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## A portrait of Leelanau County



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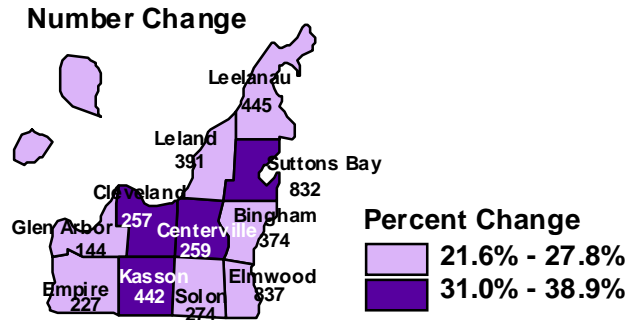
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# Population

## Leelanau County

Change from 1990 to 2000

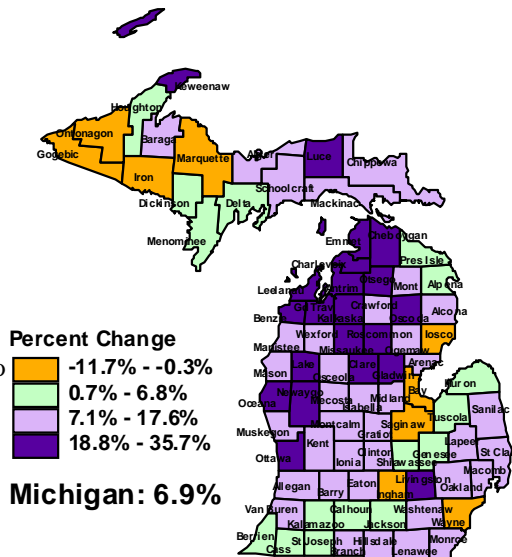


Leelanau County had 21,119 people in 2000, ranking as the 64th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 4,592 persons, or 27.8% since 1990.

Kasson Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 38.9 percent. Elmwood Charter Township showed the largest number gain of 837 people.

There were 189 live births in Leelanau in 1998, of which 16 were to mothers age 19 and under, 138 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 35 to mothers age 35 and over.

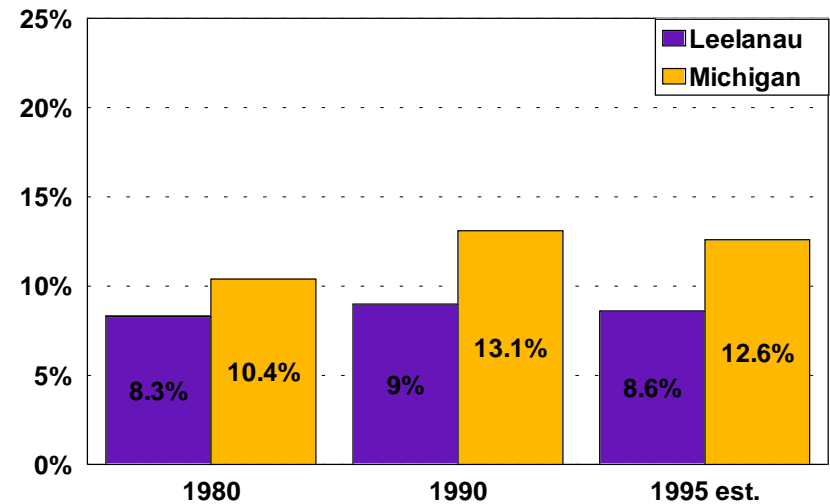
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

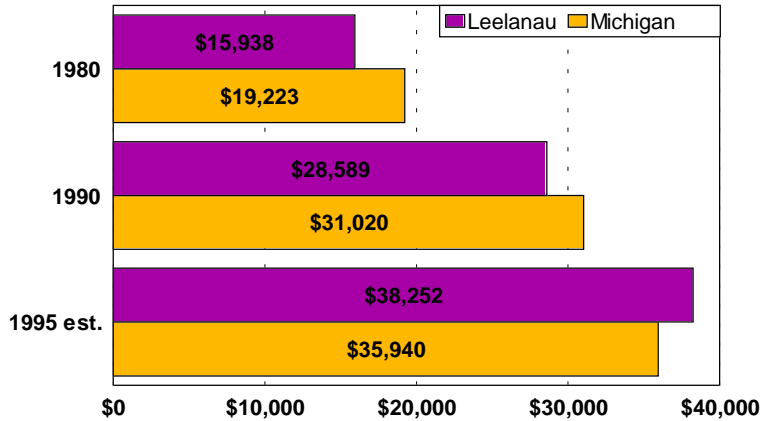
- In 1995, 1,598 persons in Leelanau County were below the poverty line, increasing from 1,479 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Leelanau County ranked 73rd among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 74th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 641 kids (ages 0-17) in Leelanau County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in eight. In 1990, 553 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 10.4 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 16.7 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Leelanau County experienced an increase in real median income of 14.7 percent, from \$33,336 to \$38,252. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Leelanau County ranked 16th 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 Leelanau County in 1998 was \$26,448, compared to \$22,296 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), an 18.6 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Leelanau</b>	<b>43.6%</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

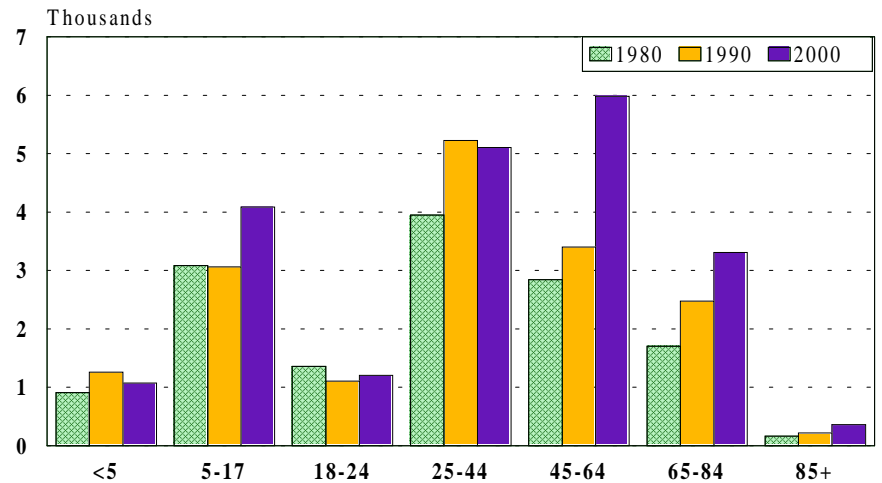
# Age

The Median age of Leelanau residents continues to go up:

	1980	1990	2000
<b>Leelanau</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>42.6</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- Of the 21,119 people who lived in Leelanau in 2000, 58.2 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 41.8 percent included 5.1 percent children under the age of 5, 19.3 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 17.4 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 2,581 or 75.9 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 1,195 or 48.3 percent since 1990. One in six Leelanau residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Leelanau County





- In 2000, Leelanau County's population included 10,532 males and 10,587 females, or 49.9 percent and 50.1 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 8,436 households living in Leelanau County in 2000, 7,138 or 84.6 percent owned their own home and 1,298 or 15.4 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.

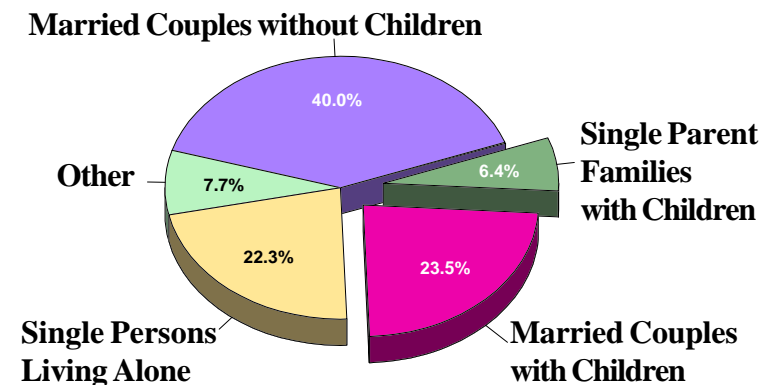
## Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin: 2000

	Leelanau County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	19,424	92.0	78.6
Black*	49	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	724	3.4	0.5
Asian*	48	0.2	1.8
Other*	10	0.0	0.1
Two or more races*	170	0.8	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	694	3.3	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

- There were 147 marriages in Leelanau County during 1998, up from 126 marriages in 1990. 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 Leelanau County in 1990 was 6.7 when 55 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 9.4 when 90 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, 649 children in Leelanau County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 15.1 percent of all children in Leelanau. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

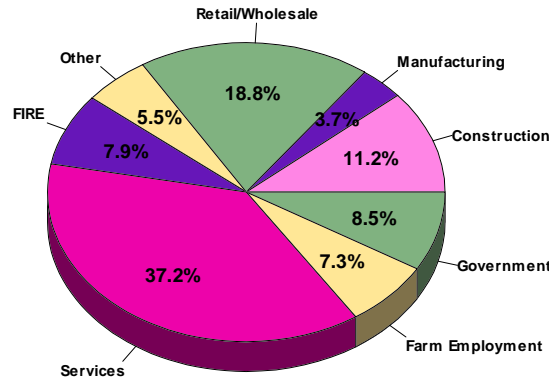
## Types of Households in Leelanau County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

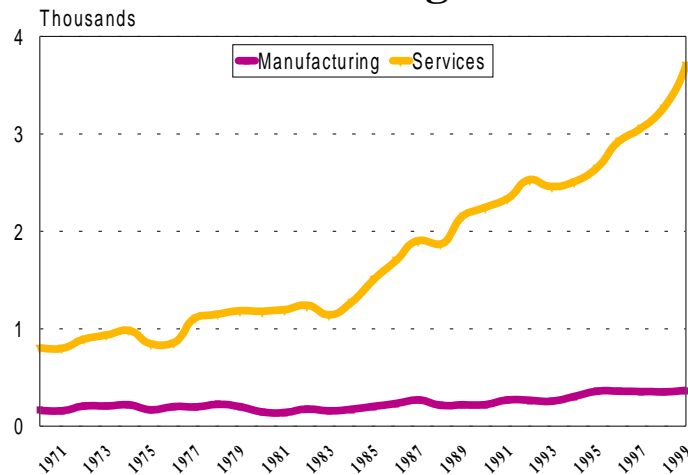
# Employment

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Leelanau County



- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Leelanau from 6,512 in 1990 to 9,960 in 1999, a 52.9 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 37.2 percent of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 18.4 percentage points. Jobs in Manufacturing have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 65.8 percent since 1990.

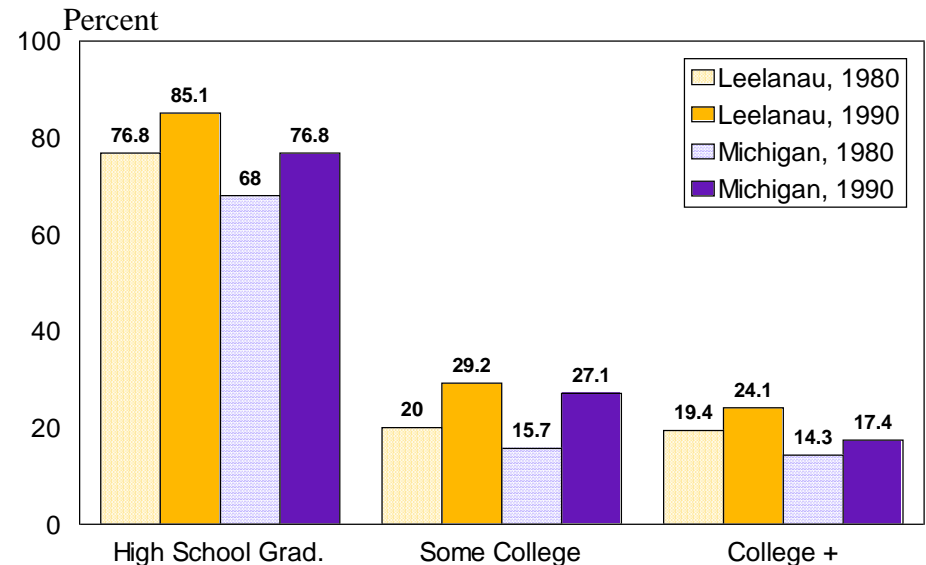
## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



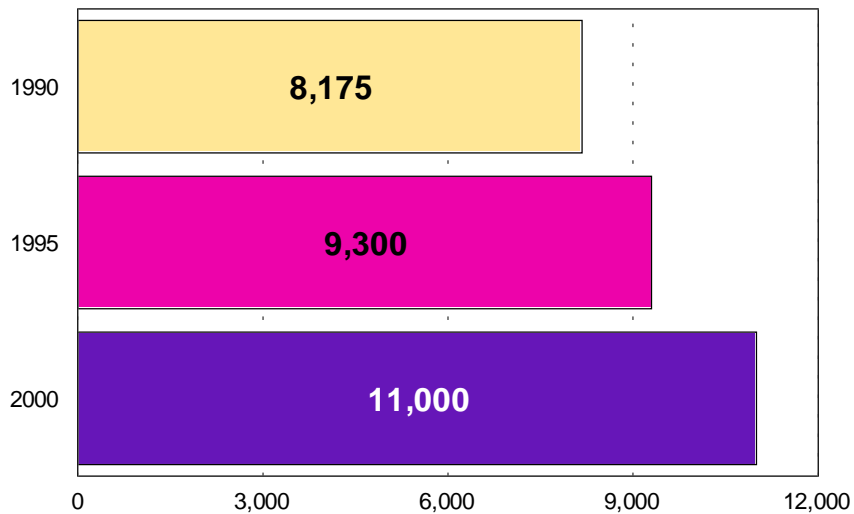
# Education

- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.3 percentage points in Leelanau 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.
- Leelanau 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 Leelanau County the rate was 24.1 percent. Leelanau ranks 6th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 2 students dropped out of high school in Leelanau County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 0.2 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 8 students dropped out (1.4 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



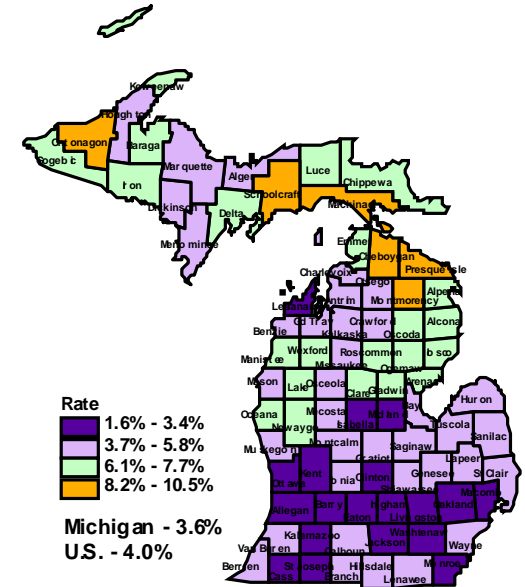
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Leelanau County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Leelanau's labor force has grown from 8,725 in 1990 to 11,325 in 2000.
- In 1990, 93.7 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 97.1 percent employed.
- 68.3 percent of Leelanau's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 69.0 percent in 1990.
- Eighty-four percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 19 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 1999, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- Leelanau County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 3.0 percent, compared to 3.3 percent in 1999 and 6.4 percent in 1990. 350 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 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

