

2016 Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin Population Estimates

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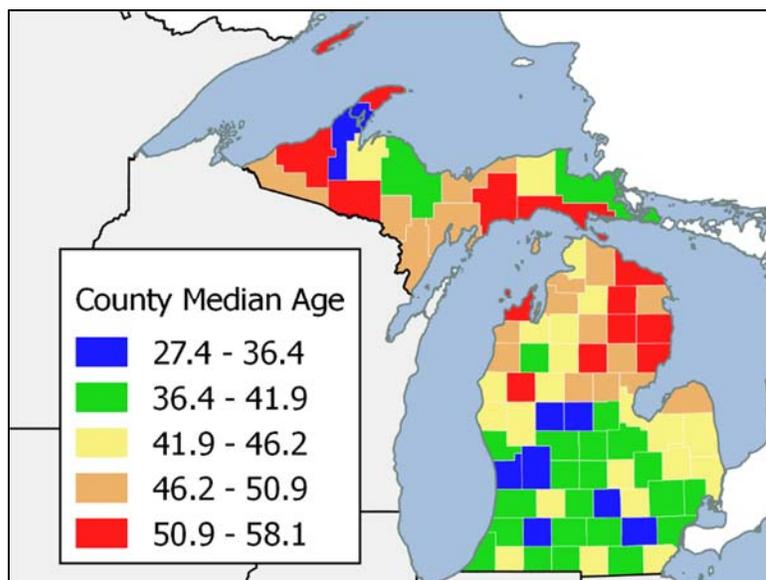
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Today, the US Census Bureau released the 2016 Population Estimates for the nation, states, and counties by age group, sex, race, and Hispanic origin.

These estimates provide a vantage point for examining population changes among groups by county between April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2016.

These data provide confirmation that Michigan is an older state, with a median age, 39.7, which is nearly two years older than the nation, 37.9. Median age is not distributed across the state evenly, and regional differences become readily apparent when the data are mapped, as seen in the figure below.

The youngest counties, those with the lowest median age, are all counties that contain or are immediately adjacent to counties with significant post-secondary populations. Similarly, most of the counties that have median ages below 42 years are in the southern Lower Peninsula. Notable exceptions are Chippewa and Marquette counties, in the Upper Peninsula, who also have significant post-secondary populations from Lake Superior State University in Chippewa County and Northern Michigan University in Marquette County. Wayne County and Kent County, with median ages of 37.8 and 35.1



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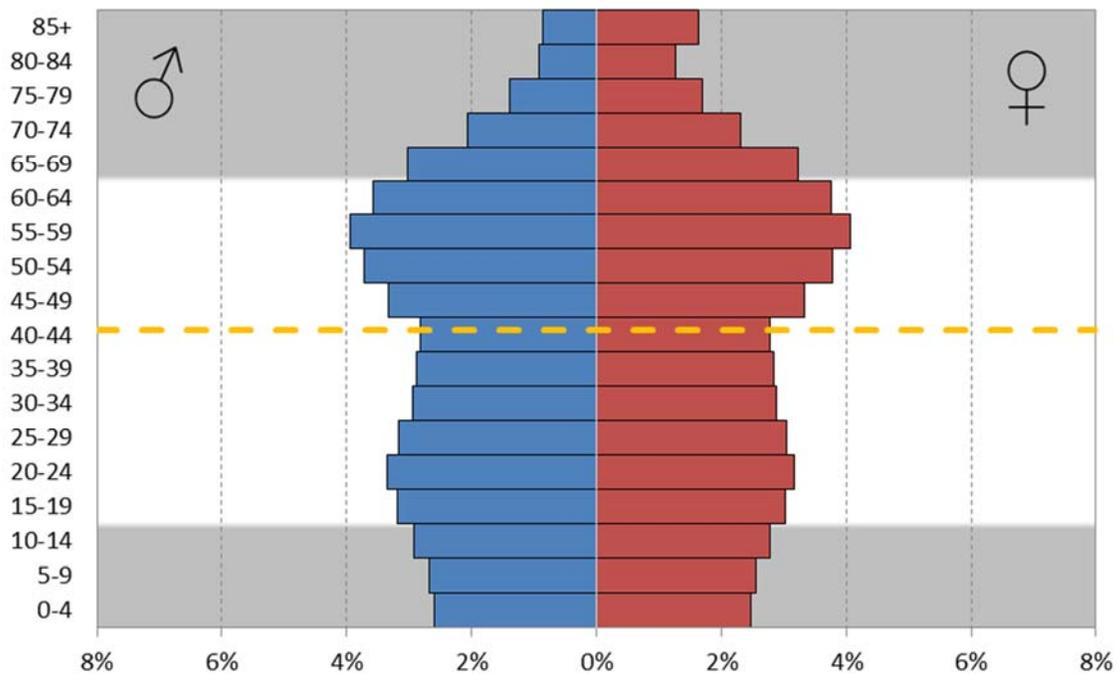
The oldest counties in the state are generally found in the northern and northeastern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula. Some of these counties have the distinction of being among the oldest in the nation. When all counties are ranked, two Michigan counties are in the top ten. Alcona, with a median age of 58.1 years is the fifth oldest county in the nation and Ontonagon comes in a close sixth with a median age of 58 years. Keweenaw County is tied with Highland County, Virginia for the thirteenth oldest county nationally with a median age of 56.7.

In addition to details on the age structure of the population, these data also provides insight into the racial and ethnic composition of the state and counties and the age structure of the state by racial and ethnic category. From these data we can see that the state is primarily white, but given the age

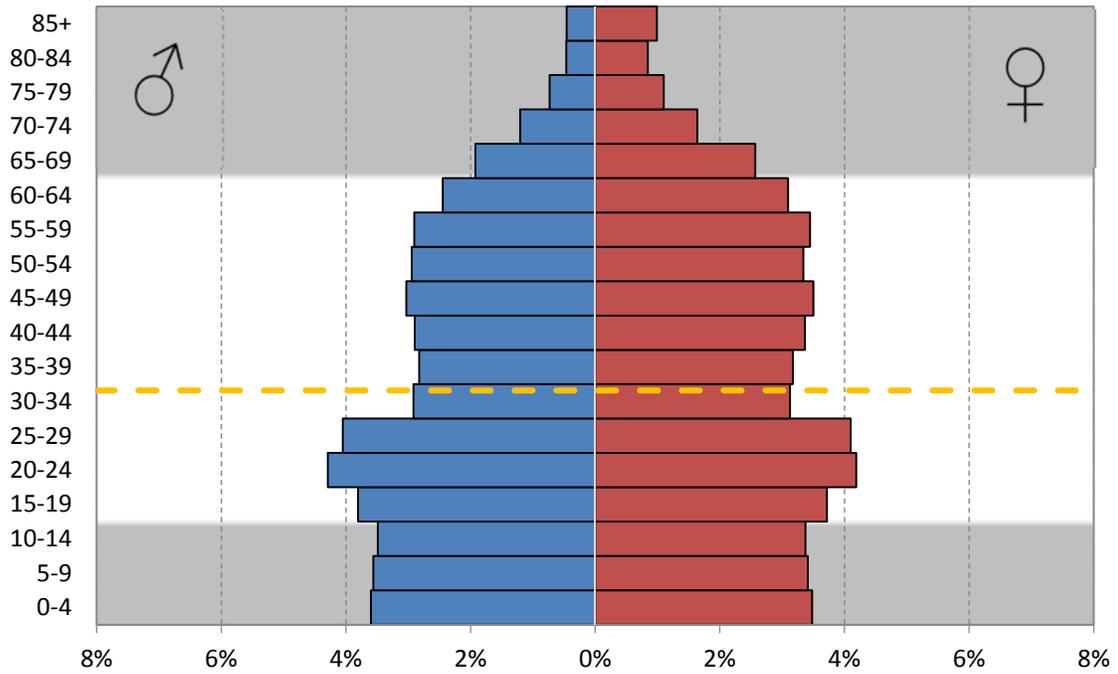
structure of the various groups, there will likely be some future shifts in these distributions. The tables and charts below provide more details. Population pyramids are shown below for racial and ethnic groups whose population exceed 500,000, but the data contained in this release makes it possible to produce pyramids for all racial groups for which estimates are produced.

Population By Race and Ethnic Group							
	Total	White	African American	American Indian	Asian	Pacific Islander	Two or More Races
Non-Hispanic	9,435,918	7,486,890	1,374,779	56,594	302,554	2,594	212,507
Hispanic	492,382	416,013	31,433	15,658	3,842	1,354	24,082

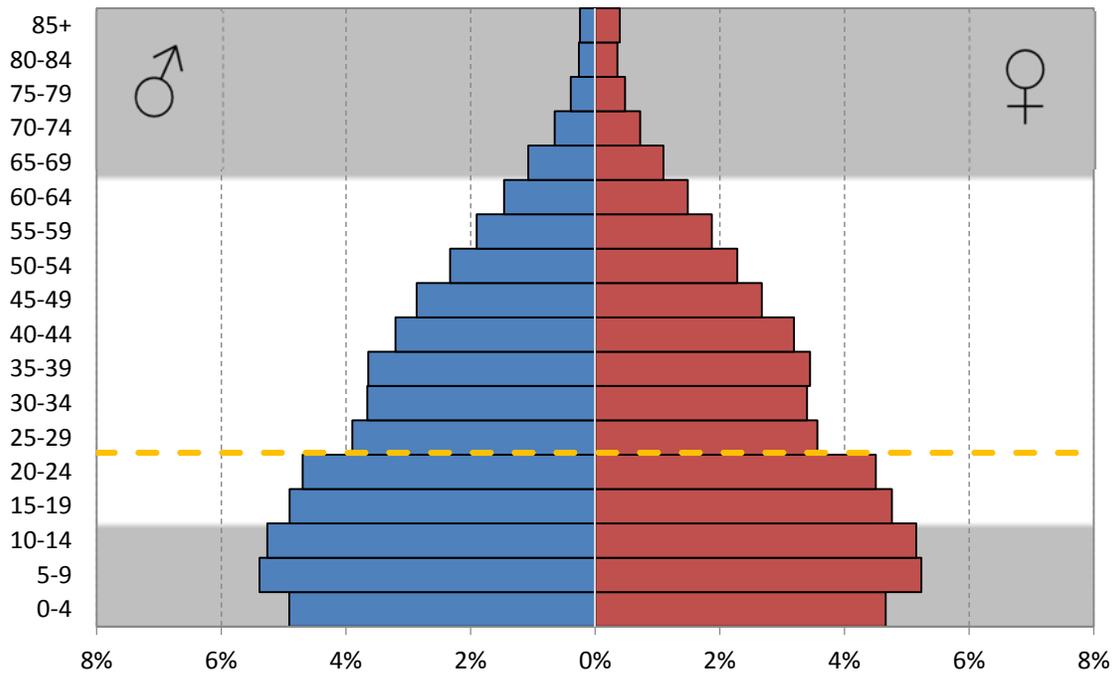
White 2016



African American 2016



Hispanic 2016



For More Information

These data are available through the U.S. Census Bureau's data retrieval website, <https://factfinder.census.gov>, or through their page devoted specifically to the population estimates, <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest.html>.

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