

CHAPTER 1:

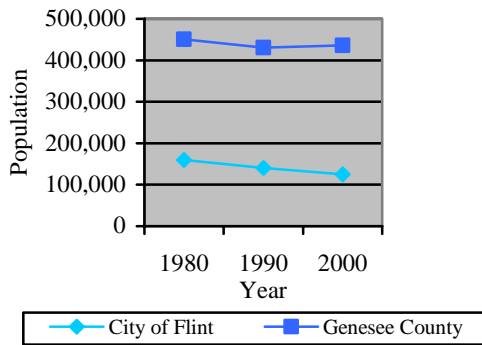
Demographic Characteristics

Genesee County is the 5th most populous county in Michigan, representing 4.4% of the State’s population. The City of Flint comprises nearly 29% of the County’s population and is the largest city in Genesee County. Flint and Genesee County have both seen significant population changes from 1980-2000. African Americans and Whites are the two predominant racial/ethnic groups in both Genesee County and Flint, although the distribution of racial groups differs by geographic area, with a larger proportion of African Americans residing in Flint than in Out County areas. The population of Genesee County has a slightly higher proportion of females than males.

Source: U.S. Census 2000

POPULATION TRENDS

Fig. 1.1 Population Trends, Genesee County and City of Flint, 1980-2000



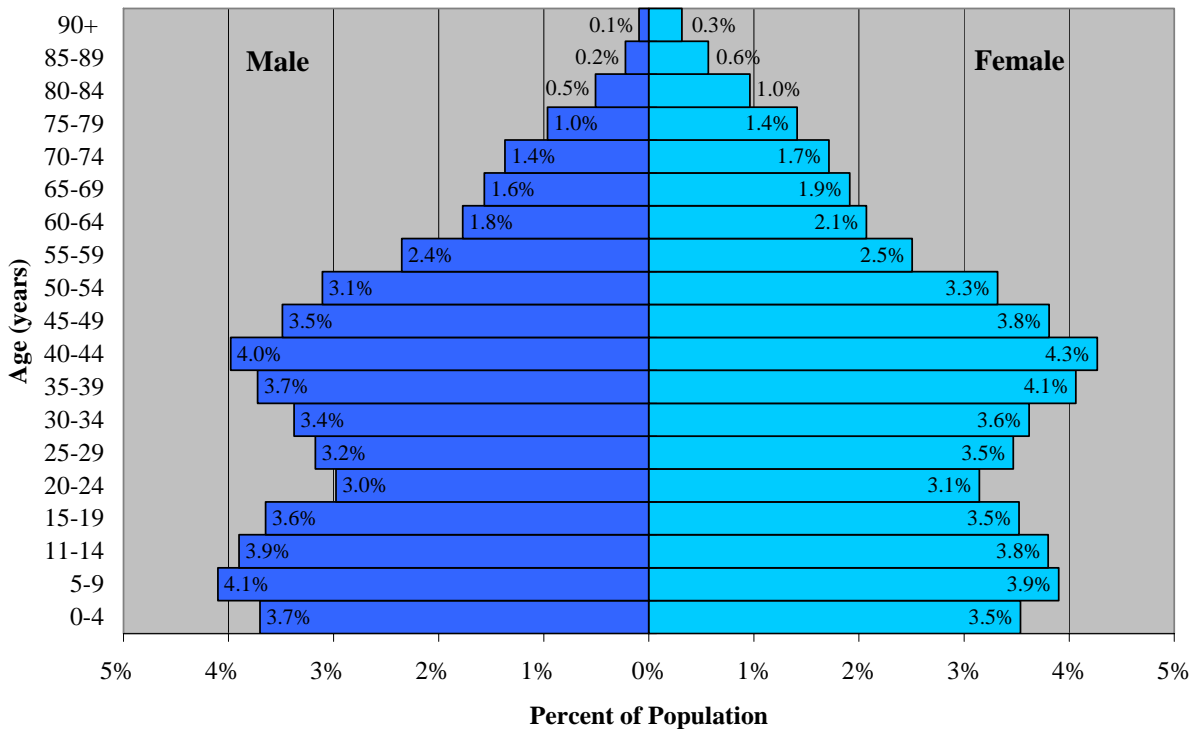
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- ◆ Between 1990 and 2000, the population of Genesee County increased by 1.3%, from 430,459 in 1990 to 436,141 in 2000. This followed a substantial population decrease that occurred from 1980-1990.
- ◆ The County’s population increase from 1990-2000 was relatively small compared to that of the State of Michigan, which increased 6.9% in the same time period.
- ◆ The City of Flint population decreased from 159,611 in 1980 to 140,761 in 1990 (-11.8%) to 124,943 in 2000 (-11.2%).

TOTAL POPULATION

- ◆ The total population of Genesee County in 2000 was 436,141, with 28.6% residing in the City of Flint.
- ◆ Nearly 12% of the County population (11.6%) is over the age of 65 years.
- ◆ Children under the age of 5 years accounted for 7.3% of the County's total population.
- ◆ People under the age of 18 years comprise 27.4% of the population of Genesee County.
- ◆ The population density (people per square mile) of Genesee County in 2000 was 681.9.
- ◆ The median age for Genesee County in 2000 was 35.0 years.
- ◆ Approximately 48% of the Genesee County population is male, while 52% is female.

Fig. 1.2 Population Distribution of Genesee County by Age and Gender, 2000



Source: U.S. Census 2000

RACE AND ETHNICITY

- ◆ The Genesee County population is predominantly White (75.3%), while about one-fifth of the total population is African American. Hispanic/Latino persons, who could be of any race, comprise about 2.3% of the County’s population, which is slightly lower than the proportion of Hispanics/Latinos in the City of Flint or in Michigan.
- ◆ In the City of Flint, African Americans comprise over one-half (53.3%) of the population, while 41.4% of the City’s residents are White. The proportion of City residents who are Hispanic/Latino, of any race, is slightly higher (3.0%) than the County as a whole, but slightly lower than the State of Michigan (3.3%).
- ◆ The proportion of City of Flint and Genesee County residents who are American Indian/Alaska Native is the same as Michigan, while the proportion of residents who are Asian or of Some Other Race is slightly less in Flint and Genesee County than the State.

Fig. 1.3 Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2000

Population Subgroup	City of Flint		Genesee County		Michigan
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage
Total Population	124,943	100%	436,141	100%	100%
Hispanic/Latino of any race	3,742	3.0%	10,152	2.3%	3.3%
Total One Race	121,018	96.9%	426,622	97.8%	98.1%
African American/Black	66,560	53.3%	88,843	20.4%	14.2%
White	51,710	41.4%	328,350	75.3%	80.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	798	0.6%	2,414	0.6%	0.6%
Asian	547	0.4%	3,515	0.8%	1.8%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	19	<0.1%	92	<0.1%	<0.1%
Some Other Race	1,384	1.1%	3,408	0.8%	1.3%
Total Two or More Races	3,925	3.1%	9,519	2.2%	1.9%

Source: U.S. Census 2000