

Percentage of Population Aged 25 to 34

	City 2000	City 2005	Percent Change	County 2000	County 2005	Percent Change	City vs. County Percentage Point Difference 2005
Ann Arbor	18.3	17.6	-3.6	16.6	15.1	-8.9	-2.5
Battle Creek	14.5	*14.3	-.08	13.0	12.7	-2.0	-1.6
Detroit	15.2	12.5	-17.8	14.8	12.7	-14.0	0.2
Flint	15.1	14.7	-2.6	13.6	13.1	-3.7	-1.5
Grand Rapids	17.2	18.2	6.0	14.9	13.9	-6.7	-4.3
Kalamazoo	15.0	14.6	-2.6	13.5	12.9	-5.0	-1.8
Lansing	17.6	16.7	-5.1	14.4	13.3	-7.8	-3.4
Muskegon	16.6	*16.0	-4.1	13.0	12.1	-7.4	-3.9
Pontiac	17.4	14.3	-17.6	14.8	11.7	-20.8	-2.6
Saginaw	14.1	*12.8	-8.9	12.5	10.9	-13.3	-2.0
Traverse City	14.5	*15.8	8.6	12.5	12.6	0.3	-3.2
Warren	14.9	15.4	3.6	14.7	13.7	-6.8	-1.7
Wyoming	17.3	16.6	-4.0	14.9	13.9	-6.7	-2.6
Average	15.8	14.4	-8.7	14.6	12.9	-11.2	-1.4
State	13.7	12.7	-7.6				

2005 Census estimates indicate a significant downward trend in Michigan's overall population of persons aged 25 to 34 years.

Retention and attraction of this age cohort has significant implications for Michigan and its economy. It is this age cohort that traditionally establishes households, begins families, embarks on careers, and purchases homes.

*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.

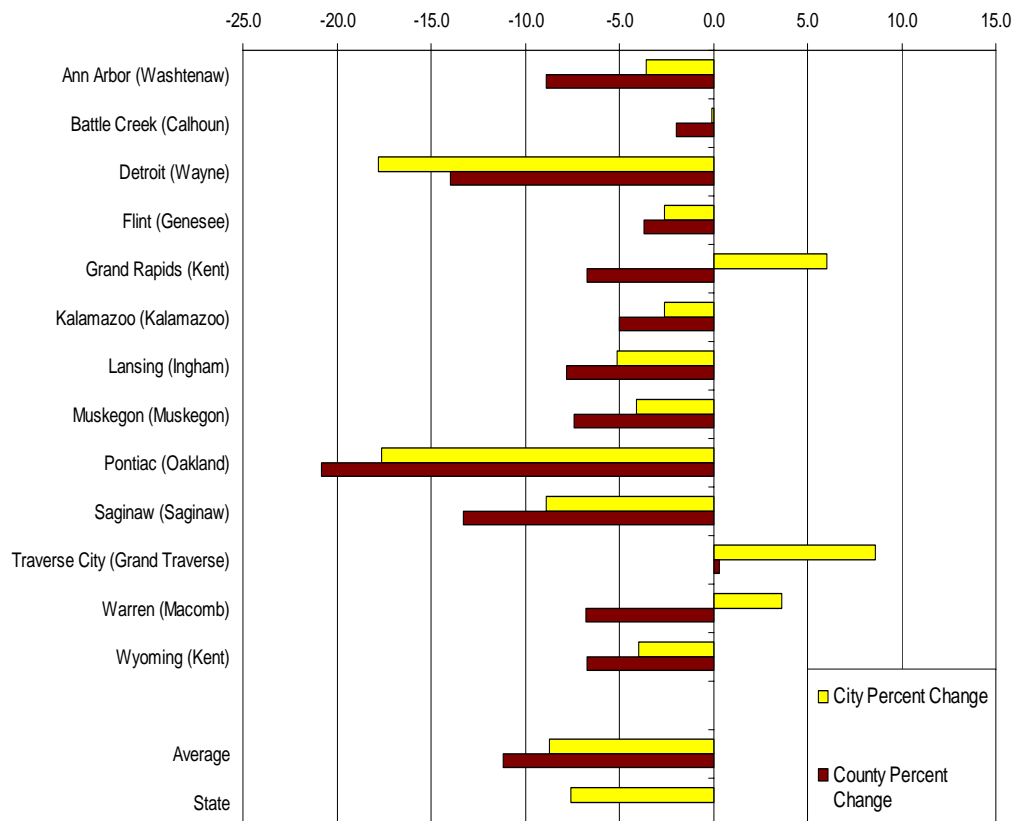
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey

While cities lost more of this critical age cohort on average than the state, cities retain more 25 to 34 year olds than their respective counties.

On average, Michigan cities declined nearly nine percent in the 25 to 34 age cohort, a significant loss in a short time period. Statewide estimates indicate a significant 7.6 percent loss over the same period.

The fastest declining cities in this age cohort are Detroit and Pontiac, both losing nearly 18 percent. Cities making modest gains are Grand Rapids, Warren and Traverse City.

The only county that gained in the 25 to 34 age cohort was Grand Traverse.



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