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A portrait of **Montmorency County**



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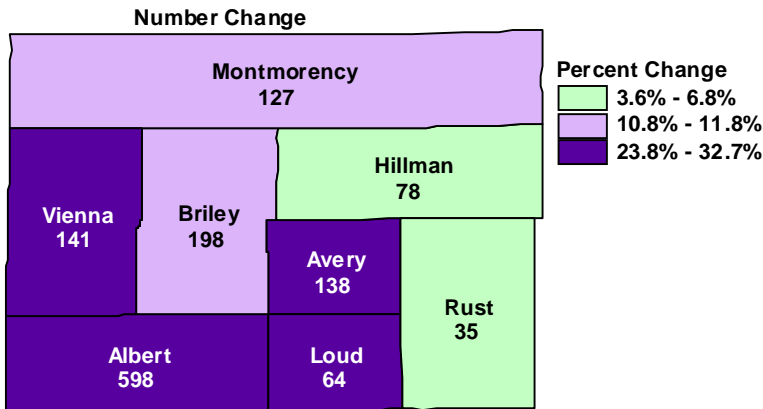
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Population

Montmorency County

Change from 1990 to 2000

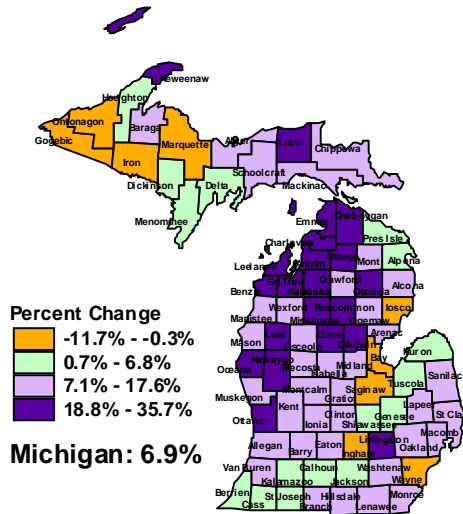


Montmorency County had 10,315 people in 2000, ranking as the 76th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 1,379 persons, or 15.4% since 1990.

Vienna Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 32.7 percent. Albert Township showed the largest number gain of 598 people.

There were 108 live births in Montmorency in 1998, of which 13 were to mothers age 19 and under, 87 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 8 to mothers age 35 and over.

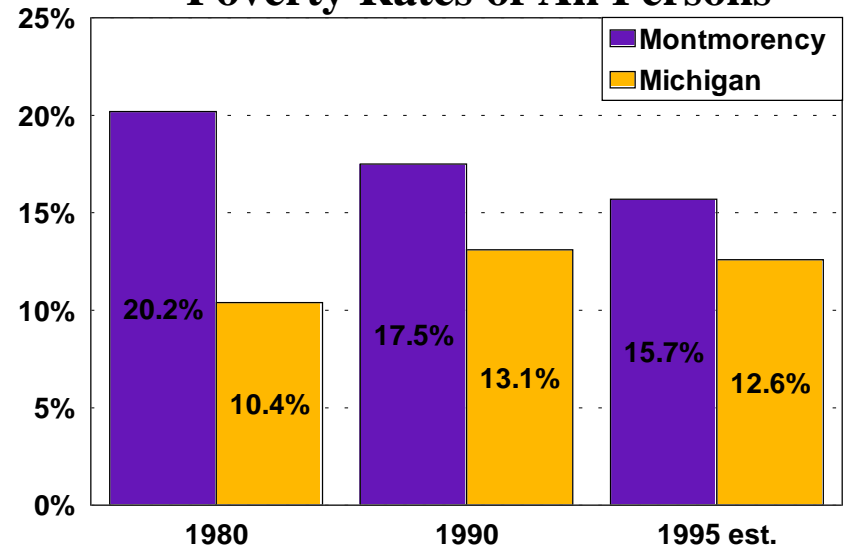
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



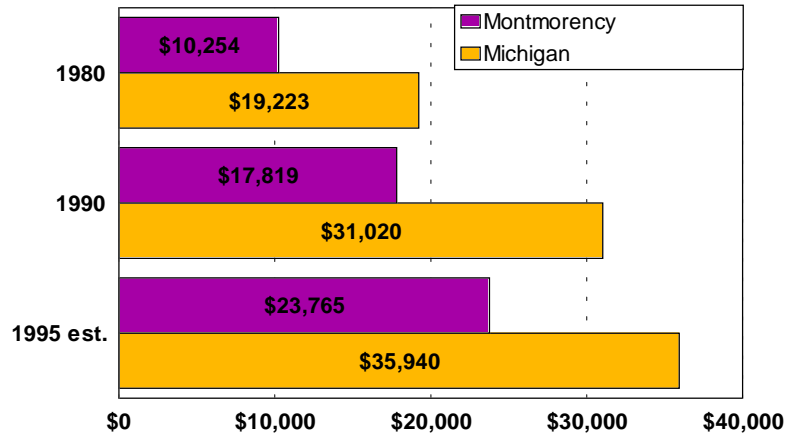
Poverty

- In 1995, 1,562 persons in Montmorency County were below the poverty line, increasing from 1,542 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Montmorency County ranked 75th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 20th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 599 kids (ages 0-17) in Montmorency County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in four. In 1990, 549 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 13.2 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 22.2 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Montmorency County experienced an increase in real median income of 14.4 percent, from \$20,777 to \$23,765. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Montmorency County ranked 78th 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 Montmorency County in 1998 was \$16,868, compared to \$14,820 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 13.8 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Montmorency	67.4%	26.3%	6.4%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

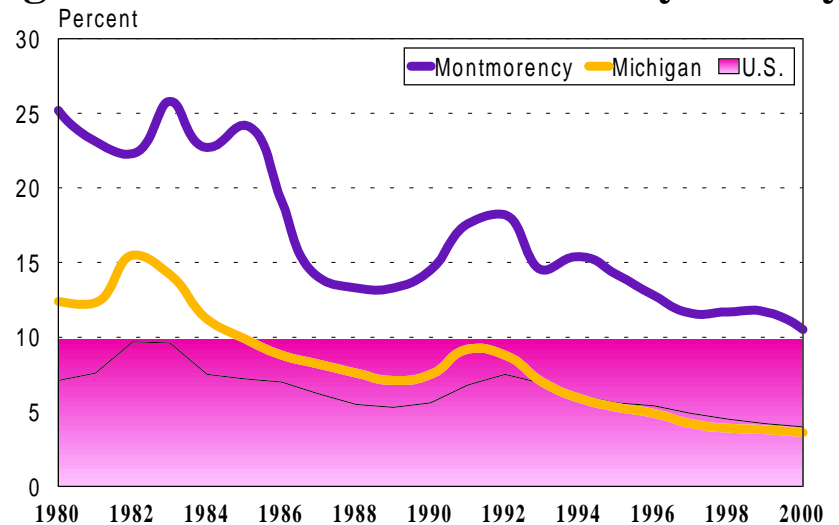
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Montmorency residents continues to go up:

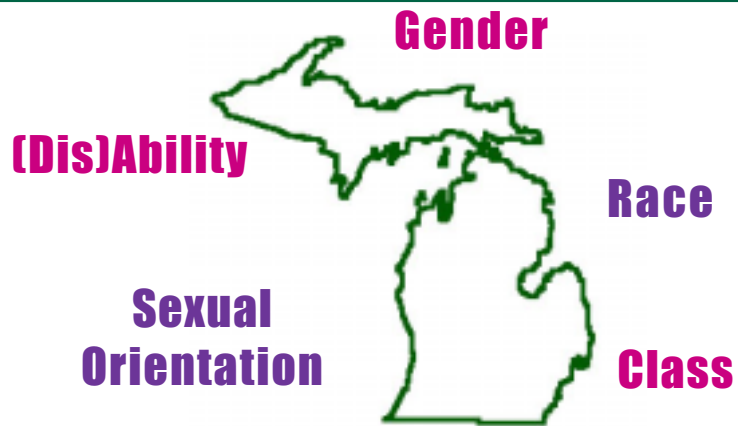
	1980	1990	2000
Montmorency	36.4	41.6	47.0
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.9
U.S.	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 10,315 people who lived in Montmorency in 2000, 55.8 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 44.2 percent included 4.4 percent children under the age of 5, 15.9 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 23.9 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 875 or 41.2 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 433 or 21.3 percent since 1990. One in four Montmorency residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Montmorency County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Montmorency County's population included 5,068 males and 5,247 females, or 49.1 percent and 50.9 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 4,455 households living in Montmorency County in 2000, 3,836 or 86.1 percent owned their own home and 619 or 13.9 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

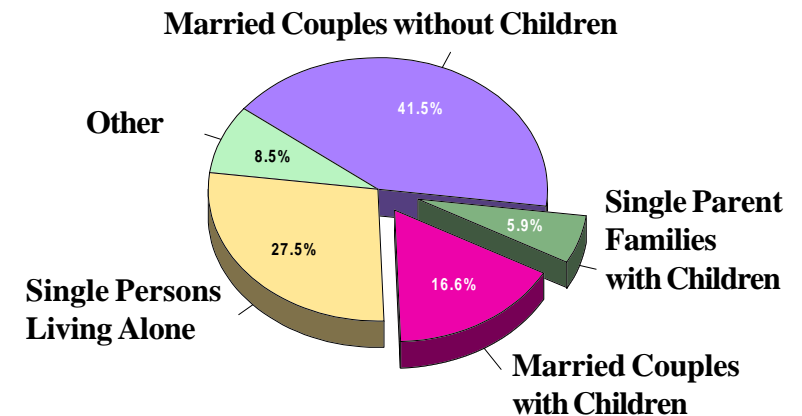
	Montmorency County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	10,094	97.9	78.6
Black*	25	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	35	0.3	0.5
Asian*	9	0.1	1.8
Other*	0	0.0	0.1
Two or more races*	85	0.8	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	67	0.6	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

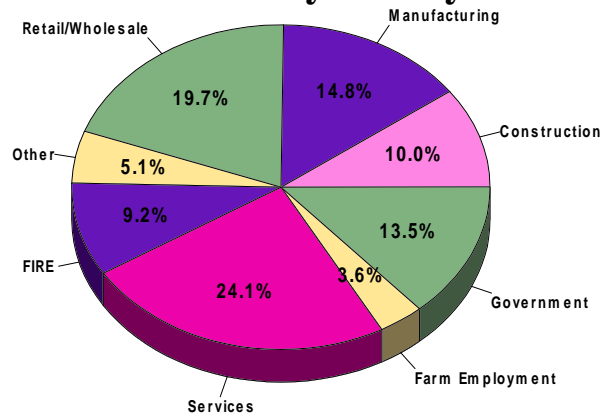
- There were 73 marriages in Montmorency County during 1998, up from 1990 when 60 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, to age 28 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 Montmorency County in 1990 was 7.4 when 33 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 5.2 when 26 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, 428 children in Montmorency County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 20.4 percent of all children in Montmorency. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Montmorency County



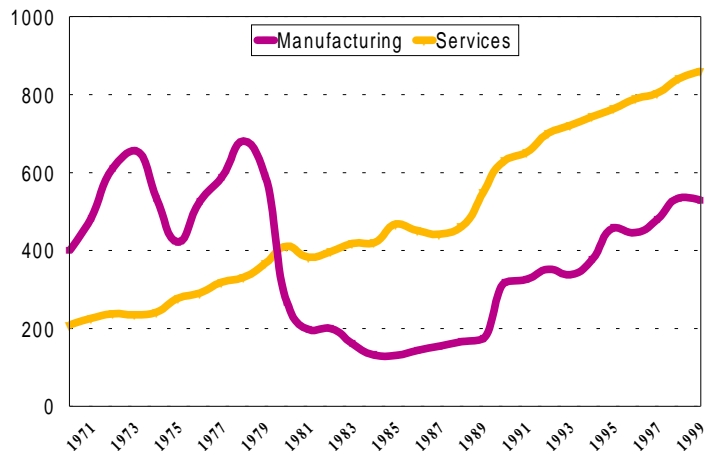
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Montmorency County



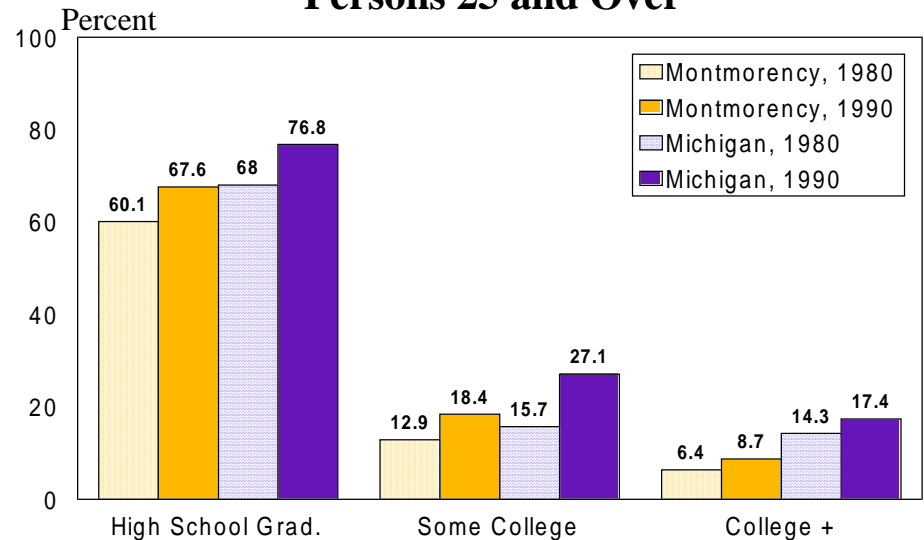
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Montmorency from 2,618 in 1990 to 3,569 in 1999, a 36.3 percent increase.
- .. The Services industry accounted for 24.1% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 4.4 percentage points. Jobs in Manufacturing have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 43.3 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

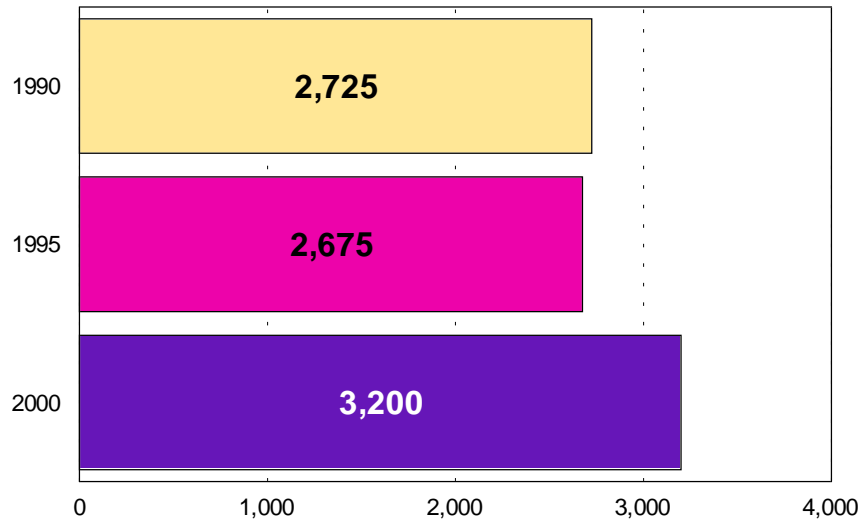


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 7.5 percentage points in Montmorency County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Montmorency 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 Montmorency County the rate was 8.7 percent. Montmorency ranks 69 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 4 students dropped out of high school in Montmorency County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 1.1 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 12 students dropped out (3.4 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



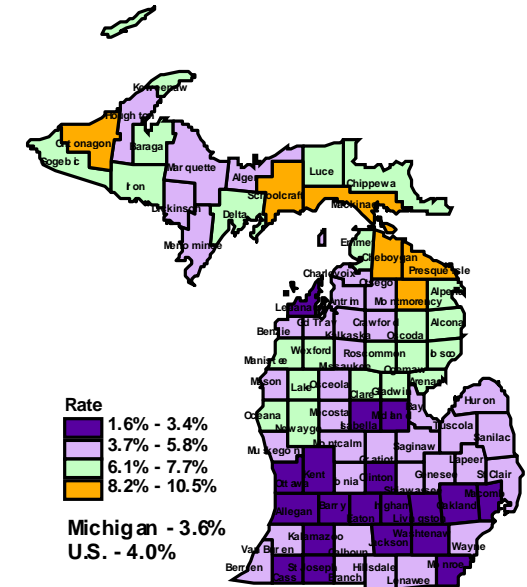
Total Number of Persons Employed in Montmorency County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Montmorency's labor force has grown from 3,225 in 1990 to 3,575 in 2000.
- In 1990, 84.5 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 89.5 percent employed.
- 42.0 percent of Montmorency's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 45.7 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-five percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 10 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 2000, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- Montmorency County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 10.5 percent, the same as in 1999 and 15.5 percent in 1990. 375 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 500 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

