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# **A portrait of Dickinson County**



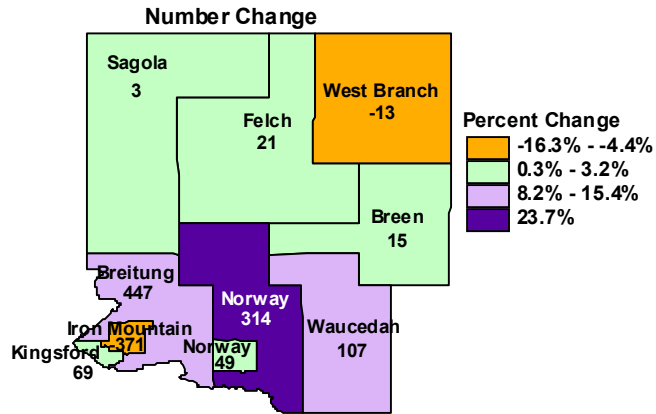
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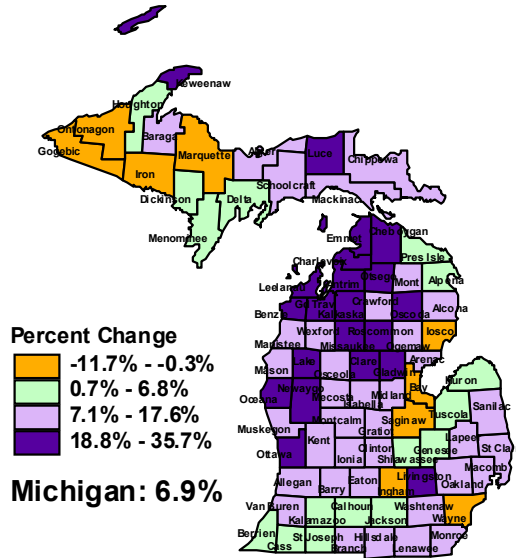
# Population

## Dickinson County

Population Change from 1990 to 2000



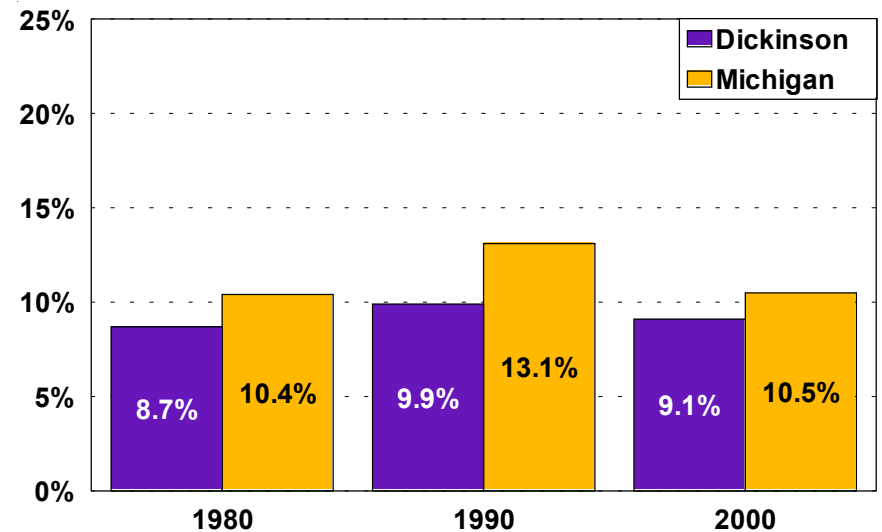
- ◆ Dickinson County had 27,472 people in 2000, ranking as the 51st most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 641 persons, or 2.4% since 1990.
- ◆ Norway Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 23.7 percent. Breitung Township showed the largest number gain of 447 people.
- ◆ There were 267 live births in Dickinson in 2000, of which 37 were to mothers age 19 and under, 204 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 26 to mothers age 35 and over.
- ◆ Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

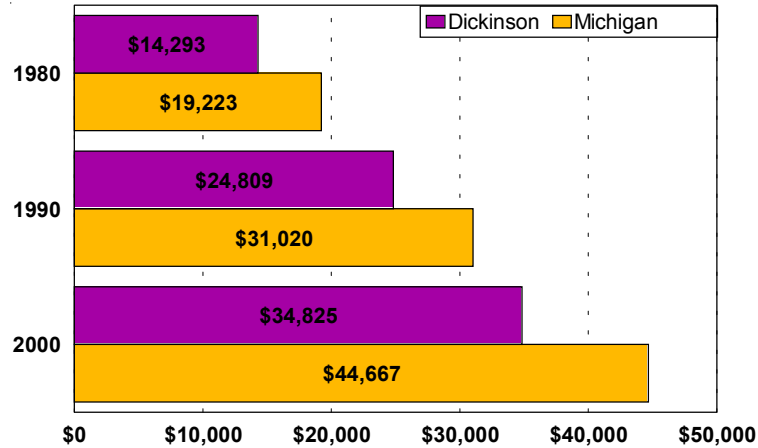
- ◆ In 2000, 2,452 persons in Dickinson County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 2,619 persons in 1990.
- ◆ The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,603. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- ◆ Though poverty rates for most groups were down in 2000 compared to 1990, female-headed families with related children still experienced very high rates. In Dickinson County, 96 female-headed families with children under age 5 were below poverty, a rate of 58.1 percent.
- ◆ Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 785 kids (ages 0-17) in Dickinson County were below the poverty level in 2000. This represents one child in eight. In 1990, 843 kids were poor.
- ◆ The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 2000 was 8.8 percent. This was down from the previous two decades when the rate was 18.2 percent (1990) and 14.9 percent (1980).

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- ◆ Between 1990 and 2000, households in Dickinson County experienced an increase in real median income of 8.2 percent, from \$32,199 to \$34,825. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- ◆ Compared to other Michigan counties, Dickinson County ranked 53rd 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 Dickinson County in 1998 was \$23,187, compared to \$21,890 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 5.9 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution in 2000

	\$0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000+
<b>Dickinson</b>	<b>35.1%</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>24.1%</b>

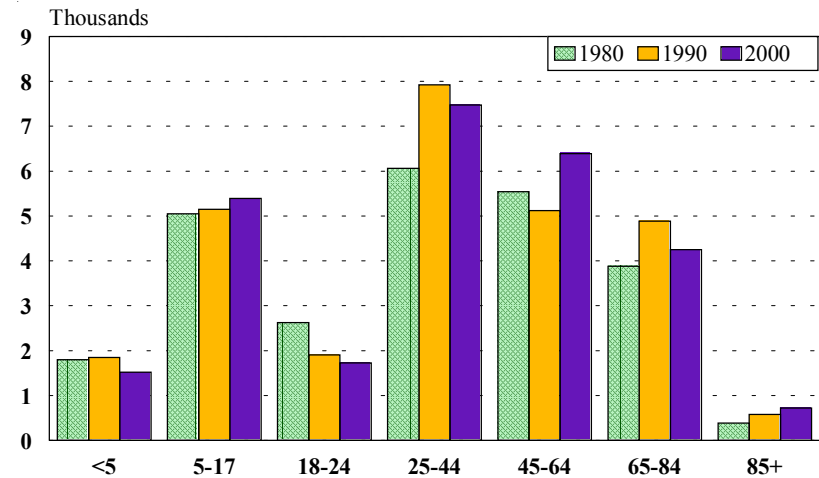
# Age

## The median age of Dickinson residents continues to go up:

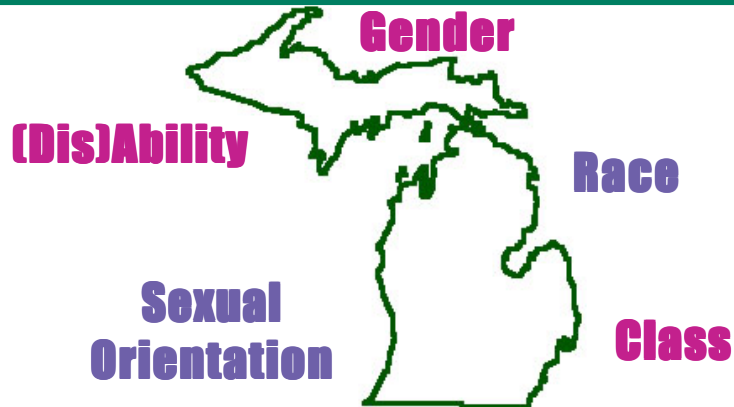
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Dickinson</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>40.0</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- ◆ Of the 27,472 people who lived in Dickinson in 2000, 56.8 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 43.2 percent included 5.5 percent children under the age of 5, 19.6 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 18.1 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 1,271 or 24.8 percent since 1990.
- ◆ “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 86 or 1.8 percent since 1990. One in six Dickinson residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Dickinson County



# Multiculturalism



- ◆ In 2000, Dickinson County's population included 13,521 males and 13,951 females, or 49.2 percent and 50.8 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- ◆ Of the 11,386 households living in Dickinson County in 2000, 9,130 or 80.2 percent owned their own home and 2,256 or 19.8 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

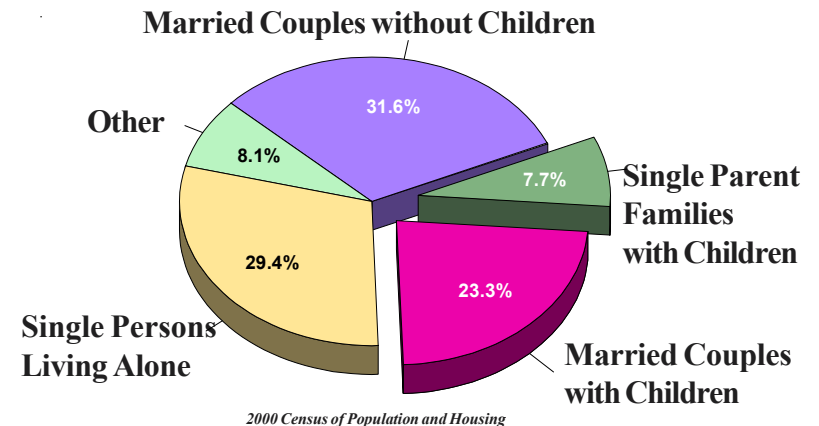
	Dickinson County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	26,794	97.5	78.6
Black*	32	0.1	14.1
American Indian*	135	0.5	0.5
Asian*	108	0.4	1.8
Other*	16	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	200	0.7	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	187	0.7	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

- ◆ There were 11,386 households in Dickinson County in 2000 with an average size of 2.4 persons and 7,579 families with an average family size of 2.9 persons.
- ◆ There were 197 marriages in Dickinson County during 2000, down from 273 marriages in 1990. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- ◆ The divorce rate in Dickinson County in 1990 was 10.8 when 145 divorces occurred. In 2000, the rate was 9.9 when 133 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.
- ◆ 82 grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in Dickinson County in 2000, representing 48.8 percent of all grandparents living with their own grandchildren.
- ◆ In 2000, 1,401 children in Dickinson County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 20.8 percent of all children in Dickinson. In Michigan, 25.1 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

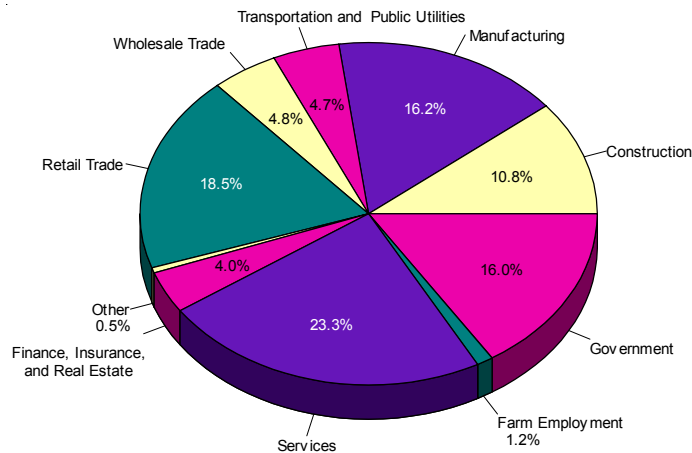
## Types of Households in Dickinson County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

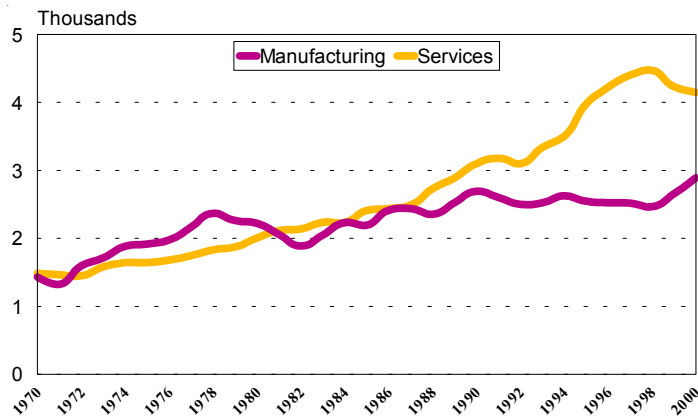
# Employment

## 2000 Employment by Industry in Dickinson County



- ◆ The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Dickinson from 16,267 in 1990 to 17,816 in 2000, a 9.5 percent increase.
- ◆ The services industry saw the largest number gain since 1990, adding 1,051 jobs. The construction industry lost 641 jobs, or 24.9 percent, during that time.

## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

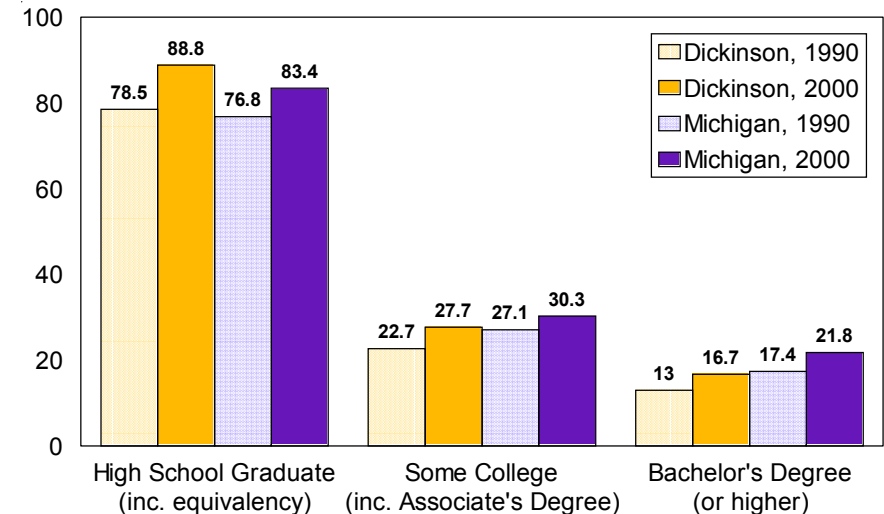


# Education

- ◆ High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1990 to 2000 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 10.3 percentage points in Dickinson 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.
- ◆ Dickinson 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 Dickinson County the rate was 16.7 percent. Dickinson ranks 27th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- ◆ 70 teenagers age 16 to 19 in Dickinson County were not enrolled in school and not high school graduates for a rate of 4.6 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

Percent



## Where Dickinson County Residents Work

### Dickinson County residents who worked in their own county:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	10,882	9,999	7,875
Percent	90.4	90.3	89.0

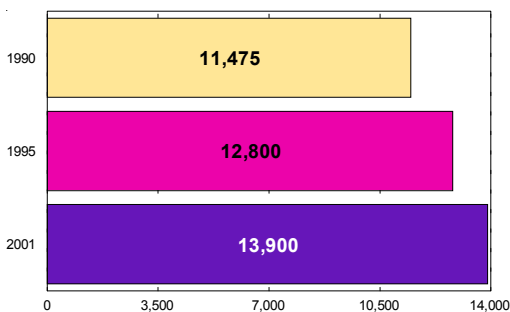
### Dickinson County residents who worked outside their own county, but in Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	413	355	254
Percent	3.4	3.2	2.9

### Dickinson County residents who worked outside Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	743	715	722
Percent	6.2	6.5	8.2

- ◆ 75.7 percent of all Dickinson County women with school age children were in the labor force in 2000, nearly 7 percentage points higher than in 1990. 71.0 percent of women with children under the age of six were working in 2000 compared to 55.2 percent in 1990.
- ◆ The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Dickinson's labor force has grown from 12,425 in 1990 to 14,475 in 2000.
- ◆ 67.5 percent of Dickinson's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 60.3 percent in 1990.

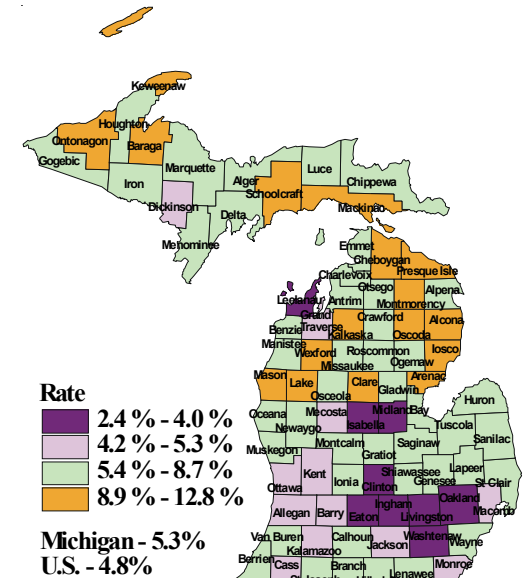


## Total Number of Dickinson County Persons Employed

- ◆ In 1990, 92.4 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 95.7 percent employed.

## 2001 Unemployment Rate

- ◆ Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2001, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- ◆ Dickinson County's annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 5.1 percent, compared to 4.4 percent in 2000 and 7.8 percent in 1990. 750 people were unemployed in 2001, compared to 975 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

