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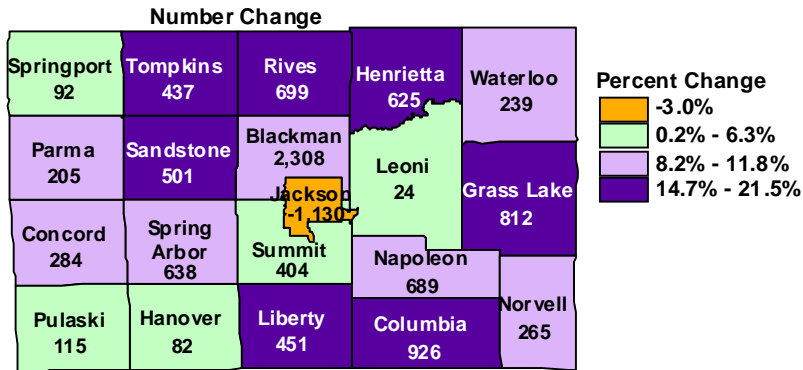
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Population

Jackson County

Change from 1990 to 2000

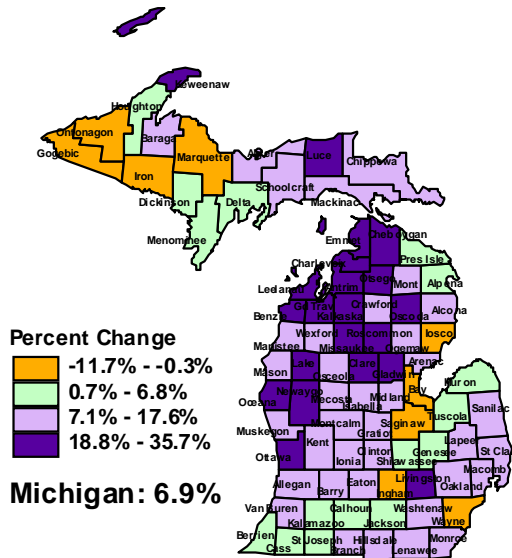


Jackson County had 158,422 people in 2000, ranking as the 14th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 8,666 persons, or 5.8% since 1990.

Grass Lake Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 21.5 percent. Blackman Township showed the largest number gain of 2,308 people.

There were 2,052 live births in Jackson in 1998, of which 317 were to mothers age 19 and under, 1,571 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 164 to mothers age 35 and over.

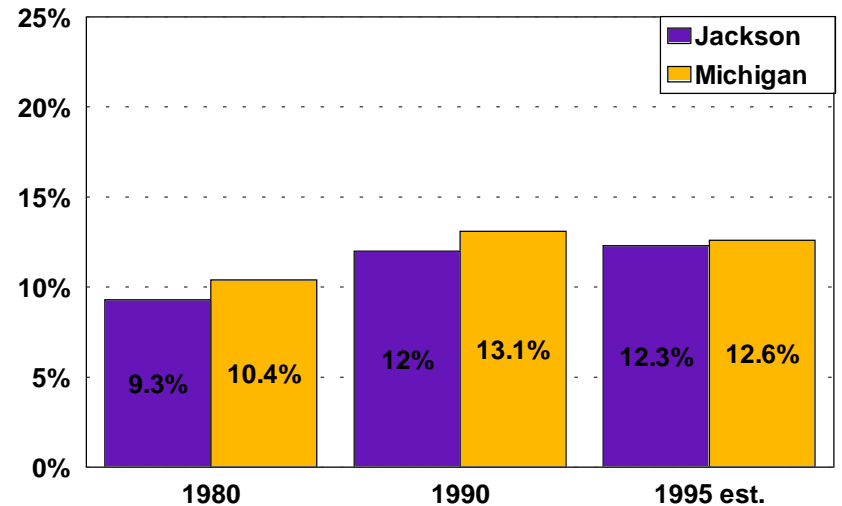
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



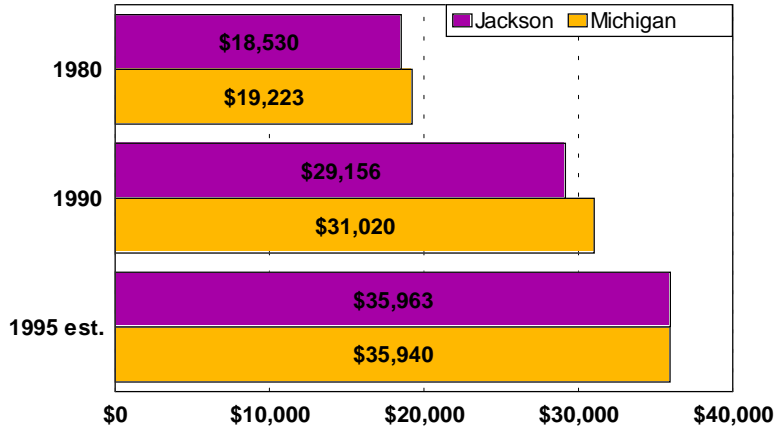
Poverty

- In 1995, 18,323 persons in Jackson County were below the poverty line, increasing from 16,881 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Jackson County ranked 13th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 51st on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 7,219 kids (ages 0-17) in Jackson County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 6,493 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 9.9 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 10.6 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Jackson County experienced an increase in real median income of 5.8 percent, from \$33,997 to \$35,963. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Jackson County ranked 24th 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 Jackson County in 1998 was \$22,576, compared to \$20,272 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), an 11.4 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Jackson County	42.8%	36.3%	20.9%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

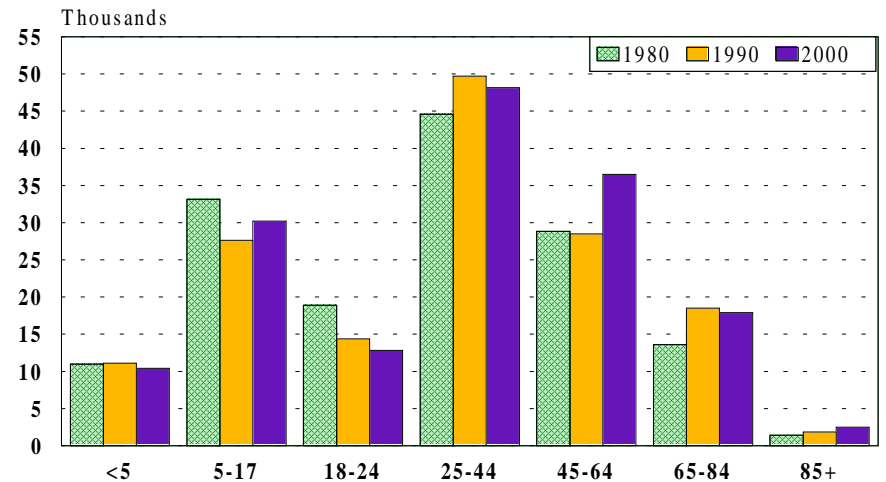
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Jackson residents continues to go up:

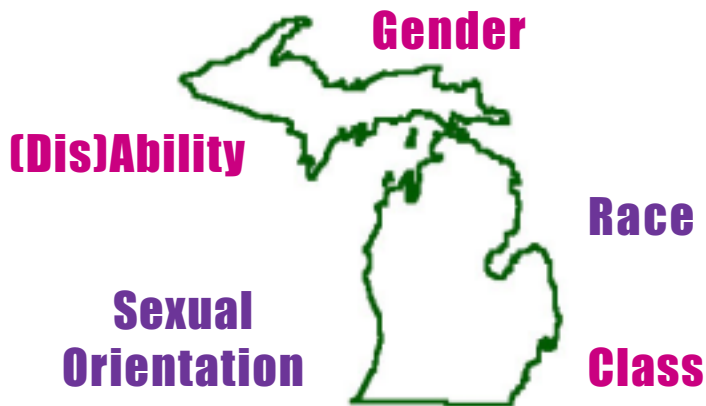
	1980	1990	2000
Jackson	29.5	33.4	36.6
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 158,422 people who lived in Jackson in 2000, 61.5 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 38.5 percent included 6.6 percent children under the age of 5, 19.1 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 12.9 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 8,013 or 28.1 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 1,870 or 10.1 percent since 1990. One in seven Jackson residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Jackson County



Multiculturalism



- .. In 2000, Jackson County's population included 80,848 males and 77,574 females, or 51.0 percent and 49.0 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- .. Of the 58,168 households living in Jackson County in 2000, 44,503 or 76.5 percent owned their own home and 13,665 or 23.5 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

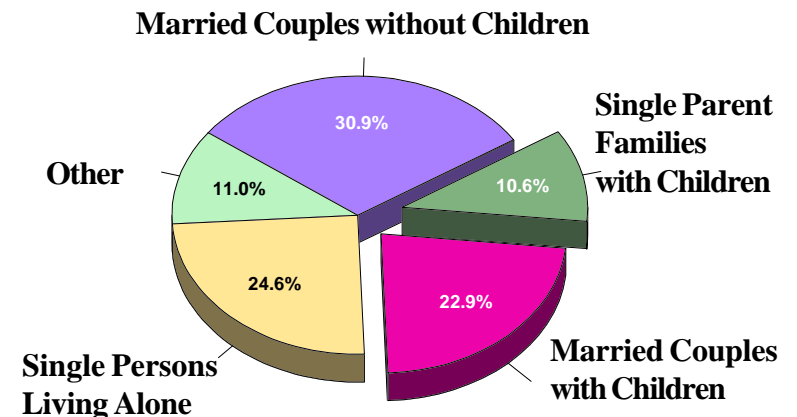
	Jackson County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	138,528	87.4	78.6
Black*	12,396	7.8	14.1
American Indian*	588	0.4	0.5
Asian*	835	0.5	1.8
Other*	229	0.1	0.1
Two or more races	2,353	1.5	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	3,493	2.2	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

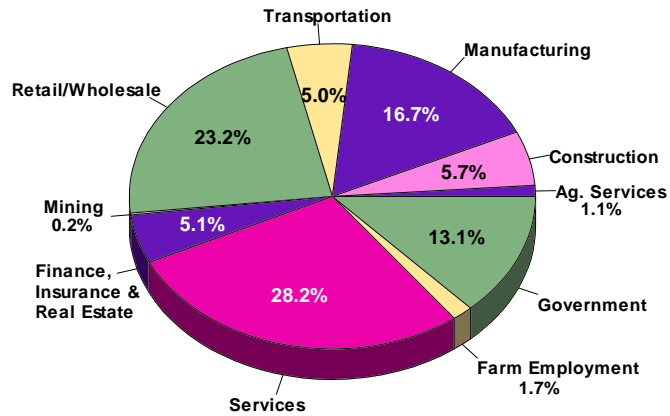
- .. There were 1,153 marriages in Jackson County during 1998, down from 1990 when 1,349 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- .. In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid'70s, to 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 Jackson County in 1990 was 9.9 when 744 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 10.4 when 812 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, 8,221 children in Jackson County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 21.3 percent of all children in Jackson. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Jackson County



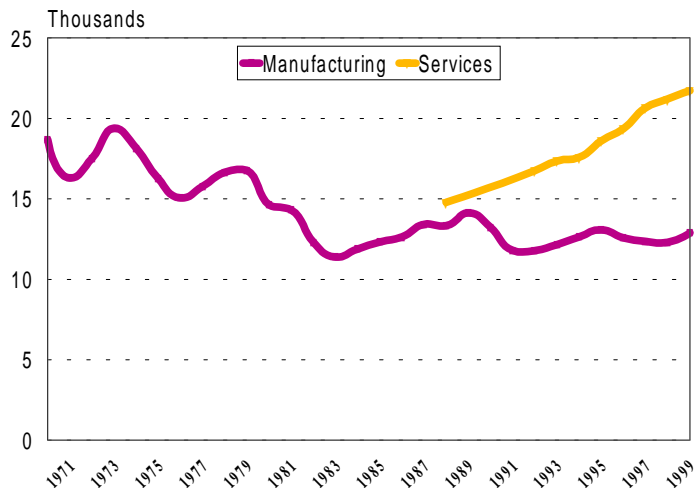
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Jackson County



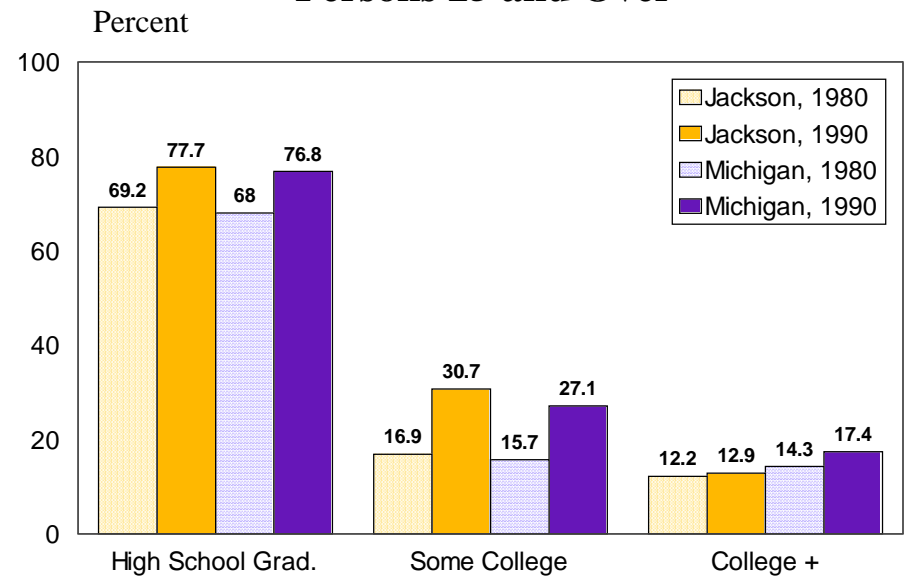
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Jackson from 66,119 in 1990 to 77,017 in 1999, a 16.5 percent increase.
- .. The Services industry accounted for 28.2% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 5.0 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 29.8 percent since 1992.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

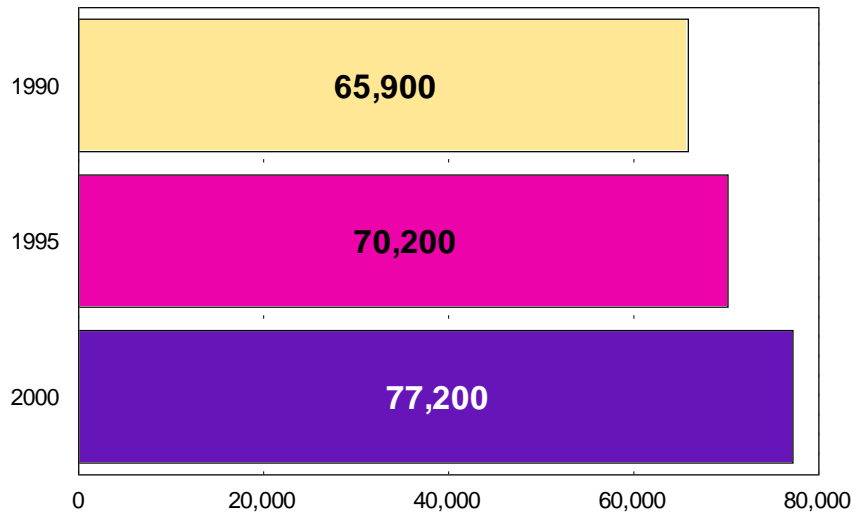


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.5 percentage points in Jackson County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Jackson 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 Jackson County the rate was 12.9 percent. Jackson ranks 28th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 465 students dropped out of high school in Jackson County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 7.2 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 240 students dropped out (3.9 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



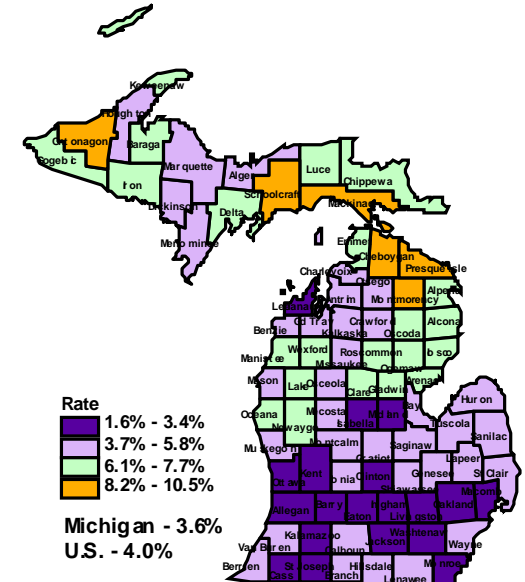
Total Number of Persons Employed in Jackson County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Jackson's labor force has grown from 71,100 in 1990 to 79,700 in 2000.
- In 1990, 92.7 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 96.9 percent employed.
- 65.2 percent of Jackson's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 61.7 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-eight percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 16 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 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.
- Jackson County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 3.1 percent, compared to 3.4 percent in 1999 and 7.3 percent in 1990. 2,500 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 5,200 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

