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# *A portrait of* **Schoolcraft County**



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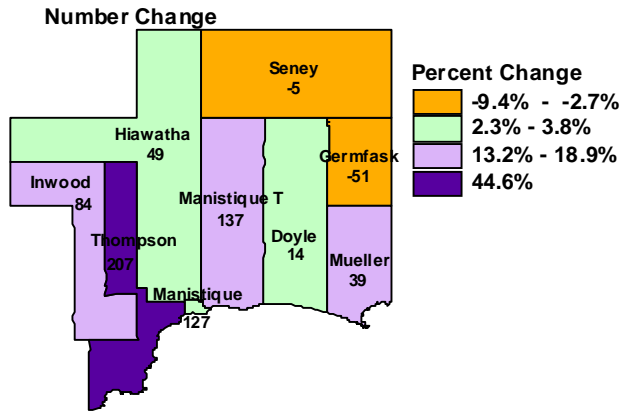
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# Population

## Schoolcraft County

Change from 1990 to 2000

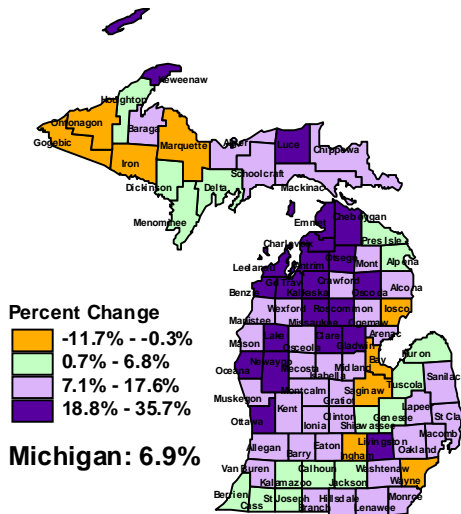


Schoolcraft County had 8,903 people in 2000, ranking as the 79th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 601 persons, or 7.2% since 1990.

Thompson Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 44.6 percent. Thompson Township also showed the largest number gain of 207 people.

There were 89 live births in Schoolcraft in 1998, of which 14 were to mothers age 19 and under, 66 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 9 to mothers age 35 and over.

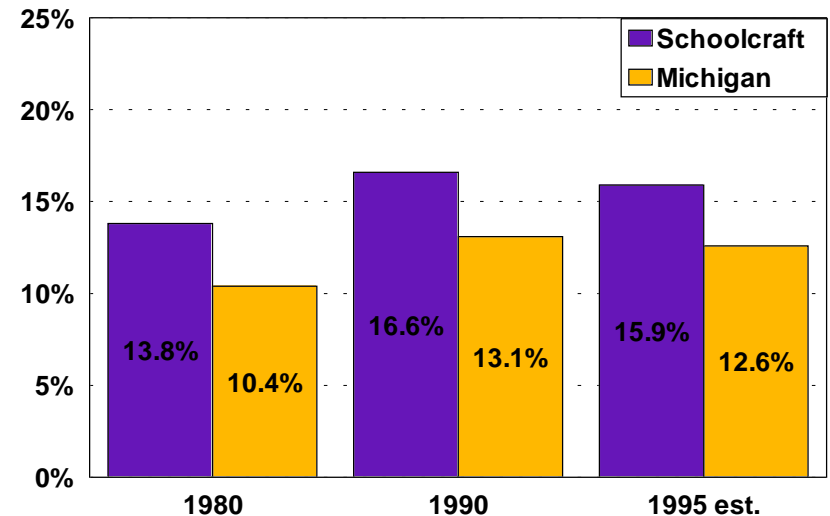
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



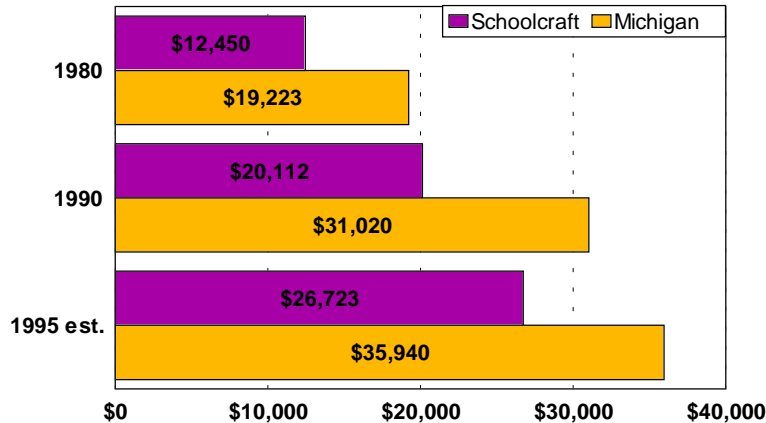
# Poverty

- In 1995, 1,361 persons in Schoolcraft County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 1,365 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Schoolcraft County ranked 78th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 16th on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 495 kids (ages 0-17) in Schoolcraft County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in four. In 1990, 438 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 15.3 percent. This was up slightly from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 14.6 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Schoolcraft County experienced an increase in real median income of 14.0 percent, from \$23,451 to \$26,723. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Schoolcraft County ranked 12th 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 Schoolcraft County in 1998 was \$19,473, compared to \$17,477 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), an 11.4 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Schoolcraft</b>	61.8%	28.7%	9.5%
<b>Michigan</b>	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

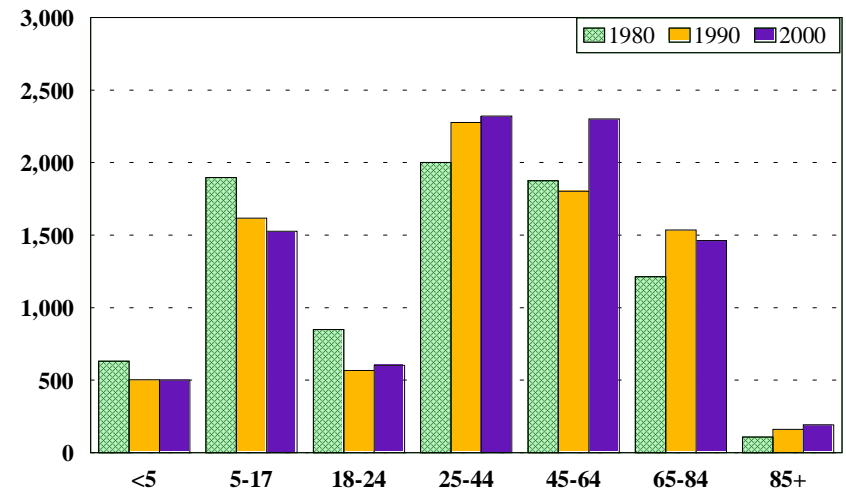
\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

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

	1980	1990	2000
<b>Schoolcraft</b>	32.4	37.5	41.4
<b>Michigan</b>	28.8	32.6	35.9
<b>U.S.</b>	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 8,903 people who lived in Schoolcraft in 2000, 58.7 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 41.3 percent included 5.6 percent children under the age of 5, 17.1 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 18.6 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 498 or 27.6 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 118 or 7.7 percent since 1990. One in six Schoolcraft residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Schoolcraft County



# Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Schoolcraft County's population included 4,454 males and 4,449 females, or 50.0 percent and 50.0 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 3,606 households living in Schoolcraft County in 2000, 2,958 or 82.0 percent owned their own home and 648 or 18.0 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

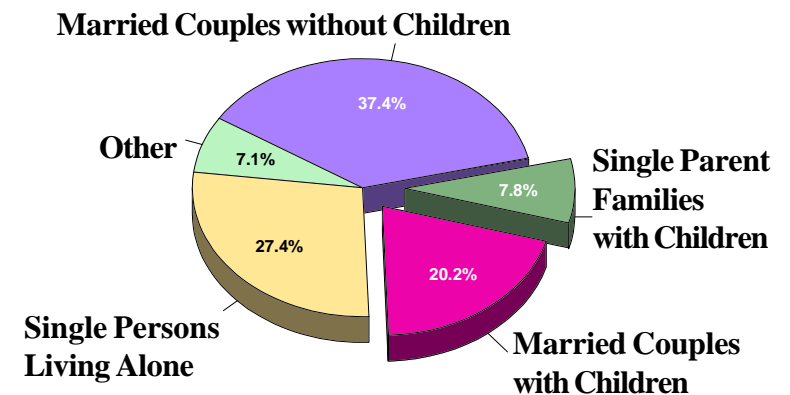
	Schoolcraft County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	7,846	88.1	78.6
Black*	140	1.6	14.1
American Indian*	533	6.0	0.5
Asian*	37	0.4	1.8
Other*	20	0.2	0.1
Two or more races*	244	2.7	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	83	0.9	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

# Households & Families

- There were 57 marriages in Schoolcraft County during 1998, down from 65 in 1990 when 65 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 Schoolcraft County in 1990 was 8.7 when 36 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 9.6 when 42 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, 356 children in Schoolcraft County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 16.7 percent of all children in Schoolcraft. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families..

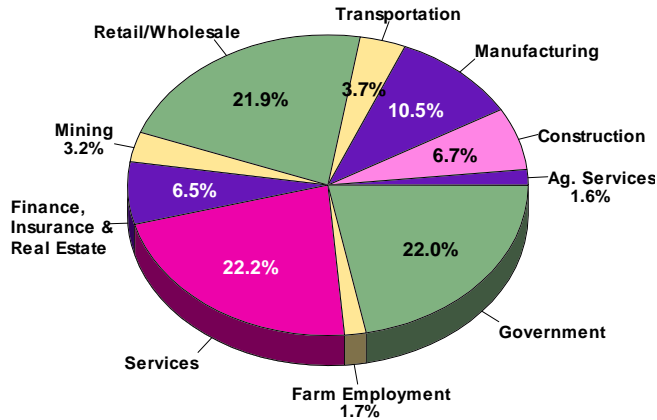
## Types of Households in Schoolcraft County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

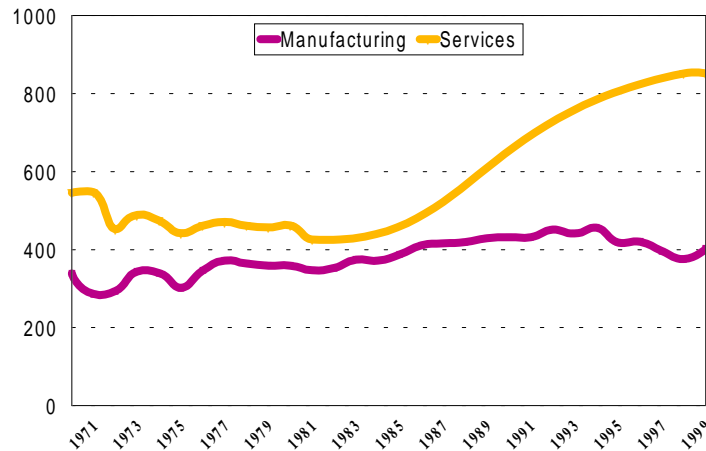
# Employment

## 1999 Employment by Industry in Schoolcraft County



- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Schoolcraft from 3,176 in 1990 to 3,836 in 1999, a 20.8 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 22.2% of all employment in 1999, leading Government by only 0.2 percentage points. Jobs in Retail and Wholesale Trade have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 17.5 percent since 1990.

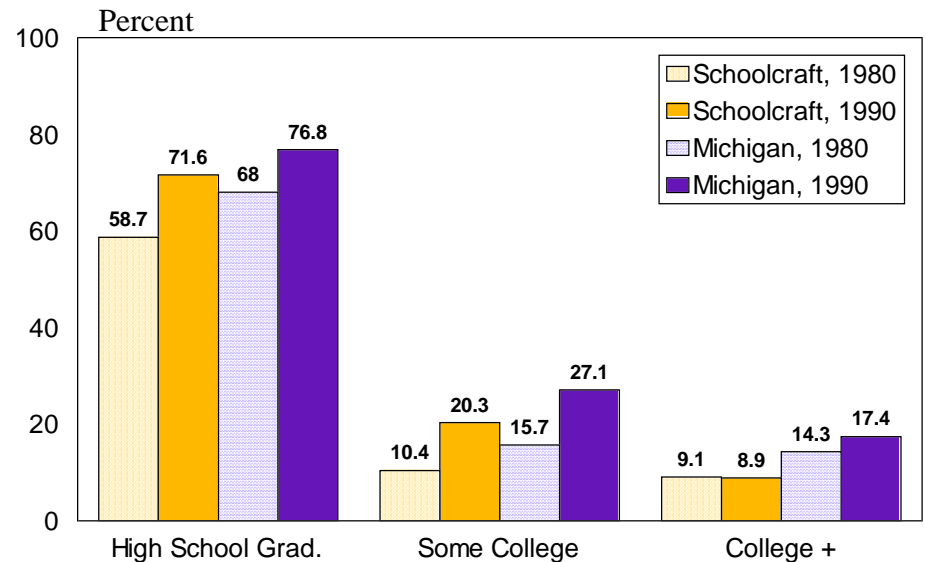
## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



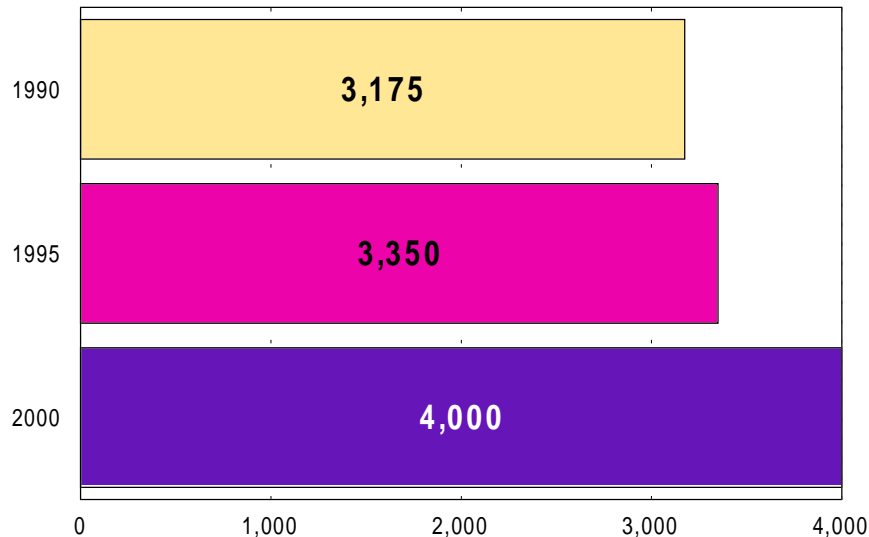
# Education

- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 12.8 percentage points in Schoolcraft 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.
- Schoolcraft 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 Schoolcraft County the rate was 8.9 percent. Schoolcraft ranks 48 among Michigan’s 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 9 students dropped out of high school in Schoolcraft County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 2.4 percent. This is down from 1994-95 when 18 students dropped out (4.4 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



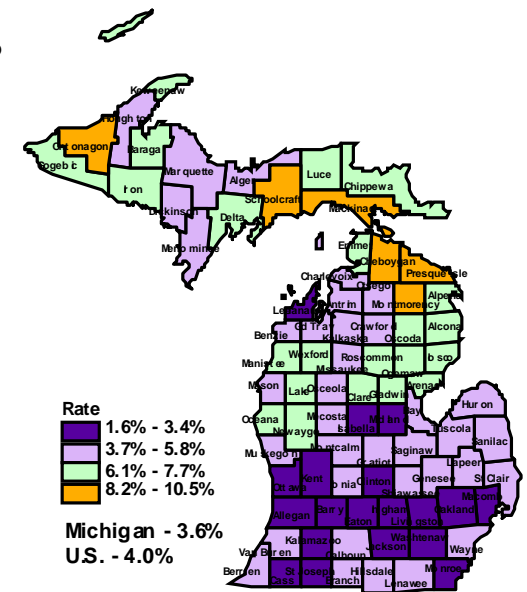
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Schoolcraft County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Schoolcraft's labor force has grown from 3,800 in 1990 to 4,375 in 2000.
- In 1990, 83.6 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 91.4 percent employed.
- 61.4 percent of Schoolcraft's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 59.0 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-three percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, nearly 13 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.
- Schoolcraft County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 8.7 percent, compared to 9.4 percent in 1999 and 16.6 percent in 1990. 375 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 625 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

