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Population

Lake County

Population Change from 1990 to 2000

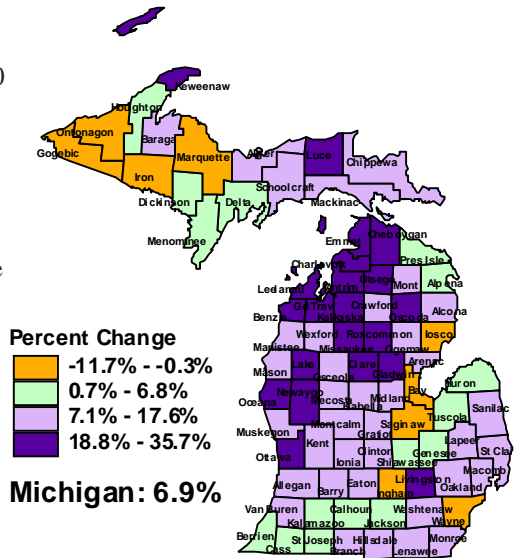
Number Change				Percent Change
Elk 320	Eden 142	Newkirk 133	Dover 14	
Sauble 26	Peacock 101	Cherry Valley 120	Ellsworth 199	4.4% - 8.8%
Sweetwater 15	Webber 907		Pinora 229	19.5% - 29.4%
Lake 149	Pleasant Plains 71	Yates 129	Chase 195	32.0% - 93.7%

◆ Lake County had 11,333 people in 2000, ranking as the 75th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 2,750 persons, or 32% since 1990.

◆ Webber Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 93.7 percent. Webber Township also showed the largest number gain of 907 people.

◆ There were 133 live births in Lake in 2000, of which 27 were to mothers age 19 and under, 97 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 9 to mothers age 35 and over.

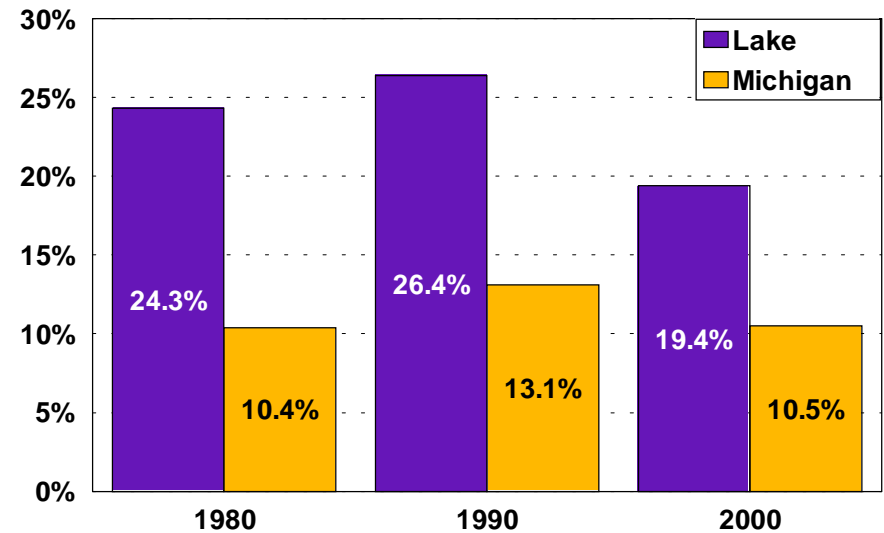
◆ Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

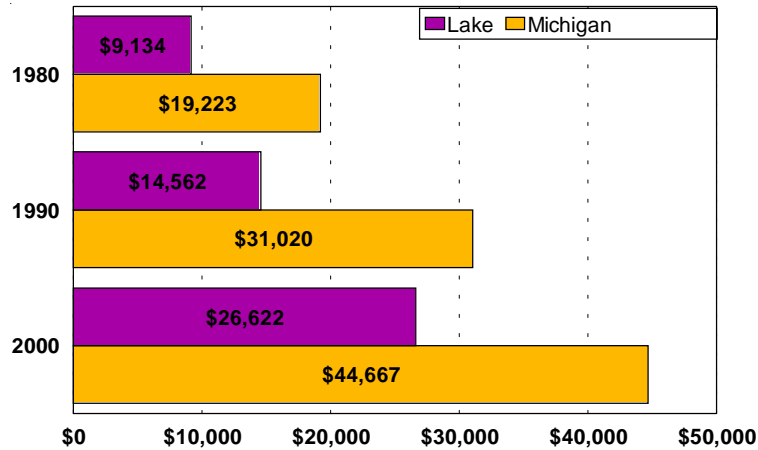
- ◆ In 2000, 2,072 persons in Lake County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 2,215 persons in 1990.
- ◆ The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,603. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- ◆ Though poverty rates for most groups were down in 2000 compared to 1990, female-headed families with related children still experienced very high rates. In Lake County, 34 female-headed families with children under age 5 were below poverty, a rate of 63.5 percent.
- ◆ Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 680 kids (ages 0-17) in Lake County were below the poverty level in 2000. This represents one child in three. In 1990, 783 kids were poor.
- ◆ The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 2000 was 12.0 percent. This was down from the previous two decades when the rate was 18.3 percent (1990) and 20.1 percent (1980).

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- ◆ Between 1990 and 2000, households in Lake County experienced an increase in real median income of 40.9 percent, from \$18,899 to \$26,622. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- ◆ Compared to other Michigan counties, Lake County ranked 83rd 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 Lake County in 1998 was \$15,518, compared to \$13,967 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), an 11.1 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution in 2000

	\$0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000+
Lake	46.9%	32.9%	12.9%	7.3%
Michigan	26.5%	28.9%	20.6%	24.1%

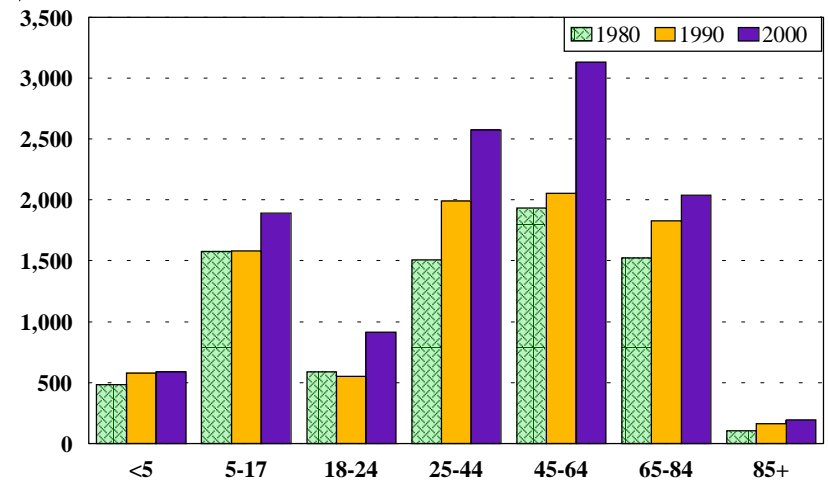
Age

The median age of Lake residents continues to go up:

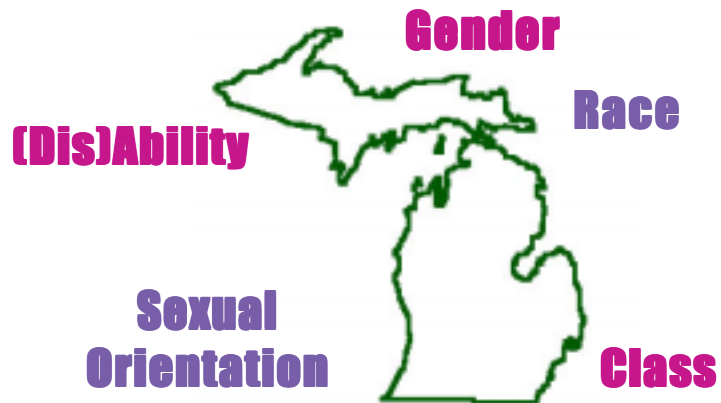
	1980	1990	2000
Lake	40.4	40.9	43.1
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- ◆ Of the 11,333 people who lived in Lake in 2000, 58.4 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 41.6 percent included 5.2 percent children under the age of 5, 16.7 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 19.7 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 1,076 or 52.4 percent since 1990.
- ◆ “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 408 or 22.3 percent since 1990. One in six Lake residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Lake County



Multiculturalism



- ◆ In 2000, Lake County's population included 5,914 males and 5,419 females, or 52.2 percent and 47.8 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- ◆ Of the 4,704 households living in Lake County in 2000, 3,905 or 83.0 percent owned their own home and 799 or 17.0 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

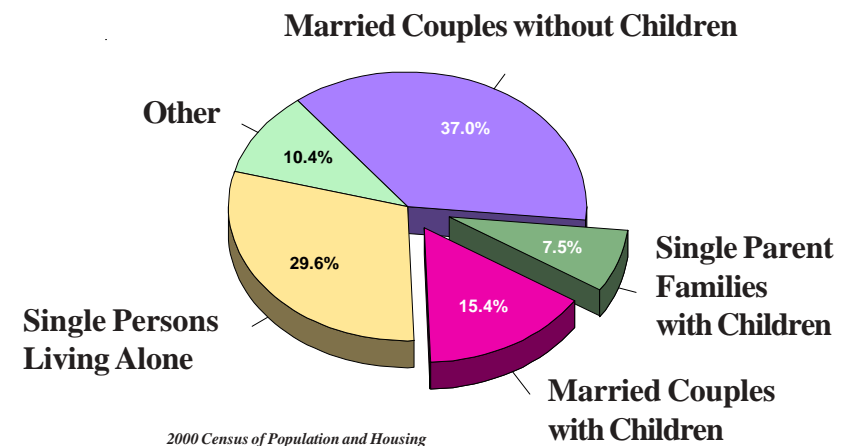
	Lake County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	9,511	83.9	78.6
Black*	1,252	11.0	14.1
American Indian*	112	1.0	0.5
Asian*	17	0.2	1.8
Other*	19	0.2	0.1
Two or more races*	231	2.0	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	191	1.7	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

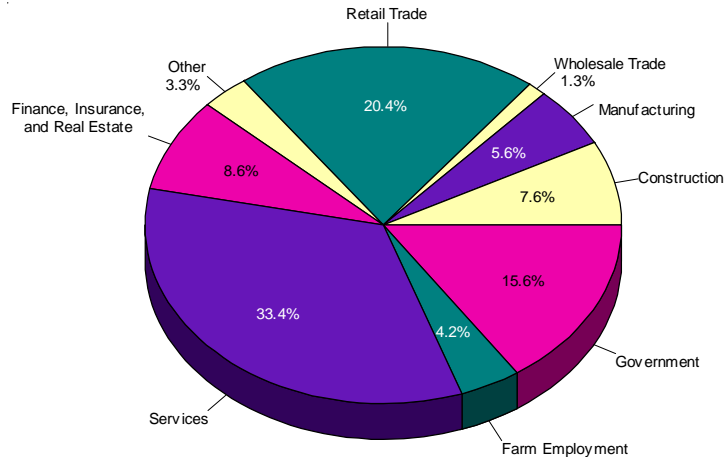
- ◆ There were 4,704 households in Lake County in 2000 with an average size of 2.3 persons and 3,055 families with an average family size of 2.8 persons.
- ◆ There were 75 marriages in Lake County during 2000, up from 1990 when 62 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- ◆ The divorce rate in Lake County in 1990 was 6.3 when 27 divorces occurred. In 2000 the rate was 6.8 when 36 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.
- ◆ 113 grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in Lake County in 2000, representing 54.1 percent of all grandparents living with their own grandchildren.
- ◆ In 2000, 632 children in Lake County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 27.8 percent of all children in Lake. In Michigan, 25.1 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Lake County



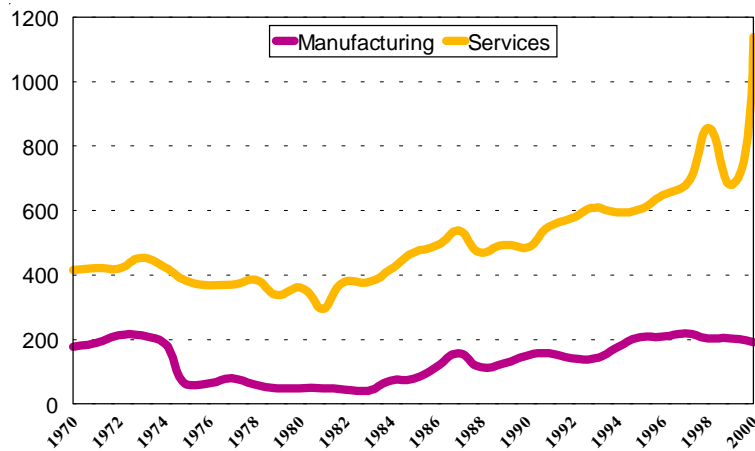
Employment

2000 Employment by Industry in Lake County



- ◆ The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Lake from 2,030 in 1990 to 3,412 in 2000, a 68.1 percent increase.
- ◆ The services industry saw the largest number gain since 1990, adding 653 jobs. The construction industry had the largest percentage increase at 172.6 percent, adding 164 jobs.

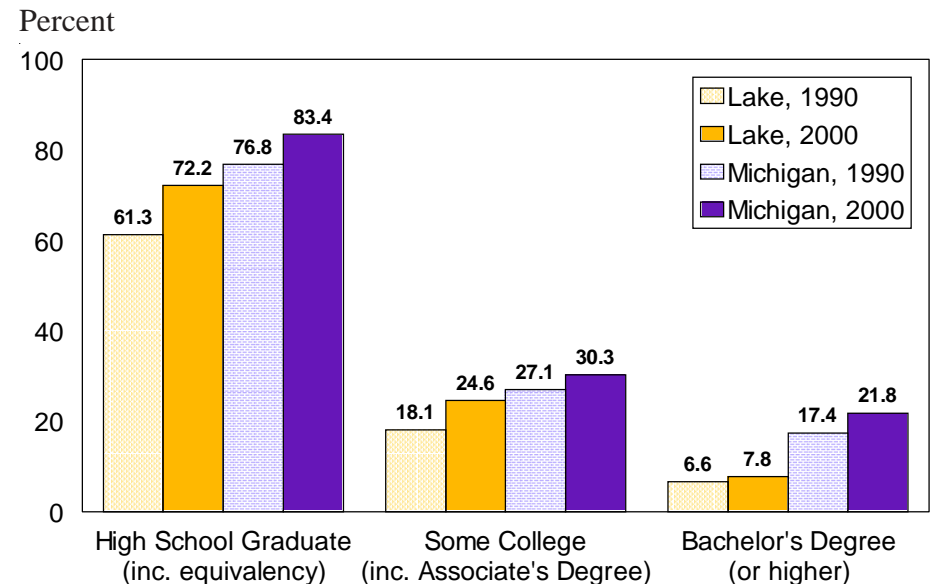
Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



Education

- ◆ High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1990 to 2000 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 10.9 percentage points in Lake 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.
- ◆ Lake 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 Lake County the rate was 7.8 percent. Lake ranks 83rd among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- ◆ 207 teenagers age 16 to 19 in Lake County were not enrolled in school and not high school graduates for a rate of 25.1 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 Lake County Residents Work

Lake County residents who worked in their own county:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	1,619	1,238	1,188
Percent	42.7	55.3	60.7

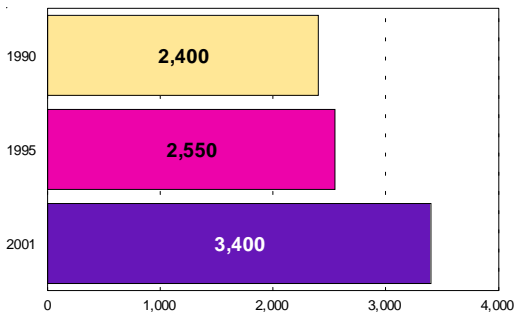
Lake County residents who worked outside their own county, but in Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	2,157	992	751
Percent	56.8	44.3	38.4

Lake County residents who worked outside Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	19	9	17
Percent	0.5	0.4	0.9

- ◆ 70.3 percent of all Lake County women with school age children were in the labor force in 2000, roughly the same percentage as in 1990. 67.0 percent of women with children under the age of six were working in 2000, compared to 53.2 percent in 1990.
- ◆ The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Lake's labor force has grown from 2,725 in 1990 to 3,675 in 2000.
- ◆ 39.8 percent of Lake's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 41.0 percent in 1990.

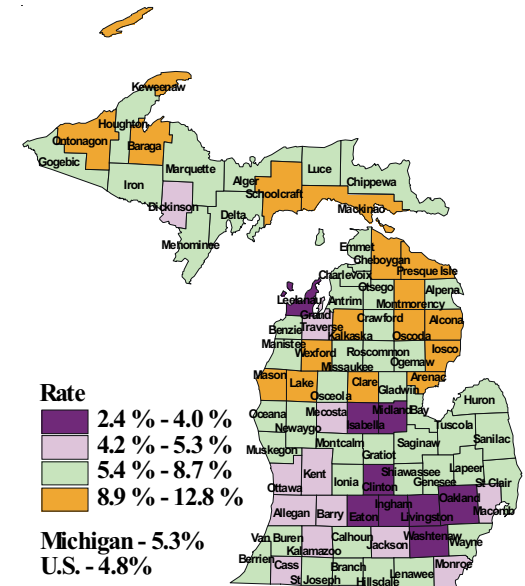


Total Number of Lake County Persons Employed

- ◆ In 1990, 88.1 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 93.2 percent employed.

2001 Unemployment Rate

- ◆ Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2001, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- ◆ Lake County's annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 9.2 percent, compared to 6.9 in 2000 and 12.3 percent in 1990. 350 people were unemployed in 2001, compared to 325 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

