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A portrait of **Marquette County**

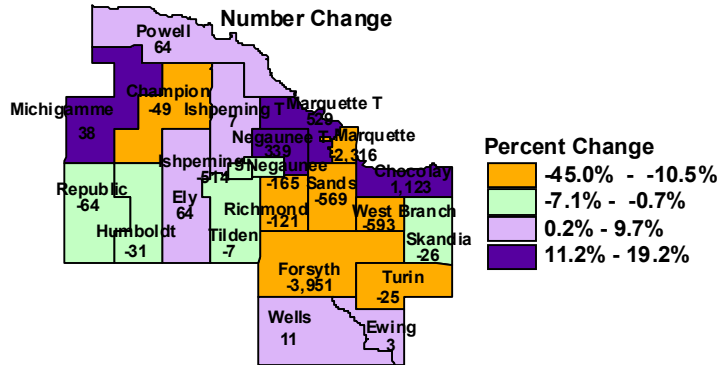


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Population

Marquette County

Population Change from 1990 to 2000

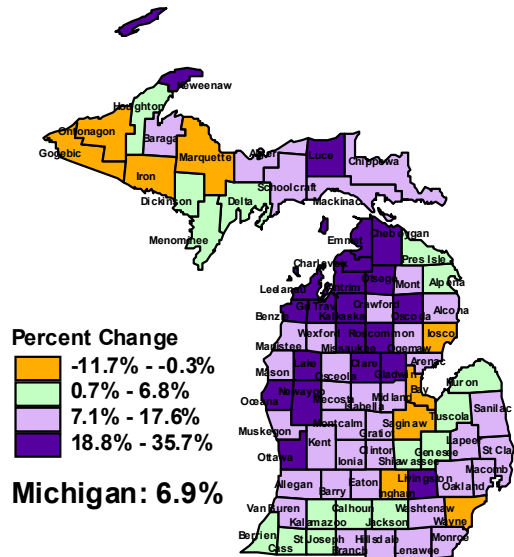


◆ Marquette County had 64,634 people in 2000, ranking as the 28th most populous county in Michigan. The population decreased by 6,253 persons, or 8.8% since 1990.

◆ Marquette Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 19.2 percent. Chocolay Township showed the largest number gain of 1,123 people.

◆ There were 603 live births in Marquette in 2000, of which 47 were to mothers age 19 and under, 489 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 67 to mothers age 35 and over.

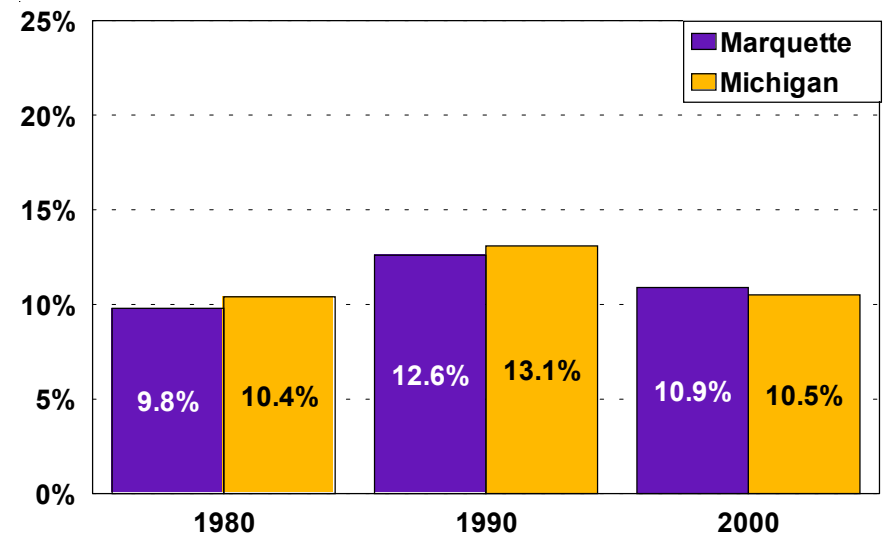
◆ Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

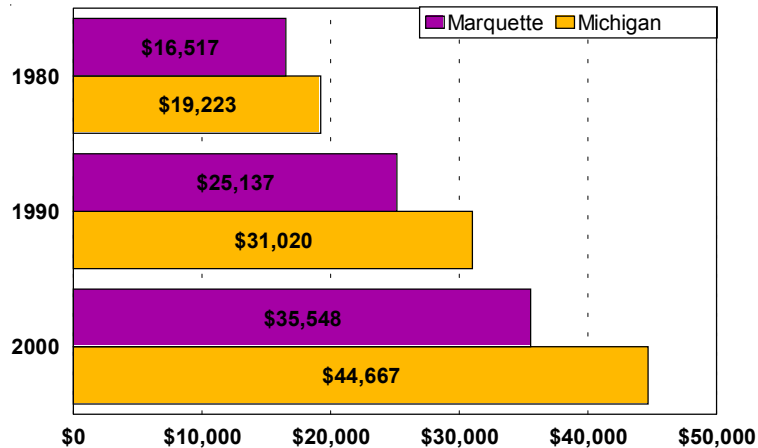
- ◆ In 2000, 6,592 persons in Marquette County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 8,372 persons in 1990.
- ◆ The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,603. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- ◆ Though poverty rates for most groups were down in 2000 compared to 1990, female-headed families with related children still experienced very high rates. In Marquette County, 133 female-headed families with children under age 5 were below poverty, a rate of 53.5 percent.
- ◆ Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 1,631 kids (ages 0-17) in Marquette County were below the poverty level in 2000. This represents one child in eight. In 1990, 2,595 kids were poor.
- ◆ The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 2000 was 6.4 percent. This was down from the previous two decades when the rate was 13.5 percent (1990) and 13.9 percent (1980).

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- ◆ Between 1990 and 2000, households in Marquette County experienced an increase in real median income of 9.0 percent, from \$32,324 to \$35,548. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- ◆ Compared to other Michigan counties, Marquette County ranked 47th in 2000 in median household income.
- ◆ Michigan leads most other Mid-West states in median household income at \$44,467 ranking 3rd among the 12 states in the region. Nationally, we rank in the top third. The U.S. median income was \$41,994.
- ◆ PerCapita income in Marquette County in 1998 was \$20,894, compared to \$18,834 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 10.9 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution in 2000

	\$0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000+
Marquette	34.5%	32.3%	19.3%	14.0%
Michigan	26.5%	28.9%	20.6%	24.1%

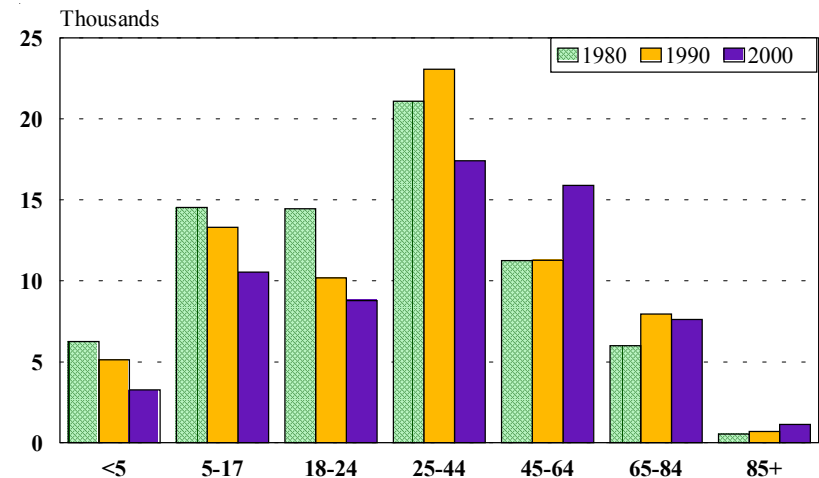
Age

The median age of Marquette residents continues to go up:

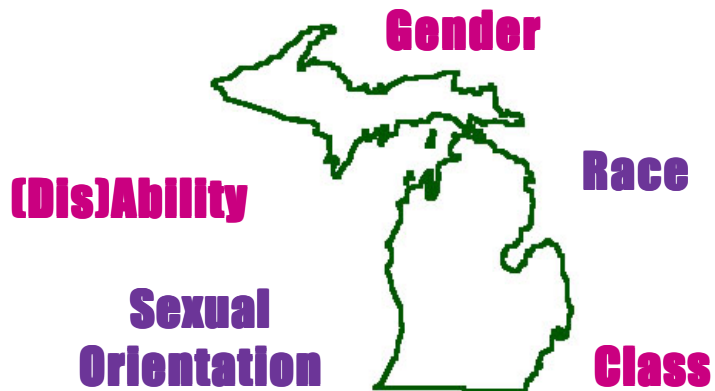
	1980	1990	2000
Marquette	26.1	30.7	37.5
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- ◆ Of the 64,634 people who lived in Marquette in 2000, 65.1 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 34.9 percent included 5.1 percent children under the age of 5, 16.3 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 13.5 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 4,616 or 41.0 percent since 1990.
- ◆ “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 795 or 10.0 percent since 1990. One in seven Marquette residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Marquette County



Multiculturalism



- ◆ In 2000, Marquette County's population included 32,457 males and 32,177 females, or 50.2 percent and 49.8 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- ◆ Of the 25,767 households living in Marquette County in 2000, 17,985 or 69.8 percent owned their own home and 7,782 or 30.2 percent rented. For Michigan, the rate of home ownership was 73.8 percent and 26.2 percent rented.
- ◆ 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

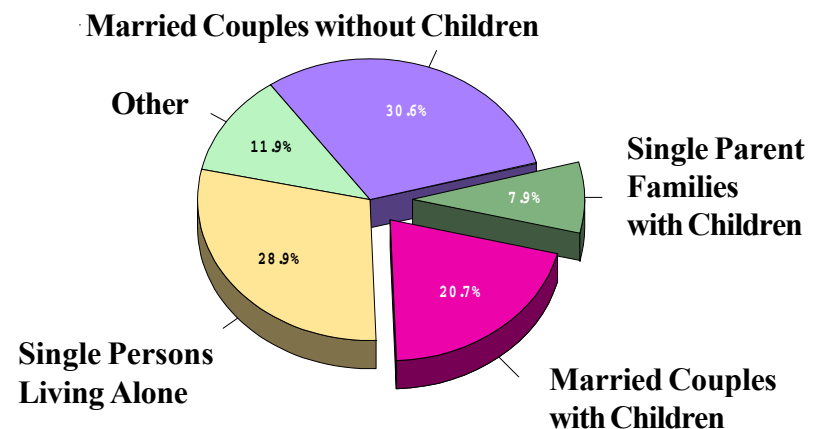
	Marquette County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	61,205	94.7	78.6
Black*	846	1.3	14.1
American Indian*	956	1.5	0.5
Asian*	314	0.5	1.8
Other*	67	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	802	1.2	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	444	0.7	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

- ◆ There were 25,767 households in Marquette County in 2000 with an average size of 2.4 persons and 16,480 families with an average family size of 2.9 persons.
- ◆ There were 494 marriages in Marquette County during 2000, down from 1990 when 620 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- ◆ The divorce rate in Marquette County in 1990 was 8.5 when 303 divorces occurred. In 2000, the rate was 8.4 when 265 marriages ended in divorce.
- ◆ In 2000, 36,922 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.
- ◆ 191 grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in Marquette County in 2000, representing 44.8 percent of all grandparents living with their own grandchildren.
- ◆ In 2000, 3,173 children in Marquette County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 23.6 percent of all children in Marquette. In Michigan, 25.1 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

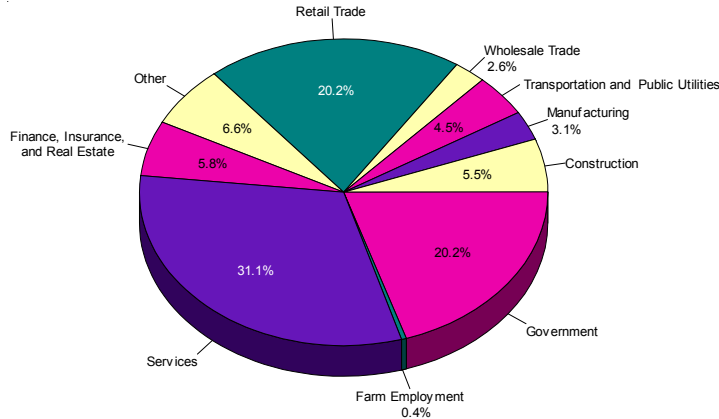
Types of Households in Marquette County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

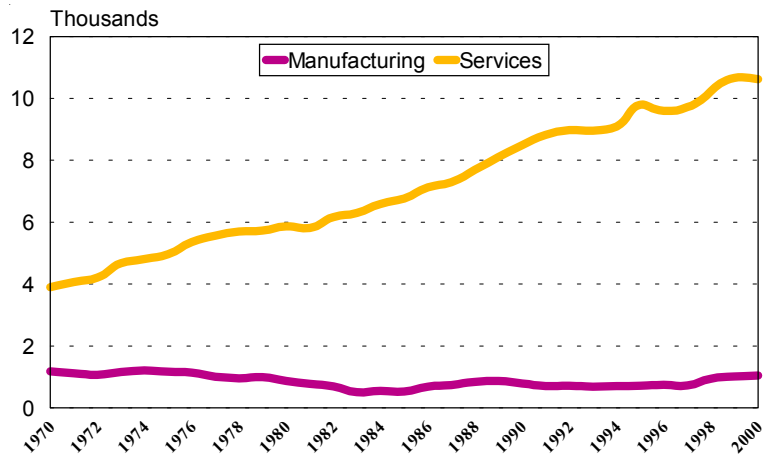
Employment

2000 Employment by Industry in Marquette County



- ◆ The total number of full- and part-time jobs has decreased in Marquette from 34,686 in 1990 to 34,179 in 2000, a 1.5 percent decrease.
- ◆ The services industry saw the largest number gain since 1990, adding 2,128 jobs. The government and government enterprises industry lost 4,311 jobs, or 38.5 percent, during that time.

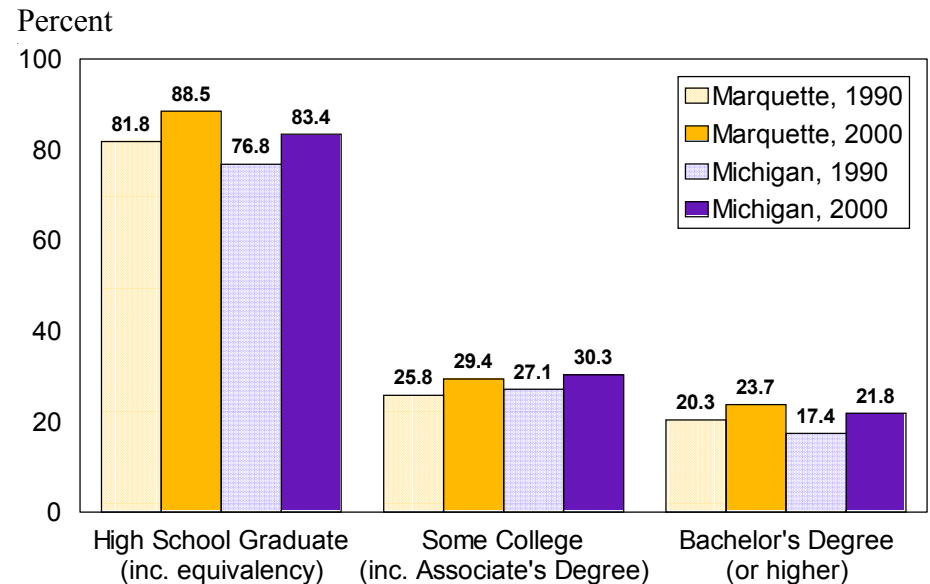
Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



Education

- ◆ High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1990 to 2000 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 6.7 percentage points in Marquette County and 6.6 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.
- ◆ Marquette County exceeds Michigan for those persons age 25 and over with a college degree. In 2000, 21.8 percent in Michigan had a college degree; in Marquette County the rate was 23.7 percent. Marquette ranks 13th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- ◆ 159 teenagers age 16 to 19 in Marquette County were not enrolled in school and not high school graduates for a rate of 3.4 percent. This compares with a Michigan rate of 8.7 percent and a national rate of 9.8 percent.

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



Where Marquette County Residents Work

Marquette County residents who worked in their own county:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	28,719	29,879	27,162
Percent	95.6	96.1	96.8

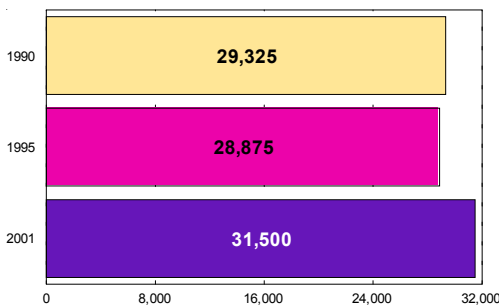
Marquette County residents who worked outside their own county, but in Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	998	1,071	508
Percent	3.3	3.4	1.8

Marquette County residents who worked outside Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	328	153	376
Percent	1.1	0.5	1.3

- 80.3 percent of all Marquette County women with school age children were in the labor force in 2000, over 12 percentage points higher than in 1990. 69.7 percent of women with children under the age of six were working in 2000, compared to 55.7 percent in 1990.
- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Marquette's labor force has grown from 31,975 in 1990 to 33,125 in 2000.
- 62.9 percent of Marquette's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 58.8 percent in 1990.

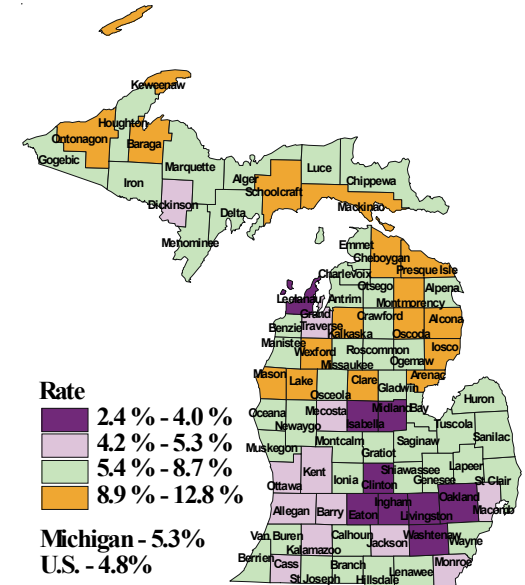


Total Number of Marquette County Persons Employed

- In 1990, 91.7 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 95.1 percent employed.

2001 Unemployment Rate

- Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2001, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- Marquette County's annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 6.0 percent, compared to 4.9 percent in 2000 and 8.3 percent in 1990. 2,000 people were unemployed in 2001, compared to 2,650 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 - 2001

