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## A portrait of Saginaw County



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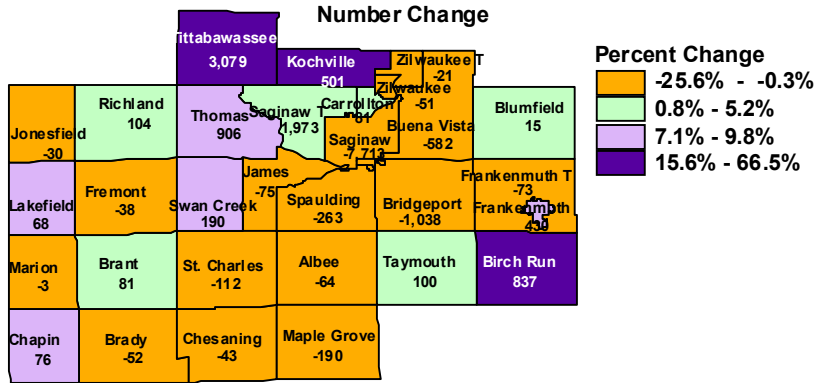
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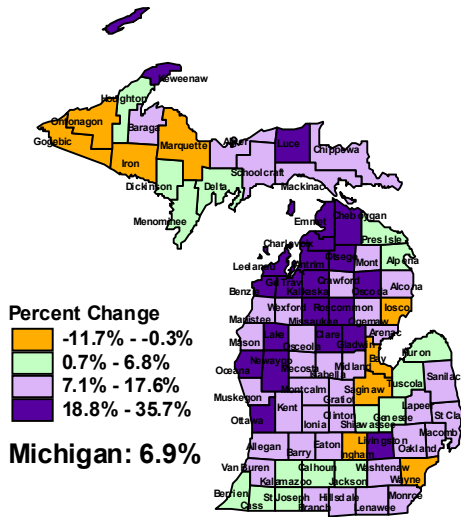
# Population

## Saginaw County

Population Change from 1990 to 2000



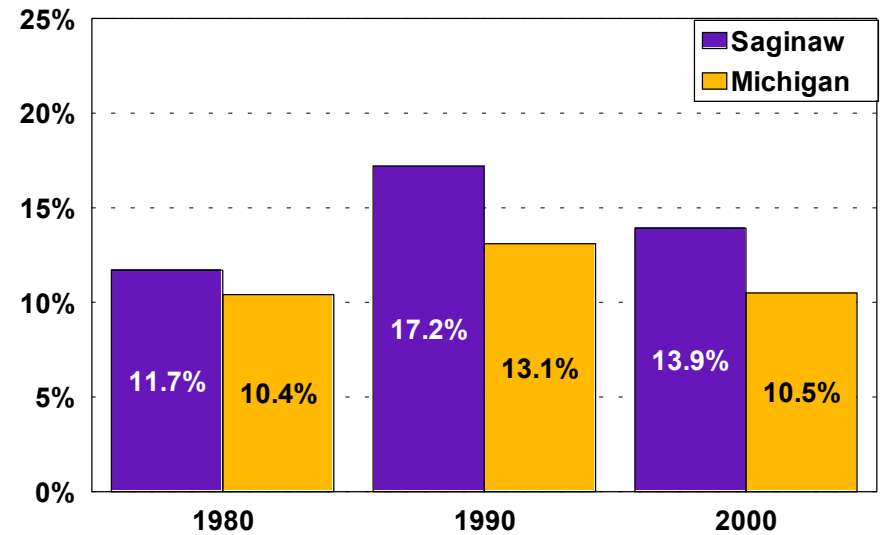
- ◆ Saginaw County had 210,039 people in 2000, ranking as the 10th most populous county in Michigan. The population decreased by 1,907 persons, or 0.9% since 1990.
- ◆ Tittabawassee Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 66.5 percent. Tittabawassee Township also showed the largest number gain of 3,079 people.
- ◆ There were 2,832 live births in Saginaw in 2000, of which 376 were to mothers age 19 and under, 2,169 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 287 to mothers age 35 and over.
- ◆ Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

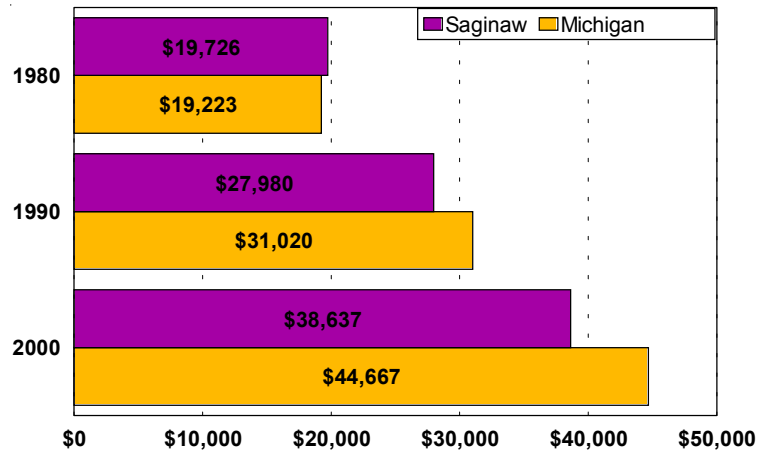
- ◆ In 2000, 28,603 persons in Saginaw County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 36,014 persons in 1990.
- ◆ The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,603. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- ◆ Though poverty rates for most groups were down in 2000 compared to 1990, female-headed families with related children still experienced very high rates. In Saginaw County, 828 female-headed families with children under age 5 were below poverty, a rate of 60.8 percent.
- ◆ Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 11,525 kids (ages 0-17) in Saginaw County were below the poverty level in 2000. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 15,396 kids were poor.
- ◆ The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 2000 was 9.5 percent. This was down from the previous two decades when the rate was 11.5 percent (1990) and 12.4 percent (1980).

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- ◆ Between 1990 and 2000, households in Saginaw County experienced an increase in real median income of 6.4 percent, from \$36,314 to \$38,637. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- ◆ Compared to other Michigan counties, Saginaw County ranked 36th 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 Saginaw County in 1998 was \$23,402, compared to \$20,654 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 13.3 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution in 2000

	\$0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000+
<b>Saginaw</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>24.1%</b>

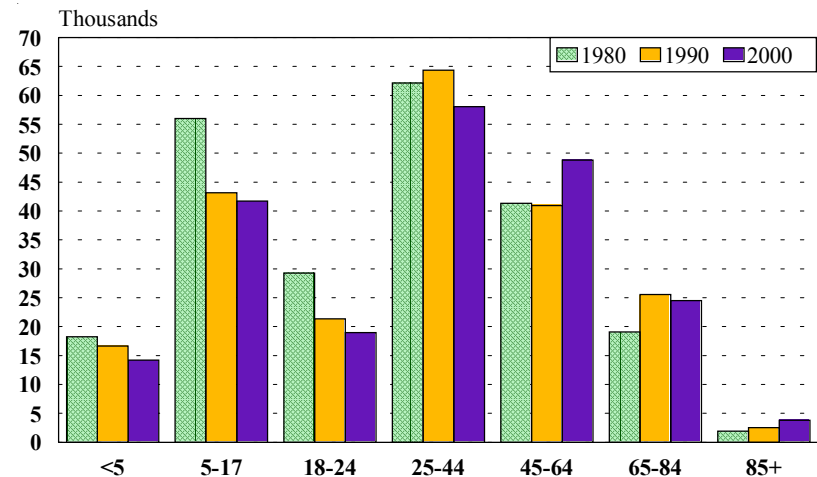
# Age

## The median age of Saginaw residents continues to go up:

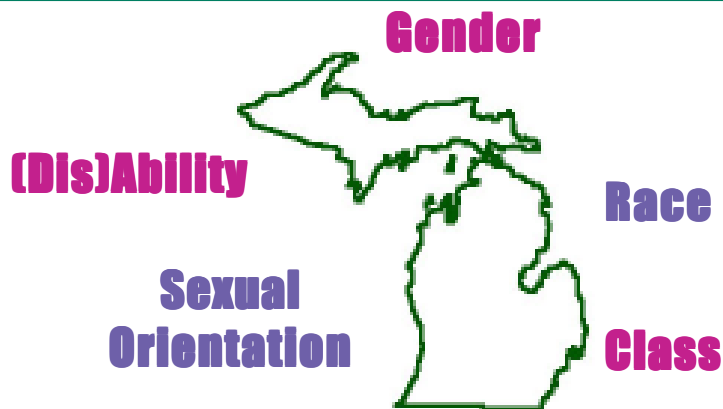
	1980	1990	2000
<b>Saginaw</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>36.3</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.9</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>36.5</b>

- ◆ Of the 210,039 people who lived in Saginaw in 2000, 59.9 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 40.1 percent included 6.8 percent children under the age of 5, 19.8 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 13.5 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 7,887 or 19.3 percent since 1990.
- ◆ “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 2,786 or 10.9 percent since 1990. One in seven Saginaw residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Saginaw County



# Multiculturalism



- ◆ In 2000, Saginaw County's population included 100,937 males and 109,102 females, or 48.1 percent and 51.9 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- ◆ Of the 80,430 households living in Saginaw County in 2000, 59,390 or 73.8 percent owned their own home and 21,040 or 26.2 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

	Saginaw County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	151,977	72.4	78.6
Black*	38,675	18.4	14.1
American Indian*	698	0.3	0.5
Asian*	1,648	0.8	1.8
Other*	217	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	2,749	1.3	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	14,075	6.7	3.3

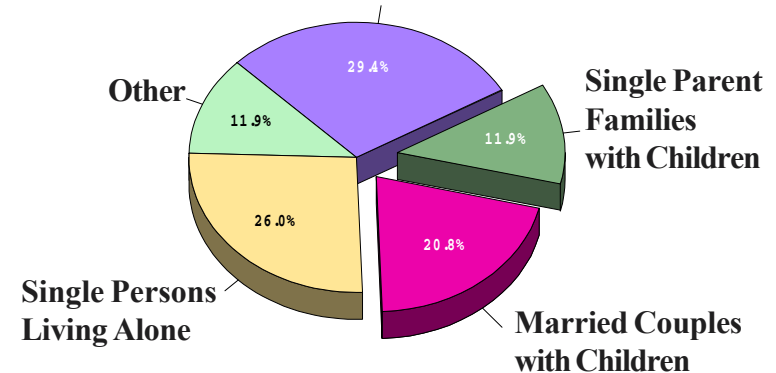
\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

- ◆ There were 80,430 households in Saginaw County in 2000 with an average size of 2.5 persons and 55,790 families with an average family size of 3.1 persons.
- ◆ There were 1,405 marriages in Saginaw County during 2000, down from 1,464 marriages in 1990. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- ◆ The divorce rate in Saginaw County in 1990 was 8.3 when 875 divorces occurred. In 2000, the rate was 7.4 when 774 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.
- ◆ 1,959 grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in Saginaw County in 2000, representing 49.2 percent of all grandparents living with their own grandchildren.
- ◆ In 2000, 17,735 children in Saginaw County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 32.5 percent of all children in Saginaw. In Michigan, 25.1 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

## Types of Households in Saginaw County

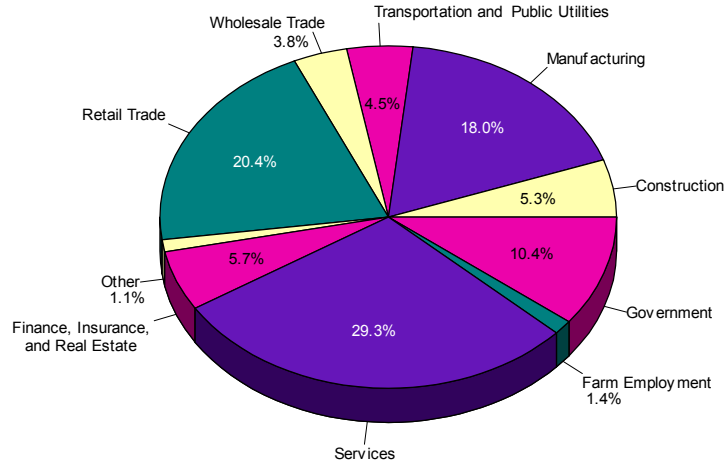
### Married Couples without Children



2000 Census of Population and Housing

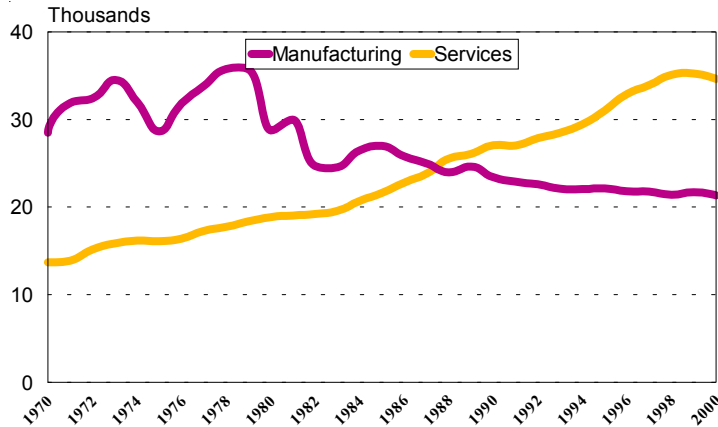
# Employment

## 2000 Employment by Industry in Saginaw County



- ◆ The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Saginaw from 107,458 in 1990 to 118,258 in 2000, a 10.1 percent increase.
- ◆ The services industry saw the largest number gain since 1990, adding 7,561 jobs. The construction industry had the largest percentage increase at 29.5 percent, adding 1,431 jobs.

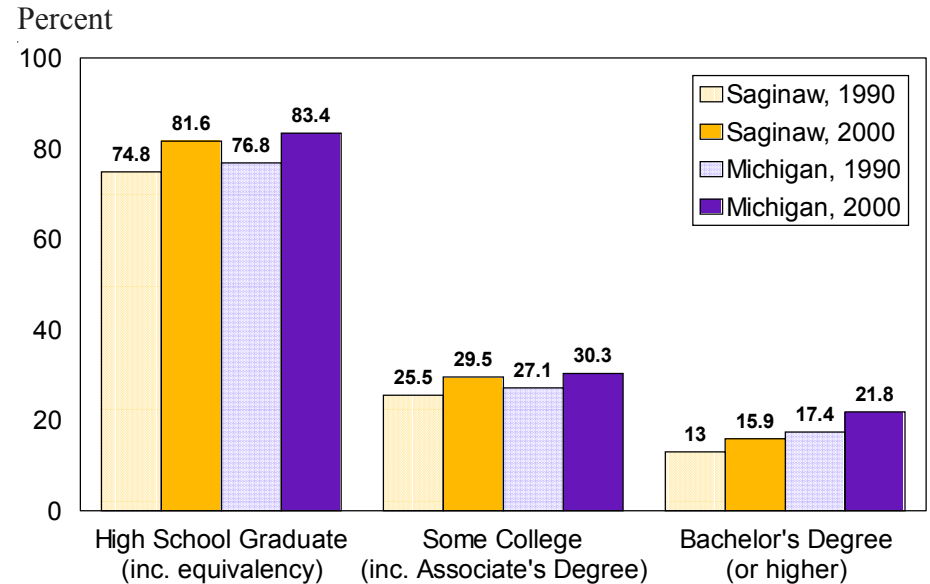
## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



# Education

- ◆ High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1990 to 2000 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 6.8 percentage points in Saginaw 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.
- ◆ Saginaw 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 Saginaw County the rate was 15.9 percent. Saginaw ranks 32nd among Michigan’s 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- ◆ 1,232 teenagers age 16 to 19 in Saginaw County were not enrolled in school and not high school graduates for a rate of 10.3 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



## Where Saginaw County Residents Work

### Saginaw County residents who worked in their own county:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	72,738	72,945	70,369
Percent	81.6	85.3	89.9

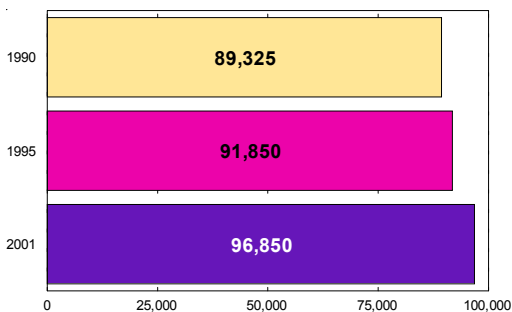
### Saginaw County residents who worked outside their own county, but in Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	16,042	12,233	7,578
Percent	18.0	14.3	9.7

### Saginaw County residents who worked outside Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	397	302	307
Percent	0.4	0.4	0.4

- 75.9 percent of all Saginaw County women with school age children were in the labor force in 2000, nearly 10 percentage points higher than in 1990. 71.6 percent of women with children under the age of six were working in 2000, compared to 60.3 percent in 1990.
- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Saginaw's labor force has grown from 97,050 in 1990 to 102,400 in 2000.
- 63.8 percent of Saginaw's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 61.0 percent in 1990.

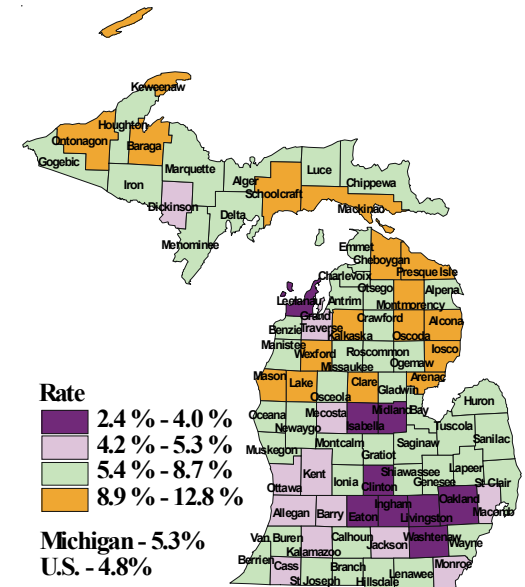


## Total Number of Saginaw County Persons Employed

- In 1990, 92.0 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 95.8 percent employed.

## 2001 Unemployment Rate

- Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2001, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- Saginaw County's annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 5.9 percent, compared to 4.2 percent in 2000 and 8.0 percent in 1990. 6,075 people were unemployed in 2001, compared to 7,725 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 - 2001

