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# *A portrait of* **Otsego County**



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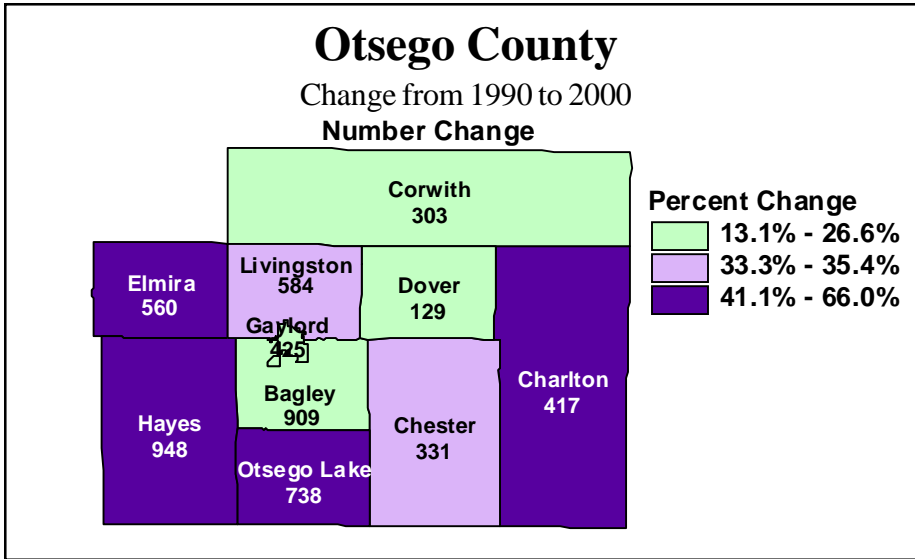
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# Population

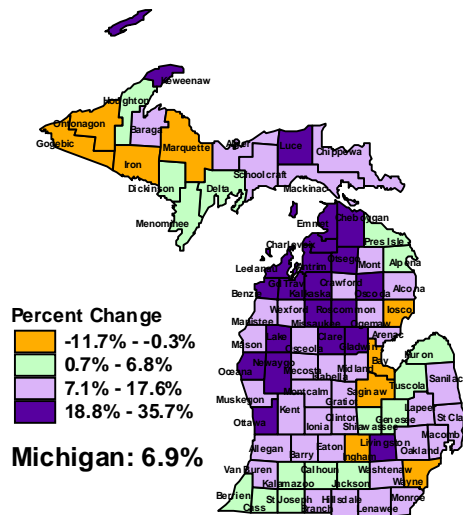


.. Otsego County had 23,301 people in 2000, ranking as the 60th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 5,344 persons, or 29.8% since 1990.

.. Hayes Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 66.0 percent. Hayes Township also showed the largest number gain of 948 people.

.. There were 300 live births in Otsego in 1998, of which 42 were to mothers age 19 and under, 234 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 24 to mothers age 35 and over.

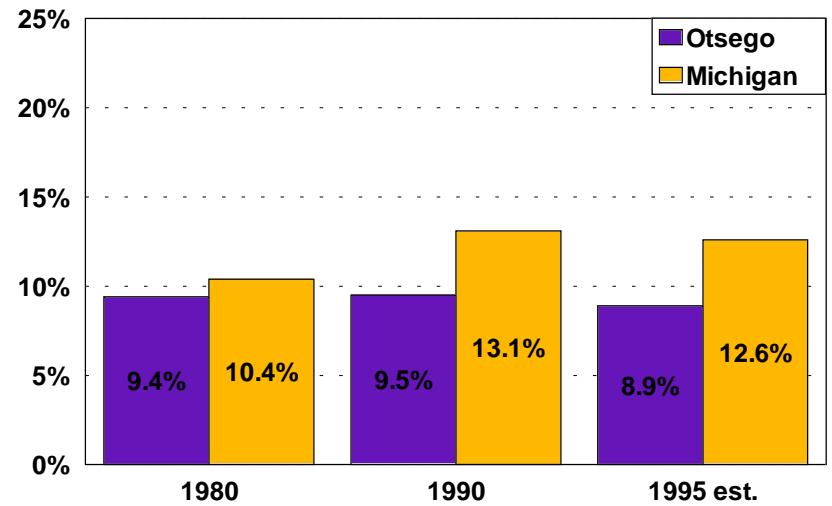
.. Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

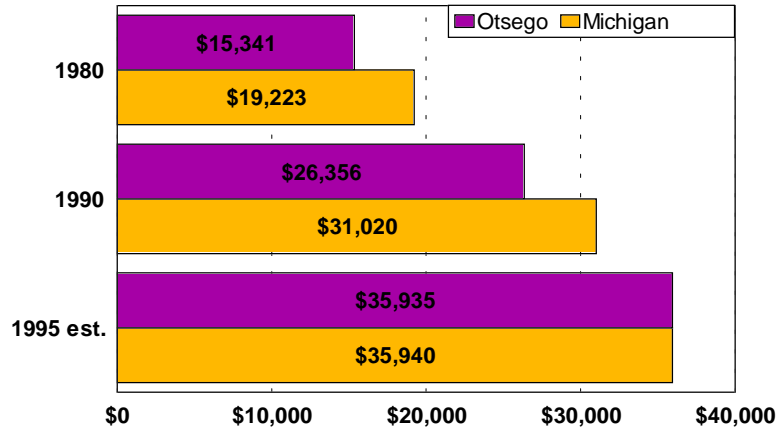
- .. In 1995, 1,902 persons in Otsego County were below the poverty line, increasing from 1,674 persons in 1990.
- .. The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- .. Otsego County ranked 70th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 69th on the poverty rate.
- .. Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 761 kids (ages 0-17) in Otsego County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in eight. In 1990, 577 kids were poor.
- .. The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 11.4 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 13.2 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Otsego County experienced an increase in real median income of 16.9 percent, from \$30,732 to \$35,935. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Otsego County ranked 25th 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 Otsego County in 1998 was \$22,229, compared to \$19,667 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 13.0 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Otsego County</b>	<b>47.0%</b>	<b>38.5%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>

\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

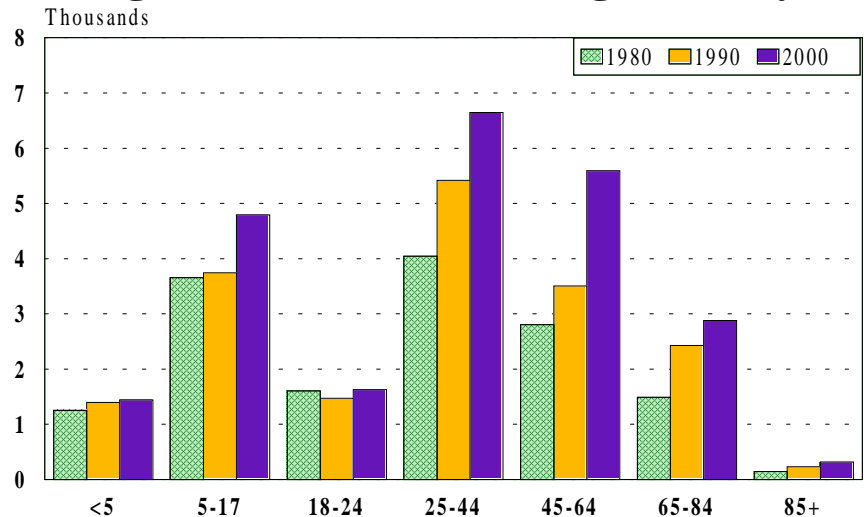
# Age

## The Median age of Otsego residents continues to go up:

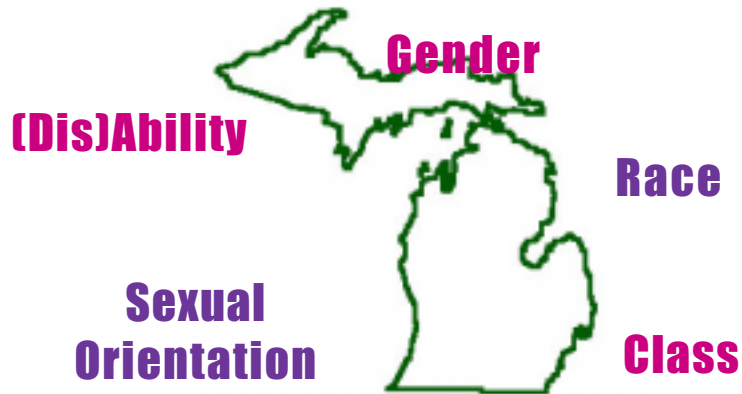
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Otsego</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>37.7</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.9</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>36.5</b>

- Of the 23,301 people who lived in Otsego in 2000, 59.5 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 40.5 percent included 6.2 percent children under the age of 5, 20.6 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 13.7 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 2,087 or 59.6 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 773 or 31.8 percent since 1990. One in seven Otsego residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Otsego County



# Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Otsego County's population included 11,568 males and 11,733 females, or 49.6 percent and 50.4 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 8,995 households living in Otsego County in 2000, 7,351 or 81.7 percent owned their own home and 1,644 or 18.3 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

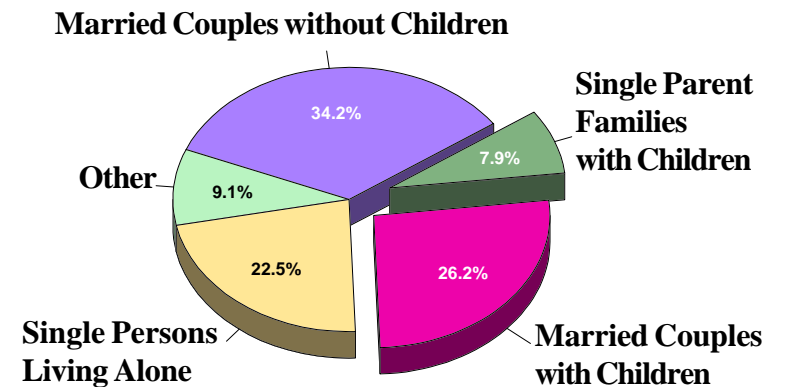
	Otsego County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	22,603	97.0	78.6
Black*	42	0.2	14.1
American Indian*	136	0.6	0.5
Asian*	79	0.3	1.8
Other*	14	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	252	1.1	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	175	0.8	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

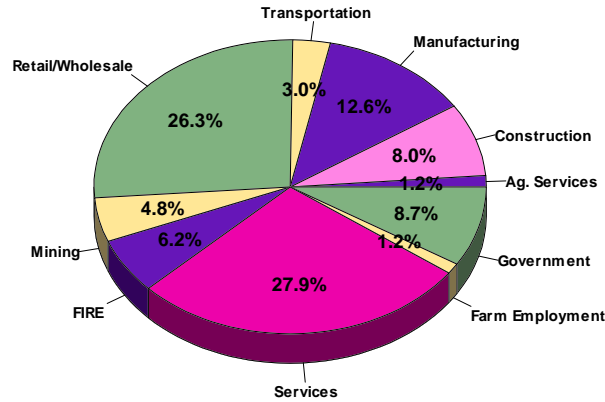
- There were 175 marriages in Otsego County during 1998, up from 1990 when 180 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, to age 28 for 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 Otsego County in 1990 was 9.1 when 82 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 10.7 when 119 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, 782 children in Otsego County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 15.3 percent of all children in Otsego. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

## Types of Households in Otsego County



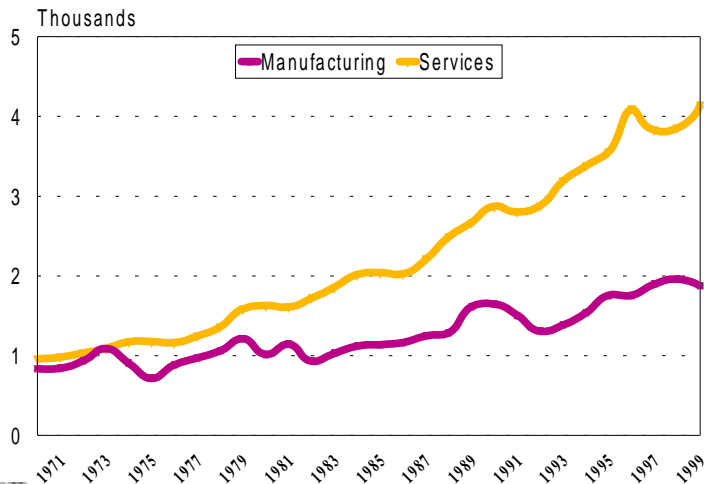
2000 Census of Population and Housing

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Otsego County



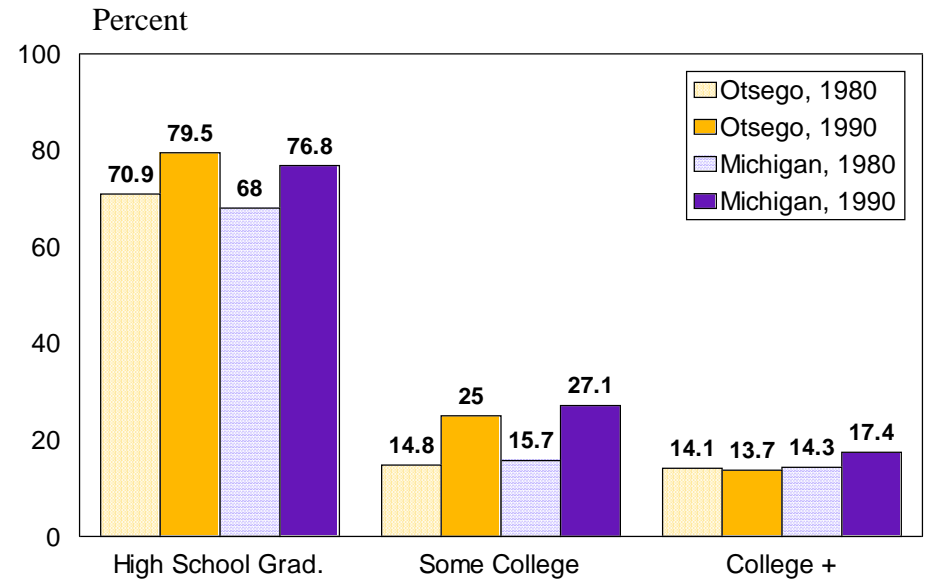
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Otsego from 10,633 in 1990 to 14,886 in 1999, a 40.0 percent increase.
- .. Services accounted for 27.9% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by only 1.6 percentage point. Jobs in Retail and Wholesale Trade have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 51.6 percent since 1990.

## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

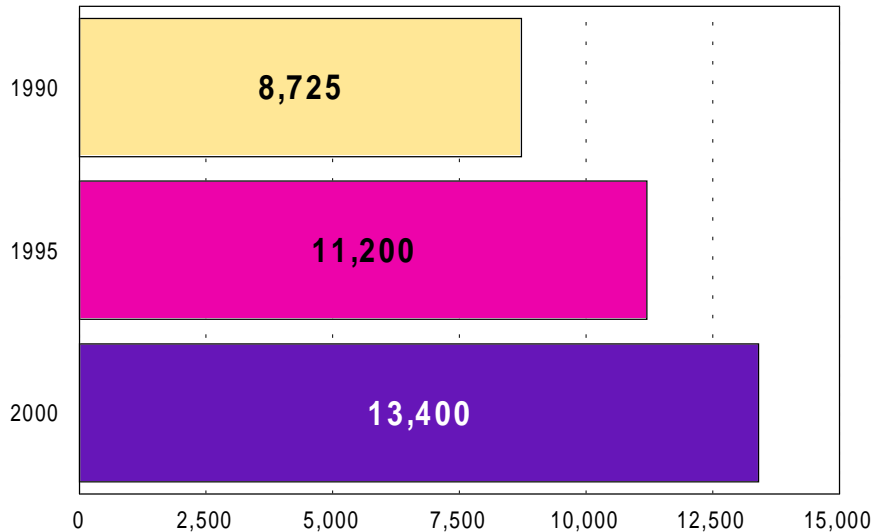


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.6 percentage points in Otsego County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Otsego 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 Otsego County the rate was 13.7 percent. Otsego ranks 22 among Michigan’s 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 14 students dropped out of high school in Otsego County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 1.1 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 31 students dropped out (3.0 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



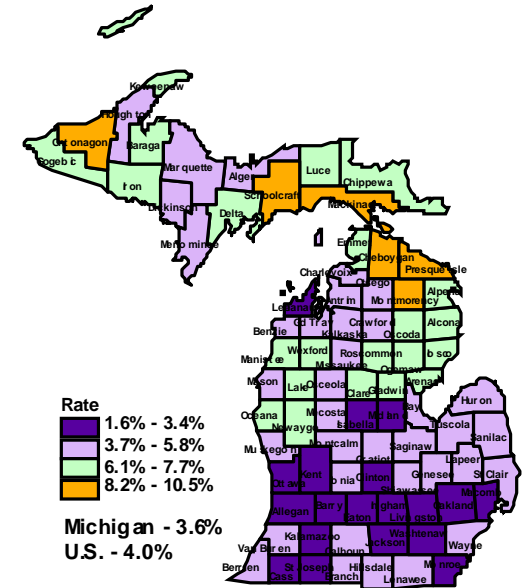
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Otsego County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Otsego's labor force has grown from 9,325 in 1990 to 14,000 in 2000.
- In 1990, 93.6 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 95.7 percent employed.
- 78.7 percent of Otsego's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 1999, up from 69.9 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-eight percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 17 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 less than five 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.
- Otsego County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 4.4 percent, compared to 4.6 percent in 1998 and 6.4 percent in 1990. 625 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 600 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

