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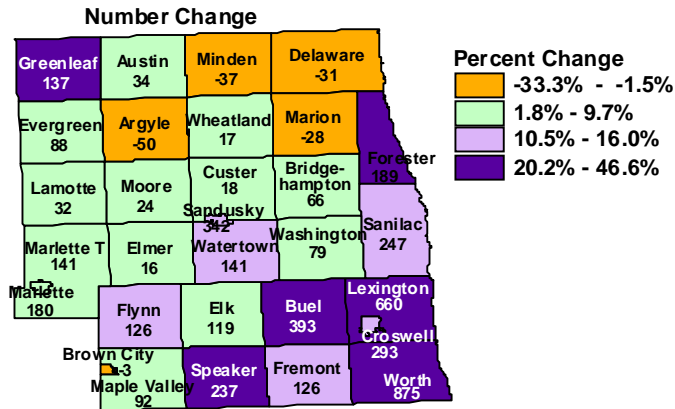
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Population

Sanilac County Change from 1990 to 2000

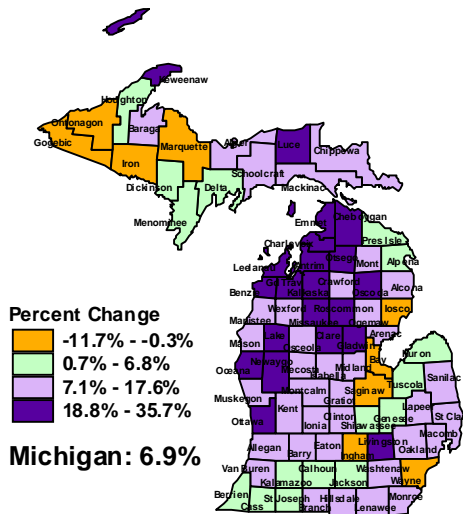


Sanilac County had 44,547 people in 2000, ranking as the 39th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 4,619 persons, or 11.6% since 1990.

Buel Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 46.6 percent. Worth Township showed the largest number gain of 875 people.

There were 528 live births in Sanilac in 1998, of which 72 were to mothers age 19 and under, 408 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 48 to mothers age 35 and over.

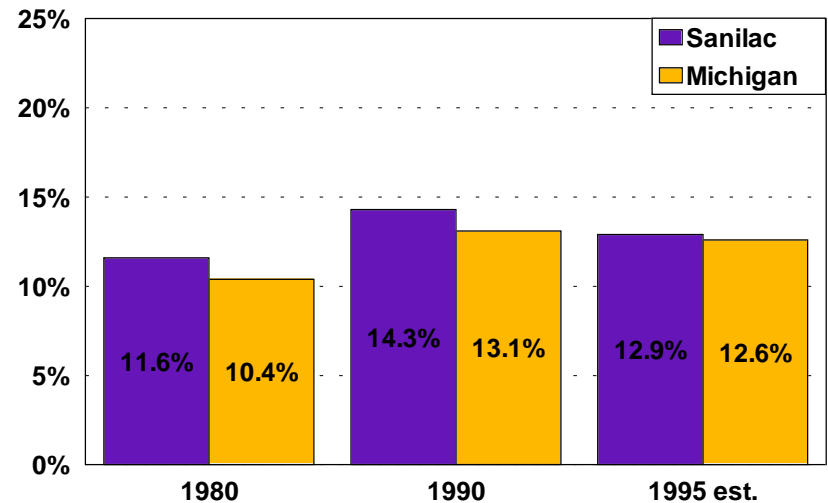
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



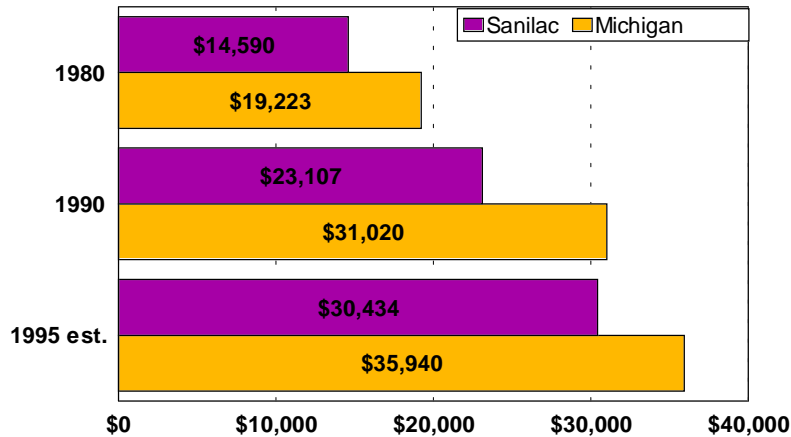
Poverty

- In 1995, 5,533 persons in Sanilac County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 5,645 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Sanilac County ranked 38th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 64th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 2,227 kids (ages 0-17) in Sanilac County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 2,098 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 14.9 percent. This was up slightly from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 14.5 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Sanilac County experienced an increase in real median income of 13.0 percent, from \$26,943 to \$30,434. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Sanilac County ranked 20th 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 Sanilac County in 1998 was \$21,084, compared to \$18,480 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 14.1 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
Sanilac County	54.0%	33.8%	12.2%
Michigan	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

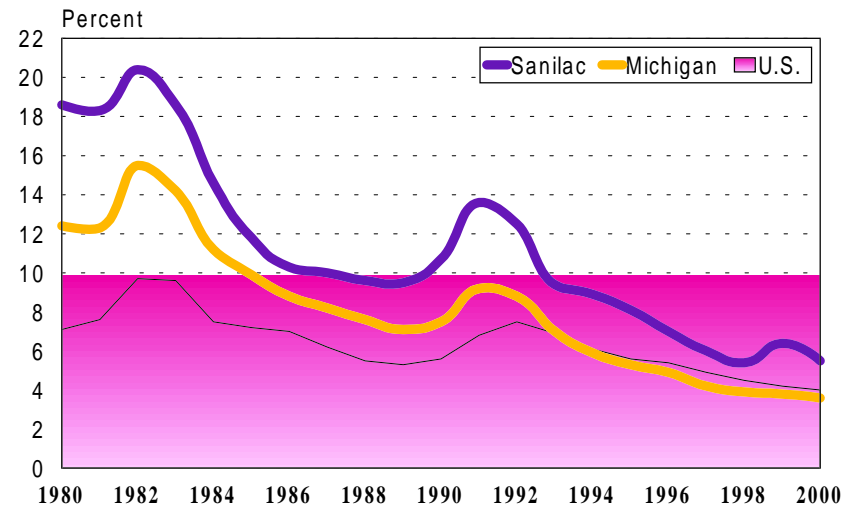
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Sanilac residents continues to go up:

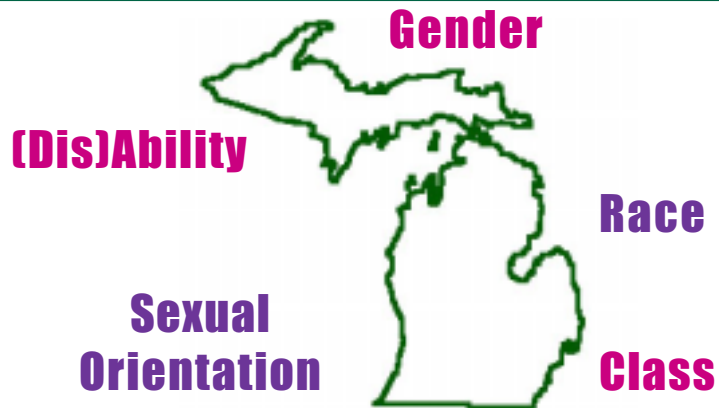
	1980	1990	2000
Sanilac	30.5	34.1	37.8
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 44,547 people who lived in Sanilac in 2000, 57.7 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 42.3 percent included 6.5 percent children under the age of 5, 20.4 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 15.4 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 2,491 or 32.0 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 669 or 10.8 percent since 1990. One in seven Sanilac residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Sanilac County



Multiculturalism



- In 1999, Sanilac County's population included 21,407 males and 22,044 females, or 49.3 percent and 50.7 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 14,658 households living in Sanilac County in 1990, 11,643 or 79.4 percent owned their own home and 3,015 or 20.6 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

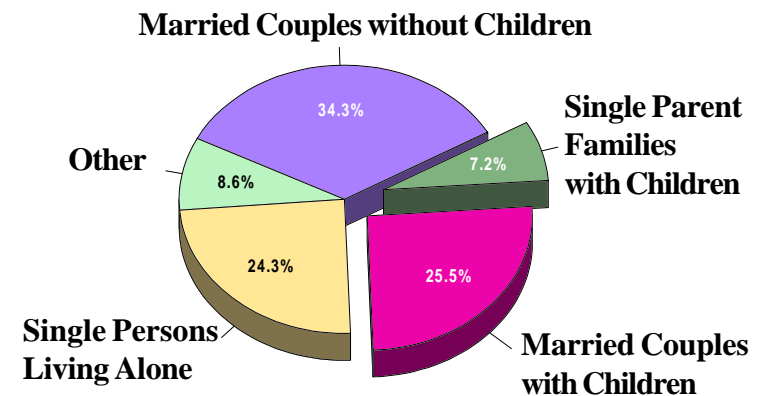
	Sanilac County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	42,518	95.4	78.6
Black*	120	0.3	14.1
American Indian*	152	0.3	0.5
Asian*	113	0.3	1.8
Other*	15	0.0	0.1
Two or more races*	390	0.9	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	1,239	2.8	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

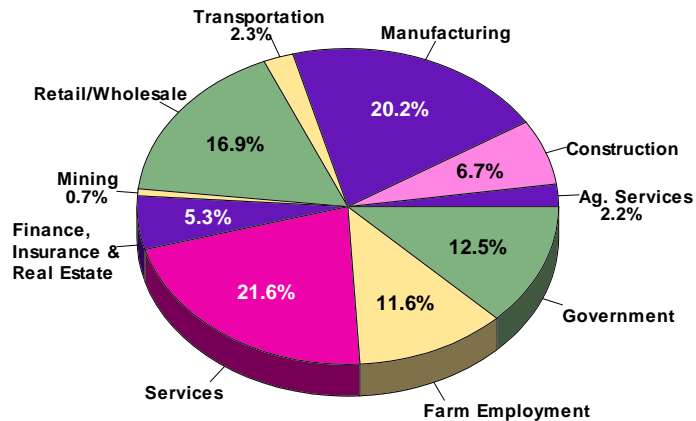
- There were 283 marriages in Sanilac County during 1998, down from 323 in 1990 when 323 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- In Michigan, median age at marriage continues to go up, from age 25 for males and 23 for females in the mid-'70s, to 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 Sanilac County in 1990 was 7.1 when 142 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 9.1 when 196 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, 1,758 children in Sanilac County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 15.6 percent of all children in Sanilac. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Sanilac County



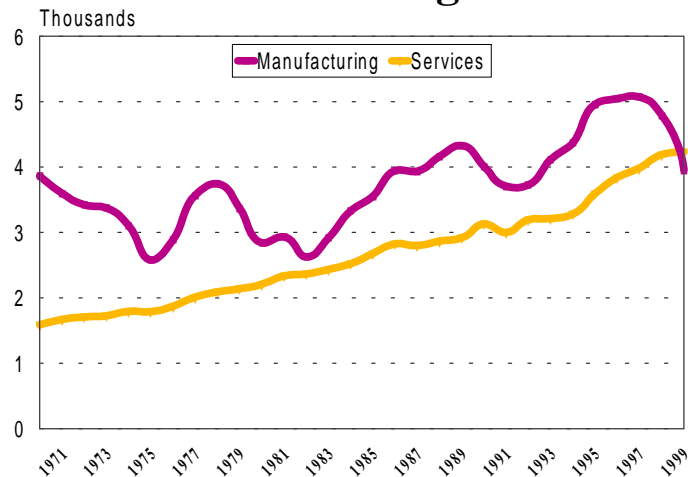
2000 Census of Population and Housing

1999 Employment by Industry in Sanilac County



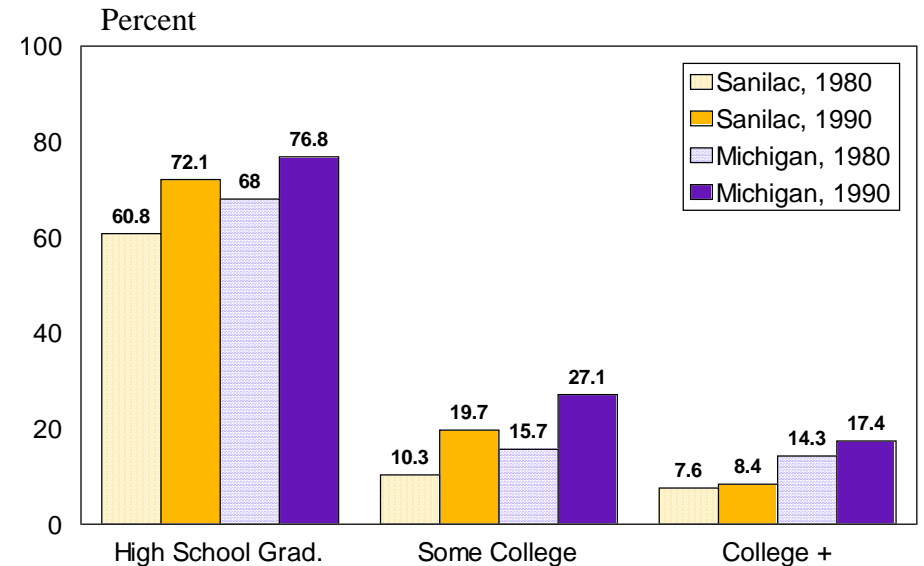
- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Sanilac from 16,975 in 1990 to 19,560 in 1999, a 15.2 percent increase.
- Services industry accounted for 21.6% of all employment in 1999, leading the Manufacturing industry by 1.4 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all industries, climbing 35.2 percent since 1990.

Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

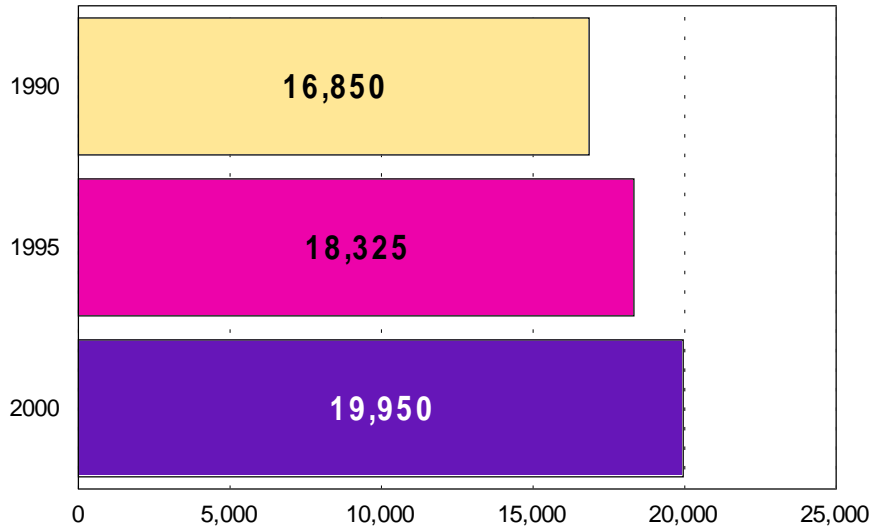


- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 11.3 percentage points in Sanilac County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- Sanilac 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 Sanilac County the rate was 8.4 percent. Sanilac ranks 56 among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 80 students dropped out of high school in Sanilac County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.1 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 57 students dropped out (2.4 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



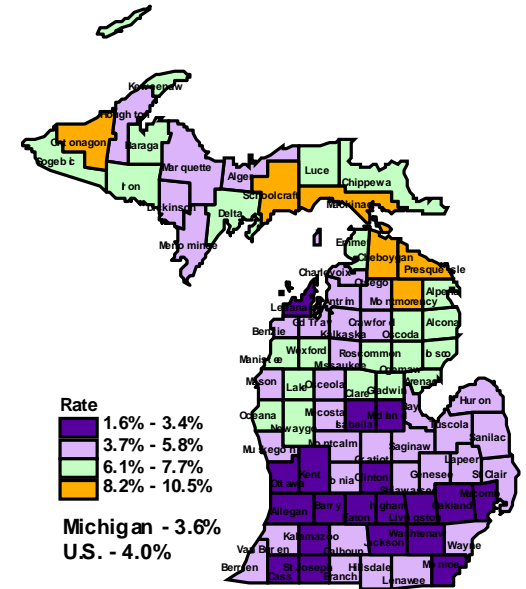
Total Number of Persons Employed in Sanilac County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Sanilac's labor force has grown from 18,950 in 1990 to 21,100 in 2000.
- In 1990, 88.9 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 94.5 percent employed.
- 61.9 percent of Sanilac's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 63.5 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-three percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, over 15 percentage points higher than in 1980. Nearly six 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.
- Sanilac County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 5.5 percent, compared to 6.4 percent in 1999 and 11.1 percent in 1990. 1,175 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 2,100 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

