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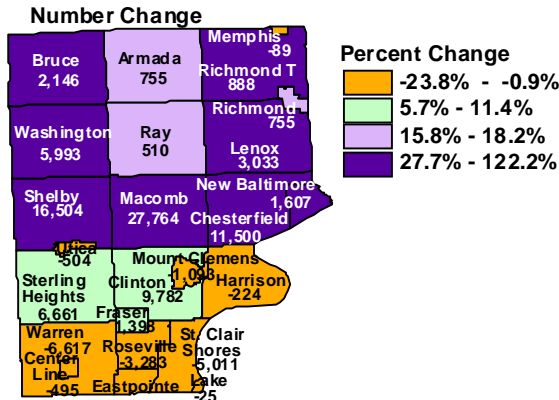
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Population

Macomb County

Change from 1990 to 2000

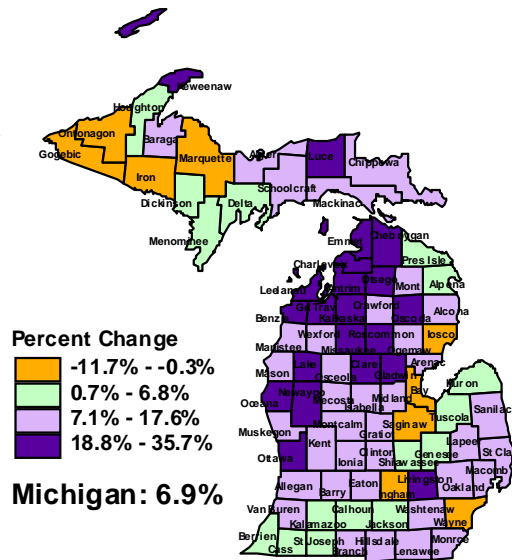


Macomb County had 788,149 people in 2000, ranking as the 3rd most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 70,749 persons, or 9.9% since 1990.

Macomb Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 122.2 percent. Macomb Township also showed the largest number gain of 27,764 people.

There were 9,897 live births in Macomb in 1998, of which 623 were to mothers age 19 and under, 7,909 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 1,364 to mothers age 35 and over.

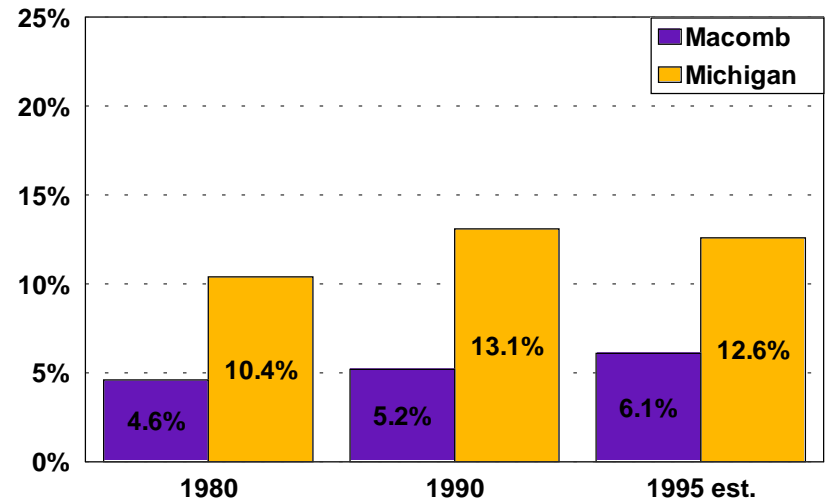
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

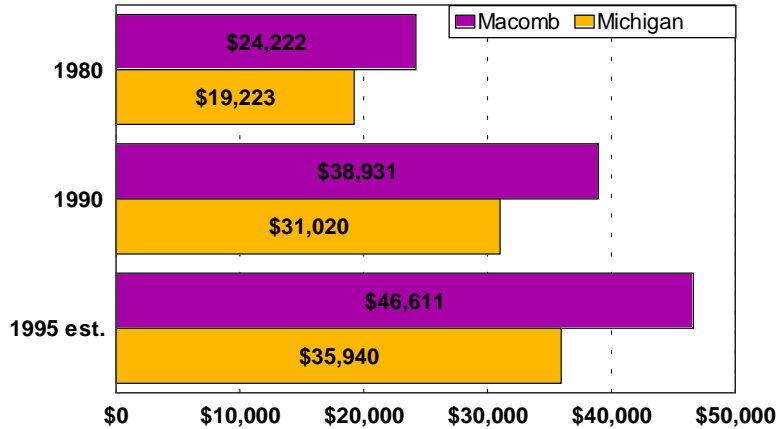
- In 1995, 47,708 persons in Macomb County were below the poverty line, increasing from 36,882 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Macomb County ranked 5th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 80th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 1,7662 kids (ages 0-17) in Macomb County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in eleven. In 1990, 12,517 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 6.5 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 8.4 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Macomb County experienced an increase in real median income of 2.7 percent, from \$45,395 to \$46,611. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Macomb County ranked 6th 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 Macomb County in 1998 was \$28,283, compared to \$26,573 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 6.4 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Macomb	29.2%	36.6%	34.2%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

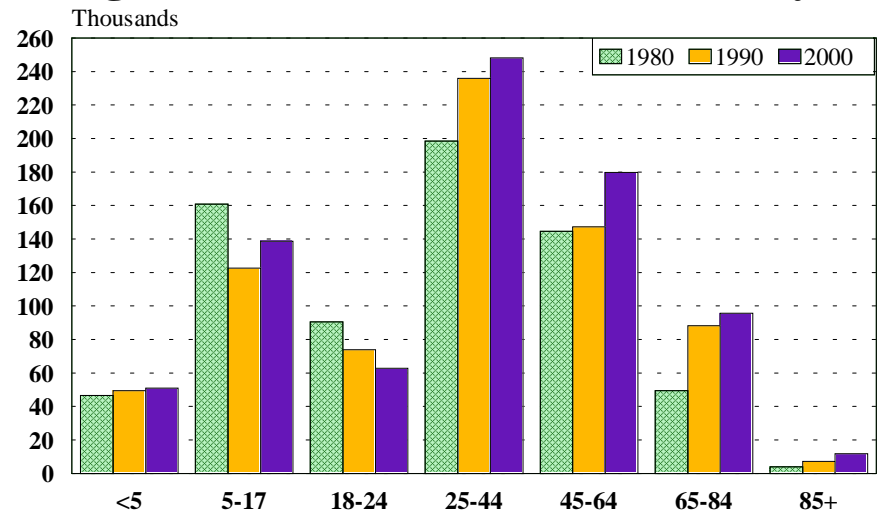
Age

The Median age of Macomb residents continues to go up:

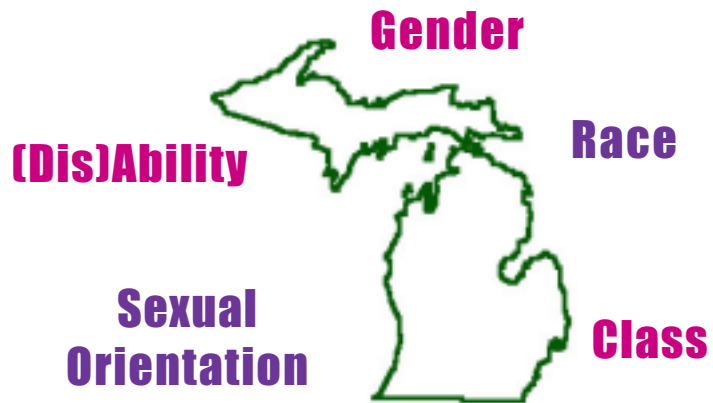
	1980	1990	2000
Macomb	29.2	33.9	36.9
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 788,149 people who lived in Macomb in 2000, 62.3 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 37.7 percent included 6.5 percent children under the age of 5, 17.6 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 13.7 percent over the age of 65.
- The age group of 45 to 64 year -olds, which includes the oldest of the “baby boomers” grew by 32,512 or 22.1 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 19,441 or 22.0 percent since 1990. One in seven Macomb residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Macomb County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Macomb County's population included 386,068 males and 402,061 females, or 49.0 percent and 51.0 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 309,203 households living in Macomb County in 2000, 243,964 or 78.9 percent owned their own home and 65,239 or 21.1 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

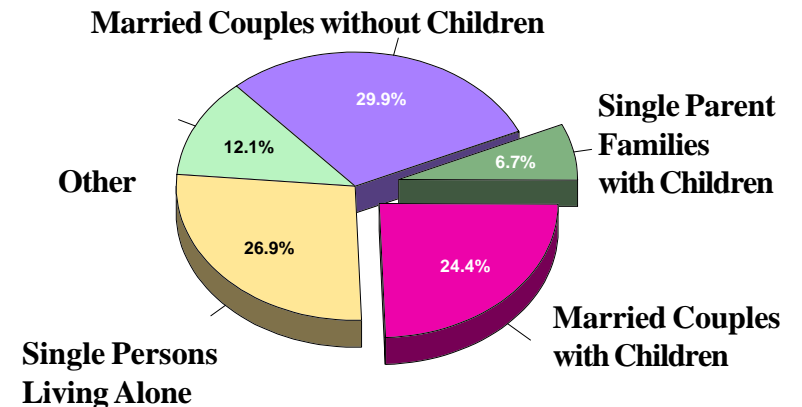
	Macomb County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	9,506	79.6	78.6
Black*	23	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	1,683	14.1	0.5
Asian*	34	0.3	1.8
Other*	9	0.1	0.1
Two or more races	581	4.9	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	107	0.9	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

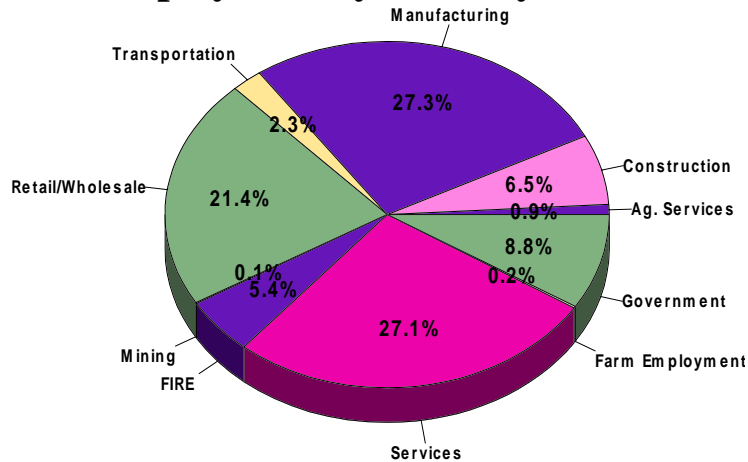
- There were 5,494 marriages in Macomb County during 1998, up from 1990 when 6,803 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid '70s, to age 28 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 Macomb County in 1990 was 8.6 when 3,092 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.4 when 2,893 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, 24,081 children in Macomb County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 14 percent of all children in Macomb. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Macomb County



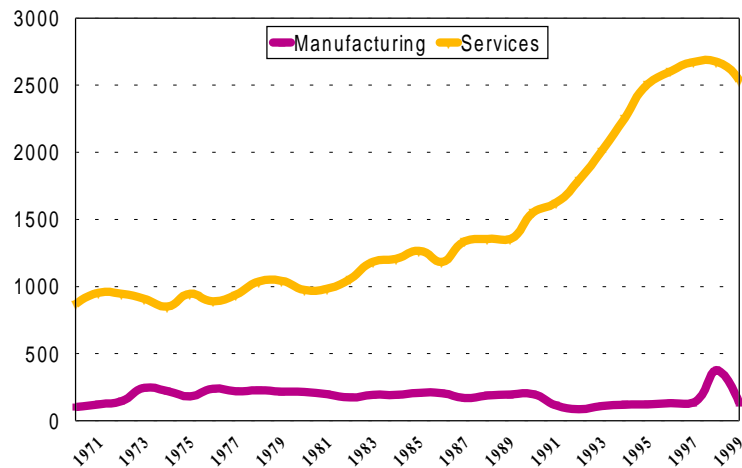
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Macomb County



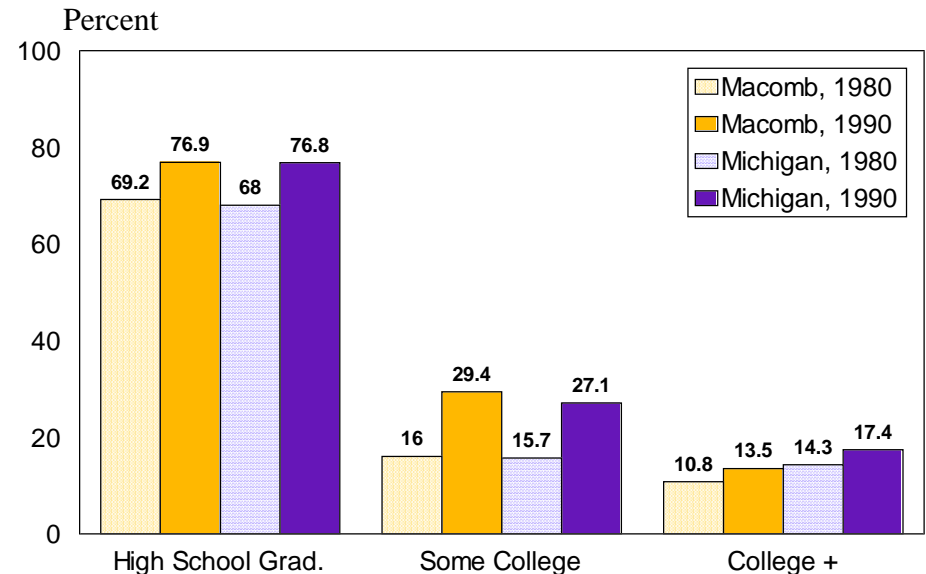
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Macomb from 358,187 in 1990 to 411,719 in 1999, a 14.9 percent increase.
- .. Manufacturing accounted for 27.3% of all employment in 1999, leading the Services industry by only 0.1 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 63.2 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

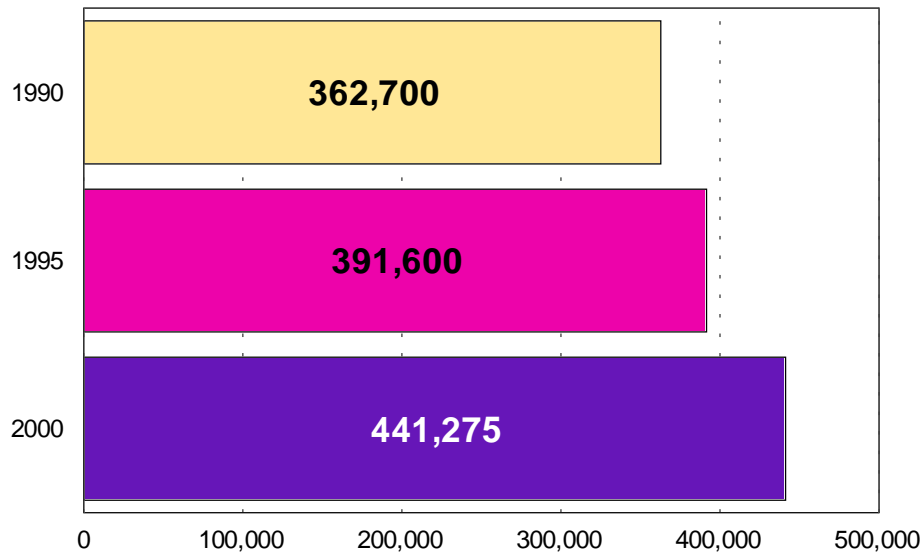


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 7.8 percentage points in Macomb County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Macomb 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 Macomb County the rate was 13.5 percent. Macomb ranks 25th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 1,049 students dropped out of high school in Macomb County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.2 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 1,175 students dropped out (4.0 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



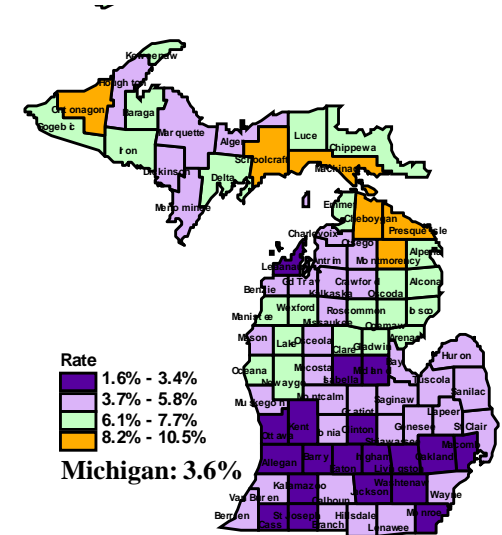
Total Number of Persons Employed in Macomb County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Macomb's labor force has grown from 391,750 in 1990 to 455,400 in 2000.
- In 1990, 92.6 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 96.9 percent employed.
- 73.6 percent of Macomb's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 69.4 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-three percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, nearly 18 percentage points higher than in 1980. Over five out of ten women with children under age six were in the work force in 1990, compared to nearly 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.
- Macomb County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 3.1 percent, basically the same as 1999 (3.2) and 7.4 percent in 1990. 14,125 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 29,050 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

