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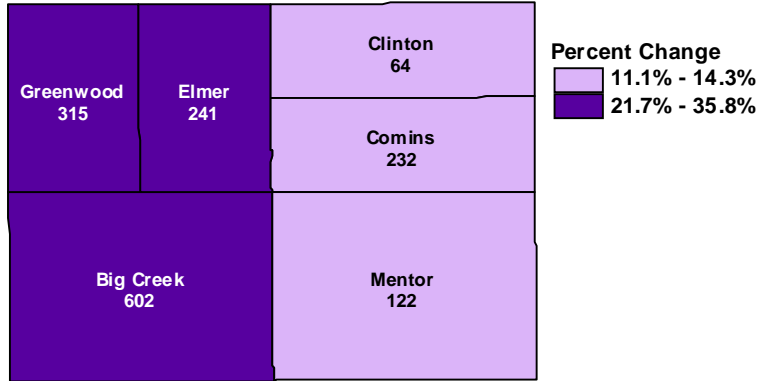
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Population

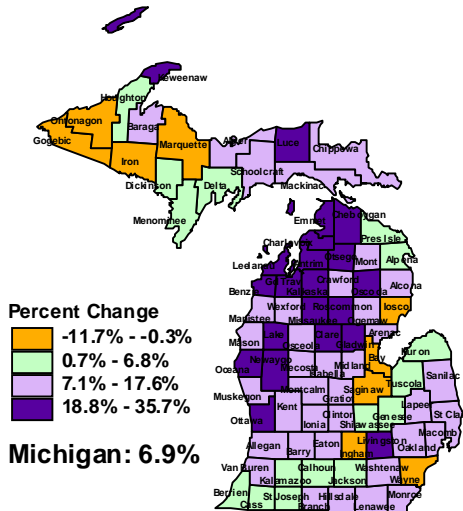
Oscoda County

Change from 1990 to 2000

Number Change



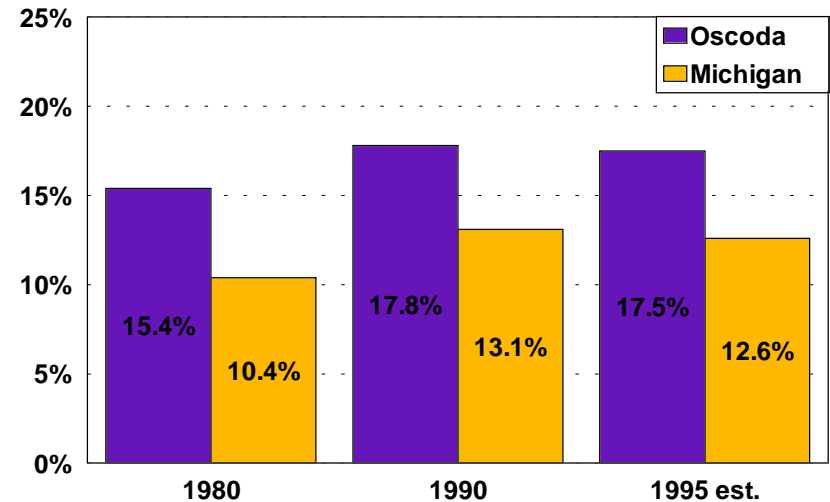
- Oscoda County had 9,418 people in 2000, ranking as the 78th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 1,576 persons, or 20.1% since 1990.
- Greenwood Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 35.8 percent. Big Creek Township showed the largest number gain of 602 people.
- There were 91 live births in Oscoda in 1998, of which 10 were to mothers age 19 and under, 66 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 15 to mothers age 35 and over.
- Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

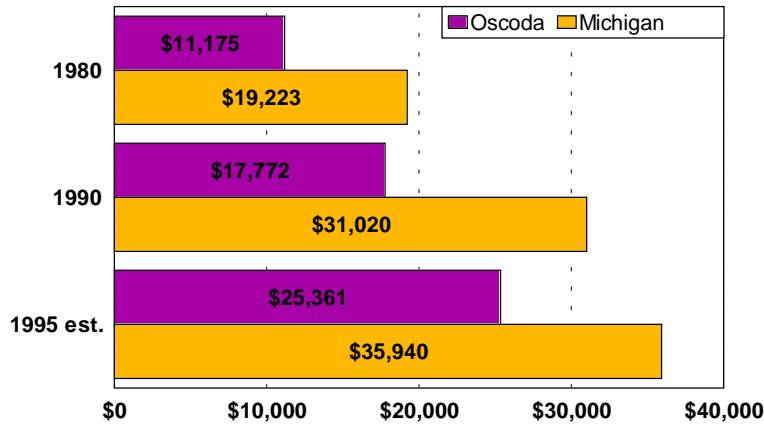
- In 1995, 1,545 persons in Oscoda County were below the poverty line, increasing from 1,374 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Oscoda County ranked 76th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 10th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 555 kids (ages 0-17) in Oscoda County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in four. In 1990, 450 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 13.8 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 15.5 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Oscoda County experienced an increase in real median income of 22.4 percent, from \$20,723 to \$25,361. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Oscoda County ranked 74th 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 Oscoda County in 1998 was \$14,655, compared to \$13,081 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 12.0 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Oscoda County	68.8%	26.1%	5.1%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

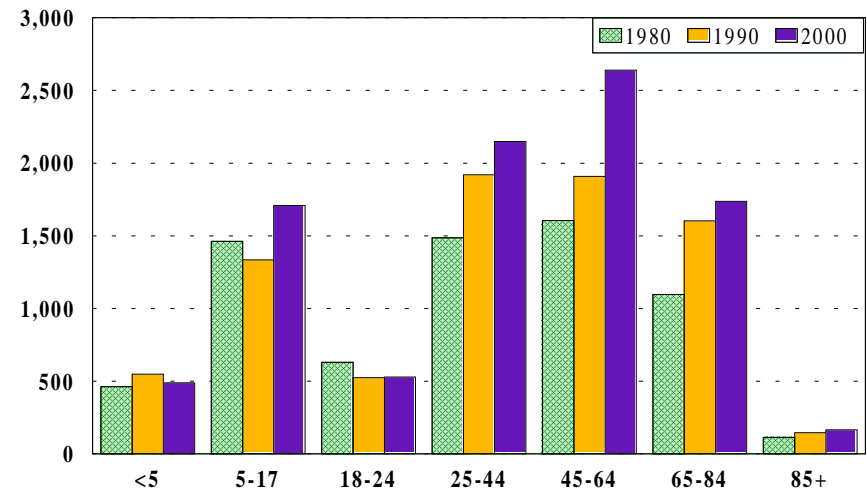
Age

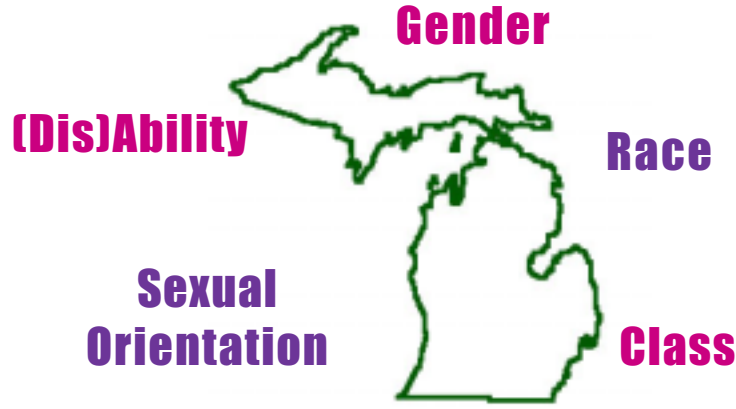
The Median age of Oscoda residents continues to go up:

	1980	1990	2000
Oscoda	36.6	40	43.7
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.9
U.S.	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 9,418 people who lived in Oscoda in 2000, 56.5 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 43.5 percent included 5.2 percent children under the age of 5, 18.1 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 20.2 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 730 or 38.2 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 300 or 18.7 percent since 1990. One in five Oscoda residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Oscoda County





- In 2000, Oscoda County's population included 4,622 males and 4,796 females, or 49.5 percent and 50.9 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 3,921 households living in Oscoda County in 2000, 3,365 or 85.8 percent owned their own home and 556 or 14.2 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.

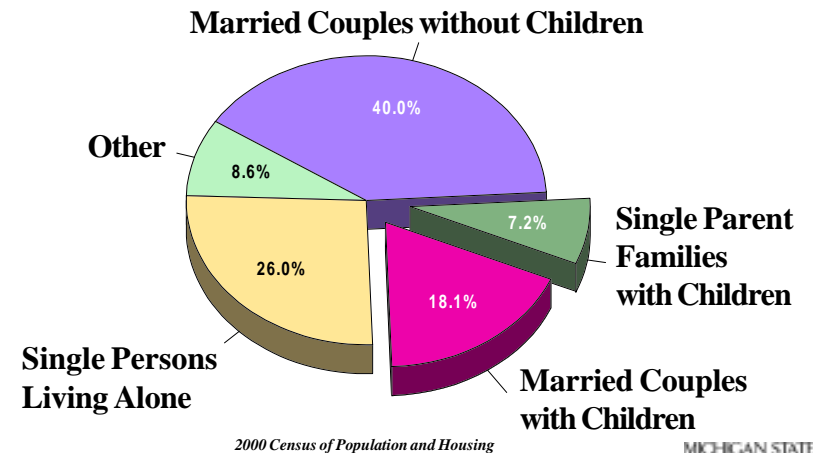
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin: 2000

	Oscoda County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	9,162	97.3	78.6
Black*	8	0.1	14.1
American Indian*	60	0.6	0.5
Asian*	6	0.1	1.8
Other*	1	0.0	0.1
Two or more races*	92	1.0	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	89	0.9	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

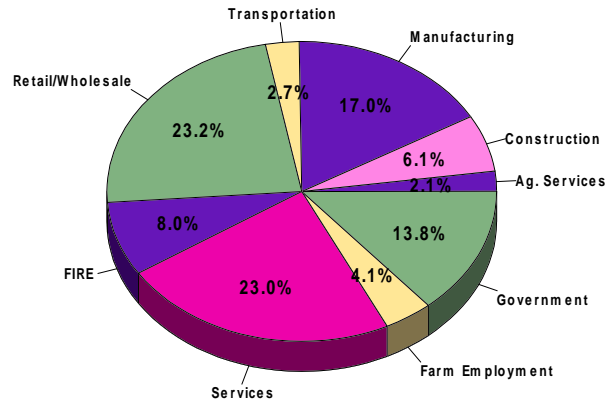
- There were 61 marriages in Oscoda County during 1998, down from 1990 when 72 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, to age 28 for 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 Oscoda County in 1990 was 8.1 when 32 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 11.5 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, 301 children in Oscoda County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 16 percent of all children in Oscoda. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Oscoda County



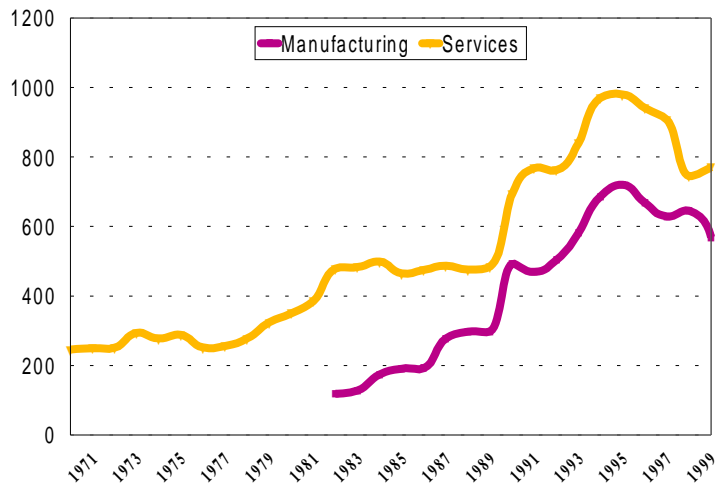
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Oscoda County



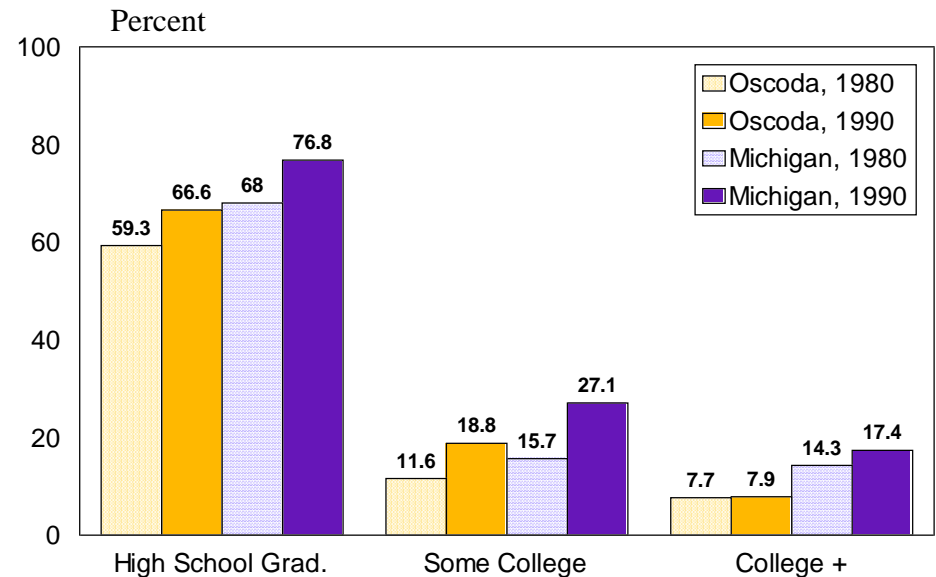
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Oscoda from 2,635 in 1990 to 3,355 in 1999, a 27.3 percent increase.
- .. Retail and Wholesale Trade accounted for 23.2% of all employment in 1999, leading Services by only 0.2 percentage points. Jobs in Retail and Wholesale Trade have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 53.8 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

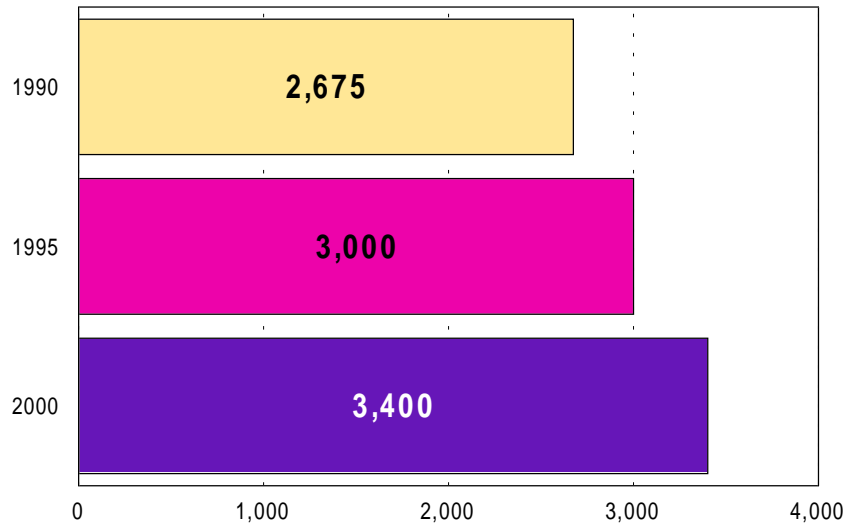


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 7.3 percentage points in Oscoda County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Oscoda 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 Oscoda County the rate was 7.9 percent. Oscoda ranks 77 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 19 students dropped out of high school in Oscoda County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 5.0 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 11 students dropped out (3.6 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



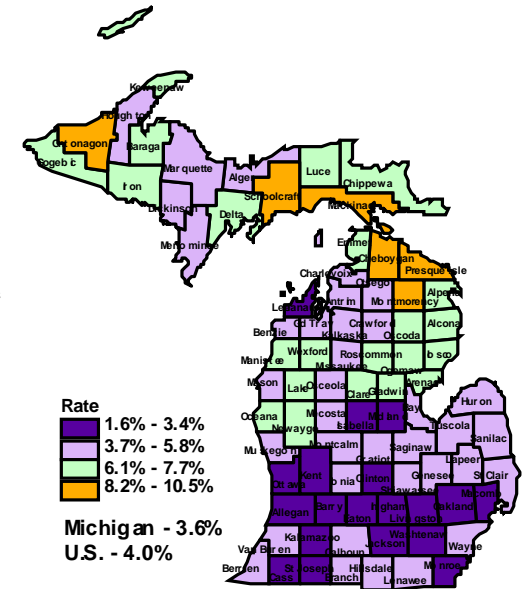
Total Number of Persons Employed in Oscoda County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Oscoda's labor force has grown from 2,900 in 1990 to 3,650 in 2000.
- In 1990, 92.2 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 93.2 percent employed.
- 48.5 percent of Oscoda's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 47.3 percent in 1990.
- Sixty-eight percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 5 percentage points higher than in 1980. Nearly five 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.
- Oscoda County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 7.2 percent, compared to 8.1 percent in 1999 and 8.4 percent in 1990. 275 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 250 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

