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A portrait of **Ingham County**



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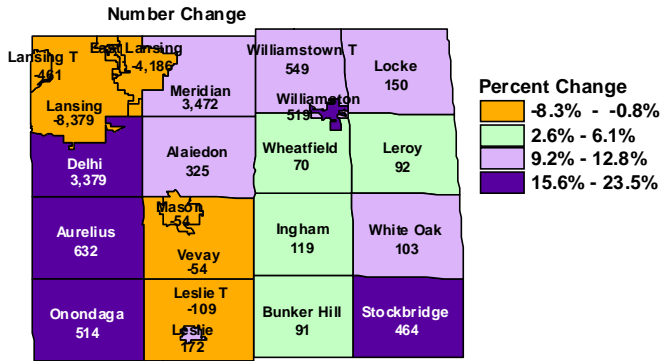
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Population

Ingham County

Percent Change from 1990 to 2000

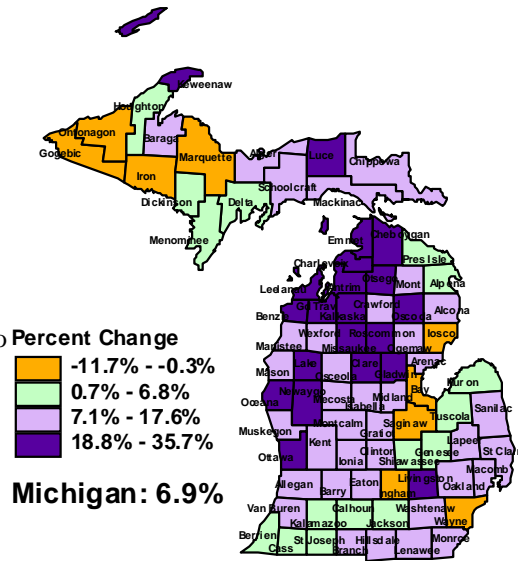


Ingham County had 279,320 people in 2000, ranking as the 7th most populous county in Michigan. The population decreased by 2,592 persons, or 0.9% since 1990.

Aurelius Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 23.5 percent. Meridian Township showed the largest number gain of 3,472 people.

There were 3,777 live births in Ingham in 1998, of which 440 were to mothers age 19 and under, 2,880 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 457 to mothers age 35 and over.

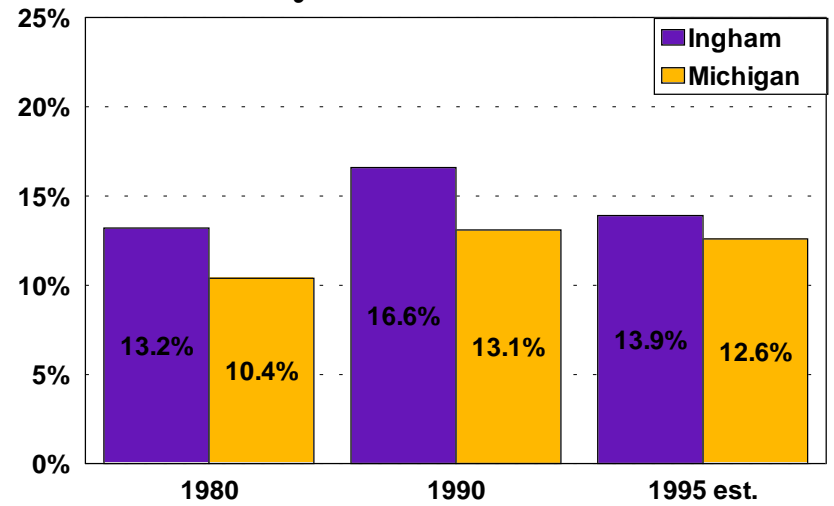
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



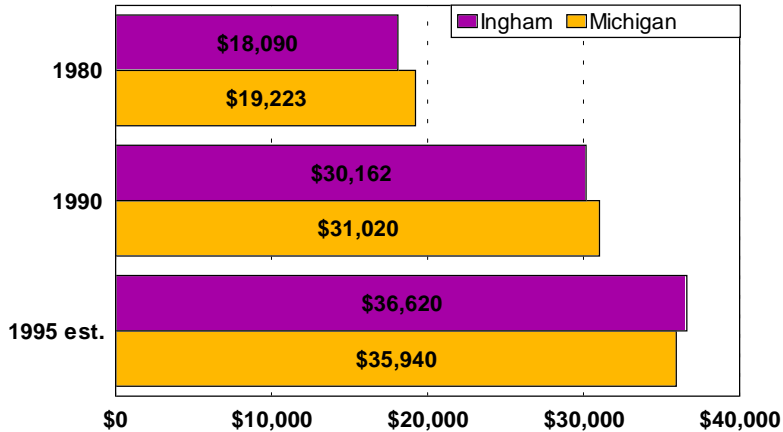
Poverty

- In 1995, 37,861 persons in Ingham County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 43,455 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Ingham County ranked 6th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 37th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 14,535 kids (ages 0-17) in Ingham County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 12,782 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 10.4 percent. This was up slightly from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 10.0 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Ingham County experienced an increase in real median income of 4.1 percent, from \$35,170 to \$36,620. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Ingham County ranked 21st 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 Ingham County in 1998 was \$24,296, compared to \$22,518 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 7.9 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Ingham County	41.3%	34.8%	23.9%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

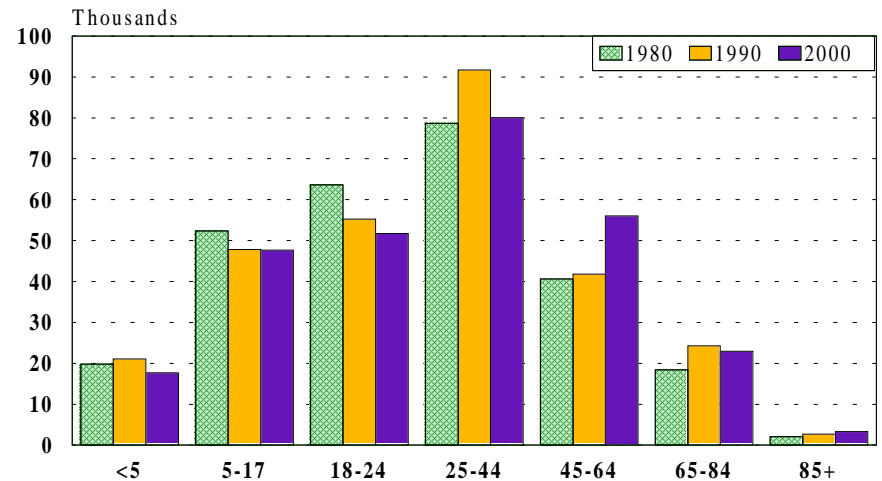
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The median age of Ingham residents continues to go up:

	1980	1990	2000
Ingham	25.3	28.4	30.4
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 279,320 people who lived in Ingham in 2000, 67.2 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 32.8 percent included 6.3 percent children under the age of 5, 17.1 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 9.4 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 14,255 or 34.1 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 1,941 or 8.0 percent since 1990. One in ten Ingham residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Ingham County



Multiculturalism



- .. In 2000, Ingham County's population included 134,801 males and 144,519 females, or 48.3 percent and 51.7 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- .. Of the 108,593 households living in Ingham County in 2000, 65,986 or 60.8 percent owned their own home and 42,607 or 39.2 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

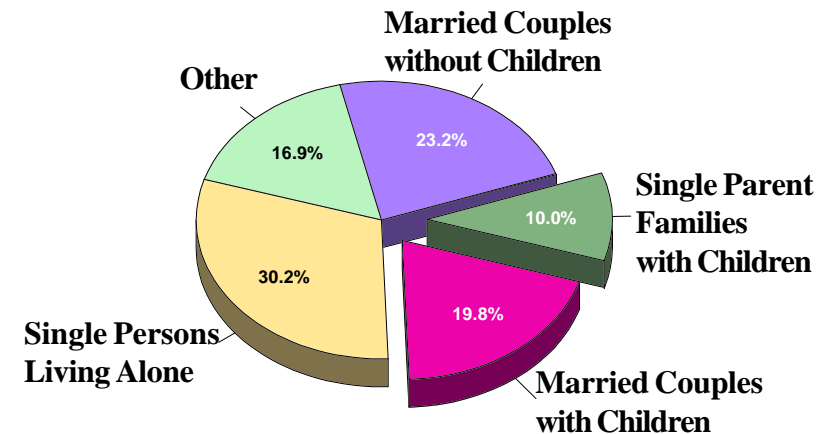
	Ingham County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	214,685	76.9	78.6
Black*	29,712	10.6	14.1
American Indian*	1,349	0.5	0.5
Asian*	10,204	3.7	1.8
Other*	591	0.2	0.1
Two or more races*	6,589	2.4	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	16,190	5.8	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

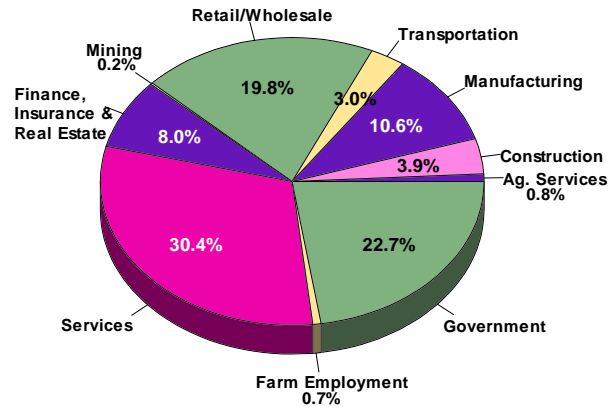
- .. There were 2,130 marriages in Ingham County during 1998, down from 1990 when 2,692 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- .. In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid'70s, to 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 Ingham County in 1990 was 9.1 when 1,289 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 8.2 when 1,177 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, 17,018 children in Ingham County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 24.9 percent of all children in Ingham. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Ingham County



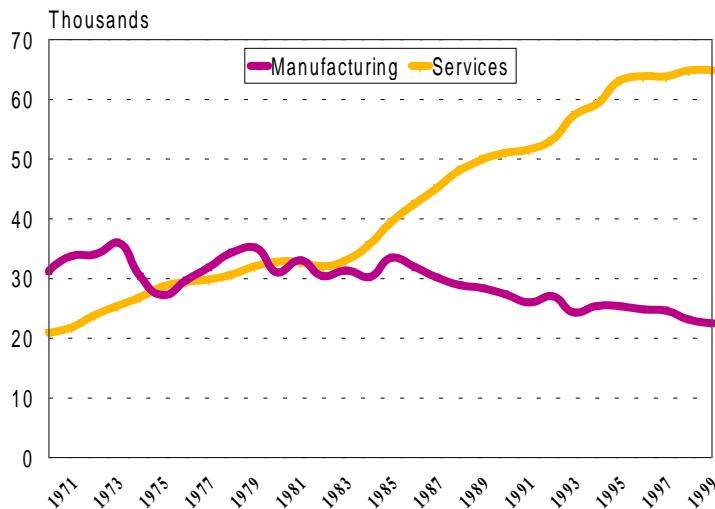
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Ingham County



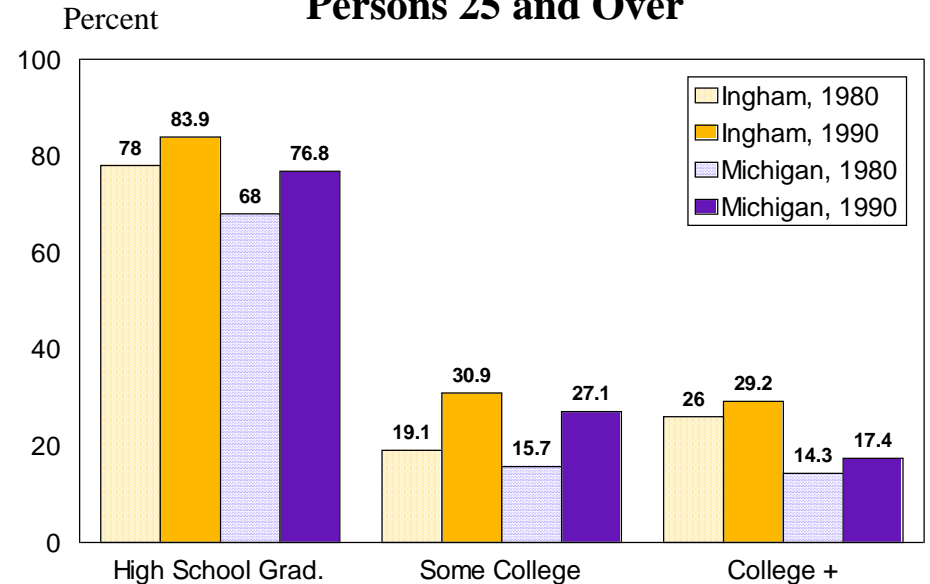
- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Ingham from 201,804 in 1990 to 212,783 in 1999, a 5.4 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 30.4% of all employment in 1999, leading Government by 7.8 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 27.0 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

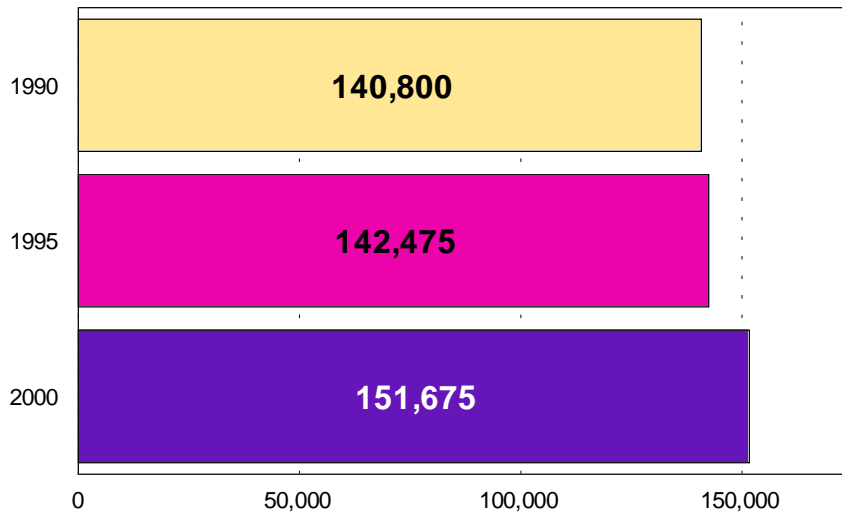


- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 5.9 percentage points in Ingham County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- Ingham County exceeds Michigan for those persons age 25 and over with a college degree. In 1990, 17.4 percent in Michigan had a college degree; in Ingham County the rate was 29.2 percent. Ingham ranks 3rd among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 1,522 students dropped out of high school in Ingham County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 11.0 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 566 students dropped out (4.7 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



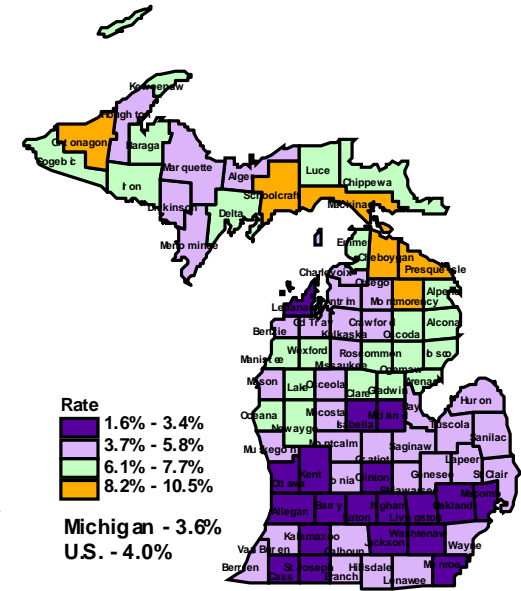
Total Number of Persons Employed in Ingham County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Ingham's labor force has grown from 150,350 in 1990 to 155,775 in 2000.
- In 1990, 93.6 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 97.4 percent employed.
- 70.4 percent of Ingham's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 68.3 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-eight percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, nearly 11 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.
- Ingham County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 2.6 percent, compared to 2.7 percent in 1999 and 6.4 percent in 1990. 4,125 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 9,550 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

