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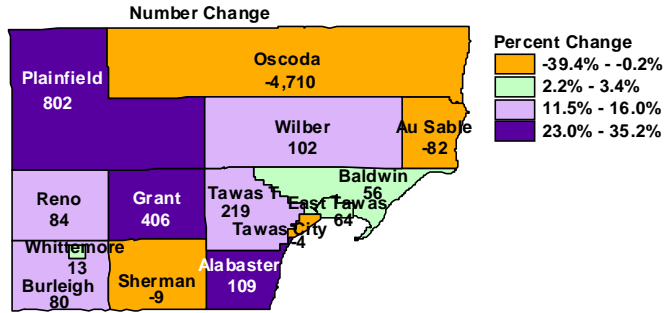
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Population

Iosco County

Change from 1990 to 2000

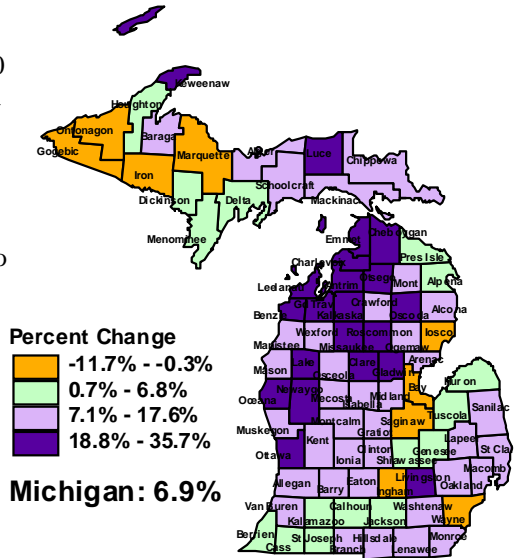


Iosco County had 27,339 people in 2000, ranking as the 52nd most populous county in Michigan. The population decreased by 2,870 persons, or 9.5% since 1990.

Grant Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 35.2 percent. Plainfield Township showed the largest number gain of 802 people.

There were 288 live births in Iosco in 1998, of which 29 were to mothers age 19 and under, 226 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 33 to mothers age 35 and over.

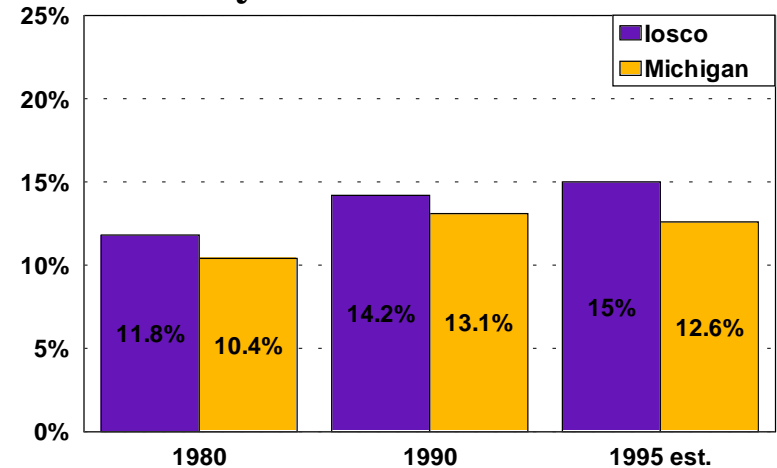
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



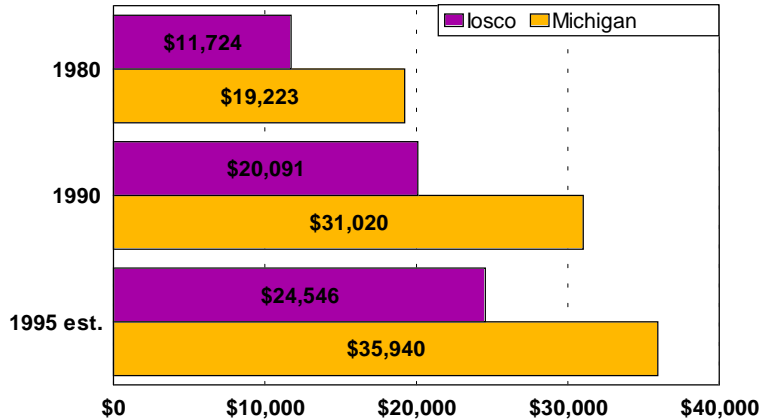
Poverty

- In 1995, 3,745 persons in Iosco County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 4,121 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Iosco County ranked 54th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 24th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 1,521 kids (ages 0-17) in Iosco County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in four. In 1990, 1,450 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 13.3 percent. This was up slightly from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 13.0 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Iosco County experienced an increase in real median income of 4.8 percent, from \$23,427 to \$24,546. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Iosco County ranked 75th 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 Iosco County in 1998 was \$19,048, compared to \$19,057 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a (0.0) percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
IoscoCounty	61.9%	29.8%	8.3 %
Michigan	40.6%	34.1 %	25.5 %

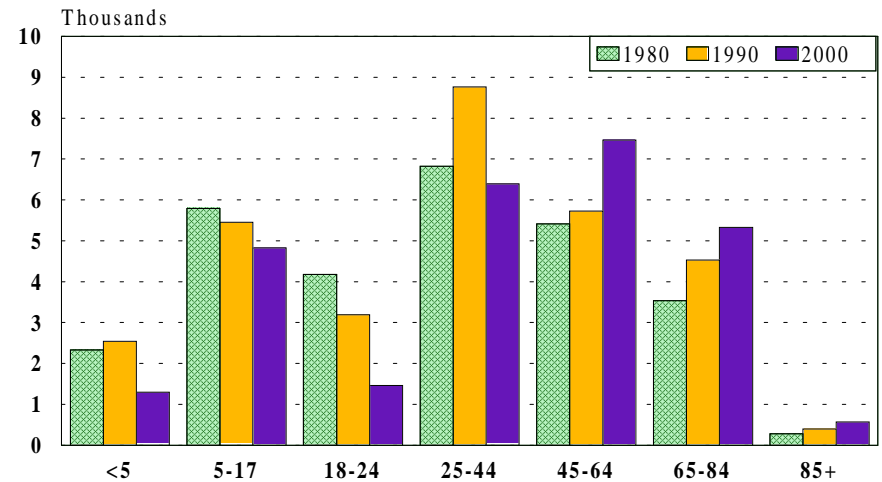
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Iosco residents continues to go up:

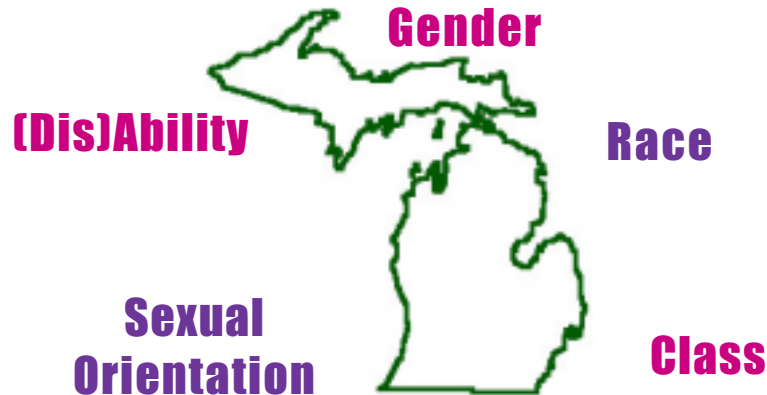
	1980	1990	2000
Iosco	29.2	32.6	44.2
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 27,339 people who lived in Iosco in 2000, 56.0 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 44.0 percent included 4.7 percent children under the age of 5, 17.7 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 21.6 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 1,740 or 30.4 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 1,365 or 30.1 percent since 1990. One in five Iosco residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Iosco County



Multiculturalism



- .. In 2000, Iosco County's population included 13,409 males and 13,930 females, or 49.0 percent and 51.0 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- .. Of the 11,727 households living in Iosco County in 2000, 9,615 or 82.0 percent owned their own home and 2,112 or 18.0 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

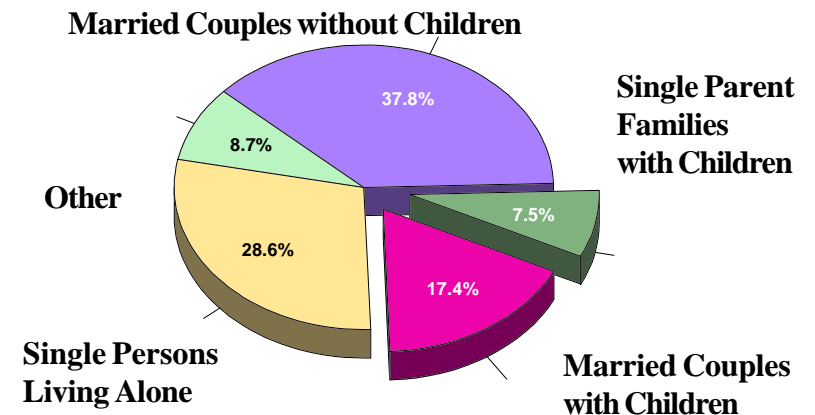
	Iosco County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	26,327	96.3	78.6
Black*	106	0.4	14.1
American Indian*	171	0.6	0.5
Asian*	123	0.4	1.8
Other*	22	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	321	1.2	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	269	1.0	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

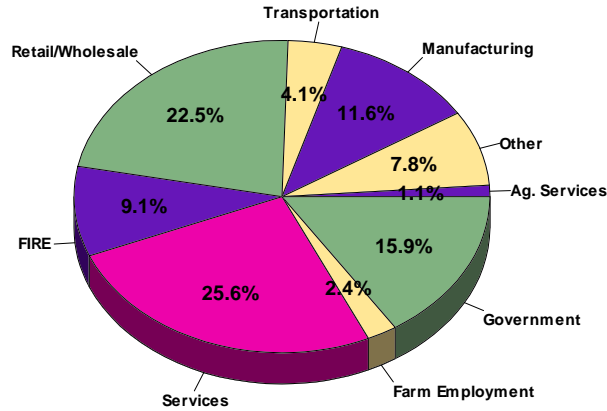
- .. There were 204 marriages in Iosco County during 1998, down from 1990 when 310 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- .. In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid '70s, to age 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 Iosco County in 1990 was 10.9 when 165 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 10.3 when 133 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, 1,350 children in Iosco County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 17 percent of all children in Iosco. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Iosco County



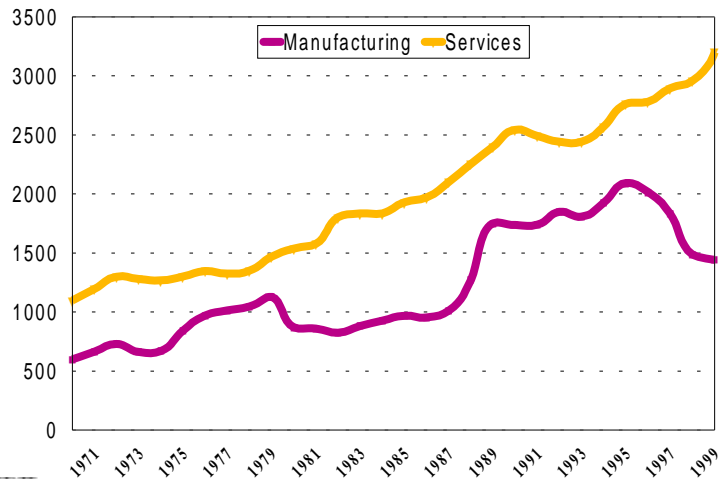
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Iosco County



- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Iosco from 15,245 in 1990 to 12,467 in 1999, a 18.2 percent decrease.
- The Services industry accounted for 25.6% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 3.2 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 25.9 percent since 1990.

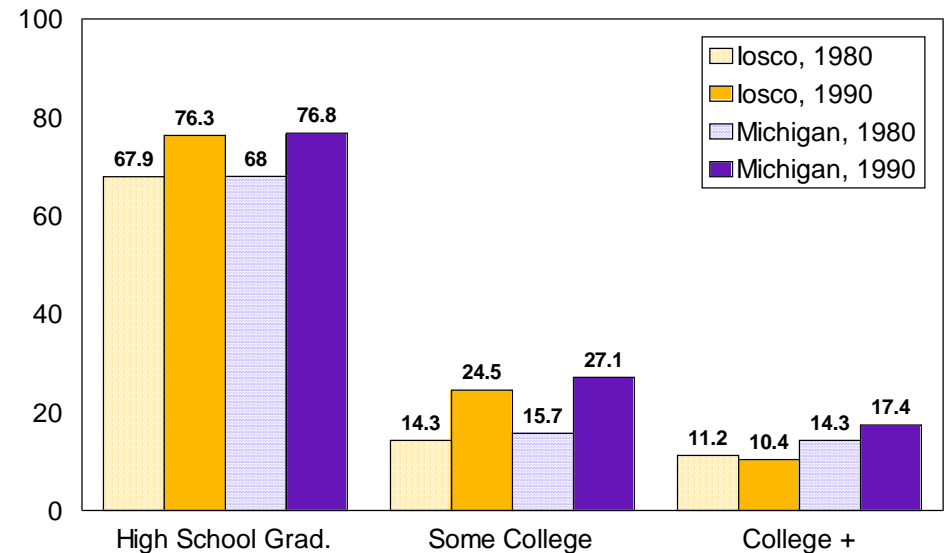
Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



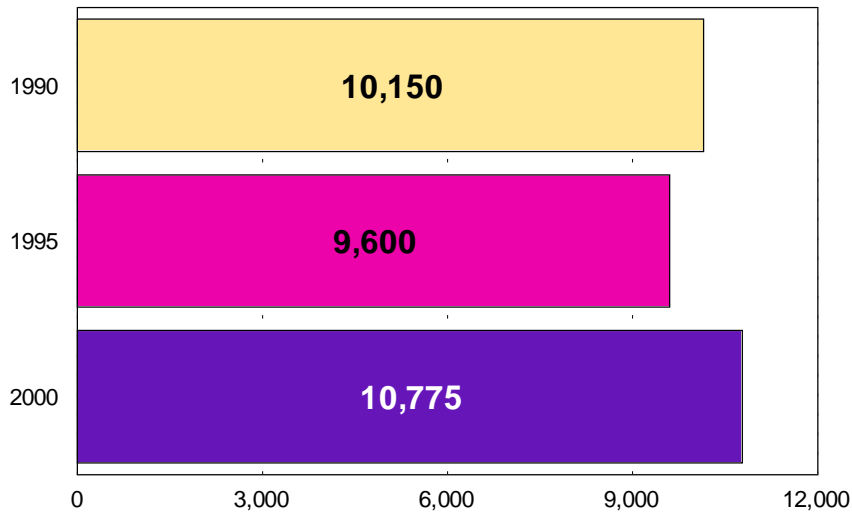
- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.4 percentage points in Iosco County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completely high school than those in older age groups.
- Iosco 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 Iosco County the rate was 10.4 percent. Iosco ranks 54 among Michigan’s 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 102 students dropped out of high school in Iosco County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 5.9 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 32 students dropped out (1.8 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over

Percent



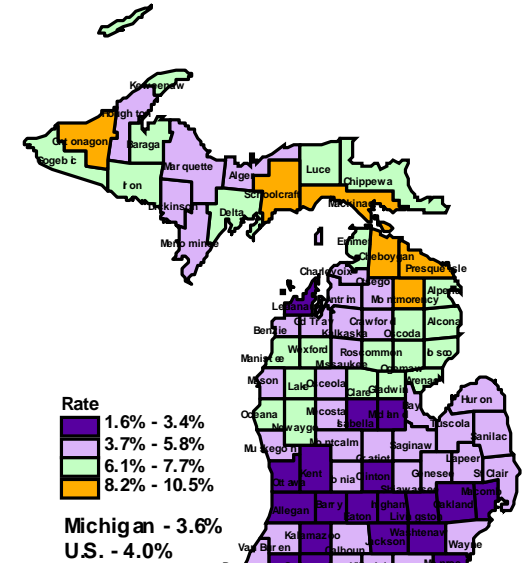
Total Number of Persons Employed in Iosco County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Michigan's labor force has grown from 11,125 in 1990 to 11,650 in 2000.
- In 1990, 91.2 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 92.5 percent employed.
- 52.9 percent of Michigan's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 48.5 percent in 1990.
- Three fourths percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, nearly 14 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.
- Iosco County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 7.4 percent, compared to 8.2 percent in 1999 and 8.7 percent in 1990. 875 people were unemployed in 2000, 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 - 2000

