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## A portrait of

# Huron County



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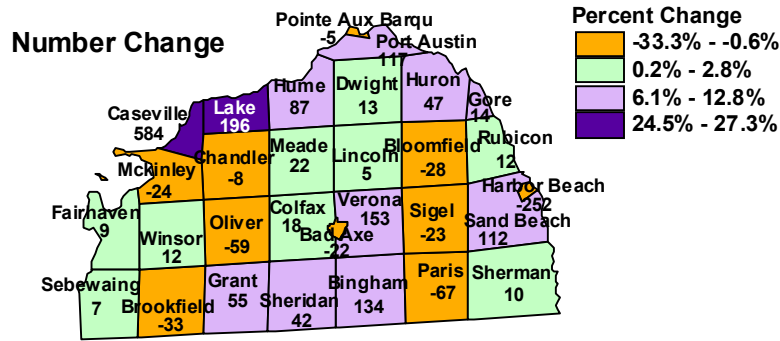
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# Population

## Huron County

Population Change from 1990 to 2000

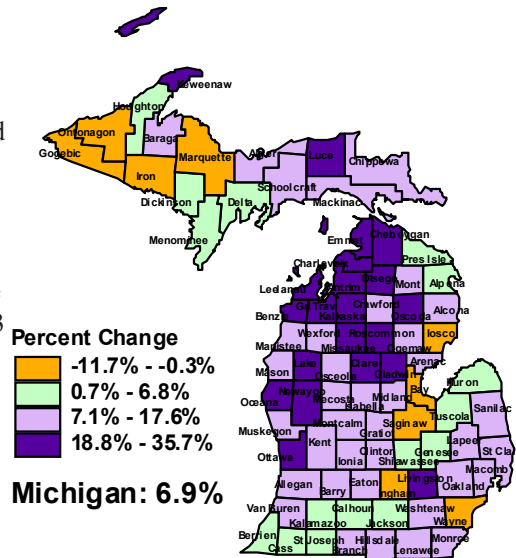


Huron County had 36,079 people in 2000, ranking as the 44th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 1,128 persons, or 3.2% since 1990.

Caseville Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 27.3 percent. Caseville Township also showed the largest number gain of 584 people.

There were 398 live births in Huron in 2000, of which 23 were to mothers age 19 and under, 323 to mothers age 20 to 34, and 52 to mothers age 35 and over.

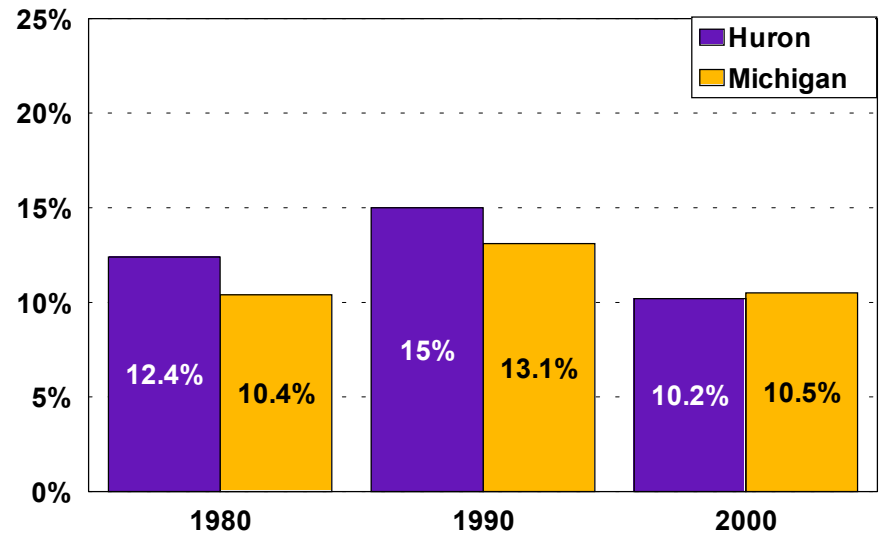
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

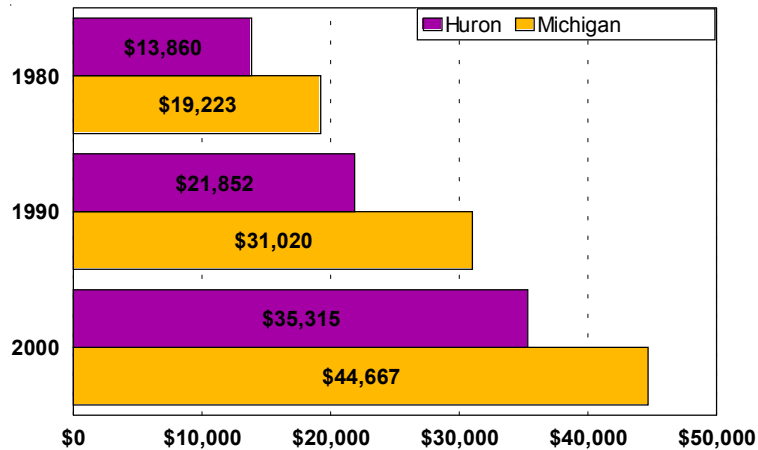
- In 2000, 3,645 persons in Huron County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 5,176 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,603. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Though poverty rates for most groups were down in 2000 compared to 1990, female-headed families with related children still experienced very high rates. In Huron County, 44 female-headed families with children under age 5 were below poverty, a rate of 47.4 percent.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 1,091 kids (ages 0-17) in Huron County were below the poverty level in 2000. This represents one child in eight. In 1990, 1,671 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 2000 was 9.8 percent. This was down from the previous two decades when the rate was 16.3 percent (1990) and 16.1 percent (1980).

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- ◆ Between 1990 and 2000, households in Huron County experienced an increase in real median income of 24.5 percent, from \$28,361 to \$35,315. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- ◆ Compared to other Michigan counties, Huron County ranked 50th 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 Huron County in 1998 was \$24,179, compared to \$19,770 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 22.3 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution in 2000

	\$0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000+
<b>Huron</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>35.2%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>24.1%</b>

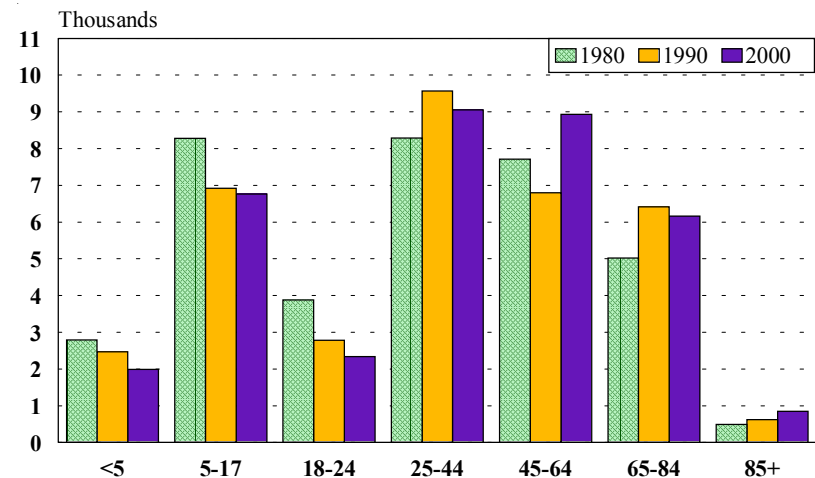
# Age

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

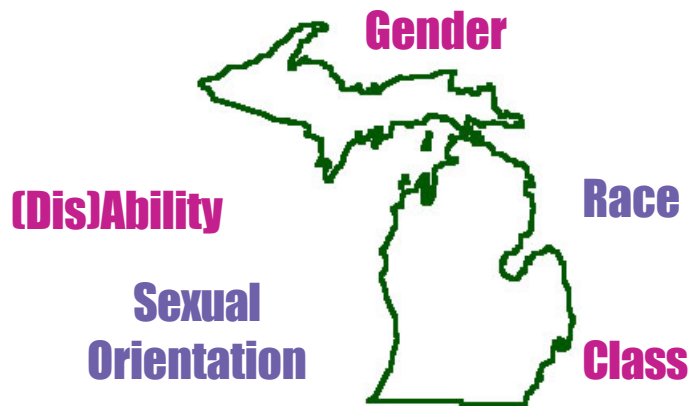
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Huron</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>41.2</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- ◆ Of the 36,079 people who lived in Huron in 2000, 56.3 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 43.7 percent included 5.5 percent children under the age of 5, 18.7 percent youth ages 5 to 17, and 19.4 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 2,142 or 31.5 percent since 1990.
- ◆ “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 591 or 9.2 percent since 1990. One in five Huron residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Huron County



# Multiculturalism



- ◆ In 2000, Huron County's population included 17,846 males and 18,233 females, or 49.5 percent and 50.5 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- ◆ Of the 14,597 households living in Huron County in 2000, 12,174 or 83.4 percent owned their own home, and 2,423 or 16.6 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

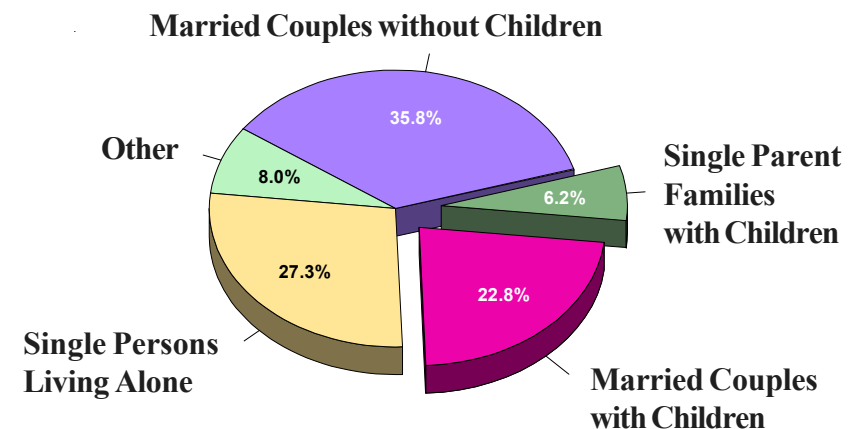
	Huron County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	34,923	96.8	78.6
Black*	69	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	95	0.3	0.5
Asian*	126	0.3	1.8
Other*	12	0.0	0.1
Two or more races*	263	0.7	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	591	1.6	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

- ◆ There were 14,957 households in Huron County in 2000 with an average size of 2.4 persons and 10,141 families with an average family size of 3.0 persons.
- ◆ There were 193 marriages in Huron County during 2000, down from 1990 when 248 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- ◆ The divorce rate in Huron County in 1990 was 10.8 when 188 divorces occurred. In 2000, the rate was 6.3 when 112 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.
- ◆ 136 grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in Huron County in 2000, representing 40.4 percent of all grandparents who have their own grandchildren living with them.
- ◆ In 2000, 1,490 children in Huron County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 17.4 percent of all children in Huron County. In Michigan, 25.1 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

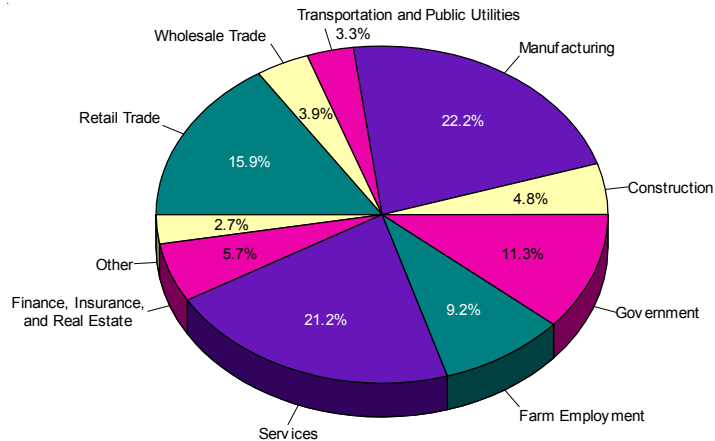
## Types of Households in Huron County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

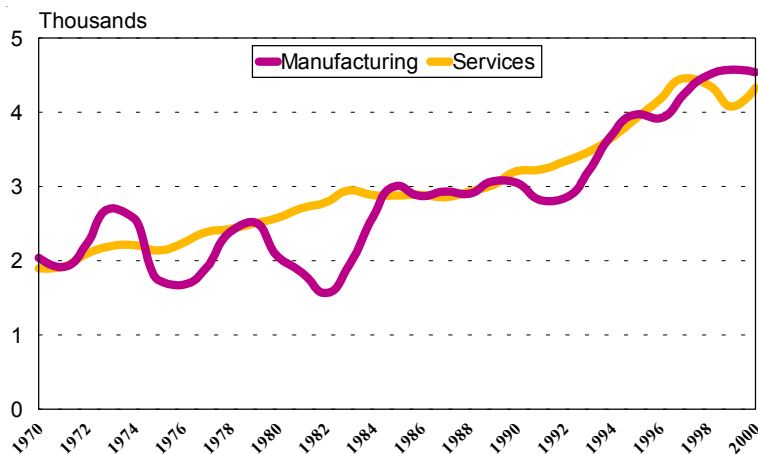
# Employment

## 2000 Employment by Industry in Huron County



- ◆ The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Huron County from 16,356 in 1990 to 20,437 in 2000, a 25.0 percent increase.
- ◆ The manufacturing industry saw the largest number gain since 1990, adding 1,488 jobs. The finance, insurance, and real estate industry had the largest percentage increase at 64.3 percent, adding 454 jobs.

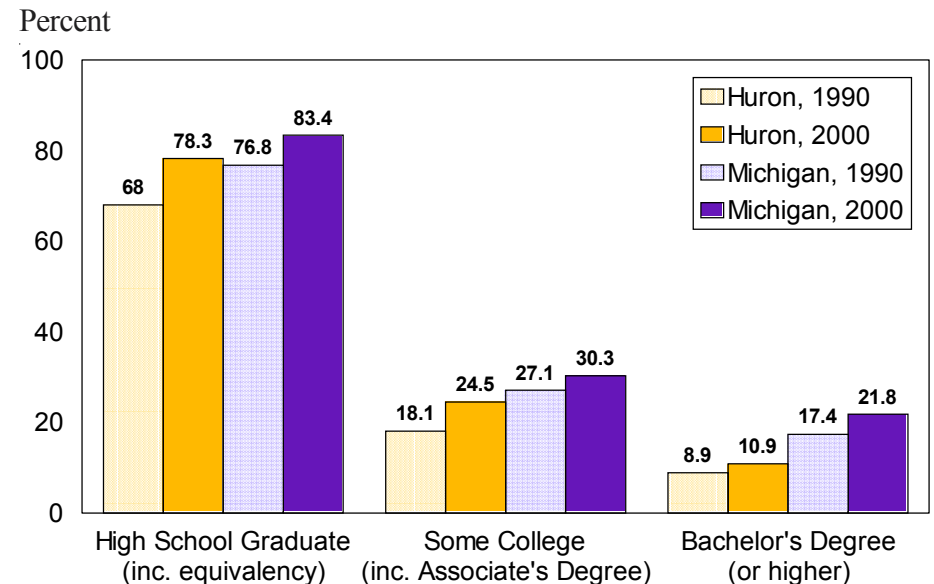
## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



# Education

- ◆ High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1990 to 2000 for persons age 25 and over – by 10.3 percentage points in Huron 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.
- ◆ Huron 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 Huron County the rate was 10.9 percent. Huron ranks 69th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- ◆ 105 teenagers age 16 to 19 in Huron County were not enrolled in school and not high school graduates for a rate of 5.5 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



## Where Huron County Residents Work

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

	2000	1990	1980
Number	13,199	11,961	10,645
Percent	86.0	89.0	90.4

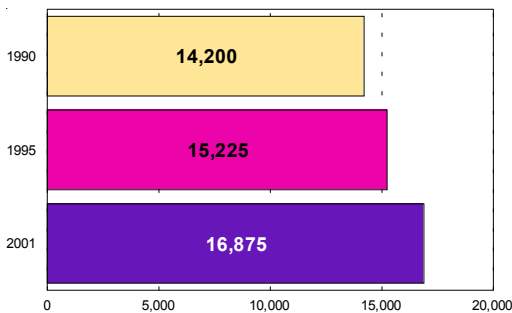
### Huron County residents who worked outside their own county, but in Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	2,116	1,440	1,106
Percent	13.8	10.7	9.4

### Huron County residents who worked outside Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	40	38	22
Percent	0.3	0.3	0.2

- 77.5 percent of all Huron County women with school age children were in the labor force in 2000, nearly 8 percentage points higher than in 1990. 67.5 percent of women with children under the age of six were working in 2000, compared to 59.1 percent in 1990.
- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Huron's labor force has grown from 15,875 in 1990 to 18,675 in 2000.
- 65.5 percent of Huron's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 59.7 percent in 1990.

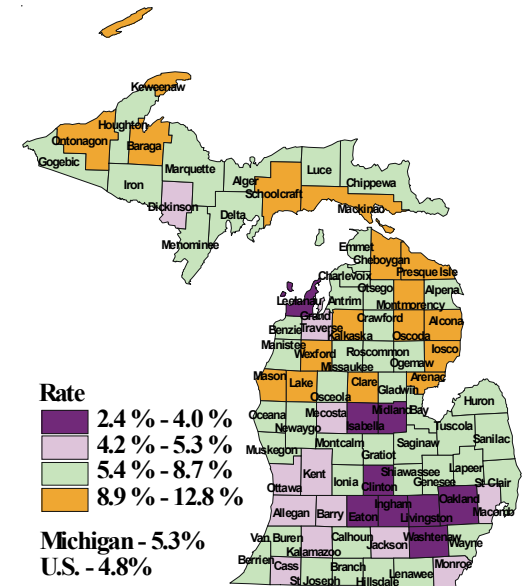


## Total Number of Huron County Persons Employed

- In 1990, 89.4 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 95.0 percent employed.

## 2001 Unemployment Rate

- Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2001, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- Huron County's annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 8.2 percent, compared to 4.9 percent in 2000 and 10.6 percent in 1990. 1,500 people were unemployed in 2001, 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 - 2001

