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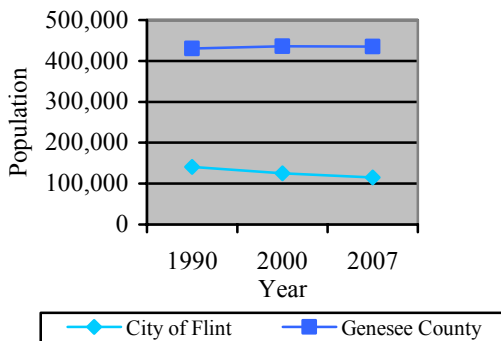
Demographic Characteristics

Genesee County is the 5th most populous county in Michigan, representing 4.3% of the State’s population. The City of Flint comprises 24% of the County’s population and is the largest city in Genesee County. While there has been a slight change in the population of Genesee County between 1990 and 2007, the City of Flint has seen considerable population changes during that time period. 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 Bureau, U.S Census 2000 and American Community Survey, 2007

POPULATION TRENDS

Fig. 1.1 Population Trends, Genesee County and City of Flint, 1990-2007



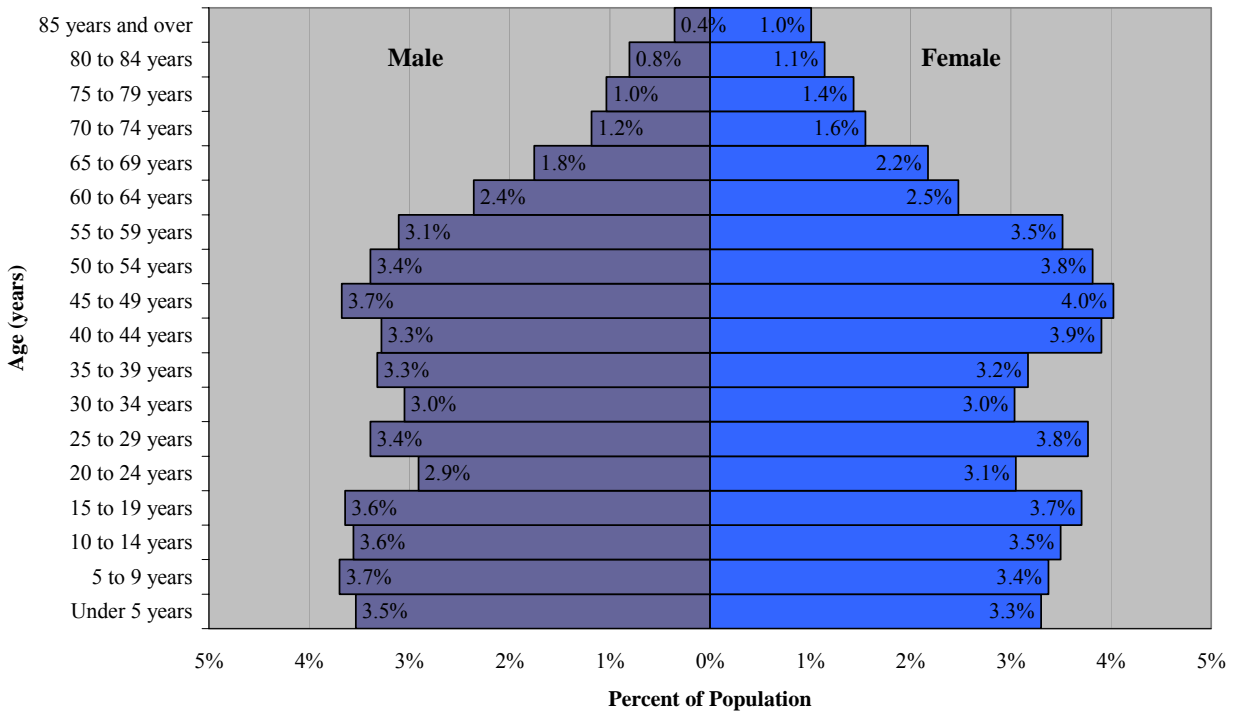
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

- ◆ Between 2000 and 2007, the population of Genesee County decreased slightly by 0.3% from 436,141 in 2000 to 434,715 in 2007.
- ◆ The County’s slight population decrease between 2000 and 2007 was opposite that of the State of Michigan, which saw a minor population increase of 1.3% during that same time period.
- ◆ The City of Flint population decreased from 140,761 in 1990 to 124,943 in 2007 (-11.2%) to 114,662 in 2007 (-8.2%).

TOTAL POPULATION

- ◆ The total population of Genesee County in 2007 was 434,715, with 24.1% residing in the City of Flint.
- ◆ 12.4% of the County population is over the age of 65 years.
- ◆ Children under the age of 5 years accounted for 6.8% of the County's total population.
- ◆ People under the age of 18 years comprise 25.8% of the population of Genesee County.
- ◆ The population density (people per square mile) of Genesee County in 2007 was 679.7.
- ◆ The median age for residents of Genesee County in 2007 was 36.7 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, 2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

RACE AND ETHNICITY

- ◆ Genesee County’s population is predominantly White (76%), while about one-fifth of the total population is African American. Hispanic/Latino persons, who could be of any race, comprise about 2.4% of the County’s population, which is lower than the proportion of Hispanics/Latinos in the City of Flint or Michigan.
- ◆ In the City of Flint, African Americans comprise over one-half (52.2%) of the population, while 42.7% of the City’s residents are White. The proportion of City residents who are Hispanic/Latino, of any race, is higher (3.2%) than the County as a whole, but lower than the State of Michigan (3.9%)
- ◆ The proportion of Genesee County residents who are American Indian/Alaska Native is similar to the State of Michigan while the proportion of residents who are Asian is less in Genesee County than the State. In Flint, the proportion of residents who are American Indian/Alaska Native or Asian is lower than the proportion in Michigan. A greater proportion of Flint and Genesee County residents identify with two or more races than in the State.

Fig. 1.3 Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2007

Population Subgroup	City of Flint		Genesee County		Michigan
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage
Total Population	104,867	100%	434,715	100%	100%
Hispanic/Latino of any race	3,383*	3.2%	10,514	2.4%	4.0%
Total One Race	101,958	97.2%	425,580	97.9%	98.1%
African American/Black	54,719	52.2%	84,830	19.5%	14.1%
White	44,766	42.7%	330,597	76%	79.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	293	0.3%	2,550	0.6%	0.5%
Asian	143	0.1%	3,731	0.8%	2.4%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	46	<0.1%	166	<0.1%	<0.1%
Some Other Race	1991	1.9%	3,706	0.8%	1.7%
Total Two or More Races	2,909	2.8%	9,135	2.1%	1.9%

*The number of Hispanic/Latino of any race for the city of Flint is from the 2005-2007 American Community Survey and represents the average number over the 3-year period of time.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey