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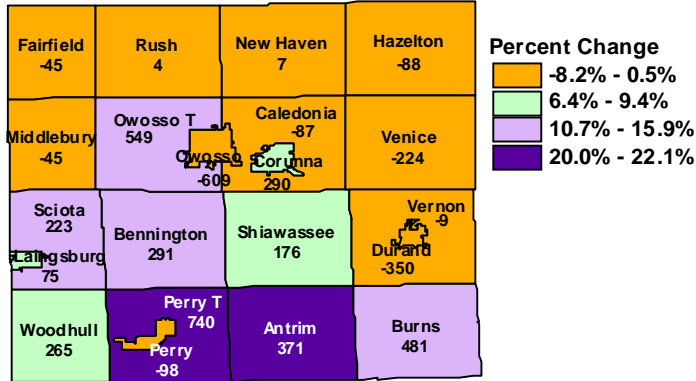
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Shiawassee County

Change from 1990 to 2000

Number Change

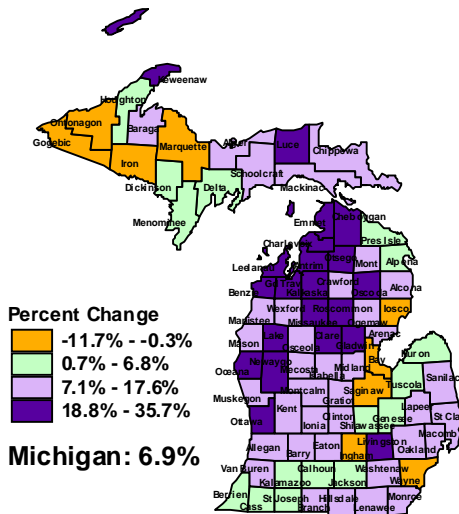


Shiawassee County had 71,687 people in 2000, ranking as the 26th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 1,917 persons, or 2.7% since 1990.

Antrim Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 22.1 percent. Perry Township showed the largest number gain of 740 people.

There were 958 live births in Shiawassee in 1998, of which 128 were to mothers age 19 and under, 745 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 85 to mothers age 35 and over.

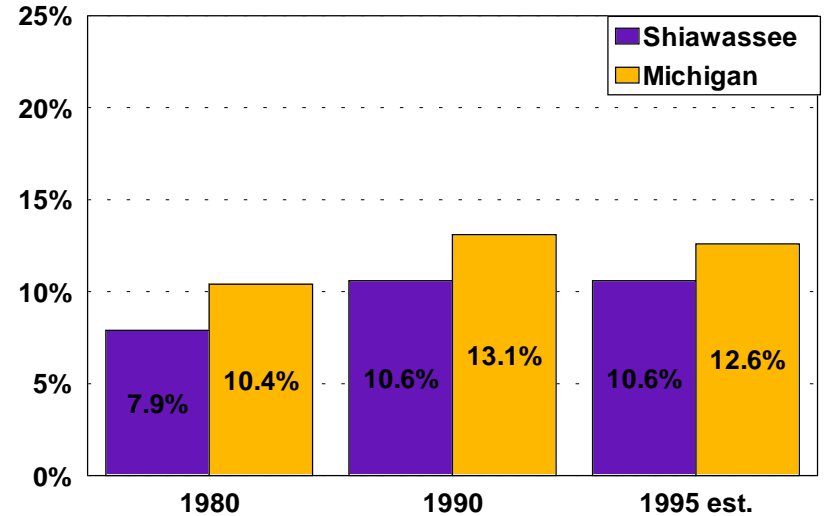
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



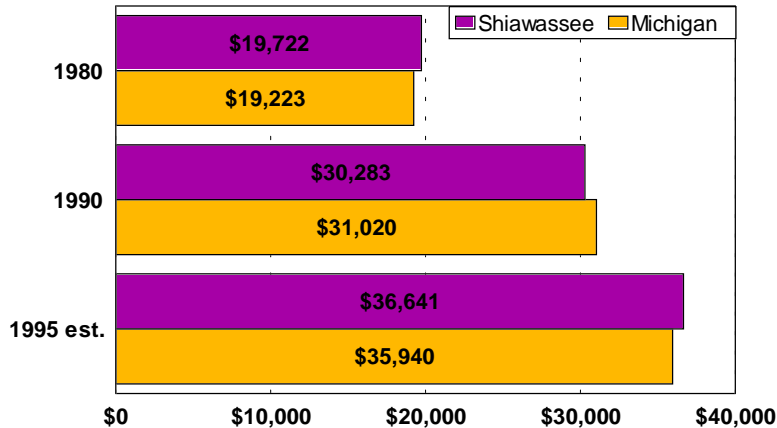
Poverty

- In 1995, 7,741 persons in Shiawassee County were below the poverty line, increasing from 7,308 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Shiawassee County ranked 24th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 62nd on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 3,287 kids (ages 0-17) in Shiawassee County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in six. In 1990, 2,854 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 9.9 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 12.8 percent.

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Shiawassee County experienced an increase in real median income of 3.8 percent, from \$35,311 to \$36,641. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Shiawassee County ranked 26th 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 Shiawassee County in 1998 was \$20,056, compared to \$19,407 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 3.3 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution*

| | \$ 0 - \$24,999 | \$25,000 - 49,999 | \$50,000 + |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Shiawassee | 40.8% | 39.1% | 20.0% |
| Michigan | 40.6% | 34.1% | 25.5% |

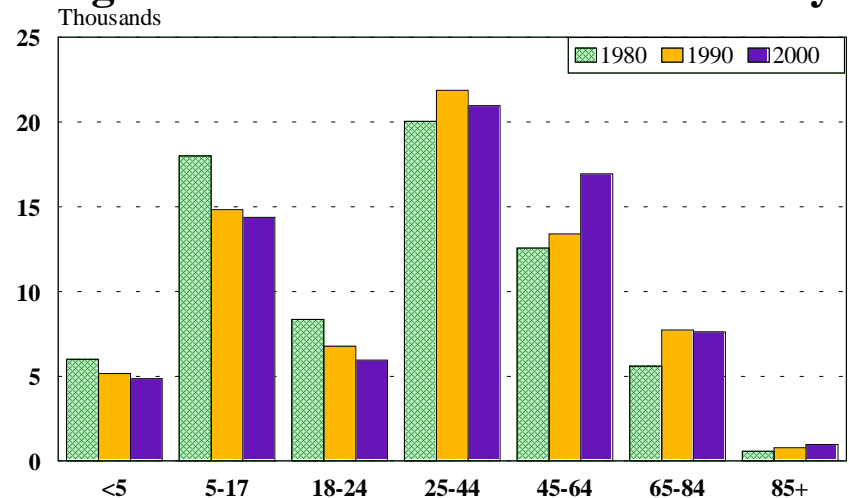
* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

The Median age of Shiawassee residents continues to go up:

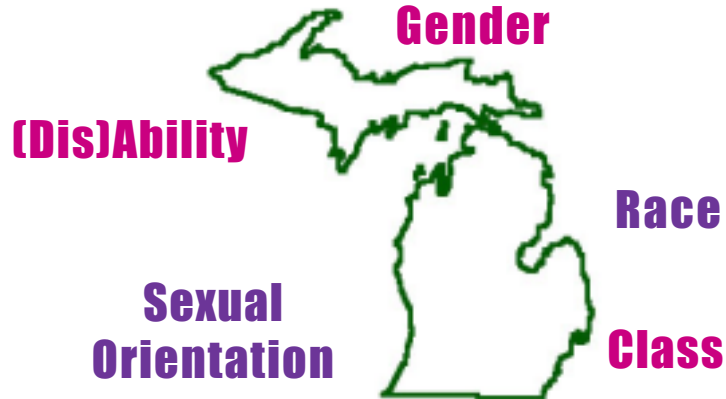
| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Shiawassee | 27.7 | 32.5 | 36.4 |
| Michigan | 28.8 | 32.6 | 35.9 |
| U.S. | 30.0 | 33.0 | 36.5 |

- Of the 71,687 people who lived in Shiawassee in 2000, 61.2 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 38.8 percent included 6.8 percent children under the age of 5, 20.1 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 12.0 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 3,539 or 26.4 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 841 or 10.9 percent since 1990. One in eight Shiawassee residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Shiawassee County



Multiculturalism



- In 2000, Shiawassee County's population included 35,207 males and 36,480 females, or 49.1 percent and 50.9 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- Of the 26,896 households living in Shiawassee County in 2000, 21,539 or 80.1 percent owned their own home and 5,357 or 19.9 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

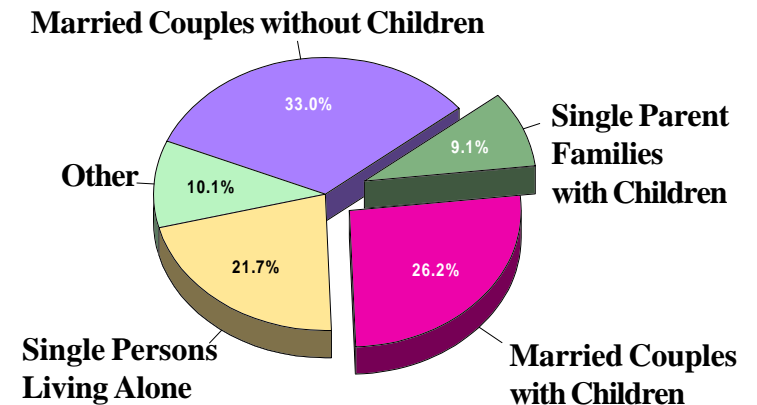
| | Shiawassee County | | Michigan |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|
| | Number | Percent | Percent |
| White* | 69,016 | 96.3 | 78.6 |
| Black* | 135 | 0.2 | 14.1 |
| American Indian* | 293 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Asian* | 199 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Other* | 23 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Two or more races* | 726 | 1.0 | 1.6 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 1,295 | 1.8 | 3.3 |

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

- There were 542 marriages in Shiawassee County during 1998, down from 1990 when 579 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 Shiawassee County in 1990 was 8.7 when 303 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.5 when 271 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, 3,397 children in Shiawassee County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 17 percent of all children in Shiawassee. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

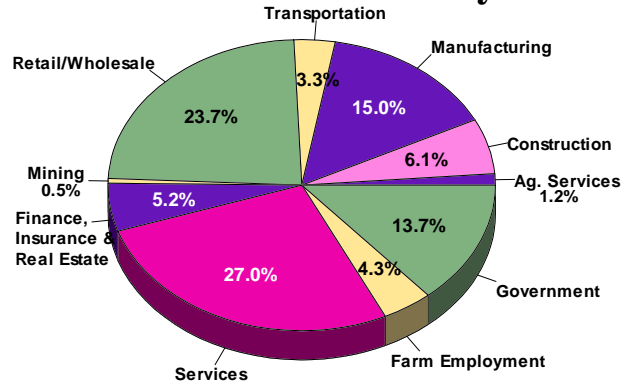
Types of Households in Shiawassee County



2000 Census of Population and Housing

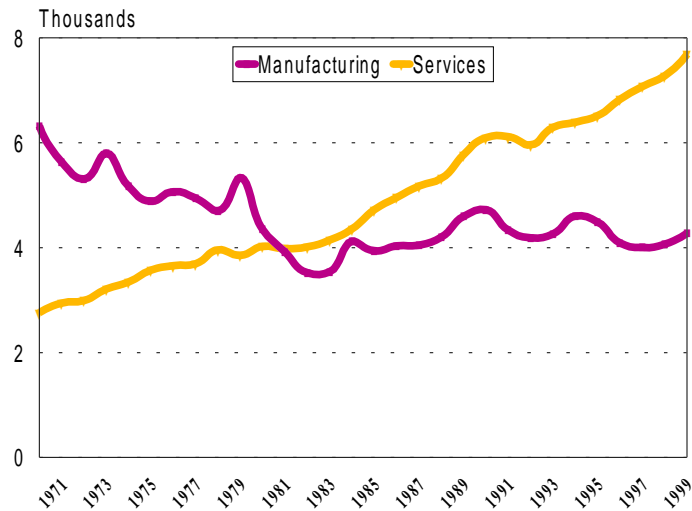
Employment

1999 Employment by Industry in Shiawassee County



- The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Shiawassee from 25,002 in 1990 to 28,500 in 1999, a 14.0 percent increase.
- The Services industry accounted for 27.0% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by 3.3 percentage points. Jobs in Retail and Wholesale Trade have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 31.7 percent since 1990.

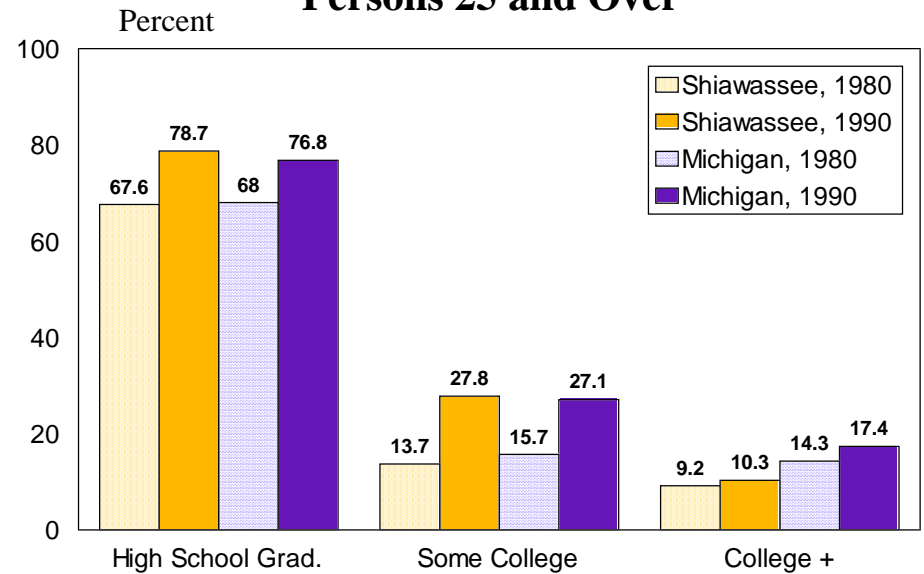
Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



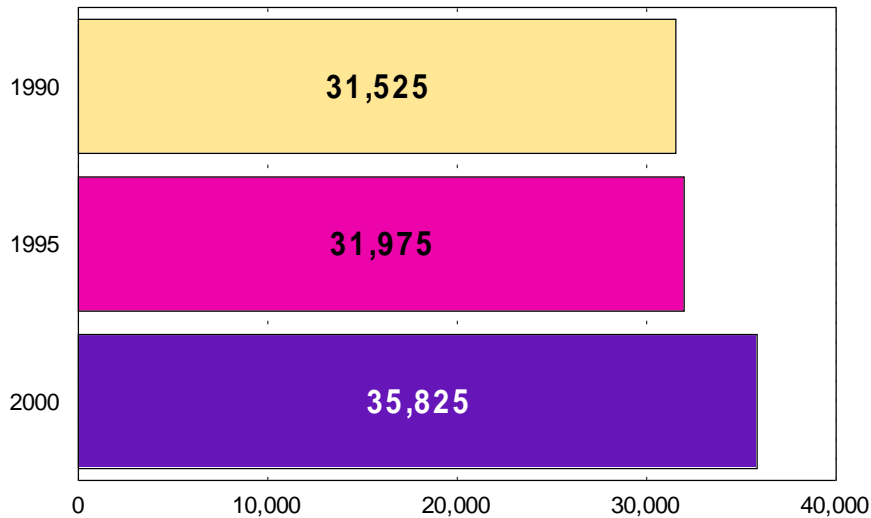
Education

- High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 11.1 percentage points in Shiawassee 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.
- Shiawassee 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 Shiawassee County the rate was 10.3 percent. Shiawassee ranks 44th among Michigan’s 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- 234 students dropped out of high school in Shiawassee County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 5.5 percent. This is up from 1990-91 when 121 students dropped out (2.9 percent).

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



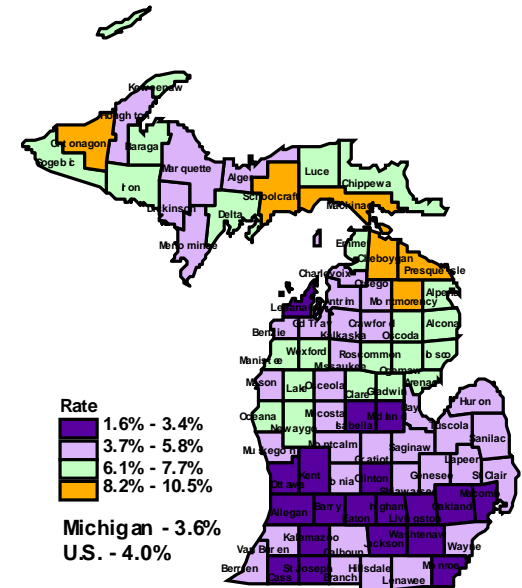
Total Number of Persons Employed



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Shiawassee's labor force has grown from 35,025 in 1990 to 35,025 in 2000.
- In 1990, 90.0 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 95.9 percent employed.
- 68.4 percent of Shiawassee's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 67.2 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-five percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, nearly 14 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 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.
- Shiawassee County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 4.1 percent, compared to 4.4 percent in 1999 and 10.0 percent in 1990. 1,550 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 3,525 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

