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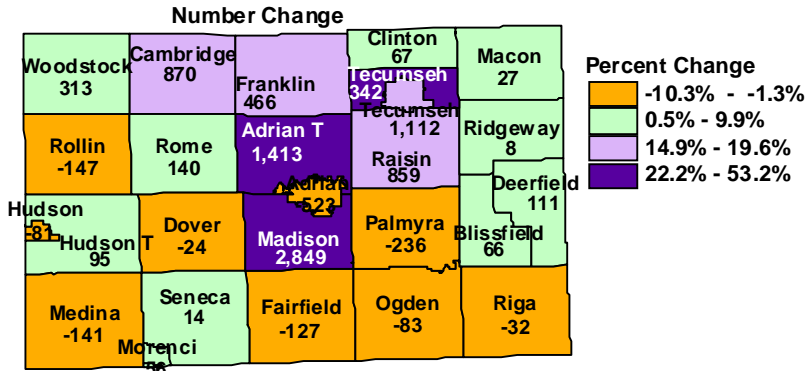
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Population

Lenawee County

Change from 1990 to 2000

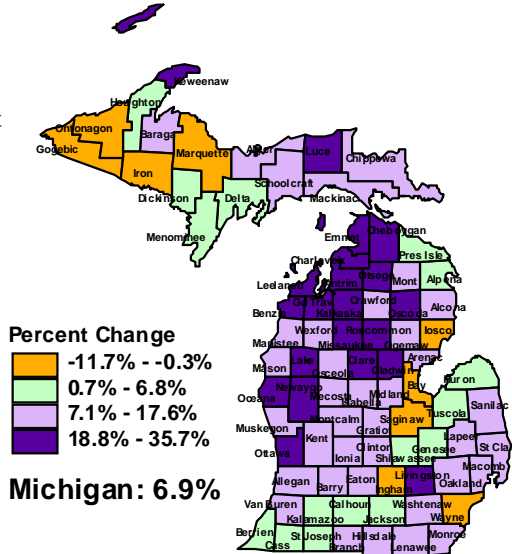


Lenawee County had 98,890 people in 2000, ranking as the 21st most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 7,414 persons, or 8.1% since 1990.

Madison Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 53.2 percent. Madison Township also showed the largest number gain of 2,849 people.

There were 1,197 live births in Lenawee in 1998, of which 151 were to mothers age 19 and under, 935 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 111 to mothers age 35 and over.

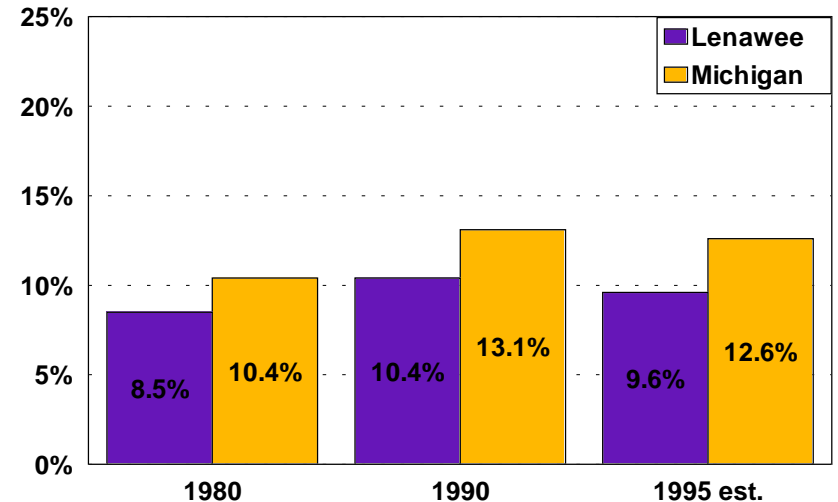
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



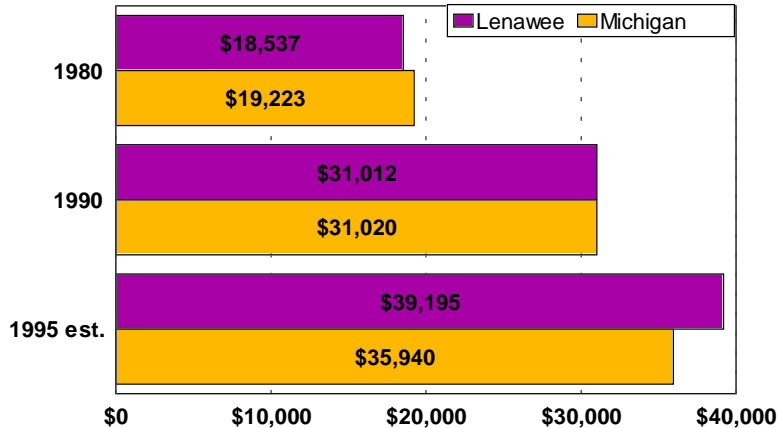
Poverty

- In 1995, 9,027 persons in Lenawee County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 9,105 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Lenawee County ranked 19th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 67th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 3,723 kids (ages 0-17) in Lenawee County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in seven. In 1990, 3,523 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 11.1 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 12.3 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Lenawee County experienced an increase in real median income of 8.4 percent, from \$36,161 to \$39,195. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Lenawee County ranked 14th 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 Lenawee County in 1998 was \$23,400, compared to \$21,355 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 9.6 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Lenawee Co.	40.0%	38.1%	22.0%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

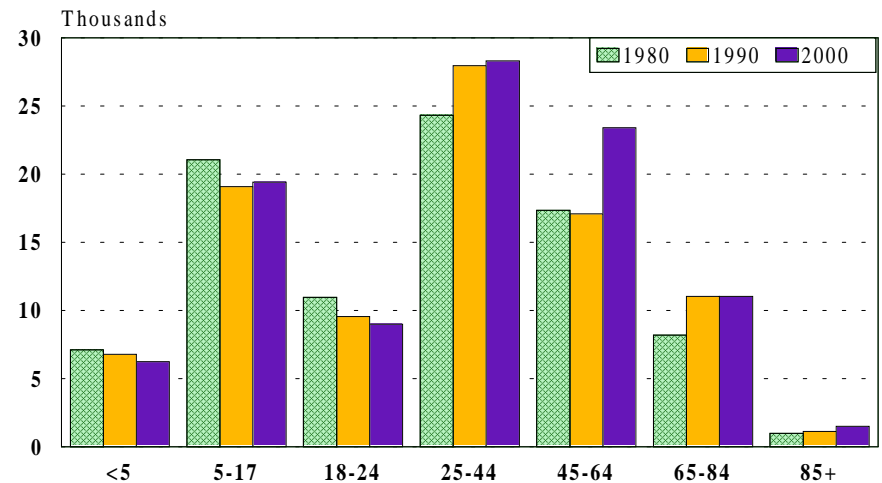
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Lenawee residents continues to go up:

	1980	1990	2000
Lenawee	29.0	32.6	36.4
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 98,890 people who lived in Lenawee in 2000, 61.4 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 38.6 percent included 6.3 percent children under the age of 5, 19.6 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 12.7 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 6,330 or 37.1 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 1,496 or 13.6 percent since 1990. One in eight Lenawee residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Lenawee County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Lenawee County's population included 49,464 males and 49,426 females, or 50.0 percent and 50.0 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 35,930 households living in Lenawee County in 2000, 28,102 or 78.2 percent owned their own home and 7,828 or 21.8 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

	Lenawee County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	88,188	89.2	78.6
Black*	2,033	2.1	14.1
American Indian*	322	0.3	0.5
Asian*	439	0.4	1.8
Other*	86	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	938	0.9	1.6
Hispanic or Latino*	6,884	7.0	3.3

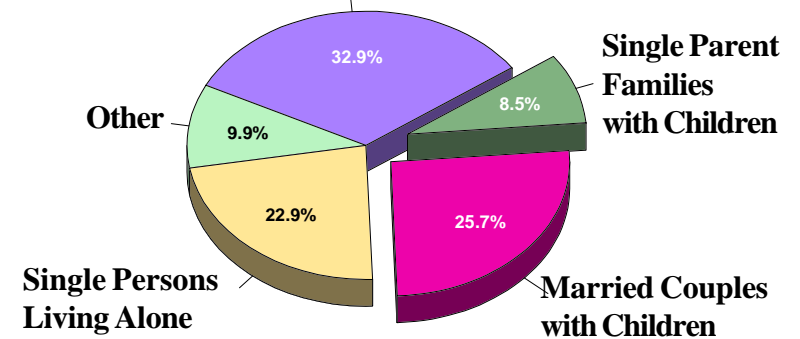
* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

- There were 465 marriages in Lenawee County during 1998, down from 689 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 Lenawee County in 1990 was 9.0 when 411 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 8.3 when 410 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, 4,233 children in Lenawee County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 16.4 percent of all children in Lenawee. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

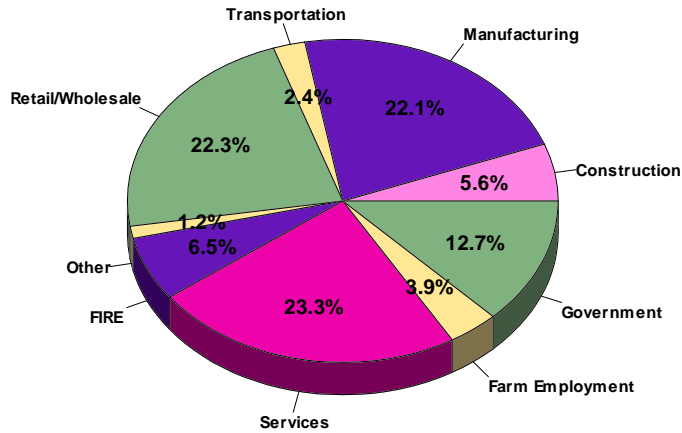
Types of Households in Lenawee County

Married Couples without Children



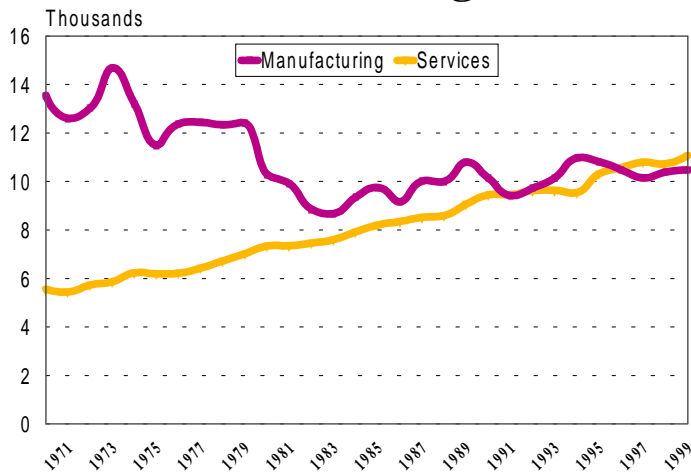
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Lenawee County



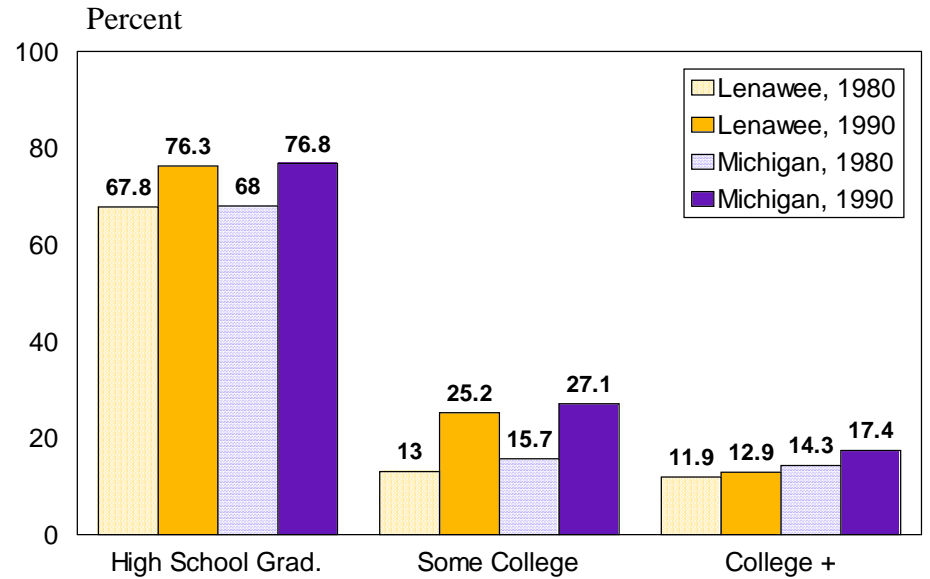
- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Lenawee from 39,422 in 1990 to 47,493 in 1999, a 20.5 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 23.3% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by only 1.0 percentage points. Jobs in leading Retail and Wholesale Trade have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 42.5 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

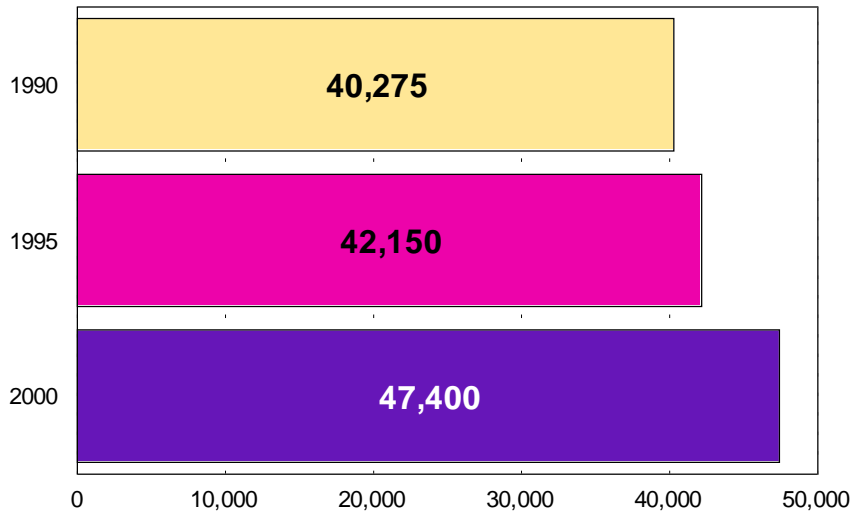


- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.5 percentage points in Lenawee County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- Lenawee 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 Lenawee County the rate was 12.9 percent. Lenawee ranks 29th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 223 students dropped out of high school in Lenawee County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 4.1 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 343 students dropped out (6.4 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



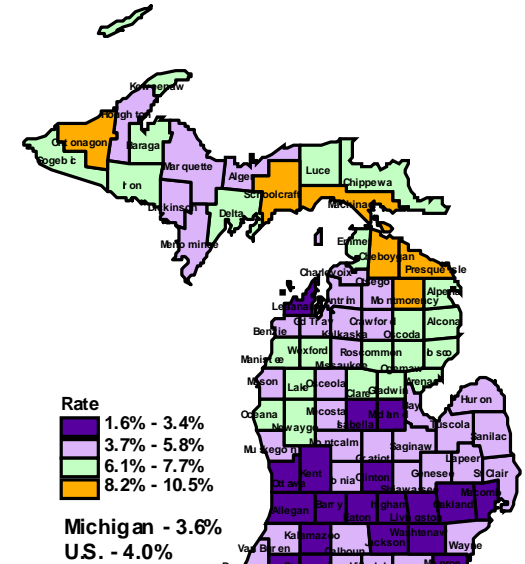
Total Number of Persons Employed in Lenawee County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Lenawee's labor force has grown from 43,650 in 1990 to 49,300 in 2000.
- In 1990, 92.3 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 96.1 percent employed.
- 64.6 percent of Lenawee's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 63.5 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-seven percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 14 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 2000, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- Lenawee County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 3.8 percent, compared to 3.6 percent in 1999 and 7.8 percent in 1990. 1,875 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 3,400 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

