

Part III. Population of Counties

POPULATION OF COUNTIES -- MICHIGAN: 1890-1990

County	1990	1980	1970	1960	1950	1940	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890
MICHIGAN	9,295,297	9,262,078	8,875,083	7,823,194	6,371,766	5,256,106	4,842,325	3,668,412	2,810,173	2,420,982	2,093,890
Alcona	10,145	9,740	7,113	6,352	5,856	5,463	4,989	5,912	5,703	5,691	5,409
Alger	8,972	9,225	8,568	9,250	10,007	10,167	9,327	9,983	7,675	5,868	1,238
Allegan	90,509	81,555	66,575	57,729	47,493	41,839	38,974	37,540	39,819	38,812	38,961
Alpena	30,605	32,315	30,708	28,556	22,189	20,766	18,574	17,869	19,965	18,254	15,581
Antrim	18,185	16,194	12,612	10,373	10,721	10,964	9,979	11,543	15,692	16,568	10,413
Arenac	14,931	14,706	11,149	9,860	9,644	9,233	8,007	9,460	9,640	9,821	5,683
Baraga	7,954	8,484	7,789	7,151	8,037	9,356	9,168	7,662	6,127	4,320	3,036
Barry	50,057	45,781	38,166	31,738	26,183	22,613	20,928	21,383	22,633	22,514	23,783
Bay	111,723	119,881	117,339	107,042	88,461	74,981	69,474	69,548	68,238	62,378	56,412
Benzie	12,200	11,205	8,593	7,834	8,306	7,800	6,587	6,947	10,638	9,685	5,237
Berrien	161,378	171,276	163,875	149,865	115,702	89,117	81,066	62,653	53,622	49,165	41,285
Branch	41,502	40,188	37,906	34,903	30,202	25,845	23,950	23,997	25,605	27,811	26,791
Calhoun	135,982	141,557	141,963	138,858	120,813	94,206	87,043	72,918	56,638	49,315	43,501
Cass	49,477	49,499	43,312	36,932	28,185	21,910	20,888	20,395	20,624	20,876	20,953
Charlevoix	21,468	19,907	16,541	13,421	13,475	13,031	11,981	15,788	19,157	13,956	9,686
Cheboygan	21,398	20,649	16,573	14,550	13,731	13,644	11,502	13,991	17,872	15,516	11,986
Chippewa	34,604	29,029	32,412	32,655	29,206	27,807	25,047	24,818	24,472	21,338	12,019
Clare	24,952	23,822	16,695	11,647	10,253	9,163	7,032	8,250	9,240	8,360	7,558
Clinton	57,883	55,893	48,492	37,969	31,195	26,671	24,174	23,110	23,129	25,136	26,509
Crawford	12,260	9,465	6,482	4,971	4,151	3,765	3,097	4,049	3,934	2,943	2,962
Delta	37,780	38,947	35,924	34,298	32,913	34,037	32,280	30,909	30,108	23,881	15,330
Dickinson	26,831	25,341	23,753	23,917	24,844	28,731	29,941	19,456	20,524	17,890	—
Eaton	92,879	88,337	68,892	49,684	40,023	34,124	31,728	29,377	30,499	31,668	32,094
Emmet	25,040	22,992	18,331	15,904	16,534	15,791	15,109	15,639	18,561	15,931	8,756
Genesee	430,459	450,449	444,341	374,313	270,963	227,944	211,641	125,668	64,555	41,804	39,430
Gladwin	21,896	19,957	13,471	10,769	9,451	9,385	7,424	8,827	8,413	6,564	4,208
Gogebic	18,052	19,686	20,676	24,370	27,053	31,797	31,577	33,225	23,333	16,738	13,166
Grand Traverse	64,273	54,899	39,175	33,490	28,598	23,390	20,011	19,518	23,784	20,479	13,355
Graiot	38,982	40,448	39,246	37,012	33,429	32,205	30,252	33,914	28,820	29,889	28,668
Hillsdale	43,431	42,071	37,171	34,742	31,916	29,092	27,417	28,161	29,673	29,865	30,660
Houghton	35,446	37,872	34,652	35,654	39,771	47,631	52,851	71,930	88,098	66,063	35,389
Huron	34,951	36,459	34,083	34,006	33,149	32,584	31,132	32,786	34,758	34,162	28,545
Ingham	281,912	275,520	261,039	211,296	172,941	130,616	116,587	81,554	53,310	39,818	37,666
Ionia	57,024	51,815	45,848	43,132	38,158	35,710	35,093	33,087	33,550	34,329	32,801
Iosco	30,209	28,349	24,905	16,505	10,906	8,560	7,517	8,199	9,753	10,246	15,224
Iron	13,175	13,635	13,813	17,184	17,692	20,243	20,805	22,107	15,164	8,990	4,432
Isabella	54,624	54,110	44,594	35,348	28,964	25,982	21,126	22,610	23,029	22,784	18,784
Isle Royal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	135
Jackson	149,756	151,495	143,274	131,994	107,925	93,108	92,304	72,539	53,426	48,222	45,031
Kalamazoo	223,411	212,378	201,550	169,712	126,707	100,085	91,368	71,225	60,427	44,310	39,273
Kalkaska	13,497	10,952	5,272	4,382	4,597	5,159	3,799	5,577	8,097	7,133	5,160
Kent	500,631	444,506	411,044	363,187	288,292	246,338	240,511	183,041	159,145	129,714	109,922
Keweenaw	1,701	1,963	2,264	2,417	2,918	4,004	5,076	6,322	7,156	3,217	2,894
Lake	8,583	7,711	5,661	5,338	5,257	4,798	4,066	4,437	4,939	4,957	6,505
Lapeer	74,768	70,038	52,317	41,926	35,794	32,116	28,348	25,782	26,033	27,641	29,213
Leelanau	16,527	14,007	10,872	9,321	8,647	8,436	8,206	9,061	10,608	10,556	7,944
Lenawee	91,476	89,948	81,609	77,789	64,629	53,110	49,849	47,767	47,907	48,406	48,448
Livingston	115,645	100,289	58,967	38,233	26,725	20,863	19,274	17,522	17,736	19,664	20,858
Luce	5,763	6,659	6,789	7,827	8,147	7,423	6,528	6,149	4,004	2,983	2,455
Mackinac	10,674	10,178	9,660	10,853	9,287	9,438	8,783	8,026	9,249	7,703	7,830
Macomb	717,400	694,600	625,309	405,804	184,961	107,638	77,146	38,103	32,606	33,244	31,813
Manistee	21,265	23,019	20,094	19,042	18,524	18,450	17,409	20,899	26,688	27,856	24,230
Manitou	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	860
Marquette	70,887	74,101	64,686	56,154	47,654	47,144	44,076	45,786	46,739	41,239	39,521
Mason	25,537	26,365	22,612	21,929	20,474	19,378	18,756	19,831	21,832	18,885	16,385

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POPULATION OF COUNTIES -- MICHIGAN: 1800-1880

County	1880	1870	1860	1850	1840	1830	1820	1810	1800	Notes
MICHIGAN	1,636,937	1,184,059	749,113	397,654	212,267	28,004	7,452	4,762	3,757	See note 1
Alcona	3,107	696	185	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac
Alger	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Schoolcraft
Allegan	37,815	32,105	16,087	5,125	1,783	--	--	--	--	*Van Buren, St. Joseph
Alpena	8,789	2,756	290	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac; see note 2
Antrim	5,237	1,985	179	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac
Arenac	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Bay
Baraga	1,804	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Houghton
Bary	25,317	22,199	13,858	5,072	1,078	--	--	--	--	*St. Joseph
Bay	38,081	15,900	3,164	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Midland, Saginaw
Benzie	3,433	2,184	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Leelanau
Berrien	36,785	35,104	22,378	11,417	5,011	325	--	--	--	
Branch	27,941	26,226	20,981	12,472	5,715	--	--	--	--	*St. Joseph
Calhoun	38,452	36,569	29,564	19,162	10,599	--	--	--	--	*St. Joseph
Cass	22,009	21,094	17,721	10,907	5,710	919	--	--	--	
Charlevoix	5,115	1,724	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Emmet, Antrim
Cheboygan	6,524	2,196	517	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac
Chippewa	5,248	1,689	1,603	898	534	626	--	--	--	
Clare	4,187	366	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Isabella
Clinton	28,100	22,845	13,916	5,102	1,614	--	--	--	--	*St. Joseph
Crawford	1,159	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	See note 3
Delta	6,812	2,542	1,172	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac
Dickinson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	See note 4A
Eaton	31,225	25,171	16,476	7,058	2,379	--	--	--	--	*St. Joseph
Emmet	6,639	1,211	1,149	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac
Genesee	39,220	33,900	22,498	12,031	4,268	--	--	--	--	*Oakland
Gladwin	1,127	0	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Midland
Gogebic	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Ontonagon
Grand Traverse	8,422	4,443	1,286	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac
Gratiot	21,936	11,810	4,042	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Saginaw, Clinton
Hillsdale	32,723	31,684	25,675	16,159	7,240	--	--	--	--	*Lenawee
Houghton	22,473	13,879	9,234	708	--	--	--	--	--	*Chippewa
Huron	20,089	9,049	3,165	210	--	--	--	--	--	*Saginaw
Ingham	33,676	25,268	17,435	8,631	2,498	--	--	--	--	*Washtenaw
Ionia	33,872	27,681	16,682	7,597	1,923	--	--	--	--	*St. Joseph
Iosco	6,873	3,163	175	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac
Iron	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Marquette; Menominee
Isabella	12,159	4,113	1,443	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Saginaw
Isle Royal	55	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	See note 4B
Jackson	42,031	36,047	26,671	19,431	13,130	--	--	--	--	*Washtenaw
Kalamazoo	34,342	32,054	24,646	13,179	7,380	--	--	--	--	*St. Joseph
Kalkaska	2,937	424	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Kent	73,253	50,403	30,716	12,016	2,587	--	--	--	--	*St. Joseph
Keweenaw	4,270	4,205	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Houghton; see note 5
Lake	3,233	548	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Newaygo
Lapeer	30,138	21,345	14,754	7,029	4,265	--	--	--	--	*Oakland
Leelanau	6,253	4,576	2,158	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac
Lenawee	48,343	45,595	38,112	26,372	17,889	1,491	--	--	--	*Monroe
Livingston	22,251	19,336	16,851	13,485	7,430	--	--	--	--	*Oakland, Washtenaw
Luce	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Chippewa, Mackinac
Mackinac	2,902	1,716	1,938	3,598	923	877	819	615	551	See notes 6 and 7
Macomb	31,627	27,616	22,843	15,530	9,716	2,413	898	580	--	See note 6
Manistee	12,532	6,074	975	--	--	--	--	--	--	*Mackinac; see note 8
Manitou	1,334	891	1,042	--	--	--	--	--	--	See note 9
Marquette	25,394	14,234	2,821	136	--	--	--	--	--	See note 10
Mason	10,065	3,263	831	93	--	--	--	--	--	*Ottawa

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POPULATION OF COUNTIES -- MICHIGAN: 1890-1990 (Continued)

County	1990	1980	1970	1960	1950	1940	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890
Mecosta	37,308	36,961	27,992	21,051	18,968	16,902	15,738	17,765	19,466	20,693	19,697
Menominee	24,920	26,201	24,587	24,685	25,299	24,883	23,652	23,778	25,648	27,046	33,639
Midland	75,651	73,578	63,769	51,450	35,662	27,094	19,150	17,237	14,005	14,439	10,657
Missaukee	12,147	10,009	7,126	6,784	7,458	8,034	6,992	9,004	10,606	9,308	5,048
Monroe	133,600	134,659	118,479	101,120	75,666	58,620	52,485	37,115	32,917	32,754	32,337
Montcalm	53,059	47,555	39,660	35,795	31,013	28,581	27,471	30,441	32,069	32,754	32,637
Montmorency	8,936	7,492	5,247	4,424	4,125	3,840	2,814	4,089	3,755	3,234	1,487
Muskegon	158,983	157,589	157,426	149,943	121,545	94,501	84,630	62,362	40,577	37,036	40,013
Newaygo	38,202	34,917	27,992	24,160	21,567	19,286	17,029	17,378	19,220	17,673	20,476
Oakland	1,083,592	1,011,793	907,871	690,259	396,001	254,068	211,251	90,050	49,576	44,792	41,245
Oceana	22,454	22,002	17,984	16,547	16,105	14,812	13,805	15,601	18,379	16,644	15,698
Ogemaw	18,681	16,436	11,903	9,680	9,345	8,720	6,595	7,786	8,907	7,765	5,583
Ontonagon	8,854	9,861	10,548	10,584	10,282	11,359	11,114	12,428	8,650	6,197	3,756
Osceola	20,146	18,928	14,838	13,595	13,797	13,309	12,806	15,221	17,889	17,859	14,630
Oscoda	7,842	6,858	4,726	3,447	3,134	2,543	1,728	1,783	2,027	1,468	1,904
Otsego	17,957	14,993	10,422	7,545	6,435	5,827	5,554	6,043	6,552	6,175	4,272
Ottawa	187,768	157,174	128,181	98,719	73,751	59,660	54,858	47,660	45,301	39,667	35,358
Presque Isle	13,743	14,267	12,836	13,117	11,996	12,250	11,330	12,131	11,249	8,821	4,687
Roscommon	19,776	16,374	9,892	7,200	5,916	3,668	2,055	2,032	2,274	1,787	2,033
Saginaw	211,946	228,059	219,743	190,752	153,515	130,468	120,717	100,286	89,290	81,222	82,273
St. Clair	145,607	138,802	120,175	107,201	91,599	76,222	67,563	58,009	52,341	55,228	52,105
St. Joseph	58,913	56,083	47,392	42,332	35,071	31,749	30,618	26,818	25,499	23,889	25,356
Sanilac	39,928	40,789	34,889	32,314	30,837	30,114	27,751	31,237	33,930	35,055	32,589
Schoolcraft	8,302	8,575	8,226	8,953	9,148	9,524	8,451	9,977	8,681	7,889	5,818
Shiawassee	69,770	71,140	63,075	53,446	45,967	41,207	39,517	35,924	33,246	33,866	30,952
Tuscola	55,498	56,961	48,603	43,305	38,258	35,694	32,934	33,320	34,913	35,890	32,508
Van Buren	70,060	66,814	56,173	48,395	39,184	35,111	32,637	30,715	33,185	33,274	30,541
Washtenaw	282,937	264,748	234,103	172,440	134,606	80,810	65,530	49,520	44,714	47,761	42,210
Wayne	2,111,687	2,337,891	2,666,751	2,666,297	2,435,235	2,015,623	1,888,946	1,177,645	531,591	348,793	257,114
Wexford	26,360	25,102	19,717	18,466	18,628	17,976	16,827	18,207	20,769	16,845	11,278

MICHIGAN NOTES

Michigan was part of the Northwest Territory established in 1787. When Indiana Territory was created in 1800 it included the west half of lower Michigan and nearly all of the Upper Peninsula, leaving the remainder of the present State in the Northwest Territory until 1802, when the eastern portion also became part of Indiana Territory. Michigan Territory was established in 1805, but nearly all the Upper Peninsula remained in Indiana or Illinois Territories. In 1818 Michigan Territory's boundaries were extended to include the rest of the Upper Peninsula and all of present-day Wisconsin and northeastern Minnesota. In 1834 the Territory was expanded still further to stretch to the Missouri River, including the rest of Minnesota, Iowa, and the eastern Dakotas. Michigan Territory included a northern strip of Indiana until 1816, and it also governed a narrow strip of what is now northwestern Ohio which was claimed by that State. This was ceded to Ohio in 1836, and Michigan was admitted as a State on January 26, 1837 with essentially its present boundaries.

In 1790 the Northwest Territory had no census coverage. In 1800 coverage of the present State included only the Detroit area (Wayne County, Northwest Territory) and some persons at "Machilamackanack," Indiana Territory. Coverage in 1810, 1820, and 1830 expanded in the Lower Peninsula and included population in the strip that was ceded to Ohio in 1836. The 1820 and 1830 censuses also included some settlements in present-day Wisconsin, shown under that State. The 1840 census covered all parts of the State.

County Notes:

Note 1: Total for 1800 comprises population reported for Wayne County, Northwest Territory (which may have included some persons in present-day northern Ohio), and for Machilamackanack, Indiana Territory (251 persons and 300 "boatmen from Canada, &c."). Total for 1820 excludes population (1,444) of Brown and Crawford Counties, and total for 1830 excludes population (3,635) of Brown, Crawford, and Iowa Counties, all enumerated in what is now Wisconsin. Total for 1890 includes 1 Indian in prison, not reported by county.

Note 2: Alpena's 1860-70 census boundaries were the same as those of 1890-1990.

Note 3: An earlier Crawford County was located in what is now Wisconsin and is shown under that State. Present-day Crawford County first was reported in 1880.

Note 4A: Dickinson: "Menominee, Iron, Marquette.

Note 4B: "Keweenaw; to Keweenaw.

Note 5: Keweenaw's 1870 census boundaries were the same as those of 1900-1990.

Note 6: The 1810 census was reported in terms of four Civil Districts of a single Wayne County: Michilimackinac, Detroit, Erie, and Huron. The 1810 population shown in the table for Mackinac County is that reported for Michilimackinac Civil District, for Macomb County that reported for Huron Civil District, for Monroe County that reported for Erie Civil District, and for Wayne County that reported for Detroit Civil District.

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County	1880	1870	1860	1850	1840	1830	1820	1810	1800	Notes
Mecosta	13,973	5,642	970	—	—	—	—	—	—	*Kent
Menominee	11,987	1,791	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*Delta
Midland	6,893	3,285	787	65	—	—	—	—	—	*Saginaw
Missaukee	1,553	130	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monroe	33,624	27,483	21,593	14,698	9,922	3,187	1,831	1,340	—	See note 6
Montcalm	33,148	13,629	3,968	891	—	—	—	—	—	*Ionia
Montmorency	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*Alpena
Muskegon	26,586	14,894	3,947	—	—	—	—	—	—	*Ottawa, Oceana
Newaygo	14,688	7,294	2,760	510	—	—	—	—	—	*Kent; see note 11
Oakland	41,537	40,867	38,261	31,270	23,646	4,911	330	—	—	*Mackinac; see note 12
Oceana	11,699	7,222	1,816	300	496	—	—	—	—	—
Ogemaw	1,914	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ontonagon	2,565	2,845	4,568	389	—	—	—	—	—	*Chippewa
Osceola	10,777	2,093	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	*Mason
Oscoda	467	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Otsego	1,974	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ottawa	33,126	26,651	13,215	5,587	208	—	—	—	—	*Van Buren
Presque Isle	3,113	355	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	*Mackinac
Roscommon	1,459	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Saginaw	59,095	39,097	12,693	2,609	892	—	—	—	—	See note 13
St. Clair	46,197	36,661	26,604	10,420	4,606	1,114	—	—	—	*Macomb, Oakland
St. Joseph	26,626	26,275	21,262	12,725	7,068	1,313	—	—	—	*Oakland
Sanilac	26,341	14,562	7,599	2,112	—	—	—	—	—	*St. Clair
Schoolcraft	1,575	799	78	16	—	—	—	—	—	*Mackinac, Chippewa
Shiawassee	27,059	20,858	12,349	5,230	2,103	—	—	—	—	*Oakland
Tuscola	25,738	13,714	4,886	291	—	—	—	—	—	*Saginaw
Van Buren	30,807	28,829	15,224	5,800	1,910	5	—	—	—	—
Washtenaw	41,848	41,434	35,686	28,567	23,571	4,042	—	—	—	*Wayne, Macomb
Wayne	166,444	119,038	75,547	42,756	24,173	6,781	3,574	2,227	3,206	See notes 1 and 6
Wexford	6,815	650	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	See note 14

Note 7: Mackinac: 1800-1860: Michilimackinac (or variant spellings); for reasons of space, the counties referring to this county as origin give the name as Mackinac. See also notes 1 and 6.

Note 8: Manistee's 1860-70 census boundaries were the same as those of 1890-1990.

Note 9: Manitou: *Mackinac; to Charlevoix and Leelanau.

Note 10: Marquette: *Chippewa; Mackinac. 1870 population excludes 799 in Schoolcraft County, unorganized, reported as part of Marquette.

Note 11: Newaygo's 1850 census boundaries were the same as those of 1870-1990.

Note 12: The 1820 census boundaries of Oakland County did not include any of present-day Oakland County.

Note 13: Saginaw: *Oakland, St. Clair, St. Joseph.

Note 14: Wexford's 1870 census boundaries were the same as those of 1890-1990.

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