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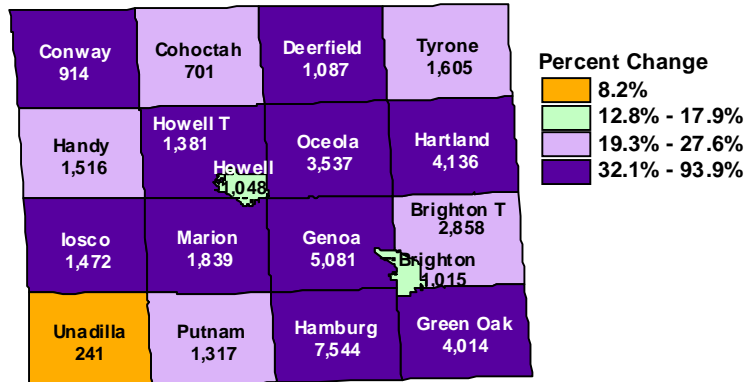
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Population

Livingston County

Percent Change from 1990 to 2000
Number Change

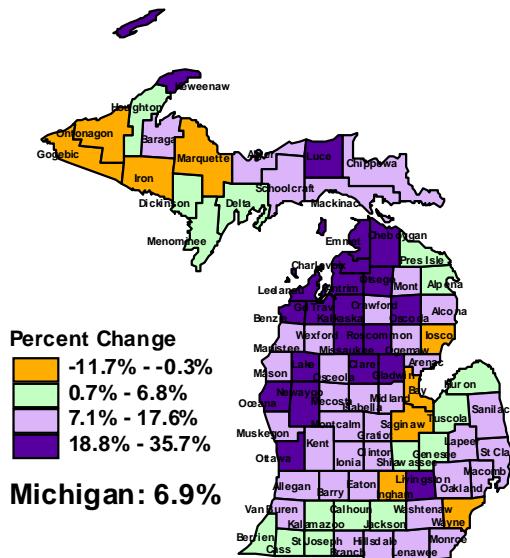


Livingston County had 156,951 people in 2000, ranking as the 15th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 41,306 persons, or 35.7% since 1990.

Iosco Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 93.9 percent. Hamburg Township showed the largest number gain of 7,544 people.

There were 1,954 live births in Livingston in 1998, of which 79 were to mothers age 19 and under, 1,492 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 382 to mothers age 35 and over.

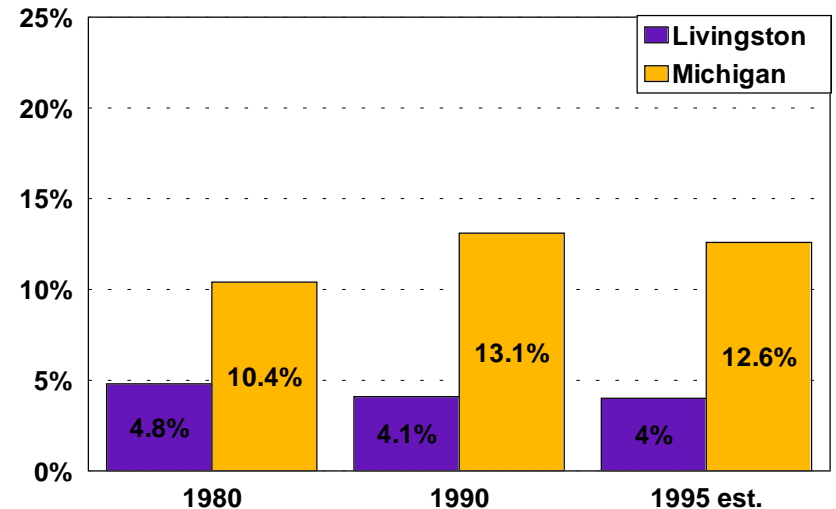
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



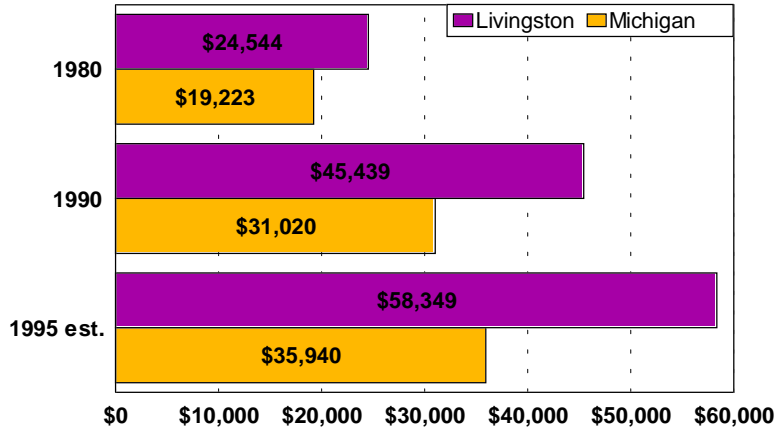
Poverty

- In 1995, 5,621 persons in Livingston County were below the poverty line, increasing from 4,716 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Livingston County ranked 37th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 83rd on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 2,189 kids (ages 0-17) in Livingston County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in eighteen. In 1990, 1,710 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 7.1 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 9.2 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Livingston County experienced an increase in real median income of 10.1 percent, from \$52,983 to \$58,349. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Livingston County ranked 1st 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 Livingston County in 1998 was \$30,666, compared to \$25,913 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), an 18.3 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Livingston	21.7%	34.5%	43.9%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

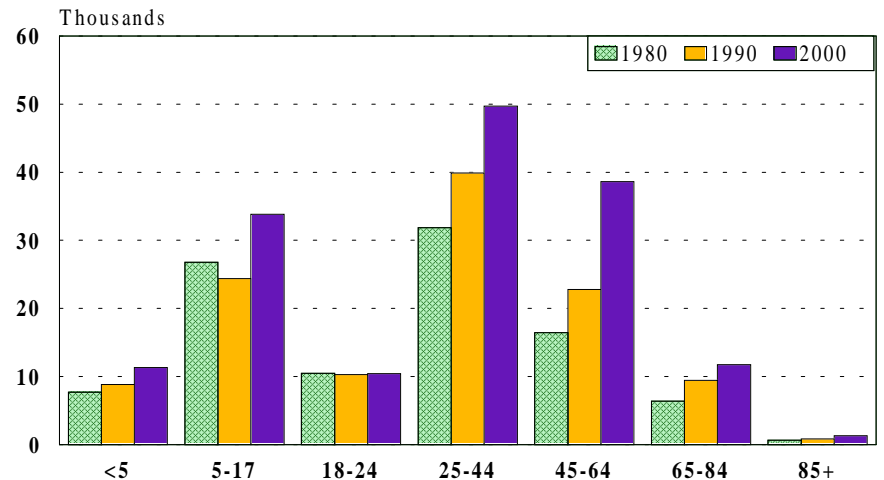
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Livingston residents continues to go up:

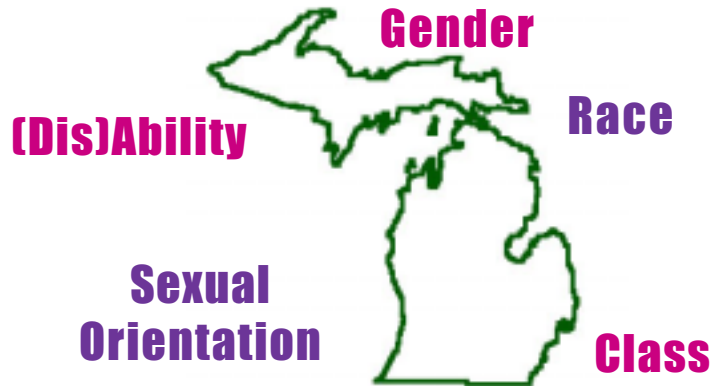
	1980	1990	2000
Livingston	28.3	32.9	36.2
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 156,951 people who lived in Livingston in 2000, 62.9 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 37.1 percent included 7.2 percent children under the age of 5, 21.5 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 8.3 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 15,860 or 69.6 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 3,594 or 38.1 percent since 1990. One in twelve Livingston residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Livingston County



Multiculturalism



- .. In 2000, Livingston County's population included 79,288 males and 77,663 females, or 50.5 percent and 49.5 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- .. Of the 55,384 households living in Livingston County in 2000, 48,757 or 88.0 percent owned their own home and 6,627 or 12.0 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

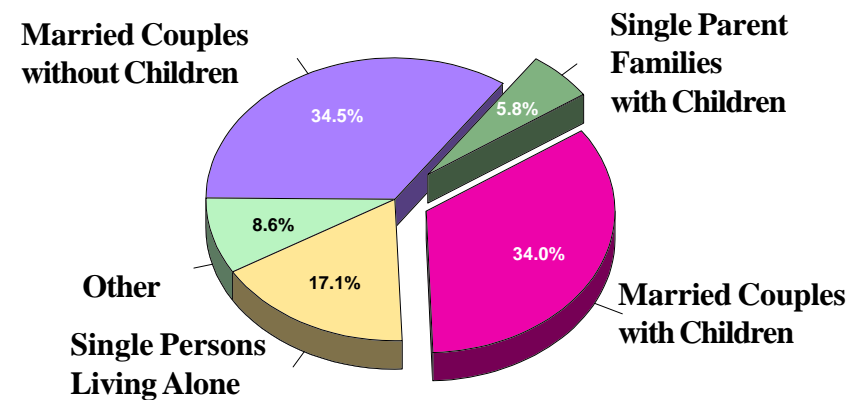
	Livingston County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	151,170	96.3	78.6
Black*	716	0.5	14.1
American Indian*	639	0.4	0.5
Asian*	896	0.6	1.8
Other*	129	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	1,448	0.9	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	1,953	1.2	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

- .. There were 920 marriages in Livingston County during 1998, down from 1,003 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 Livingston County in 1990 was 9.2 when 536 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 6.9 when 507 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, 3,356 children in Livingston County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 10.1 percent of all children in Livingston. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

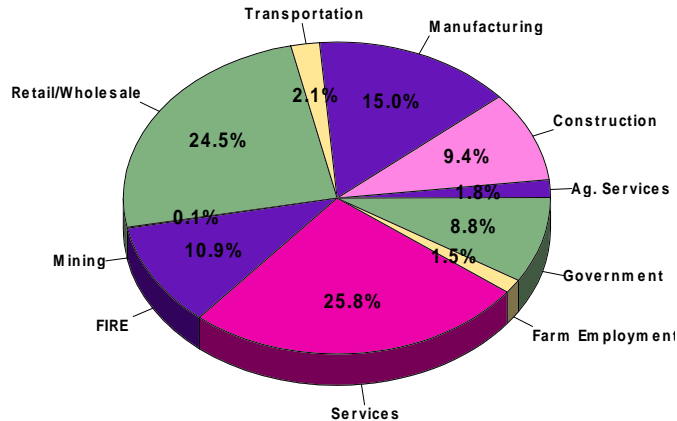
Types of Households in Livingston County



1990 Census of Population and Housing

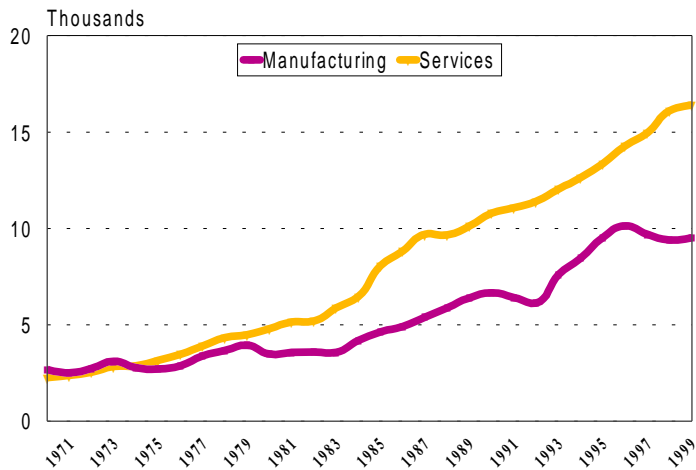
Employment

1999 Employment by Industry in Livingston County



- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Livingston from 40,847 in 1990 to 63,478 in 1999, a 55.4 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 25.8% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 1.4 percentage points. Jobs in leading Retail and Wholesale Trade have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 75.3 percent since 1990.

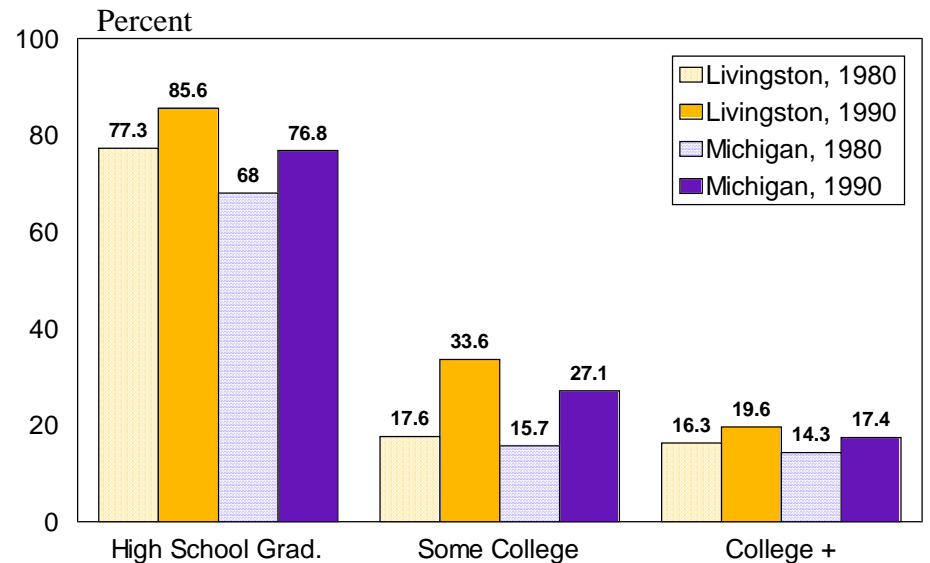
Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



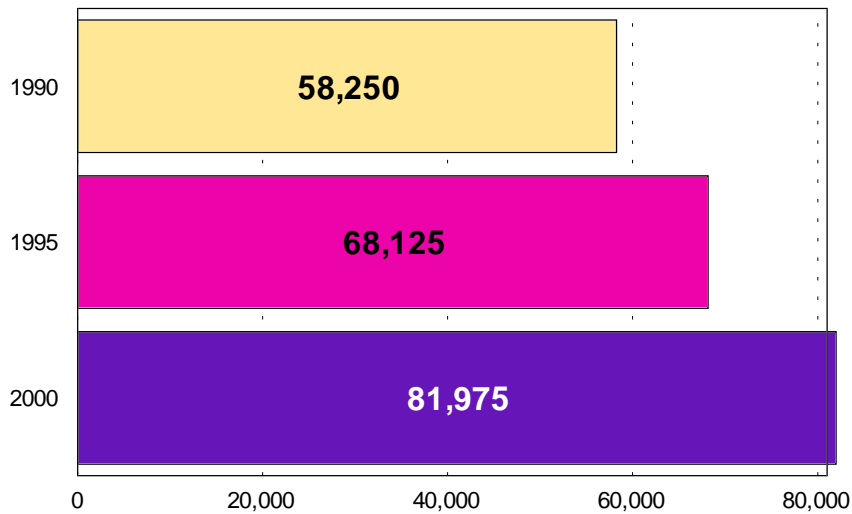
Education

- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.3 percentage points in Livingston 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.
- Livingston 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 Livingston County the rate was 19.6 percent. Livingston ranks 11th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 189 students dropped out of high school in Livingston County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 2.8 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 95 students dropped out (1.7 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



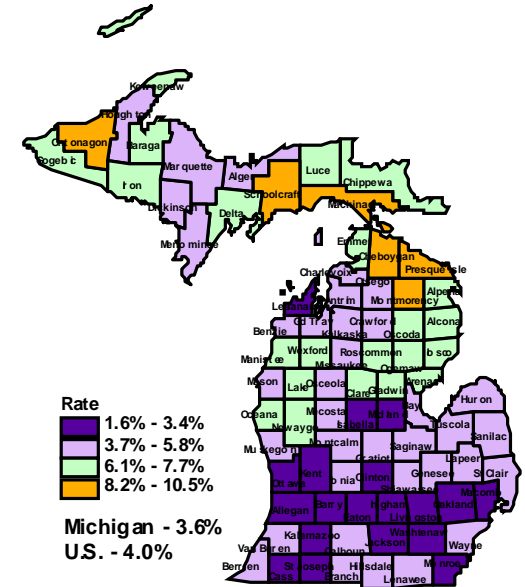
Total Number of Persons Employed in Livingston County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Livingston's labor force has grown from 61,600 in 1990 to 83,625 in 2000.
- In 1990, 94.6 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 98.0 percent employed.
- 71.6 percent of Livingston's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 71.3 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-seven percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 17 percentage points higher than in 1980. Nearly 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.
- Livingston County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 2.0 percent, compared to 2.2 percent in 1999 and 5.4 percent in 1990. 1,650 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 3,350 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

