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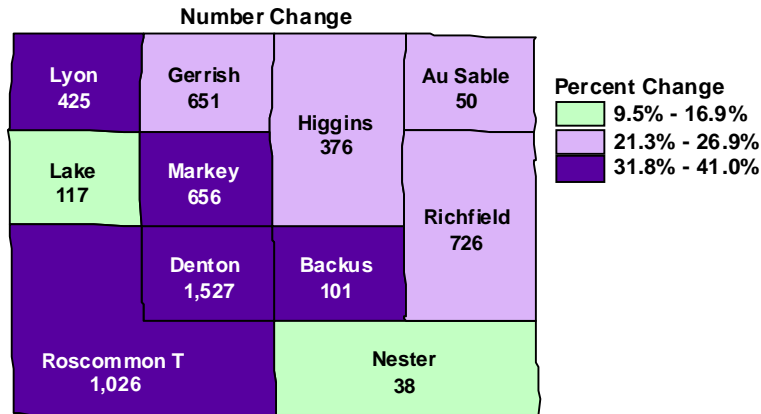
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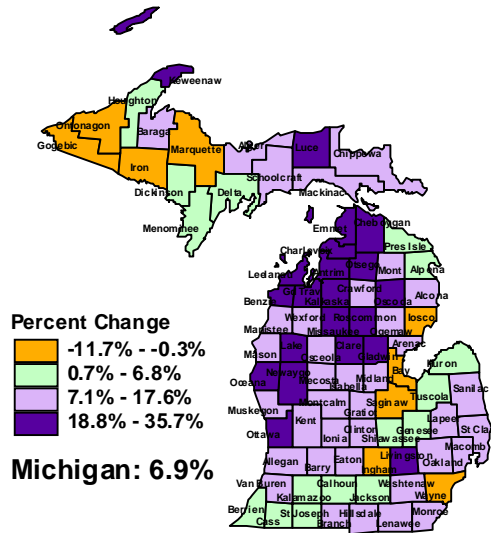
Population

Roscommon County

Population Change from 1990 to 2000



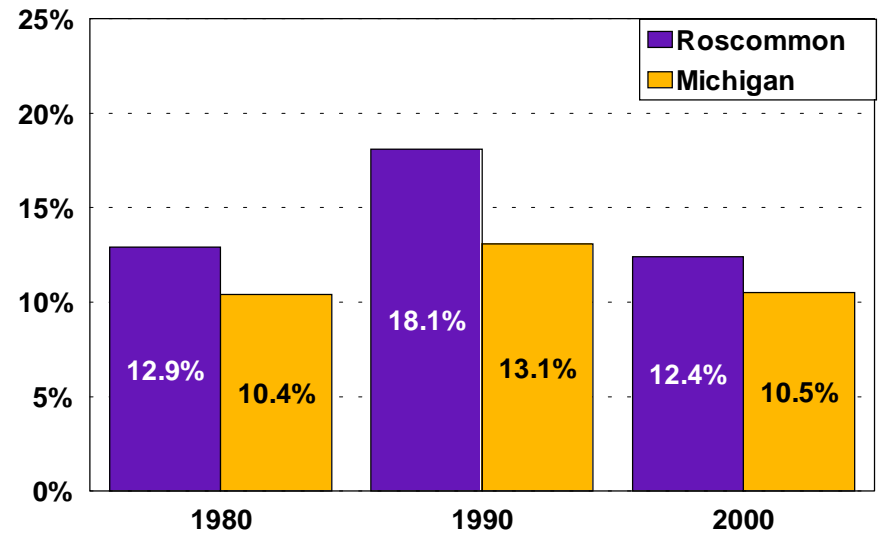
- Roscommon County had 25,469 people in 2000, ranking as the 57th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 5,693 persons, or 28.8% since 1990.
- Lyon Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 41.0 percent. Denton Township showed the largest number gain of 1,527 people.
- There were 205 live births in Roscommon in 2000, of which 38 were to mothers age 19 and under, 154 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 13 to mothers age 35 and over.
- Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



Poverty

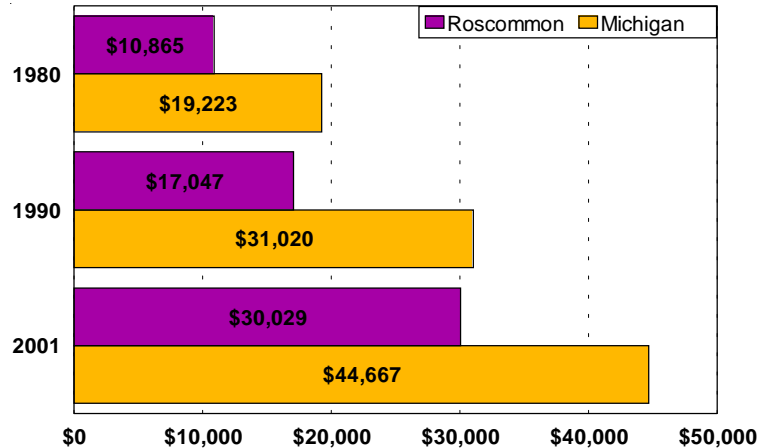
- In 2000, 3,107 persons in Roscommon County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 3,539 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,603. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Though poverty rates for most groups were down in 2000 compared to 1990, female-headed families with related children still experienced very high rates. In Roscommon County, 73 female-headed families with children under age 5 were below poverty, a rate of 65.7 percent.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 996 kids (ages 0-17) in Roscommon County were below the poverty level in 2000. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 1,067 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 2000 was 6.5 percent. This was down from the previous two decades when the rate was 12.4 percent (1990) and 14.4 percent (1980).

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Household Income

Median Household Income



- ◆ Between 1990 and 2000, households in Roscommon County experienced an increase in real median income of 35.7 percent, from \$22,125 to \$30,029. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- ◆ Compared to other Michigan counties, Roscommon County ranked 74th in 2000 in median household income.
- ◆ Michigan leads most other Mid-West states in median household income at \$44,467 ranking 3rd among the 12 states in the region. Nationally, we rank in the top third. The U.S. median income was \$41,994.
- ◆ PerCapita income in Roscommon County in 1998 was \$18,656, compared to \$17,744 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 5.1 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution in 2000

	\$0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000+
Roscommon	40.5%	34.7%	15.2%	9.6%
Michigan	26.5%	28.9%	20.6%	24.1%

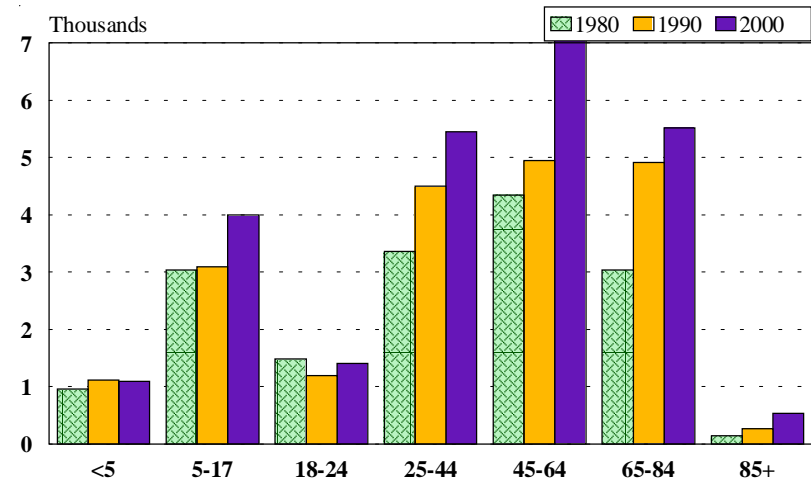
Age

The median age of Roscommon residents continues to go up:

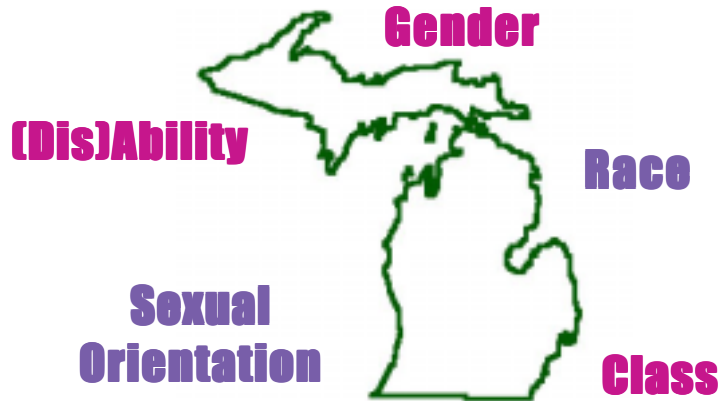
	1980	1990	2000
Roscommon	40.5	44.9	47.2
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- ◆ Of the 25,469 people who lived in Roscommon in 2000, 56.2 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 43.8 percent included 4.3 percent children under the age of 5, 15.7 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 23.8 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 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 Roscommon residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Roscommon County



Multiculturalism



- ◆ In 2000, Roscommon County's population included 12,535 males and 12,934 females, or 49.2 percent and 50.8 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- ◆ Of the 11,250 households living in Roscommon County in 2000, 9,669 or 85.9 percent owned their own home and 1,581 or 14.1 percent rented. For Michigan, the rate of home ownership was 73.8 percent and 26.2 percent rented.
- ◆ 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

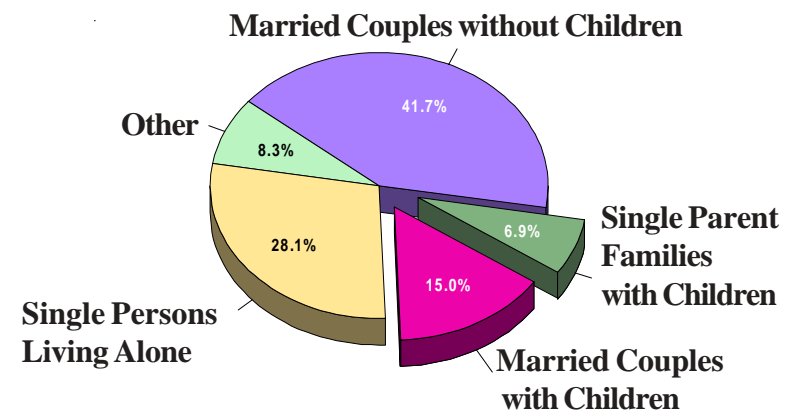
	Roscommon County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	24,795	97.4	78.6
Black*	81	0.3	14.1
American Indian*	158	0.6	0.5
Asian*	49	0.2	1.8
Other*	17	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	165	0.6	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	204	0.8	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

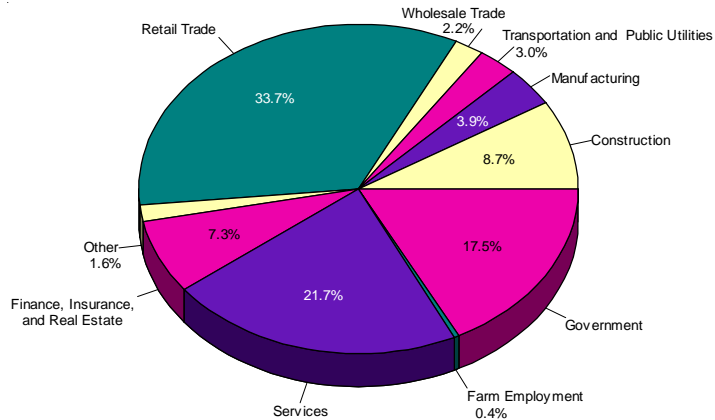
- ◆ There were 11,250 households in Roscommon County in 2000 with an average size of 2.2 persons and 7,619 families with an average family size of 2.7 persons.
- ◆ There were 161 marriages in Roscommon County during 2000, up from 137 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- ◆ The divorce rate in Roscommon County in 1990 was 7.6 when 76 divorces occurred. In 2000, the rate was 7.6 when 90 marriages ended in divorce.
- ◆ In 2000, 36,922 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.
- ◆ 133 grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in Roscommon County in 2000, representing 35.3 percent of all grandparents living with their own grandchildren.
- ◆ In 2000, 1,320 children in Roscommon County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 27.0 percent of all children in Roscommon. In Michigan, 25.1 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Roscommon County



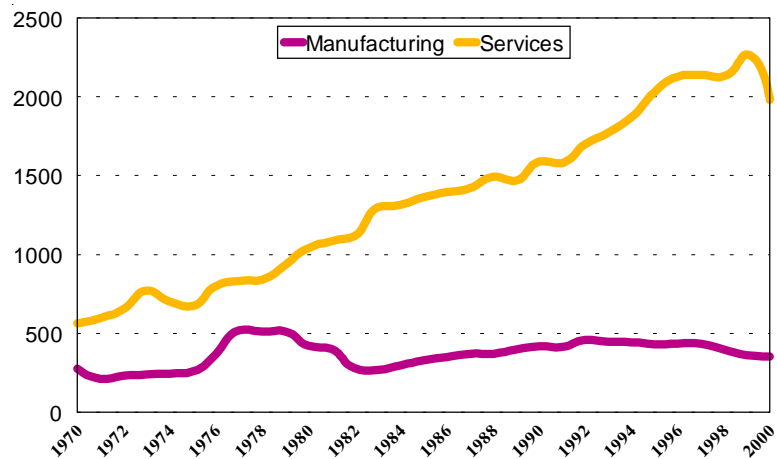
2000 Census of Population and Housing

2000 Employment by Industry in Roscommon County



- ◆ The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Roscommon from 7,397 in 1990 to 9,128 in 2000, a 23.4 percent increase.
- ◆ The retail trade industry saw the largest number gain since 1990, adding 704 jobs. The wholesale trade industry had the largest percentage increase at 123.9 percent, adding 109 jobs.

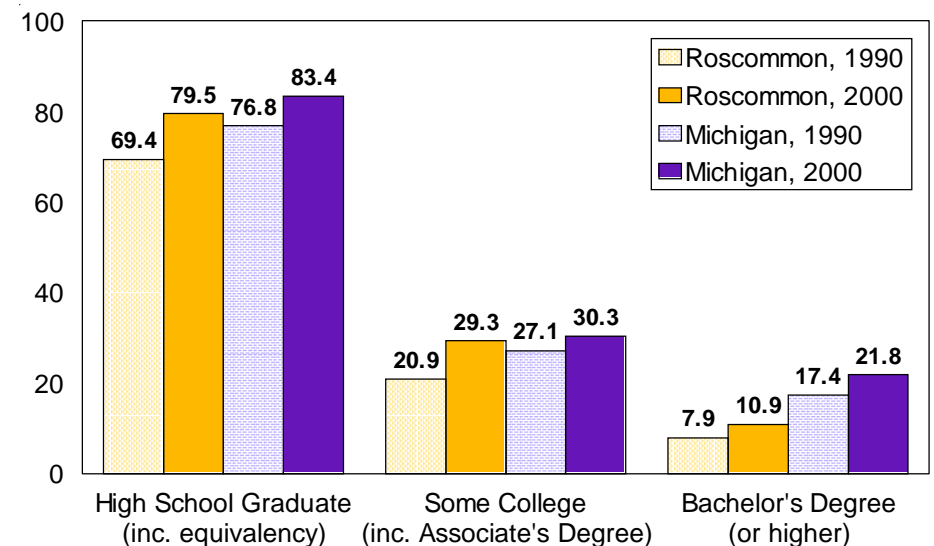
Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



- ◆ High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1990 to 2000 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 10.1 percentage points in Roscommon County and 6.6 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.
- ◆ Roscommon County lags behind Michigan for those persons age 25 and over with a college degree. In 2000, 21.8 percent in Michigan had a college degree; in Roscommon County the rate was 10.9 percent. Roscommon ranks 68th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- ◆ 97 teenagers age 16 to 19 in Roscommon County were not enrolled in school and not high school graduates for a rate of 8.2 percent. This compares with a Michigan rate of 8.7 percent and a national rate of 9.8 percent.

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over

Percent



Where Roscommon County Residents Work

Roscommon County residents who worked in their own county:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	6,140	4,475	3,467
Percent	70.4	75.7	84.4

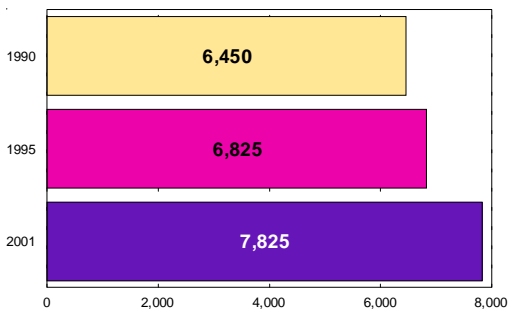
Roscommon County residents who worked outside their own county, but in Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	2,499	1,366	642
Percent	28.7	23.1	15.6

Roscommon County residents who worked outside Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	80	69	0
Percent	0.9	1.2	0.0

- ◆ 76.8 percent of all Roscommon County women with school age children were in the labor force in 2000, nearly 7 percentage points higher than in 1990. 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.
- ◆ The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Roscommon's labor force has grown from 7,125 in 1990 to 8,375 in 2000.
- ◆ 39.8 percent of Roscommon's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 44.5 percent in 1990.

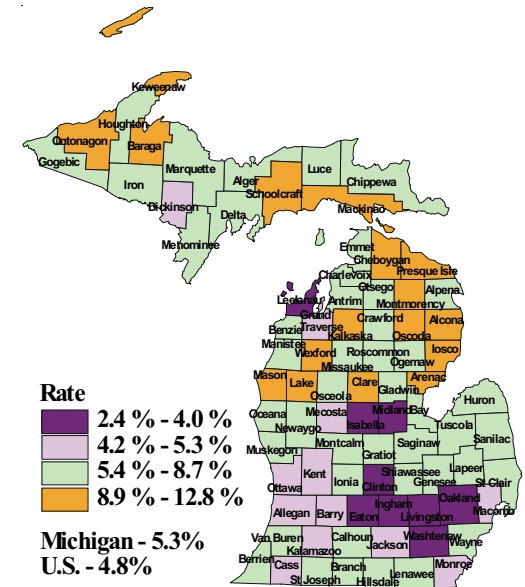


Total Number of Roscommon County Persons Employed

- ◆ In 1990, 90.5 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 93.4 percent employed.

2001 Unemployment Rate

- ◆ Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2001, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- ◆ Roscommon County's annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 7.6 percent, compared to 6.5 percent in 2000 and 9.3 percent in 1990. 650 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 675 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 - 2001

