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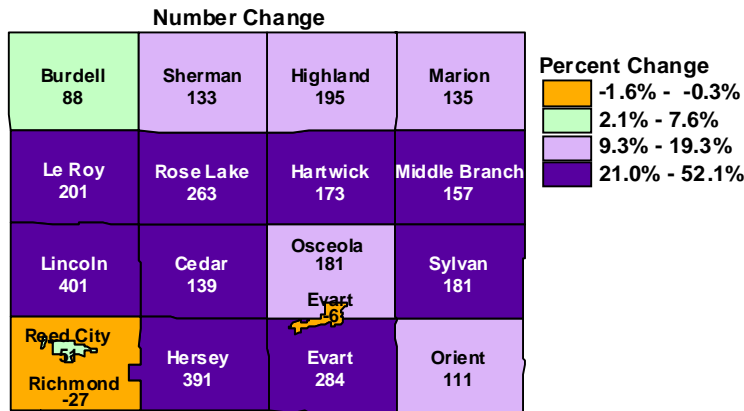
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Population

Osceola County

Change from 1990 to 2000

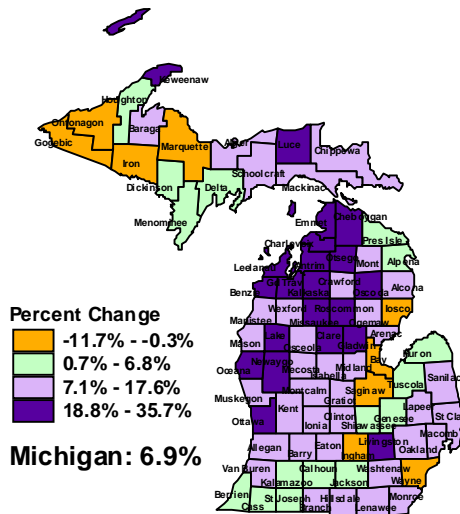


Osceola County had 23,197 people in 2000, ranking as the 61st most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 3,051 persons, or 15.1% since 1990.

Cedar Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 52.1 percent. Lincoln Township showed the largest number gain of 401 people.

There were 274 live births in Osceola in 1998, of which 37 were to mothers age 19 and under, 216 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 21 to mothers age 35 and over.

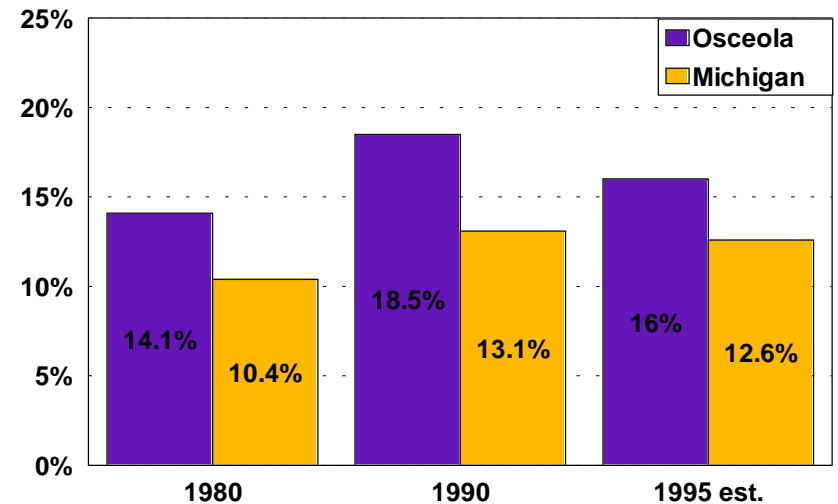
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



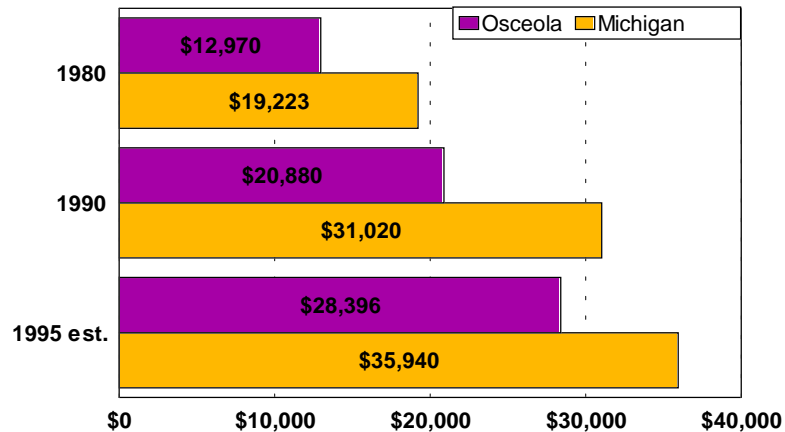
Poverty

- In 1995, 3,558 persons in Osceola County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 3,682 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Osceola County ranked 56th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 14th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 1,515 kids (ages 0-17) in Osceola County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in four. In 1990, 1,399 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 17.1 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 18.3 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Osceola County experienced an increase in real median income of 16.6 percent, from \$24,347 to \$28,396. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Osceola County ranked 60th 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 Osceola County in 1998 was \$18,133, compared to \$15,224 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 19.1 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Osceola County	57.6%	33.6%	8.8%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

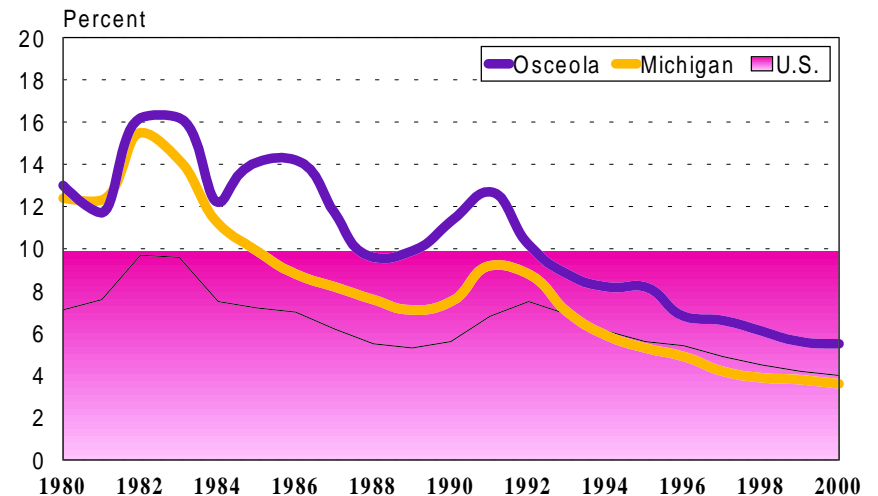
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Osceola residents continues to go up:

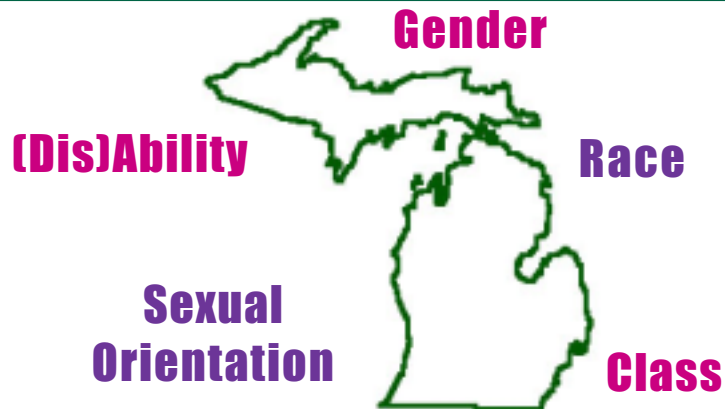
	1980	1990	2000
Osceola	30.5	33.5	37.6
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.9
U.S.	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 23,197 people who lived in Osceola in 2000, 58.7 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 41.3 percent included 6.2 percent children under the age of 5, 21.0 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 14.2 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 1,519 or 37.1 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 478 or 17.0 percent since 1990. One in seven Osceola residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Osceola County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Osceola County's population included 11,461 males and 11,736 females, or 49.4 percent and 50.6 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 8,861 households living in Osceola County in 2000, 7,217 or 81.4 percent owned their own home and 1,644 or 18.6 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

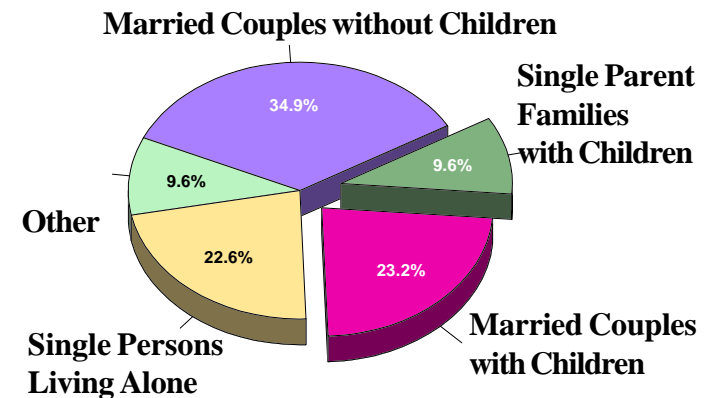
	Osceola County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	22,461	96.8	78.6
Black*	79	0.3	14.1
American Indian*	111	0.5	0.5
Asian*	48	0.2	1.8
Other*	9	0.0	0.1
Two or more races*	259	1.1	1.6
Hispanic or Latino Origin	230	1.0	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

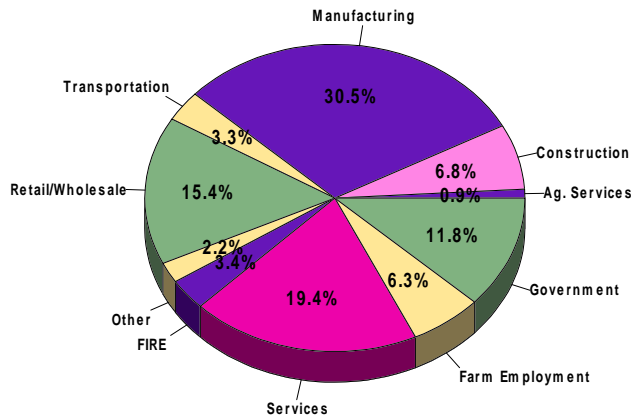
- There were 169 marriages in Osceola County during 1998, down from 184 marriages in 1990. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, to age 28 for males and 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 Osceola County in 1990 was 12.1 when 122 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.1 when 79 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, 1,029 children in Osceola County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 17.2 percent of all children in Osceola. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Osceola County



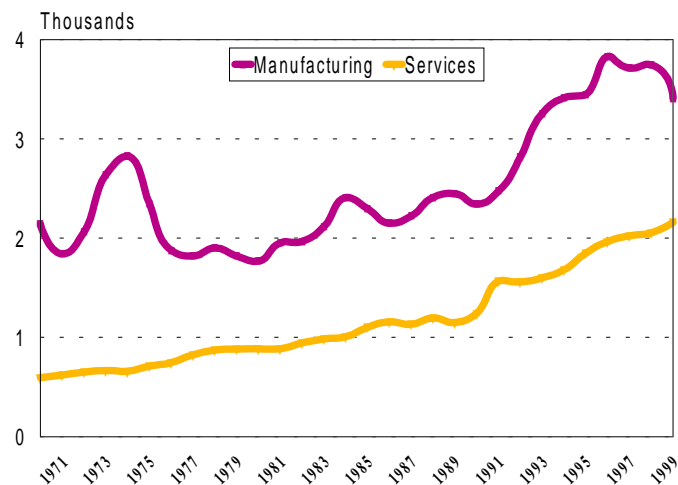
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Osceola County



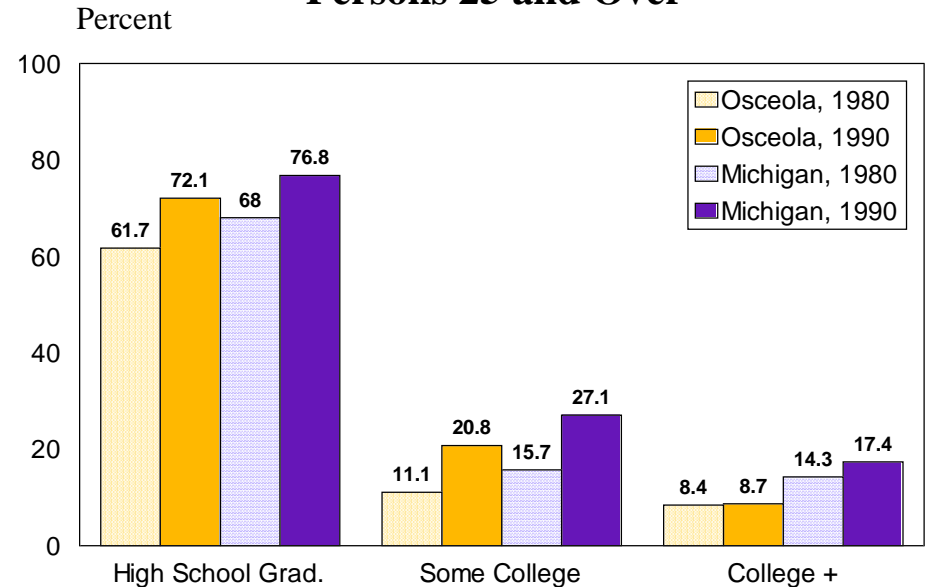
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Osceola from 7,491 in 1990 to 11,162 in 1999, a 40.6 percent increase.
- .. Manufacturing accounted for 30.5% of all employment in 1999, leading the Services industry by 11.2 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 73.8 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

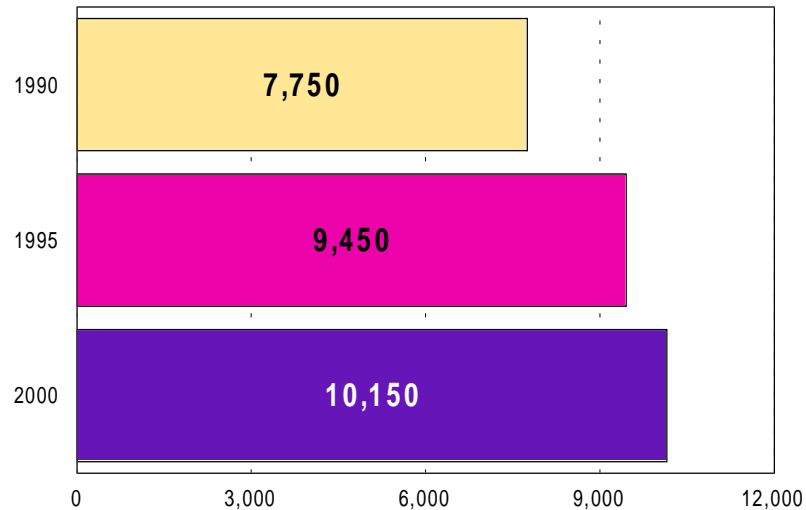


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 10.3 percentage points in Osceola County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completely high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Osceola 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 Osceola County the rate was 8.7 percent. Osceola ranks 70 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 79 students dropped out of high school in Osceola County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 4.7 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 57 students dropped out (1.2 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



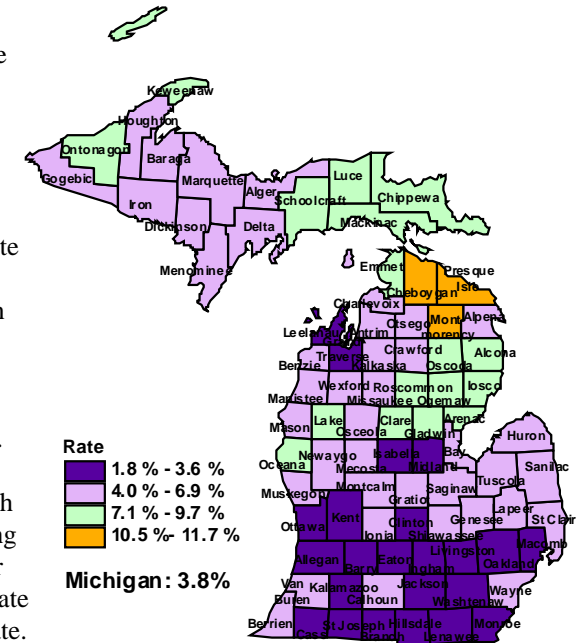
Total Number of Persons Employed in Osceola County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Osceola's labor force has grown from 8,775 in 1990 to 10,750 in 2000.
- In 1990, 88.3 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 94.4 percent employed.
- 60.7 percent of Osceola's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 59.1 percent in 1990.
- Seventy percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 11 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.
- Osceola County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 5.5 percent, compared to 5.6 percent in 1999 and 11.6 percent in 1990. 600 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 1,025 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

