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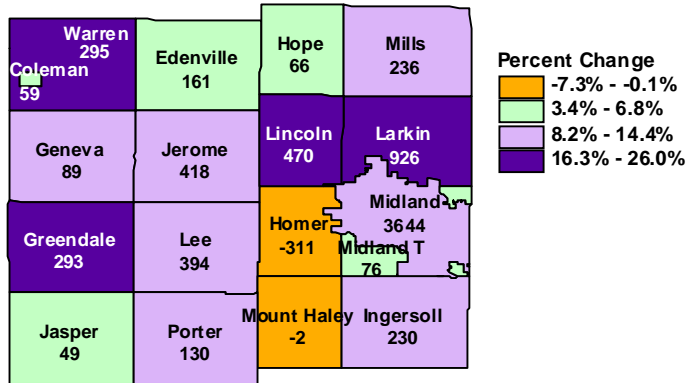
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Population

Midland County

Change from 1990 to 2000

Number Change

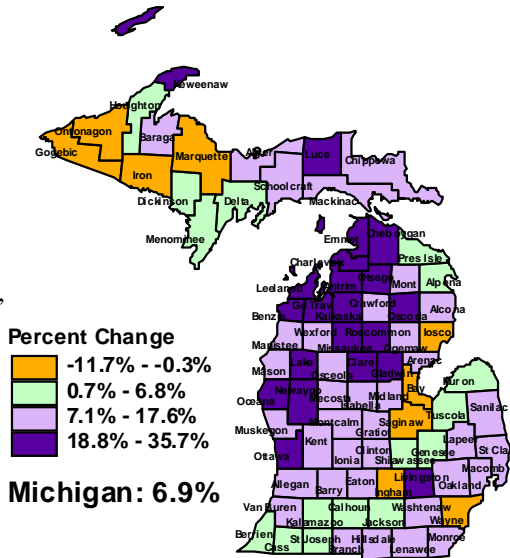


Midland County had 82,874 people in 2000, ranking as the 23rd most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 7,223 persons, or 9.5% since 1990.

Lincoln Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 26.0 percent. Midland City showed the largest number gain of 3,644 people.

There were 1,027 live births in Midland in 1998, of which 91 were to mothers age 19 and under, 798 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 138 to mothers age 35 and over.

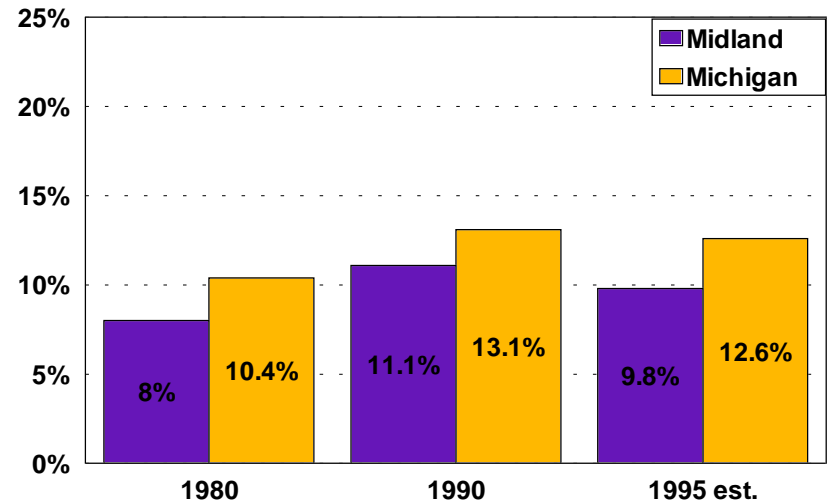
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



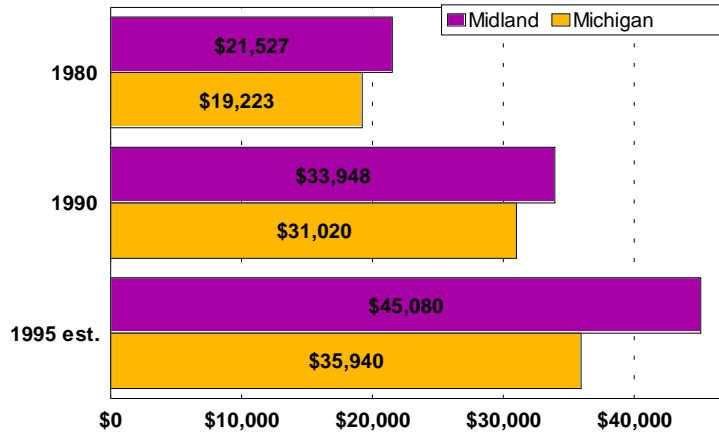
Poverty

- In 1995, 7,947 persons in Midland County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 8,218 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Midland County ranked 23rd among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 65th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 3,238 kids (ages 0-17) in Midland County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in seven. In 1990, 2,968 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 9.0 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 13.7 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Midland County experienced an increase in real median income of 13.9 percent, from \$39,584 to \$45,080. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Midland County ranked 9th 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 Midland County in 1998 was \$29,897, compared to \$27,276 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 9.6 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Midland County	36.5%	33.5%	30.0%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

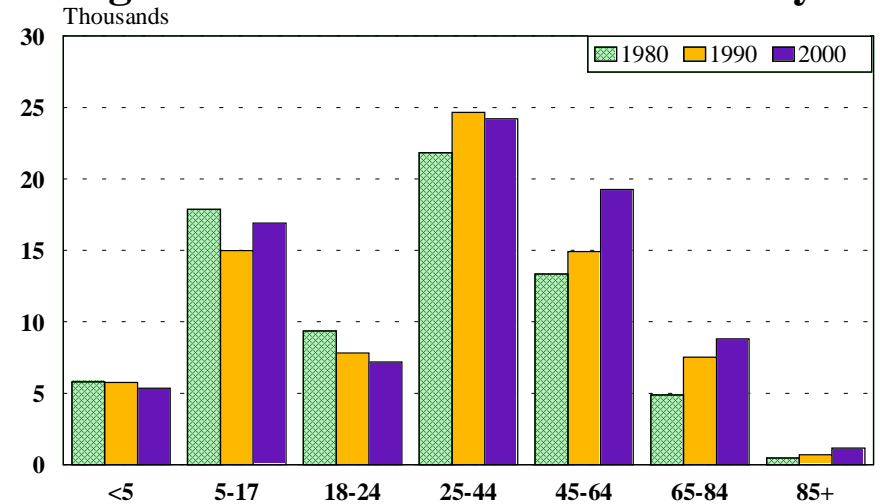
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Midland residents continues to go up:

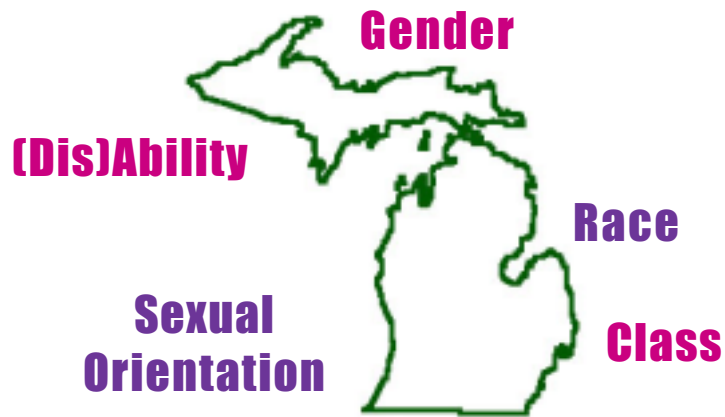
	1980	1990	2000
Midland	27.9	32.5	36.3
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.9
U.S.	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 82,874 people who lived in Midland in 2000, 61.1 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 38.9 percent included 6.5 percent children under the age of 5, 20.4 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 12.0 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 4,343 or 29.1 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 2,449 or 32.5 percent since 1990. One in eight Midland residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Midland County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Midland County's population included 40,646 males and 42,228 females, or 49.0 percent and 51.0 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 31,769 households living in Midland County in 2000, 24,893 or 78.4 percent owned their own home and 6,876 or 21.6 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

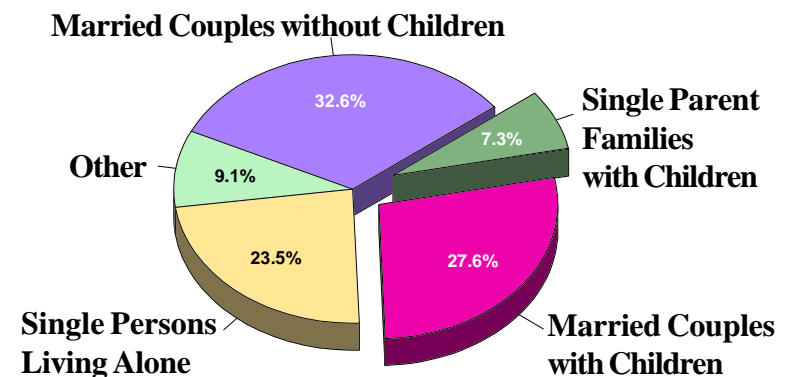
	Midland County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	78,333	94.5	78.6
Black*	857	1.0	14.1
American Indian*	312	0.4	0.5
Asian*	1,225	1.5	1.8
Other*	89	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	771	0.9	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	1,287	1.6	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

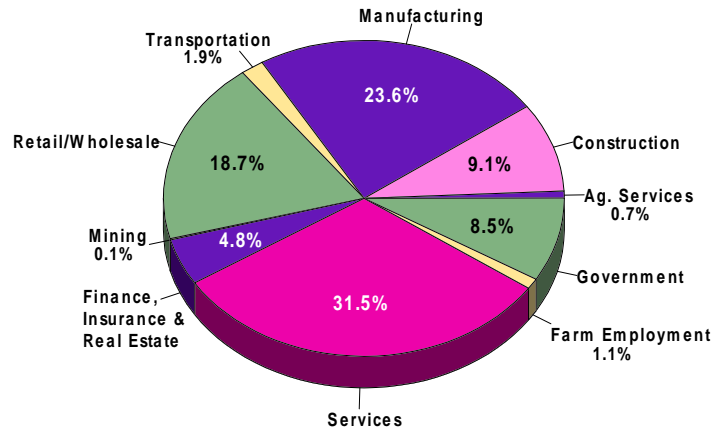
- There were 546 marriages in Midland County during 1998, down from 1990 when 749 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, to age 28 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 Midland County in 1990 was 9.2 when 351 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 8.6 when 350 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, 3,000 children in Midland County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 14.5 percent of all children in Midland. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Midland County



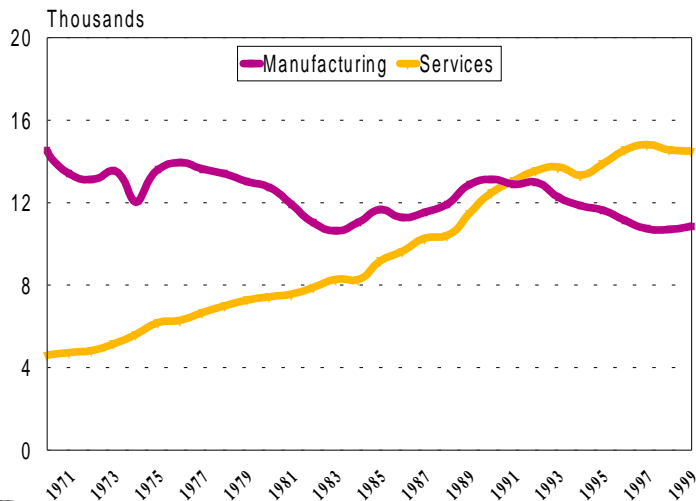
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Midland County



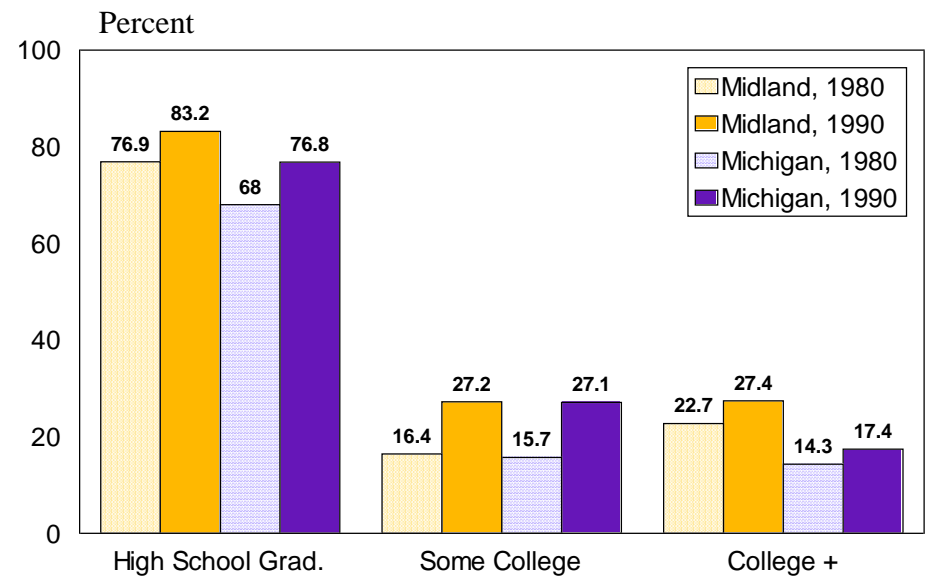
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Midland from 41,683 in 1990 to 46,015 in 1999, a 10.4 percent increase.
- .. The Services industry accounted for 31.5% of all employment in 1999, leading Manufacturing by 7.9 percentage points. Jobs in leading Retail and Wholesale Trade have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 56.7 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

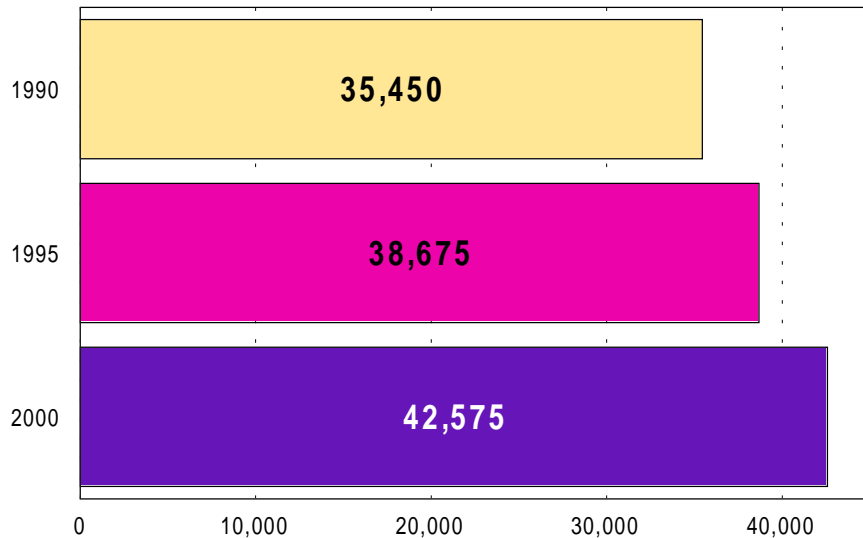


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 6.4 percentage points in Midland County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Midland 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 Midland County the rate was 27.4 percent. Midland ranks 4th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 133 students dropped out of high school in Midland County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.2 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 122 students dropped out (3.2 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



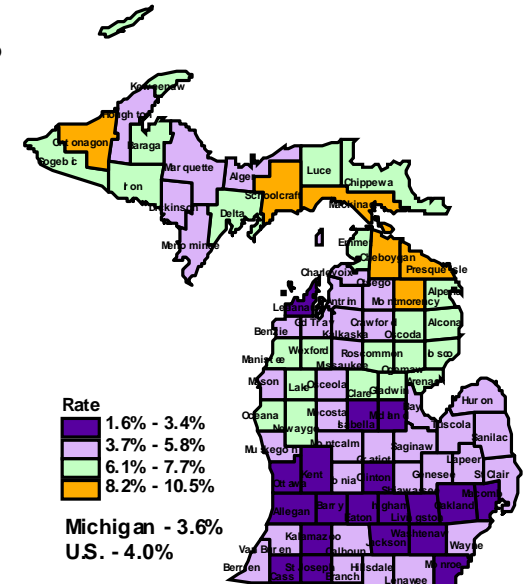
Total Number of Persons Employed in Midland County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Midland's labor force has grown from 37,575 in 1990 to 43,925 in 2000.
- In 1990, 94.3 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 96.9 percent employed.
- 69.6 percent of Midland's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 65.8 percent in 1990.
- Seventy percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, Over 14 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.
- Midland County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 3.0 percent, compared to 2.9 percent in 1999 and 5.7 percent in 1990. 1,350 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 2,125 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

