

What Demographic Statistics Say About Michigan

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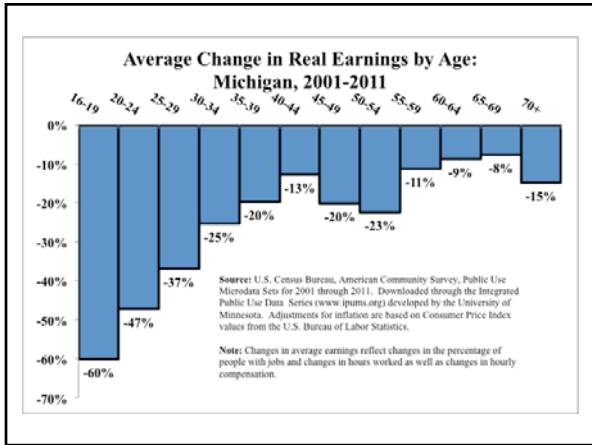
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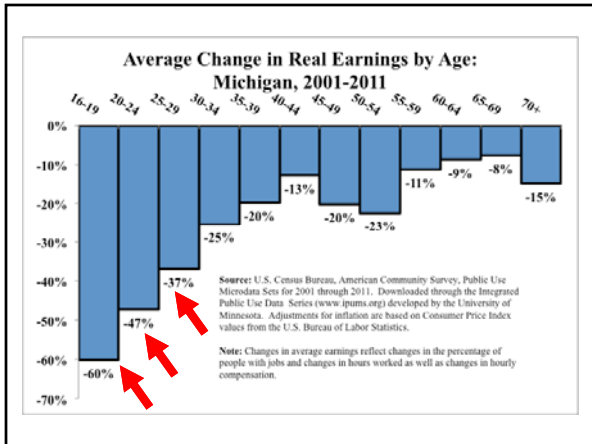
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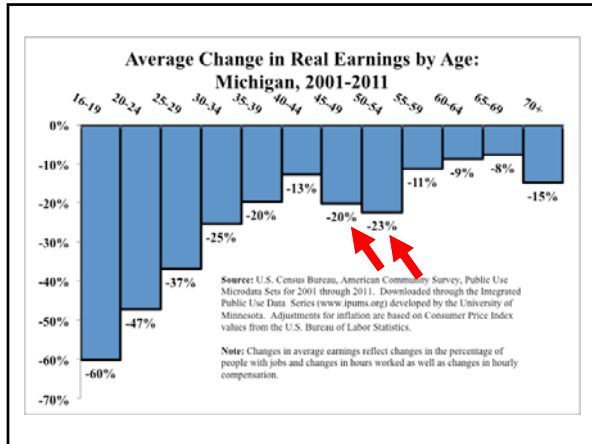
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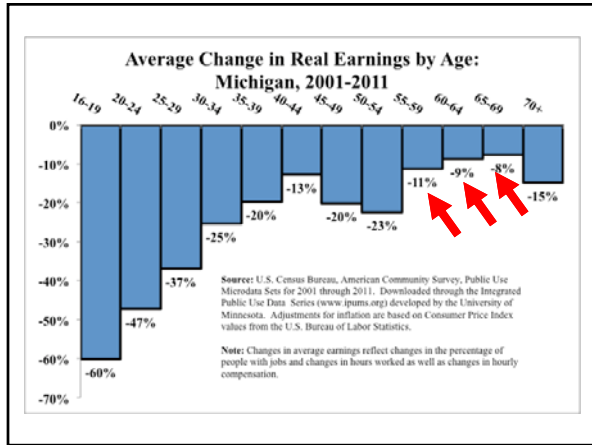
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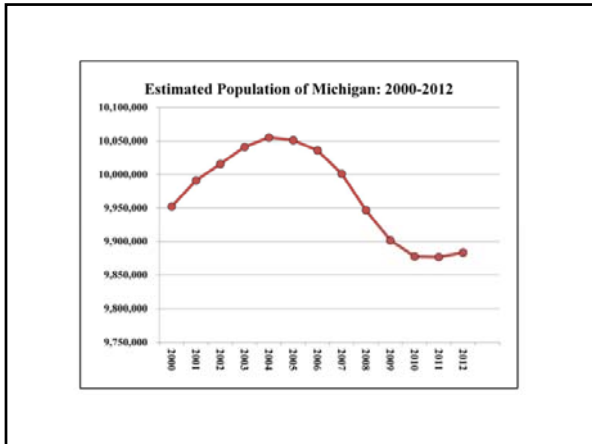


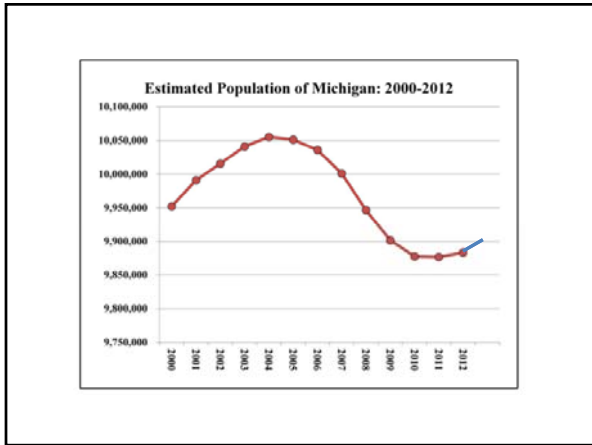


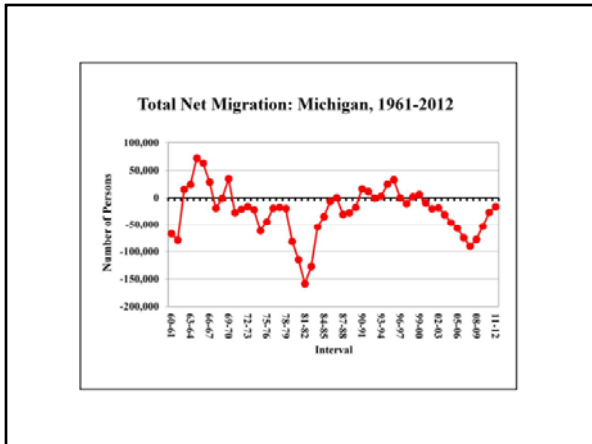


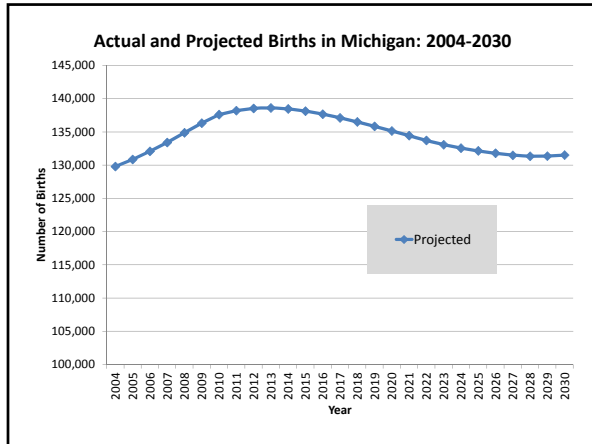


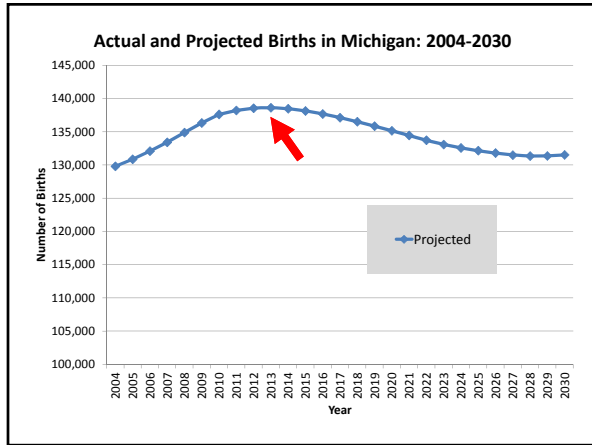
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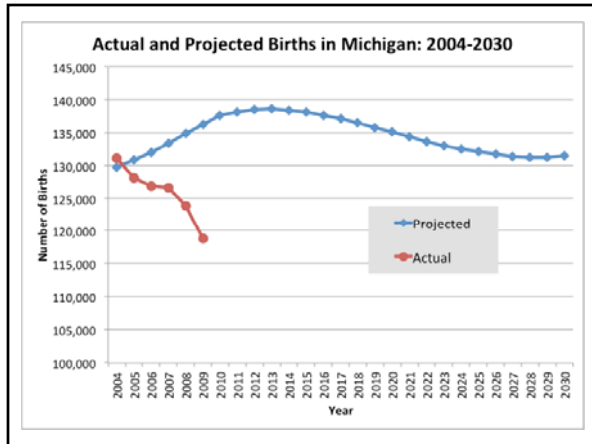




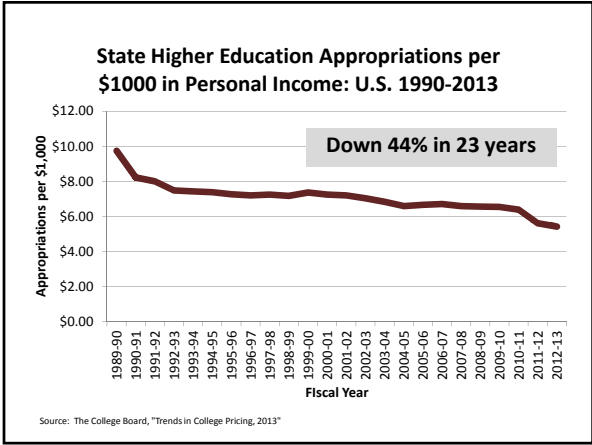


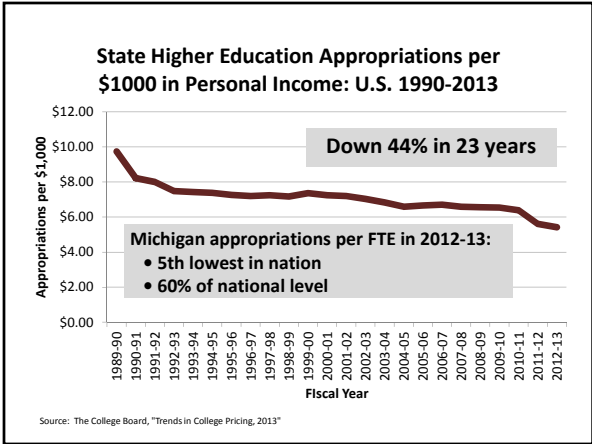


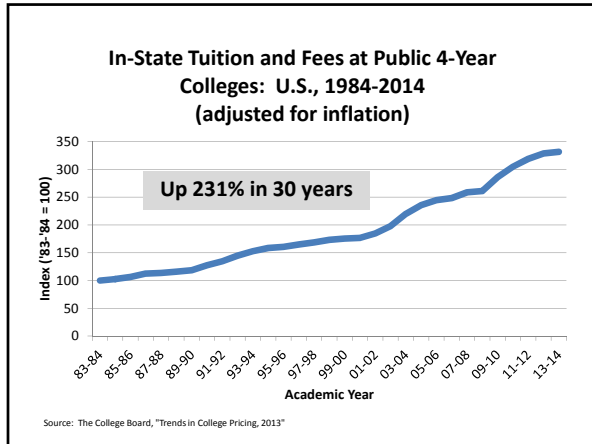


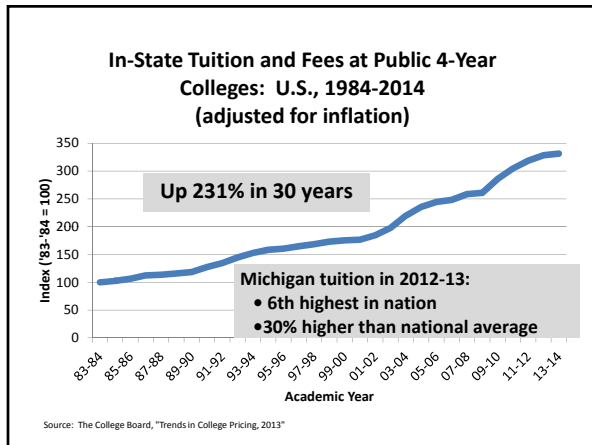


Trends in Higher Education:
Funding and Tuition



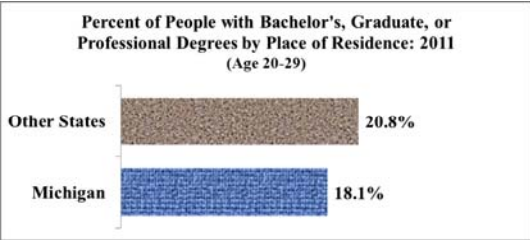




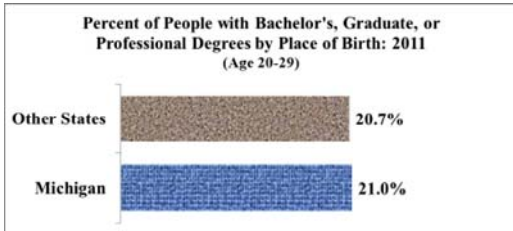


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Young College Graduates

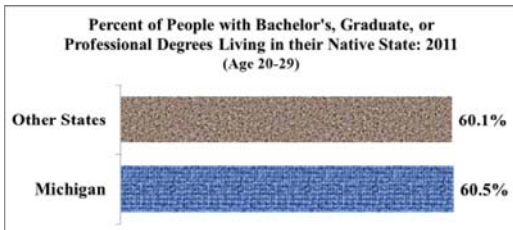
Degrees by Place of Residence

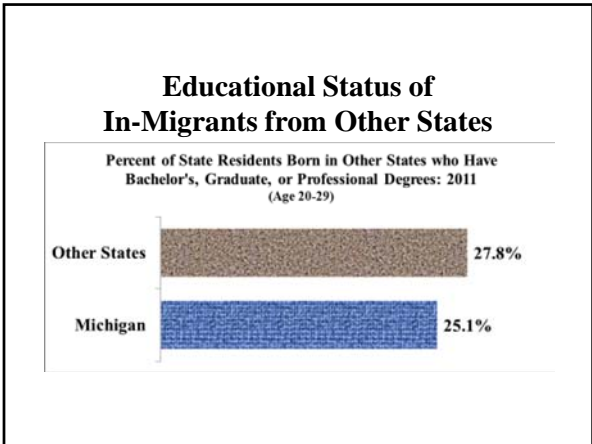


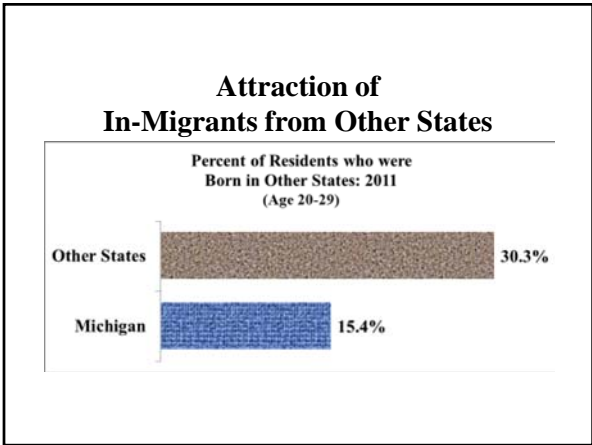
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Retention of People with Degrees







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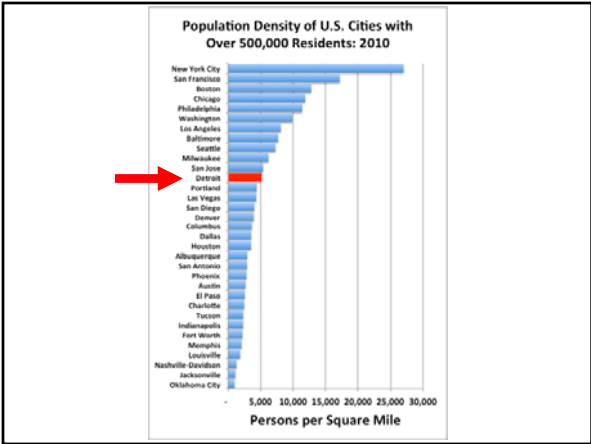
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- Detroit is one of the nation's most densely populated cities



A comparison among cities seems to be a simple apples-to-apples comparison.

But Cities are Mixed Fruits

33 U.S. cities have over 500,000 residents

- * 23 (70%) have more land area than Detroit
- * 16 (48%) have more than twice the land area of Detroit
- * **21 (64%) have lower population density than Detroit**

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A majority of large cities (and smaller cities as well) essentially contain many of their own suburbs.

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- Michigan cities look worse than they should in comparison to more typical cities elsewhere.

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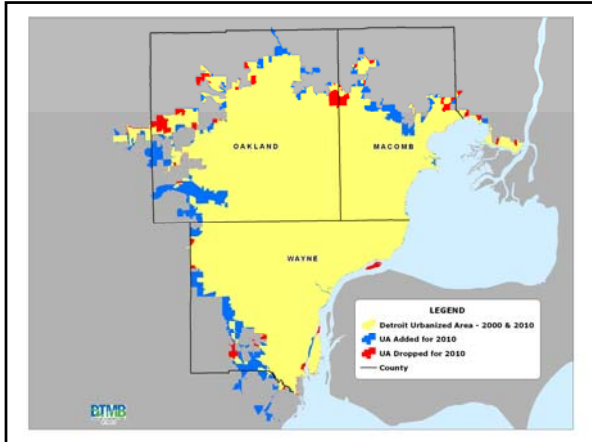
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So Michigan cities do not attract very many people from other states.



Summary

THEME: Challenges Young Adults Face in Post-Recession Michigan

- Low income
- Difficulty forming families
- High education costs
- Penalized for moving to Michigan cities

Comparing Detroit to other urban areas is a lot less discouraging than comparing Detroit to other cities.

Among the nation's 50 largest cities:
Detroit ranks dead last with respect to:
* median home value
* employment/population ratio
* family and household income
* percent with bachelor's degree
* percent married couple families
Detroit ranks first with respect to:
* poverty
* percent receiving food stamps

Among the nation's 50 largest cities:
Detroit is also in the worst quintile with respect to:
* percent of housing built in 2005 or later
* homeowners spending more than 30% of their income on housing
* renters spending more than 30% of their income on housing
* percentage of population with a high school diploma

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- * housing built after 2005
- * in-migrants from other states
- * commuters using public transit
- * commuters driving alone

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Detroit is in the middle quintiles with respect to the other variables in the profile, including:

- * health insurance
- * costs and affordability of home ownership
- * costs and affordability of rental housing
- * married-couple families
- * high school diplomas
- * bachelor's degrees
- * commuting time
- * car-pooling

