

Percentage of Population Aged 65 and Older

In Michigan's 13 central cities, the population of persons 65 and older declined 5%, over three times faster than the statewide decline of 1.6 percent.

The fastest declining cities in this age cohort are Wyoming (25.4 percent), Warren (13.7 percent), and Grand Rapids (13.0 percent).

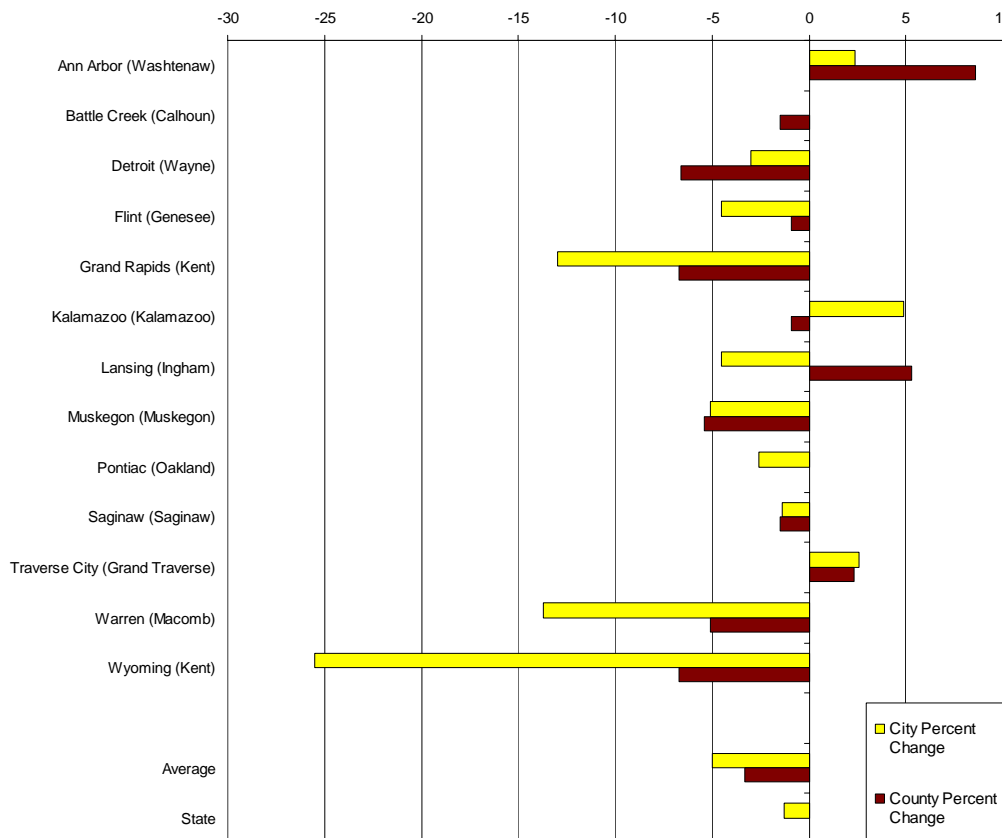
The only counties that gained in the 65 and older age cohort were Grand Traverse, Ingham, and Washtenaw.

	City 2000	City 2005	Percent Change	County 2000	County 2005	Percent Change	City vs. County Percentage Point Difference 2005
Ann Arbor	7.9	8.1	2.4	8.1	8.8	8.6	0.7
Battle Creek	13.5	*13.5	0.0	13.7	13.5	-1.5	0.0
Detroit	10.4	10.1	-3.0	12.1	11.3	-6.6	1.2
Flint	10.5	10.0	-4.5	11.6	11.7	-0.9	1.7
Grand Rapids	11.6	10.1	-13.0	10.4	9.7	-6.7	-0.4
Kalamazoo	10.1	10.6	4.9	11.4	11.3	-0.9	0.7
Lansing	9.7	9.3	-4.5	9.4	9.9	5.3	0.6
Muskegon	12.4	*11.8	-5.1	12.9	12.2	-5.4	0.4
Pontiac	8.5	8.3	-2.6	11.3	11.3	0.0	3.0
Saginaw	11.4	*11.3	-1.4	13.5	13.3	-1.5	2.0
Traverse City	15.2	*15.6	2.6	13.1	13.4	2.3	-2.2
Warren	17.3	14.9	-13.7	13.7	13.0	-5.1	-1.9
Wyoming	9.4	7.0	-25.4	10.4	9.7	-6.7	2.7
Average	10.9	10.3	-5.0	11.6	11.2	-3.3	0.9
State	12.3	12.1	-1.3				

*Due to data limitations, 2005 estimates for Battle Creek, Muskegon, Saginaw, and Traverse City are derived from county trends. Note: 2005 population estimates include persons living in non-households, e.g., dormitories, institutions, and group quarters.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey

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This age cohort is important for two reasons: many persons of retirement age have higher levels of disposable income, and it is one of the fastest growing.

Michigan's ability to retain baby boomers as they begin to retire in 2011 will have significant implications for the State economy.



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