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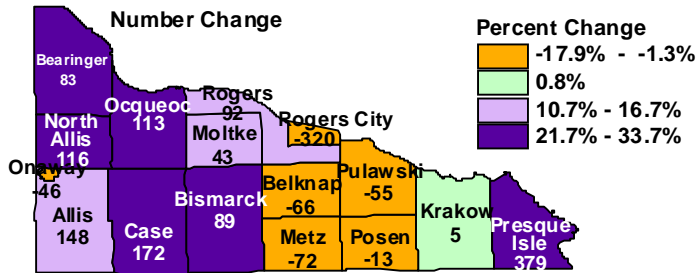
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Population

Presque Isle County

Change from 1990 to 2000

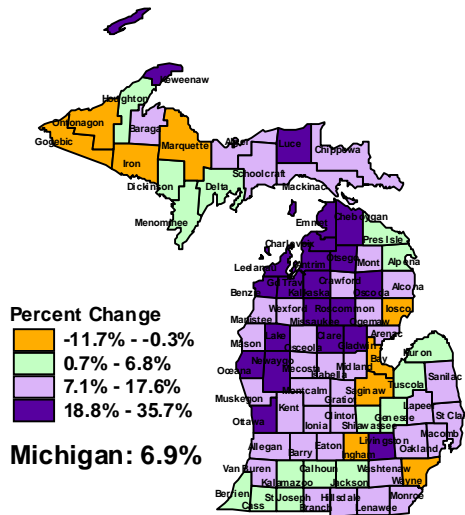


Presque Isle County had 14,411 people in 2000, ranking as the 70th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 668 persons, or 4.9% since 1990.

Bearinger Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 33.7 percent. Presque Isle Township showed the largest number gain of 379 people.

There were 135 live births in Presque Isle in 1998, of which 22 were to mothers age 19 and under, 95 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 18 to mothers age 35 and over.

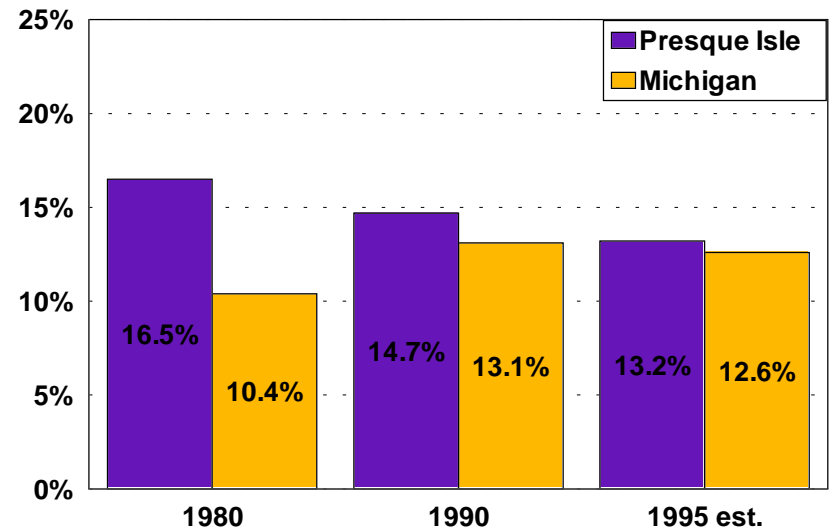
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

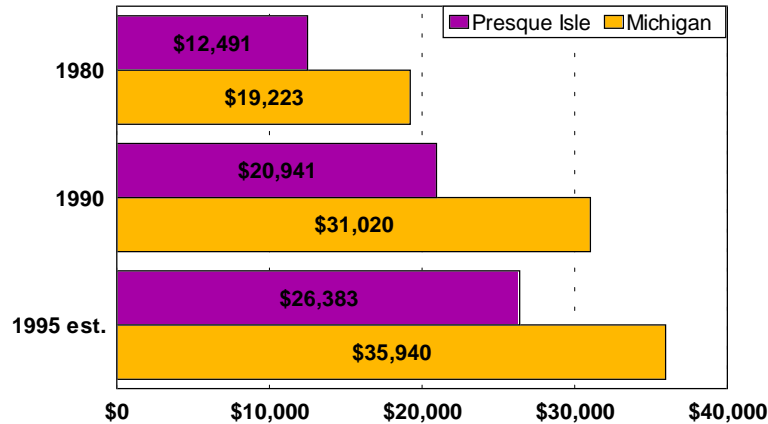
- In 1995, 1,919 persons in Presque Isle County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 2,003 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Presque Isle County ranked 69th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 42nd on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 681 kids (ages 0-17) in Presque Isle County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 576 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 17.8 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 22.5 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Presque Isle County experienced an increase in real median income of 8.0 percent, from \$24,418 to \$26,383. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Presque Isle County ranked 69th 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 Presque Isle County in 1998 was \$16,951, compared to \$16,929 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 0.1percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Presque Isle	58.8%	32.2%	9.0%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

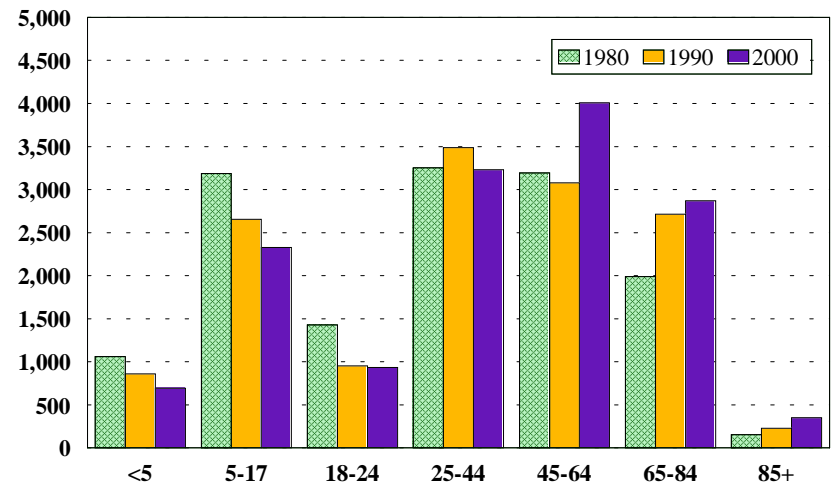
Age

The Median age of Presque Isle residents continues to go up:

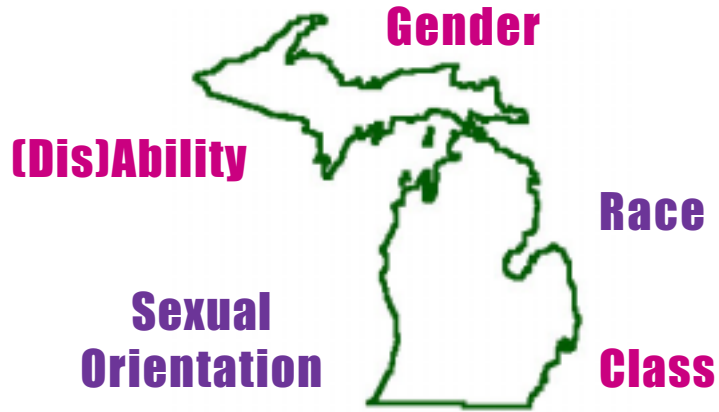
	1980	1990	2000
Presque Isle	32.2	38.5	45.1
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.9
U.S.	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 14,411 people who lived in Presque Isle in 2000, 56.7 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 43.3 percent included 4.8 percent children under the age of 5, 16.1 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 22.3 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 930 or 30.2 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 507 or 18.7 percent since 1990. One in four Presque Isle residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Presque Isle County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Presque Isle County's population included 7,176 males and 7,235 females, or 49.8 percent and 50.2 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 6155 households living in Presque Isle County in 2000, 5,266 or 85.6 percent owned their own home and 889 or 14.4 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

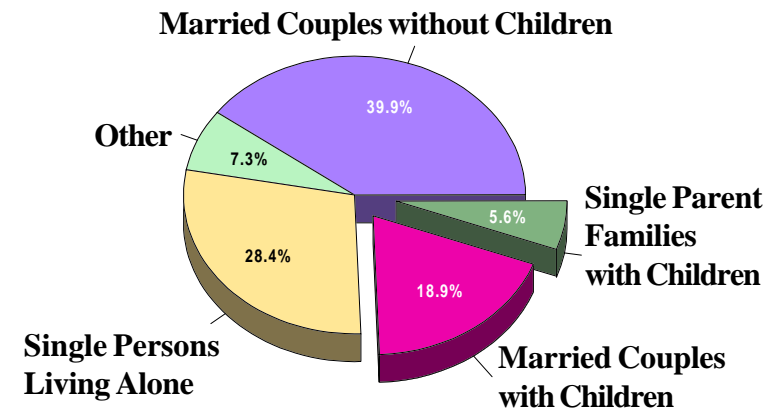
	Presque Isle County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	14,079	97.7	78.6
Black*	37	0.3	14.1
American Indian*	83	0.6	0.5
Asian*	22	0.2	1.8
Other*	3	0.0	0.1
Two or more races*	108	0.7	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	79	0.5	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

- There were 88 marriages in Presque Isle County during 1998, up from 1990 when 82 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 Presque Isle County in 1990 was 5.4 when 37 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 5.5 when 40 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, 535 children in Presque Isle County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 15.3 percent of all children in Presque Isle. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

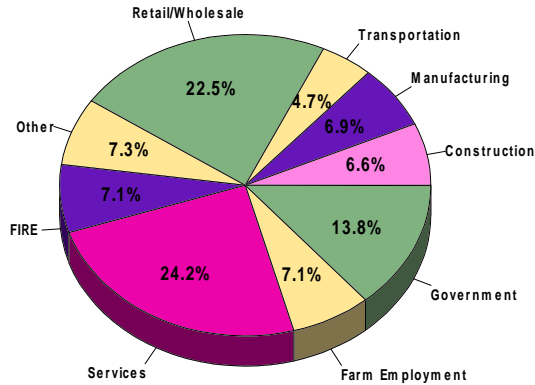
Types of Households in Presque Isle County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

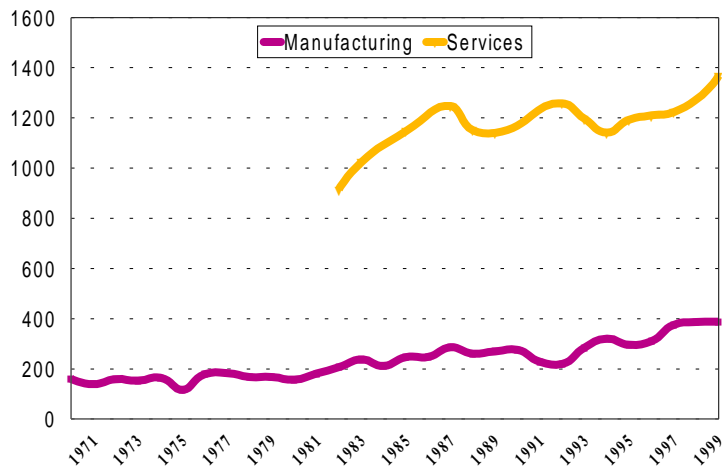
Employment

1999 Employment by Industry in Presque Isle County



- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Presque Isle from 5,291 in 1990 to 5,662 in 1999, a 7.0 percent increase.
- Services industry accounted for 24.2% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by only 1.7 percentage points. Jobs in Manufacturing have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 40.6 percent since 1990.

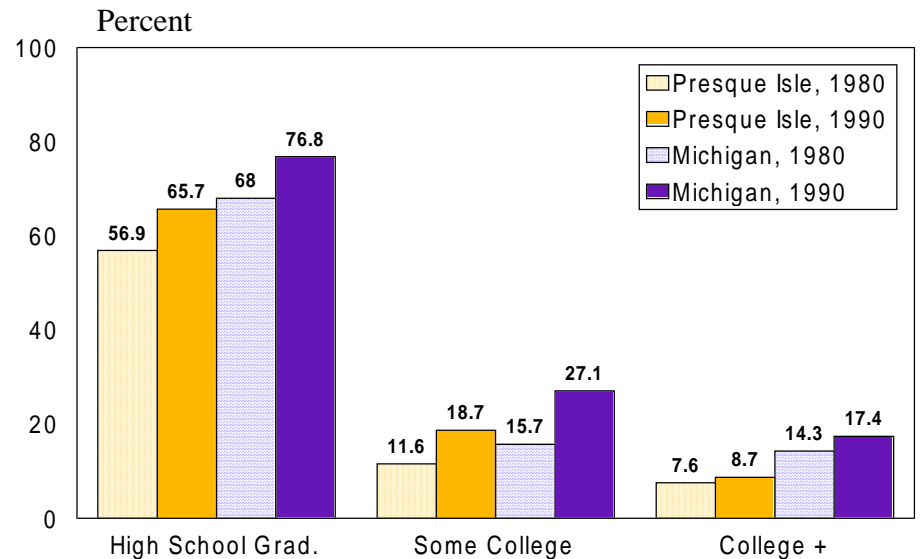
Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



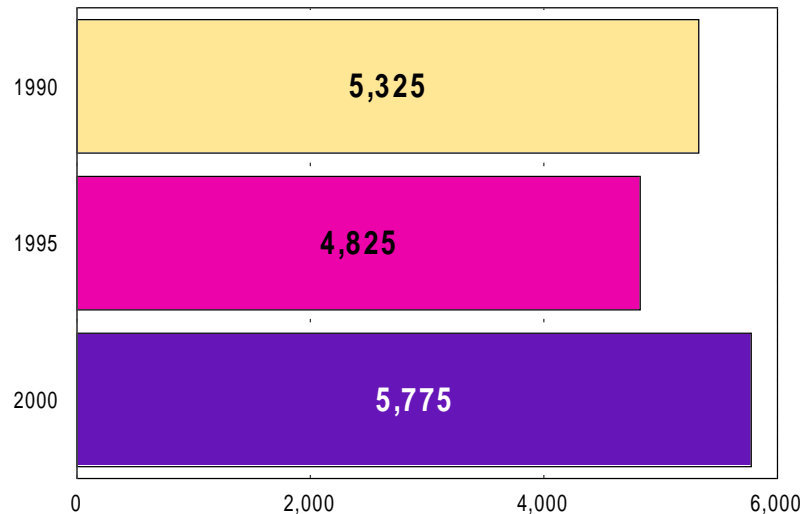
Education

- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 8.7 percentage points in Presque Isle 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.
- Presque Isle 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 Presque Isle County the rate was 8.7 percent. Presque Isle ranks 68 among Michigan’s 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 43 students dropped out of high school in Presque Isle County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 5.2 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 37 students dropped out (4.7 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



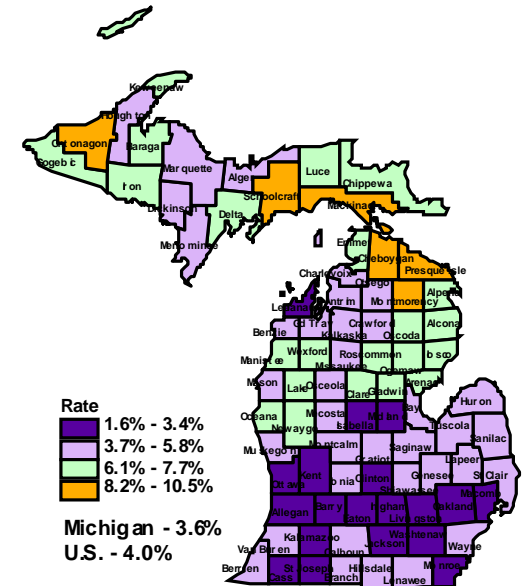
Total Number of Persons Employed in Presque Isle County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Presque Isle's labor force has grown from 6,050 in 1990 to 6,050 in 2000.
- In 1990, 88.0 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 89.5 percent employed.
- 54.5 percent of Presque Isle's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 57.0 percent in 1990.
- Sixty-seven percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, 21 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 nearly three 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.
- Presque Isle County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 10.4 percent, compared to 10.9 percent in 1999 and 12.0 percent in 1990. 675 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 725 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

