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## *A portrait of* **Mackinac County**



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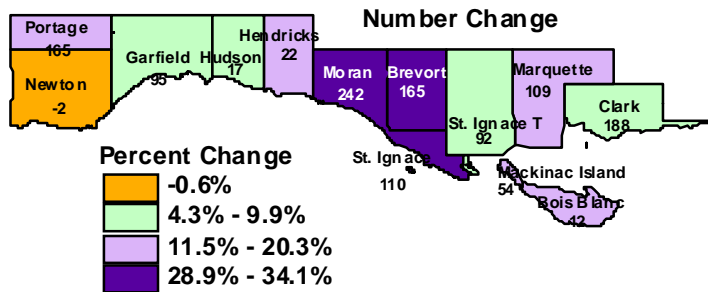
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# Population

## Mackinac County Change from 1990 to 2000

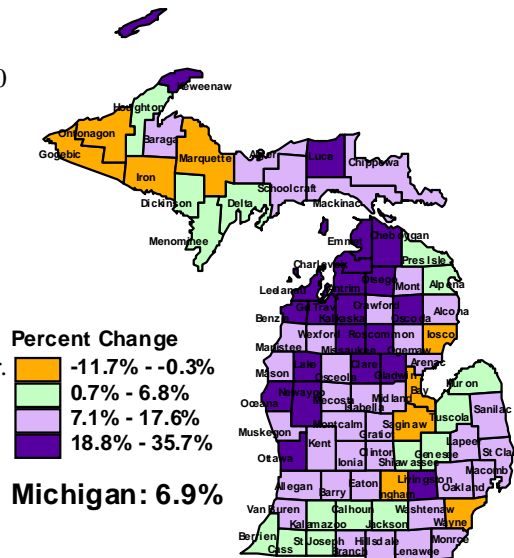


Mackinac County had 11,943 people in 2000, ranking as the 73rd most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 1,269 persons, or 11.9% since 1990.

Brevort Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 34.1 percent. Moran Township showed the largest number gain of 242 people.

There were 105 live births in Mackinac in 1998, of which 20 were to mothers age 19 and under, 78 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 7 to mothers age 35 and over.

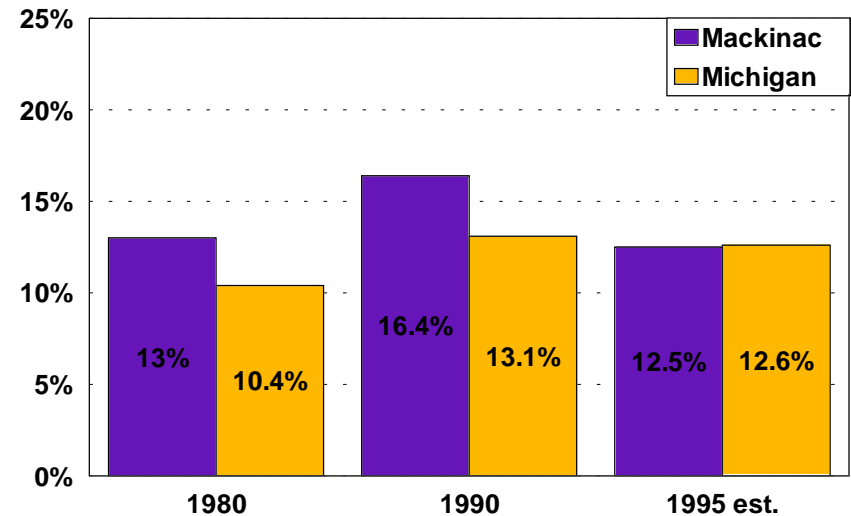
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



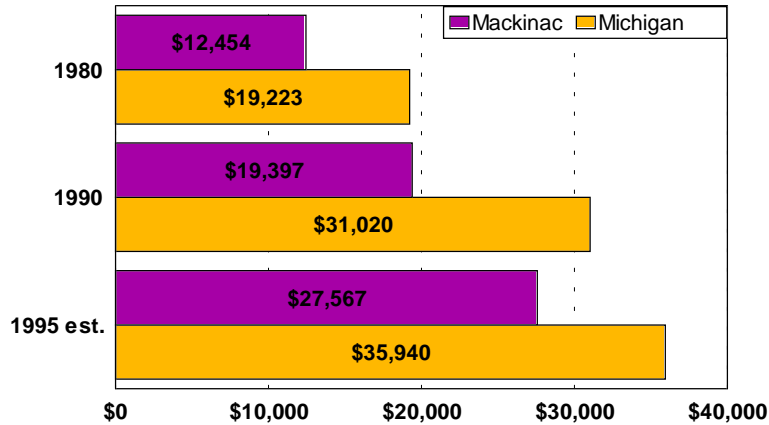
# Poverty

- In 1995, 1,408 persons in Mackinac County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 1,734 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Mackinac County ranked 77th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 48th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 538 kids (ages 0-17) in Mackinac County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 615 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 14.1 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 14.2 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Mackinac County experienced an increase in real median income of 21.9 percent, from \$22,617 to \$27,567. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Mackinac County ranked 65th 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 Mackinac County in 1998 was \$23,735, compared to \$18,902 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 25.6 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Mackinac</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>8.4 %</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

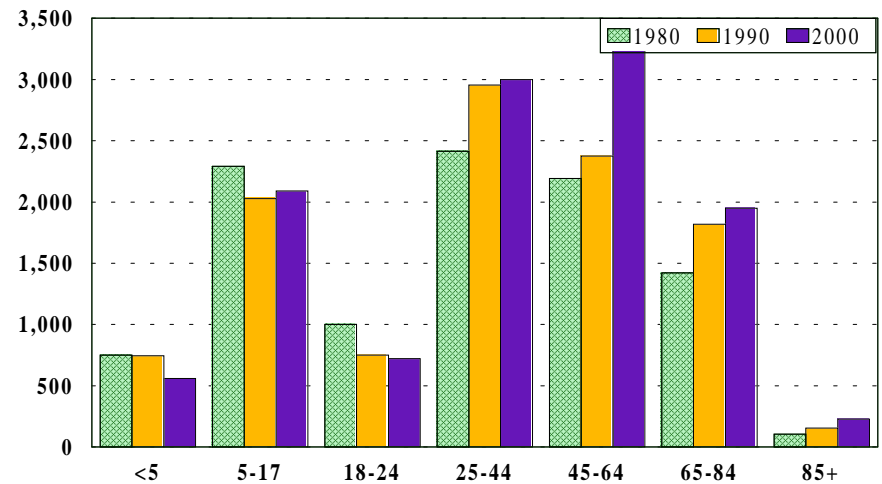
\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

## The Median age of Mackinac residents continues to go up:

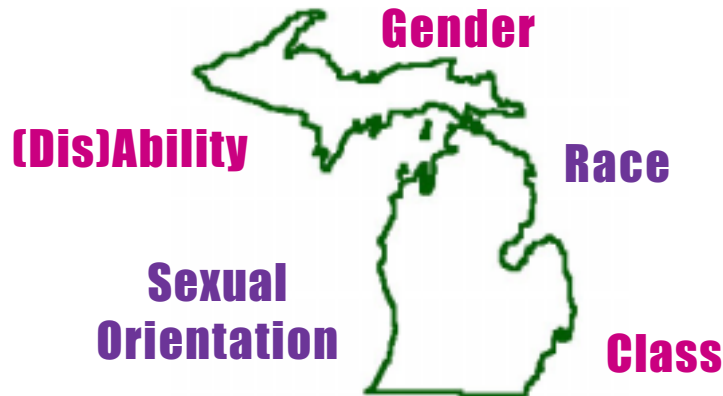
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Mackinac</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>42.8</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.5</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>

- Of the 11,943 people who lived in Mackinac in 2000, 59.6 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 40.4 percent included 4.7 percent children under the age of 5, 17.5 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 18.2 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 1,018 or 42.9 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 358 or 19.7 percent since 1990. One in six Mackinac residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Mackinac County



# Multiculturalism



- .. In 2000, Mackinac County's population included 5,963 males and 5,980 females, or 49.9 percent and 50.1 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- .. Of the 5,067 households living in Mackinac County in 2000, 4,013 or 79.2 percent owned their own home and 1,054 or 20.8 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

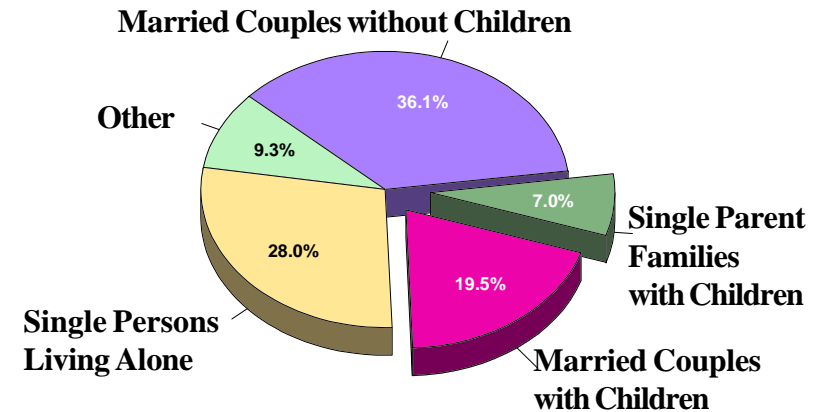
	Mackinac County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	9,506	79.6	78.6
Black*	23	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	1,683	14.1	0.5
Asian*	34	0.3	1.8
Other*	9	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	581	4.9	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	107	0.9	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

- .. There were 252 marriages in Mackinac County during 1998, up from 190 when 171 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 Mackinac County in 1990 was 9.2 when 49 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.2 when 40 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, 536 children in Mackinac County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 19.4 percent of all children in Mackinac. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

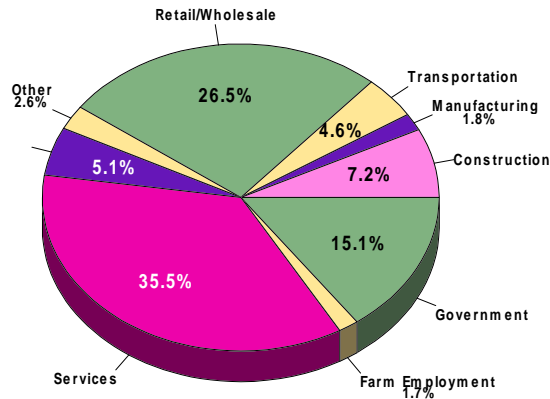
## Types of Households in Mackinac County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

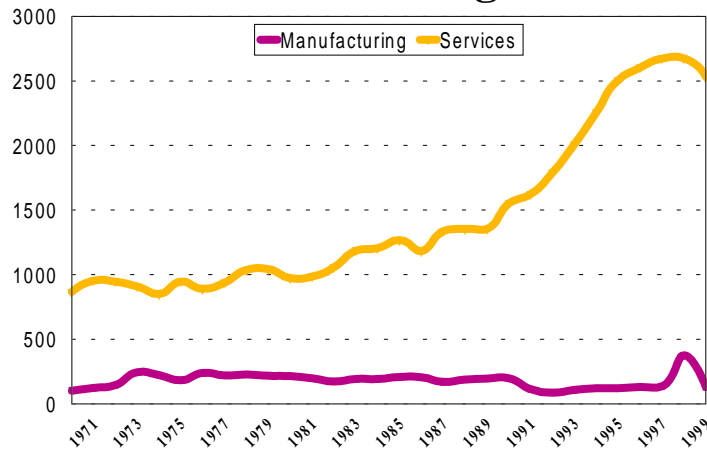
# Employment

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Mackinac County



- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Mackinac from 5,489 in 1990 to 7,143 in 1999, a 30.1 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 35.5% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 9.0 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 63.2 percent since 1990.

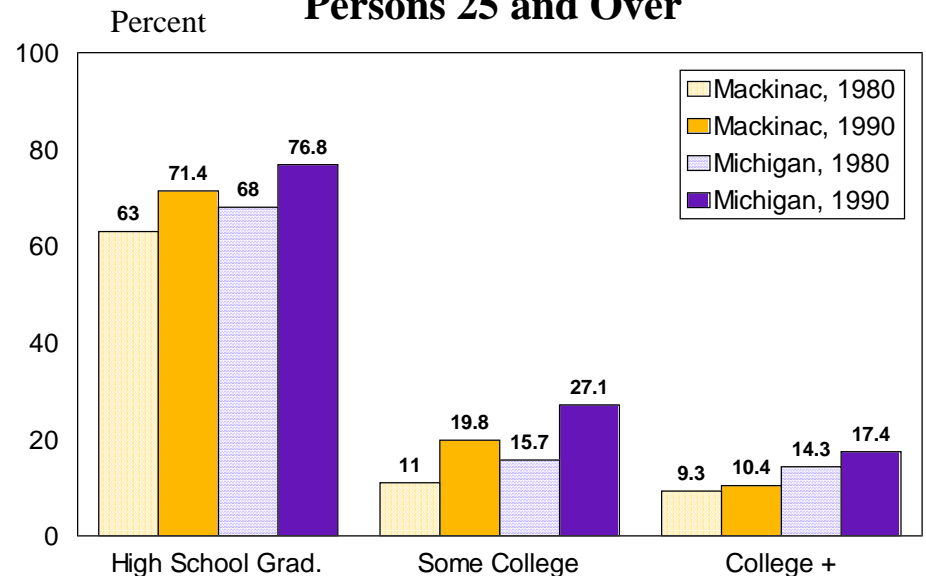
### Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



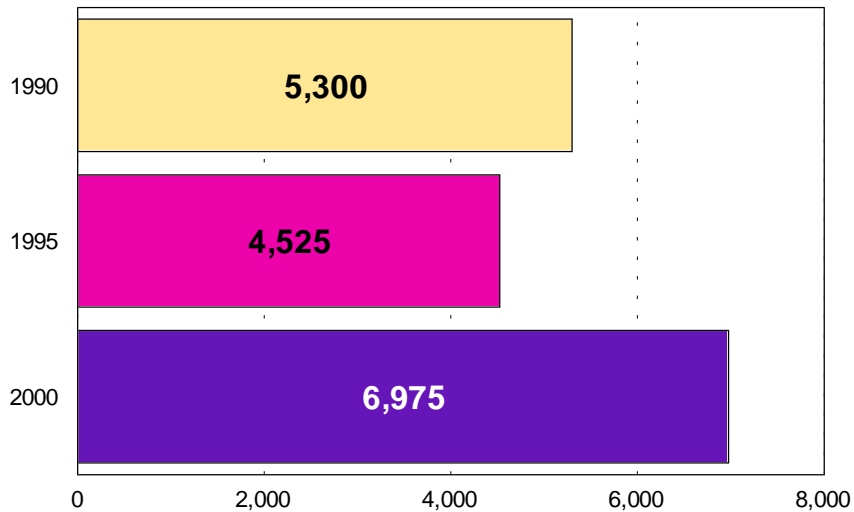
# Education

- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.4 percentage points in Mackinac 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.
- Mackinac 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 Mackinac County the rate was 10.4 percent. Mackinac ranks 53 among Michigan’s 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 28 students dropped out of high school in Mackinac County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 5.2 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 24 students dropped out (4.5 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



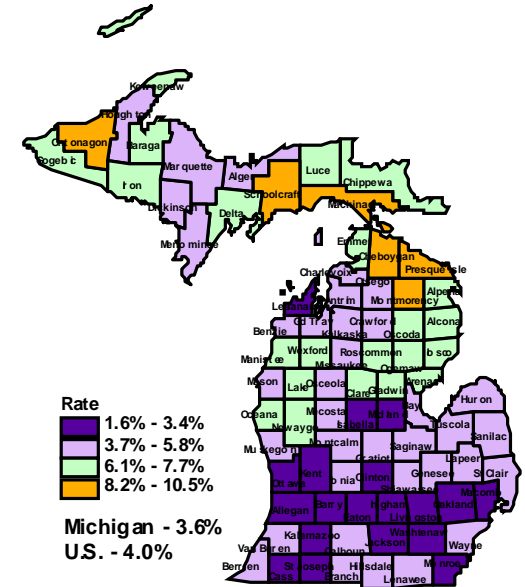
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Mackinac County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Mackinac's labor force has grown from 6,200 in 1990 to 7,600 in 2000.
- In 1990, 85.5 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 91.8 percent employed.
- 78.9 percent of Mackinac's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 75.2 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-six percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 10 percentage points higher than in 1980. Six out of ten women with children under age six were in the work force in 1990, compared to 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.
- Mackinac County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 8.4 percent, compared to 9.7 percent in 2000 and 14.6 percent in 1990. 625 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 900 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

