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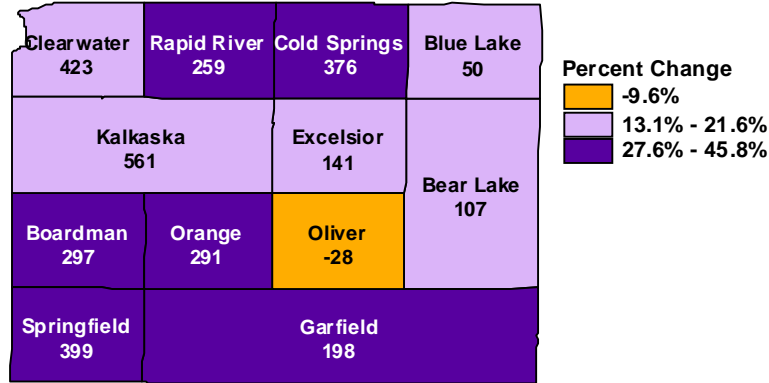
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Population

Kalkaska County

Change from 1990 to 2000
Number Change

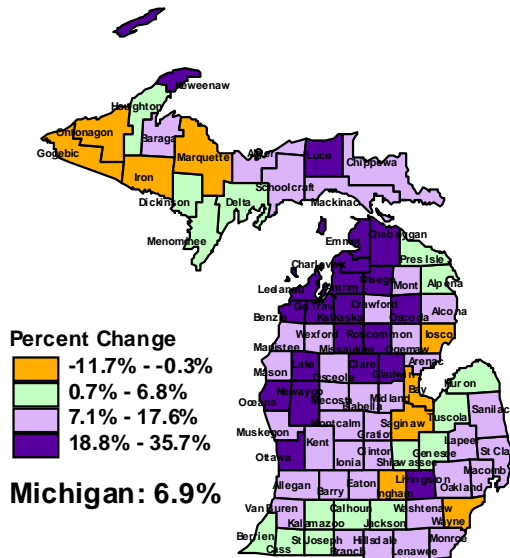


.. Kalkaska County had 16,571 people in 2000, ranking as the 67th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 3,074 persons, or 22.8% since 1990.

.. Springfield Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 45.8 percent. Kalkaska Township showed the largest number gain of 561 people.

.. There were 177 live births in Kalkaska in 1998, of which 31 were to mothers age 19 and under, 137 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 9 to mothers age 35 and over.

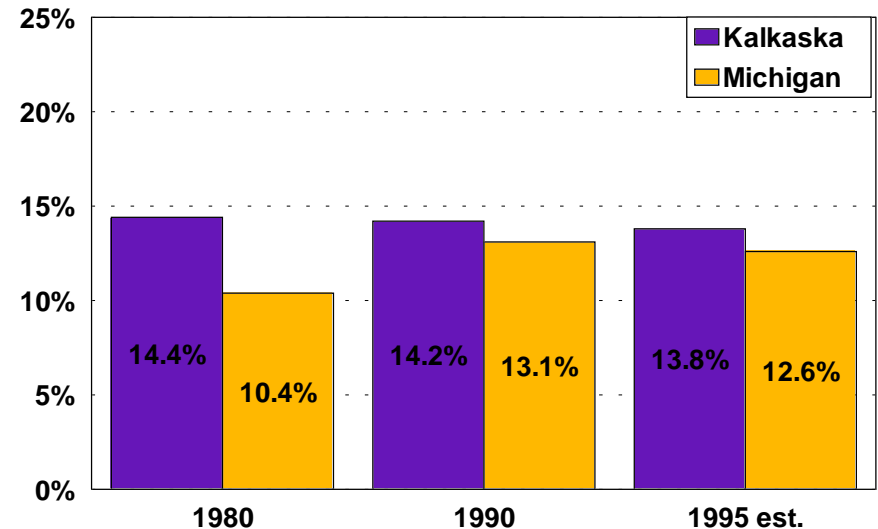
.. Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



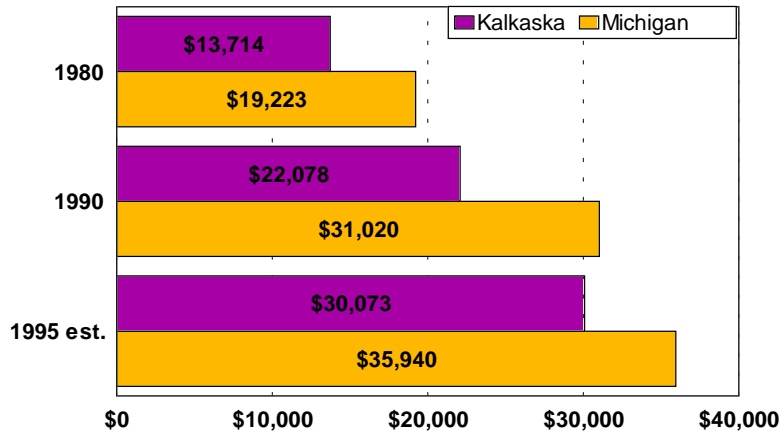
Poverty

- .. In 1995, 2,145 persons in Kalkaska County were below the poverty line, increasing from 1,895 persons in 1990.
- .. The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- .. Kalkaska County ranked 66th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 38th on the poverty rate.
- .. Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 899 kids (ages 0-17) in Kalkaska County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 673 kids were poor.
- .. The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 15.1 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 20.2 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Kalkaska County experienced an increase in real median income of 16.8 percent, from \$25,744 to \$30,073. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Kalkaska County ranked 50th 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 Kalkaska County in 1998 was \$17,122, compared to \$15,578 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 9.9 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Kalkaska Co.	57.0%	34.0%	8.9%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

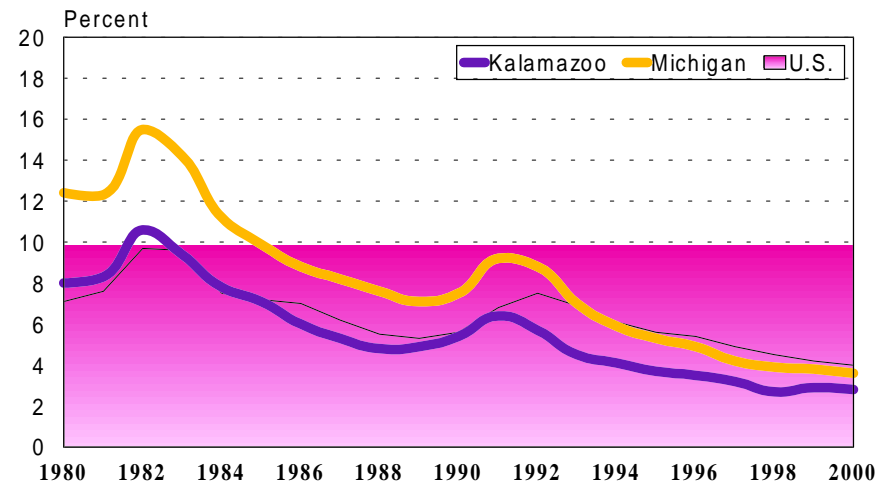
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Kalkaska residents continues to go up:

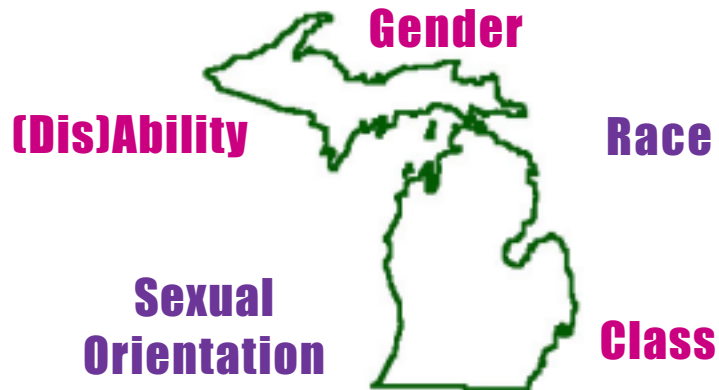
	1980	1990	2000
Kalkaska	29.2	33.1	38.0
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 16,571 people who lived in Kalkaska in 2000, 60.7 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 39.3 percent included 6.4 percent children under the age of 5, 19.1 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 13.7 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 1,451 or 55.6 percent since 1990.
- "Seasoned citizens," those age 65 and over, grew by 476 or 26.4 percent since 1990. One in eight Kalkaska residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Kalkaska County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Kalkaska County's population included 8,338 males and 8,233 females, or 50.3 percent and 49.7 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 6,428 households living in Kalkaska County in 2000, 5,470 or 85.1 percent owned their own home and 958 or 14.9 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

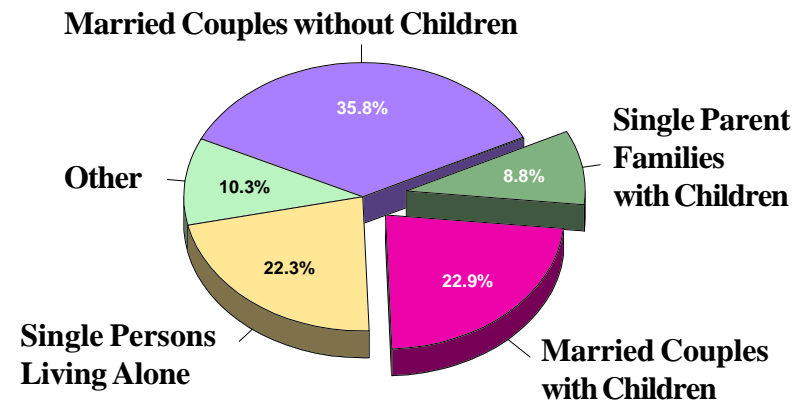
	Kalkaska County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	16,063	96.9	78.6
Black*	34	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	122	0.7	0.5
Asian*	37	0.2	1.8
Other*	11	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	162	1.0	1.6
Hispanic or Latino*	142	0.9	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

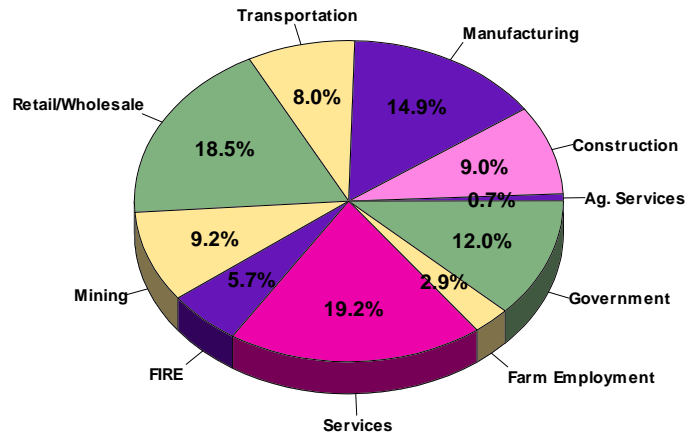
- There were 117 marriages in Kalkaska County during 1998, down from 132 marriages in 1990 when 132 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, 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 Kalkaska County in 1990 was 17.2 when 116 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 9.3 when 72 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, 774 children in Kalkaska County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 19.6 percent of all children in Kalkaska. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Kalkaska County



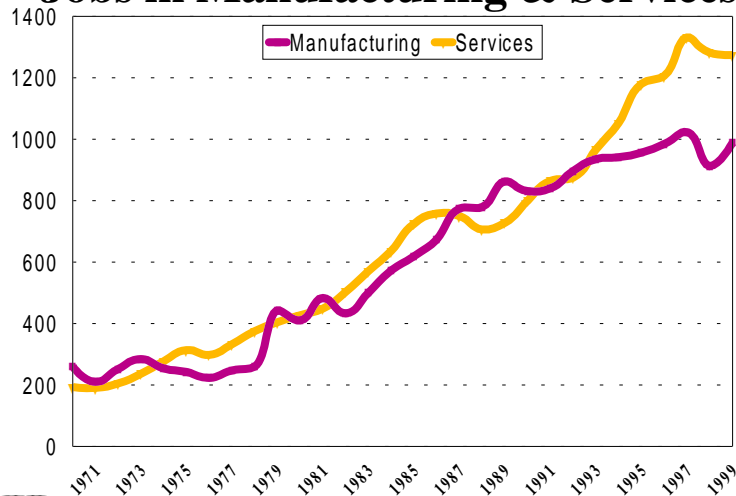
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Kalkaska County



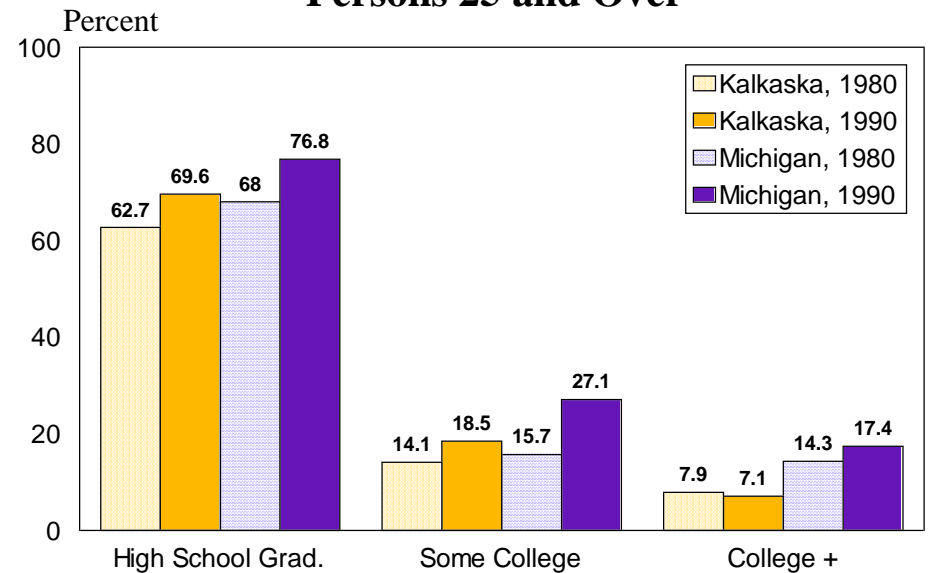
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Kalkaska from 5,076 in 1990 to 6,631 in 1999, a 30.6 percent increase.
- .. Services accounted for 19.2% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by only 0.7 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 59.3 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

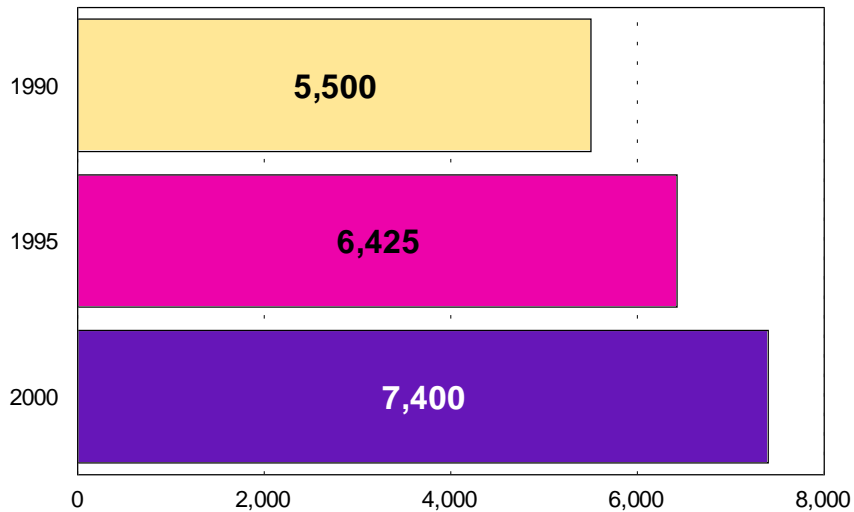


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 6.9 percentage points in Kalkaska County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Kalkaska 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 Kalkaska County the rate was 7.1 percent. Kalkaska ranks 79 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 26 students dropped out of high school in Kalkaska County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.1 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 20 students dropped out (2.7 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



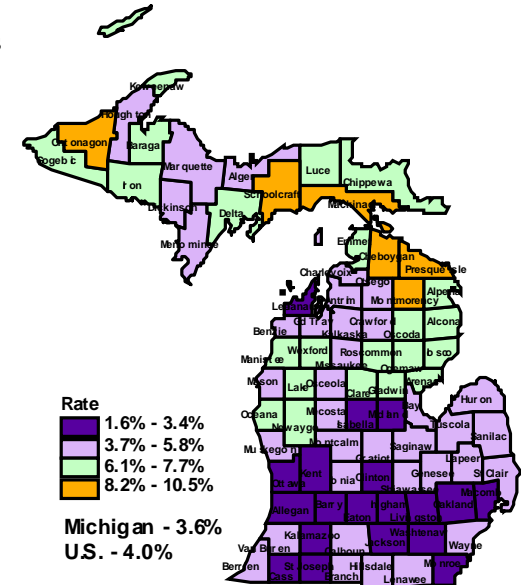
Total Number of Persons Employed in Kalkaska County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Kalkaska's labor force has grown from 6,125 in 1990 to 7,850 in 2000.
- In 1990, 89.8 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 97.2 percent employed.
- 61.2 percent of Kalkaska's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 61.6 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-four percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, nearly 15 percentage points higher than in 1980. Over five out of ten women with children under age six were in the work force in 1990, compared to three 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.
- Kalkaska County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 5.8 percent, compared to 6.2 percent in 1999 and 10.1 percent in 1990. 450 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 625 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

