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# ***A portrait of*** **Crawford County**



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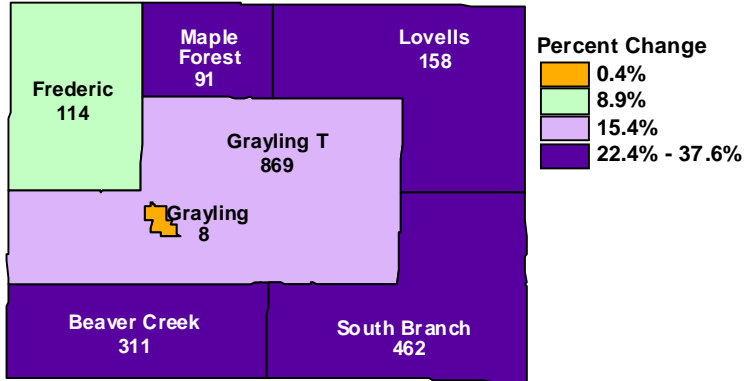
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# Population

## Crawford County

Change from 1990 to 2000

Number Change

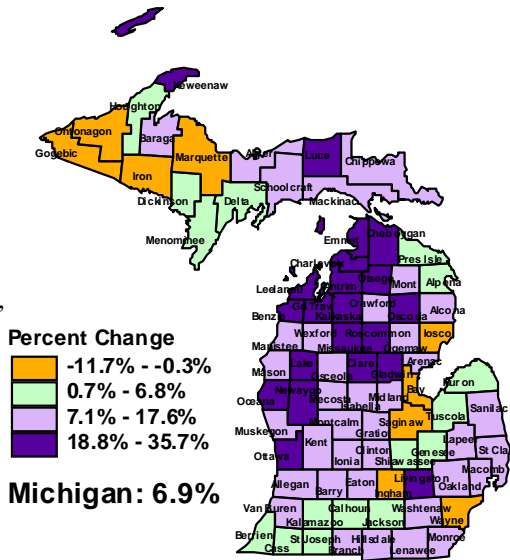


Crawford County had 14,273 people in 2000, ranking as the 71st most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 2,013 persons, or 16.4% since 1990.

Lovells Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 37.6 percent. Grayling Township showed the largest number gain of 869 people.

There were 141 live births in Crawford in 1998, of which 24 were to mothers age 19 and under, 104 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 13 to mothers age 35 and over.

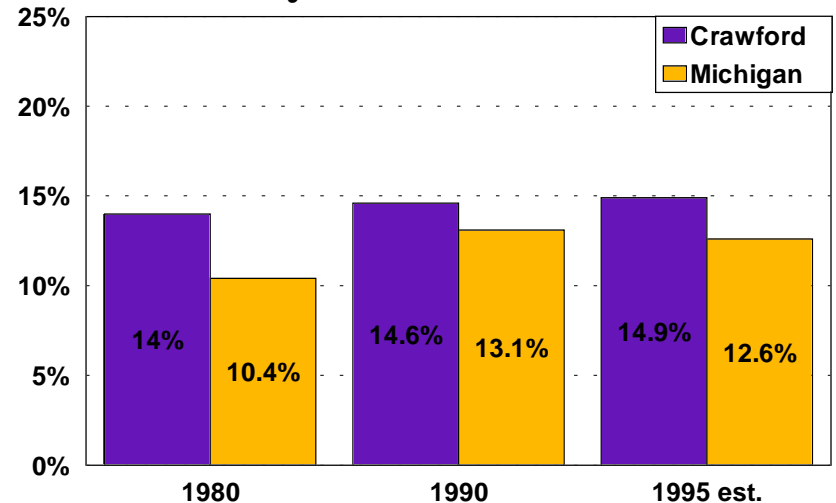
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



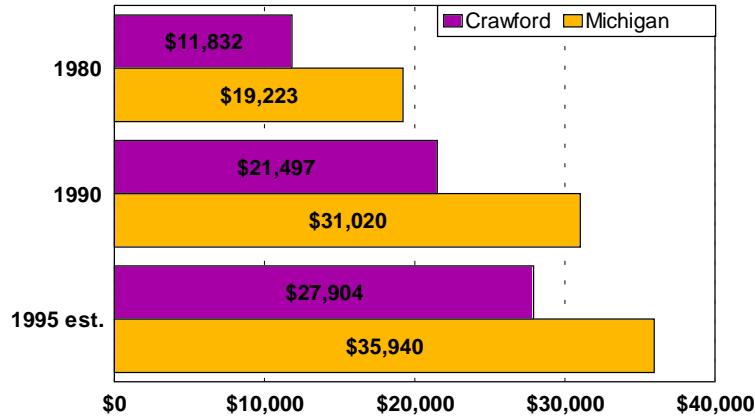
# Poverty

- In 1995, 1,993 persons in Crawford County were below the poverty line, increasing from 1,688 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Crawford County ranked 68th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 25th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 780 kids (ages 0-17) in Crawford County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 648 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 11.8 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 19.4 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Crawford County experienced an increase in real median income of 11.3 percent, from \$25,066 to \$27,904. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Crawford County ranked 61st 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.
- PerCapita income in Crawford County in 1998 was \$16,723, compared to \$15,060 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), an 11.0 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Crawford</b>	<b>58.5%</b>	<b>31.9%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

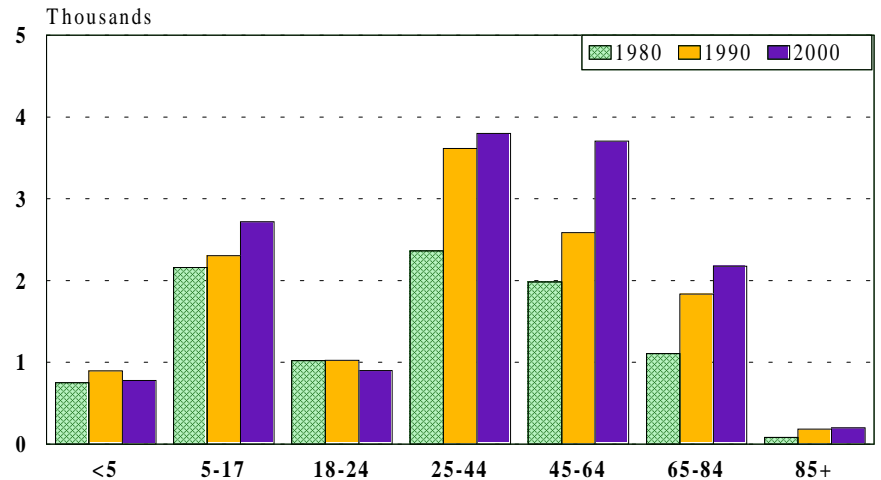
\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

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

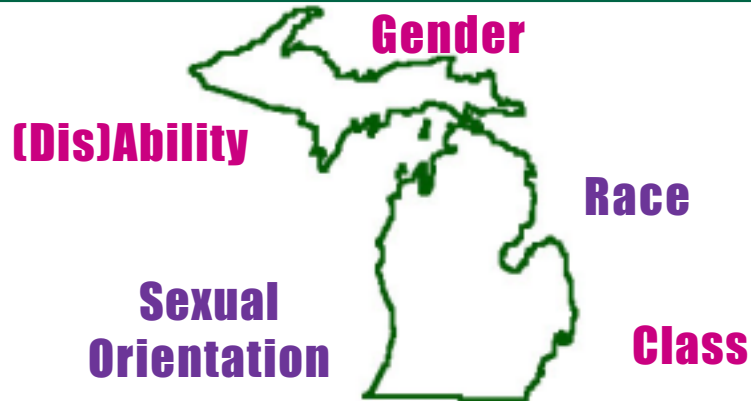
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Crawford</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>40.6</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- Of the 14,273 people who lived in Crawford in 2000, 58.9 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 41.1 percent included 5.4 percent children under the age of 5, 19.1 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 16.6 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 1,121 or 43.4 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 538 or 29.3 percent since 1990. One in seven Crawford residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Crawford County



# Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Crawford County's population included 7,276 males and 6,997 females, or 51.0 percent and 49.0 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 5,625 households living in Crawford County in 2000, 4,655 or 82.8 percent owned their own home and 970 or 17.2 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

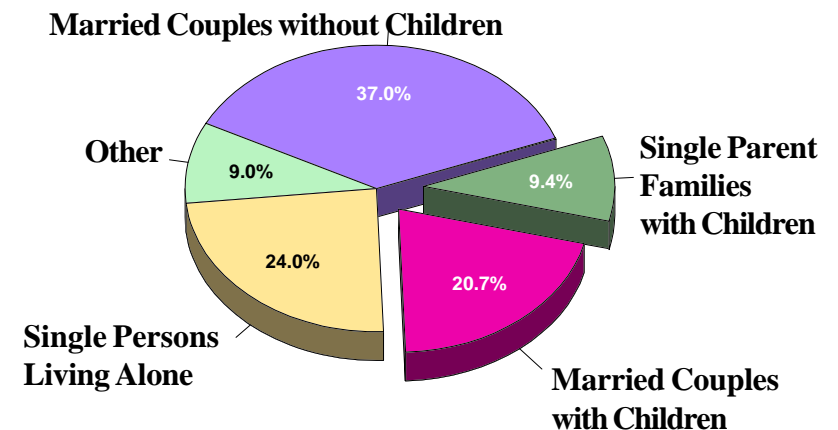
	Crawford County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	13,660	95.7	78.6
Black*	213	1.5	14.1
American Indian*	85	0.6	0.5
Asian*	36	0.3	1.8
Other*	3	0.0	0.1
Two or more races	134	0.9	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	142	1.0	3.3

\* Not Hispanic

# Households & Families

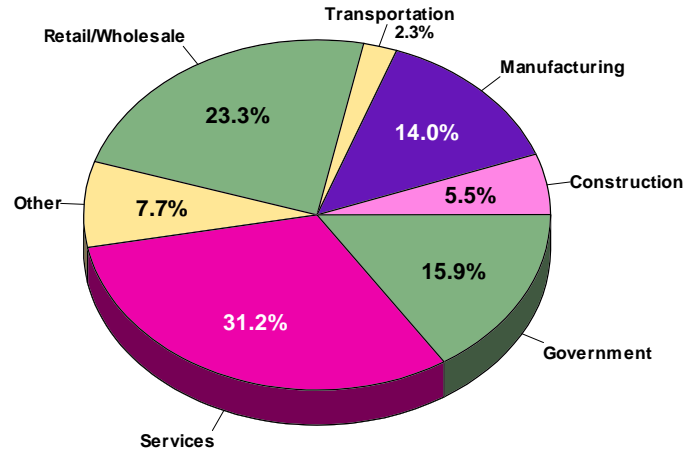
- There were 108 marriages in Crawford County during 1998, down from 111 marriages in 1990 when 111 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, 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 Crawford County in 1990 was 9.4 when 58 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.4 when 52 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, 594 children in Crawford County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 18.6 percent of all children in Crawford. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

## Types of Households in Crawford County



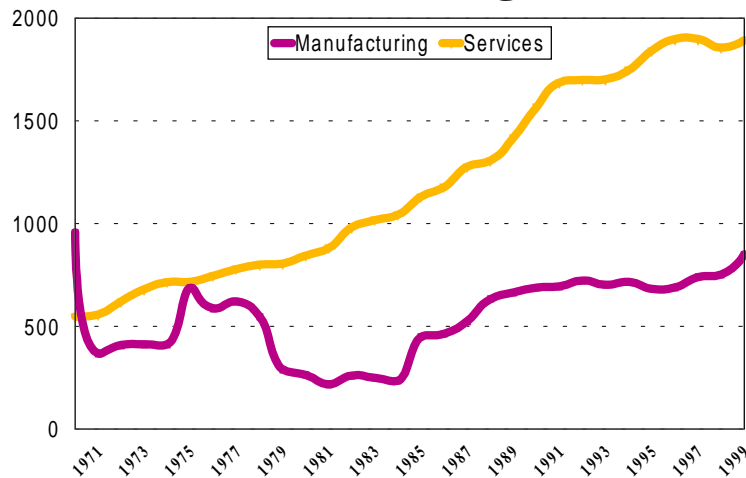
2000 Census of Population and Housing

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Crawford County



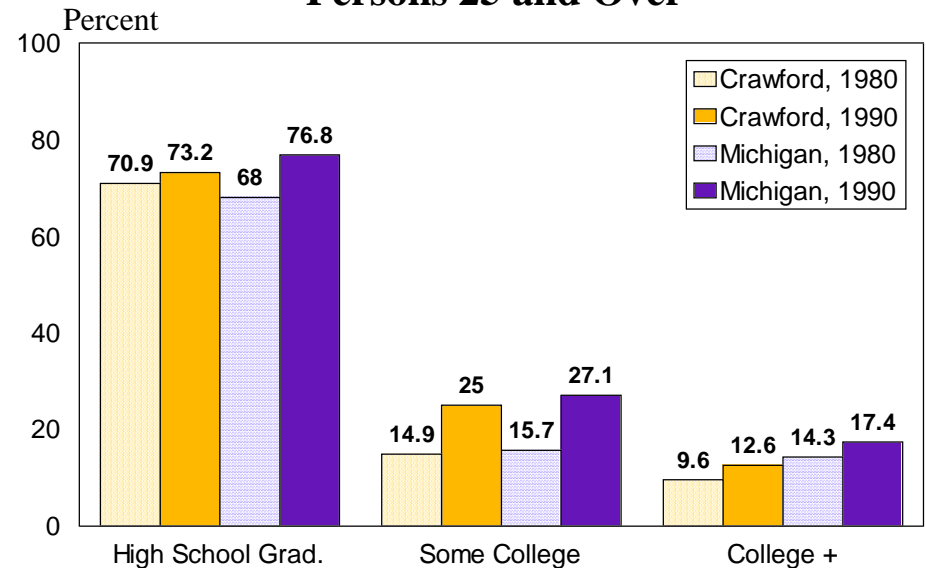
- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Crawford from 5,094 in 1990 to 6,078 in 1999, an 19.3 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 31.2% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 7.9 percentage points. Jobs in Manufacturing have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 23.7 percent since 1990.

## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

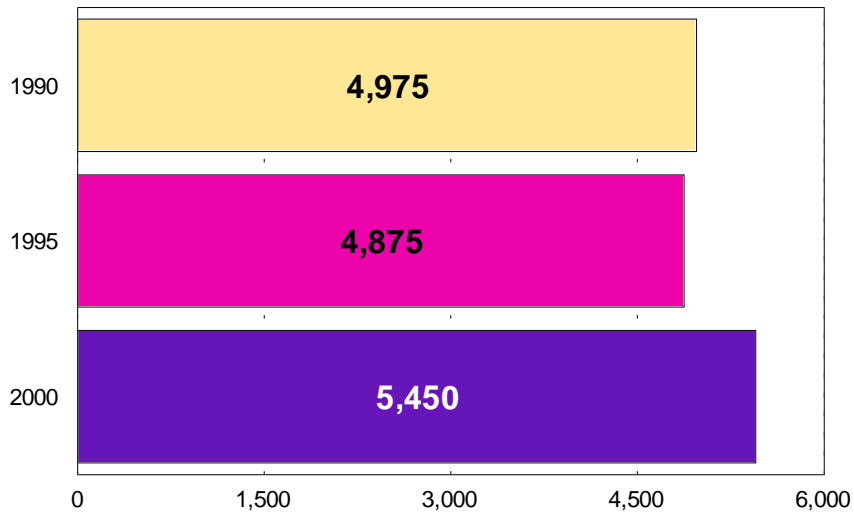


- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 2.3 percentage points in Crawford County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- Crawford 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 Crawford County the rate was 12.6 percent. Crawford ranks 32 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 29 students dropped out of high school in Crawford County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 4.7 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 20 students dropped out (4.0 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



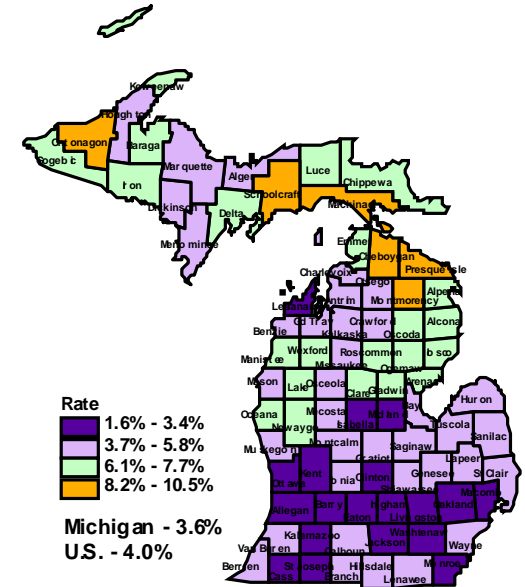
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Crawford County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Crawford's labor force has grown from 5,350 in 1990 to 5,775 in 2000.
- In 1990, 93.0 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 94.4 percent employed.
- 51.3 percent of Crawford's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 57.0 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-four 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.
- Crawford County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 5.7 percent, compared to 6.5 percent in 1999 and 6.9 percent in 1990. 325 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 375 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

