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## *A portrait of* **Tuscola County**



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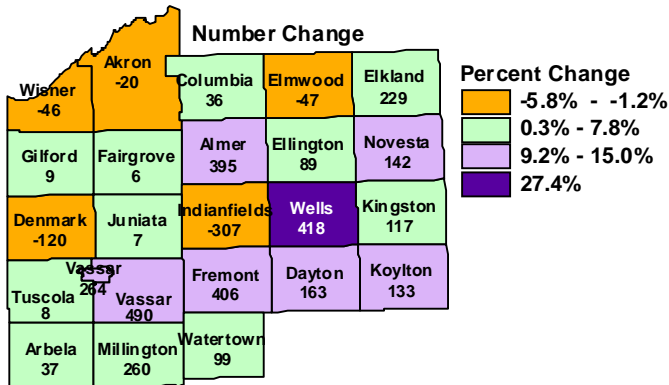
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# Population

## Tuscola County Change from 1990 to 2000

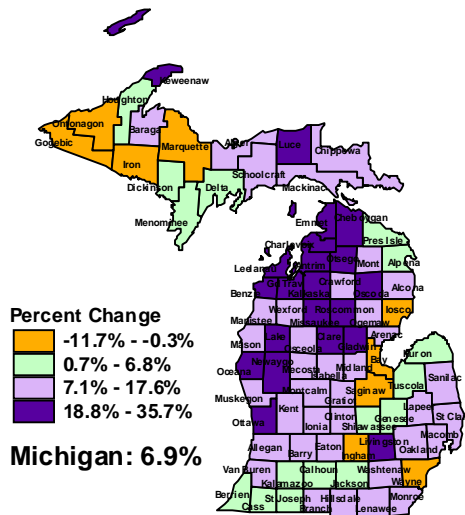


Tuscola County had 58,266 people in 2000, ranking as the 33rd most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 2,768 persons, or 5.0% since 1990.

Wells Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 27.4 percent. Vassar Township showed the largest number gain of 490 people.

There were 668 live births in Tuscola in 1998, of which 94 were to mothers age 19 and under, 524 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 50 to mothers age 35 and over.

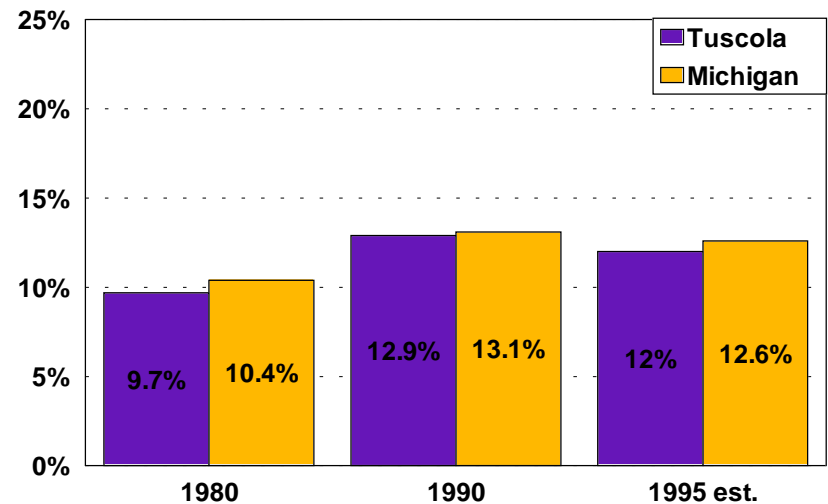
Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



# Poverty

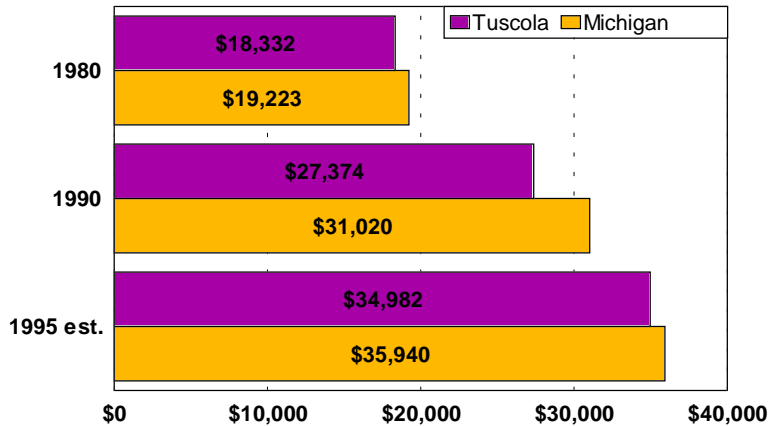
- In 1995, 6,941 persons in Tuscola County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 6,966 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1995 was \$15,569. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Tuscola County ranked 27th among all Michigan counties on the number of persons in poverty in 1995 and 53rd on the poverty rate.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 2,933 kids (ages 0-17) in Tuscola County were below the poverty level in 1995. This represents one child in five. In 1990, 2,670 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 1990 was 10.9 percent. This was down from the previous decade when the poverty rate for Seniors was 16.1 percent.

## Poverty Rates of All Persons



# Household Income

## Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 1995, households in Tuscola County experienced an increase in real median income of 9.6 percent, from \$31,919 to \$34,982. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Tuscola County ranked 27th 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.
- Per Capita income in Tuscola County in 1998 was \$19,487, compared to \$18,399 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 5.9 percent increase.

### Household Income Distribution\*

	\$ 0 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - 49,999	\$50,000 +
<b>Tuscola</b>	45.4%	36.0%	18.6%
<b>Michigan</b>	40.6%	34.1%	25.5%

\* 1990 Census of Population & Housing

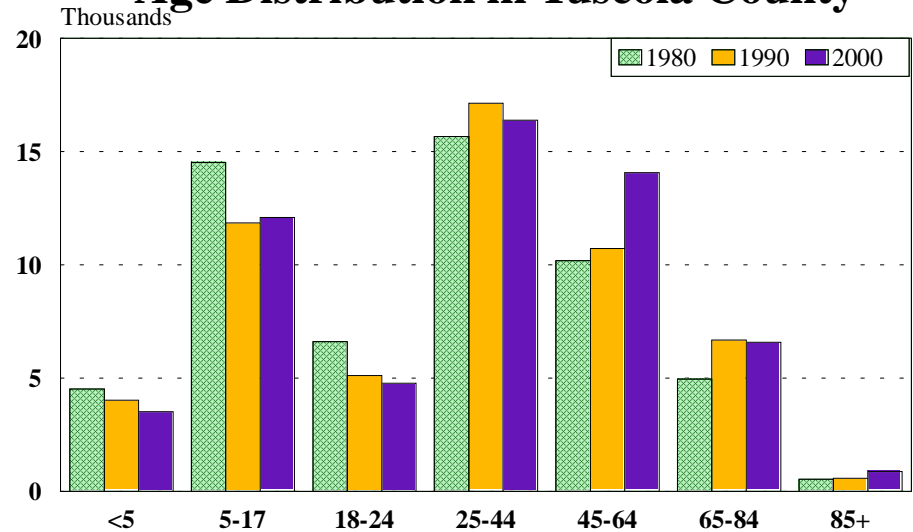
# Age

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

	1980	1990	2000
<b>Tuscola</b>	28.1	33.0	37.0
<b>Michigan</b>	28.8	32.6	35.9
<b>U.S.</b>	30.0	33.0	36.5

- Of the 58,266 people who lived in Tuscola in 2000, 60.4 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 39.6 percent included 6.0 percent children under the age of 5, 20.7 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 12.8 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 3,348 or 31.3 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 773 or 11.6 percent since 1990. One in eight Tuscola residents is age 65 or older.

## Age Distribution in Tuscola County



# Multiculturalism



- .. In 2000, Tuscola County's population included 29,101 males and 29,165 females, or 49.9 percent and 50.1 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- .. Of the 21,454 households living in Tuscola County in 2000, 18,037 or 84.1 percent owned their own home and 3,417 or 15.9 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

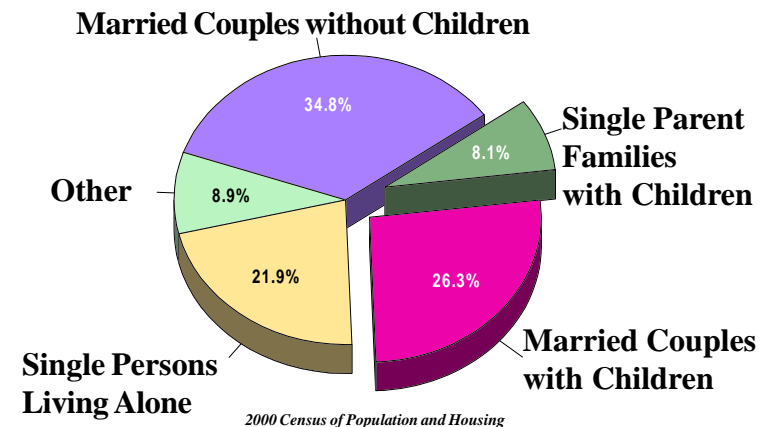
	Tuscola County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	55,200	94.7	78.6
Black*	613	1.1	14.1
American Indian*	322	0.6	0.5
Asian*	175	0.3	1.8
Other*	34	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	580	1.0	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	1,342	2.3	3.3

\* Not Hispanic or Latino

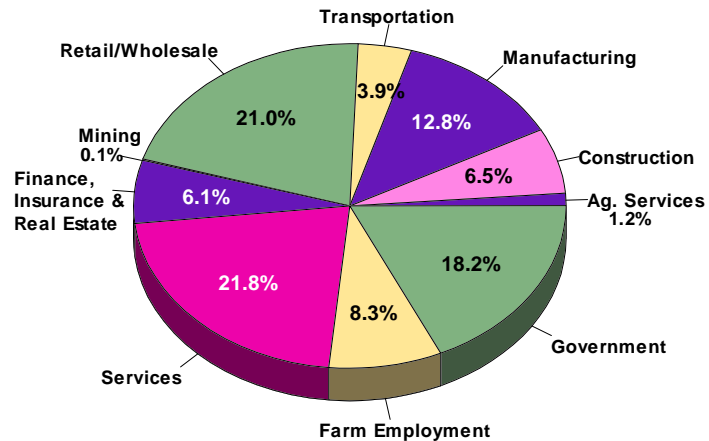
# Households & Families

- .. There were 390 marriages in Tuscola County during 1998, down from 448 marriages in 1990. 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 Tuscola County in 1990 was 8.0 when 221 divorces occurred. In 1998, the rate was 7.7 when 222 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, 2,393 children in Tuscola County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 15.1 percent of all children in Tuscola. In Michigan, 22.5 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

## Types of Households in Tuscola County

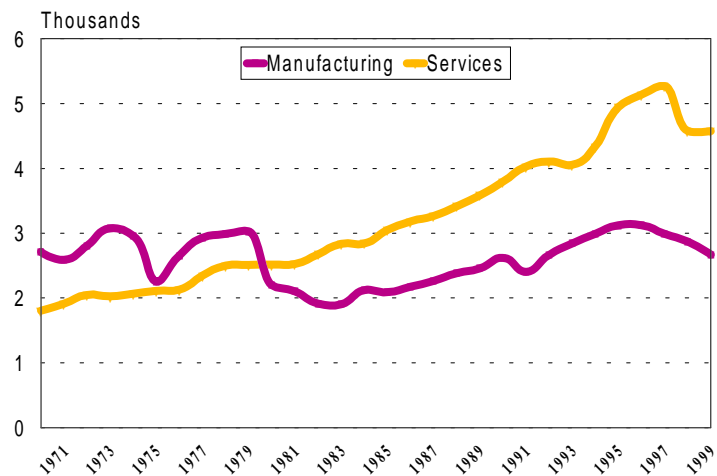


## 1999 Employment by Industry in Tuscola County



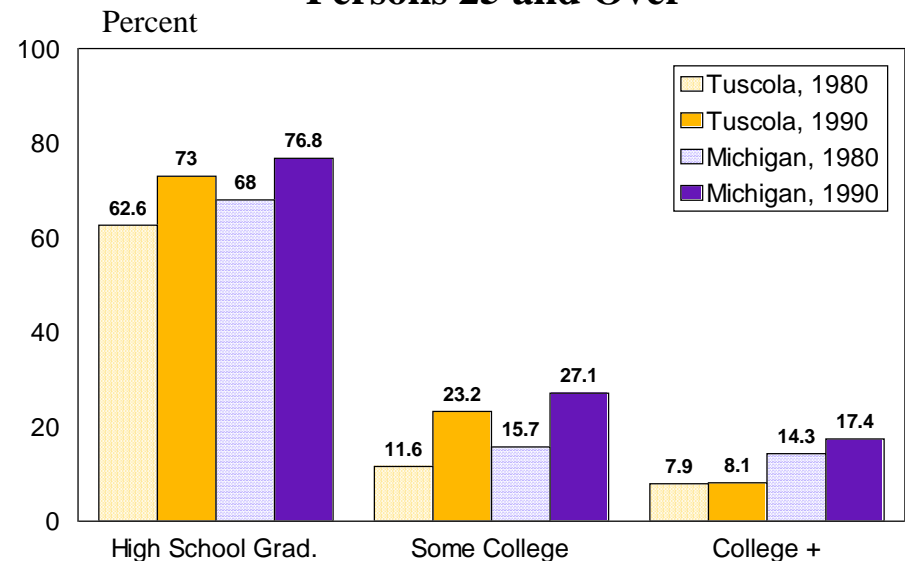
- .. The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Tuscola from 17,698 in 1990 to 20,932 in 1999, a 18.3 percent increase.
- .. The Services industry accounted for 21.8% of all employment in 1999, leading Retail and Wholesale Trade by only 0.8 percentage points. Jobs in Services have risen the fastest of all major industries, climbing 20.6 percent since 1990.

## Jobs in Manufacturing & Services

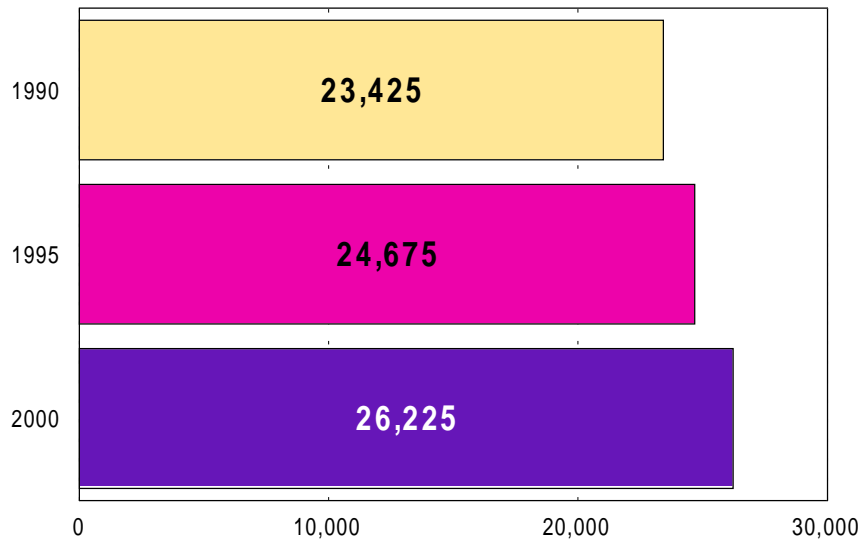


- .. High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1980 to 1990 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 10.3 percentage points in Tuscola County and 8.8 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- .. Tuscola 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 Tuscola County the rate was 8.1 percent. Tuscola ranks 74th among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- .. 125 students dropped out of high school in Tuscola County during the 1997-98 school year for a rate of 3.4 percent. This is down from 1990-91 when 129 students dropped out (3.5 percent).

## Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over



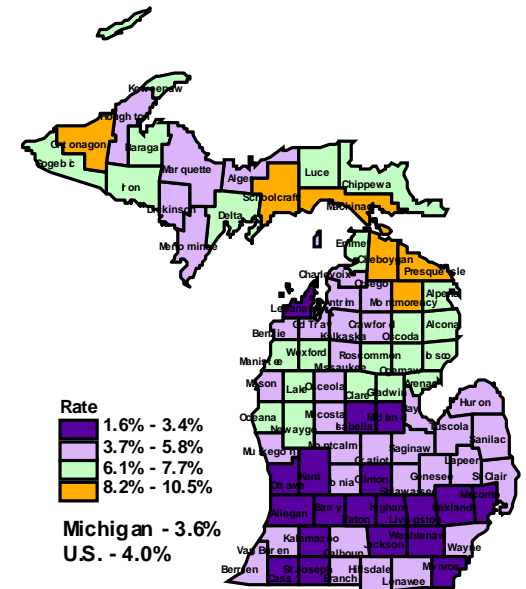
## Total Number of Persons Employed in Tuscola County



- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Tuscola's labor force has grown from 26,000 in 1990 to 27,700 in 2000.
- In 1990, 90.1 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 94.7 percent employed.
- 61.9 percent of Tuscola's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, down from 62.7 percent in 1990.
- Seventy-four percent of all women with school age children worked in 1990, nearly 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.
- Tuscola County's annual average unemployment rate in 2000 was 5.3 percent, compared to 5.4 percent in 1999 and 10.0 percent in 1990. 1,475 people were unemployed in 2000, compared to 2,600 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

