### Married Couples without Children



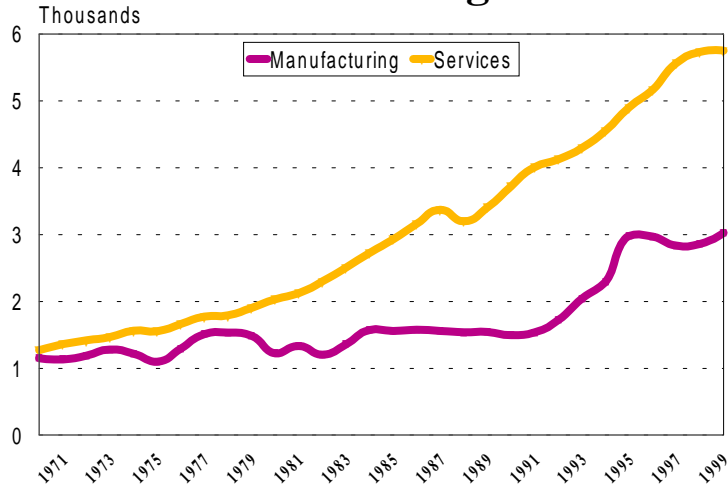
2000 Census of Population and Housing

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Clinton County



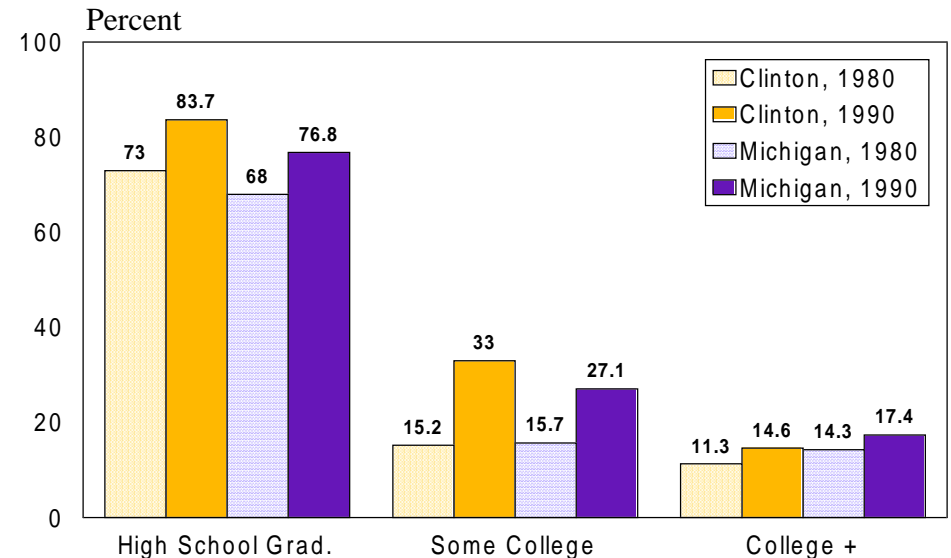
- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Clinton from 16,511 in 1990 to 22,284 in 1999, a 35.0 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 25.8% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 4.5 percentage points. Jobs in Manufacturing have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 102.6 percent since 1990.

### Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

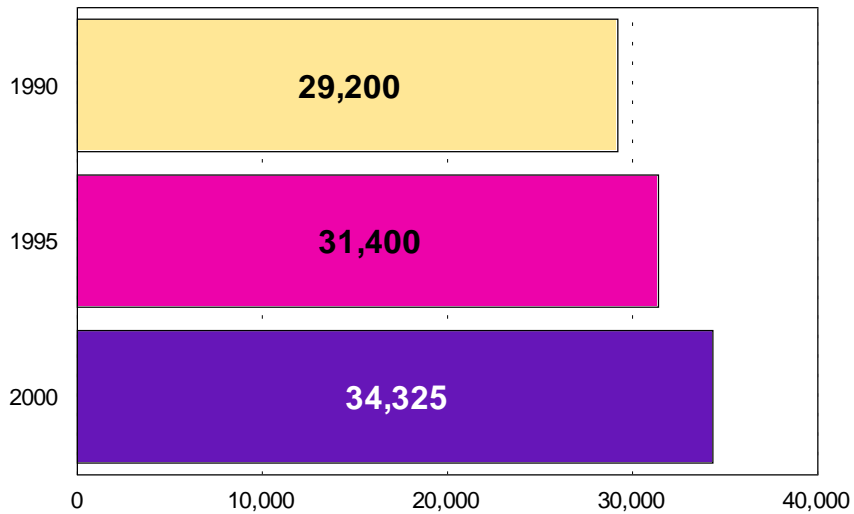


- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 10.7 percentage points in Clinton County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- Clinton 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 Clinton County the rate was 14.6 percent. Clinton ranks 20th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 95 students dropped out of high school in Clinton County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.1 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 47 students dropped out (1.7 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



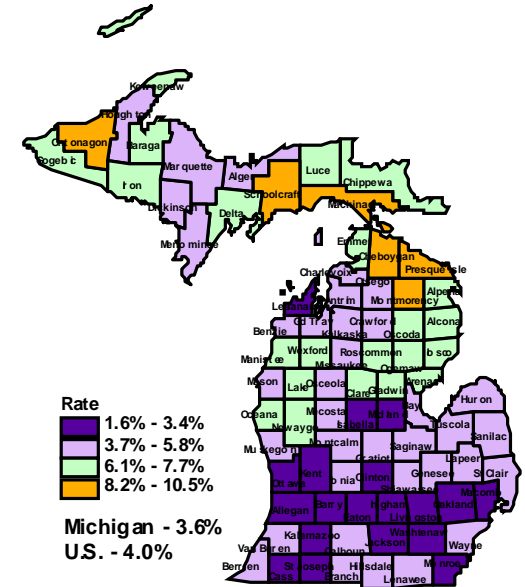
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Clinton County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Clinton's labor force has grown from 31,250 in 1990 to 35,075 in 2000.
- In 1990, 93.4 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 97.9 percent employed.
- 72.0 percent of Clinton's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 72.6 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-five percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 12 percentage points higher than in 1980. Nearly seven 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.
- Clinton County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 2.1 percent, compared to 2.3 percent in 1999 and 6.6 percent in 1990. 750 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 2,050 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

