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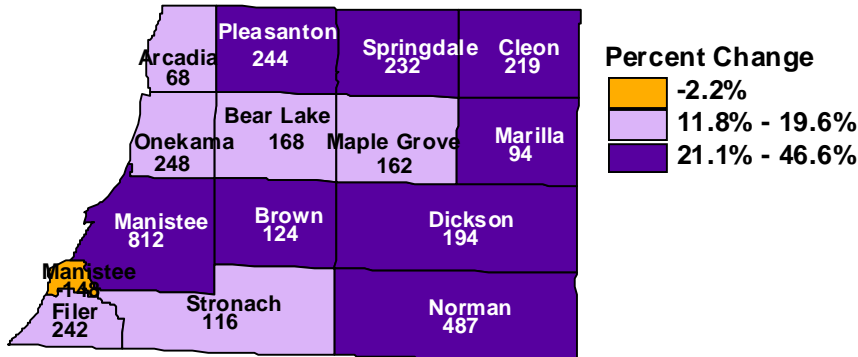
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Population

Manistee County

Change from 1990 to 2000

Number Change

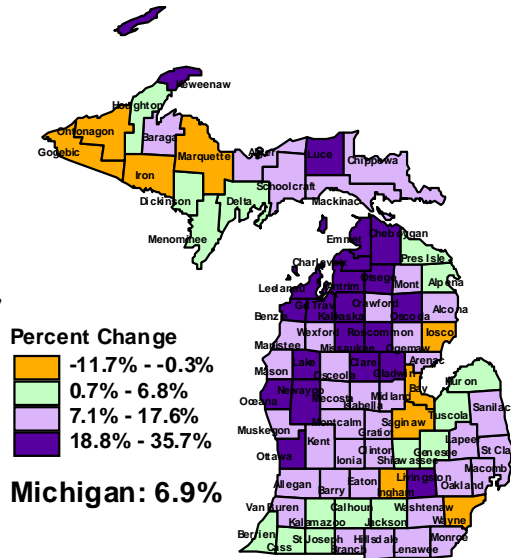


Manistee County had 24,527 people in 2000, ranking as the 59th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 3,262 persons, or 15.3% since 1990.

Springdale Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 46.6 percent. Manistee Township showed the largest number gain of 812 people.

There were 238 live births in Manistee in 1998, of which 29 were to mothers age 19 and under, 179 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 30 to mothers age 35 and over.

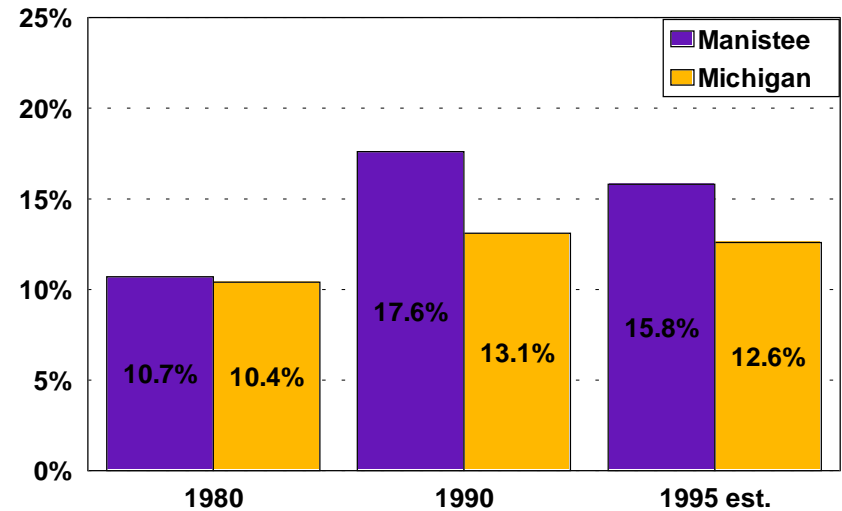
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

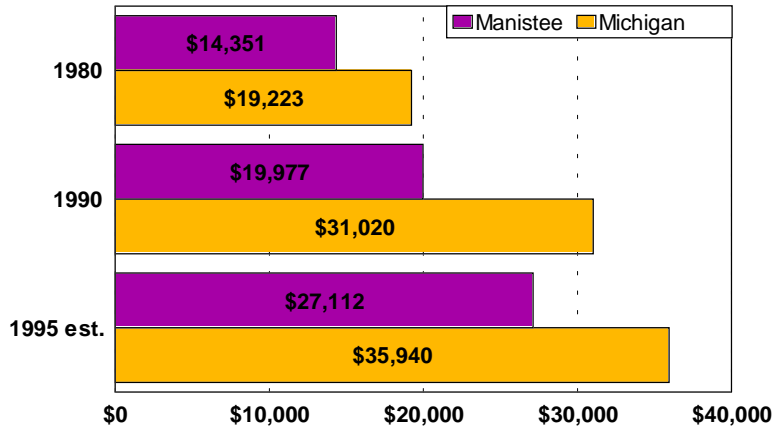
- In 1995, 3,571 persons in Manistee County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 3,701 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Manistee County ranked 55th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 18th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 1,313 kids (ages 0-17) in Manistee County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in four. In 1990, 1,310 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 15.2 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 15.6 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Manistee County experienced an increase in real median income of 16.4 percent, from \$23,294 to \$27,112. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Manistee County ranked 66th 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.
- Per Capita income in Manistee County in 1998 was \$18,697, compared to \$18,067 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 3.5 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Manistee	59.3%	30.4%	10.2%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

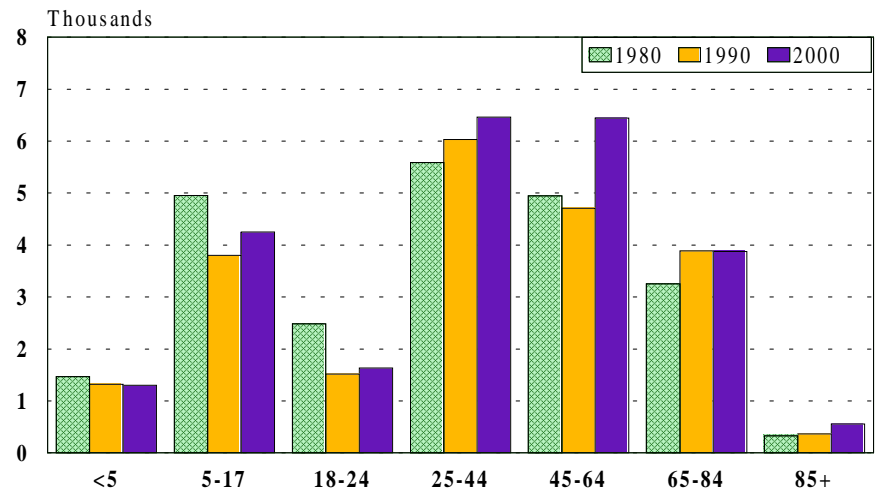
Age

The Median age of Manistee residents continues to go up:

	1980	1990	1999
Manistee	32.8	38.1	41.5
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.9
U.S.	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 24,527 people who lived in Manistee in 1999, 59.3 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 40.7 percent included 5.3 percent children under the age of 5, 17.3 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 18.1 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 1,736 or 36.9 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 550 or 14.2 percent since 1990. One in six Manistee residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Manistee County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Manistee County's population included 12,470 males and 12,057 females, or 50.8 percent and 49.2 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 9,860 households living in Manistee County in 2000, 8,012 or 81.3 percent owned their own home and 1,848 or 18.7 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

	Manistee County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	22,781	92.9	78.6
Black*	388	1.6	14.1
American Indian*	302	1.2	0.5
Asian*	77	0.3	1.8
Other*	13	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	327	1.3	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	639	2.6	3.3

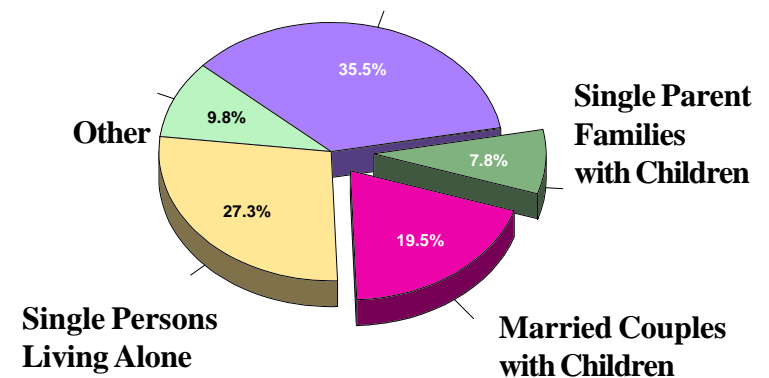
* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

- There were 176 marriages in Manistee County during 1998, down from 1990 when 177 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 Manistee County in 1990 was 8.9 when 94 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 8.0 when 94 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, 949 children in Manistee County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 18.6 percent of all children in Manistee. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

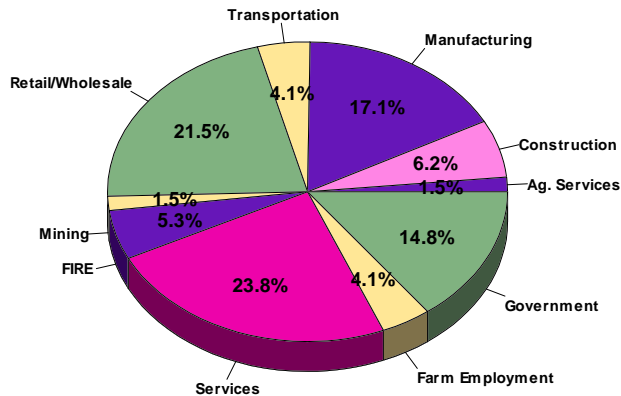
Types of Households in Manistee County

Married Couples without Children



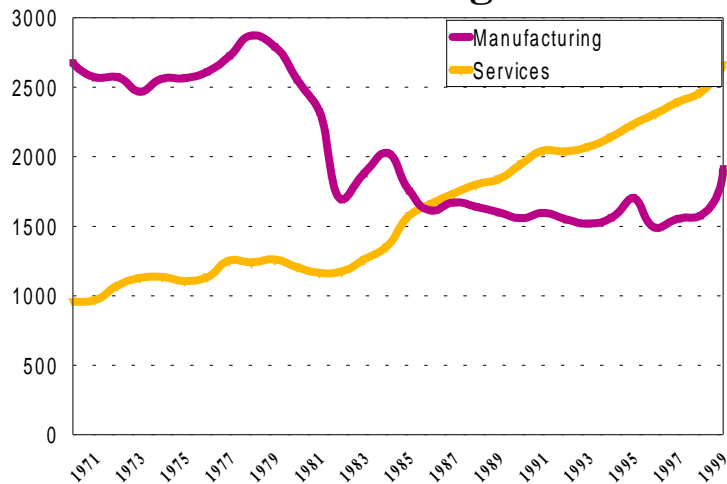
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Manistee County



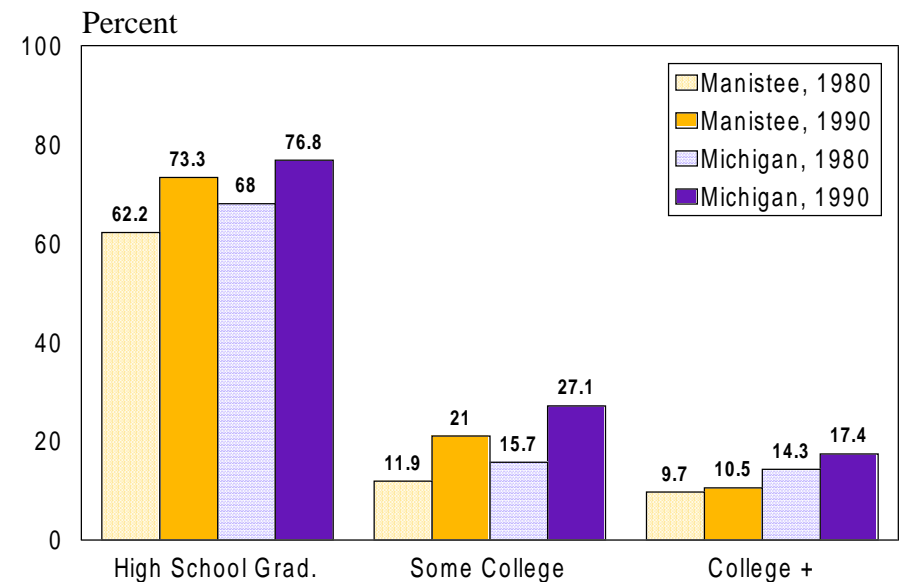
- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Manistee from 9,155 in 1990 to 11,160 in 1999, an 21.9 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 23.8% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 2.3 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 36.6 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

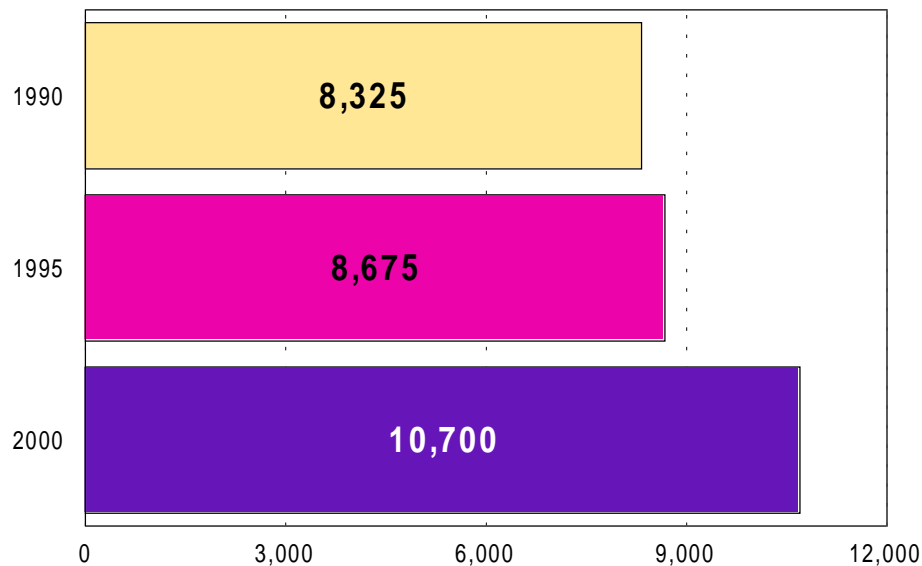


- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 11.0 percentage points in Manistee County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- Manistee 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 Manistee County the rate was 10.5 percent. Manistee ranks 51 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 46 students dropped out of high school in Manistee County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 4.2 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 17 students dropped out (1.8 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



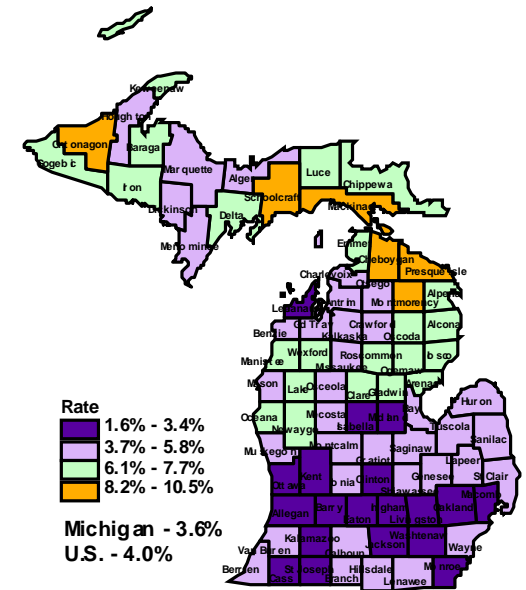
Total Number of Persons Employed In Manistee County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Manistee's labor force has grown from 9,350 in 1990 to 11,400 in 2000.
- In 1990, 89.0 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 93.9 percent employed.
- 57.9 percent of Manistee's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 55.9 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-three percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 15 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 four 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.
- Manistee County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 6.1 percent, compared to 6.0 percent in 1999 and 11.0 percent in 1990. 700 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 1,025 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

