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## *A portrait of*

# Emmet County



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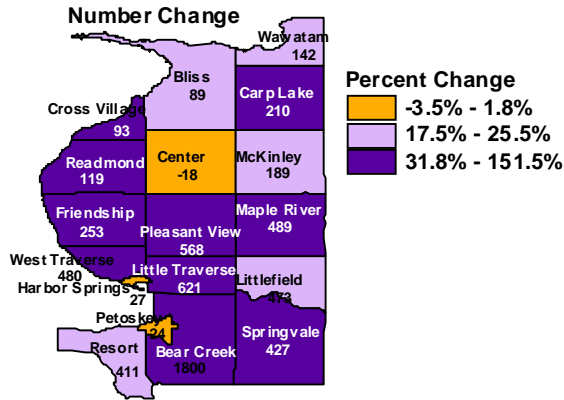
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# Population

## Emmet County

Change from 1990 to 2000

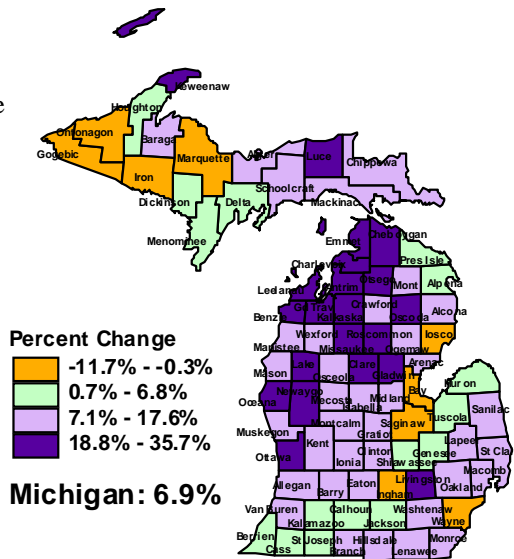


Emmet County had 31,437 people in 2000, ranking as the 46th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 6,397 persons, or 25.5% since 1990.

Pleasantview Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 151.5 percent. Bear Creek Township showed the largest number gain of 1,800 people.

There were 372 live births in Emmet in 1998, of which 44 were to mothers age 19 and under, 272 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 56 to mothers age 35 and over.

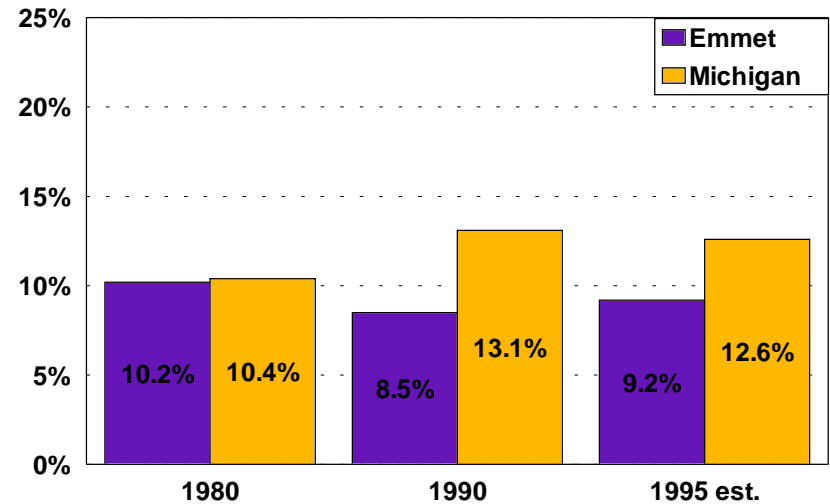
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



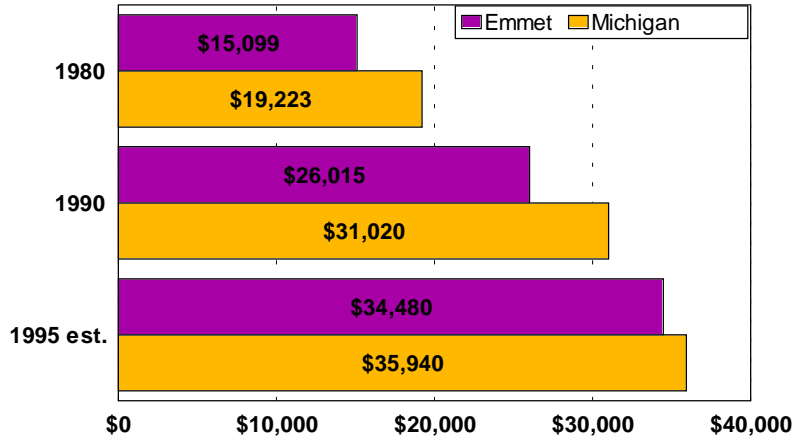
# Poverty

- In 1995, 2,567 persons in Emmet County were below the poverty line, increasing from 2,093 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Emmet County ranked 60th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 68th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 950 kids (ages 0-17) in Emmet County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in eight. In 1990, 680 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 11.9 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 18.7 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Emmet County experienced an increase in real median income of 13.7 percent, from \$30,334 to \$34,480. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Emmet County ranked 28th 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 Emmet County in 1998 was \$26,222, compared to \$23,845 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 10.0 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Emmet County</b>	<b>47.9%</b>	<b>36.3%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

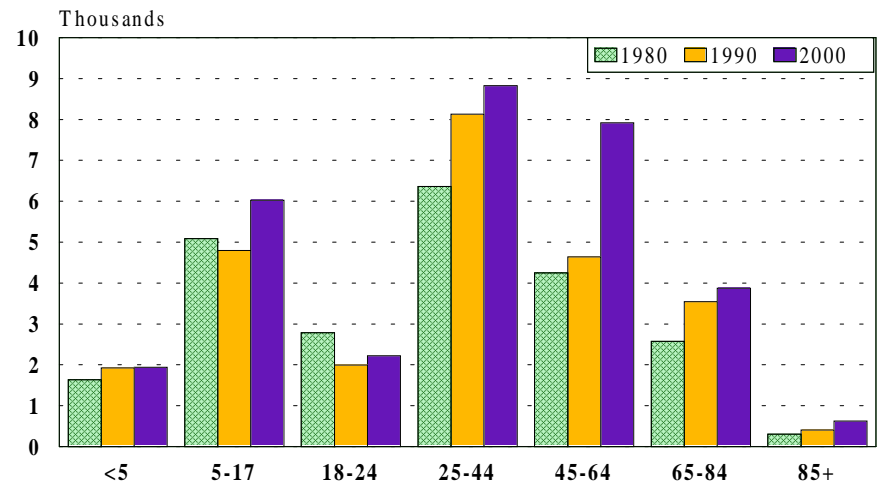
\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

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

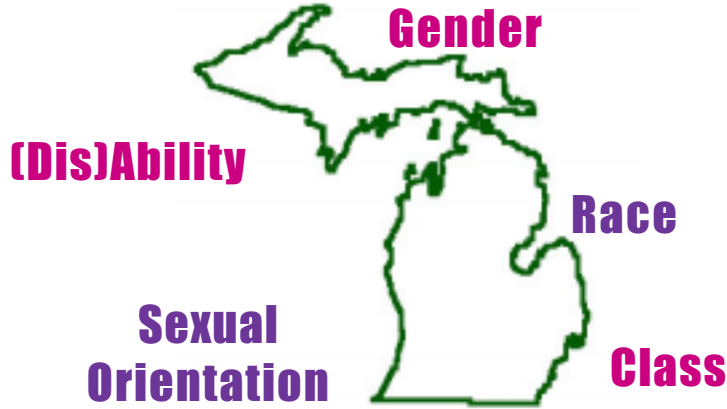
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Emmet</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>38.9</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- Of the 31,437 people who lived in Emmet in 2000, 60.4 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 39.6 percent included 6.2 percent children under the age of 5, 19.2 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 14.3 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 3,276 or 70.6 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 947 or 26.7 percent since 1990. One in seven Emmet residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Emmet County



# Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Emmet County's population included 15,459 males and 15,978 females, or 49.2 percent and 50.8 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 12,577 households living in Emmet County in 2000, 9,502 or 75.6 percent owned their own home and 3,075 or 24.4 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

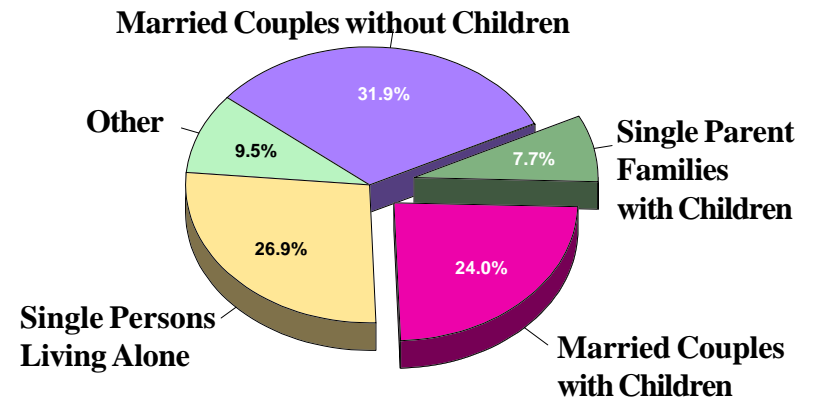
	Emmet County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	29,483	93.8	78.6
Black*	142	0.5	14.1
American Indian*	957	3.0	0.5
Asian*	133	0.4	1.8
Other*	24	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	413	1.3	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	285	0.9	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

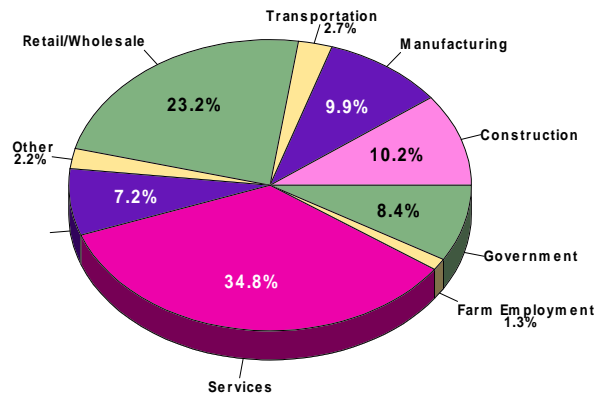
- There were 264 marriages in Emmet County during 1998, down from 1990 when 267 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid '70s, to age 28 for 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 Emmet County in 1990 was 14.2 when 178 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 10.8 when 154 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, 1,057 children in Emmet County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 15.8 percent of all children in Emmet. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

## Types of Households in Emmet County



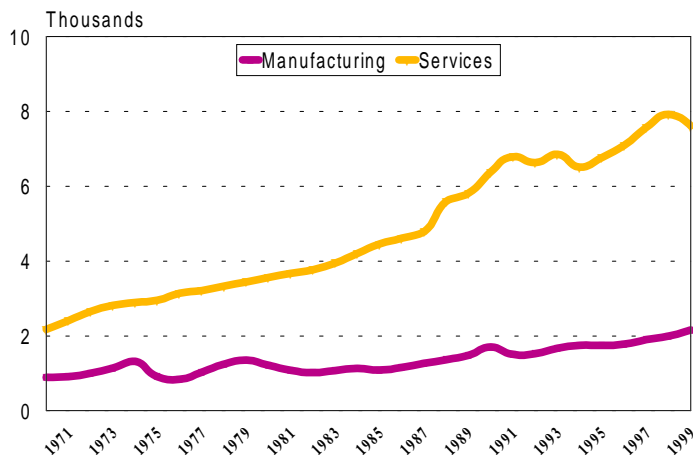
2000 Census of Population and Housing

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Emmet County



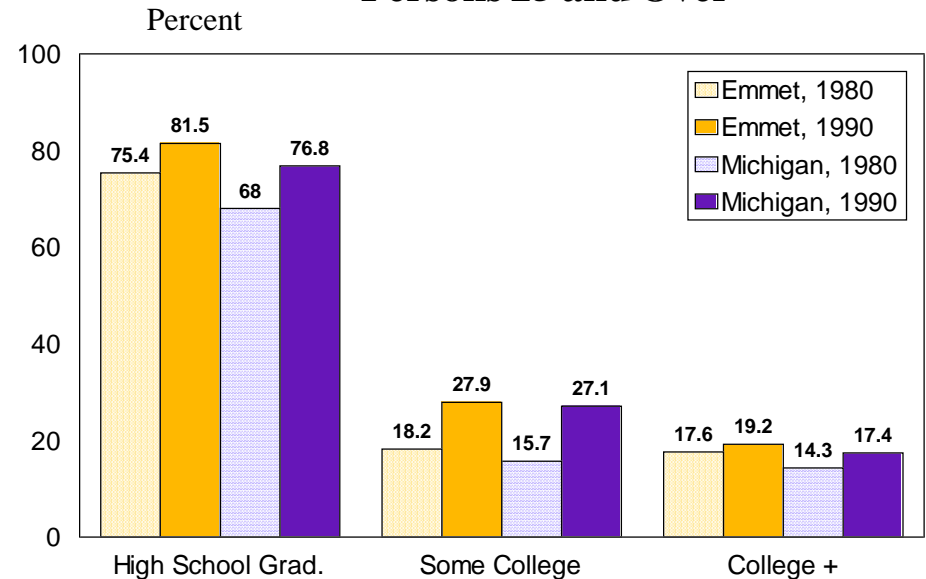
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Emmet from 17,158 in 1990 to 21,866 in 1999, a 27.4 percent increase.
- .. The Services industry accounted for 34.8% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 11.6 percentage points. Jobs in Retail and Wholesale Trade have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 33.2 percent since 1990.

## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

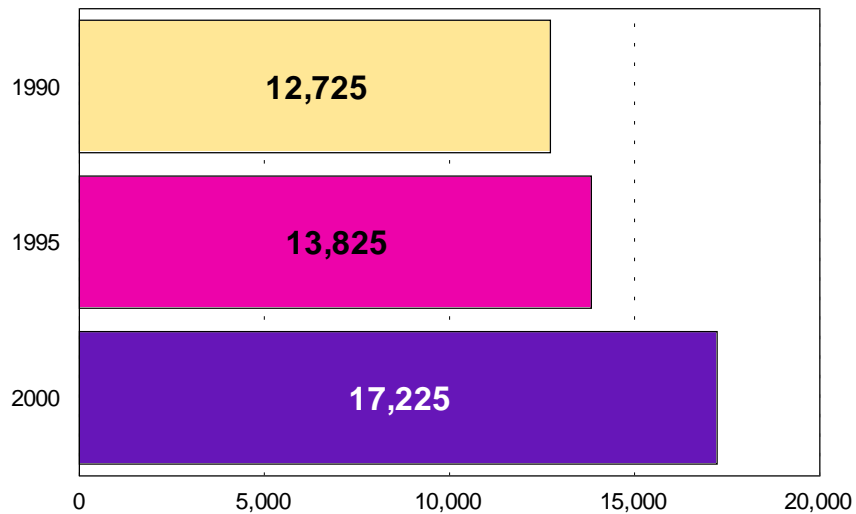


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 6.1 percentage points in Emmet County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Emmet 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 Emmet County the rate was 17.4 percent. Emmet ranks 12th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 13 students dropped out of high school in Emmet County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 0.9 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 60 students dropped out (4.4 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



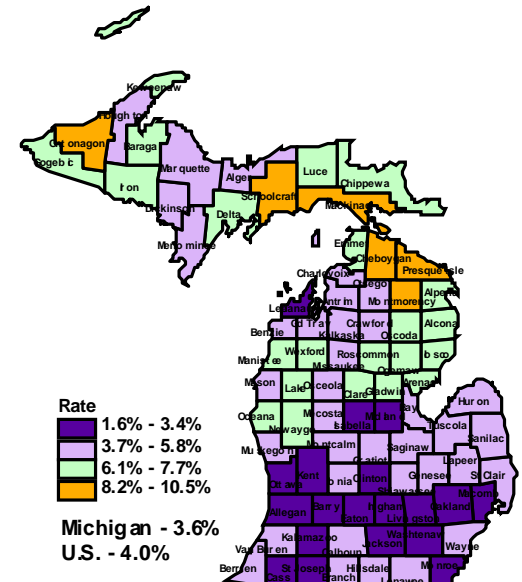
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Emmet County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Emmet's labor force has grown from 14,100 in 1990 to 18,450 in 2000.
- In 1990, 90.2 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 93.4 percent employed.
- 75.5 percent of Emmet's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 74.2 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-nine percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 7 percentage points higher than in 1980. Over six out of ten women with children under age six were in the work force in 1990, compared to less than five 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.
- Emmet County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 6.7 percent, compared to 7.1 percent in 1999 and 9.7 percent in 1990. 1,225 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 1,350 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

