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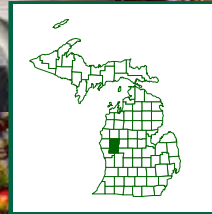
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A portrait of **Newaygo County**



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Population

Newaygo County

Percent Change from 1990 to 2000

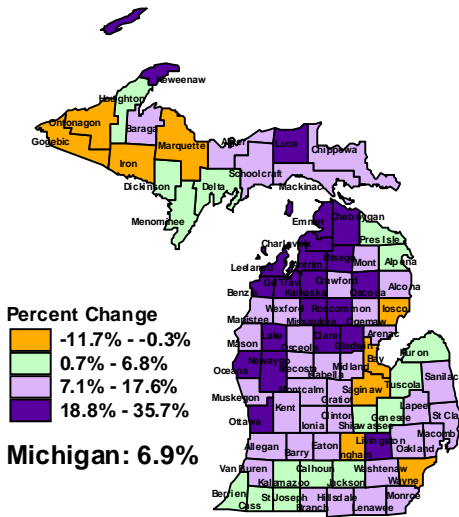
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Beaver 191	Merrill 139	Monroe 77	Norwich 58	7.6% - 15.7%	
Denver 439	Lincoln 369	Wilcox 314	Goodwell 193	19.2% - 25.0%	
Dayton 31	Sherman 293	Everett 466	Big Prairie 734	28.7% - 54.8%	
Frontenac 339	Garfield 397	Brooks 943	Croton 1077		
Sheridan 171	Ashland 573	Grant T 572	Ennsley 490		
Bridgeton 524	Grant 117				

Newaygo County had 47,874 people in 2000, ranking as the 36th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 9,672 persons, or 25.3% since 1990.

Croton Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 54.8 percent. Croton Township also showed the largest number gain of 1,077 people.

There were 635 live births in Newaygo in 1998, of which 115 were to mothers age 19 and under, 456 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 64 to mothers age 35 and over.

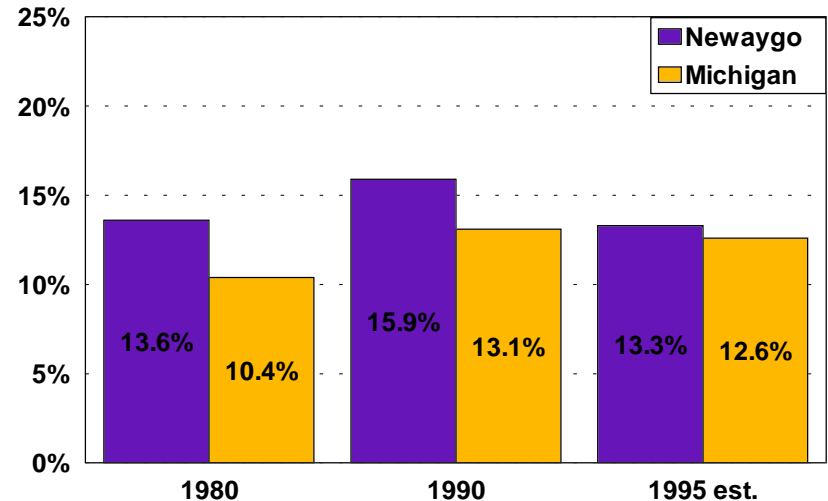
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



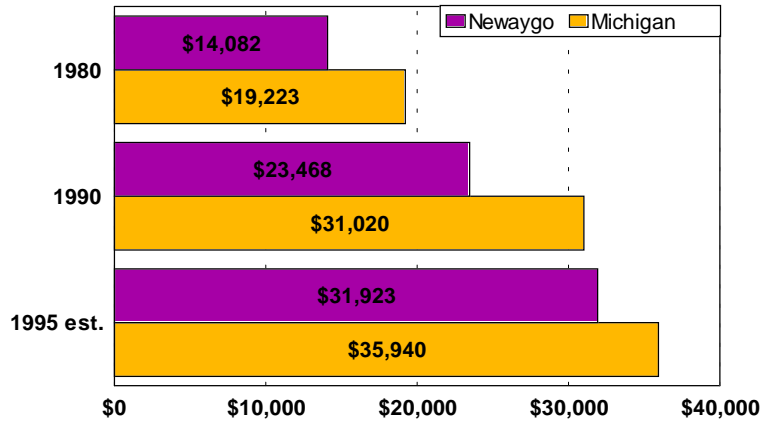
Poverty

- In 1995, 5,919 persons in Newaygo County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 5,991 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Newaygo County ranked 33rd among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 40th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 2,524 kids (ages 0-17) in Newaygo County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 2,381 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 15.1 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 17.1 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Newaygo County experienced an increase in real median income of 16.7 percent, from \$27,364 to \$31,923. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Newaygo County ranked 40th 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 Newaygo County in 1998 was \$17,856, compared to \$16,905 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 5.6 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Newaygo	53.0%	34.3%	12.7%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

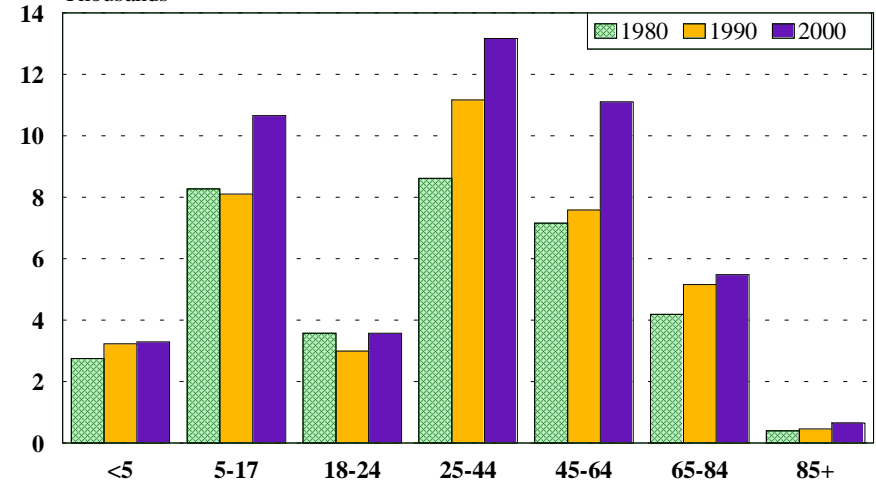
The Median age of Newaygo residents continues to go up:

	1980	1990	2000
Newaygo	30.9	33.3	36.4
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.9
U.S.	30.0	33.0	36.5

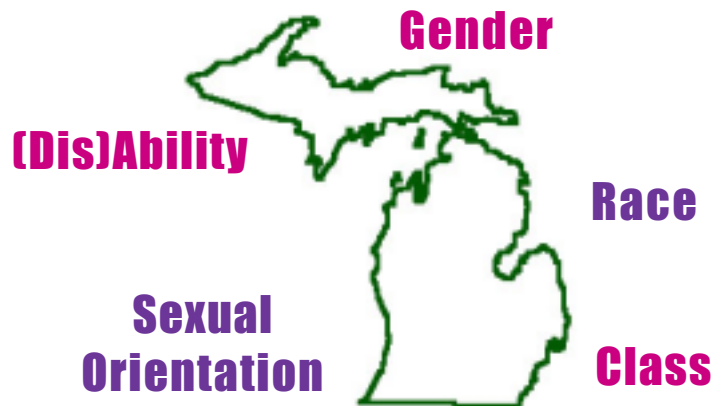
- Of the 47,874 people who lived in Newaygo in 2000, 58.1 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 41.9 percent included 6.9 percent children under the age of 5, 22.2 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 12.8 percent over the age of 65.
- The fastest growing age group is the 45 to 64 year -olds, which includes the oldest of the “baby boomers.” This group grew by 3,514 or 46.3 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 960 or 18.6 percent since 1990. One in eight Newaygo residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Newaygo County

Thousands



Multiculturalism



- .. In 2000, Newaygo County's population included 23,891 males and 23,983 females, or 49.9 percent and 50.1 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- .. Of the 17,599 households living in Newaygo County in 2000, 14,856 or 84.4 percent owned their own home and 2,743 or 15.6 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

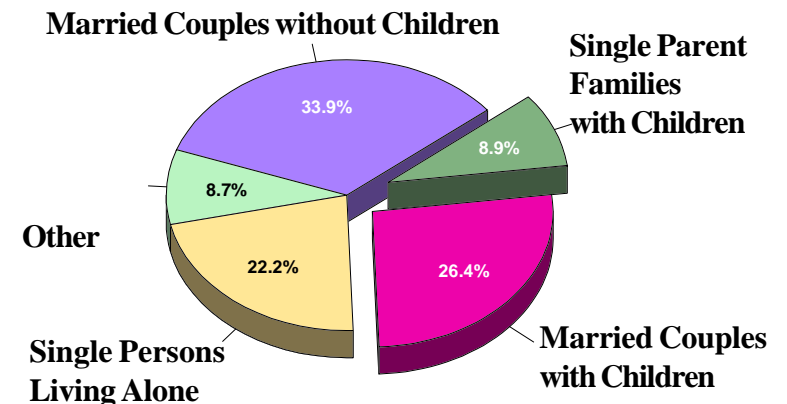
	Newaygo County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	44,508	93.0	78.6
Black*	519	1.1	14.1
American Indian*	286	0.6	0.5
Asian*	138	0.3	1.8
Other*	48	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	530	1.1	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	1,845	3.9	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

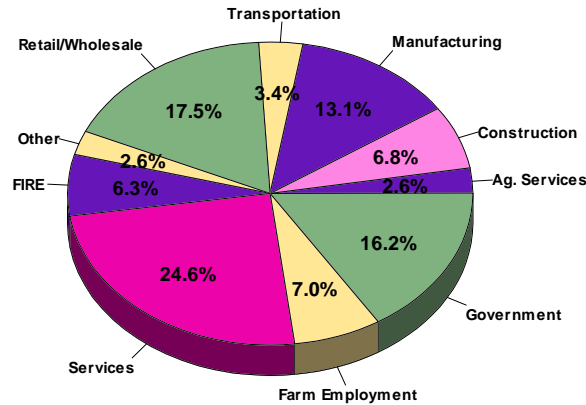
- .. There were 569 marriages in Newaygo County during 1998, up from 1990 when 374 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- .. In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid'70s, to age 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 Newaygo County in 1990 was 9.3 when 178 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 11.5 when 264 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, 1,935 children in Newaygo County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 17.1 percent of all children in Newaygo. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Newaygo County



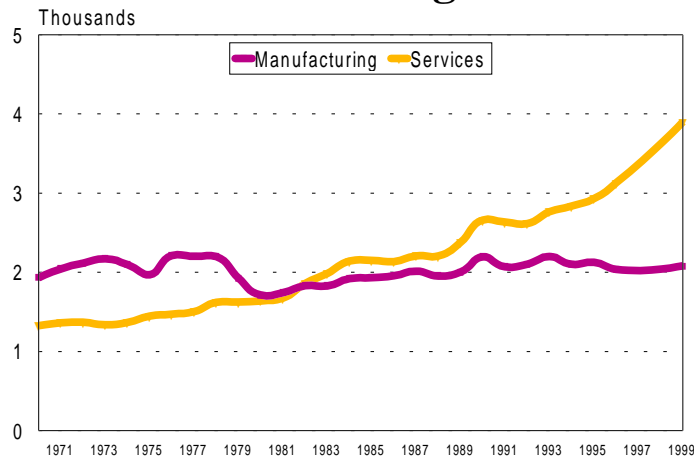
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Newaygo County



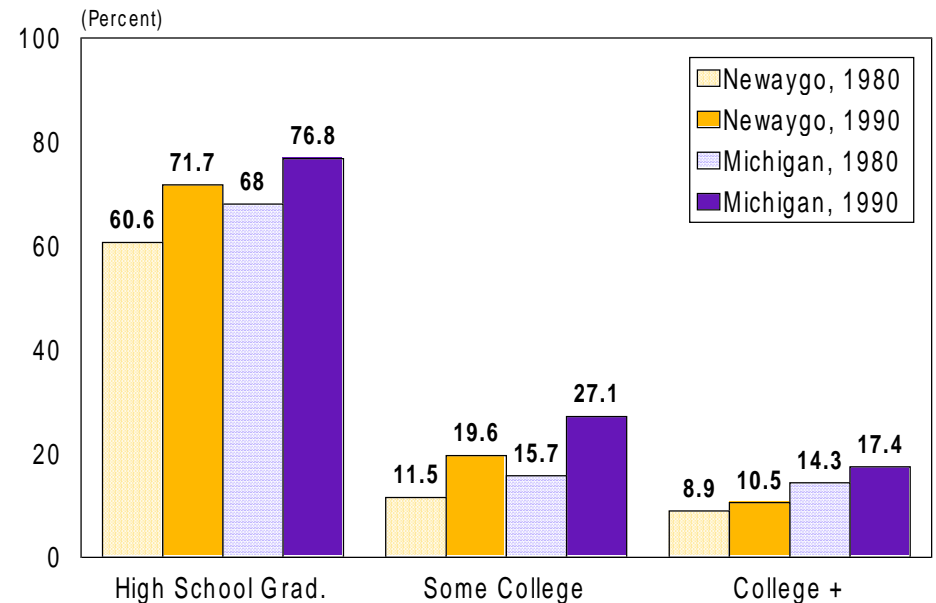
- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Newaygo from 12,052 in 1990 to 15,875 in 1999, a 31.7 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 24.6% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by only 7.1 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 47.0 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

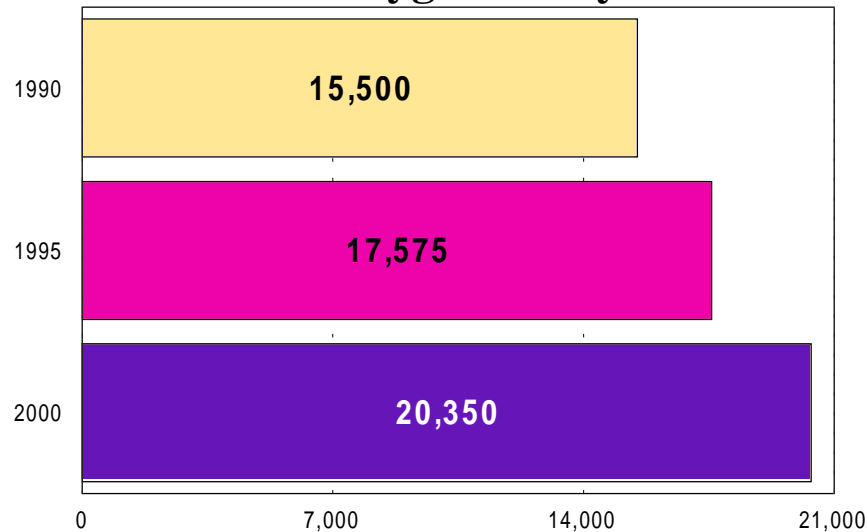


- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 10.5 percentage points in Newaygo County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- Newaygo 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 Newaygo County the rate was 10.5 percent. Newaygo ranks 49 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 94 students dropped out of high school in Newaygo County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.8 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 97 students dropped out (4.5 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



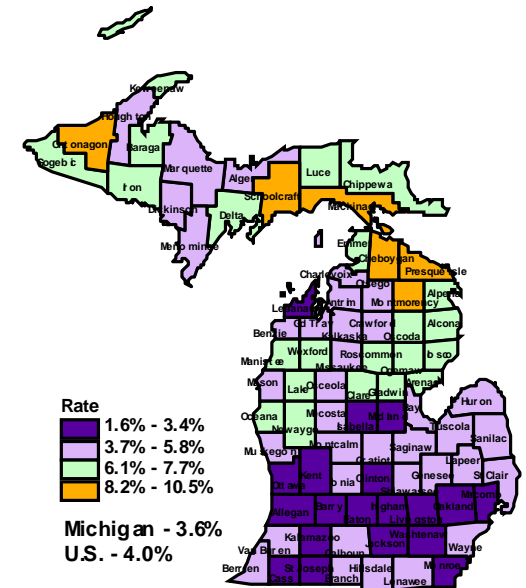
Total Number of Persons Employed in Newaygo County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Newaygo's labor force has grown from 17,225 in 1990 to 21,700 in 2000.
- In 1990, 90.0 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 93.8 percent employed.
- 61.1 percent of Newaygo's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 61.5 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-two percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 13 percentage points higher than in 1980. Nearly 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.
- Newaygo County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 6.2 percent, compared to 6.9 percent in 1999 and 9.9 percent in 1990. 1,325 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 1,700 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

