



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Demographic analysis of current and projected populations in the United States reveals a fundamental change in the historical age distribution pattern of our society. Declining birthrates, the population bubble effect of the baby boomer generation and advances in medical treatments that successfully extend life expectancies have resulted in an upward shift in the median age of the population. This trend is expected to continue.

The age profile of Michigan and St. Joseph is similar to that of the United States, showing an increase in the number of elderly and the percentage of the population which they represent.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY POPULATION: THE NUMBERS

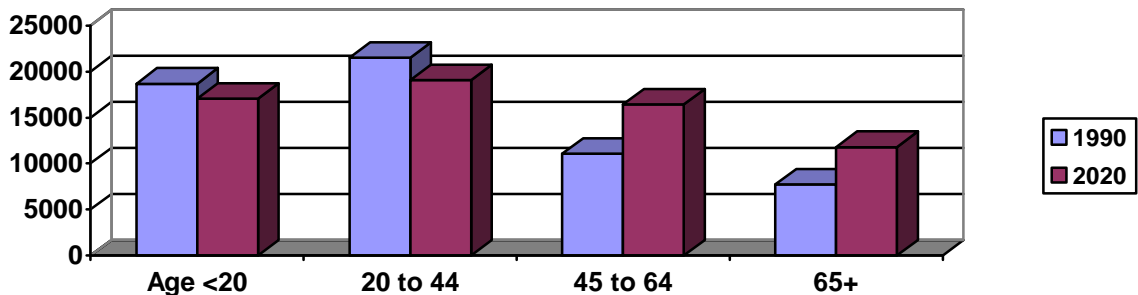
At the county level the population ages 65 and over will increase over 52% by 2020, compared to 1990 population estimates. The under 20 population will decrease approximately 9% and the age cohort 20 to 44 will decrease over 11%. The age cohort 45 to 64 will expand over 48%.

Number Estimate and Projections of Selected Age Cohorts in the Population, All Races, St. Joseph County, 1990 to 2020

	Age Under 20	Age 20 to 44	Age 45 to 64	Age 65 Plus	
				All over 65	Age 85 Plus
1990 Estimate	18661	21499	11043	7706	809
1998 Estimate	18644	21495	12006	8318	954
2000 Projection	18608	20516	14350	8205	981
2005 Projection	17966	19785	16484	8293	1031
2010 Projection	17378	19254	17765	8897	1105
2015 Projection	17126	19274	17344	10193	1186
2020 Projection	17030	19044	16420	11771	1200

Sources: MDCH for 1998 estimates, released 10/99; Michigan Information Center estimates for 1990 and projections for 2000-20, released 10/99

Population of St. Joseph County by Age Cohort, 1990 and 2020



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY POPULATION: THE PERCENTAGES

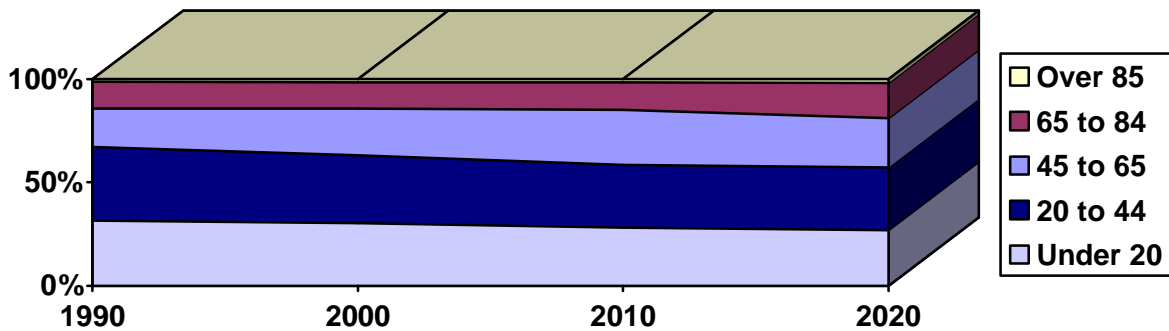
The percentage of county residents under age 20 and age 20 to 44 will decrease by 2020. Conversely, the percentage of those ages 45 to 64 and 65 or older will rise.

Estimates of the Percentages of Selected Age Cohorts in the Population, All Races, St. Joseph County, 1990 to 2020

	Age Under 20	Age 20 to 44	Age 45 to 64	Age 65 Plus	
				All over 65	Age 85 Plus
1990 Estimate	32.0%	36.5%	18.7%	13.1%	1.4%
1998 Estimate	30.8%	35.6%	19.9%	13.8%	1.6%
2000 Projection	30.2%	33.3%	23.3%	13.3%	1.6%
2005 Projection	28.7%	31.6%	26.4%	13.3%	1.6%
2010 Projection	27.5%	30.4%	28.1%	14.1%	1.7%
2015 Projection	26.8%	30.1%	27.1%	15.9%	1.9%
2020 Projection	26.5%	29.6%	25.6%	18.3%	1.9%

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Percentage of Population by Age Groups, St. Joseph County, 1990 to 2020



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