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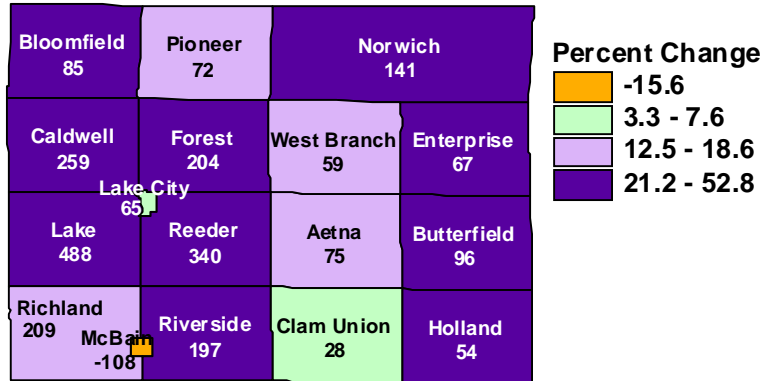
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Population

Missaukee County

Change from 1990 to 2000

Number Change

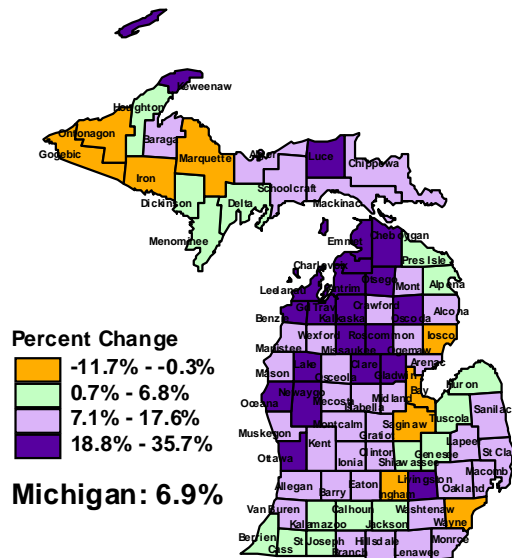


Missaukee County had 14,478 people in 2000, ranking as the 69th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 2,331 persons, or 19.2% since 1990.

Enterprise Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 52.8 percent. Lake Township showed the largest number gain of 488 people.

There were 148 live births in Missaukee in 1998, of which 29 were to mothers age 19 and under, 112 to mothers age 20 to 34, and 7 to mothers age 35 and over.

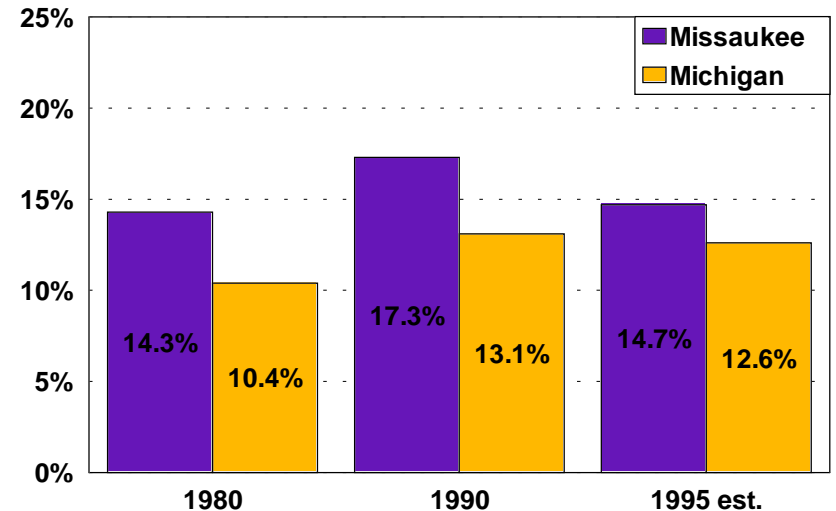
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

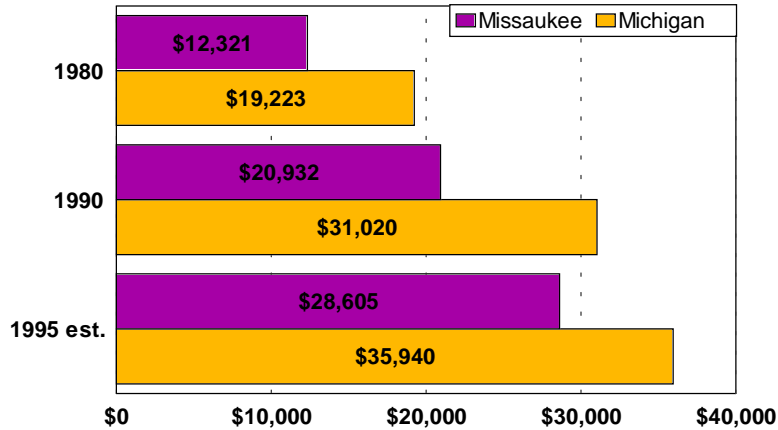
- In 1995, 2,016 persons in Missaukee County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 2,070 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Missaukee County ranked 67th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 27th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 848 kids (ages 0-17) in Missaukee County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 841 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 13.4 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 19.6 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Missaukee County experienced an increase in real median income of 17.2 percent, from \$24,407 to \$28,605. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Missaukee County ranked 59th 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 Missaukee County in 1998 was \$17,058, compared to \$15,639 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 9.1percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Missaukee	58.7%	32.3%	9.0%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

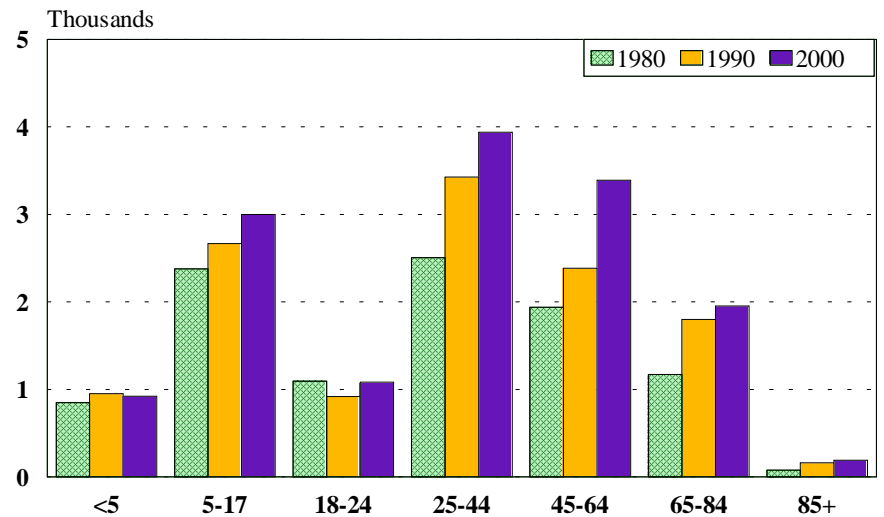
Age

The Median age of Missaukee residents continues to go up:

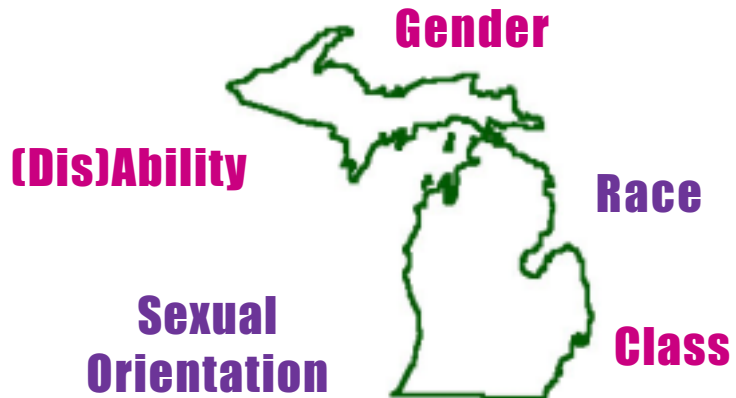
	1980	1990	2000
Missaukee	29.6	33.5	37.7
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.9
U.S.	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 14,478 people who lived in Missaukee in 2000, 58.1 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 41.9 percent included 6.4 percent children under the age of 5, 20.7 percent youth ages 5 to 17, and 14.8 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 1,005 or 42.1 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 343 or 19.1 percent since 1990. One in seven Missaukee residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Missaukee County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Missaukee County's population included 7,222 males and 7,256 females, or 49.9 percent and 50.1 percent, respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 5,450 households living in Missaukee County in 2000, 4,561 or 83.7 percent owned their own home and 889 or 16.3 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

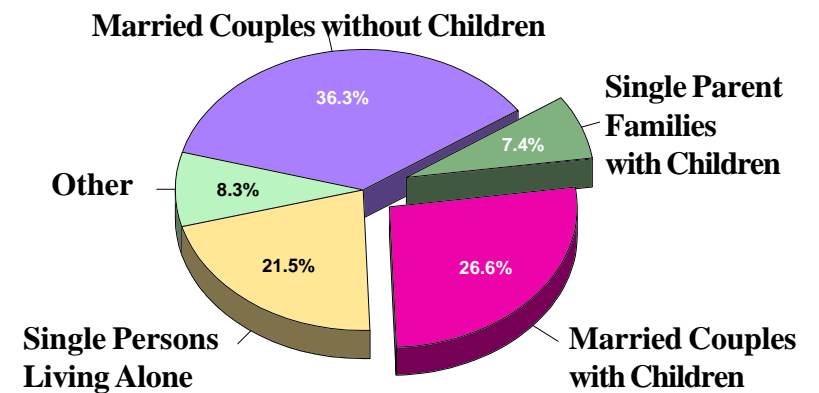
	Missaukee County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	14,030	96.9	78.6
Black*	27	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	69	0.5	0.5
Asian*	35	0.2	1.8
Other*	6	0.0	0.1
Two or more races*	142	1.0	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	169	1.2	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

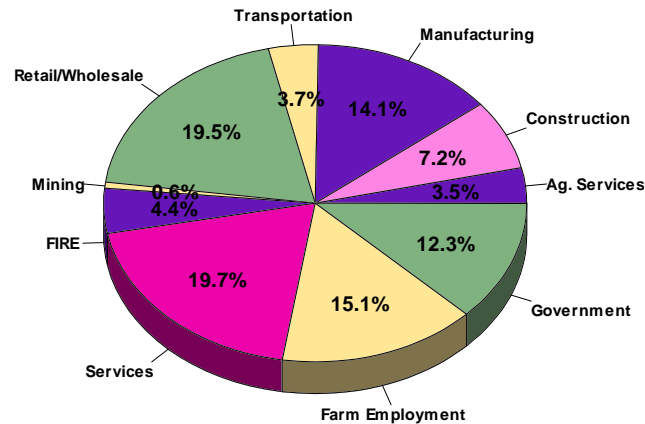
- There were 99 marriages in Missaukee County during 1998, down from 105 marriages in 1990. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, to age 28 for males 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 Missaukee County in 1990 was 9.3 when 57 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.3 when 51 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, 480 children in Missaukee County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 13.3 percent of all children in Missaukee. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Missaukee County



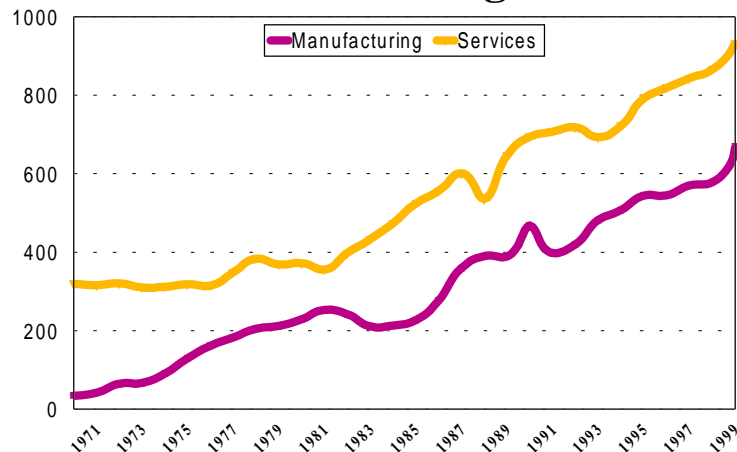
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Missaukee County



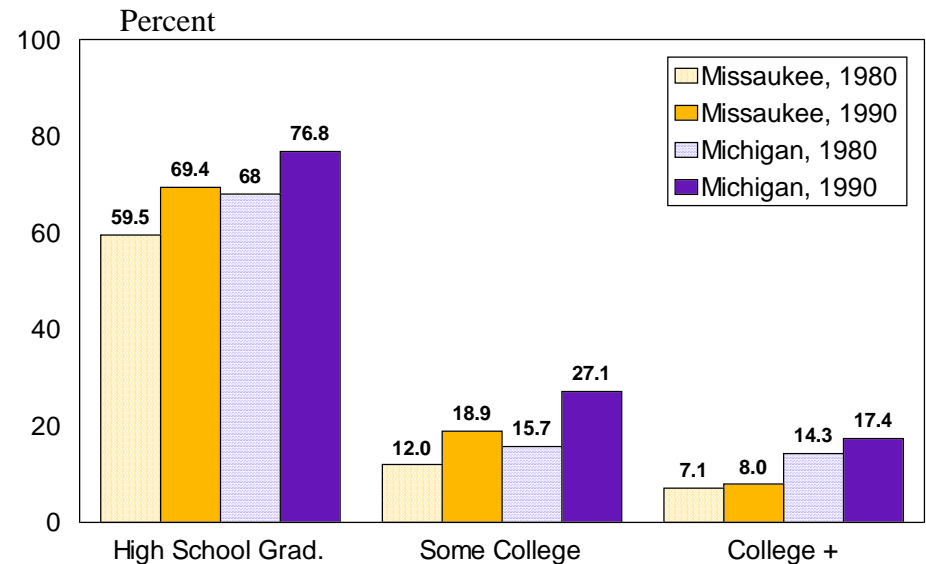
- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Missaukee from 3,622 in 1990 to 4,741 in 1999, a 30.9 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 19.7% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by only 0.2 percentage points. Jobs in Manufacturing have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 43.3 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

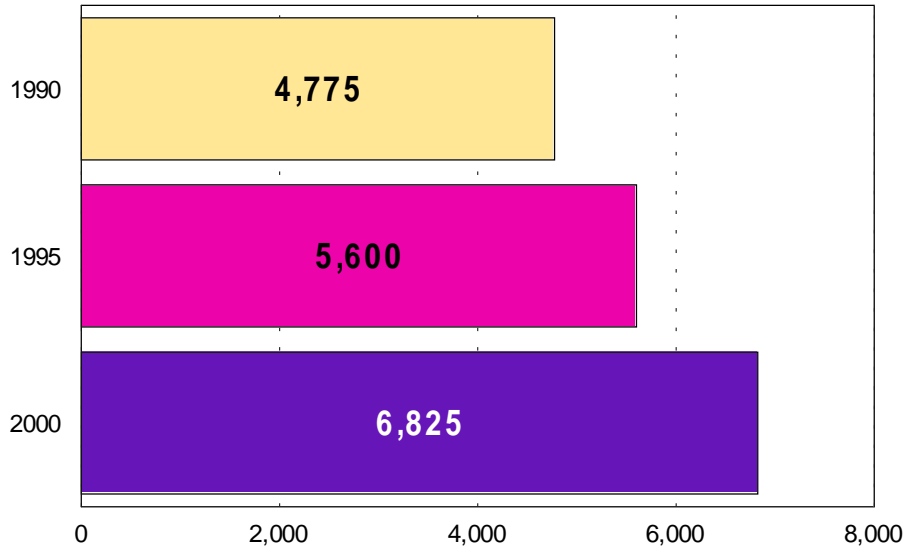


- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over by 9.9 percentage points in Missaukee County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- Missaukee 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 Missaukee County the rate was 8.0 percent. Missaukee ranks 75th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 24 students dropped out of high school in Missaukee County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.3 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 15 students dropped out (2.9 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



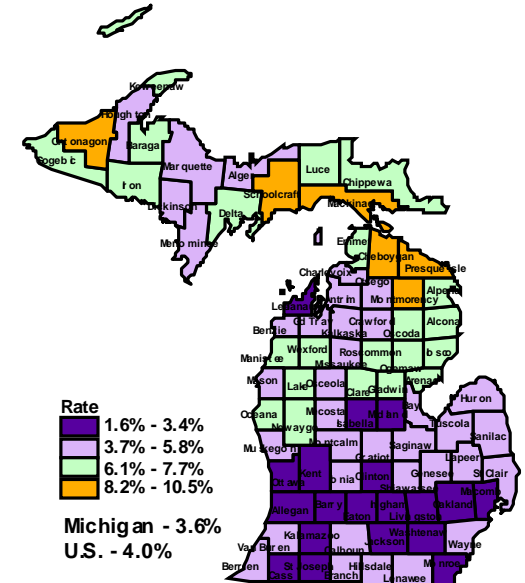
Total Number of Persons Employed in Missaukee County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Missaukee's labor force has grown from 5,375 in 1990 to 7,200 in 2000.
- In 1990, 88.8 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 94.8 percent employed.
- 65.2 percent of Missaukee's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 60.4 percent in 1990.
- Seventy percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 13 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.
- Missaukee County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 5.2 percent, compared to 5.9 percent in 1999 and 10.8 percent in 1990. 375 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 575 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

